



Seal Hunting in Philately

By Douglas Files

Have you ever hunted seals? No, not the animals – the seals the post office uses to safeguard the contents of envelopes.

ees to close registered envelopes and parcels. Other similar seals were privately printed and issued to local postmasters. Most of these private seals were only used in one particular city.



Figure 1 & 2

lopes. Post office seals represent a lesser-known collecting area but an engaging one. The postal history surrounding their usage is particularly interesting. These seals exist in many nations, but we will focus only on U.S. seals in the present article. Originally post office seals were only for internal post office use, so nothing about them was publicized. But famous philatelist John M. Luff collected them and in the early 20th century he compiled all the information he could about the use of the seals. Others later expanded on Luff's work and currently at least two complete books have been published about official seal use in the United States.

The early use of post office seals was for postal employ-

The first U.S. post office registry seal was issued in 1872. It was large and typographer on wove paper. Later, a subtype on horizontally laid paper was described by John Luff. This early seal was listed in the Scott catalogue because Luff was consulting for the Scott company at that time. Scott lists post office seals as "OX" and this rare variety is called "OX1e". The first seals - as well as the next few issues - were printed by the National Banknote Company. The basic design did not change significantly from 1877 to 1919, although some special printings occurred for which the seals differed in some details from the regular seals.



Figure 3

About 60 different seal types are listed in Scott, and many of them are fairly common. Note that they are less commonly found on cover than they are as individual seals. One rare type is the 1888 perforated issue with a double

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**Meetings and Activities
Meetings begin at 7:00 pm**

2023 Dayton Stamp Club Meetings and Activities

*7:00 to 7:30 pm prior to meeting
Socializing and Silent Auctions on
club meeting nights.*

Program begins at 7:30 pm

All DSC Meetings are on ZOOM

**January 2023 NOTICE TIME &
DATE CHANGES**

Jan 2 — NO MEETING

Jan 9 - 6:30 pm Board Meeting and 7:30 pm—Club Meeting & Program. Club Open House DSC club lots for sale.

Jan 16—NO MEETING

Jan 23 - 7:30 p.m. Guest Speaker, Jeff Smith. Local Photographer, *Photographing a Mighty Mississippi stamp for the USPS.*

Feb 6 — 7:30 pm — **CLUB AUCTION #1**

Feb 13—7:00 pm Board Meeting

Feb 20—6:30 pm Pizza Party—Marion's Pizza Town & Country Shopping Center, 50 E. Stroop.

Feb 24-25—Toledo Stamp EXPO. Stamp Collectors club of Toledo, Graystone Banquet Hall, 29101 Hufford Rd. Perrysburg, email: clcampml@gmail.com.

Mar 4-5—McKinley Stamp Club, Show, McKinley Stamp Club of Canton, St. George Serbian Orthodox Hall, 4667 Applegrove St. NW Canton, email: lincolnwayA@sssnet.com

Mar 6—7:30 pm Collecting Precancels, Guest Speaker Precancel Society, TG Rehkop.

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impression. Scott lists this subtype as OX7i, but fails to price it due to its rarity. The various local seals are often even rarer than this subtype. These locals are referred to as “typeset seals” and they can launch the collector on quite an odyssey trying to acquire them. Many typeset seals have a very basic appearance and they are listed in the Scott U.S. Specialized catalogue.

Registry seals served as an additional internal post office indication that an item had registered mail status. Some experts have argued that Scott OXF #1 should be considered the U.S.’s first registered mail stamp. Although its use differed from Scott #F1, it was issued 39 years before #F1 appeared in 1911. Postal customers were assured that paying for registry service meant the item would be carefully guarded in transit. This meant that cash and gold were frequently sent by registered mail. Because contents of registered packages were so valuable it was important to make sure the envelopes or packages could not be opened by potential thieves. The green registry seals (Scott OX1) were used for about two years – from 1872 to 1874 - before they were superseded by the next set. Scott OX2 represented a special printing of OX1.

