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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024

May the New Year find you in fine health, good cheer and with small problems. May you have a time to enjoy your stamps and many good times with your stamp club members and activities.

This past year has been difficult due to health problems. I appreciated the calls and notes from family and friends. Other club members came forward to continue communication as we moved through the summer and fall. Steve Bricker, Doug Files and Susan Diamond maintained writing and distributing the newsletter. Stamp collectors are friendly people and helpful in making stamp collecting useful and fun.



Several members of the Dayton Stamp Club during a meeting.

Stamp clubs are important in sharing information about stamps world-wide. Each member is interested in particular aspects of philately. Club meetings provide the opportunity to explore parts of the hobby that are not familiar to all members and parts of the world that contribute to our understanding new places and people. This may be current or historic.

Stamp clubs provide information and fun.

Two wives gossip: "You know, my husband is a heavy drinker - I think he might be an alcoholic!" The other wife replies: "Alcoholic? I have worse: my husband is a filibuster, oh no, no, he is a syphillist or something like that... ." Voice from adjacent room: "how many times I have to tell you that I am a philatelist!"

POSTCROSSING

Postcrossing is not new to collectors, but recently noticed anew with the attention from 2023 APS Great American Stamp Show in Cleveland. According to the postcrossing.com website is "to allow anyone to send and receive postcards from all over the world." After setting up

an account, you can send postcards to random world-wide individuals and receive postcards back from random individuals.

According to the website information there are 804,715 members in 209 different countries as of this date sending and receiving postcards.

Meetings / Activities

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 begin at 7:00 PM - Club Meeting & Programs begin at 7:30 PM Board Meetings begin at

Jan 1 No Meeting, New Years Holiday, - Church Closed.

Jan 8 Board Meeting, Come to the Bd Mtg & Get Extra Stamp Bucks!!

Jan 15, Pizza Party, - 6:30 PM, Marion's Piazza, Town & Country Shopping Center 50 E Stroop, - MLK Day Holiday- Church Closed.

Jan 22— 4th Monday, Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom, Creating Your Own Album Pages, DSC Member Speaker, Tony Kosarew.

Feb 3 -Mid-Winter Stamp and Coin Show; Mozelle Hall-Ashland Cty Fairgrounds 10-33 PM; Ashland Stamp and Coin Clb; 419-496-1317.

Feb 5 Club Meeting & Program, - In Person & Zoom, - CLUB AUCTION #1.

Feb 12 Board Meeting.

Feb 19 No Meeting, Presidents' Day Holiday - Church Closed.

Feb 26 - 4th Monday Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom, My Stamp Collection I Never Talk About, Member Participation 4-6 Minutes.

Mar 4 -Club Meeting & Program- In Person & Zoom, Member Bourse & Club Open House - Buy, Sell, Trade.

Mar 11 Board Meeting.

Mar 18—SILENT AUCTION 7:00-7:25PM, Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom Philippine Gorilla Stamps, DSC Member Speaker - Jack Matheny.

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is Celebrated



Martin Luther King, Jr. was the second person honored in the Black Heritage series released January 13, 1978 #1771. On January 20, 1986, Martin Luther King Jr. Day was first observed as a federal holiday after a decades-long battle. Ebony Society of Philatelic Events and Reflections is a international organization of people who have a common interest in the promoting and collecting of philatelic material related to the African diaspora. For more information www.esperstamps.org.

ZITS By Jerry Scott & Jim Borgman



Four Snow Globe Sprayed-on Postmarks for December Postage

Four different postmarks were created by USPS to be used on U.S. first class postage during the December holiday season pictured below. These were used nation-wide during December.



Pictures from Linn's Stamp News January 4, 2024

Warm Up To Topicals!

Virtual Programs This Winter From ATA

We are back for a new year of interesting programs on a wide variety of topics. It's easy to join us. Register at americantopical.org in the Events section. All programs are free and open to anyone interested.

