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From the President's Desk Happy Holidays Everyone!

The Christmas Party is early this year and takes place on December 3rd at 6 p.m. in the Scottish Rite Center, the price is \$25.00 per person. Bob (Stamp Santa) is getting all the goodies and gifts lined up for everyone. The meal choices are Salmon, Prime Rib or Vegetarian

If you are planning to attend there will be a sign-up sheet at the November meeting or if you can't make it to the November meeting you can e-mail me at lisan2scotties@msn.com or call me on 503-949-3920, I'll just need to know the number of people attending with you and your meal choice. I am trying to break a record for attendance this year so I hope to see you there.

From the Library

I want to personally thank Sally Klein for the generous donation of Lucien's collection of books. It has greatly enhanced the club library.

Each of the donated books will include a sticker with a "Donated by Sally Klein in Memory of Lucien Klein". Each book will take a turn being available at club meetings to check out and enjoy. Thank You again Sally.

See you at the Meeting

Lisa Janz

October 15th Meeting.

The main event of the evening was the Members' Swap & Trade night. The meeting was well attended with over 30 members in the room and 3 on Zoom. There seemed to be a good deal of trading going on with lots of interesting material on offer.

Bob Reynold's "Buy-it-Now" table was a great success with nearly \$150 of sales recorded. Some of Lucien's books were offered for sale to members. These raised another \$80 for the club and, together with healthy raffle sales, a total of nearly \$300

was raised for the club's funds.

The Society has reached agreement with the estate of Lucien Klein for the purchase of his stamp collection. Some members will be aware that Lucien had a very nice collection especially strong in US material.

Members can expect to see many interesting lots from Lucien's collection in future club auctions.

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Society News & Meetings.

VP Danny Bisgaard is looking for members to present programs and "Show & Tell" items for 2026. Program presenters have their membership dues for the year paid as reward. For everyone else, Alan Maul reminds us that membership dues for 2026 will be due in January. Rates are unchanged—\$10 p.a. per person and \$15 for a family.

November 19th Meeting.

with images of selected lots.

This month's meeting will be quite different and special! First of all the Society will hold its monthly Board Meeting at the Scottish Rite Center starting at 5pm. All members are welcome to attend. The slate of Board members and officers for 2026 will be prepared ready for the elections at the AGM to follow. As well as the AGM there will be a very special club auction with many outstanding items, good box lots and collections. Doors open early for viewing. A full listing is included in this newsletter together

N.B. You need to be a fully paid up member in order to place bids in the auction.

January and February 2026 Meetings.

Members are reminded that, as in previous years, the first two meetings in 2026 will be held on the 3rd Saturday of the month starting at 10am.

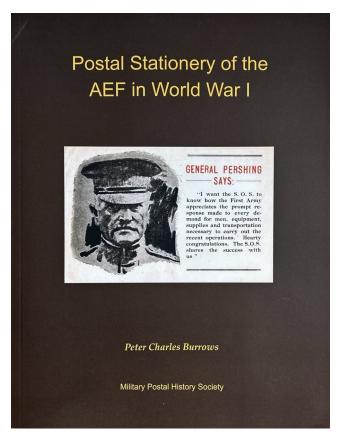
On **January 17th** the main event will be the first Members' Auction of the year. This is always a great opportunity to sell surplus items from your collections and raise some cash to buy more. Please send details of lots to Bob Reynolds as soon as possible so that a list can be prepared for the January newsletter.

On **February 21**st there will be a Bid Board and Program (TBD).

If it looks like we will be in for some bad weather on either of these two dates please check the society web site or your emails for notices about cancellations or changes. If you do not have access to online information you can call any of the people listed on the front cover of the newsletter for guidance.

PIPEX 2026

Preparations are going ahead for an excellent auction at the next PIPEX show. Dave Morrison reports that Cherrystone Auctions in collaboration with Uptown Stamp Show are looking for quality US lots for the event. If you have items that you would like to place at auction contact Niko Courtelis at Uptown for help or information.



The Military Postal History Society has kindly provided our society a third monograph in its recent series (see above), please see Lisa if you wish to borrow this from the Library.

Tariffs and Duties on Overseas Mails.

