

NEWSLETTER

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Sideshow or Main Event: Collecting U.S. Booklet Stamps

By Douglas Files

Introduction

Postage stamp booklets are one convenient way stamps are sold by the United States Postal Service. This format has been a useful one both for the public and for postal employees. Many people only buy their postage stamps in booklets, each of which was traditionally com-

posed of small panes of stamps inside a cardboard cover. The panes printed for this purpose were often created with extra paper at the side: a small selvage to allow for binding the panes together. In most cases the stamps were imperforate at the borders of the booklet, causing stamps to have one, two or three straight edges.

Some of the first American stamp booklets were created by the California State Telegraph Company for their telegraph stamps in 1870. Other private companies followed their example in the ensuing years. A patent for the booklet stamp idea was issued in the U.S. in 1884. In 1895 Luxembourg became the first national postal service to issue stamps in booklets, followed by Sweden a few years later. Booklets of stamps were introduced in

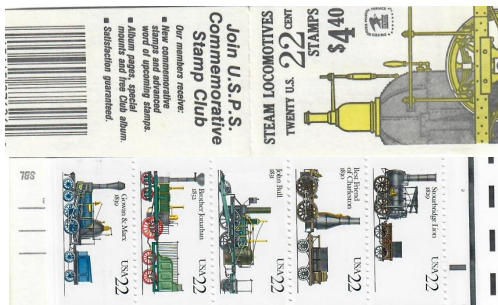
the U.S. in 1900 and the convenient format has been used ever since.

Early U.S. stamp booklets

Initial U.S. booklets contained only stamps which covered the first class rate at that time (two cents), but several years later booklets were introduced containing 1-cent stamps for

post cards. Not many stamp collectors in those years saved full booklets of stamps so few intact early booklets exist today. In fact, Scott catalogue values for those early booklets can be surprisingly high, considering that the stamps were common definitive issued in large numbers. The early stamp booklets which do exist often show poor centering of the stamps inside, which disappoints collectors. Well-centered panes or booklets are quite rare. For example, the 1912 green George Washington booklet pane of six 1-cent stamps (Scott #405b) is listed in the catalog at \$65.00 if

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1987 US 22c locomotive definitive booklet cover and stamps. Scott # 2366a & BC38.

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2-cent red Washington definitive booklet pane from the 1920s

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

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

Mar 6—7:00 Silent DSC Auction. 7:30 pm Collecting Precancels, Guest Speaker Precancel Society, TG Rehkop.

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.caponi@gmail.com.

Mar 20 —7:30 Club Meeting & Program, In Person & Zoom, Team Stamp Quiz. Details on Page 3.

Mar 27 — 6:30 pm Precancel Study Group at Christ Methodist Church

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.

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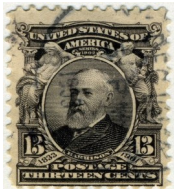
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"Mother of Presidents" is sometimes used to refer to Ohio. Ohio Has the greatest number of Presidents of the United States born in Ohio or claiming Ohio as his home.



William Henry Harrison 9th, President
 Served 1841 Born Virginia/Norh Bend



1902 Scott 308



1938 Scott 914



1950 Scott 996

Ulysses S. Grant 18th P resident
 Served 1869-1877 Born: Point Pleasant



1895 Scott 270



1937 Scott 767



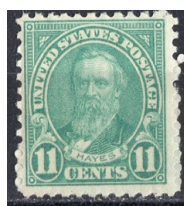
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Rutherford B. Hayes, 19th

President Served: 1877-1881 Born: Delaware



1922 Scott 563



1923 Scott 692

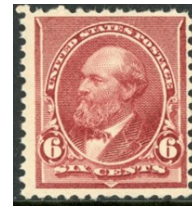


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James A. Garfield, 20th, President
 Served:1881, Born: Moreland Hills



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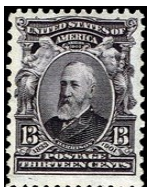


1922 Scott 723



1938 Scott 825

Benjamin Harrison 23rd, President
 Served: 1889-1893 Born, North Bend



1902 Scott 308



1938 Scott 622

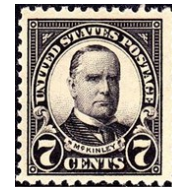


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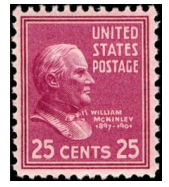
William McKinley 25th, President
 Served:1897-1901, Born: Niles



1904 Scott 326



1923 Scott 559



1938 Scott 829

William Howard Taft 27th, President
 Served: 1909-1913, Born: Cincinnati



1930 Scott 685



1930 Scott 687



1938 Scott 831

Warren Harding 29th, President
 Served: 1921-1923, Born: Blooming Grove



1925 Scott 582



1923 Scott 612



1938 Scott 833



Thematic Exhibiting: Connecting Through Creativity

Registration is now open! You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear from Jean Wang, a Grand Award winning exhibitor.

