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\$10 for email only

APRIL MEETING

Jerry Schultz will complete his two-part program on Oil this month. The first half was great, so don't miss the second instalment.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

May.....London, 2022.....Ed Pieper
June.....TBD.....???

July.....StampFest Prep.....Guy Gasser

August.....Imperial German Navy during the
Boxer Rebellion.....Ed Bayham

September.....TBD.....???

October.....Philatelic Jeopardy.....Guy Gasser

November.....Auction Bux Auction.....???

December....Christmas Party.....Katrina Whitaker

2023

Speakers needed for next year.

SHOWS

Gene Stewart has a bourse the 2nd Saturday of each month from **9AM to 3PM**. It is now located at The Aviator South County on the northeast corner of I-55 and Lindbergh, behind The Mattress Firm. Don't miss out. One of the dealers just might have that stamp you have been seeking.

WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Greetings everyone! Well, it's Tax Day. I hope that everyone filed their taxes on time and didn't end up owing anything to Uncle Sam or the Governor.

Now that Expo's fun and frolic is over and the results are in, I can say that the show went very well and was a big success. Almost all of the dealer and exhibitor feedback was positive, which is important for the future success of the show because they will look forward to coming back. Attendance was still down from pre-COVID, which was not a surprise as all shows across the country are down. However, the attendance this year was more than the last 2 years, which is a positive trend. This year we had 320 paid attendees, which was up by about 50 from last year. If one counts those that came to the show more than one day, attendance was easily over 400 for the 3 days. There was no way to really count how many attended more than one day so this is a best guess, but whatever that number was I think this is close. Attendance pre-COVID was running around 600 paid for comparison.

I want to thank everyone who volunteered to do the myriad of tasks required to make the show a success. The list is long and I don't want to miss anyone so let me just say thank you all. The show relies on the volunteers to happen. A special thanks Tom Minor and Nathan Esbeck, both Board members of Expo, for all of their hard work behind the scenes over the past year. The hours that they put in are many, and those on the outside looking in can't fathom what has to be done each year. I also want to thank our committee members for their work, Bob Mahoney for the Youth Room, Larry Weisz for security, Katrina Whitaker, VP, for registration and Expo administration, and Alan Barasch for keeping the exhibitors on track, in the right place, and making sure they had the resources they needed. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Now that the big event is over, it's time to look forward to the next big event for the club, and that is StampFest. I know that StampFest seems like a

long way off, but everyone knows that time flies when we're having fun and August will be on us before we know it. The show dates this year are 13-14 August 2022, and will once again take place at the Kirkwood Community Center. Please mark your calendars now. The club officers have already begun planning for this show.

Tom Minor has once again volunteered to be the show chairman, and Jerry Schultz has once again volunteered to head up the auction. Thank you, Tom and Jerry. I'll have more information in the coming months to include the help the club will need to put on this show. Once again, the show will need someone to chair the concession stand. See the column elsewhere in this newsletter for details on just what this task requires. Who would like to volunteer for that? Please let me know. One can contact me for more information.

The program this month sees the return of Jerry for part two of his presentation on oil and philately. Last month he left us hanging as to what this month will bring. I don't know about the rest of you, but I am looking forward to what Jerry has in store for us.

Speaking of programs, I think the VP still needs one more person to volunteer to fill out this year. She is also taking signups for next year. Sign up early and get your pick of the month you want.

See everyone at the meeting! That is all!

Guy

Did you know: Postage rates are going up again July first. The cost to send a 1-ounce letter will rise to 60 cents, additional ounce to 24 cents, and post cards to 44 cents. Ugh!

CONTRIBUTION

The club received the contribution of a large stamp collection recently, with the requirement that we use it to help beginners with their collections. It includes stamps from many countries, both mint and used. So far nine of our members have received stamps from this massive collection. If you are a beginning collector, or not too far beyond that level, and haven't yet received any of these stamps, please contact me and let's see what we can do about adding to your collection.