How Picture Postcards Saved the U.S. Postal Department

With Dawn Hamman Tuesday, January 16, 7:00 p.m. Eastern

Let's look at rural postal delivery at the turn of the 20th century, rural mail customers and the carriers who brought them the mail. The popularity of picture postcards and the advent of rural delivery changed life for millions of people. This program will show us many rare real photo postcards.

Dawn Hamman, president of the American Topical Association, is an avid collector of the early postcards of America, and has created numerous competitive exhibits.

Energize Your Stamp Club, Part II

With Todd Gantzer and Michele Bresso Tuesday, January 23, 7:00 p.m. Eastern

We're back to continue our lively exchange of ideas for adding enthusiasm and participation to your stamp club. Moderator Michele Bresso will lead a discussion on key topics of interest for clubs, with Todd Ganzer lending his expertise.

Todd Ganzer is president of the Greater Boston Philatelic Society and has spoken extensively on this important topic. Michele Bresso, an ATA board member, is a retired communications professor with expertise in leading discussion groups.

Touring from the Dalmatian Coast to Budapest via the Stamps of Eastern Europe

With Alan and Diane Bauer Tuesday, January 30, 7:00 p.m. Eastern

Two of our most popular presenters are back to take us on a tour of Croatia, Hungary and Slovakia. Be prepared to see beautiful sites as we learn about the stamps of these countries.

Alan and Diane, experts on the philately of Eastern Europe, are the owners of Hungaria Stamp Exchange, a stamp company that lists its stamps by topics. They traveled extensively in Eastern Europe in 2023,



Ljnn's tamps News editorial team is seeking ideas from readers topics for seminars and short talks at the 2024 Great American Stamp Show which will be held in Hartford Conn. What kind of seminar would prompt a person to travel to a show . It is possible the talk or seminar could be offered on line. Send your thoughts or idea to Linn;s Atamp News, Editorial Team' Box 4129, Sidney, OH 45365.



Presents

The Virtual Philatelic Program Series

***Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 5:30 pm EST /
2:30 pm PST / 11:30 pm CET***

***Via Nicaragua with Commodore Vanderbilt
1851-1857 - Gordon Eubanks***

We would like to invite you to attend our first live, virtual program of the New Year, scheduled for Wednesday, January 3rd, at 5:30 pm ET / 2:30 pm PT. Gordon Eubanks will discuss "Via Nicaragua with Commodore Vanderbilt (1851-1857)".



This October 1854 cover from San Francisco to London was given to the letter bag operator Sullivan who applied a very faint red marking and provided it to Vanderbilt's agent to sail on the *Sierra Nevada*, departing 24 October, arriving San Juan del Sur, 6 November. After crossing Nicaragua, the letter departed San Juan del Norte, 7 November on the *Northern Light*, arriving in New York, 14 November. The letter had traveled privately to New York and arrived at the Foreign Mail Office without having been canceled, so the stamps were canceled with the "19" handstamp. The letter left New York, 15 November for Liverpool on the Cunard steamer *Arabia* and arrived in London, 27 November. Occasionally letters arriving in New York from Nicaragua did not receive postmarks.

To REGISTER: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/9716995475811/WN_dTfF64UWQEqghEqJ1ECcg#/registration

Voting Opens in Linn's 2023 U.S. Stamp Popularity Poll

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Activities and Happenings

The 2023 USPS issued 126 varieties of stamps and postal stationery. This is only 5 more than was issued the previous year, The collectors paid \$126.44 for one stamp of each design.

The number of special stamps and envelopes and cards was reduced.

You now have an opportunity to vote for your favorite designs. By submitting the from at the bottom of this article. And mail to Linn's before Feb. 29, 2024



LINN'S 2023 U.S. STAMP POPULARITY POLL BALLOT

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Select from the following list the 2023 commemorative stamps and 2023 definitive and special stamps that have the best and worst designs in your opinion, as well as those you feel are the most important and least necessary in subject. *The Northern Cardinal stamped envelope, the only postal stationery item issued in 2023, is only eligible for the overall favorite 2023 stamp.