This class will be held on **Saturdays, 4 p.m. Eastern, March 4 and 11**

In this course, Jean will demonstrate how thematic exhibitors can use innovative approaches and creativity, and draw on all branches of philately to illustrate a non-philatelic story. She will also discuss the concept of Development - the addition of new story lines and elaboration of existing ones with illustration of thematic details.

Both novice and experienced thematic exhibitors will benefit from this course.

<https://americantopical.org/event-5003150>

[More Information and Registration](#)

**Instructions for Team
Stamp Quiz Competition**



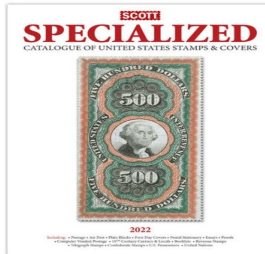
On March 20th, we will have a new club event, a Team Stamp Quiz Competition. All members present will be divided randomly into 5-6 groups.

Groups will receive a list of 10 questions about US stamps. A group leader will assign questions to group members. The

answers will be found in the Scott US Catalogue. There will be two rounds, timed. Teams will receive points based on how many correct answers they found in the allotted time.

Everyone will receive Stamp Bucks, the number depending on how well your group did.

Important! Bring a US catalogue to the meeting. It does not need to be current. It does not need to be the Specialized version. If you have more than one, bring extras. Each person will need a catalog.



2022 Scott U.S. Specialized Catalogue, but any recent will work

MADNESS

**MARCH MADNESS AT
Dayton Stamp Club**

**March 6— 7—7:30 pm DSC
Silent**

Auction Write your name,

amount of bid on the sheet. Winners announced at 7:25pm All items are from club inventory. The bidding currency is DSC Stamp Bucks.

**March 6 — 7:30 pm
Business Meeting
and Program: Collecting Precancels
Presented by TG
Rehkop, President
Precancel Stamp
Society**



**March 13—6:30 pm DSC
Board Meeting. All are welcome.**

**March 20— 7- 7:30 Social
Time**



**March 20 —
7:30 Philatelic
Team Stamp
Quiz Competition.**

New Linn's Stamp News

March 6 is the first digital issue of the *Linn's Stamp News*. The *Linn's Stamp News* will be 52 issues each year, with 24 being printed and mailed and 28 delivered digitally only.



Stamp for author Toni Morrison to arrive March 7 in Princeton, N.J.



Royal Mail celebrates 60 years of the X-Men with Feb. 16 issue

PLA: The 1978 Pensive series begins with a design contest



USA: Air Mail Book

Turn Your Favorite Topic into a One-Page Exhibit

Admit it. Whenever you get a new stamp for your favorite topical collection, you show it to a family member, chat about it with a friend, or share it at your stamp club meeting. Why not go bigger? Turn your philatelic passion into a single page that tells a story everyone will enjoy.

The American Topical Association's 2023 My One Page Exhibit! Program lets you do just that. The program is accepting entries usually in February through the website at americantopical.org. Using stamps, covers, postmarks, ephemera and more, a one-page exhibit provides a philatelic



The First 'Neanderthals,' a 2022 exhibit from Fran Adams.



Don Neal created Born in New Jersey for ATA's 2022 My One Page Exhibit! Larry Daly and Althea Gilman, both pioneering athletes in their respective sports of basketball and tennis, were both born in South Carolina, and both of them spent their Jersey summers at the town of their boyhood. What is not endless, however, is the size of your exhibit, and that's what makes this exhibiting opportunity so tantalizing. Rather than dozens of pages filling frames, your exhibit tells a story on a single page. The size of the one-page exhibit may be either 8.5" x 11" or

Dayton Stamp Club Precancel Study Group



DSC Precancel Study Group Meeting

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.

