

NEWSLETTER

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Meetings and Activities
begin at 7:00 pm

7:00 to 7:30 pm prior to meeting
Socializing and Silent Auctions. Program begins at 7:30 pm. All DSC Meetings are on ZOOM

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

Apr 10 —7:00 pm, Board Meeting

Apr 15-16 Indiana Spring Stamp Fair. Lawrence Community Center, 5301 N. Franklin Rd. Indianapolis, IN. Hours Fri 10am—5 pm and Sat—10am—3pm. Indianastampclub.org.

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. 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 Collison

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.



Thirtieth Annual Christmas Seal Campaign

1956 Letterhead announcing that year's NAACP seals
Scan by the author of an item in his collection

NAACP Charity Seals

by Doug Files

At a recent stamp show I came across an intriguing collection of African-American philatelic material. It contained a wealth of material so I bought it. Our club newsletter has already published an article about U.S. stamps featuring African-Americans so I have chosen to write about a related topic. This article will thus discuss the charity seals issued at Christmastime by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

History of the NAACP

The NAACP had begun in the early 1900s to work toward racial justice. In the wake of the American Civil War slavery had ended, partly through the Emancipation Proclamation and especially through the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Two more constitutional amendments which followed expanded the rights of people who had been previously enslaved. The 14th Amendment granted citizenship to prior slaves and the 15th Amendment granted African American men the right to vote. The United States thus made some strides in combatting racial inequality. But the process stalled well short of achieving equality. Discrimination and segregation continued in housing, in transportation, in education and in the ability to vote. At times anger boiled over, and acts of violence broke out between people of different races. In 1908 a race riot occurred in Springfield, Illinois in which thousands of whites attacked African Americans over two days, until the state militia was called out to restore peace.

The next year an interracial group formed the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). One of the group's founders was W. E. B. DuBois (1868-1963), a famous professor and author. For 24 years DuBois edited the NAACP newsletter which was called "The Crisis". It contained news, but also published African American literature. - continued on Page 2



1950 NAACP seal Scan by the author of an item in his collection



W.E.B. Du Bois
1868-1963

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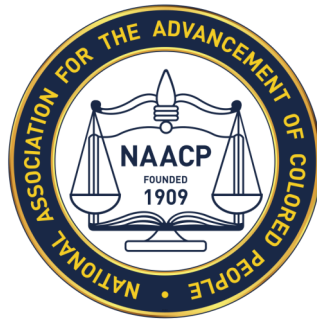


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Over the years the NAACP took on many projects such as urging President Woodrow Wilson to denounce lynching in 1918. During World War I the group successfully advocated the appointment of African American military officers. Decades later it financially supported the legal case which led to the Supreme Court's school desegregation decision in Brown v.

Board of Education of Topeka. Rosa Parks was serving as secretary of her local NAACP group when she organized the bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama. In the 1950s Eleanor Roosevelt served on the charity's board of directors. Public shock surrounding the murder of NAACP field director Medgar Evers in 1963 may have helped secure passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. In the 1980s the NAACP opposed apartheid in South Africa. In the early 1990s that nation abandoned apartheid as an official policy.



Successful that many other nonprofit organizations issued their own seals to raise money.

In 1927 West Virginia schoolteacher and civil rights activist Memphis Tennessee Garrison recommended an NAACP Christmas Seal program to the national NAACP office. Her plan was approved and for four years she ran the program herself. Thereafter the program required too much work for one person, and the national office took over the seal campaigns. Ads often appeared in the African American press urging people to buy and use NAACP seals to support the organization's work. The first year the program had earned only \$291.36 after expenses, but 15 years later it was bringing in \$38,000. To put this into perspective, this would be over a million dollars in 2023 money that the NAACP seal program was netting annually.



1958 NAACP seals
 Scans by the author of items in his collection

The NAACP is still quite active today. Its mission is "to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination."

