

The Triangle

April 28, 2021

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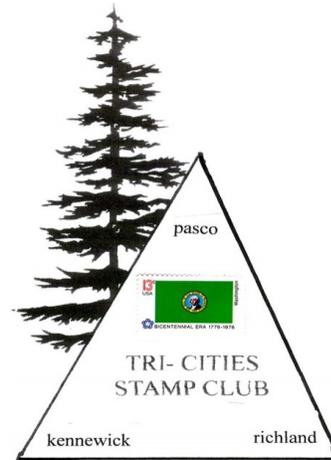
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Meeting – April 28, 2021

Zoom Meeting 7 p.m.

Join the Meeting - copy this into your web browser:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75709987539?pwd=bGwrMWpKNkhmcVA1b2VsTEI3bkZjUT09>

Agenda for the meeting 7 p.m. visit and log in for 5 minutes:

Agenda:

Introduction of Attendees - Each Person

Minutes From Last Meeting - See newsletter

Discussion:

Program: "Trans-Mississippi Issue of 1898" By Bill Gustafson - is on the website.

Letter: I &/or P- Each person presents something starting with one or both letters.

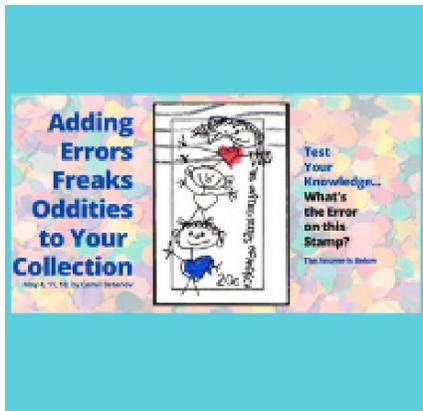
If you need help logging in, you could call Ron at 509-431-3347 or Bill at 509-466-5315.



Philatelic Terms

In philately, tête-bêche (French for "head-to-tail", lit. "head-to-head") is a joined pair of stamps in which one is upside-down in relation to the other, produced intentionally or accidentally. Like any pair of stamps, a pair of tête-bêches can be a vertical or a horizontal pair. In the case of a pair of triangular stamps, they cannot help but be linked "head-to-tail".

A triptych is a philatelic term (from the Greek: "three" + "fold") which was borrowed from the art world and having the same meaning: a set of three panels hinged together. It is used to describe three se-tenant postage stamps of related design that make up a complete single design.



APS Education/C3a

Adding Errors, Freaks and Oddities to Your Collection.

Errors, freaks, and oddities (EFO) refers to what can go wrong when producing postage stamps including major design errors to stamps that are just poorly printed.

Go here to register:

<https://stamps.org/learn/c3a-online-learning>

May 4, 11, 18, 2021 (7:30 – 8:45 p.m. Eastern Time)

Cost: \$25 APS Members/\$50 for Non-Members

Instructor: Cemil Betanov.



"Yes, you can do your Postal business in your pajamas, but will you please do it on USPS.com at home?"

WEBSITE PROGRAMS

2021 Year

April "Trans-Mississippi Issue of 1898" By Bill Gustafson
March "Some Postal History Items Related to WWII" By Jerry Johnson
February Meeting "Maximum Cards" - By Ron Cone
February "The Varney Airgram" - By Joe Voice
January "Columbian Exposition Issue of 1893" - By Bill Gustafson

2020 Year

December "United Nations" - By Ron Cone
November "The Varney Airgram" - By Joe Voice
October "A San Francisco Earthquake Postal History Item" - By Jerry Johnson
September "What Do You Find When You Collect Stamps" - By Ron Cone
August "PNC or Plate Number Coils" - By Bill Gustafson
July Greenland Stamps "From Pole to Pole" - By Joe Voice
May program "Why do you collect Finland". - By Mike Monahan
April program "A Unique Story: Both Military and Philatelic. - By Joe Voice

Looking for more programs!

Upcoming programs:

- Flags of the Fifty States
- History Through Stamps FDC
- Official Birds & Flowers
- San Francisco Earthquake Postal History

This looks great!! We have programs that could last for months.

Where to Put Stamps

Today I went to the post office to mail 20 letters...so I bought 20 stamps...and the clerk just handed them to me.

