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We are always looking for articles of a philatelic nature for publication in the Newsletter. These can vary in length from 1 page to several and can cover any topic imaginable if there is a philatelic connection. Well-researched articles, tips for collectors, stamp collecting memories, stamp show and philatelic book reviews, etc., are all welcome topics. Just send us a text file with some supporting image files and we will take care of the editing and layout. The Forum and its Newsletter need your support so please help us!

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Forum & APS Chapter 1591 Update

As the weather improves, time spent working on our collections and visiting the Forum will likely decline. If you include your duplicate material or collections that are no longer of interest as part of your spring cleaning, please consider the many non-profits that accept philatelic donations to serve their respective communities.



Speaking of donations, @firstfrog2013 has given our Forum a significant amount of material. As soon as I can find the time to work through all of it you’ll be seeing a number of giveaways – stay tuned.

On the APS front there is much to report. Things are shaping up for [Great American Stamp Show 2023](#) to be held in Cleveland, Ohio August 10-13. The Education Department has a new Director and is preparing for both [Summer Seminar 2023](#) and the [2024 Young Philatelist Leader’s Fellowship](#). The APRL’s digitization project is making progress since the project began. You can learn more about that effort by clicking [here](#). Lastly, APS President Ziegler stepped down on March 31. The APS Board unanimously elected Cheryl Ganz as President and she appointed Greg Galletti to replace her as Vice President. More information on the new leadership may be viewed [here](#).

Sadly, we recently learned that 3 of our long-time members had passed away: Alan Latval (@alanl – July 2013), Bobby Barnhart (@bobby1948 – February 2016) and Peter Ware (@brightonpete – May 2018). Each had made significant and lasting contributions to our Forum. They will be missed but not forgotten.

Steve Tomisek
Forum Admin/APS Chapter Ambassador

My Favorite Stamp...And My Father

By Chris A. Whitehouse, Ph.D. (ChrisW)

Being asked to name your favorite stamp is kind of like being asked to name your favorite child. There are A LOT of beautiful stamps out there, and many, at various times, I might consider a favorite. However, this one in particular is [one of] my favorite stamps, not because it is valuable (2018 CV \$1.10 unused) or because it is the most beautiful stamp in the world (although I do think it is quite attractive). It is my favorite because of its connection to my father and because it was one of the first stamps I remember seeing as a kid, which got me interested in stamp collecting in the first place. This stamp is Scott #232, issued in 1940 by New Zealand depicts Abel Tasman, a sailing ship, and the western coastline of New Zealand (Figure 1). This was part of a special centennial issue of stamps featuring important events in New Zealand's history. Abel Tasman (1603-1659) was a Dutch seafarer, explorer, and merchant, who in 1642, while in the service of the Dutch East India Company, was the first European explorer to reach New Zealand and Van Diemen's Land (now Tasmania).



Fig. 1. New Zealand Scott #232, issued in 1940 depicting Abel Tasman, a sailing ship, and the western coastline of New Zealand.

Now my father (Figure 2) was not a stamp collector per se, but he did keep a scrapbook, which contained many mementos and other items he picked up during his tour of duty on a destroyer in the South Pacific while serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II. As a young boy, I loved looking through this scrapbook, which contained a variety of items, such as postcards, matchbooks, napkins, and various photos showing exotic tropical people and places from various South Pacific islands. In addition, he apparently picked up a few local stamps along the way, which he also stuck in the scrapbook. These included the New Zealand stamp described above, but also several French Polynesia stamps (Figure 3). Needless to say, all these items - especially the stamps - were very exotic to a young boy who had never been outside of his small town in southern Indiana. Seeing and being excited about these foreign stamps were in my memories when, at the age of eight or nine, my parents gave me a beginner's stamp album and packet of stamps and, as they say, the rest is history - I collected stamps off and on for the next 50 years.



Fig. 2. My father, Garnett Whitehouse (left), with an unnamed friend drink at a bar in the South Pacific sometime in the early 1940s.



Fig. 3. Examples of some French Polynesia stamps that my father also collected in his World War II scrapbook.

My father joined the U.S. Navy in 1940 and on December 7, 1941, he was aboard the *USS Shaw*, which was in drydock in Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attacked. The Japanese planes dropped three bombs on the ship. Luckily, he was blown off the ship into the water and was able to survive the massive explosion that resulted in one of the most iconic images of the attack (Figure 4). I am happy to say that he lived a full life and passed away in 2015 at the age of 95. Of course, that New Zealand stamp made its way into my stamp collection, and every time I see it, I think of my dad and that stamp's unlikely journey from the South Pacific onto its page of my Scott International stamp album.