Specific registry seals were used for about 25 years before being phased out. Non-registry post office seals also existed during that time period but they had a different purpose. They were normally used to close damaged envelopes or to officially seal items that had been opened in the

mail. The seals also prevented further tampering with the item prior to delivery. For example, after letters were sent to a dead letter office, they were opened to see if the contents gave more information so that the item could be delivered to its intended recipient. The envelope was then officially re-sealed prior to delivery. Because of this usage, the non-registry seals bore a motto printed in Latin in the background: “Post obitum” (dead mail). John Luff claimed that the addition of the words in Latin were originally intended as a joke but the use of the term “dead letter” took off, and it is still used to this day. To illustrate the popularity of this term, one well-known series of 21st century Hallmark fictional movies tracks the actions of workers in a post office’s dead letter office.



Figures 4 & 5

Starting in 1919 non-registry seals were black and white and featured a picture of a female “Liberty”. Varieties of this basic design appeared over the following 60 years. The Chinese cover illustrated indicates that while these adhesives were non-registry seals, they were sometimes used to close registered mail. Perhaps the cover shown had started to open when it entered the U.S., so a diligent postal worker sealed the envelope to guard the contents until they could reach the addressee.



Figure 6

In 1972, when the U.S. post office was re-organized into the U.S. Postal Service official seals underwent a major design change. Instead of featuring an allegorical “Liberty” figure, the eagle logo of the USPS was printed on the seals.

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Dayton Stamp Club Precancel Study



Dayton Stamp Club Precancel Study Group will meet the last Monday of each month.

DSC Precancel Study Group Meeting dates

January 30th

February 27th

March 27th

at 6:30pm at Christ Methodist Church.

Discussion about precancels, precancel catalogs, and select samples from collections donated to the DSC. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Upcoming Dayton Stamp Club Programs

January 9—OPEN HOUSE —DSC club lots for Sale

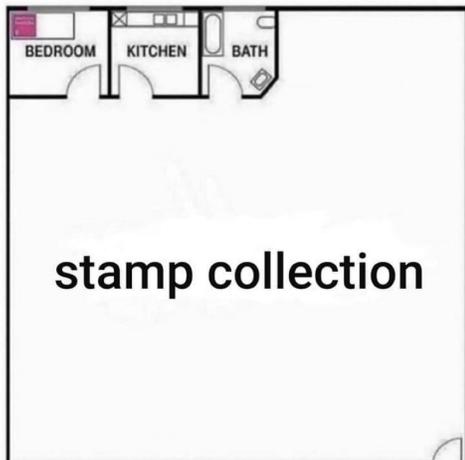
DSC receives gifts and donations throughout the year. These are stored in the ack room along with reference books and catalogs. These will be available for review and purchase during the open. Review the reference material which is available for loan.



January 23— Guest Speaker

Jeff Smith, a local photographer will be presenting. The topic is "Photographing a Mighty Mississippi stamp for the USPS".

Philatelic Collector Dream House



JANUARY 30

4th Monday of the month -

6:30 pm —
DSC Precancel Study Group meeting. Members will meet to review and discuss precancel stamps.



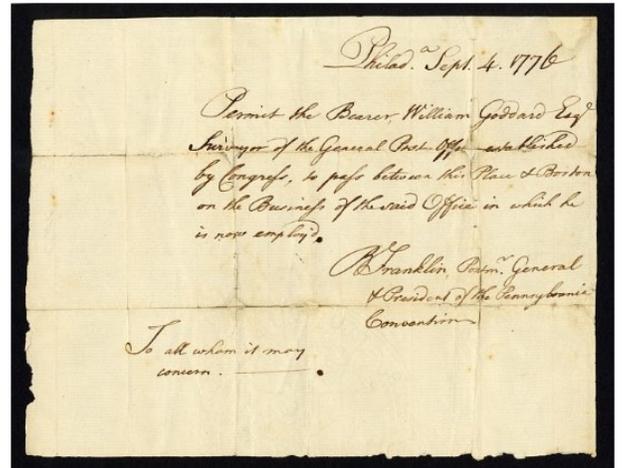
Presents

The Virtual Philatelic Program Series

Wednesday, January 4th, 2023 at 5:30 pm EST

Director's Cut: Treasures from the Smithsonian National Postal Museum's Collection with Elliot Gruber

We would like to invite you to attend our live, virtual program, scheduled for Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at 5:30 pm EST. We will be featuring a program presented by Elliot Gruber, the Museum Director of the Smithsonian National Postal Museum.



