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Sit, and the World Sits with You

By Bill Welch

"I have discovered," Pascal said in the *Pensées*, "that all human evil comes from this, man's being unable to sit still in a room." By that standard, stamp collectors are saints.

This quietist aspect of our hobby too often is viewed as a negative, at least in America, land of get-up-and-go. In fact, the philatelist's ability to sit quietly in his own stamp den, hour after hour, year after year, is a huge plus for Spaceship Earth.

While his neighbor is out hunting, fishing, hiking, or mangling manatees with his motorboat, the stamp collector sits quietly in his room, contemplating his collection of "Marine Mammals on Stamps" or "Speed Boats of the World." While his neighbor straps on his crampons, parachute, snorkel, and skis, the stamp collector quietly pursues mountain climber covers, sky diving cachets, markings of underwater post offices, and winter sports topicals. He'll take shush over schuss anytime.

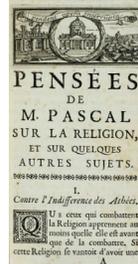
While his neighbor tunes his snowmobile, sharpens his ice ax, and aspires to Annapurna, the stamp collector burrows deeper into his albums, content to leave the out-of-doors to the abominable snowmen and other petit yetis.

The stamp collector is not so much passive as pacifist. He killed not. No species fears him. He added not to the planet's burden of pollution. After all, the world's stamp dens must contain hundreds of tons worth of paper that otherwise would be crowding out the disposable diapers at the town dump. He despoileth not. No rivers are drained, no mountainsides mined to give him pleasure. No human activity save perhaps reading offers so much reward for so little consumption of the earth's resources. He oppreseth not. None trembles at his approach.

In short, stamp collectors are good guys. In a Chuck Norris world, we're Jimmy Stewart: low key, heart of gold, always there when you need him, sort of hard to understand, but just the sort of person you'd like as a father, brother, husband, or next-door neighbor.



Stamp collectors are Franklin D. Roosevelt and King George V, not Hitler or Pol Pot. At this writing, Iraq's Saddam Hussein is patting the heads of young hostages, to show the world he's a good guy. The world isn't buying it. He'd have better luck showing the world his stamp collection; real despots don't collect stamps. But of course he doesn't have a stamp collection, which is why he's sitting in Kuwait's room rather than his own. Sit tall, stamp collectors. Be proud that you hold the long-sought key to peace and the end of evil. Get thee to your stamp room, World. *American Philatelist* October 1990.



Meetings and Activities Meetings begin at 7:30 pm

May 2—DSC Meeting & Program
Baseball Philately by DSC Member
Joe Shearer

May 9—Board Meeting

May 14-15 — 202 Spring Stamp Fair.
Lawrence Community Center, 5301 N.,
Franklin Rd., Indianapolis, IN. Indi-anastampclub.org

May 16—DSC Meeting & Program
Club Auction #3

Jun 6—DSC Meeting & Program
Stamp Quiz—Open Book Bring
your Scott Specialized Catalog

Jun 10-11— sponsored by The Columbus
Philatelic Club, Inc. COLOPEX 2022 will
include both single and
multi-page stamp exhib-
its. Fri: 10 -6 & Sat: 10 -
3; Doubletree Hilton
Worthington, 175
Hutchinson Ave, Columbus, OH 43235



Jun 13—Board Meeting

Jun 20—DSC Meeting & Program
Share your Red, White & Blue
Item—Member Participation 4-6
minutes

Jul 4—Independence Day Holi-
day—NO MEETING

Jul 11—Board Meeting

Jul 18—DSC Meeting & Program
Club Auction #4

Aug 1—DSC Meeting & Program
Guest or Member Speaker

Aug 5 —CINPEX 2022, Wyoming Civic
Center, One Worthington Ave, Wyoming,
Hrs: Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-4pm, more
information email:
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Aug 8—Board Meeting

Aug 15—DSC Meeting & Program
\$5,000 Philatelic Shipping Spree.

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From the Dayton Stamp Club Archives

By Steven Solomon, DSC Historian

Dayton Stamp Club offers APS circuit/ approval books for the first time in 1980

It was more than 40 years ago that the Dayton Stamp Club's Board of Directors decided to take advantage for the first time ever of accepting the American Philatelic Society's circuit/approval books.

