



BIRMINGHAM & FERNDALE STAMP CLUB

September 2022

September 5th - Labor Day, kicks off many exciting things for the month, including the unofficial start of the fall season. September is associated with new beginnings, playing host to the start of the school year, the reappearance of football season, the emergence of the harvest moon, and more.



U.S. Scott #1082

Notes from August club meetings:

Club members voted to increase 2023 dues to \$10.00.

Also approved was the assessment of a 25¢ sellers fee on each item

presented at club auctions. The fee must be paid whether or not the item is sold. Fee collection will begin with September club auctions.

The cancelled BIRPEX 2022 show was discussed. Several possible options were reviewed, including the potential of a combined show with another local club. Many logistical problems were identified and final member consensus was to “go-it-alone” for future shows.

Upcoming Events:

Club meetings – September 6th & 20th
at NEXT Senior Center, Birmingham

Modern Stamps sale #504 –
September 17th 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

Big Foot

Michael Swope



In 1966, the Eastern Himalayan Kingdom of Bhutan issued a fifteen-stamp set featuring the “Abdominal Snowman”, also known as “Yeti”. Shown here are the 2, 5, & 40 Chetrum and 6 Rupee stamps; Scott #'s 84A, 84D, 84G, and 84M.

The stamps depict images of Yeti – the hairy hominid of the mountains of Himalayas described in many mythologies and a beloved topic of superstitious folklore in the region of Nepal, Bhutan and Tibet. There are three different creatures referred to as “Yeti”: the Meh-teh; the Dzu-teh; and the Teh-lma – all dangerous, ape-like creatures of various stature and color. In Western culture, the creatures are frequently referred to as “Sasquatch” or “Big Foot”.

Imagine then, the concern of south-central Michigan residents on April 6, 2022, when Kalamazoo, Michigan, television station WWMT, Channel 3 News, announced that the Michigan State Police at the Marshall Post were seeking citizen help in locating “Big Foot”!

It turns out that a seven-foot-tall, sheet-metal sasquatch lawn ornament was stolen from a residence in St. Joseph County. According to WWMT, “If you recently spotted Big Foot, Michigan State Police (MSP) troopers want to talk to you. They are looking for your help in locating the creature.”

“Authorities urge community members to report any Big Foot sightings to the Michigan State Police Marshall Post.”