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ALSO COLLECT.**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL FROM
THE CRESTHAVEN STAMP CLUB NEWS VOLUNTEERS**

THIS MONTHS FEATURED ARTICLE



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INFORMATION YOU NEED

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SECRETARY: RICHARD KAYE at meeting

TREASURER: HARRY CLIFFORD at meeting

WEBMASTER: MICHAEL SWOPE via

www.cresthavenstamp.club

MEETINGS 2nd & 4th TUESDAYS

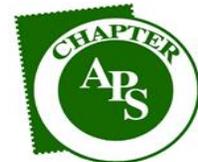
**ALL MEETINGS
1 PM – 3 PM**

**2605 Barkley Drive West,
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**FULL SCHEDULE AT
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Philatelic Memorabilia



Santa Claus, Indiana

Michael Swope



Featured here is the address label from a third-class package mailed from Santa Claus, Indiana, to Chardon, Ohio. The label is affixed with a strip of three Washington Bicentennial issue, 1½ cent, precancelled stamps (Scott #706) - note the "SANTA CLAUS IND" precancel. Since the stamp was issued on January 1, 1932, the package was mailed sometime after that date.

The town of Santa Claus, established in 1854, is in Spencer County, southwestern Indiana. The world's only post office named after the "jolly old elf," Santa Claus Post Office was established in 1856.

Because of its popular name, each year the Santa Claus post office receives thousands of letters from all over the world. Since 1914, a group of volunteers known as Santa's Elves ensures each child receives a reply from Santa Claus. In addition, since 1983, the post office (Zip 47579) creates a special Christmas hand-cancellation pictorial postmark for use during the month of December. The pictorial postmark is chosen each year from submissions by art students at nearby schools.

Merry Christmas!

Ref:

Wikipedia.com

Santaclausind.org

FROM THE PUBLISHER ...

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BE A MENTOR TO A NEW CRESTHAVEN STAMP CLUB MEMBER OR CLUB VISITOR. HELP THEM LEARN THEIR WAY AROUND.

Between December 1 of this year and February 1 of next year we experience the busiest period of the whole year. First up is the magnificent annual stamp show: FLOREX. Held this year on December 3 through 5, this show is an APS WSP event and, I can attest from years of attending, this is THE show not to miss. It is held in Kissimmee, which is a mere 90-minute drive north on the turnpike. I hope to see you there Saturday December 4. During our December 14 meeting we will have the opportunity to participate in the annual selection of our clubs' Articles of Distinction Awards. For our new members, this is an annual recognition of our members contributions to your monthly newsletter. It has been a spectacular year with a surprising variety of articles from a half dozen different contributors. Twenty-seven articles were accepted for publication which rendered nine best of the crop for award consideration. Of those nine, one will be selected as this year's offering to the APS as our top Article of Distinction. Be sure to be at the December 14 meeting to place your vote. Next up is our annual Holiday Stamp Club Luncheon, January 25. Beginning at noon, this is our only NON-STAMP stamp club gathering. We come together to enjoy a casual social event and share lunch. We also have the annual presentation of the Articles of Distinction. Lunch is provided by the club, but you are invited to bring a side or dessert to share. Also, as always, each member is encouraged to bring a guest. See Bob for details. Rounding out January is another APS WSP stamp show. The annual Sarasota National Stamp Expo always delivers on its promise to be a premier event. Sarasota Memorial Auditorium is packed solid with dealers and displays. It is held next year, January 21-23, and I hope to see you there as well! Finishing off your January datebook will be the annual Southeastern Stamp Expo, January 28 – 30, 2022, held in Atlanta, GA, and hosted by the Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs. This APS WSP event is an experience not to be missed. APS WSP events all offer dealers, juried exhibits, seminars, and awards. Be part of the action!!!!

THE MACKINAC BRIDGE STAMP

PAT HENSLEY

Recently I found another stamp in my husband's stamp collection that intrigued me. I found one with the Mackinac Bridge on it. On June 14, 2015, we were able to drive across the Mackinac Bridge and it was beautiful. It was hard to imagine how people got across the water before the bridge was built.