We recently reported that several overseas postal authorities were suspending service to the US due to uncertainties over tariffs on shipments.

At our last meeting George Struble told a disturbing story about how the tariffs and the recently rescinded exclusion of duties on low value shipments are working. Auction catalogues from Switzerland were caught up in a bureaucratic muddle resulting in their delivery being delayed until after the auction! This situation could of course apply to stamps bought overseas from dealers or at auctions. It seems like George now has some experience and expertise in these matters and may be able to help members with similar problems.

Correction.

David Epps writes: In my August newsletter article on GASS 2025, I left out acknowledging the American First Day Cover Society as one of the show organizers.

My apologies to the AFDCS. I wish to thank Ralph Nafziger for bringing this to my attention.

That's Interesting!

Bob Grosch

Different papers/different stamps.

Collecting U.S. stamps presents a challenge to collectors when looking in the catalog and learning that stamps with identical images can be considered completely different stamps depending on what kind of paper was used in their making.

I well remember when I first discovered this problem. I took some stamps to a dealer in Cincinnati to ask him what kind of paper I had. He examined the stamps, flicked them between his fingers and pronounced them printed on "hard" paper. I was quite pleased to learn this, since the "hard paper" variety bore the higher catalog value.

I asked the dealer how he could tell this was hard paper just by flicking the stamp between his fingers. "The hard paper sounds different than the soft paper", he replied.

"Well," I said, are there paper samples a collector can buy to tell the differences between the two papers?"

"Absolutely," said the dealer. "The samples are called *stamps*; would you like to buy some?"

And with that I quickly purchased inexpensive paper samples of both hard and soft papers. And sure enough, by holding the stamp between the index finger and the thumb and then flicking it with the index finger of the other hand, the sound of the two types of paper is quite different.

Many years later I find myself surprised at how many collectors do not know the simple paper-flick trick and purchase stamps of hard or soft papers relying solely on the dealer's determination of paper type.

Cardboard Stamps

Some foreign stamps were actually printed on cardboard!

The two examples shown below bearing the likeness of Alexander III are identical in color and design. One of them is printed on cardboard. The stamps involved are Scott numbers 90 and 116, and there is a good reason why one was printed on cardboard.

The stamps were issued during WW I, when Russia was melting down its coins to

retrieve the metallic content and support the production of war materials.





The stamp on the right is printed on cardboard.

But war or not, countries still need a supply of coinage, so Alexander III was printed on cardboard and the back of the cardboard stamp bore the following message: "Having circulation on par with silver subsidiary." The cardboard stamps were not supposed to be used for postage, but they sometimes were.

If you find Scott #116 in unused condition it is likely soiled, torn, or creased from being used as coinage. Finding the cardboard stamp on commercial cover is much more difficult and is a really great find!

Very interesting!

Rare Post Box seen in UK.

On a recent trip back to the England we came across a Post Office pillar box which caught our attention. These are a very common sight with over 115,000 of them in the UK but this one was different. Just 271 pillar boxes were made during Edward VIII's short reign in 1936 making this the rarest type. This example was seen in Earl Shilton in Leicestershire.