11" x 17". It is submitted as a PDF file and will be exhibited virtually on the ATA website. That is also where you will find guidelines for creating and submitting your exhibit. Not sure how to get started? Check out exhibits from the first two years of the ATA program by visiting this page: www.ataexhibits.com

ATA's My One-Page Exhibit! Represents a type of exhibiting that is growing across the country as stamp clubs and some stamp shows provide venues for their display. The ATA program encourages exploration of philatelic exhibiting through this small-format and highly accessible activity. Hundreds of exhibitors from 14 countries submitted exhibits last year. Now it's time for you to get on the bandwagon!

Hmmm...some to think of it, bandwagon might make an interesting topic for a one-page exhibit.

Michele M. Bresso, ATA writer
Professor of Communication
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For more One-Page Information

Introduction to One-Page exhibits:
www.ataexhibits.com/.

Review of one-page guidelines and requirements:
www.ataexhibits.com/rules-requirements/

An example of the elements in a One-page exhibit:
www.ataexhibits.com/rules-requirements/#example

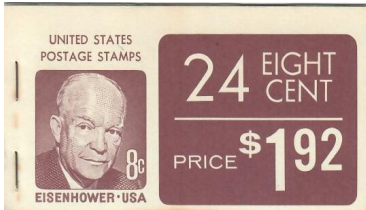
For review of one-page exhibits:
www.ataexhibits.com/exhibit-directory/
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hinged and \$110.00 if mint, never hinged. If you can find one in very fine condition, expect to pay significantly more. Trying to find a complete pane used is also challenging since most consumers did not use them in full panes.

Vending machines

Booklets have remained popular in the U.S. through the dozen decades since their introduction. One use which was not common in 1900 but grew later was in vending machines. As



A typical U.S. booklet from the 1970s
US 8c Eisenhower Booklet Scott #
BC16 & BK121

these machines gained popularity booklets were a common item to sell in them. Consumers could purchase a book of stamps from a machine at any time of day and the machines were placed in shopping centers and post office lobby areas. Most of the booklets sold in vending machines did not differ from those sold at post office counters, but some were specially created to fit into the various companies' machines.

Booklet production

Early booklets were created by pulling apart sheets of stamps into small panes and then hand-binding the panes into booklets. This made the stamps themselves identical to sheet stamps. That is, once they were removed from a booklet there was no way to distinguish a booklet stamp from a sheet stamp. Later on, booklet stamps were produced in special sheets and cut into small panes, which were bound by machine. It is these later booklets that have stamps with straight edges on the sides which often distinguishes them from stamps coming from a sheet.

Subtypes of U.S. Booklet stamps

In most cases the U.S. stamps which were issued in booklets employed the same designs as those issued in sheets. The common way for collectors to distinguish between them was the presence of some straight edges on the stamps. Of course, coil stamps have straight edges too, but they are usually readily distinguishable from booklet stamps since their straight edges are on opposite sides of the stamp.

Collectors have noticed that in some cases the printed markings on the selvage of a booklet pane differ from pane to pane. This has caused some collectors to try to amass every variety of selvage printing. Some of these markings contained numbers associated with printing and

some showed lines and dashes.

Additionally, some collectors save the entire booklet since the booklet covers differ from each other. For certain issues many different booklet covers were used. Other collectors just collect the booklet panes, separated from the booklet. Of course if a collector prefers used panes, they must be separated from the booklet. Used panes still attached to a booklet would probably indicate favor cancels, as opposed to true postal usage.

Definitions and types of booklets

How many U.S. stamp booklets exist? As with so many other things, the number of booklets depends on what you define as a booklet and what you exclude. The United States Stamp Society excludes booklets created by private companies and by other departments of the U.S. government besides the post office. One example of a private booklet is that in the 1990s Minnesota Diversified Industries of St. Paul glued panes of 14 to 16 stamps inside of booklet covers and sold them as



1990 Privately-issued booklet of PPI labels which were valid for postage. Image from U.S. Stamp News, <http://www.philatelicedatabase.com/united-states/collecting-u-s-booklets-a-boundless-challenge/>

booklets to operators of vending machines. Many hundreds of varieties of these privately-produced booklets were issued. They differ from each other in terms of their plate numbers, whether cellophane wrapped or unwrapped, whether assembled by hand or by machine and whether they show smooth or mottled tagging. Thus myriad varieties exist.

Another privately-printed booklet was issued in Wichita, Kansas in 1990, with the support of the postal service. Postal Presort, Inc. tested some labels – issued in booklet format - which were valid for U.S. postage. Letters bearing the labels had to be mailed in a special box at a Dillon Food Store, but by special arrangement the USPS would deliver them.