This handwritten note signed by Benjamin Franklin and dated September 4, 1776 granted permission for William Goddard to travel on business for the General Post Office. William Goddard, the original creator of the post, was deeply disappointed at being passed over for the position. He reluctantly agreed to serve as Riding Surveyor for the Post, the second most important job. This pass allowed Goddard to travel between Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Boston, Massachusetts, in performance of his new position.

To register, please select the "Register Now" button below, which will bring you to Zoom, where the process will be completed.

The program will be accessible on your desktop computer or via apps on both iOS and Android devices.

If you are unable to attend, the talk will be archived on the Club's website for viewing at a later time.

Please mark the day and time in your calendars. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, the 4th.

Register Now: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/1616678052293/WN_InXrWnnmS1CVYxd1vvvPZg

Great Britain Royal Mail Announces January 31, 2023 As Start of Grace Period for Use of Royal Mail Definitive Stamps WITHOUT Barcodes

Managing Director of stamps and collectibles at Royal Mail, Matthew Parkes, announced November 13, 2022 a six-month grace period following January 31, 2023 for the use of definitive stamps without barcodes.

“During this six-month grace period, mail franked with definitive stamps without barcodes will be delivered as normal,” said Parkes. The postal agency explained this was part of an “extensive and ongoing modernization drive and will allow the unique barcodes to facilitate operational efficiencies, enable the introduction of added security features and pave the way for innovative services for customers.”

On Feb. 1, Royal Mail, the postal service of Great Britain, issued four Queen Elizabeth II definitive stamps with a new feature: a bar code that appears along the right side of the stamp.

The stamps are inscribed “1st” for the domestic first-class letter rate (currently 85 pence), “2nd” for the domestic second-class letter rate (66p), “Large 1st” for the large first-class letter rate (£1.29), and “Large 2nd” for the large second-class letter rate (96p).

Royal Mail established a “Swap Out” plan for stamps without barcodes to be exchanged for new stamps with barcodes. More information available about the “Swap out” program at

<https://www.royalmail.com/stamp-retailer-exchange>



Great Britain Royal Mail Definitive WITHOUT barcodes



Great Britain Royal Mail Definitive WITH barcodes were issued February 1, 2022

“The ‘Swap Out’ scheme will open on 31 March 2022. Customers will be able send unused stamps via a Freepost address. Forms will be available via a variety of channels, including: local Customer Service Points; the Royal Mail website and via our Customer Experience team,” Royal Mail said.

Additional details will be announced at a later date, according to Royal Mail.

The new bar-coded Queen Elizabeth II stamps may be ordered from Royal Mail.

Ordering information also is available from Royal Mail, Tallents House, 21 S. Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 9PB, Scotland. Royal Mail’s agency in the United States is Interpost, Box 400, Hewlett, NY 11557.”

Great Britain Royal Mail-definitive stamps will no longer be valid as postage after July 31 2023, so it’s worth using these up now. All regular first and second-class ‘everyday’ stamps will be going out of date, as well as first-class large letter and second-class large letter stamps. International tariff stamps and all make-up-value stamps will also be going out of date.

If you have any other questions, or if you need any help please email retail@royalmail.com

USPS Rate Increase January 22, 2023

Product	Current Prices	Proposed Prices
FCM Letters (1 oz.)	\$0.60	\$0.63
FCM Letters (metered 1 oz.)	\$0.57	\$0.60
Domestic FCM Postcards	\$0.44	\$0.48
Single-piece FCM Letter and Flat, additional ounce	\$0.24	No change
FCM International Postcards	\$1.40	\$1.45
FCM International Letters (1 oz.)	\$1.40	\$1.45

What about Forever Stamps?