VOTE BY THE NUMBER PRECEDING THE ISSUE NAME ONLY

Commemorative stamps		
1. Year of the Rabbit	2. Ernest J. Gaines	3. Women's Soccer
4. Toni Morrison	5. Railroad Stations	6. Art of the Skateboard
7. Roy Lichtenstein	8. Tomie dePaola	9. Chief Standing Bear
10. Endangered Species	11. Waterfalls	12. John Lewis
13. Life Magnified	14. Thinking of You	15. OSIRIS-REX Return to Earth
16. Ruth Bader Ginsburg		

Definitive and special stamps

17. Red Fox	18. School Bus	19. Love
20. Sailboats	21. Florida Everglades	22. Great Smoky Mountains
23. Floral Geometry	24. Patriotic Block	25. Tulip Blossoms
26. Freedom U.S. Flag	27. Bridges	28. Pinatas
29. Snow Globes	30. Winter Woodland Animals	

Postal Stationery

31. Northern Cardinal*

Now vote for your single personal favorite stamp issue of 2023. Your choice can be from the commemorative, definitive-special or postal stationery categories. So-tenant issues (different designs in one pane) are counted as one issue.

MY FAVORITE 2023 STAMP
(please write in number and stamp issue name):

No. _____ Issue _____

SEND BALLOT TO: Linn's Stamp Poll, Box 4129, Sidney, OH 45365.
All ballots must be postmarked by Feb. 29, 2024. Photocopied ballots are acceptable.
Stamps are pictured in this issue on pages 32-33.

Apr 1—Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom; CLUB AUCTION #2

Apr 8—Board Meeting

Apr 15 Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom; Counterfeit Stamps; DSC Member Speaker Frank Miller.

May 6—Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom Team Stamp Quiz Competition. Details to follow in newsletter.

May 13—Board Meeting.

May 20 - Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom; CLUB AUCTION #3.

Jun 3—Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom; Weird Stuff First Day Covers - from the Simple to the Sublime and Sometimes Silly; Video by Lloyd de Vries

Jun 10—Board Meeting.

Jun 17—Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom; Masonic Philately; DSC Member Speaker - Rocky Jackson.

Jul 1—SILENT AUCTION 7:00-7:25PM; Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom; Red, White, and Blue item from your Collection; Member Participation 4-6 minutes

Jul 8 Board Meeting.

Jul 15—Picnic at Church Picnic Shelter - 6:30 PM; Picnic Church OPEN for restroom access.

Aug 5—Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom CLUB AUCTION #4

Aug 12—Board Meeting; AIRPEX Preview.

Aug 8—Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom; Stamp/Cover That Illustrates an Item on My Bucket List (or would, if I had a one); Member Participation - 4-6 minutes

Aug 23-24 (Fri-Sat) ; AIRPEX @ IBEW Hall (F:12-6pm; Sa:10am-4pm)

Sep 2—No Meeting—Labor Day Holiday - Church Closed.

Sep 9— Board Meeting—AIRPEX Review

Sep 16—Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom CLUB AUCTION #5

Sep 23 - 4th Monday; Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom—Duck Stamps; DSC Member Speaker - Pat Westby.

Oct 7—Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom; My Favorite Stamp from My Birth Decade - Member Participation - 4-6 Minutes

Oct 14—Board Meeting.

Oct 21—Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom How to Prepare Collection for Disposing of Collection - Video & Handouts.

Nov 4 - Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom; CLUB AUCTION #6

Nov 11— Board Meeting; Set 2024 calendar & budget review.

Nov 18 - SILENT AUCTION 7:00-7:25PM; Club Meeting & Program - Club Election for 2025; Christmas Seals Exhibit / Discussion with Bill Streisel, Doug Files, et al

Dec 2—Holiday/PEX Party Start at Church— Dinner Party At Church

Dec 9—Board Meeting

Dec 16—No meeting—Enjoy the Holiday Season!

