



WICHITA STAMP CLUB

Newsletter

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

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About Us

The Wichita Stamp Club is a charter member of the American Philatelic Society and is also a member of the Oklahoma Philatelic Society and the American Topical Association. The Club sponsors a Philatelic Show in August and members participate in other Wichita and regional shows.

Meetings are held at the Lionel D Alford Regional Branch, Wichita Public Library, 3447 S Meridian, Wichita, Kansas. Meetings are held most first and third Thursdays of the month. Club business meetings begin at 5:30pm and are followed by a program or activity. Visitors are always welcome.

The Wichita Stamp Club welcomes new members. Annual dues are \$10 for individuals and \$15 for families.

Club Meetings & Programs

August 4

Club Business Meeting

5:30pm, Alford Library Branch

August 4

Club Auction

following Business Meeting

August 18

Wichita Show Setup

Cessna Activity Center
2744 George Washington
Blvd, Wichita, Kansas
(no business meeting)

August 19-20

Wichita Stamp Club Show

(see Upcoming Events)

September 1

Club Business Meeting

5:30pm, Alford Library Branch

September 1

Club Show and Tell

September 15

Club Business Meeting

5:30pm, Alford Library Branch

September 15

Program: Canal Zone

by Daniel Trabke

President's Message

Fellow Members,

I hope everything is well with you and your families. By the time you read this, the August 4 club auction will probably have been concluded, and we will all be looking forward to the Wichita Show. The hours for the show, which will be held again at the Cessna Activities Center, are 9 am-5 pm on Friday, August 19 and from 9:00 am to 4 pm on Saturday, August 20. Members who have not yet received their \$2.50 club certificates should pick them up at the club table during the show.

Also, if you have not yet had a chance to sign up to help at the show, we can use more help in setting up (starting about 1:00 pm on Thurs, Aug 18), tearing down (beginning about 4:00 pm on Sat Aug 20), and working at the club table, front table, or youth booth during the show.

Stay safe and I hope to see everyone at the show.

Bob Cairns
President

Upcoming Events

August 19-20

Wichita Stamp Club Show

OUR SHOW!

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

August 21

Omaha Coin & Stamp Show

Omaha Firefighters Hall
6005 Grover St
Omaha, NE
Sunday 9 - 3

September 9-10

Fort Sill Stamp Club Show

Hilton Garden Inn
135 NW 2nd Street
Lawton, Oklahoma
Friday & Saturday 9 - 4

October 1

Joplin Stamp Club Show

Continental Banquet Hall
2728 North Range Line Road
Joplin, Missouri
Saturday only: 9 - 5

Publications Review:

The American Philatelist, June 2022

The Monthly Journal of the American Philately Society again had a number of fine articles.

In “Collecting ‘Olympus’: Large Hermes Heads of Greece”, author Dr. Kyriakos Papathanassiou described in detail the design and printing of what he professes are “one of the handsomest stamps ever produced.” Included is a sidebar on the decoupage printing procedure.

In “Beyond Expertizing: Opportunities for Collectors’ Use of Technology,” John H Barwis discusses the use of technical analyses to understand the physical and chemical composition of the paper and printing inks, for the fun of it. A Table presents US Scott 147, 158, 184 and 207 differentiated by paper type and thickness.

Rex Dean Bishop has an article on “One Expert’s Guide to Stamp Authentication.” APS Director of Expertizing Ken Martin goes on with “How It Works: The American Philatelic Expertizing Service (APEX).” Thomas Bieniosek narrows the focus to “Expertizing the Typographic Kraków Overprints of Poland.”

Finally, Justin Gordon presents “Postal Cards to Nazi Labor Camps,” addressing how censored messages to women in textile camps tell stories of WWII. In “A Philatelic Memorial of the Holocaust,” Susanna Mills provides a walk-through of the exhibit built by the Foxborough Regional Charter School of Massachusetts.

Club Presentations

July 7:

Philatelic Engravers

by Jeff Lough

Jeff presented the work of the Polish-Swedish engraver Czeslaw Slania (1921-2005). Slania was said to be the most skilled and prolific of all stamp engravers, with over 1000 stamps to his credit.

Publications Review (continued):

The American Philatelist, July 2022

Kathryn Johnson authored a piece on the “Evolving Bishop Marks in Scotland’s Postal History.” Bishop Marks are thought to be the first datestamps, introduced in England in 1696 by Postmaster Henry Bishop. Believe it or not, there had been complaints of delays in delivery of letters and the datestamp was developed as an accountability indicator.

