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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 Alford Branch Library, 3447 Meridian, Wichita. Meetings begin at 6:00 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.

President's Message Fellow **members**, The 2021 Wichita Stamp Show was a great success. I hope you were able to attend. I always enjoy the opportunity of visiting with old (and new) friends, as well as being able to examine philatelic items and find a few new additions for my collection. Thanks to show coordinator **Ralph Lott** and everyone who helped make this an outstanding event.

The program at our next meeting (Wed, Sept 1) will be show and tell. Members are encouraged to bring one or more items to share with the group. This can be new items obtained at the show or old items you would like to include. The next club auction will be on September 15. Stay safe and I hope to see you soon. **Bob Cairns**, President

Door Prizes

August 4 The \$2.50 cash certificate was won by **Sheila Eastburn**. A miniature Sheet of 16 from Umm Al Qiwain (donated by **Bob Cairns**) went to **Norma Ciskowski**. **Lou Forster** was the recipient of two event covers donated by Bob **Hirschman**. **Mike Ciskowski** received Russian Souvenir Sheet #2009a (donated by **Bob Cairns**). East Germany Souvenir Sheet #1949 (donated by **Lou Forster**) was awarded to **Ralph Lott**.

Club Meetings and Programs

All meetings are at the Cessna Activity Center

September 1 5:30 pm **Show and Tell** from the Wichita Show. Members are asked to bring an item they have purchased at the Show or other older items.

September 15 5:30 pm **Club Auction**.

October 6 5:30 pm Guest Speaker on **World-Wide Fakes and Forgeries Stamps**. The presentation will include a discussion of the pertinent philatelic literature.

October 20 5:30 pm **Ralph Lott** will present on **U.S. Stamps and their relation to the Civil War** in 3 parts: Stamps of 1857-1861; their uses in the Confederate States and the stamps of 1861...when they started and why. The use of envelopes and the first issue of the Civil War Revenue Stamps will also be discussed. **Auction items for November 17th auction due to Bob Haines**.

November 17 5:30 pm **Club Auction**

December 15 **Club Social** at the Cessna Activity Center.

Flash: There is a First Day of Issue/ First Day Cover ceremony in Topeka Friday, September 24th, at 11:00 am at Redbud Park, 924 N. Kansas Avenue for the 4 new Message Monsters stamps.

UPCOMING REGIONAL STAMP EVENTS

Louis Forster
2021

September 18

Philatelic Garage Sale

7561 East 24th Court Wichita, Kansas
(Turn west at 24th & North Rock Road)
Lou Forster & J R VanCleave
Saturday only: 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

October 2

Joplin Stamp Club Show

Centennial Banquet Hall 2728 N. Range Line Road
Joplin, Missouri
Saturday only: 9 am – 4 pm

October 16-17

Wichita Postcard Club Show

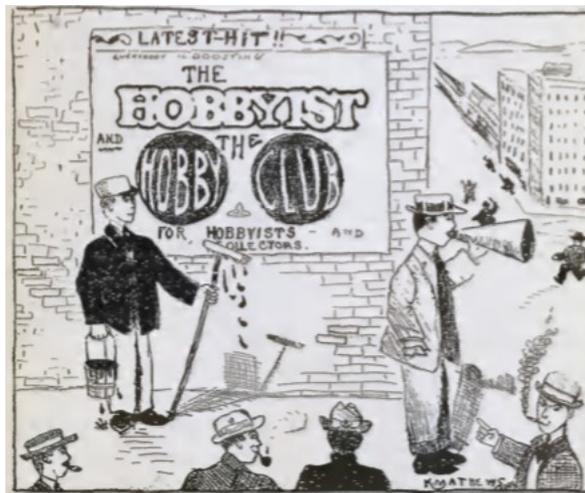
All Saints Catholic Church 3205 East Grant St
Wichita, Kansas
Saturday 10 am - Sunday 4 pm
(Information from Club's facebook page)

2022

February 18-19

Cessna Stamp Club Show

Cessna Activity Center 2744 George Washington Blvd
Wichita, Kansas
Friday 9 - 5 & Saturday 9 – 4



Advertisement of an old time journal that covered stamp collecting and other hobbies