USPS Postage Price Changes Effective January 21, 2024

Product	Current Prices	Planned Prices
First-Class Mail Letters (1 oz)	\$0.66	\$0.68
First-Class Mail Letters (metered 1 oz)	\$0.63	\$0.64
First-Class Mail Postcards	\$0.51	\$0.53
Single-piece First-Class Mail Letter and Flat, additional ounce	\$0.24	No change
International Postcards and Letters (1 oz)	\$1.50	\$1.55

How Do I Get Self-Adhesive Stamps Off Paper?

Modern self-Adhesive stamps are here to stay. A video is available for some tips on how to do this. Go to the following link: stampaware.weebly.com/videos.



Stampaware is an internet site produced by Kenmore Publications. The above note about self-adhesive stamps was written and a video was produced by Kenmore. The site provides collectors information on a wide selections of topics. It is another resource for stamp collectors.

Iceland Discontinued Issuance of Postage stamps in 2020 and on August 23, 2023 Issued New Series

The north Atlantic nation of Iceland announced that it would no longer print postage stamps. It was the first country in the world to decide to do so. Postal authorities announced that new postage stamps would be produced to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the first postage stamps of Iceland. (1873; Scott #1-7). The new issue is a set of four stamps on a souvenir sheet. Iceland Post produced a web site to assist purchasing postage stamps and related materials. Earlier postal officials reported that there were sufficient stamps available and would reprint older issues if necessary.

New USPS Releases 2024



Love — Forever
Format sheet of 20
Issued: 1/12.



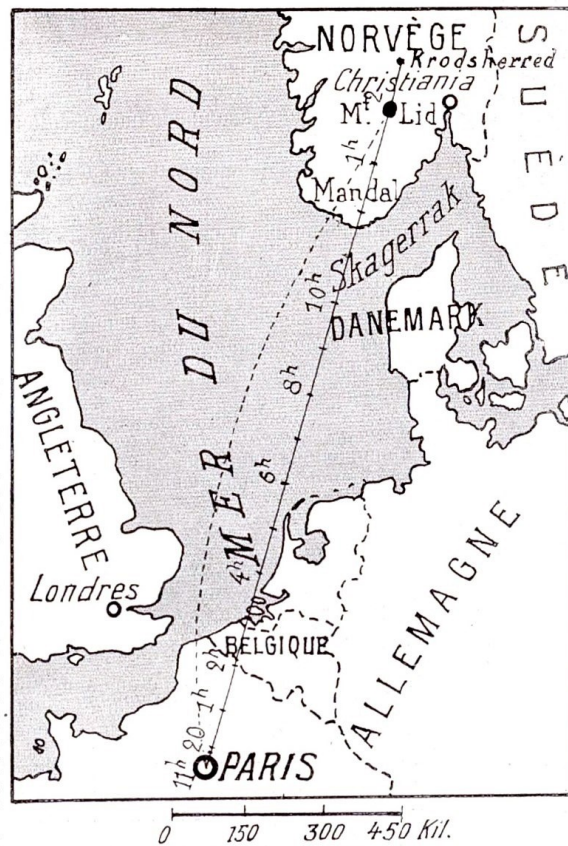
Lunar New Year
Year of the Dragon
Format of 20



Cosmic Cliffs
Priority Mail—\$28.75
Pane of 4 issued 1/22



Pillars of Creation
Priority Mail \$9.45
Pane of 4 issued 1/22



Carte du voyage de la « Ville d'Orléans »

--- Parcours présumé par l'aéronaute	— Parcours en ligne droite
De Paris à la mer.....	297 kilomètres.
Parcours en mer.....	783 —
— en Norvege.....	225 —
Distance totale.....	1.305 kilomètres.
Durée du voyage : 14 h. 20 m.	

Estimated Route of the Balloon Voyage

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A Mail Balloon Adventure in 1870

By Douglas Files

It was the year 1870 and the situation was growing desperate for the citizens of Paris. The Prussian Army surrounded their city, blocking it from contacting the outside world. German soldiers had cut all telegraph lines and couriers who attempted to sneak out had been caught and killed. While figuring out how to get messages to the rest of France, the Postmaster General saw Parisians making balloons out of fabric. Their intent was to fly manned balloons out of the besieged city. The minister asked the balloon pilots to carry mail and military dispatches and they assented.

