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In remembrance of **Neal Danielson** for his many contributions
to the Wichita Stamp Club and its Newsletter

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The Wichita Stamp Club Newsletter has won numerous awards from the American Philatelic Society as a publication of a local society. This is your Newsletter. Support it by submitting an article; words of wisdom; facts about a stamp or cover; an adlet or whatever you think might be of interest to other club members. The opinions expressed in the Newsletter are of the writer and not those of the officers or membership. WSC is a charter member of the American Philatelic Society and is also a member of the Oklahoma Philatelic Society and the American Topical Association. Meetings are held at the Cessna Activity Cntr, 2744 Geo. Washington Blvd. Meetings begin at 5:30 pm and programs follow. Visitors are always welcome. The Wichita Stamp Club welcomes new members. Annual dues are \$10.00 for individuals and \$15.00 for families.

Fellow **members**, As I write this message, Thanksgiving is quickly approaching and Christmas is not too far behind. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a pleasant and relaxing holiday season. We had an interesting and informative presentation by **Kathy Moll** on the US Transportation coil series at the Nov 3 meeting. Thanks to **Kathy** and to everyone else who has been willing to step forward to share their knowledge with the club. The variety of interests and specialties of our members allows us to increase the scope and depth of our knowledge about the hobby we share. The final club auction of the year will be held November 17, and we will conclude the year's activities with our winter social and election of officers on December 1. (Please contact nominations chair **Lou Forster** with any questions about the election or to volunteer to run for an office. Also, don't forget to send in your 2022 dues to **Bob Haines** if you haven't already done so.) Stay safe and I hope to see you soon.
Bob Cairns

Auction lots for the February 2, 2022 club auction are due to Bob Haines by the January 5th meeting.

Club Meetings and Programs

November 17 Club Auction, conducted by **Ralph Lott**.

December 1 Club Social at the Cessna Activity Center.

UPCOMING REGIONAL STAMP EVENTS

**Louis Forster
2022**

February 18-19

Cessna Stamp Club Show

Cessna Activity Center 2744 George Washington Blvd
Wichita, Kansas

Friday 9 - 5 & Saturday 9 - 4

November 3rd Door Prize Winners: **Mike Ciskowski** received the Club cash certificate. **Bob Mies** received an early United Nations postal card. **Alan Soles** received MNH Nevis set#114-17a. **Bob Haines** received a copy of Mexico #C311. **Rose Neiswonger** received MNH set Lichtenstein #882-84.

Gerald Rudolph Ford, Jr. by Jeff Lough

In case a trivia buff ever should ask you whether Leslie Lynch King, Jr. ever became President, the answer is “yes.” That was the name originally given to a baby born on July 14, 1913 in Omaha, Nebraska. Little Leslie’s mother was divorced and remarried by the time the boy was two. He was renamed Gerald Rudolph Ford, Jr., after his second father.

Young Ford was a good student and an excellent athlete. He was a star football player at the University of Michigan, from which he graduated in 1935. He became an athletic coach at Yale, where he entered the law school. He graduated in 1941 and entered private law practice. During the war he served in the Pacific in the navy, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Ford returned to the law after the war and married in 1948. Also, in 1948, Ford was elected to Congress, where he was to serve for the next 25 years. Although he lacked legislative brilliance and sponsored few major items of legislation, he was noted for his excellent personal service to his constituents. He 1965 he was elected leader of the Republican Party in the House.

Following the resignation of Spiro Agnew as Vice-President in October, 1973, Ford became the first Vice-President to be named under the terms of the Twenty-Fifth Amendment to the Constitution. Less than a month later he issued a pardon to Nixon for any crimes Nixon might have committed while in office. Even though Ford said the pardon resulted from his desire to heal the nation’s wounds, there were claims that it stemmed from a deal which included Nixon’s resignation. The pardon quickly ended Ford’s “honeymoon” with Congress and the public. He vetoed 61 bills during his relatively brief tenure. During Ford’s presidency the nation suffered from significant economic difficulties and it was during this period that Vietnam and Cambodia were completely lost to the communists.

Ford lost in a narrow bid for re-election to Jimmy Carter in 1976. He has been honored with a variety of world wide postal issues. South Korea issued a souvenir sheet in 1974 (Figure 1, Scott # 918a) commemorating his visit to that nation.

The west African state of Guinea issued a souvenir sheet with a stamp featuring President Ford as part of the American Bicentennial celebration (Figure 2). The Gambia and Micronesia issued 2006 souvenir sheets (Figures 3 and 4) to honor Ford in his passing.