Fig. 4. *USS Shaw* exploding after her forward magazine was detonated during the Japanese attack resulting in one of the most iconic images of the attack.

Taxe Markings on Modern Postcards with Invalid Stamps

By David M. Frye (DavidMFrye)

Introduction

A web site, Postcrossing.com, connects more than 800,000 individuals from 206 countries in a worldwide community of Postcrossers who exchange postcards (Postcrossing.com, 2021). After a user has registered, he or she can request an address and then mail a postcard to the recipient. Each address comes with a Postcrossing identification number that allows the recipient to register the postcard. As a Postcrosser in my ninth year, I have sent 247 postcards and received 246... so far. Aside from the simple joy of finding stamped mail with encouraging notes in my mailbox, this activity allows me to discover the occasional postcard with an additional marking that merits some investigation.

Within fifteen days in late January and early February 2021, I received two notable postcards from Germany and Poland. Each bore its respective country's *Taxe* marking, indicating underpayment of postage. A brief description and discussion will examine the two markings and the reasons for their appearing on the postcards.

Postcard Frankings

The first postcard, dated by the sender on 11 January 2021, arrived from Germany on 27 January 2021. The upper-right quadrant of the postcard, shown in Figure 1, shows the affixed stamp, *Taxe* marking, and trilingual etiquette.



Fig. 1. Chemnitz, Germany, to Franklin, Massachusetts, 11 January 2021.

The second marking appeared on a postcard mailed from Warsaw, Poland, on 18 January 2021. It arrived on 11 February 2021. Its upper-right quadrant appears below in Figure 2. It shows the stamp, the *Taxe* marking, a postmark, the sender's Ironman sticker, and a portion of the USPS's intelligent mail barcode.



Fig. 2. Warsaw, Poland, to Franklin, Massachusetts, 18 January 2021.

Taxe Markings

Cleaned-up renderings of the two *Taxe* markings appear below in Figure 3.

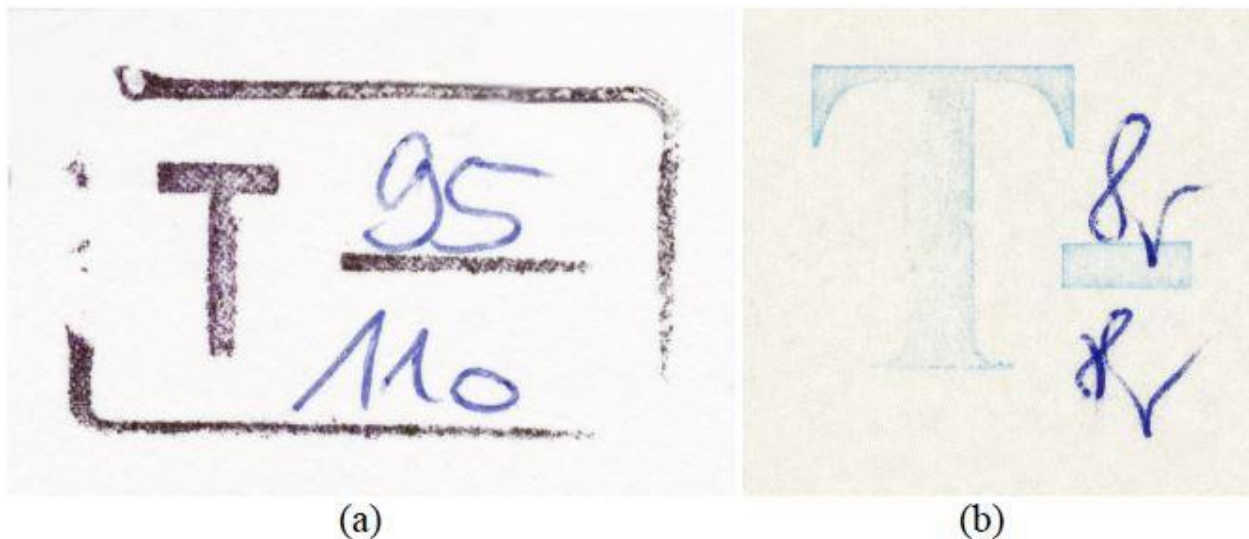


Fig. 3. *Taxe* markings applied to postcards by (a) Deutsche Post DHL Group (original: 32.5 mm × 28.5 mm) and (b) Poczta Polska S.A. (original: 20.0 mm × 16.5 mm). Both images shown at 200%.