The unusual plan worked. During the four-month siege more than sixty manned balloon flights occurred. Several dozen carrier pigeons were also taken out of the city, which allowed for return messages on microfilm to be sent back into Paris. Most balloon flights traveled 100 to 200 miles into the French countryside and landed safely. Others met with less success. One crew ended up in Munich where they were captured in hostile territory. Two balloons were lost at sea. But it is one other flight which didn't go as expected which serves as the subject of this article.

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One of the mail balloons used during the siege was called the *Ville d'Orleans* (=city of Orleans, the site of a recent French victory in the war). Its brave pilot and his passenger prepared to fly out of the beleaguered city in November 1870, planning to head to Tours 100 miles southwest. The pilot was a 26-year-old civil engineer named Paul Rolier who had just studied ballooning in the past few months. He took with him a 30-year-old military sniper named Leonard Bezier who could defend the balloon and its urgent messages. Rolier busied himself with preparations. Few people were eager to fly in 1870 and Bezier was not a born aviator. He drank brandy to calm his nerves as the balloon was readied. The *Ville d'Orleans* was about 66 feet tall and took many hours to fill with coal gas - which is flammable. Rolier knew the wind was blowing in the wrong direction but the messages were important so local leaders pressed the 26-year-old pilot to attempt the flight. Even if the balloon travelled in the wrong direction, at least the men would carry the messages beyond the reach of enemy soldiers. The balloon launched at 11:00 p.m. as local patriots yelled "Vive la France!" (Long Live France!)

Prussian troops fired upward at the balloon but no gunfire reached it as it ascended. This was a relief because even one stray round might catch the coal gas inside the balloon on fire. The *Ville d'Orleans* was not steerable so it simply flew where the wind took it. At 3:00 a.m. Rolier and Bezier thought they could hear a train running below them, but when dawn arrived they were frightened to realize they were over the sea with no land in sight. Just when their plight seemed grave the situation worsened. The balloon was losing gas and descending. Would the men be dumped into the cold sea? If so, they would not survive for long. The flagging balloon was only 1500 feet high and continuing to descend. Worse, its firm round shape was becoming flabby.

Eventually the pilot determined that a partially-open valve was permitting gas to escape. Rolier climbed onto Bezier's shoulders so that he could reach the valve with a string and close it to stop the leak. This was difficult with the balloon descending toward the cold ocean waves but Rolier was successful. The rapid descent of the balloon was halted, but it did not rise again. When the men spied a ship they tried to land in the water so they could be rescued onto the ship. But Captain Rolier failed to arrest the balloon's speed and they rushed past the ship at 40 leagues per hour. That type of rescue was now impossible but the balloon was now just a few feet above the ocean's rough surface. Anxiously the men threw out ballast bags, as waves broke over the basket of the balloon, drenching them. Still the balloon did not ascend. In desperation Rolier dumped 130 pounds of mail into the sea. The mailbags floated and they were later retrieved from the water by fishermen. After the 40,000 letters they contained dried out they were placed into the mail in London to be delivered to the addressees.

After jettisoning the mail the balloon ascended, but then the temperature cooled and the balloon lost altitude again. Soon the brave men and all their belongings were covered in frost. This time the *Ville d'Orleans'* descent was less precarious because they were now over land. Relieved, Rolier opened the valve and the balloon landed, burying its basket in the snow. Rolier jumped out of the basket, but Bezier got tangled in ropes. Without Rolier's weight, though, the balloon began to rise again. Rolier tried to tie a balloon rope to a tree, but his freezing hands could not tie a knot. He held on, attempting to keep the balloon near the ground with his weight but it continued a slow ascent. Still he held on. Rolier was now hanging in the cold air under the basket as it rose. Finally, Bezier freed his legs from the mess of ropes and both men jumped from a height of 50 or 60 feet. Falling into deep snow, the men were unhurt. Fifteen hours had passed since they departed Paris.