If you have existing First-Class Forever Stamps that you have yet to use, you can continue to use them after the price increase goes into place. When you buy Forever Stamps, which you can use to mail 1 oz. domestic letters, you’re protected against future price increases. However, you’ll be charged more for Forever Stamps when you purchase them on or after Jan. 22, 2023.

U.S. Parcel Post Part Two by Douglas Files

Parcel Post Stamps & Services - Until May 2007

Modern parcel post service

The system functioned well for many decades. Then in May 2007 the United States Postal Service ended its parcel post system as a separate service. In its place it instituted “first class mail international service” for parcels weighing up to 4 pounds. Packages heavier than four pounds had to be sent by priority mail or express mail at higher rates. Domestic parcel post was handled differently. It carried items weighing up to 70 pounds by ground transportation. In 2013 the USPS renamed the domestic parcel service Standard Post and in 2016 it was renamed again to USPS retail ground service. This latter name reflected its similarity to United Parcel Service, DHL and Federal Express (FedEx) ground service. Commercial parcel post is currently called “parcel select”. These days nearly all parcels bear bar codes to permit tracking of each item, which is convenient for senders and recipients.

U.S. Parcel Post Stamps

With the advent of domestic parcel delivery in 1913 came 12 new stamps to pay for the service. All dozen stamps were printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing on a flat plate press. The wove paper used was slightly yellowish and bore a single-line “U S P S” watermark. The initial intent was for the stamps to be issued before the service began but the postmaster general found the 3-cent, 50-cent and 75-cent designs to be substandard. Re-doing those designs caused a delay in the issuance of the stamps until the first day of parcel service.

The stamps were all carmine-rose color and they were mandatory for use on parcels. Confusion among the public led to some use of these stamps on letters. Postal workers also had problems with the stamps. They found the same-color stamps hard to distinguish from each other,

particularly when they were busy. In response to this, large letters spelling out the denominations of the stamps were added on the selvage of the sheets to aid clerks. When con-



Selvage on a plate block showing the large “TEN” which aided postal workers SC# Q6
Image by Bureau of Engraving and Printing;
Imaging by Gwillhickers - U.S. Post Office;
Smithsonian National Postal Museum, Public Domain

fusion persisted among both customers and postal clerks the use of regular non-parcel post stamps was authorized on parcels in July 1913. Thus, after the first six months of domestic parcel service, no more parcel post stamps were ever printed by the U.S. Regular definitive and commemorative stamps were used thereafter on packages as well as letters.

Another early cause of consternation was that the parcel post stamps were larger than most other stamps of that time. It could be difficult to find enough room on small packages to fit the stamps on. This trouble occurred despite the fact that the denominations had been chosen to make any amount up to \$1.00 of postage possible with no more than three stamps.

The designs on the stamps showcased various postal workers, methods of delivery and customers. The lowest four denominations showed people processing and delivering mail.

The 4-cent value specifically honored Nebraska native William Holiday Williams who won the Medal of Honor in the Civil War and then delivered mail for many years before dying in 1916. The next four values showed transportation methods for delivering mail, specifically a train, a ship a car and an “aeroplane”. This 20-cent stamp has garnered fame for being the first government-authorized postage stamp in the world to depict an airplane. (This issue came out 6 years before the U.S. instituted air-mail service.) The highest four denominations show the industries which would use the new parcel post service, such as agriculture and manufacturing. Much smaller numbers of the high value stamps were issued than the lower value ones, and only a little over one million of the one-dollar denomination were distributed.