Clerks' Decisions

In most cases, a mailed item bears a postage-due marking because the sender has failed to attach sufficient postage to cover the cost of the selected postal services. In the cases of these two postcards, clerks marked the postcards with their respective *Taxe* markings because the mailed items did not bear any valid postage.

The postcard from Chemnitz, Germany, carries a 110 Pfennig commemorative stamp released on 27 April 1999. When Germany moved its currency from the Deutsche Mark to the Euro, its postage stamps also made the transition. Stamps denominated only in the Deutsche Mark and issued before 2000 were demonetized (Deutsche Post, 2021). Thus, a German postal clerk applied the blue marker strike-through to mark the stamp as invalid and added the *Taxe* marking. The current rate for a postcard is €0.95, which matches the numerator of the marking filled in by the clerk, as shown in Figure 3(a).

The postcard mailed from Warsaw bears a 50-grosz stamp from the Polish Country Estates series of 30 April 1997. At first, this stamp would appear to supply partial payment of the current 8-złoty postcard rate, where 100 grosz equals one złoty. The stamp's postmark, which clearly ends at the stamp's left and bottom edges without making any marks on the postcard itself, indicates that the sender applied a used stamp to the postcard. Thus, a Polish postal clerk boxed the used stamp with a blue pen, postmarked the postcard on 18 January 2021, and added the *Taxe* marking with the numerator note of the 8-złoty postcard rate, as the illustration in Figure 3(b) shows.

If the senders had included their return addresses, the postcards could have been returned to those individuals to receive valid postage. However, because neither card bore a return address, the cards—marked as short paid—traveled on to their shared destination in Franklin. Both internationally mailed postcards passed through the U.S. Postal Service to various mail processing centers and the sequenced mail trays on our route before the carrier's delivery in my curbside mailbox. Neither card received any markings applied by the U.S. Postal Service to indicate any intentions to collect postage due.

Discussion

Taxe markings, with their use of a capital "T" and a fractional line, provide a recognized standard for marking the short payment of mailed items. When clerks apply these markings to letters posted to international destinations, they should follow the conventions set by the Universal Postal Union (UPU). Then clerks in the destination countries can calculate the proper amount of postage due. The U.S. Postal Service describes the method for the "Computation of Postage Due," noting

The postal service of the country of origin identifies and marks short paid mail with a T stamp. Next to the T is a fraction that consists of the amount of postage deficiency (expressed in its own currency) divided by the country's international surface letter price at the first increment.

The receiving exchange office in the United States multiplies the T fraction by the U.S. First-Class Mail International letter price to determine the short-paid amount in U.S. currency. This amount, plus a \$0.50 handling charge, accounts for the postage-due amount to be collected on delivery. (*International Mail Manual*, Section 731).

Given these protocols, the German *Taxe* fraction of 95/110 represents the postcard's deficiency of €0.95, and the current international rate of €1.10, both expressed in cents. The Polish *Taxe* fraction of 8/8, in turn, represents the 8 złoty deficiency and 8 złoty current international letter rate. When the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) receiving exchange office processed these postcards, a clerk should have calculated the postage due for each card.

- German postcard: $\{[95/110] \times \$1.20\} + \$0.50 = \$1.54$
- Polish postcard: $\{[8/8] \times \$1.20\} + \$0.50 = \$1.70$.

So, rather than collecting \$3.24 for these two cards, the USPS collected nothing, giving these two cards free passage from Europe to Massachusetts.

Conclusion

Recently mailed postcards displayed two less common forms of short payment of postage: the use of a demonetized stamp and the affixing of a previously used stamp. In both cases, dispatching exchange office clerks marked the postcards with *Taxe* markings, giving USPS clerks in the receiving exchange office clear notices of insufficient postage. The appearance of these markings on currently posted mail shows that *Taxe* markings remain in use. The absence of efforts to collect postage due indicates that the USPS, to some degree, neglects these markings and declines to collect postage due for short-paid international postcards.

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From the Archives – A Window to the Past

By Editorial Staff

If you find articles such as this of interest, you may find more in The American Philatelist Archive, hosted by Smithsonian Libraries, at <https://library.si.edu/digital-library/book/american-philatelist>.