"We have not taken advantage of this benefit in the past, because of the logistics involved in receiving books, keeping track of who removes what from each book, the money and bookkeeping problems, etc." members were told in the August 1980 newsletter.

Two club members volunteered to be responsible for the new program.

"The final result will depend on the honesty of those buying stamps from the 20 or so different books which we will receive each month. If all goes well this should be a real benefit for all club members."

According to APS, most sellers use the Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogues for values to use as comparisons to establish their pricing. In general, competitive prices fall within the 40% to 60% of catalog value. APS estimates that its current inventory consists of more than 35,000 sales books in more than 160 categories.

The pilot program apparently did go well, because it continues to this day, now under the management of the club's Second Vice President, James Guthrie, although members may not take the stamps home anymore.



What is a Circuit?

Sales books containing stamps or covers from a specific category (country, topic, etc.) are distributed in "circuits" to prospective buyers who are grouped geographically.

Starting June 1 — Dayton Stamp Club Social Hour 7—7:30 pm



The Board voted that starting in June 2022 there will be a 30-minute networking session prior to the start of club meetings at 7:30 p.m. Among the benefits of the new schedule is that members will have more time to look over the circuit/approval books.

To Soak or NOT to Soak – that is the question

Self-adhesive stamps appear to be here to stay. The question is:

How to mount mint self-adhesive stamps

Philatelic writer for *Linn's Stamp News*, Rick Miller, addressed the situation in a May 2, 2021 *Linn's* article. He sets the topic right at the beginning, "Hardly a week goes by that *Linn's* does not receive a letter from a perplexed collector wanting to know the right way to mount mint self-adhesive postage stamps?" Miller summarizes, "The right way to mount them {self-adhesive stamps} is the way that pleases the collector the most and best meets the goals in stamp collecting.

The first United States self-adhesive stamp is the 1974 10¢ Dove Weather Vane Christmas stamp, Scott 1552. Miller reported, "The stamp proved to be a collecting disaster. Water would not work to soak the adhesive from the stamp paper."



Referring to the Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps immediate after Scott # 1549:

WARNING: DO NOT SOAK

Beginning with no. 1552, the first U.S. self-adhesive stamp, the symbol shown above, a black "S" inside a red circle, accompanies listing or appears in footnotes for self-adhesive stamps that will not separate from paper or otherwise do not respond well to a standard warm-water soak.... The editors strongly recommend that such stamps be collected on piece.

U.S. self-adhesive stamps started to become more common in the early 1990s. The Flag stamps of 1990 (2475) and 1991 (2522) were printed on plastic and listed as Do Not Soak. The next listing is Sonoran Desert (3293) pane of 10 in 1999.

Self-adhesive stamps have become common in the past 10 years. As examples of this, in 2007 there are 10 issues with the S in red circle; 2008 20 and 2009 19. Each year reflects an increase in the number of issues with the caution about soaking mark.

Mounting mint self-adhesive stamps with the backing paper intact using stamp mounts is probably the most popular option. However, the backing paper contributes to album bulge, and