SALEM STAMP SOCIETY November 2025 Auction

LOT #	COUNTRY		SCOTT #		CAT	N	IN BID	NOTES
LOT #	United States	1859 10 cent Washington, Mint HR	35		210.00	\$	40.00	NOTES
2	United States	1857 12 cent Washington, Used, Misc Faults	36	_	300.00	\$	40.00	
3	United States	1861 30 cent Franklin, Used	71	<u> </u>	225.00	\$	45.00	
4	United States	1866 15 cent Lincoln, Used	77		175.00	\$	30.00	
5	United States	1868 2 cent Jackson E grill, Used	87	\$	200.00	\$	40.00	
6	United States	1875 90 cent Perry, Used	166	\$	300.00	\$	60.00	
7	United States	1879 90 cent Perry, Used	191	\$	375.00	\$	75.00	
8	United States	1868 5 cent Grant, Mint no Gum	216	\$	210.00	\$	30.00	
9	United States	1890 5 cent Grant, MNH, Light creases	223	\$	185.00	\$	35.00	Pretty Stamp!
10	United States	1893 15 cent Columbian, Mint No Gum	238	\$	200.00	\$	35.00	
11	United States	1893 30 cent Columbian, Mint No Gum	239	\$	225.00	\$	40.00	
12	United States	1893 50 cent Columbian, Mint No Gun	240	\$	450.00	\$	80.00	
13	United States	1887 2 Cent Washington, Mint HR, Expertised	251	\$	350.00	\$	50.00	
14	United States	1895 2 cent Washington, Type III, Mint HR	252	\$	135.00	\$	25.00	
15	United States	1895 15 cent Clay, Mint HR	274	\$	200.00	\$	40.00	
16	United States	1897 1 Dollar, Perry, Type II, Used	276A	\$	200.00	\$	40.00	
17	United States	1898 8 cent Trans-Mississippi, Mint HR	289	\$	140.00	\$	25.00	
18	United States	1898 50 cent Trans-Mississippi, Used	291	\$	175.00	\$	30.00	
19	United States	1901 8 cent Pan Am, Mint no Gum	298	\$	90.00	\$	15.00	
20	United States	1901 10 cent Pan Am, Mint No Gum	299	\$	115.00	\$	20.00	
21	United States	1907 5 cent Jamestown, Mint HR	330	\$	140.00	\$	30.00	
22	United States	1909 5 cent Washington Imperf Pair, MNH	347	\$	110.00	\$	25.00	
23	United States	1910 2 cent Washington Perf 12 coil, Mint HR	386	\$	120.00	\$	25.00	
24	United States	1913 5 cent Pan Pacific Expo, MNH	399	\$	160.00	\$	50.00	Nice Stamp!
25	United States	1914 3 cent Washington, Perf 12 Coil, Mint LH	445	\$	210.00	\$	50.00	
26	United States	1914 5 cent Washington Coil Pair, MNH	447	\$	220.00	\$	50.00	
27	United States	1925 Lexington-Concord Set, MNH	617-9	\$	36.50	\$	12.00	
28	United States	1926 White Plains Sheet, MNH, A few perf seps	630	\$	475.00	\$	175.00	Nice Sheet!
29	United States	1929 8 cent Kansas Overprint, Mint LH	666	\$	72.50	\$	20.00	
30	United States	1938 \$5 Prexie, MNH	834	\$	75.00	\$	25.00	
31	United States	1990 Love Stamp Error - Color Pink Missing, MNH	2441c	\$	950.00	\$		
32	United States	1927 16 Cent Airmail, Mint LH	C5	\$	60.00	\$	20.00	Nicely Centered!
33	United States	1927 24 Cent Airmail, Mint LH	C6	\$	65.00	\$	15.00	
34	United States	1937 Federal Duck Stamp, MNH	RW4	\$	300.00	\$	60.00	
35	United States	1938 Federal Duck Stamps, Mint HR	RW5	\$	200.00	\$	30.00	
36	Austria	1919 Special Handling Issue, MNH	QE6b	\$	87.50	\$	20.00	
37	Austria-Turkish Emp	1908 17 assorted Postage Dues, Mint HR		\$	124.65	\$	20.00	
38	Canada	1899 5 cent Victoria, Bluish paper, Mint HR	79	\$	250.00	\$	50.00	
39	Cape of Good Hope	1857 1p Rose, Used, Faults	3	\$	325.00	\$	40.00	
40	Ceylon	1853 8p Victoria, Used, Faults	54	\$	80.00	\$	10.00	
41	China	1948 Airmail 50,000 Red Overprint	C59	\$	160.00	\$	30.00	
42	Falkland Is	1885 1p Victoria, Mint no Gum	7	\$	95.00	\$	12.00	
43	Great Britain	1911 1sh King Edward VII, used	138	\$	40.00	\$	50.00	
44	Iran	1907-9 partial set - Mohammed Ali Shah Qajar, Mint LH	435-8,440-44	\$	329.00 86.50	\$	15.00	