The Library.

The Joint Committee appointed by the American Philatelic Association, Branch 5, the Twin City Philatelic Society and the Pittsburgh Philatelic Club, after consultation with Mr. Anderson, Librarian of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, beg to announce the following rules to be observed by members of the American Philatelic Association desiring to draw books from the philatelic section of the Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Upon receipt of postal notice giving the name of the book desired, the Joint Committee will advise the member of the amount of postage, including registration, which will be needed for forwarding the book. This must be sent to the Chairman of the Committee before the book can be forwarded, unless it is desired to have the book sent by express, in which case the express charges will follow.

Books may be kept by members one month from the date on which they leave Pittsburgh, and upon notice to the committee, before the expiration of the month, may be retained for a further period of four weeks, unless in the meantime another application for the same book has been filed at the Library.

All books returned must be sent either by express, fully prepaid, or by registered mail.

Books should be returned to Edwin H. Anderson, Librarian, Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh, Pa., direct, and postal card notice of the date of the return sent to the Chairman of the Library Committee.

All donations of literature should be sent to the Assistant Librarian, H. E. Deats, Flemington, N. J.

The value of books damaged or lost must be borne by the member to whom they are issued, or, in case of his failure to do so, by the Association at large.

It is hoped that a complete catalogue of the philatelic books in the Carnegie Library will soon be ready to issue to members, but further specific information in regard to this will be given through the Official Journal.

The Committee is endeavoring to obtain donations of philatelic works from a number of foreign authors and publishers, and would respectfully urge upon all collectors interested in having a great central library on philately, the propriety of forwarding to the Assistant Librarian any books or periodicals on the subject which they feel able to dispense with.

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Committee.

The above article appeared in the 1901 annual issue of The American Philatelist (V15 pp.61-2). Should you see anything that ought to apply to our library lending policy, send your viewpoint to @tomiseksj by Forum personal message.

My Latest Find: A Scarce (?) Ohio Prepaid Sales Tax State Punch Card

By Steve Tomisek (*tomiseksj*)

Some may be aware that Ohio Prepaid Sales Tax Receipts (*aka*, Ohio Sales Tax Stamps (OSTS)) are one of my many collecting interests. I wrote about them in the Forum's newsletter ([V1.5, p.2](#)) and created a [thread](#) on the Forum that is devoted to them. Part of my daily stamping routine, with few exceptions, involves reviewing the results of 24 searches that I have saved on eBay to see if any newly listed items will fill holes in any of the 10 collecting areas that I've targeted with those searches.

On the morning of April 1, 2023, one of the OSTs search results was a Buy It Now (BIN) listing that included a handful of consumer receipt (CR) halves, a complete stamp (vendor stub and consumer receipt attached), a receipt from Buckeye Coal & Feed Company with the consumer receipt attached, a war savings stamp (Scott WS1), and an orange State punch card (Figure 1). The seller was asking \$4.99 for the lot with a \$3.00 shipping charge.



Fig. 1. Images taken from the eBay listing. At left is the main listing image and at right is one of 3 additional images.

While I no longer intentionally acquire vendor or consumer halves, the receipt and State punch card were of interest. The punch card's condition would have caused me to pass on this listing if I already had one of that type in my collection. To be sure, I set about to see if I had chanced upon an opportunity to add a new item to my OSTs collection. My primary reference in this area is Monte Dean's book, *Ohio Sales Tax Revenues: Stamps, Punch Cards, Tokens and Related Memorabilia*, published in 2012. His classification system goes well beyond those described in the catalogs of either Cabot, Malehorn and Davenport, or the State Revenue Society. (I note that, at some future point, the State Revenue Society will publish another edition of its catalog, which promises yet another taxonomy for the prepaid sales tax receipts.)

In his book, Dean provided a description of what he had categorized as **OH TPC2** (Ohio Transitional Punch Card 2). Specifically, the card "was probably a special request issue and the only orange stock cardboard that contained 30 punch spaces. The OH TPC2 is the same as the SPC3B, except that it has 30 punch spaces, rather than 18." He went on to say that there were only two known examples of that type (Figure 2). The first having been reported in Issue 119 of the American Tax Token Society's Newsletter and the second example being found in a collection that Monte viewed during the book's production. Both examples known at that time had a red control letter B, with a "relatively slight differentiation in the serial number."



