



BIRMINGHAM & FERNDALE STAMP CLUB

November 2022

November is best known for Veterans Day (11th) and Thanksgiving (24th), but don't forget to change your clocks (Fall-back) on the 6th and to vote on the 8th.

In 1863, President Lincoln declared the last Thursday in November to be the national holiday known as Thanksgiving. It is cast from the three-day feast of harvest shared with the Wampanoag indigenous people and Pilgrims in 1621.



U.S. Scott #3546

Notes from October club meetings:

The Show venue for FERNPEX-2023 may be changed because of ongoing highway construction near the Royal Oak Elks Lodge.

Our October 18th club banquet at Shield's restaurant in Troy was an apparent success with approximately thirty attendees.

In an effort to increase stamp club interest and attendance, C & G Newspapers was approached and has agreed to publish our club meetings and shows in Birmingham and Ferndale papers (C&G publishes nineteen newspapers in southeast Michigan). In addition, club announcements will appear on the C&G community news website.

Upcoming events:

Club meetings – November 1st & 15th at NEXT Senior Center, Birmingham

Ann Arbor Stamp Club, AAPEX- 2022, November 4th & 5th, Lawrence Building, Washtenaw Community College, Ann Arbor

Modern Stamps sale #506, December 3rd at its Oak Park Facility

Ken Rusch, President
Fred Como, Vice-President
Phil Kwasny, Secretary
Robert Helbig, Co-Treasurer
Faisal Qureshi, Co-Treasurer
Michael Swope, Editor-Webmaster

Happy Thanksgiving!

Steamer Put-In-Bay

Michael Swope



Shown above is a Curt Teich Publishing Company (Chicago, 1898-1978) postcard of the Steamer “Put-In-Bay”. When Detroit area families headed for the Cedar Point Amusement Park, they made their way by this steamer.

For nearly four decades, the Put-In-Bay ferried passengers between Detroit and Sandusky, Ohio, stopping at tourism destinations of Cedar Point and Put-In-Bay at South Bass Island. She was designed by naval architect Frank E. Kirby for the Ashley & Dustin Steamer Line and built at the Detroit Shipbuilding Company in Wyandotte, Michigan. It was launched on March 25, 1911. At 240 feet long, she had capacity for more than 3,000 people across four decks.

The United States Marshal’s Service sold the ship for scrap on October 3, 1953, after seizure proceedings due to debt. The hull was scrapped at River Rouge, Michigan.



The postcard was mailed from Detroit to Lafayette, Indiana, on August 25, 1935, and bears a “Buy U.S. Savings Bonds” machine cancel. The stamp is the 1¢ yellow-green Franklin (A155), perforated 11 x 10.5, Scott #632.