The United States Stamp Society also distinguishes between convertible booklets, vending booklets and regular booklets. Convertible booklets are ones issued flat but which the public can fold into a booklet format. The Scott catalogue considers convertible booklets to be booklets but does not assign them separate

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Dayton Stamp Club One Day Road Trip to the Great American Stamp Show in Cleve- land Ohio, Thursday, August 10, 2023.



The American Philatelic Society (APS) and the American Topical Association (ATA) present the national stamp show of this year—The Great American Stamp Show in Cleveland, Ohio August 10-13, 2023. The Dayton Stamp Club (DSC) is sponsoring a 28-passenger bus to leave Dayton from the parking lot of Christ United Methodist at approximately 7:00 am. This is an outstanding opportunity for DSC members to attend one-day at the Great American Stamp Show in Cleveland in comfort without concerns about transportation, driving, or gas prices.

Members wishing to reserve a seat on the one-day Stamp Show Road Trip Bus need to submit his/her name and \$20.00 to Treasurer, Dennis Rose. At the designated time and date, those wishing to ride the bus will need to pay \$20.00. It will be first-come, first-served. If 28 members submit their name and \$20.00 prior to the leaving date, a waiting list will be established and an open seat will be to those on the waiting list in order of payment.

Once the passengers arrive at the church and prepared to leave on the trip they will be reimbursed the \$20.00. The necessity of the \$20.00 paid on registration is to guarantee the seat for the trip. If a person has a change of plans on that date, and will not make the trip, the money will not be refunded.

The bus will make appropriate stops on the way for the comfort of the members. However, there will not be any food stops on the way to Cleveland or on the return. Please pack water and snacks as you need for the road trip.

The bus will leave Cleveland and return to the Christ United Methodist parking lot approximately at 9:00 pm.

More information will be presented at the March 6 DSC meeting. All times for departure, time at the show and arrival times will be announced later. The designated date and time to submit your name and \$20.00 will be announced.

If there are less than 28 members registered, the seat may be offered to others in this order: spouse or other interested person.

USPS March Release of New Stamps

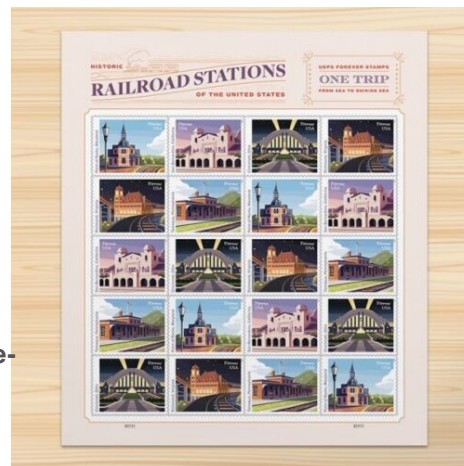


March 1, Patriotic Block. One (5¢) nonprofit definitive coil stamp, BCA; Liberty, NY USPS item 751403 (strip of 25 with plate number from 3,000 coil); Item 761603 (strip of 25 with plate number from 10,000 coil);

March 7, Toni Morrison. Single (63¢) forever commemorative stamp, pane of 20; BCA; Princeton, NJ.



March 24, Art of the Skateboard. Four (63c) forever commemorative stamps, pane of 20; Phoenix, AZ 85026.



March 9, Railroad Stations. Five (63¢) forever commemorative stamps, pane of 20; Tamaqua Station in Pennsylvania; Point of Rocks Station in Maryland; Main Street Station in Richmond, Va.; Santa Fe Station in San Bernardino, Calif.; and Union Station in Cincinnati, Ohio; BCA; Cincinnati, OH 45234.

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booklet numbers (BK#). By contrast Robert Furman, author of *The Comprehensive Catalogue of United States Booklets* considers them to be “sheetlets” as opposed to booklets.

Many U.S. postal cards have also been issued in booklet format. The *Scott Specialized Catalogue* does not list these in the booklet section but large postal card booklets are mentioned and numbered separately in the postal stationery section. In addition, Scott lists many other types of booklets. Postal savings and war savings stamps have been issued in booklets by the U.S. government as have revenue stamps, post office seals and dummy stamps. Air mail etiquettes such as those little blue labels that read “Air Mail, Par Avion” have also been issued in booklet format. Lastly, food stamps have been issued by the Federal Government in booklets. The author does not recommend collecting food stamp booklets if doing so makes disadvantaged people go hungry.