Fig. 2. The two transitional punch cards as they appeared in Dean's book

When I read that description, it became clear that I did not have the punch card. I immediately returned to my eBay account and purchased the item. With sales tax, the lot cost me \$8.29. The lot arrived in my mailbox on April 5th and I was feeling pretty good about having found what might be only the 3rd such punch card known to exist (Figure 3). However, before making my discovery known, I wanted to see if any other cards of this type had been discovered in the decade or so since Dean wrote his book.



Fig. 3. This State Punch Card would be identified as OH TPC2-GCM1 under Dean's classification system. The serial number "843039" and control letter "B" are printed in red. The Vendor's identification is stamped in black ink and reads "G.C. MURPHY CO / IN OHIO LIC 1401342"

As you might imagine, there is a dearth of information available to the collector of Ohio prepaid sales tax items. Apart from Dean's book, the only other resources I could think of to consult were past issues of the American Tax Token Society's newsletter. I joined the ATTS in mid-2017 and have copies of the 24 quarterly newsletters published since I became a member. While reviewing ATTSN 187, I saw an OH TPC2 shown on page 4 that had been identified as an OH SPC3B (Figure 4) -- recall that the only difference between TPC2 and SPC3B are the number of punch spaces. This meant that, as best I could determine to this point, there were now four known examples of this type of punch card.

4. SPC 3B – HLG, Red Serial No. 904569 B, H. L. Green Company



Fig. 4. The OH TPC2 shown in ATTSN 187 (Oct-Dec 2019) that was identified as OH SPC3B. Serial number "904569" and control letter "B" are printed in red on the orange punch card. Also in red is the vendor stamp "H. L. GREEN COMPANY / OHIO / Vendors License No. 25-01858". The card was one of five the owner had purchased from a dealer in Ohio for \$100.

In the interest of full disclosure, there are about 5 years' worth of ATTS Newsletters that I have not reviewed to see if other cards of this type had been reported. I also haven't verified with the Editor of the forthcoming 3rd edition of the SRS Catalog his awareness of other OH TPC2s in existence. Regardless, I consider myself fortunate to have found this seemingly scarce item and been able to add it to my collection at modest cost. The quest continues and I will make sure to report any future such finds. If any of our members are interested in starting a collection of Ohio Prepaid Sales Tax Receipts, send me a Forum personal message with your mailing address and I'll get a starter set of stamps on its way.

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What is the Mighty Buck Club

The Mighty Buck Club provides an affordable opportunity to make a BIG difference. We wanted a campaign where we could show our members that donations even in small amounts pooled together can provide much needed funds to improve APS/APRL services and support the hobby.

How to Become a Member:

To join the club it only takes \$12 (equal to \$1/month!) Becoming a member of the Mighty Buck Club is as easy as buying a stamp online. Just go to the donate page on the APS website and follow the prompts to make your \$12 or more donation.

Navigating Our Forum – Your Profile Information

Techniques, Tips and Reminders

Changing your account's display name: Want to have something other than your username display for your account on the forum? This is possible by changing your display name. A display name is a mask that displays in the online list, as well as in your profile on the forum. Unlike the username when you registered on the forum, your display name can contain spaces, capital letters, and special characters as desired.

To change the display name of your forum account, click on the **Profile** button found in the top menu bar to access your account profile. Once you are on your profile page, click on the button for **Edit Profile**. You'll then be taken to the **Edit Profile & Settings** page; once here, click on the **Personal** tab. When the Personal tab loads, you'll see the first option on the page for **Display Name**. Type in the name that you want your account to display as in the box provided and then click the **Save Personal Settings** button found toward the bottom of the page. When this is completed, you will notice that your profile will be updated to show the name that you updated with, as well as see it displayed in the mini-profile next to all of the posts that you make on the forum.

It is important to note that when you change your display name, the username that you originally registered with for your account will still be the name that you will use to log in to the forum. You will not be able to log in to the forum using your display name.

Setting your gender and controlling how it's displayed: If you need to change the gender that is associated with your profile, you can do this by logging in to your forum account. Once you're logged in, click on the **Profile** button typically found in the top menu bar of the forum. Once on your profile page, click on the **Edit Profile** button and you'll be brought to the **Edit Profile & Settings** page. Click on the **Personal** tab and you'll see **Gender** listed as the second option on the page. Select either *Male*, *Female*, or *Other/Decline to State* depending on the gender that you more closely identify with, and then click on the **Save Personal Settings** button located at the bottom of the page. After the changes are saved, your profile will be updated with the gender that you have selected.