So I said "Am I supposed to stick all these on myself?"...and she said "No. Stick them on the envelopes.."

Russia Stamps For Sale.

Mid 1970's to late 1990's. Over 400+ very nice cancellations.

Many complete sets \$12.00 OBO. Gary Risley 509-554-7144 or risley20@netzero.net

Stamp Collecting For Beginners

Getting started – acquiring your stamps

The traditional way to begin stamp collecting as a hobby is by acquiring used items on cards and envelopes.

Buying ‘kiloware’ stamps that are unsorted and sold according to their weight, is another good way to approach stamp collecting for beginners. Acquiring large packets of stamps or ‘stamp bags’ that have been sorted is also an option.

Sorting these into countries of origin can be time consuming, but it is also interesting and tremendously exciting. Although auction houses tend to sell items of higher value it is also possible to buy relatively inexpensive mixed lots at Warwick & Warwick sales. You may also buy items at stamp fairs, jumble sales, online trading sites, charity shops and from dealers. Regardless of how you choose to acquire your stamps, there are affordable avenues available to suit every budget.

Sorting and soaking your stamps

Don’t attempt to remove a stamp from an envelope or its paper backing by pulling it as this will cause irreparable damage. Use a pair of sharp scissors to trim the paper (about 2cms around it) ready to be soaked. It’s much easier to handle stamps when they’re attached to an envelope and it makes more sense to sort them before you soak them, which will make them delicate.

Because soaking stamps is quite time consuming, sorting at this stage will ensure you don’t waste time on stamps you don’t want or need.

How to soak stamps:

1. Pour some clean warm water into a bowl and float each stamp (with the design facing upwards) on the surface.
2. Float as many stamps as you can accommodate at any one time.
3. Leave for 10 to 15 minutes so the water can impregnate the gum which is making it stick to the paper.
4. Use your fingers to gently peel the stamp away from the paper. If it does not come away easily, leave to soak for another five minutes before trying again.

More to Follow Next Month

A young lady stamp collector has found the following website to be of great interest and help.

<https://www.swagbucks.com/shop/guide-stamp-collecting>
Her Dad contacted us through our website email. Give it a try.



Photograph of a city carrier standing in front of a Columbia electric delivery wagon in Buffalo, New York, on July 29, 1901. The picture on the right is a Riker Mail Wagon about 1900.

A Columbia Mark XI electric delivery wagon, built by the Electric Vehicle Company of New York, transported mail between the Buffalo Post Office and a temporary postal station at the nearby Pan-American Exhibition from May through October 1901.

It could carry 1,000 pounds besides the driver and letter carrier and was able to travel 40 miles on one charge.

The first known contracts for mail transportation by automobile were for electric models:

–In March 1901, the Post Office Department contracted with the Electric Vehicle Company of New York for the transportation of mail between the Buffalo Post Office and a temporary postal station at the nearby Pan-American Exhibition, which ran from May through October 1901.

–In October 1901, the Department contracted with the Republic Motor Vehicle Company for five electric vehicles, with operators, to collect mail from boxes in Minneapolis and to carry mail between the Minneapolis Post Office and its stations from January 1, 1902, to June 30, 1903.

**Is this our
new electric
vehicle?**



Minutes from March 24th Meeting

Introduction of Attendees - Each individual introduced themselves and listed what they collected.

Minutes From Last Meeting - Ron - not read as in newsletter

Auction - Gary & Anna Risley - no report from Gary or Anna

Facebook - Ron Cone - still trying to determine - how - costs without attaching to personal account.

Bill Ailes, Jr is getting permission from APS to use their Zoom account to eliminate the time restriction of 40 minutes on the free option.

Ron will attempt to improve information to members that will let them log in to Zoom meeting.

Margaret Dunn reported that the nursing home will have strict limits.

She is willing to offer her home until things open up a little more. Opinion was that we would wait to see how things go before going back to in person meetings.

Program - using the letters C and R- many members did presentation. They liked the idea and we will continue, using different letters, with this format for our meetings.

Following people attended:

Bill Ailes, Jr.; Ron Cone; Jerry Johnson; Bill Gustafson; Dan Herting; Mike Touhy; Jim Paglieri; Shirley Canfield; Margaret Dunn



A man or woman is not old until regrets take the place of dreams.