STAMPFEST

I'm sure you will hear a great deal about the upcoming StampFest in the next few months. One thing we badly need is for someone to step up and agree to chair the Concession stand. Being Chair doesn't mean you have to spend all your time during the show working the stand. In fact, you probably won't have to spend much time there on Saturday and Sunday. Your work would mostly come before the weekend of the show. Among the duties would be seeing what supplies we already have, looking at the standard list of supplies to see what needs to be purchased, coordinating with the officers on the food to be purchased and the pricing, doing the purchasing or finding a volunteer to do it, making sure everything is there and working when the show opens both days, and closing it down each day when the show closes. Show Chair Tom Minor and VP Katrina Whitaker will be glad to answer any questions you may have and point you in the right direction on things. The Concession stand really is an important part of the show. Why not step up and give it a go?

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Ukraine: A Postal History

By Ed Bayham

To appreciate Ukraine postal history, one must consider its geography, political history, and aspirations. The present-day territory is comprised of the Black Sea Coast on the south, the open steppes on the east, and the mixed forest-steppe of the north central and west, and the mountainous Carpathian region of the southwest. Its cultural identity can be traced back to the reign of Volodymyr the Great and his son, Yaroslav the Wise, at the end of the 10th Century, when their rule extended from the Baltic to the Black Sea. The Kyiv principality, situated upon the Dnieper River, profited from the Baltic-Byzantine trade route. During the 13th Century, its rule was challenged by other Rus' principalities, by Mongol invasions from the East; and over the following centuries by other kingdoms, including Poland, Lithuania, Austria, Hungary, and Rumania. The Ukrainian language and political structures were generally suppressed during these times. At the onset of World War I, the administration and postal systems were split between Austria, Hungary, and Russia; and stamps of those countries were used.

WWI brought invasion and battles between Austrian and Hungarian armies, and Russian forces. Following the collapse of the Russian Empire, a national assembly met at Kyiv and declared the Ukrainian National Republic on January 22, 1918. Its first set of stamps was issued in July, 1918.



Russian stamps were commonly used in the early months of independence. To protect postal revenue, local offices were required to have existing stocks overprinted with the trident-shaped arms of Grand Prince Volodymyr. Examples are depicted below.



During three years of civil war, armies of Ukraine, Bolshevik, White Russian, Allies, and Poland fought back and forth across the country. By November, 1920 central and eastern Ukraine was occupied by Soviet forces, and Soviet stamps were used there. Parts of Western Ukraine remained occupied by Poland, Czechoslovakia, Romania and Poland. Overprinted stamps of Austria, Bosnia. Poland, and Romania were issued for use in those territories.



The Ukrainian government-in-exile in Warsaw, in 1923 prepared an 11-value set overprinted with the Cyrillic “UPP.” It was supposedly intended as a field post issue for a planned invasion of Ukraine that never happened, and the stamps were never issued. Scott assigns a value of \$15 for this set.



World War II again turned Ukraine into a battlefield with a variety of postal arrangements. With the invasion of the Soviet Union by Germany, two postal agencies were created, the General Government, which handled Western Ukraine, and the German Dienstpost, which handled Reichkommissariat Ukraine. Romanian forces operated a postal system in Transnistria. By the end of the war, the Soviet Forces pushed the opposing forces out and established the modern borders of post-war Soviet Ukraine.



In the wake of an attempted coup in Moscow in August 1991, the Ukraine parliament declared the full independence of Ukraine. This was ratified overwhelmingly by popular referendum in December. The first stamps of the newly independent republic were issued on March 1 1992.



Now Ukraine’s independence is again threatened. After centuries of oppression, their fierce commitment to remain free is demonstrated by the recent release of a stamp commemorating the defiance of Russian threats against the Snake Island troops.



References: Ukraine Postal History 1900-1945, Andrew Oleksiuk, prepared as an APS exhibit, 2001