Figure 1



Figure 2

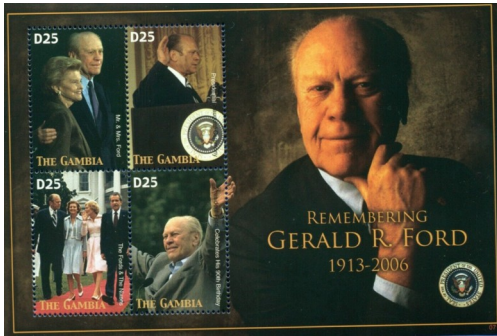


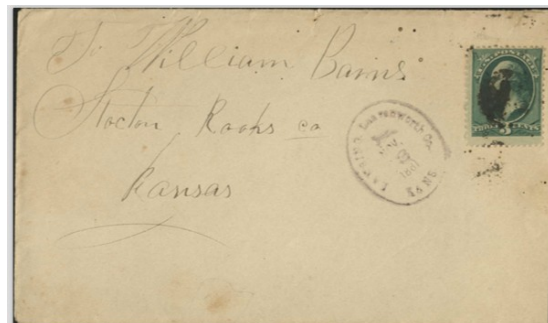
Figure 3



Figure 4

The County as Part of the Postmark by Jeff Lough

It is fairly hard to find postmarks that include not only the date, the town or home in which the post office is located, and the state; but also, the county in which the post office is located. Here we have two such Kansas postmarks, both from Leavenworth County one dated November 1, 1879 and the other November 8, 1881. They are clearly different postmarks. The earlier one is circular, from the city of Leavenworth and has the state spelled out as "Kansas." The later one is from Lansing, is oblong and gives the state as "Kans." Thanks is due to member **Ralph Lott** for sharing these and so many other covers with us.



Violin Day *by Jeff Lough*

Violins are used prominently in classical music as well as commonly in bluegrass, country and jazz. Violins were used in 16th century Italy and have been important in the development of other European instruments such as the viola, cello and bass fiddle. Violin music was characterized metaphorically as part of the “Symphony of Freedom” on the 1980 U. S. postage stamp (Scott 1813) shown on the upper right corner of the first page of the newsletter. The stamp served to pay for non-profit organization mailings which were being discounted at that time.

The French painter and industrial designer Raoul Dufy (1877 – 1953) painted the violin on the 1965 French commemorative (Figure 1). One of the many composers who used violins prominently was Amadeus Mozart who is depicted with a violin and musical score on the 2006 Romanian stamp (Figure 2). A Ludwig van Beethoven score with a violinist is depicted as Figure 3 on a 2020 commemorative from Uruguay.

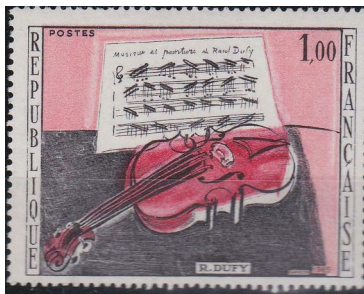


Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

A clipping from a 1925 issue of the *Boston Transcript* entitled: “Would Send Her Back” goes as follows:

“ Yes, my son, your little sister was sent from heaven.”
“Has she got return postage?”

Some Postal History from Kiowa County

by Jeff Lough

Kiowa county is way out in the southwest part of the state. When formulated in 1867, it was named after the group of Native Americans that occupied much of Kansas before European-Americans came to dominate the scene. **Greensburg**, the county seat, has been famous for being a moderately sized small town that had had nearly all of its structures destroyed and 11 people killed by a large tornado in 2007. Below the April 20, 1881 Greensburg cds supports two well-used circular horizontally-lined killers defacing the two Scott # 219 penny Franklin definitives on a fancy commercial envelope (Figures 1 & 2). Greensburg was named after “Cannon Ball” Green, noted for driving his 6-horse hack at a such a furious rate. He reputedly kicked Carrie Nation, from not-so-far-away Medicine Lodge, off his coach once for grabbing and throwing his cigar out the widow.



Figure 1

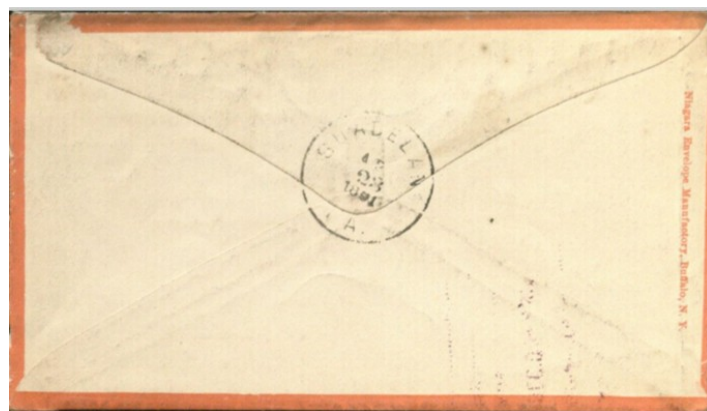


Figure 2

Haviland is about 8 miles east of Greensburg and is the home of Barclay College, a small church-related institution offering intercollegiate athletics and training in theology and information technology. The Haviland penny postcard (Figure 3) is dated February 28, 1924 at 8:00 am. It's 9-bar oval killer of the Scott # 552 shares a duplex with a circular date stamp. Figure 4 shows Haviland postal workers preparing for the delivery of catalogs for some unspecified purchasing or holiday season.