Sheridan County *by Jeff Lough*

Sheridan County is one of those western Kansas counties with a shrinking population of fewer than 2,000 residents. It was formed in the 9th addition and re-formulation of Kansas counties that occurred in 1873. When initially organized the county seat was Kenneth. With the Missouri Pacific deciding to build its railroad the residents moved their houses a few miles to the south to **Hoxie**. Hoxie became the new county seat. There have been other railroads and three rivers also passing through the northwestern Kansas county. The Hoxie postcard (Figure 2) is dated August August 20, 1910 with its cds/9-bar duplex canceling a Scott # 331, one of the penny Washington-Franklin issues. It bears a friendly note, likely written by an upper grade young lady to a friend in Grainfield, Kansas in nearby Gove County.



Figure 1



Figure 2

Studley is east of Hoxie. It was founded in 1878 by a colony of British emigrants. Some of those settlers began their Kansas careers as sheep ranchers. Ben Franklin, on Scott # 300, has his faced marked by a cds/ 9-bar duplex dated December 22, 1908. The card (Figure 3) appears to have relied on the Christmas card greeting on the other side to convey its message and was likely written by a younger person to a friend in **Lucerne**. The building on the right in Figure 4 was a lumber yard in Studley that may have, at one time, contained the post office.

Lucerne was in northeast Sheridan County. In 1912, with a population of 50 it had a general store, a hotel, a third class post office and had mail delivered via a stagecoach from Jennings, to the northeast in Decatur County. The interesting thing about the Lucerne cover, dated April 15, 1910, is the term used by the lady of the house to a friend describing her fatigue from a long day's work as "bunkum squint." This was a term often used in newspaper features in the day referring to your eyes being a little crazy and having to squint from having worked so hard.



Figure 3



Figure 4

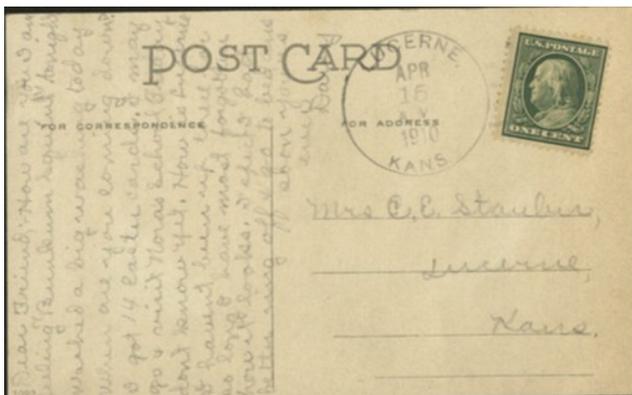


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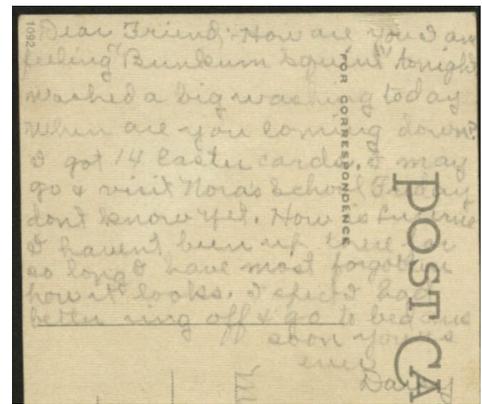


Figure 6

Adell was a little harder to find with the usual mapping aids. An old insurance map of the county places it northwest of Lucerne on the North Fork of the Solomon River. (Figure 7) It was first called Adel when the post office was established in 1879 and was renamed in 1885 and discontinued in 1892. The cover (Figure 8) is quite interesting with its Scott # 210 killed with an "x" manuscript cancelation accompanied with a nice April 23, 1885 circular date stamp having scallops around the circle. Along the top left of the cover is the mirrored image of the phrase "RAILWAY SERVICE." (Figure 9) In the upper right corner is a partial mirrored image of another phrase with "RAILWAY" in somewhat larger print as its second word and the first word covered by the stamp. This is apparently part of a corner card since there is an indistinguishable printing of something in smaller type above.

The city of **Museum** was southeast of Hoxie and its post office lasted from 1882 until 1898. This was during the period when one could, to a certain degree, trace the route of a piece of mail by the postal markings on the reverse of envelopes and sometimes on the front of post cards.