NAACP Seals

Readers of this newsletter are probably familiar with Christmas seals, which were introduced in the first decade of the 20th century in Scandinavia. The United States saw its first Christmas seals in 1907. The program was so suc-



1907 4M Swedish Vegetarian Association

For 30 years many of the NAACP seals were designed by Louise E. Jefferson. Jefferson was a graphic artist who illustrated book jackets, maps and posters. Most of her designs show Christmas-themed decorations around the letters "NAACP". The 1932 seal, however, showed a man breaking free of his chains, and the 1944 seal (from the middle of World War II) simply showed an African American soldier's face.



The 1932 and 1944 NAACP Christmas seals
 Scans by the author of items in his collection

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American Philatelic Society Executives Speak at Dayton Stamp Club Special Meeting

Scott English, Executive Director of the APS and Scott Tiffney, Director of Information Services and Chief Librarian of the American Philatelic Research Library (APRL) were in Dayton just for one night on their way to the St. Louis stamp show. Jeff Krantweiss, APS chief administrative officer and Kendra English (Scott's wife) were also present but did not speak to the club.

Bill Streisel, President Dayton Stamp Club, opened the meeting and welcomed the APS leaders. Bill expressed his and club members' appreciation of the visit to update a local club on national news and listen to questions and thoughts regarding philatelic activities.



Scott Tiffney,
APRL Director

Scott Tiffney, APRL Director, has worked at the APRL for 10 years and served as its director for 3 years. The APRL collection boasts 93,000 items and is the largest public philatelic library in the world which employs four full-time staff, plus two part-time staff to scan in material.

90% of the library's materials are donated.

The David Straight "card catalog" is on-line and anyone can access it on the APS website at <https://www.stamps.org/>. The catalog can be searched by author, title or topic. The catalog also contains information on the holdings of 9 other philatelic libraries. Books can be checked out remotely by APS members and the librarian will mail you the book.

The Mason Digital Library contains full text scans of some books, many journals and quite a few local club newsletters. Content in the Mason Digital Library has doubled over the past year. Twelve entire books are being scanned in as well as 170 philatelic exhibits. This project plans to add movies and other content in the future.

Scott English, Executive Director of the APS, has been in his position for 8 years and he came to this work not through philately but through politics. He is not a stamp collector but stresses that he is keenly interested in stamp collectors and their needs.

Scott would like to appeal to younger collectors but he feels that people under 40 years old do not attend many "destination-specific events"



Scott English is the Executive Director of the American Philatelic Society

such as a meeting at a certain time and place. Instead, they are accustomed to accessing content on-line whenever they want to access it. Scott also mentioned that the strength of philately lies in the local clubs.

Scott shared a story from Morris Risen, a Polish-American stamp collector who began collecting stamps as a child. His collection was confiscated by Nazi soldiers during WWII. He toiled in work camp and was forced to construct gallows. In 1945 he was placed in a death camp but was rescued when Russian soldiers captured the camp.

After the war Morris emigrated to Baltimore MD in the United State. He suffered from depression and post-traumatic stress disorder until one of his doctors recommended he needed a hobby. He took up stamp collecting and specialized in Olympics stamps.

Morris, in his late 90s, saw a post card in an auction sale. It was a post card he had sent to his sister during the war. He was in a death camp and his sister was living in the United States. Hearing the story, the auctioneer gave him the post card at no cost.

The point of this story is that we collectors are not permanent keepers of our philatelic material. We are only temporary bearers of it. Our responsibility is to maintain the items as best we can so that the material is preserved through history.

Scott discussed the national Great American Stamp Show in Cleveland in August. All the tables were quickly reserved by dealers and many frames of exhibits are planned. Six stamps will be issued at first day ceremonies at the show. One of them is from the Marshall Islands and honors the 100th anniversary of George Linn's first cacheted first day cover.

After a lively Q&A session, Bill Streisel thanked the guests from the APS for coming to talk to our club. Scott invited our members to visit the APS headquarters.



Jeff Krantweiss, APS
Administrative
Officer

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When new, NAACP seals were sold for a penny per stamp. Newspaper articles featured the program. University groups sold NAACP seals to raise money for cases being argued before the U.S. Supreme Court. The Crisis magazine in 1963 urged members to buy seals to support the costs of the "March on Washington".