While setting your gender is a requirement for your forum account, you can choose whether or not you want your gender to be displayed to other members of the forum. This includes forum staff members as well. To determine whether you want your gender to be displayed or hidden on your profile, click on the **Profile** button located in the top menu bar of the forum, and then click on the **Edit Profile** button on your profile page. Once you're taken to the **Edit Profile & Settings** page, click on the tab for **Privacy**. You'll see the first option on this page read **Show Gender** — set this to either *Yes* if you want your gender displayed to other members of the forum, or *No* if you want to keep your gender to yourself. Once you have set this, click the **Save Privacy Settings** button found at the bottom of the page. Your selection will take affect immediately after the settings have been saved successfully.

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Please click any of the listed topics below for a detailed explanation of that topic. If you still have unanswered questions or need additional assistance, please visit the ProBoards Support Board.

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Displaying your location in your profile: If you would like to let other members know where you are from, you can do so by modifying the **Location** option of your profile. When the location is updated, members will see what location you have set when they visit your account profile on the forum. To update your profile to include your location, click on the **Profile** button located in the top menu bar of the forum, and then on your profile page click the **Edit Profile** button. You'll be taken to the **Edit Profile & Settings** page, once here click on the **Personal** tab on the page. On the Personal Information page, you'll see the option for **Location** as the third option on the page. You can update your location in your profile using the text box provided here, and can be as detailed as you are comfortable with.

Your location will only display in your profile if you have provided one in the location box on the Personal Information page when modifying your profile. If you keep the location box blank, a location will not display in your profile.

Linking your personal website to your profile: Have your own personal website and want to let other members of a forum you frequent know about it? You can do this by adding a link to your website in your profile. To do this, click the **Profile** button found in the top menu bar. Then on your profile page click on the **Edit Profile** button. You'll then be taken to the **Edit Profile & Settings** page; click on the **Personal** tab provided on this page and you'll notice these two options listed:

Website Name: Type in the name of your website. This will be what is displayed to members in the website field of your profile page when they are viewing your profile.

Website URL: This is the web address to your website that members will be taken to when they click on your website name in your profile. (ie. <http://www.google.com>)

After you have filled out these two fields, click the **Save Personal Settings** button found at the bottom of the page. Once this has been completed, visit your profile and you should see your website link listed on your profile page.

Adding a signature to your posts: Signatures display beneath message board posts and can also be seen in member profiles. Limited BBCode can be used to customize signature content. To begin adding a signature to your account, click the **Profile** button in the top menu bar, and then click the **Edit Profile** button on your profile page. Next, on the **Edit Profile & Settings** page, click the **Personal** tab. From there you'll find the **Signature** option toward the bottom of the page, and can add or modify your signature using the text box below. You are only able to type in a maximum of 500 characters into this area, unfortunately this limit cannot be adjusted at this time.

If you want to preview the signature before saving any changes, you can click the **Preview** link found below the signature text box and you will see a preview of your signature pop-up on the screen. If everything looks good, close the Signature Preview by clicking the **x** in the top-right hand corner of the pop-up box, and then click the **Save Personal Settings** button. After this is done, you should see your updated signature append to the posts you have made on the forum.

Information on these and other areas may be found in the Forum's [Help Guide](#).

Support Your Forum by Writing for Its Newsletter

By Editorial Staff

The simple truth is: since all the material is written by members, the survival of this Newsletter is entirely dependent upon member contributions.

We welcome articles written on any area of philately, if they are original works.

For instance:

- How did you come to be a stamp collector? Tell us about it...
- Did you attend an interesting philatelic exhibition or stamp venue? Tell us about it...
- Do you have expertise in a particular area? Tell us about it...
- Have you had a positive or negative online buying or selling experience? Tell us about it...
- Do you belong to an interesting stamp club? Tell us about it...
- Do you have a favorite stamp? Tell us about it...

If you can make posts on the Forum, you have the ability to prepare articles for this publication.

In addition to supporting the Forum, submitting material provides the opportunity for recognition by the American Philatelic Society through its Articles of Distinction program.

Submitting an article is easy—all we need is the file containing the article's text, annotated with suggested image locations, and the images sent as separate files.