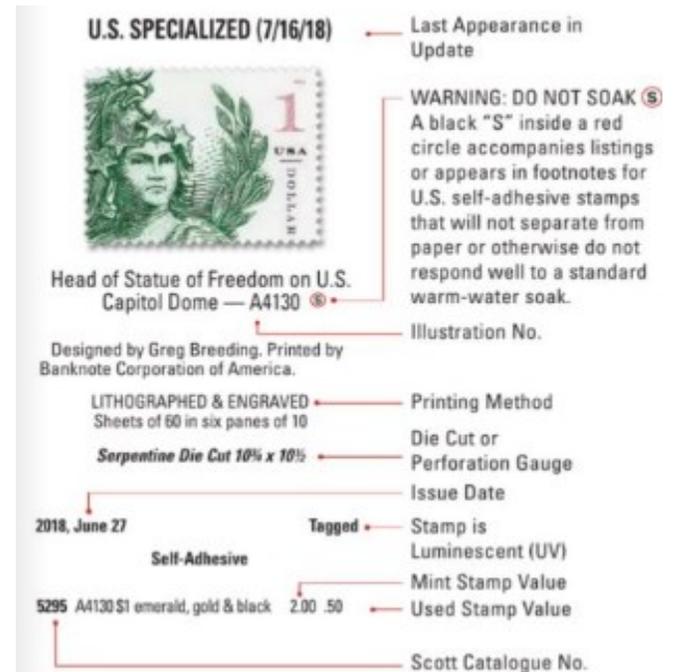


Illustration is explaining the various parts to a listing in Scott Specialized Catalogue which includes the red circled S.

you will find an increase in the number of binders required for your collection. Clear plastic protectors or sleeves is an option that might be attractive for larger items, such as panes. Just make sure that the materials are brands well-known for quality and archival purposes.

Hologram stamps are a soaking problem.

Refer to the Scott Specialized again, after 3414. "The Holograms scratch easily. Values are for examples with minimal scratches. **Warning:** Soaking in water may affect hologram images."

Try floating them on top of the water in the soaking basin. The objective is to get the backing paper wet but to keep the stamp itself as dry as possible.

Try using a sweatbox. There are some commercially available. But you can make your own. You need a plastic container with a tight lid and a sponge. Put some water in the bottom with sponge on top. Place stamp on the top of the sponge and put the lid on container. It may take hours or several days. But there is less chances of damaging the stamp.

Miller summarizes, "In time, the collecting community will reach some consensus about how self-adhesive stamps should be collected and mounted. But that time has not yet arrived, so collect and mount the stamps the way that you find most pleasing in accordance with your collecting goals."

The Dayton Stamp Club: How does it stack up?

By Douglas Files

My career has caused me to live all around the United States, and in many cities I joined the local stamp club. Over the years I belonged to clubs in Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington and Florida. Some of our group's members have no doubt also belonged to other clubs. Others may not have. Thus I thought I might compare our club to some other clubs I have belonged to.

Some commonalities I have observed are that most clubs hold some auctions, most clubs provide some educational programs, most have a newsletter and most have some purely social events, like our pizza get-togethers and our December holiday dinner. Apparently these are common ways for philatelists to relate to each other and to build their collections. The remainder of this article will be devoted to areas where our club differs from other clubs.

The first one is size. We have quite a few active members for a city with the population of Dayton. Our meetings regularly draw 20 to 30 members: more than groups in much larger cities. One club I belonged to only attracted 4 to 8 members per meeting – too few to accomplish much. It was sometimes just a few friends talking to each other informally. But our Dayton club maintains a robust schedule of meetings and activities.

Our club also has a solid influx of new members. Within the past two years we have been fortunate to attract a variety of people who attend regularly and work on behalf of the club. We have even accepted several new members who live in other states.

The next point is that our club has many members who fulfill a regular role: writing for the newsletter, advertising our show, researching our history, serving as a liaison to larger philatelic organizations, running the beverage service, providing APS circuits, keeping Zoom going. The list goes on and on. In most of the clubs I have

belonged to, nearly all the work was being done by three or four people. The fact that we have more than 15 members performing an ongoing task is very positive. Perhaps our stamp buck system encourages this work; none of the other clubs I have belonged to could boast such an active incentive system.

Our club has also attracted more stamp donations than other clubs of my acquaintance. This may be due to our several members who regularly evaluate collections, helping philatelists and families of collectors who have passed away to know how to dispose of their stamps. These donations have made belonging to the club a richer experience for members.

In addition, our board authorizes occasional purchases of material and dealers have gone out of their way to help our members augment their collections. Initially the board had no expectation that this process would be a money-maker. Circulating stamps was simply part of our mission. But nearly every purchase we have made has brought in more money into the club than what we have paid. Additionally, our board has striven to keep our club financially healthy, permitting us to keep dues affordable.

We all hear that philatelic organizations are decreasing in size and that interest is waning among the younger generation. That being said, prices of stamps don't seem to be dropping. A fair amount of demand must be matching the supply of material. Some dealers are certainly still able to make a living.