In addition to the regular carmine parcel post stamps, green postage due stamps were also issued which were initially to be used only on parcels. These bore swirling patterns similar to those on U.S. currency and some have called this a “banknote” type of design. The denominations appeared in large white numerals in the center of the stamps for ease of use by postal clerks. Like the other parcel post stamps, after



The 20-cent carmine “aeroplane” parcel post stamp SC# Q8

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U.S. Parcel Post

their use was declared optional in July 1913, and no



U.S. parcel post postage due stamps

further copies were printed.

From that time forward regular postage due stamps were applied to parcels, when needed.

Summary

The parcel post was – and still is - a lucrative business. Today private carriers compete with the U.S. Postal Service to deliver packages, but the USPS still carries large numbers of them. Each week it carries 3.3 million pounds of parcels out of 2.8 billion pieces of mail per week, and “parcel select” and “ground retail services” constitute one of its core businesses. Specific parcel post stamps were short-lived as they were determined to be unnecessary. But due to their engaging designs and limited release, they are still heavily collected by back-of-book aficionados. Maybe these attractive stamps will form your next collection...or if you are ambitious, even an exhibit.

FOOTNOTE:

The 1914 policy forbidding people to be carried in the mail effectively ended the practice. However, decades later another person was accidentally carried. In 1980 William DeLucia sealed himself in a crate with food, water and an oxygen tank. A label identified the contents of the container as musical instruments. During his trip DeLucia climbed out of the

box, stole thousands of dollars of items from the registered mail and closed himself back in the crate. Unfortunately for him the crate came open when it arrived at the Atlanta airport and he was promptly arrested, along with two accomplices.



The “musical instrument” box that held William DeLucia in 1980

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Dayton Stamp Club (DSC) Return of Silent Auctions

by Pat & Eric Westby

As a refresher, a silent auction uses a paper bid sheet next to the item being offered for sale with the item description, starting bid, and multiple lines for incremental bidding. Write your name and bid amount on the first available line. If there is a preceding bid, the next bid should be at least \$1 higher.

All items are Club property and the bidding currency is Stamp Bucks.

As a reminder, bidding starts at 7PM. The last bid on the sheet at 7:20PM wins the item. If two people are having a high spirited-arm swiping-pencil, hoarding competition at 7:20, we will convert to a live auction between those two people.

Pat and Eric Westby will collect and tally the winning bids. Present your stamp bucks to Pat and Eric before the meeting starts (7:30) to claim the won items.

The first silent auction held on October 3, 2022, was a big success. We had over 10 items representing a variety of items. There were older stamp albums (retired from the regular stock but still with plenty of stamps), various stock pages and books, other items were, Fleetwood first day cover albums by year, empty first day cover/post card albums, plate blocks, a gallon baggy of stamps on paper, etc.

The Silent Auction results took in at least \$148 of Stamp Bucks.

Future auctions will offer a mixture of items and are planned for all member meetings when there is no live auctions or member bourse, the next being January 3rd. We hope if interest remains high (i.e. most offered lots being sold), the content being offered may be expanded. So, come, bid often, and bid high!



MY ONE-PAGE EXHIBIT!

Plan Your One-Page Exhibit Now
for ATA's 2023 Program!

The time is now to plan your one-page exhibit for entry in the American Topical Association's third annual My One-Page Exhibit Program. Exhibits may be submitted on the ATA website beginning in mid December.

A one-page exhibit presents a story illustrated by stamps and other materials in a single 8.5" x 11" page or – new this year -- an 11" x 17" page. Previous exhibits have shared stories of historic events, scientific discovery, personal pastimes and more.

Exhibiting in the My One-Page Exhibit Program is free and open to all. ATA membership is not required. All exhibitors will receive an ATA certificate commemorating their participation.

The exhibit program grows each year, and ATA is hoping to break its own record of more than 230 entries submitted in 2022 from 14 countries on subjects in 13 categories.

Details and exhibit guidelines will be posted on the ATA website (www.americantopical.org) in the near future.