If you would like to have an article published in the next issue of the Newsletter (V7.4; Jul-Sep 2023), please attach the text and image files to an email and send it to stampforum.net@gmail.com by not later than June 5, 2023. If files are too large for submission by email, use the free and secure file transfer service at WeTransfer.com. Text files in Microsoft Word are preferred.



TSF's Philatelic Library

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The publications donated to our Forum by the [American Air Mail Society](#) (AAMS), in conjunction with the [American Philatelic Society](#) (APS), have sat idle since their arrival in mid-January. The procedures for checking out a book have been posted on the [Forum](#), along with brief descriptions of their content. The list of titles the Forum received are shown below.

That the books have remained on the shelf since their arrival is likely attributed to the requirement that members checking them out must pay the cost of postage and insurance for both delivery and return. The use of Forum funds to cover some or all of the postage cost would be inappropriate.



To ensure that this valuable Forum resource is not squandered, I am willing, as my time permits, to entertain reasonable requests to research information contained within these publications.

AVAILABLE TITLES:

AERIAL MAIL SERVICE

AMERICAN AIR MAIL CATALOGUE, Seventh Ed.-Volume 1-3

AMERICAN AIR MAIL CATALOGUE, Sixth Edition — Volume 1-3

BALLOON POST OF THE SIEGE OF PARIS, 1870-71

CORREIO AEREO: A HISTORY OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF AIR MAIL SERVICE IN BRAZIL

GLIDER MAIL: AN AEROPHILATELIC HANDBOOK

INDEXES TO THE AIRPOST JOURNAL, Volumes 1-60, 1929-1989 and the AERO PHILATELIST ANNALS,

Volumes 1-25, 1953-1971 and 1975-1982

MAX - I didn't get to know him very well

NEWFOUNDLAND AIR MAIL, 1919 – 1939

O.A.T. AND A.V.2 MARKINGS - Third Edition

PERUVIAN CIVIL AVIATION

ROCKET MAIL FLIGHTS OF THE WORLD TO 1986

THE AIRMAILS OF CANADA AND NEWFOUNDLAND First Edition

THE PIONEER AIRPLANE MAILS OF THE UNITED STATES

VIA AIRMAIL: An Aerophilatelic Survey of Events, Routes, and Rates

TSF's APS Articles of Distinction

By Editorial Staff

To date, our Forum has submitted six articles for publication on the American Philatelic Society's [website](#). All have been posted there and each of those has a link that will bring readers to our Forum. Our 2022 submission is currently featured on the website's [Collecting Insights](#) page.

In addition to the recognition given our Forum, the authors receive a certificate of achievement from APS.

The articles chosen by the membership to represent our Forum/APS Chapter in each of the annual competitions conducted thus far are shown below, and each may be viewed by clicking on the respective link.

- 2017 [The 1926 Madrid-Manila Flight – A Pioneering Journey](#)
- 2018 [Visiting Stamp Shops Around the World](#)
- 2019 [USS Constitution – America's Ship of State](#)
- 2020 [Philatelic Travelogue: Paris and Its Stamp Market](#)
- 2021 [SAMOA, 1840-2000: Transition from Chiefly Fiefdoms to Nationhood](#)
- 2022 [Philatelic Travelogue: Hunting British Postboxes](#)

The 2022 selection process closed with four articles competing for the distinction of being selected as The Stamp Forum's 2022 APS Article of Distinction – one from each Volume 6 issue published. For the 2023, the same selection process is being followed. A poll will be created to allow you to select your favorite article from this issue. That poll, and the ones created for the previous issues, will close on August 31, 2023 at Midnight, New York time. A final poll will be posted in September to select the article that will represent our Chapter in 2023. The polls will be posted on the [Article of Distinction board](#).

If you enjoy reading the Newsletter, please show its contributors your appreciation by making your selections known.



In Closing...

My thanks go to those who have contributed content for this issue as well as to previous issues. Sadly, only a relatively small proportion of our membership takes the time to craft and submit material.