Museum's March 18, 1897 cover was a registered letter to the Gavitt herbal and coal tar remedies medical firm in Topeka containing some cash. The Sherman 8 cent definitive paid the registration fee while the postal stationary Scott # U311 (Figure 10) paid the regular two cent fee. Each has its 4-ringed target killer. The markings on the reverse (Figure 11) are stamped over the flap of the envelope, as would be typical for each post office handling and noting the envelope in their registered mail log book. These markings indicated that the piece stopped in Nicodemus and Bogue, both in northwestern Kansas, on its way to Topeka.

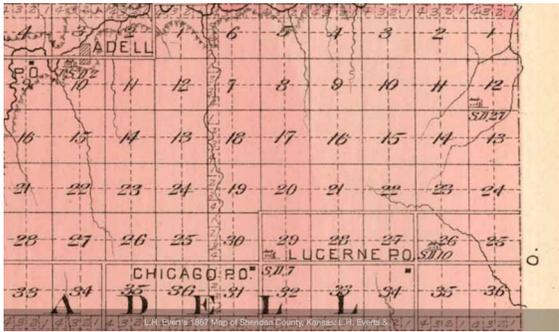


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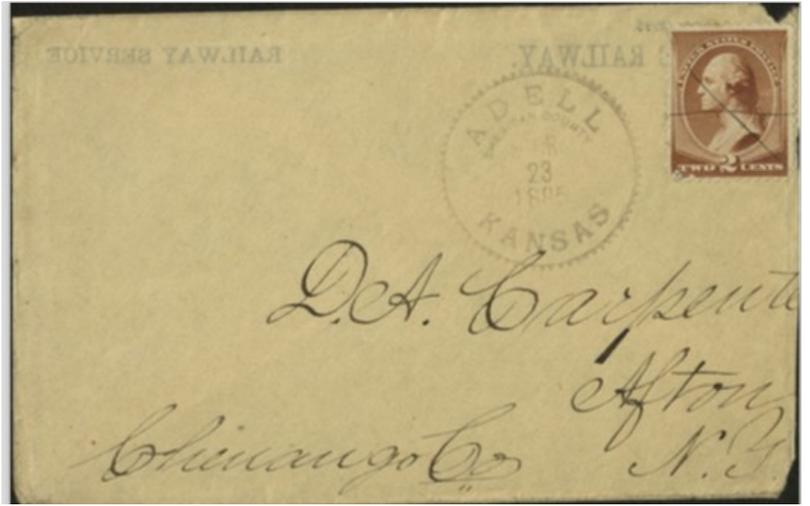


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Figure 9



Figure 10



Figure 11

National Chemistry Week by Jeff Lough

Chemistry is the scientific study of substances, how they behave and change under different conditions and how they interact. This year National Chemistry Week begins October 17th. It is an annual event held to raise public awareness of the importance of chemistry in everyday life and is sponsored by the American Chemical Society, an organization of professional chemists. The 1976 U. S. commemorative (Scott # 1685) occupying the right ear of the *Newsletter's* cover, celebrates the centennial of that organization's founding. Figure 1 is the U. S. commemorative that celebrated the organization's 75th anniversary in 1951.

Figure 2 is a French commemorative for Ferdinand Frédéric Henri Moissan. He was born in 1852 and won the 1906 Nobel Prize in Chemistry. Moissan was the first person to isolate the element fluorine.

In 2019 Hungary issued a commemorative for the 150 anniversary of the development of the Periodic Table of Elements (Figure 3). Dmitri Mendeleev, pictured on the stamp, was responsible. As part of this work he was able to predict the existence of other elements that had not yet been discovered. A couple of the features of this very important discovery and invention was to find that elements that have similar chemical properties have either similar atomic weights or their atomic weights increase regularly.