The Mackinac Bridge Stamp (#1109) is a 3-cent stamp issued on June 25, 1958 and was printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The design



features two towers of the bridge and a ship sailing underneath the bridge. This stamp was issued to coincide with the celebration of the link between the upper and lower Michigan peninsulas.

When the Brooklyn Bridge was completed in 1883, people began to wonder if the same thing couldn't be built in Michigan. The state of Michigan ran 9 ferry boats at a time between the two peninsulas and carried 9000 cars every day. This traffic could be backed up 16 miles and took a long time to get across. Even though it was popular, it was also expensive.

Construction began on May 7, 1954, and took almost four years to complete because they could only work on it during the summer. It cost \$100 million to build the bridge. There are grated openings between the center lanes to help airflow and keep the road from being affected by strong winds. High winds can cause the road to move 35 feet from side to side.

The bridge was completed in 1957 and rises 200 feet above Lake Huron and Michigan. Its nickname is "Mighty Mac" and it extends 5 miles across the Straits of Mackinac. Before the bridge was completed, people would have to travel by ferry or drive around Lake Michigan and through Wisconsin to get

to the other side. The bridge opened on November 1, 1957, and was considered to be the largest suspension bridge in the world. After the bridge was built, it only took ten minutes to get to the other side and added about \$100 million a year to their economy through tourism.

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STAMP CLUB NEWS



FLOREX 2021

DECEMBER 3, 4, and 5

ATTENTION ALL CRESTHAVEN STAMP CLUB MEMBERS:

Your 2022 annual dues deadline is approaching. ALL 2021 memberships expire on December 31. Please see Bob Burr or Harry Clifford to secure your place in 2022. Cash only, no checks. Thank you.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND: Our annual Stamp Club Luncheon and presentation of the 2021 Articles of Distinction awards will be held on January 25, 2022. See Bob Burr for more information.

Voting on the Article of Distinction awards will take place during the December 14 stamp club meeting. You must be present to vote.

Your Stamp Club News is now accepting article and concept submissions for 2022. Contact the publisher (see page 2 above).

If you have not had an article published in your newsletter, and are preparing a draft now, please contact the publisher, and request a copy of the current STYLE GUIDE. It contains valuable information to prepare you for success.

FINALISTS FOR THE 2021 CRESTHAVEN STAMP CLUB NEWS ARTICLES OF DISTINCTION

Listed in order of publication:

COPLEY PLAZA (MARCH)

(NOT) AIRMAIL (APRIL)

LACE MAKING (APRIL)

MY ENVELOPE (MAY)

OATH OF OFFICE (JULY)

CONFEDERATE FACSIMILES (AUGUST)

GARDENING AND HORTICULTURE (AUGUST)

A USS MACON COVER STORY (SEPTEMBER)

COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY (OCTOBER)

VOTE DURING DECEMBER 14 MEETING

PAST GOLD AWARD WINNING ARTICLES

2015 – LST GOES TO WAR (ROBERT BURR)

2016 – A JAPANESE ARTIST (BETTY BRODIE)

2017 – NORMAN ROCKWELL (BETTY BRODIE)

2018 – 1st ALL-UNION PHILATEIC EXHIBITION, MOSCOW 1932, AND
ITS SOUVENIRS (YURY VATKIN)

2019 – UNITED STATES SAVINGS STAMPS (ROBERT BURR)

2020 – THE SHORT STORY OF THE GODDESS KANNON STAMP (YURY
VATKIN)

SOUVENIRS OF THE 1939 KING GEORGE VI ROYAL TRAIN TOUR

DAN MADDALINO

On May 17, 1939, King George VI of Great Britain, and his wife, Queen Elizabeth, stepped off the Royal Steamer RMS Empress of Australia at Quebec City, Canada to begin a 30-day Royal Train Tour of Canada. The 15-day westward portion of their journey had the royal couple stopping at a new town every day to be greeted by thousands to tens of thousands of loyal Canadians eager to get a glimpse of their Monarchs. Of course, they traveled in luxury and splendor. There was even a half dozen royal limousines traveling with them. However, their children, Elizabeth (future Queen Elizabeth II) and Margaret Rose remained at home in the Windsor Castle.