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Without men weighing down its basket, the balloon broke free from the trees and continued its flight, eventually crashing in Krodsherad. There a farmer retrieved two bags of letters, a cage containing 6 carrier pigeons and the men's luggage.



Rolier and Bezier's errant 1870 balloon voyage

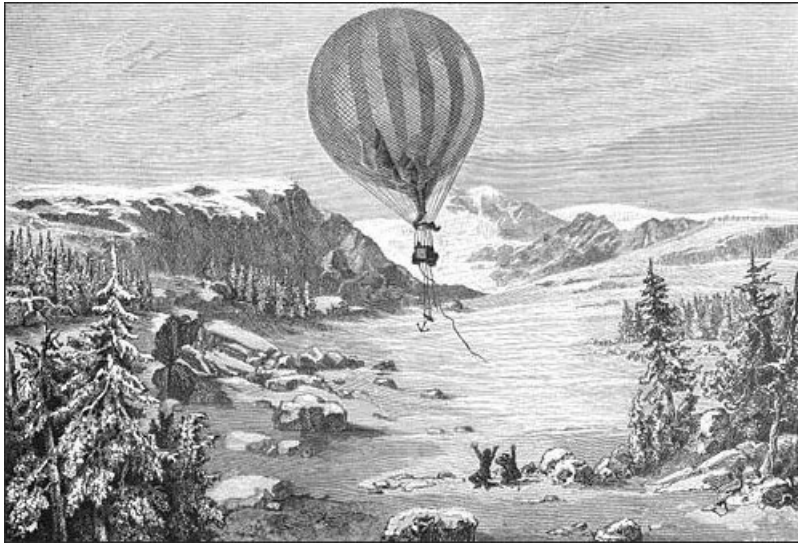
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Meanwhile, half frozen in the wilderness, the men walked until they were too exhausted to continue. They dug holes in the snow and slept on some hay, surrounded by snow and ice. That night it was so cold they worried that they had landed in Iceland. Moving on the following morning, they encountered people. Rolier and Bezier learned that they had landed at Lifjell mountain, Norway. Locals they met helped them get to Christiania (now Oslo) on a horse-drawn sleigh, then by rowboat. The journey took several days. From there they sent a telegraph to France, notifying their countrymen of their travels.

Their errant flight had taken them over 500 miles at an average speed of over 50 miles per hour. Moreover, they had set some records. First, their flight was listed as the longest balloon flight ever. It was also the first balloon flight over the North Sea. It might even have been the first manned flight over Norway. Instead of being vilified for their errors, the two men found themselves feted as aviation heroes. Their harrowing tale of adventure provided grist for newspapers and magazines all over Europe. When they arrived back in France weeks later Rolier and Bezier also delivered the military dispatches they had been carrying.

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The lost balloon floating away over Norway

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Captain Rolier donated the wreck of his famous balloon to the University of Christiania, which sold tickets to see it. Proceeds went to victims of the Franco-Prussian War. Rolier also allowed for his photo to be sold to benefit charity and he returned to France with 47,000 francs from the generous Norwegian people. A year later Captain Rolier returned to Norway with his wife to again thank the Norwegians who had helped him. Hailed as a returning celebrity in Oslo, the King received him. Rolier's record for the longest balloon flight ever was broken in 1898 when a Parisian balloon reached Vastervik in Sweden.

As a result of the siege of Paris the seeds of democracy were sown in the capital. The war ended in a French surrender in May and the Second French Republic was replaced by the Third Republic. Several German States united into Germany, and Alsace-Lorraine became part of Germany, which made some French people bitter. After France beat Germany in World War I (1914-1918) Alsace-Lorraine returned to French rule. The region remains part of France today.