Figure 1



Figure 2

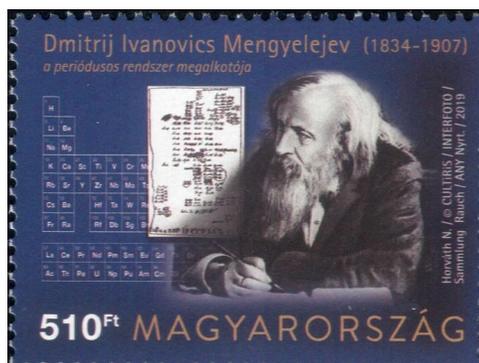


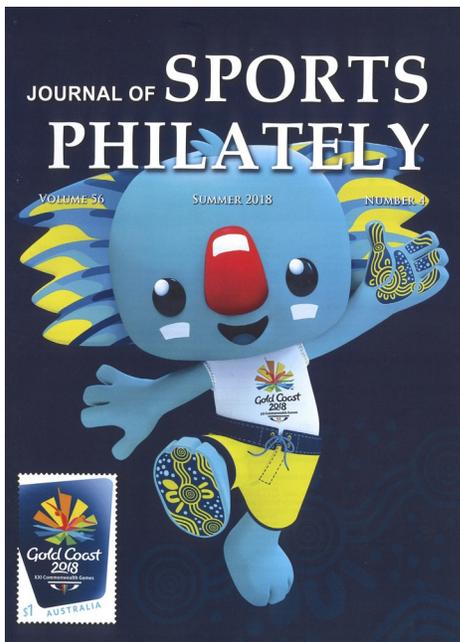
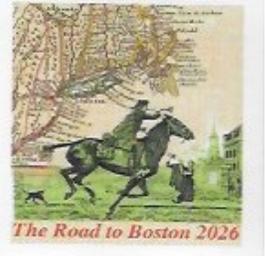
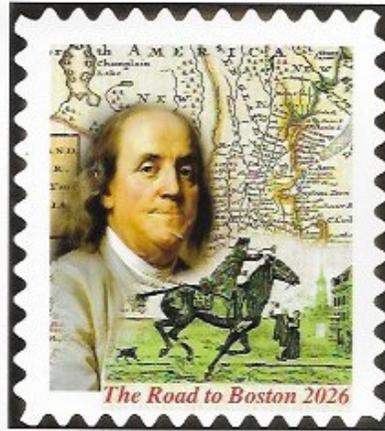
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GASS 2021

The Great American Stamp Show took place in Chicago August 12th through August 15th. This large and exciting event was co-sponsored by the American Philatelic Society, the American Topical Association and the American First Day Cover Society. Like many of the regional stamp shows GASS had numerous meetings and talks about a variety of things. The present reporter attended talks about Captain Tim's 1933 Ivory Soap Club radio stamp club, the role of images on Canal Zone stamps with numismatics and the U. S. express mail of 1836 – 1839. I also attended general meetings of the ATA, the APS, and several units of the American Topical Association and went to first day of issue events involving the new U. S. Backyard Games stamps, the Faroe Islands/Greenland/Norway joint issue done by Martin Morck celebrating the other great stamp designer/engraver C. Z. Slania, as well as the issuing ceremony for the first celebratory label for the 2016 International Stamp Show that's going to be held in Boston. Much of my time was spent purchasing a few covers and topical stamps, visiting with other collectors and viewing the exhibits. Below are some of the scenes from GASS 2021.



Some of the Stuff I Got at GASS by Jeff Lough



Some free...some not so free.

An interesting U. S. back-of-the-book stamp is the bluish “PAID” Wells Fargo “OVER OUR ROUTES IN THE U. S.” newspaper stamp. Scott # 143LP9 was issued in 1883.



Stamps on Stamps

The Zuid Afrikaansche Republiek was established by some of the Dutch emigrants who had conquered portions of southern Africa and opposed British domination. It was established in 1852 and was abolished in 1902 after losing wars to the British. It became part of the Transvaal Province when the Union of South Africa was established in 1910.

The Stamps on Stamps Collectors Club is one of the ATA’s study units. Its official bulletin is the *SOS Signal*, issued three times yearly. A sample copy of *SOS Signal* will be sent to one who sends their name, address and \$3.00 to Michael Merritt, 73 Mountainside Rd Mendham, NJ 07945. The unit’s website can be found by going to the ATA’s website (americantopical.org), then clicking on “ATA Study Units” where the list of current units can be found and the website can be found by clicking the highlighted line. A variety of freely accessible informative articles are provided.

The ZAR issued a series of stamps issued in 1870. Figure 1 (Scott # 8) illustrates the 6 pence value. Figure 2 shows the Republic of South Africa’s 1869 commemorative (Scott # 358) of the centenary of the series’ issuance with a visual of the one schilling value.



Figure 1



Figure 2