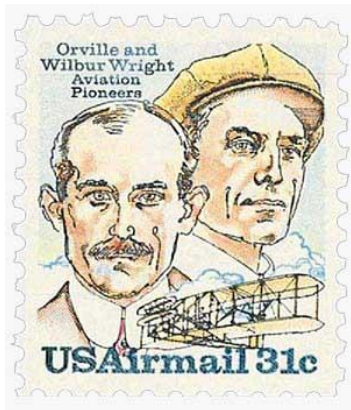


Birmingham - Ferndale Stamp Club Newsletter



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In 1939, President Franklin Roosevelt selected August 19th as “National Aviation Day” to coincide with Orville Wright’s birthday. Now, “National Aviation Week”, August 19th to 25th, is a time to revel in all things aeronautical.



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Notes from our July meeting:

There was discussion regarding the potential move of the NEXT senior center to the Birmingham YMCA. This may impact our club’s future meeting venue.

Volunteers still needed for our September 15-16 BIRMPEX Show at Sokol Cultural Center in Dearborn Heights.

Club member Martin Brown made an interesting presentation on the Civil War era United States Sanitary Commission.

Upcoming Events:

Club meetings – August 1st and 15th, 6:00 p.m. at NEXT Senior Center, Birmingham, MI. Meetings are currently held in room #4 at the rear of the senior center.

Allen Park Stamp Club Show, Saturday, August 5th, Sokol Cultural Center, Dearborn Heights, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Modern Stamps sale #512, August 12th, 12:00 Noon, at its Oak Park Facility.

American Philatelic Society’s Great American Stamp Show, Huntington Convention Center, Cleveland, Ohio, August 10th to 13th.

Ann Arbor Stamp Club seeks exhibitors for its Fall show, November 3rd & 4th. Obtain application form from exhibits chairperson Karl Edelman - karljedelmanmd@msn.com

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Ford Airport

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Featured above is an unused (c. 1930) “Photo-Tone” real photograph postcard of the Dearborn, Michigan, Ford Airport passenger terminal. It was published by F. H. Mill Company, Dearborn.

One of the first modern airports in the world, the 360-acre, Ford Airport, operated from 1924 to 1947. Many United States and world “firsts” were recorded here, including: the first U.S. airport hotel; first concrete runway; first U.S. scheduled passenger service; first contract airmail service; first radio control for a commercial flight; and, first passenger terminal.

Airport buildings were designed by architect Albert Kahn and are considered to have greatly influenced the design of airports throughout the United States.

Beginning in 1948, original aircraft facilities were modified for vehicle testing and are now part of Ford Motor Company’s Dearborn Proving Ground. The passenger terminal was demolished in 1961. An airplane hangar which was used as an experimental engine test facility since the late 1940’s, was demolished in 2018. The Dearborn Inn, a hotel that was built across the road to serve the airport, is the only remaining building.

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