U.S. Airmail Booklet Panes. U.S. 1927 10c Spirit of St. Louis & U.S. 1958 7c Silhouette of Jet; Scott #C10a and C51a

Number of booklets

We now return to our original question of how many booklets exist. The Scott catalogue lists just over 300 regular stamp booklets and 23 airmail booklets. Each major type is assigned a BK number - or a BKC number in the case of airmail booklets. Scott also lists the different plate numbers of the convertible booklets, though they are not given booklet numbers. The front covers of most booklets are illustrated in the catalogue but the backs are not. In his more detailed booklet catalogue Furman lists more details than Scott does, such as plate numbers for early booklets. Donald Littlefield and Sam Frank also wrote a 2004 book on U.S. booklets and booklet panes up to 1978, which provides extra specialty data. If one counts up all the booklet types listed by these specialty authors the varieties number between 1700 to 20,000, depending on how detailed one gets. For example, these higher numbers include booklets issued for use in U.S. possessions such as those containing stamps overprinted for the Canal Zone or the Philippines.

It may be of significant interest to collectors that not all
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June 9-10-COLOPEX 2023, Columbus Philatelic Club, Doubletree Hilton Worthington, 175 Hutchinson Ave. Columbus, email: gpurinton@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.

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 & FDGS. Huntington Convention Center. Westin Cleveland Downtown 300 Lakeside Ave, Cleveland email: stampshow@stamps.org.



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

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U.S. booklets exist any longer. Some are known to have been issued but no extant copies are known. This may be because booklets contained common definitive and collectors gravitated more toward exotic commemoratives. Also many philatelists spurned entire booklet collecting due to the inconvenience of displaying the booklets. One example of a booklet which no longer exists is the 2-cent red Washington definitive (Scott #499f), for which there are panes of 30 but no intact entire booklets are known. This booklet definitely existed at one time but even persistent, intrepid collectors are unlikely to find one to complete their collection.

Mr. Zip and booklets

In order to make booklets have convenient prices, sometimes non-stamp labels were included. In the 1960s, for example, this might be done with labels showing a slogan or a picture of Mr. Zip reminding letter writers to include a zip code when addressing an envelope. That is, otherwise blank space in stamp booklets was used to publicize post office campaigns, such as the one in 1966 advocating the use of zip codes. As of the first of January 1967 the use of zip codes became mandatory for commercial mailers. If businesses complied they were given cut rates on sending large amounts of bulk mail. A major advertising campaign followed and zip codes were publicized on the backs of stamp booklets for years.

How to store booklets

As mentioned above, entire booklets can be challenging to store because they are thicker than stamp panes and their metal staples can rust over time, discoloring the surrounding paper. If humidity gets to the panes it can fuse them together inside the booklet. Self-adhesive stamps became popular among postal customers in the 1990s so most booklets sold in the 21st century have contained self-adhesive stamps. These convertible booklets come in a flat pane format but if a narrow strip is removed, they can be folded into booklets. These don't have covers like most 20th century booklets.

How to display booklets

One question for booklet collectors is how to mount booklets for display. While booklets are used for their convenience, they can be less convenient for stamp collectors to display. Many mounting methods can be employed, but the display of booklets differs somewhat from the display of stamps. Entire booklets are bulky and may not be readily supported by common album pages. Another question is whether or not to “explode” or to open up the booklet when mounting it. Explosion better displays the stamps in a booklet but it can damage the booklet. In the 1980s and 1990s collectors

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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

Has it come to this?

Man goes to the post office to buy stamps for his Christmas cards. He says to the clerk, "I would like 50 Christmas stamps?"

The clerk says, "What denomination?"

"Oh my God," the man says, "has it come to this? Give me 6 Baptist, 12 Methodist, and 32 Catholic."

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could purchase “never folded” booklet panes from the postal service’s Philatelic Sales Division. These panes were pristine and had never actually resided inside a booklet. In addition to the methods described above any booklet can be displayed on a stock page or in a stock book. Some collectors choose not to mount their booklets at all and instead save them in glassine envelopes or plastic sleeves. Thus booklet collectors face problems mounting their items but with effort the problems are solvable.

Overview

Overall, booklet collecting is one way U.S. philatelists can expand their collections. It can also be done without breaking the bank, since many varieties of booklets are relatively inexpensive. Thousands of varieties present themselves to the careful observer and catalogues exist to aid the determined collector. Difficulties in presenting bulky booklets can be solved in various ways.

