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MILWAUKEE PHILATELIST



March 2020

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Maine Celebrates 200 Years As A State

The USPS will issue a stamp this March commemorating the 200th anniversary of Maine becoming a state. The stamp is based on a painting by Edward Hopper entitled "Sea At Ogunquit", which was completed in 1914, and was produced under the direction of Art Director Derry Noyes.



The first inhabitants of Maine date back to 3,000 BCE. Over the centuries, different native American tribes inhabited the area, but the first European explorers arrived in 1525 when the Portuguese explorer Estevao Gomes explored the coast, but the first settlers were from France in 1604. The English founded a settlement in 1607, but it only lasted one year.

As time passed, the French and English both laid claim to various parts of Maine. But the peace between them ended in 1675 with the start of King Philip's War. A series of wars took place over the next 50 years, with the final being Father Rale's War. The end of this war marked the end of French claims in Maine.

Maine became a focus of the British in the American Revolution. The British planned to seize parts of Maine and for a new colony, "New Ireland". But the British government did not fully support this scheme, and the Americans living in Maine were determined to thwart the plan. Although "New Ireland" was established, it was abandoned in the peace agreement between Britain and America in 1783.

Although Maine became part of the United States of America after the Revolutionary War, it took until June, 1819 for Maine to separate from the Massachusetts Commonwealth. One month later, the voters in Maine approved statehood by a factor of over 2 to 1. Because the United States Congress wanted to maintain the balance between free and slave states, they would only support Maine become a state only if Missouri (a slave state) would also become a state. Maine became the 23rd state after what became known as the Missouri Compromise.

Maine was vehemently opposed to slavery. They were the first supporter of the fledgling Republican Party. During the Civil War, the sent more troops (based on the number of citizens) than any other Union state.

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**Club Meeting – Mar. 10, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. – Wauwatosa Library – Firefly Room
 Program – Who Wants To Be A Millionaire-Philatelic Style
 Auction to follow meeting and program**

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The Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Inc. is a 501(3)c non-profit organization that meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Wauwatosa Public Library in the Firefly Room (7635 West North Avenue). Doors open at 6:00 p.m. to allow members to trade, sell, and visit. The meeting starts promptly at 6:30 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

Jonathan Kumbera is the editor and publisher of the newsletter. He can be reached via email at mps.editor.0024@gmail.com. Your stories and articles, or ideas for stories and articles, will be greatly appreciated and may be published in the newsletter.

The Milwaukee Philatelic Society participates in three events each year. These events are Stampfest (early spring), Milcopex (early fall), and the Holiday Folk Fair (late fall). At each of these events, we distribute various items to encourage kids to collect stamps. In order to do this, we need your help. We need used stamps on and off paper, supplies, and old albums. If you would like to donate any of these items to the youth program, please contact any of the Youth Committee members or any of the club officers.

Annual Dues: \$10 for adults
(\$30 for three years)
\$5 for youth (18 and under)

Dues can be paid in person at any club meeting, or a check can be mailed to:

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MEETING MINUTES

**Milwaukee Philatelic Society
General Membership Meeting - February 11,
2020**

Attendance: President Gary Meyer, Vice-President Dona Fagan, Sec. MaryAnn Bowman, Treasurer Bob Mather, Directors: Bill Gedemer and Jonathan Kumbera. Absent: Directors Gaylord Yost and Gary Christianson.

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Meyer.

One guest, Tim Lafavor, was introduced.

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded, and approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: The February financial report was distributed to members. Monetary assets include \$4,967.16 in a savings account, three \$5000 CDs (plus interest accumulated), a checking account with \$16,955.56 and cash on hand of \$84.05. A final Milcopex report showed a positive balance. A committee comprising of Keith and Anna Trischan and Bill Gedemer will meet to audit the books.

Reports: Jonathan noted that the club library listing is on the internet. Bill Gedemer distributed a report detailing the outreach program at Holiday Folk Fair. There was no report from the Donation Committee. Jonathan reported that the MPS newsletter would be appearing in a "stripped" down version on the website. MaryAnn Bowman reported that the hotel rooms at the Crowne Plaza had been sold out and Milcopex will be looking for additional rooms for dealers, exhibitors, and guests. Bob Mather reported that sales of dealer tables were going well. Bob Mather also reported that all of the StampFest dealer tables have been sold. Gary Meyer reported on upcoming programs with March offering members an

opportunity to participate in "Who Wants to be a Millionaire". April will be the club's major auction and May will have a buy/sell/trade night as well as APS circuit books.

The Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs is asking MPS to consider hosting Wiscopex 2021. Brian Liedtke is heading up the search for suitable venues.

Members were reminded of the new name for the APS stamp show: the Great American Stamp Show which will feature three national-level collector's clubs - the APS, ATA, and AFDCS.

American Topical Association - Bob reported that MPS has a free affiliation with ATA.

New Business: A brief report summarizing the January Board meeting was given. Wiscopex, the evolving stamp bucks program, as well as a review of appointments to various committees and projects was reported. Keith Trischan has provided a poster advertising MPS meeting and is posted on the hallway bulletin board. Bob Zimmerman has been arranging for use of the meeting room for club nights.