For additional information: ataexhibits.com/

HolidayPEX 2022



**Dayton
Stamp
Club
HolidayPEX 2022**

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Meetings and Activities

Mar 13—7:00 pm, Board Meeting

Mar 17-19 Garfield-Perry March Party, Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, Best Western Plus, 15471 Royalton Rd., Strongsville, email: rocco,caioni@gmail.com.

Mar 20 —7:30 Club Meeting & Program, In Person & Zoom, Team Stamp Quiz. Details to follow in newsletter.

Apr 3—7:30 pm Club Meeting & Program, In Person & Zoom. **CLUB AUCTION #2**

Apr 10 —7:00 pm, Board Meeting

Apr 17 —7:30 pm Club Meeting & Program, In Person & Zoom. The new Digital Catalogue & How the Scott Catalogue is updated. DSC Member Speaker—Jay Bigalke, Editor-in-Chief of Linn's and Scott Catalogues

April 21-22—MSDAS Dayton Stamp Show, Midwest Stamp Dealers Association. IBEW Local 82 Hall, 6550 Poe Ave. Dayton. email: msdastampshow@gmail.com.

June 9-10-COLOPEX 2023, Columbus Philatelic Club, Doubletree Hilton Worthington, 175 Hutchinson Ave. Columbus, email: gpurington@homesteadcos.com.

May 1 —7:30 pm Club Meeting & Program, In Person & Zoom. US Covers and Postal History Part 2 — Presentation by DSC members Doug Files and Dennis Callison

May 8—7:00 pm, Board Meeting

May 15 —7:30 pm Club Meeting & Program, In Person & Zoom, **CLUB AUCTION #3.**

June 5—7:30 pm Club Meeting & Program, In Person & Zoom. Top 3 Reasons I Collect Stamps — Member Participation by everyone 1 -2 minutes. Tips in newsletter.

June 12 —7:00 pm, Board Meeting

June 19 — 6:30 pm Carry-in Picnic—at Church Picnic Shelter. Juneteenth Holiday—Church CLOSED (no restroom access in building).

June 26 —7:30 pm Club Meeting & Program, In Person & Zoom. Discuss a patriotic item from your collection. Member Participation 4-6 minutes.

July 3—NO MEETING Church Closed.

July 10—7:00 pm, Board Meeting

July 17 —7:30 pm Club Meeting & Program, In Person & Zoom. **CLUB AUCTION #4.**

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In 1988 the first self-adhesive seals were issued to post offices and in 1994 the eagle logo was modernized into a more abstract eagle on the black and white seals.

Two other types of post office seals are not illustrated in this article. One is the aforementioned privately-printed seals that were used at small post offices and simply read "Officially Sealed". Most of these private seals are scarce but some can be commonly found today.



Figures 7 & 8

The other type is sea post seals which were used on North German-Lloyd ships on the route between New York City and Bremen, Germany simply read "Sea Post Office; New York – Bremen".

Overall, the post office seal world is parallel to typical U.S. stamp collecting but somewhat removed from it. As with any field, some common examples exist, but others might strain your budget – and that is if you can find an example at all. Since official seals used on cover are more valuable than individual seals off cover, collectors are encouraged to leave seals on their original envelope or package. The next time you need a new area to ex-

pand your collection, consider post office seals. Hunting seals in the arctic is discouraged but the pursuit of these seals remains fresh and fascinating.

Figures

Figure 1: Front of 1877 post office seal cover Image by the author of an item in his collection

Figure 2: U.S. Post Office Seal on the back of the cover shown (Scott #OXF4) Image by the author of an item in his collection

Figure 3: 1872 "Registered" U.S. Post Office Seal (Scott #OXF1) Image by the author of an item in his collection

Figure 4: Front of 1890 post office seal cover Image by the author of an item in his collection

Figure 5: Back of 1890 post office seal cover (Scott #OXF6a) Image by the author of an item in his collection

Figure 6 & 7: 1946 Cover from Nanking, China to Washington, DC, post office sealed in the United States Images by the author of a cover in his collection