Overall my assessment is that our club is larger than expected, with more contributors than expected, and we are continuing to promote sharing in terms of auctions, bourses and educational programs. Moreover our club continues to attract new members. The philatelic outlook thus seems bright in the Miami Valley.



Dayton Stamp Club Members
Welcome all visitors

Bring a friend to the next meeting and
share the enjoyment of stamp collecting.



Upcoming Dayton Stamp Club Meetings



May 2—Baseball Philately —
DSC Member Presentation on
America's Pastime, Baseball, by
John Schearer

May 16—Vote of Revised Constitution and Auction #3



An array of Auction
material up for Bid
DSC members re-
viewing auction ma-
terial from the previ-
ous meeting. If you did not find it last
month it probably will be here in May.



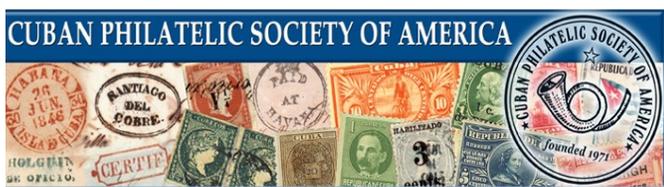
Photo credit Greg Brown

HELP!

Wanted for exhibit postally used covers with the following US stamps -

- #863 10 cent brown Samuel Clemens
- #1470 Tom Sawyer white washing the fence
- #2787 Huckleberry Finn (Youth Classics issue)

Thanks, Carol Costa



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1955 Republic of
Cuba airmail
stamp C119—
Museum of Re-
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March 16, 2016 was the first day to legally mail to Republic of Cuba. President Obama changed the rule, sent the first letter on that date to Cuba and visited the country for the first time for a President in over 90 years.



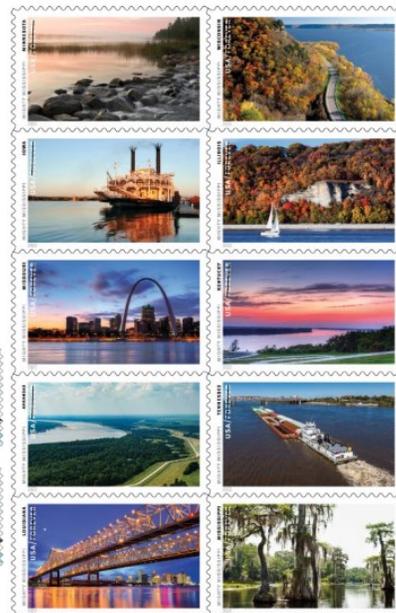
2022 May New Issues



May 4—Eugenie Clark.
Single (58c) Forever commemorative stamp, pane of



May 13 — Women's Rowing, (58c) Forever commemorative stamps, pane of 20.



May 23—Mighty Mississippi. Ten (58c) Forever commemorative stamps, pane of 20.

Dayton Stamp Club April Meetings in Review

April 4 — Be a Dealer Night.



Members brought in material and supplies to trade, buy and sale. Wide range of stamps, albums, collections, and fun by all.



April 18—DSC Member Auction #2. As can be seen through the pictures on page 5, the Auction was well attended and very active bidding and sales. Many Stamp Buck lots were also available for bidding.



Sunday, May 8th is Mother's Day

The modern holiday was first celebrated in 1907, when Anna Jarvis held the first Mother's Day service of worship at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia. Jarvis believed a mother is "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world".



In 1908, the U.S. Congress rejected a proposal to make Mother's Day an official holiday, joking that they would also have to proclaim a "Mother-in-law's Day". However, by 1911 all U.S. states observed the holiday, with some of them officially recognizing Mother's Day as a local holiday.

In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day, held on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers.¹

Memorial Day is Monday, May 30th



Memorial Day (originally known as Decoration Day) is a federal holiday in the United States for mourning the U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces. It is observed on the last Monday of

May. Many people visit cemeteries and memorials on Memorial Day to honor and mourn those who died while serving in the U.S. military. Many volunteers place an American flag on graves of military personnel in national cemeteries. Memorial Day is also considered the unofficial beginning of summer in the United States.