Continuing with a theme of postmarks and cancellations, Gary Wayne provided a retrospective of Ted Proud’s Publications on “British Empire Postmarks,” Tom G Geurts describes how to identify which WWII German Luftfeldpost stamps flew and which ones actually went by train in “Converted Cancellations on German Airmail Letters,” Ron Leshner presented how a medicinal company canceled revenue stamps with coded shipping dates in “Precancels Hold Secret Message,” and Dr James W and Carol S Milgram explain punctured envelopes in “American Fumigation.”

The magazine also described changes in the APS website (stamps.org) which the organization believes will improve services to members.

And finally, Chief Curator of the Smithsonian National Postal Museum presented the opening of the National Postal Museum exhibit, “Baseball: America’s Home Run.” On hand for the gala were descendants of legendary players Jackie Robinson, Roberto Clemente and Yogi Berra.

Publications (continued):

Linn's Stamp News, July 18, 2022

This publication is billed as the “World’s Largest Weekly Stamp News and Marketplace.”

In “The USPS expertises its own products,” John M Hotchner introduces the counterfeiting of US postage stamps, including nearly every stamp issued this year. His opinion is that the USPS is not responding adequately.

Bob Rufe has an article on the “End of an era: 97 years of US Special Handling service comes to a close July 10.”

For those interested in stampless covers and embossed stamp covers, Matthew Healey has the article “Postal stationery predates adhesive stamps and offers a deep, rich collecting area.”

Christer Brunström provided an interesting article on “Denmark’s Local Posts.” Ken Lawrence shared a “German postal card laden with Holocaust tragedy.” Vincent Centonze showed examples of “Improperly assessed postage due for precanceled stamps on cover.” Chris Lazaroff described “A visit to the St Kitts post office” in the Caribbean.

The highlight of the magazine in my judgment was Ken Lawrence’s Part II of “When and where did the first airplane mail take to the skies?” Ken states that demonstration flights in 1910 had proven airplanes could transport mail expeditiously but that consistent success had eluded aviators and their sponsors until 1911.

Tales Behind the Covers: Wichita's Buffalo Bill

Many of those of us residing in the Greater Wichita area have probably been to Old Cowtown Museum, an accredited history museum located next to the Arkansas River in central Wichita. The Museum is one of the oldest open-air history museums in the central United States with some 54 historic and re-created buildings situated on 25 acres of land off the original Chisholm Trail. The site includes almost everything an 1870s Wichita would have. It does not however have a Post Office because, well, the Wichita of the 1870s did not have a Post Office. But for the eagle-eyed there is still a stamp to see.

Here is the stamp, which appears to be a reproduction of an R15c Internal Revenue stamp applied to a Wichita First National Bank check.



The postmark date is 1872 and the check is signed by William Mathewson.

I'm not telling you where to look for this piece. You'll have to find it on your own.



Tales Behind the Covers: Wichita's Buffalo Bill (continued)

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Internal Revenue Stamps were created to raise revenue to pay for the great costs of the Civil War, but continued to be used afterwards. The stamps paid tax duties on goods like alcohol and tobacco and playing cards and various services, but also on legal documents, mortgage deeds, stocks and other documents. Like our check [here](#).

But as to the signature: William E Mathewson (1830-1916) was one of the first settlers in Wichita, having acquired a homestead near the Arkansas River in 1868. He built a home and began a profitable career as a civic leader and banker. But in his earlier life he had been a daring explorer, hunter, Indian scout and fighter and had done much to prepare the pathway for western expansion.

Among Mathewson's exploits was the establishment of a trading post in 1858 on Cow Creek near the Santa Fe Trail in Kansas, far from military protection. A few years later he began traveling among the different tribes on trading expeditions. Mathewson earned the nickname "Buffalo Bill" when he saved numerous settlers from starvation during the winter of 1860-1861. The drought of 1860 had ruined the crops that the settlers had planted, leaving them without a reserve food source for the winter. Mathewson responded by supplying the settlers with buffalo meat, for which he refused payment. He was said to have killed as many as 80 buffalo in a single day for the settlers. Buffalo Bill Cody, the great showman, acknowledged that Mathewson was the first "Buffalo Bill."

Mathewson's final home at 1047 N Market Street is currently up for auction.

Old Cowtown is, I believe, still free on Sundays from noon to 5 pm, and is also open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm.

COIN & STAMP SHOW

August 19 & 20 , 2022

FRIDAY 9:00AM TO 5:00 PM – SATURDAY 9:00 TO 4:00 PM



EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT
“ THE WICHITA SHOW ”

Cessna Activity Center
2744 George Washington Blvd
Wichita, Kansas



FREE ADMISSION

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EXHIBITS

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