45	Ireland	1930's -1950's small lot of 8 Different Used		\$	76.70	\$	12.00	
46	Ireland	1920's-1940's Small Lot of 10 Postage Dues, Mint LH	17//202	\$	97.60	\$	12.00	
47	Nauru	1924-48 Partial Set, Mint HR	17//28a 1	\$	575.00	\$	100.00	
48	New Brunswick	1851 3p red, Used 1926 2sh & 3sh Used	182-3	\$	210.00	\$	25.00	
50	New Zealand		3	\$			30.00	
-	Nova Scotia Rhodesia	1851, 3p flowers of the empire, Used, small tear on side 1896 10sh, Coat of arms, Used, Perf-In	39	\$	75.00	-	15.00	
51		1909 1 pound Coat of Arms, Faults, pinhole, thin	99	\$	220.00	\$	25.00	
53	Rhodesia Vatican	1951 Canon Laws Airmail Set, Mint LH	C20-21	\$	240.00	\$	50.00	†
54	Zululand	19th Century lot of 8, Used, a couple w/ small faults	22021	\$	202.75	\$	40.00	
55	Austria	1970's - 1980's Mostly MNH, a few used		\$	70.00	\$	15.00	
56	Botswana	4 different used sets, 1970's		\$	108.85	\$	20.00	
57	Canada	19th Century lot of 18, most used, few have faults		\$	127.85	\$	20.00	
58	Canada	1977-1982 Almost complete MNH		\$	75.00	\$	20.00	
59	Christmas Island	1958-2000 Mint LH/MNH, cpl 100 stamps, a few covers		\$	235.00	\$	45.00	
60	France	200+ MNH different stamps 1960's-1976		\$	152.75	\$	30.00	
61	Hawaii	27 Different Mint and Used, Some nice stamps!	T	\$	250.00	\$	50.00	
62	Ireland	Pre 1963 Mint and Used lot		\$	295.00	\$	50.00	
63	Ireland	1922-1972 Misc sets and singles Mint LH		\$	280.00+	_		Better Items!
64	Monaco	100's of Mint, MNH and used on pages 1800's-1970's		T		\$	35.00	
65	Monaco	1970's-1980's MNH Collection		\$	176.45	\$	35.00	
66	Switzerland	1978-82 MNH Collection		\$	167.50	\$	35.00	
67	United Nations	2007, 2008, 2010 ,2011 Coin and Flag Stamp Series		\$	153.00	\$	25.00	Face over \$50
68	M Countries	Envelope w/ cpl 100 on pages and in glassines				\$	15.00	
69	Beatrice Potter	Almost all MNH w/British & Japan, booklets, stamps etc		\$	216.00	\$	35.00	Some nice writeups
70	Worldwide	9"x12" Envelope filled with mint and MNH Stamps				\$	25.00	
71	Worldwide	16"x 8" x 6" plastic tub filled with M&U in glassines				\$	10.00	
72	Covers	Big box of FDC's Covers, postcards				\$	10.00	
		Box with covers, stamps, misc Baseball theme		T		\$	15.00	
73	Baseball	box with covers, stamps, misc baseban theme						
	Supplies	Box with mounts, hinges and misc supplies				\$	15.00	

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Lot 45





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Meetings

All meetings held at the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple, 4090 Commercial St. SE, Salem, OR.

Wednesday 19th November 2025.

Doors open at 5 pm for Board Meeting & Viewing. AGM & Club Auction, Starts at 7pm

Wednesday 3rd December 2025 Christmas Party, Starts 6pm

Saturday 17th January 2026 Members' Auction, S&T, Starts 10am

Saturday 21st February 2026 Program: TBD, Bid Board Starts 10am

Pacific NW Stamp Shows and Bourses 2025-6

Local Events

Salem Coin & Stamp Show, December 20-21 Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall, OR

Repetitive Events:

Oregon Stamp Society: Rose City Stamp Fair - 2nd Saturday of the month at OSS clubhouse 4828 NE 33rd Ave., Portland 9:00am-3:00 pm Collectors Corner - 4th Saturday of the month at OSS clubhouse 9:00 am.- 3:00 pm

2025-2026 Major Shows:

CHICAGOPEX 2025, Westin Chicago NW, Itsaca, IL on November 21—23 2025

PIPEX 2026, May 1-3 2026, Monarch Hotel, Clackamas, OR

BOSTON 2026 World Expo, May 28-30 2026 at the Boston Convention Center