Pictured U.S. Stamps: 3c, 1934 SC# 737; 22c, 1987 SC# 2273; 34c, 2001 SC# 3508 and 3c, 1948 SC# 977.

Meetings and Activities
Meetings begin at 7:30 pm

What would you buy? All Members Participate

Aug 26-27 — Dayton Stamp Club hosts AIRPEX 2022 at IBEW Hall.

August 25-28, —Thurs. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. • Sun. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. SAFE Credit Union Convention Center, Hall C & D. 1400 J St, Sacramento, CA 95814 Co-Sponsored APS, ATA & AFDCS.



Sep 5—Holiday NO MEETING

Sep 12—Board Meeting

Sep 19—DSC Meeting & Program Club Auction #5

Oct 3—DSC Meeting & Program—Member Bourse—Buy, Sell & Trade

Oct 7-9 — INDYPEX'22, Hamilton County Fairgrounds and Exhibition Center, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville, IN 46060

Oct 10—Board Meeting

Oct 17—DSC Meeting & Program Member Carol Costa Presenter

Oct 29 & 30 — Cuy-LorPex 2022 Cuy-Lot Stamp Club, Rocky River Memorial Hsll, 21016 Hilliard Blvd. Rocky River.

Nov 7—DSC Meeting & Program Your Most Unusual Item in You Collection—Member Participation 4-6 minutes

Nov 14—Board Meeting

Nov 21—DSC Meeting & Program Elections of Officers and Club Auction #6

Dec 5 DSC Holiday Event

Dec 12—Board Meeting

Dec 19 NO MEETING

Bring a friend to the next
Dayton Stamp Club Meeting
May 2

American Topical Association

One-Page Exhibit 2022

American Topical Association (ATA) began requesting one-page exhibits in 2021. The purpose was to open the world to new exhibitors who might be encouraged to attempt a one-page venture. The original idea was for the event to not involve formal judging or obvious competitions. Many believe this would be another way to generate and promote new and beginning collectors. At the same time would encourage research and inspection of topics of interest to collectors and not wanting to compete in a multi-frame exhibit.

There are guidelines for the creation of a one-page exhibit. Complete guidelines and rules can be found at <https://www.ataexhibits.com/> Below is a general summary of the basics of one-page exhibits:

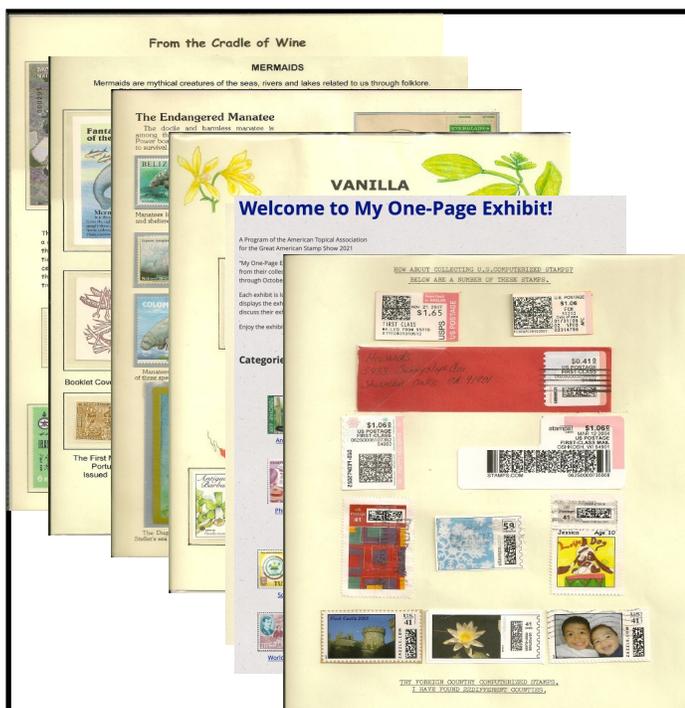
- Exhibits must be in 8 ½ x 11-inch page format or A4 page format (21 x 29 cm).
- Exhibited materials must be the property of the exhibitor.
- The title of the exhibit must appear at the top.
- The exhibitor's name must appear adjacent to or immediately below the title.
- A brief narrative description that explains the subject and relevance to displayed items is required.
- The exhibit must include at least one philatelic item.
- Exhibits may be in portrait or landscape format.
- There are no restrictions on page margins.
- Exhibits may be constructed from scanned images electronically assembled, from a scan of a completed exhibit page or a combination of the two.