The charity seal program lasted from 1927 until 1993. NAACP seals are listed in Ray Mosbaugh's All Fund Catalog in the section for "Ethnic Seals". The

Mosbaugh All Fund Catalog lists all seals other than TB and Red Cross seals, which are covered in Green's Catalog of Tuberculosis Seals of the World.

This type of charity seal can be sought in several ways. Some collectors just try to accumulate one copy of each stamp. This alone can offer hours of enjoyment. Other collectors try to acquire entire sheets of each NAACP Christmas seal. Yet others strive to find each seal on a cover. In the charity seal world, collectors show a strong preference for seals "tied" to the cover. This means that part of the postmark goes over



1964 NAACP seal tied on cover sent from New York to Alaska
Scan by the author of an item in his collection

the seal, showing that it was an original feature of the cover. If a person collected untied seals on cover, any person could lick and stick a seal on a cover at any time. This is why "tied seals" are greatly preferred

The listed prices in the 20th century Mosbaugh catalog run from 25 cents to \$15.00 for individual NAACP seals. One caveat is that this catalog may not have been published in many years. The copy I consulted in the American Philatelic Society Library appeared to be at least 30 years old. The original 1927 seal was the most expensive one at \$15.00, with each of the next three

years' seals listed at \$7.50 for a single stamp. A full, gummed sheet of the 1927 stamps carried a catalog value of \$160.00 in this older catalog. Many of the later sheets are listed at \$7.50 to \$15.00, which is more than double the catalog values of most American Lung Association Christmas seals.

For those who may wish to do further research, both the Mosbaugh All Fund Catalog and the Green's Catalog are available from The Christmas Seal and Charity Stamp Society (CS&CSS). (The author is a member of the CS&CSS.)



1990 and 1993 NAACP seals Scans by the author of items in his collection

For more information about

the Society contact <https://www.seal-society.org/> membership

As mentioned above the NAACP is still busily carrying out its work. In February 2023 it garnered media attention for giving an "Image Award" to entertainer Angela Bassett for her film Black Panther: Wakanda Forever. Several other performers were also honored that night. One way to honor the past (and/or the NAACP) is to collect items from that area. Collecting NAACP seals can provide hours of education and entertainment.

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Dayton Stamp Club 2023 Dues are due NOW. Maintain your membership and continue to receive the newsletter, earn Stamp Bucks, participate in Auctions and take advantage of many other exciting membership perks!

AIRPEX VIII judge well known for her collecting, exhibiting, and APS judging



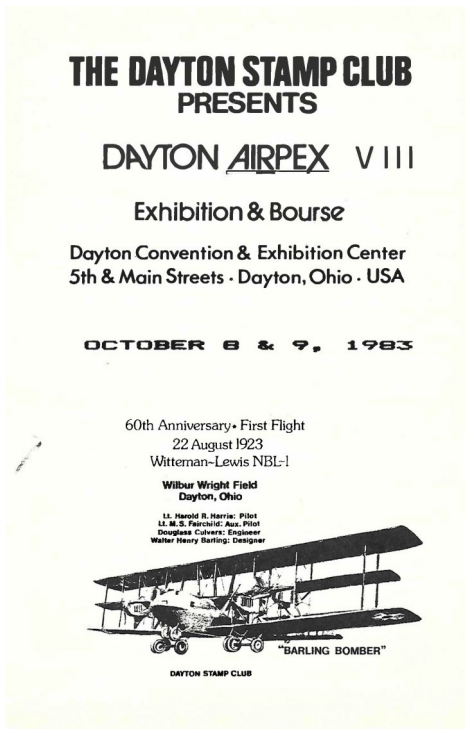
From the Dayton Stamp Club Archives

By Steven Solomon, DSC Historian

Club members were excited to learn that a well-known philatelist, Mary Ann Owens, agreed to be one of the AIRPEX VIII judges. Owens was a topical collector, an exhibitor, and an American Philatelic Society judge.

“She will also present a seminar on judging and exhibiting topicals,” according to Martin Richardson writing in the May 1983 club newsletter. “The seminar is a must for those enrolled in the APS judges program who wish to become knowledgeable in topical judging.”