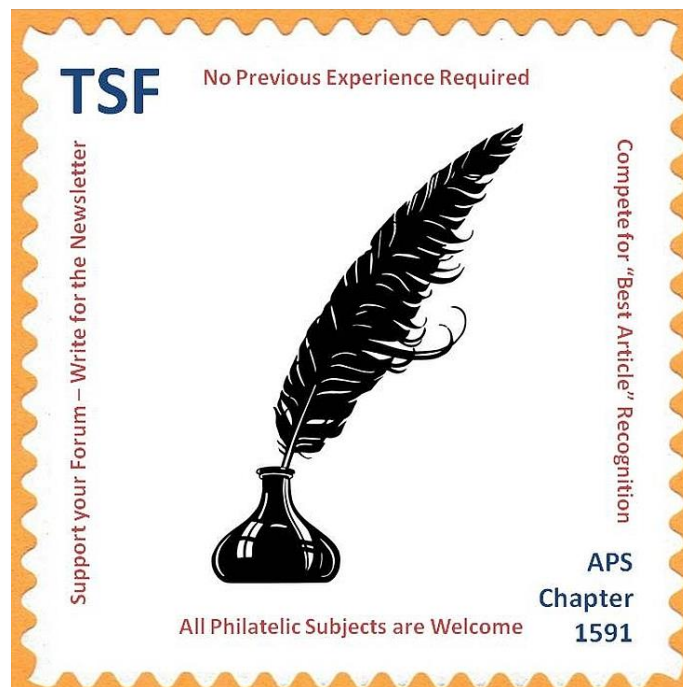
Member support is essential if we are to continue publishing a Newsletter. Any contributions of a philatelic nature will be considered for inclusion in a forthcoming issue (e.g., a catalog or book review, what I collect and why, a stamp show or bourse review, an intro to my local club, etc.).

Please consider trying your hand at writing something for publication. If you are not sure how to go about it, contact one of the editorial staff and we'll be happy to assist.

I hope to get back on track for having each Newsletter published the week prior to the period covered. To meet that target, please make your submissions not later than June 5, 2023.

When contributing material, Microsoft Word files are preferred, with images submitted as separate files. Although we can work with PDF files with embedded images, it makes for a more tedious process.

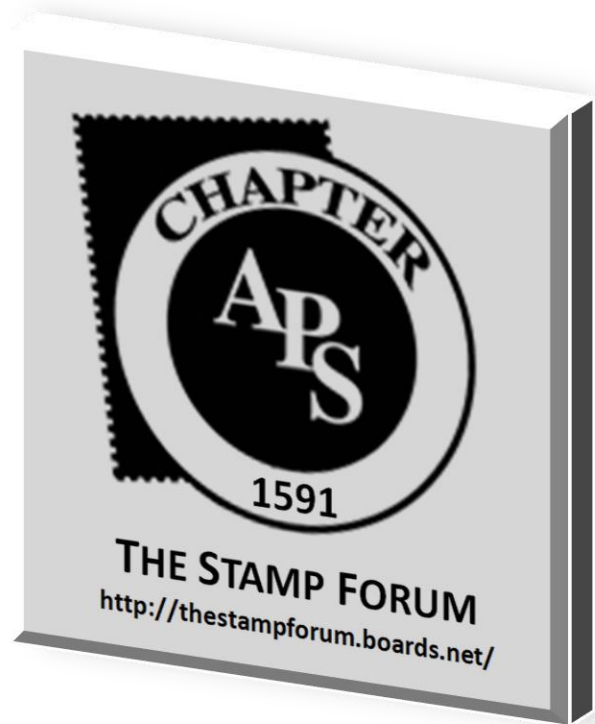
Thanks for your continued support of our Forum – I look forward to receiving your Newsletter submissions!



The Stamp Forum became a Chapter of the American Philatelic Society on February 28, 2014. A requirement of that membership was our obligation to abide by APS's [Philatelic Code of Ethics](#).

While most of the benefits of Chapter membership are best-suited for physical stamp clubs, there are several that are applicable to us. For example, we are listed in the APS club directory, are able to participate in the [Articles of Distinction](#) program, and receive a copy of [The American Philatelist](#), the monthly journal of the Society.

If you are not an individual APS member, please consider [joining](#) the organization. If you are going to apply for membership, please indicate Chapter 1591 as your sponsor.



It's Time for a Stamp Club Meeting

Join us!

- Would you like to join a stamp club but you either can't find one or its meeting time doesn't fit your schedule?
- Would you like to discuss stamps with other collectors at any time you choose, day or night?
- Do you have questions about your stamp collection that you'd like to have help in answering?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, we can help! The Stamp Forum, Chapter 1591 of the American Philatelic Society, meets online, 24/7 at thestampforum.boards.net. Feel free to check us out. If you have questions, please send them to us at stampforum.net@gmail.com.