The \$5 door prize was won by Anna Trischan.

The meeting was adjourned. The evening concluded with an update by Jim Meverden about the club's website.

From Your Editor

Even though it's only the end of February, spring is in the air already. It's been so nice outside that most of the snow in my yard is gone. But that doesn't mean it's time to pack up my stamp collection so I can spend time in the warm sun. There's still plenty of the stamp season to go!

Stampfest is over, but from all accounts it was a resounding success. There were many old friends behind the dealer tables, and a few new friends too. With the variety of dealers at this year's show, it was hard not to find something you just had to have for your collection. Stay tuned for more details in future newsletters.

The program last month's program by Jim Meverden didn't go as planned, as those members that attended last month's meeting are well aware. But even without the technical difficulty involving the non-working overhead projector working, Jim was able to give us some good information on the current state of the MPS website, and some insights into what's coming next. (Thanks Jim!) If you haven't already done so, please be sure to contact the webmaster about getting access to the members only section. In it you'll find meeting agendas, past newsletters, the auction bid sheet, etc.

If you want borrow a book from our library, check out the available books at the next MPS meeting, or better yet, the listing is available on the "members only" section of our website. (hint hint) You can borrow any material from our library for one month.

As always, if you would like to submit an article for publication in our newsletter, please send it to me at meps.editor.0024@gmail.com. If you don't feel comfortable writing the article yourself, you can always send ideas for articles to me as well.

President's Message

In 1851, Anthony Trollope was a postal clerk in the Channel Islands. His idea was to fit up "letter boxes" on posts fixed on the side of the roadways as a, "safe receptacle for letters which shall be cleared in the morning of the dispatch of the London Mails, and at such other times as may be requisite." [The Heritage Club Sandglass, Number IV:24]

The idea wasn't original with him. Some such operation was already afoot in France. But Trollope was the driving force to get "pillar boxes" installed in all of England which quickly spread to the U.S.

Trollope had other ideas as well. He wrote 62 books including the six volume Barchester series that is still enjoyed by aficionados nowadays. Perhaps you have a stamp or cover in your collection that was processed by this famous man.

That is a bit of postal trivia. The March meeting will feature "Who Wants to be a Millionaire – Philatelic Style," consisting of trifles, facts, details and particulars mined from the Encyclopedia of United States Stamps and Stamp Collecting, Second Edition, Edited by Rodney A. Juell and Lynn R. Batdorf. Lucky contestants will get a chance to win prizes by correctly answering the questions, some fairly easy and others difficult. But no one will be left out. It will be team play and contestants will have a "lifeline" or can poll their teammates to get the right answer. It is sure to be entertaining and informative.

The Encyclopedia referenced above is one of the hundreds of books in the MPS library. They are there for your reading pleasure or research. Our library is one of the many tangible benefits of being a member. Check out the listings on the members' only section of the website and use the fillable form to order a book. An oral auction will follow the program.

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And the 20th Main Volunteer Regiments became famous for its defense of Little Round Top at the Battle of Gettysburg.

Over the years, Maine has seen its historical industries, textiles and logging, diminish in importance and its appeal to tourists increase. Its economy has largely become one based on the service industry and tourism.

The Maine Bicentennial stamp will be offered in sheets of 20 forever stamps. The First Day ceremony will take place at the Augusta Armory on March 15 and is open to the general public. If you would like to attend, please go to:

www.usps.com/mainestatehood

If you would like to order First Day covers, please go to:

https://store.usps.com/store/product/stamp-collectors/maine-statehood-first-day-cover-S_476116

The MPS Major Spring Auction Is Here

Next month will be the MPS major spring auction. Members in good standing can submit up to ten lots for the auction. All lots must have a catalog value of at least \$5, but the minimum bid of a lot can be set as low as the seller wants.

The lot sheet is located on the back of this newsletter, and is also available on the MPS website. Fill in as much information as possible on the bid sheet. The more detailed the lot description, the better. To make sure your lots are included in the major spring auction, the lot sheet must be received by Jonathan no later than March 31.

Show Time

March 6-8, 2020
Garfield-Perry March Party (National Show)
Holiday Inn Strongsville
15471 Royalton Road
Strongsville, OH 44136

March 20-22, 2020
ASDA Show (Bourse Only)
Holiday Inn Chicago Oakbrook
17 W. 350 22nd Street
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

March 21-22, 2020
Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo
(Regional Show w/exhibits)
Forest Hills Lodge
1601 West Lane Road
Loves Park, IL 61111

March 21-22, 2020
MichiPEX 2020
(Regional Show w/exhibits)
Sokol Cultural Center
23600 W. Warren Avenue
Dearborn Heights, MI 48127

March 21, 2020
BayPEX 2020 (Regional Show w/exhibits)
St. Matthews Catholic Church Multipurpose
Room
2575 South Webster Avenue
Green Bay, WI 54301

March 27-29, 2020
St. Louis Stamp Expo (National Show)
St. Louis Renaissance Airport Hotel
9801 Natural Bridge Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63197

April 5, 2020
DanePEX '20 (Regional Show w/exhibits)
Radisson Hotel
517 Grand Canyon Drive
Madison, WI 53719