AIRPEX VIII on Oct. 8 and 9 was the second time that the club’s exhibition was sanctioned as an APS “World Series of Philately” show, at the time one of only 35 in the nation. Because of the designation, the show required five judges and two apprentice judges.



Phil Hubbard of the American First Day Cover Society presented “Topical FD Cover Collecting” on Saturday and Michael Laurence, editor of Linn’s Stamp News, gave a slide show and talk on Sunday.

The theme for AIRPEX VIII’s cacheted cover was another in the continuing series of subjects concerning historical aviation events related to Dayton and Wright Field. But instead of choosing a milestone in aviation, a “stumbling block” was selected, specifically the Barling Bomber that made it’s first flight on Aug. 22, 1923. Apparently the Barling eventually claimed the title as one of the worst aircraft in history, with one aviation writer noting, “The 1923 Barling Bomber was the world’s biggest, but so slow it could hardly get out of its own way.” Harry Harn created the cachet design. The souvenir cover, with a USPS AIRPEX STA cancel or an anniversary date cancel from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, cost \$1.

The Grand Award went to Jeanette Knoll Adams for “Scotland’s Postal History – 1711-1857” and the Reserve Grand Award went to R.C. Magnesen for “Peru – 1874-1894.” The Wright Brothers Award, a limited edition Wright Brothers medal commissioned by the Aviation Hall of Fame, was given to James Adams for “U.S. and Possessions Air Mail: A Rate Study” as the best aerophilatelic exhibit.

Round Two	1. Skiing	1. George Washington
	2. Soyuz (#1569)	2. George Washington
	3. 6	3. San Francisco
	4. Quilting	4. Winston Churchill
	5. Copernicus	5. Dr. Crawford W. Long
	6. Air Post Special Delivery	6. D.W. Griffith
	7. Dark green (JQ...)	7. John Marshall
	8. Basketball	8. 5c
	9. 5c	9. Post Office Clerk
	10. Doves	10. 3 (R223, 242, 278)
Winners:		
	Raccoon Dogs	

Safety Alert Perforated Pericardium

This usually fatal puncture of the heart lining is endemic among stamp collectors who carry needle-nose tongs in their shirt pockets. Prevention rather treatment offers the best hope.

There are two courses: switch to spatula-tip tongs or carry needle-nose tongs in pants pockets. For the risk of the latter procedure, see my paper, “No Longer Imperf Between. From Morgantown Area Stamp Club member Bill Welch in 1995.

First Charles III Royal Silhouette on Great Britain's Flowers Stamps March 23

The first stamp designs from Great Britain's Royal Mail to feature the silhouette of King Charles III appeared March 23 as set of 10 showcasing flowers.



This is the first change of the silhouette of Queen Elizabeth on Great Britain's stamps since 1968, according to Royal Mail.

The Royal Mail announced that it planned on exhausting existing stocks of stamps with the silhouette of Queen Elizabeth II before issuing stamps with the silhouette of King Charles III.



This release marks the end of the Queen appearing on such commemorative stamps, but existing stocks of regular first and second class stamps showing the Queen's head will be used until they run out.



Great Britain's Royal Mail revealed the image of the new King Charles III definitive stamp Feb. 8. The stamps will go on general sale April 4. Royal Mail will issue four values of the King Charles III definitive, with the colors retained from the Machin definitive that feature Queen Elizabeth II. The first-class stamp will be plum purple, second-class will be holly green, first-class large will be marine turquoise, and second-class large will be dark pine green. Each stamp has a barcode printed in a matching color and separated by a simulated wavy-line die cut. The barcode can be scanned with a smartphone.



In Memory of Thomas S. Sivak He supported the Dayton Stamp Club AIRPEX stamp shows for many years. He was a Pennsylvania and Columbus OH stamp dealer, buying, appraising, and selling classic U.S. Stamps.

Thomas S. Sivak
1941-2023

Sivak passed away peacefully at home from natural causes on January 10, 2023. He was a member of the Butler Stamp Club. He was survived by his wife, three children, 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

DSC Precancel Study Group Meeting

April 24th
at 6:30pm on ZOOM.
APS Video Course on Precancels
and followed by discussion,
Everyone is welcome to attend.