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REMOVING FOREVER STAMPS FROM PAPER By John Grabowski, member Venice Stamp Club

Removing USPS self-adhesive stamps from their attached paper is a subject that has been repeatedly discussed in the philatelic press for over a decade. Most removal is based upon using some sort of citrus-based solvent, as is my suggested procedure. Here is the "equipment" I use:

The two tall cans at left are citrus sprays, both the same, sold under the "CITRUS MAGIC" brand and available at Amazon or Walmart. The "FAST ORANGE" container is for final cleanup of hands and equipment, and is available at Walmart or auto pans stores. The stamp tongs are important. I use SHOWGUARD 902 tongs, available from stamp dealers. Paper towels, aluminum wrap, and straight edge razors blades are commonly available. I also use about a 2' x 2' clean cardboard piece (not shown) as a work area. My procedure is:

1. Place the stamps to be removed in a foil "pocket", saturate with citrus spray, close up and let sit overnight.



2. Remove a few stamps at a time to a paper towel work surface. Gently remove one stamp with the tongs and place on another paper towel, gum side up. WIPE GUM OFF TONGS BEFORE NEXT STAMP.

3. Using the straight edge razor, (angle) wipe the gum off the stamp and onto the paper towel, half-swipe to the top and then half-swipe to the bottom. CLEAN BLADE. Rub back of stamp gently on paper towel. Spray and repeat, if necessary.

4. Set stamp aside and move on to the next one until finished.

Be gentle with the printed sides of the stamps — some printing inks are more fragile than others.

Clean fingers and equipment with small sprays, as necessary, during the cleaning process.

You should be able to process about one stamp per minute, with practice. If this seems too tedious, go back to just saving your stamps on trimmed "pieces".

2023 U.S. New Issues

RED FOX



January 5, 40c definitive, pane of 20, coils of 3,000 and 10,000

SCHOOL BUS



January 5, additional-ounce definitive stamp, Pane of 20 and coil of 100.

LUNAR NEW YEAR YEAR OF THE RABBIT



January 12, Forever commemorative stamp, plane of 20, Lunar New Year series.

LOVE 2023



January 19, Two Forever special stamps, pane of 20 design is a kitten and puppy

SAILBOATS



January 22, Two sailboats Postcard definitive stamps, two designs, pane of 20, coil of 100



FLORIDA EVERGLADES

January 22, \$9.65 priority mail definitive stamp, pane of 4, American Landmarks series.



GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS

January 22, \$28.75 Priority Mail Express definitive stamp, pane of 4, American Landmark series.



Ernest J. Gaines

January 23, Forever commemorative stamp, pane of 20, Black Heritage series.

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Aug 7—7:30 pm Club Meeting & Program, In Person & Zoom. Member Bourse—Buy, Sell & Trade.

Aug 10-13—Great American Stamp Show. APS ATA & FDACS. Huntington Convention Center. Westin Cleveland Downtown 300 Lakeside Ave, Cleveland email: stamp-show@stamps.org.



Aug 14 —7:00 pm, Board Meeting. AIRPEX 2023 Review

Aug 21—7:30 pm Club Meeting & Program, In Person & Zoom. My Air Force Journey Into FDC's. Guest Speaker—Jeff Jacobs from Columbus Stamp Club.

Aug 25-26 — AIRPEX 2023, IBEW Hall, 6550 Poe Ave. Dayton. F: 12-6 pm & Sa: 10 am-4 pm

Sept 4—NO MEETING—Labor Day

Sept 11 — 7:00 –pm Board Meeting, AIRPEX 2023 review/

Sept 18 —7:30 pm Club Meeting & Program, In Person & Zoom. **CLUB ACTION #5.**

Oct 2 —7:30 pm Club Meeting & Program, In Person & Zoom. My Birthday in Philately—Member participation—Find a philatelic item related to your birth date—tips in newsletter.

Oct 9 — 7:00 –pm Board Meeting

Oct 16 —7:30 pm Club Meeting & Program, In Person & Zoom., Silly Stamp Stories Games, Group Activity.