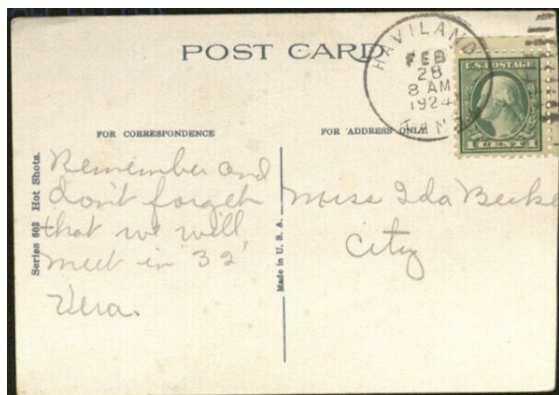


Figure 3



Catalog Day at Haviland Post Office

Figure 4

The critical role that postal stationary played in rural areas with little access to stationary stores is demonstrated by the covers from the farm home post offices of **Dowell** and **Janes**. Dowell had been a location on a briefly lived railroad that eventually became part of the Santa Fe. When the railroad went away the settlement and the post office followed. When the Dowell (Figure 5) cover was postmarked the postmaster's name was also Dowell, as indicated on the November 28, 1886 cds. A cork killer with lines cut across cancels the stamp. The Jane, Kansas cover (Figure 6) carries a set of manuscript postmarks, with an indeterminate marking canceling the stamp and a manuscript spelling of the post office location.



Figure 5



Figure 6

Wellford is a small settlement in the northeastern part of the county. A lady in that area mailed a penny post card to her mother-in-law in Assaria, Kansas. The post card (Figure 7) was written in Swedish and it was mailed to one of the small Swedish communities in northern McPherson County and southwestern Saline County. The translation service of the American Philatelic Society has provided the following translation: “Dear mother Olson, we arrived here safely, but it was so rainy all the way. Soon we are ready to go home. Everything outside here is beautiful. Hopefully we will see you soon.”

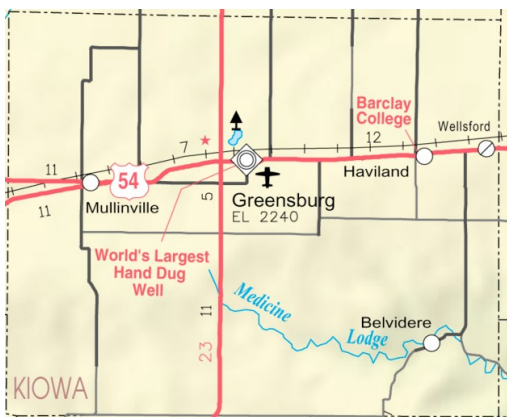


Figure 7

The Boy Scout Stamp Collecting Merit Badge

by Jeff Lough

During the two to three year period I belonged to the Boy Scouts I earned only one merit badge, the one for Stamp Collecting. I remember going to the old stamp dealer who had a little stamp shop in the front room of his home in the southwest part of the older part of Salina, west of Kansas Wesleyan. I don't remember what the badge looked like and I have lost it long ago with the local jamboree, the Tenderfoot and Second Class rank badges. It may have looked like the scout merit badge below on the left. The center image depicts a merit badge pocket patch from the 1997 National Scout Jamboree and apparently had some kind of sponsorship by the Scouts on Stamps Society International, a philatelic organization still going fairly strong. The item on the right is another merit badge patch from the 2013 National Jamboree.

Although I'm sure some of the requirements for earning the Stamp Collecting Merit Badge were different in 1959 than in 2007, I only have ready access to the 2007 guidelines. The more current ones include requiring some knowledge about foreign postal systems and how stamps can provide help in understanding people, places, history and geography. One had/ has to be able to name and describe 4 types of stamp collections. Examples of ten different different philatelic items (such as coil stamps, plate block numbers and first day covers) have to be shown. Some of the tools of collecting have to be demonstrated, such as hinges, tongs and a catalog. One is given several choices of activities such as designing a stamp, cancellation or cachet; visiting a stamp show or preparing a 3-page exhibit. Finally the scout must accumulate one type or another collection of stamps and mount and show it in an album.



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A ditty from the *Weekly Philatelic Gossip* of February 14, 1925 by Roy Preston

“The Old ‘Applesauce’.”
Some die collectin’ postmarks,
Some starve for hues and tints;
But what is craved by most stamp ‘sharks’
Is – mainly – good old U. S. mints.”