On October 23, 2021, I spent time at the West Palm Beach Stamp and Postcard Show rummaging through boxes of foreign and US covers. The covers I extracted were offered by one of several stamp dealers at the show. I can attest that every dealer there that day had spectacular philatelic material priced ridiculously low. This afforded me the opportunity to search longer and deeper. Was I rewarded? Yes! I was able to collect several Royalty themed covers. Shown here are two very interesting acquisitions that I want to share.



The first cover is a cached First Day Cover for the Royal Visit Issue (Scott CAN#'s 246, 247, and 248) The three issues depict The Canadian National Monument at Ottawa on 2 cents, George VI and Queen Elizabeth on three cents, and HRH Elizabeth and Margaret on 1 cent stamps. The stamps are cancelled "ROYAL TRAIN / CANADA and MAY 24 / 3 pm / 1939" The cachet shows King George VI and Queen Elizabeth in a jeweled frame bordered by the flags of Canada and Great Britain. There is no indication of what city they were visiting when this souvenir was posted via the Royal Train. So, I searched for the itinerary and discovered that the Royal Train was visiting Winnipeg on May 24. The official First Day for the Royal Visit stamps was May 15, 1939, and this cover was prepared for that day. However, it turns out that the royal visit was needing souvenirs to be made available to the crowds, and the First Day Covers filled that need. These covers were sold and allowed to be posted through the Royal Train Post Office, at every stop throughout the visit. The reverse shows a foil seal closing an empty keepsake



The British Royal Couple had two purposes for this trip. First was to energize and create bonding of the Canadian people to the Empire. Second was to assess the industrial and social spheres in preparation for the coming war in Europe, that King George knew was about to draw the British Empire into its fire.

The second cover is cached showing the King and Queen on their "Visit the United States" portion of their Royal Train Tour.



On June 8, 1939 (the date of the cancellation) the Royal Train, on its return trip from Canada's Pacific Coast, diverted at Niagara Falls for a four-day visit to the United States. Note the change on the cancellation device from CANADA to USA. This quick dip below the Canadian-USA border took them first to Washington D.C. to meet with Franklin D. Roosevelt. Then to visit the New York World's Fair (Scott US# 853), stopping at the Canadian Pavilion, and finally to Hyde Park, New York to again meet President Roosevelt. At Hyde Park, President Roosevelt treated the Royal Couple and all those associated with the Royal Train Tour to a Hot Dog picnic lunch.

The Royal Train Tour departed the United States on June 11 heading to the Canadian Maritime Provinces. This Grand Tour ended on June 15 with boarding their ocean liner for the return crossing to England.

A little time in the "Cover Boxes" and very little money can yield great finds. These two covers add life to my Canada collections. I'll look for you at the next West Palm Beach Stamp and Postcard Show!

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2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

ALL MEETINGS START AT 1:00 PM

WE MEET: 2605 Barkley Drive West, West Palm Beach, FL

JANUARY 11 MEMBERS MEETING
JANUARY 25 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

JULY 12 MEMBERS MEETING
JULY 26 TRADING SESSION

FEBRUARY 8 MEMBERS MEETING
FEBRUARY 22 TRADING SESSION

AUGUST 9 MEMBERS MEETING
AUGUST 23 TRADING SESSION

MARCH 8 MEMBERS MEETING
MARCH STAMP SHOW
MARCH 22 TRADING SESSION

SEPTEMBER 13 MEMBERS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27 TRADING SESSION

APRIL 12 MEMBERS MEETING
APRIL 26 TRADING SESSION

OCTOBER 11 MEMBERS MEETING
OCTOBER STAMP SHOW
OCTOBER 25 TRADING SESSION

MAY 10 MEMBERS MEETING
MAY 24 TRADING SESSION

NOVEMBER 8 MEMBERS MEETING
NOVEMBER 22 TRADING SESSION

JUNE 14 MEMBERS MEETING
JUNE 28 TRADING SESSION

DECEMBER 13 MEMBERS MEETING
DECEMBER 27 TRADING SESSION

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