Nov 6 —7:30 pm Club Meeting & Program, In Person & Zoom, **CLUB AUCTION #6.**

Nov 13 — 7:00 pm Board Meeting, Set 2023 Colander & budget review.

Nov 20 —7:30 pm Club Meeting & Program, In Person & Zoom, Elections & Gingerbread in Philately DSC Member Speaker, Vera Felts via Zoom

Dec 4 — 6:30 pm HolidayPEX Party starts at 6:30 pm at Christ Church

Dec 11 — 7:00 pm Board Meeting

Dec 18 — NO MEETING

DAYTON STAMP CLUB

2023 MEETING AND PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Meetings are held on 1st and 3rd Mondays (adjusted for holidays) at Christ Church 3440 Shroyer Rd Kettering OH 45429
 For the Zoom invitation and link, please email daytonstampclub@gmail.com
 Member's Socializing and Silent Auctions 7:00-7:30pm on Club Meeting Nights

1/2	---	No Meeting	New Years Holiday - Church Closed
1/9*	6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Board Meeting Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	Come to the Bd Mtg & Get Extra Stamp Bucks!! Open House - DSC Club Lots for Sale
* 2nd Monday			
1/16	---	No Meeting	MLK Day Holiday - Church Closed
1/23*	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	Guest Speaker - Jeff Smith, local photographer Photographing a Mighty Mississippi stamp for the USPS
* 4th Monday			
2/6	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	CLUB AUCTION #1
2/13	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	
2/20	6:30 PM	Pizza Party - Marion's Piazza Town & Country Shopping Center 50 E Stroop	President's Day Holiday - Church Closed
3/6	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	Collecting Precancels Guest Speaker - TG Rehkop from Precancel Stamp Society (via Zoom)
3/13	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	
3/20	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	Team Stamp Quiz Competition. Details to follow in newsletter
4/3	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	CLUB AUCTION #2
4/10	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	
4/17	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	The New Digital Catalogue & How the Scott Catalogue Is Updated DSC Member Speaker - Jay Bigalke Editor-in-Chief of Linn's & Scott catalogs
5/1	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	US Covers and Postal History Part 2 Presentation by DSC club members Doug Files and Dennis Callison
5/8	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	
5/15	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	CLUB AUCTION #3
6/5	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	Top 3 Reasons I Collect Stamps Member Participation by Everyone 1-2 minutes. Tips in newsletter
6/12	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	
6/19	6:30 PM	Carry In Picnic - at Church Picnic Shelter	Juneteenth Holiday - Church Closed (no restroom access in building)
6/26*	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	Discuss a patriotic item from your collection Member Participation 4-6 minutes
*4th Monday			
7/3	---	No Meeting	4th July Holiday - Church Closed
7/10	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	
7/17	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	CLUB AUCTION #4
8/7	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	Member Bourse - Buy, Sell, Trade
8/14	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	AIRPEX Review
8/21	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	My Air Force Journey Into FDC's Guest Speaker - Jeff Jacob from Columbus Stamp Club
Aug 25-26 (Fri-Sat)			**AIRPEX @ IBEW Hall (F:12-6pm; Sa:10am-4pm)**
9/4	---	No Meeting	Labor Day Holiday - Church Closed
9/11	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	AIRPEX Review
9/18	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	CLUB AUCTION #5
10/2	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	My Birthday in Philately - Member Participation. Find a philatelic item related to your birth date - tips in newsletter
10/9	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	
10/16	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	Silly Stamp Stories Game Group Activity
11/6	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	CLUB AUCTION #6
11/13	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	Set 2023 calendar & budget review
11/20	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	Elections & Gingerbread in Philately DSC Member Speaker - Vera Felts (via Zoom)
12/4	6:30 PM	HolidayPEX Party Starts at 6:30pm at Church	Dinner Party at Church
12/11	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	
12/18		No Meeting - Enjoy the Holiday Season!	

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