- Cropping of images is permitted
- Images may be enlarged/reduced, and exhibitors are encouraged to indicate the percentage of enlargement or reduction.
- Not all items in an exhibit must be philatelic.

These are NOT the official rules for entry to the ATA. These are to suggest how to start and to encourage philatelic collectors regarding the modest required rules are involved. The topics are wide open and encouraged to be interesting to the exhibitor.

Dayton Stamp Club Member Carol Costa has been involved with ATA and an active enthusiast for one-page exhibits or presentations. An example is on page 8 by the kind permission of Carol. Another will be presented next month.

ATA put together an example with explanation for you. See: <https://www.ataexhibits.com/rules-requirements/#example>



In Memory of Howard Smith



Howard Smith was a long-time friend of many in the Miami Valley. He was a quiet man and friend of so many.

Howard was a creative spirit who shared his talents and much of his time. Dayton Stamp Club members appreciate the hours he spent working the Dayton Post Office for cancels and creating art for covers for AIRPEX, Hamvention, Dayton Air Show and other events through the years.

Dayton Stamp Club records indicate Howard was a member in 1961 and likely earlier than that. He was a constant friend and mentor of others and provided guidance and support throughout the various projects and tasks. He is deeply missed.

Howard was presented the plaque (shown above) in 2019. He did so much for our club and this was our efforts to express the appreciation and fondness so many felt. Howard, thank you for being part of our stamp club family and sharing your knowledge, time and energy.

Stamps of Ukraine Before Independence

Carol Costa

Following the collapse of the Russian Empire, on January 22, 1918, a national assembly met at Kyiv and established the Ukrainian National Republic. The first stamps of the new republic were issued in July, 1918.



In the early months of independence, Russian stamps were commonly used, but the influx of large quantities of stamps from Russia made it necessary to take measures to protect postal revenue. In August 1918, local post offices were ordered to send their existing stocks of Russian stamps to regional centers, where they were overprinted with a trident symbol. It was applied to Russia Nos. 88-104 and 110-111, the Romanov issue.



The trident emblem was taken from the arms of the Grand Prince Volodymyr and adopted as the symbol of the Ukrainian Republic. This symbol was later adopted as the coat of arms of independent Ukraine in 1991.

Three Russian postal savings stamps were used and accepted as postage stamps during stamp shortages. At the direction of the central government, some stamps were hand surcharged at the Kharkiv and Kyiv post offices in June of 1920 and February of 1922.



In 1923, the Ukrainian government in exile in Warsaw prepared an 11-value set from an unissued 1920 set surcharged and overprinted with the Cyrillic "UPP." Intended as a Field Post issue for a planned invasion of Ukraine, the invasion never occurred, and the stamps were never issued.

During the Soviet period from 1921 – 1923, millions of Ukrainians starved to death, a famine known as the Holodomor or "The Great Famine". This was the result of collectivization of agricultural crops and their confiscation by Soviet authorities for distribution elsewhere. In 1923, Soviet Ukraine issued a set of four Famine Relief semi-postals. The designs featured an allegorical figure of famine (10+10), Ukrainian national poet Taras Shevchenko (20+20), the grim reaper stalking a peasant (90+30), and an allegory of the spirit of Ukraine distributing food (150+50). None of the money raised from the sale of these stamps was used to relieve famine.

During three years of civil war, the Ukrainian army, as well as Bolshevik, White Russian, allied and Polish armies, fought back and forth across the country. By November, 1920, Ukraine was finally occupied by Soviet forces, and Soviet stamps were used from that time until the recreation of independent Ukraine on August 24, 1991. Other than 16 military stamps for courier field post use, no other Ukrainian stamps were issued until 1992.