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Unidentified photographs are images of booklets in author’s collection.

What Did I Miss In February

The first auction of 2023 was a tremendous success! Many great value lots were presented by members. Each auction is bigger than the one before. We need to finish our business and programs by 9:00 pm. Remember to limit your number of items to 5 lots. Writing the minimum bid on a post-it note in plain sight assists to make the auc-



tion fun smoothly.

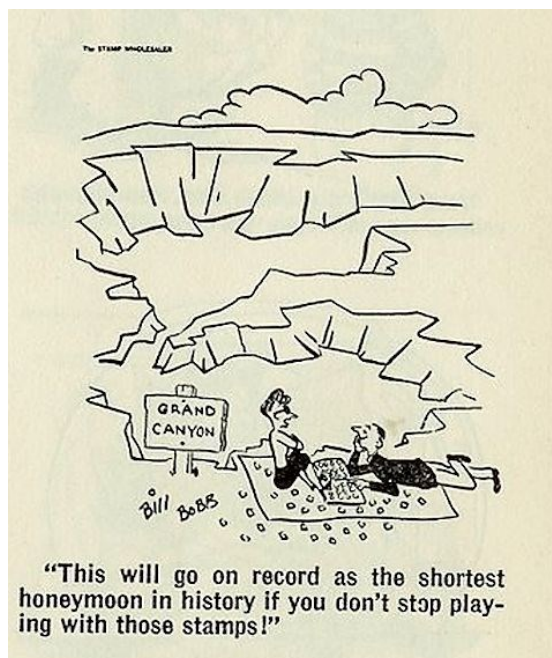
This year’s next auctions will be: April 4; May 15; July 17; September 18 and October 11.

The second meeting of February was honoring



Presidents’ Day at Marion’s with a pizza and social Pizza Party.

Fun to be together in relaxed setting with a nice beverage and pizza. Check the schedule for other social gatherings.





Philatelic Foreword by Jay Bigalke

Responding to the shift toward digital news consumption, Amos Media Co. announced in January the following changes starting with the March cover-dated publications. (Amos Media Co. is the publisher of *Linn's Stamp News*, *Coin World* and the Scott catalog line.)

A Scott-branded monthly magazine will debut in March. The March *Scott Stamp Monthly* magazine will replace *Linn's Stamp News* monthly magazine and will be published once a month, for a total of 12 issues a year. This new print publication will largely focus on feature articles and will continue to include the Scott New Issues update section.

To keep our readers up to date on philatelic news, we are changing the frequency of *Linn's Stamp News* to 52 issues each year, with 24 of them being printed and mailed and 28 delivered digitally only.

The *Linn's* March 6 issue will be the first digital-only issue.

"Our print publication strategy continues to be a vital part of our strategy at Amos Media Co.," said Rick Amos, chairman of Amos Media Co. "We are making these changes in response to current industry trends."

We plan to add more back issues of *Linn's* and *Scott Stamp Monthly* to the digital archive giving readers access to earlier articles.

Regarding content for both publications, readers can anticipate new features and additional news coverage.

Ohio Joined the Union March 1, 1803



1953, Ohio Scott 1018.

Early American Indians known as the Mound Builders lived in Ohio thousands of years ago. When Europeans first reached this area, they found Indians from the Delaware, Miami, Shawnee, and Wyandot (also known as the Huron).

Ohio became the 17th state to join the Union. The capital city changed several times during a relatively short period. Columbus is the present-day capital. The Ohio state seal features wheat, arrows, Mount Logan, and the rising sun.

Ohio's state flag was adopted in 1902. The large blue triangle represents Ohio's hills and valleys, while the stripes represent roads and waterways. A circle of 13 stars represents the original states of the union.

Four stars added to the peak of the triangle symbolize that Ohio was the 17th state admitted to the union. The white circle with its red center represents the "O" in Ohio and refers to the state's nickname, "The Buckeye State." The Ohio flag is the only non-rectangle state flag.



1976 Ohio Statehood. Ohio. Scott



WELCOME, ROCKY JACKSON

Rocky is the 2023 first new member to the Dayton Stamp Club. Rocky is an experienced philatelist who collects all that interests him world wide. If needed, a category would be a Topical collector.

Masonry is his special interest and learns more each day and with each new discovery. Many Masonry stamps are listed in the ATA list but there are vague Masonry stamps as well. These would be emblems, symbols, Masonry buildings and locations.

Lighthouses would be his second collecting interest.

Welcome, Rocky!