USPS April Release of New U.S.A. Stamps



April 5, Tulip Blossoms. Set of 10 Forever First Class commemorative self-adhesive stamps pane of 20, coils of 3,000 and 10,000.



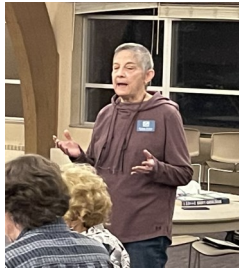
April 24, Roy Lichtenstein. Five Forever First-class special stamps issue in pane of 20.

Dayton Stamp Club 2023 Team Stamp Quiz Competition—March 20, 2023

For the March Dayton Stamp Club Meeting, the program was a Team Stamp Quiz Competition. All the club members were assigned teams. All the members used the Scott Specialized as an aide in the competition. The Game Show Host Carol Costa guided the process.

There would be two rounds with scoring after each round. The team with the most correct answers was the winner and the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th winners were given Stamp Bucks in a descending amount. The scramble after the announced opening of each round was fast and furious. Each team member worked on individual questions to finish prior to the 7 minute time limit.

One team won, The results were contested and much friendly discussion about the exact wording of results.



Game Show Host Carol Costa



Full house of Dayton Stamp Club Members for the Team Quiz Competition

MEDIUM DIFFICULTY

8.—What was the highest denomination of proprietary stamps issued in 1898?

9. —What occupation is depicted on the one cent U.S. Parcel Post stamp of 1913?

HARD

10. —How many revenue stamps issued in the second decade of the 20th century bore the image of “Liberty” and were violet colored?

DSC Team Stamp Quiz Competition Round Two

EASY

1. What sport is shown on the Olympic Games airmail issue of 1972?
2. What was the name of the Russian spacecraft shown on the 1975 U.S. ten cent stamp
3. How many stamps are there in the American Credo series of 1960-

61?

4. What American folk art is the subject of a 1978 series?
5. What Polish astronomer is shown on a 1973 stamp?

MEDIUM DIFFICULTY

6. What type of U.S. stamp issue is numbered with the prefix CE?
7. What color were the Parcel Post postage due stamps of 1913.

HARD

8. The U.S. issued a 16 cent stamp for the Philippines in 1934. What sport did it show?
9. What was the denomination of the Confederate stamp issued for Demopolis, AL?
10. What image was on the 1961 Europa Common Design Type?

DSC Team Stamp Quiz Competition Round One

EASY

1. Whose portrait appears on the Bicentennial stamps of 1932?
2. Who is on the one cent value of the 1938 definitive?
3. A cable car from what city is shown on the Historic Preservation stamps of 1971?
4. What British statesman appears on a five cent 1965 issue?
5. What Scientist appears on the two cent stamp in the Famous Americans series?
6. What famous movie-maker appeared on the 1975 commemorative?
7. Who appears on the five dollar stamp of 1894?



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 —7:00 Silent DSC Auction. 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.**
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 & FDCS. Huntington Convention Center. Westin Cleveland Downtown 300 Lakeside Ave, Cleveland email: stampshow@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 —7:00 Silent DSC Auction. 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

Q & A with APS Executive Director Scott English and APRL Director Scott Tiffney

One question was regarding the Proposed merger between ASDA and the APS.

English: The reason I proposed a merger is that we have a lot of organization in philately and not enough organizational people. Many organizations are struggling for members.

APS will continue to work and support dealers and collectors.

Two: What plans does the APS have for digital programming in the future?

English: Our key objective is accessibility. Members also want on-demand educational events. We are still working on hands-on learning and more readily viewable on-line

Three: Will APS support digital exhibiting?

English: It is not well defined at the present time. There is something important in having the item physically present that is better than simply having a digital photo of it available for viewing.

Four: Can APS support some space at shows for non-competitive exhibits?

English: We cannot set aside any frames at the Great American Stamp Show this year. We can certainly try for the Hartford show in 2024.

English concluded the session with a thank you to the club for continuing to grow and encourage philately. He encouraged members to visit the APS



Discover Topical Collecting!