1870 Ballon Monte' cover

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1870 Ballon Monte' formular postal card

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Overall, the balloon program managed to evacuate 91 people – including many national leaders – from the besieged city of Paris. Two and a half million to three million letters were sent by balloon post over the 133 days of the siege. In French this mail is called “poste ballon” or ballon monte’ mail, that is, “piloted balloon mail”. Parisian postal officials charged a higher rate for piloted balloon mail than for non-piloted balloon mail.

To save weight these letters were written on light paper and mailed without envelopes. Senders simply folded and secured their letter, addressing the outside of it. Despite the challenges encountered by the *Ville d’Orleans* all mail from the trip was recovered. After an inconvenient detour to Norway and/or London it eventually reached its destination. The last letter from the flight to be delivered arrived in Constantinople on December 23, 1870. Of course most of the three million covers sent have not survived into the 21st century. Ballon monte’ mail from 1870 is relatively scarce and many items command significant prices. Although not every collector can afford to collect these engaging items, the tale of the Ville d’Orleans makes for a swash-buckling philatelic adventure.

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What is the Definition of Postal History

“There are any number of precise and intimidating definitions of postal history. While these are all technically correct, in many ways they miss the wider aspects of the hobby. In a word, postal history is about mail. All over the world almost everyone receives mail. This mail, where it is from, where it is going, how it is paid, how it got to its destination and tribulations it faced in its journey is postal history. It speaks of the time and place it was mailed, the way it traveled and the scars it picked up along the way.

Most every significant event of the last 250 years can be traced in the mail. Since every army provides mail for its soldier, if the military is important to you, then postal history is intertwined .

Mail is a window to the past and a mirror of the present. Postal history opens the window wide and focuses the mirror. It tells us about ourselves, our ancestors, our nation and our world. The simple journey of a letter can be the start of a personal journey to wonders of the world.”

At the end of the day, postal history may be challenging to define, but most of us would recognize it when we see it. By Jim Forte, long time postal history dealer, (jimforte@postalhistory.com). Reprinted from Venice Stamp Club Newsletter, March 2023 by John Grabowski).

DAYTON STAMP CLUB
2024 MEETING AND PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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5/13	Board Meeting	
5/20	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	CLUB AUCTION #3
6/3	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	Weird Stuff First Day Covers - from the Simple to the Sublime and Sometimes Silly Video by Lloyd de Vries
6/10	Board Meeting	
6/17	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	Masonic Philately DSC Member Speaker - Rocky Jackson
7/1	***SILENT AUCTION 7:00-7:25PM*** Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	Red, White, and Blue item from your Collection Member Participation 4-6 minutes
7/8	Board Meeting	
7/15	Picnic at Church Picnic Shelter - 6:30 PM	Picnic Church OPEN for restroom access
8/5	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	CLUB AUCTION #4
8/12	Board Meeting	AIRPEX Preview
8/19	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	Stamp/Cover That Illustrates an Item on My Bucket List (or would, if I had a one) Member Participation - 4-6 minutes
Aug 23-24 (Fri-Sat)		**AIRPEX @ IBEW Hall (F:12-6pm; Sa:10am-4pm)**
9/2	No Meeting	Labor Day Holiday - Church Closed
9/9	Board Meeting	AIRPEX Review
9/16	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	CLUB AUCTION #5
9/23 * 4th Monday	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	Duck Stamps DSC Member Speaker - Pat Westby
10/7	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	My Favorite Stamp from My Birth Decade - Member Participation - 4-6 Minutes
10/14	Board Meeting	
10/21	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	How to Prepare Collection for Disposing of Collection - Video & Handouts
11/4	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	CLUB AUCTION #6
11/11	Board Meeting	Set 2024 calendar & budget review
11/18	***SILENT AUCTION 7:00-7:25PM*** Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	Club Election for 2025 Christmas Seals Exhibit / Discussion - Bill Streisel, Doug Files, et al
12/2	HolidayPEX Party Starts at 6:30pm at Church	Dinner Party at Church
12/9	Board Meeting	
12/16	No Meeting - Enjoy the Holiday Season!	

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