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August 20th Meeting.

The exceptionally hot day and vacation season resulted in fewer than usual members attending the August meeting in person. We had about 22 in the room but 9 members chose to attend on Zoom. This was the highest Zoom attendance so far but unfortunately we also had some technical issues with sound. Lisa Janz eventually managed to enable the members on Zoom to hear the proceedings but we were not able to hear them!

Gary Tiffin and **Ted Shepard** gave a very interesting presentation on local postal history in the late 19th and early 20th century. The title was "1875—1920 Mails to Turner and Aumsville" and described the early development of the Rural Free Delivery service in Oregon. It was illustrated with several impressive covers from that era.

The August Bid Board had 60 lots on offer, 48 were sold for a total of over \$430. Together with raffle tickets \$489 was raised for the club during the evening..

Lucien Klein.

It was with great sadness that we learned from Lisa of the death of Lucien Klein. He died on August 16th aged 89 and had been in poor health for some time. He had been an active member and supporter of our society for many years and was one of the founding members and organizers of PIPEX.



Members paid warm tributes to Lucien and remembered his contributions to our society and to our hobby. He will be greatly missed.

His funeral service will be held at 11am on Saturday September 9 at

the First Presbyterian Church, 950 N. Boones Ferry Rd in Woodburn. We send our thoughts and condolences to his wife Sally.

As many of you know, Lucien was for many years the editor of this Newsletter and was responsible for Publicity and Promotion on the PIPEX committee. He was honored with the PIPEX Service Award at last year's show.

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September 17th Meeting

Peter Gatehouse will present this month's program on "Tin Can Mail", this is an early and interesting example of the difficulties of sending and delivering the mails in remote locations!

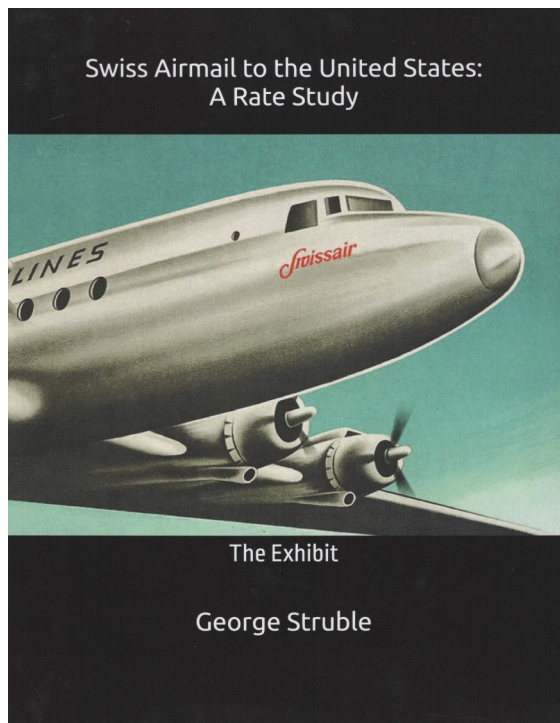
Bob Reynolds has assembled another good Bid Board for the meeting. 60 Lots are on offer, the complete list is in this newsletter together with images of selected items.

Local Show News.

Our Fall **STAMPEX** takes place on **Sunday September 21st** at the Scottish Rite Center on Commercial St S in Salem. The show hours are 10am to 4pm and Gary Tiffin reports that he has a full complement of dealers attending. Please mark your calendar and tell friends and family and help make our show another success. Volunteers to help set up, tear down and sit at the welcome desk would be appreciated.

New Books for the Club Library.

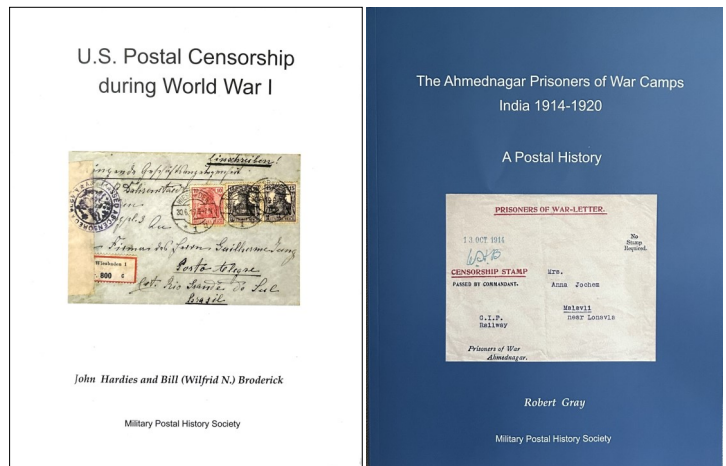
At the August meeting **George Struble** showed us a copy of his latest book. It is based on his award winning exhibit on "**Swiss Airmail to the United States: A Rate Study.**" George has donated a copy to the Library, please see Lisa Janz if you would like to borrow it



The Military Postal History Society recently sent us copies of two new monographs written by their members. The first of these entitled "**US Postal Censorship during World War I**" was written by

John Hardies and the late Bill Broderick.

The second is a postal history of "**The Ahmednagar Prisoners of War Camps India 1914-1920**" by Robert Gray. The Ahmednagar camp in the Bombay Province was set up to hold German and Austrian prisoners interned in India at the start of the First War. The U.S. Consulates in India helped the prisoners until 1917 when it entered the war, thereafter prisoners' interests were handled by the Swiss. Please see Lisa if interested.



Youth Activities.

Thanks to the many Salem Society donors, 93 scouting merit badges were earned and 55 pounds of stamps and covers were delivered.

Pictured below was the Saturday morning class - one of four taught.

Thanks to all,

Phil Kumler

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Coming Soon!

It is Members' Swap Night on October 15th so bring along your spare items to sell or trade. On November 22nd we hold our AGM and a great Club Auction with many collections and box lots on offer. Early viewing from 5pm will be available.

**September 2025 Bidboard
Salem Stamp Society**

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LOT #	COUNTRY	DESCRIPTION	SCOTT #	CAT		NOTES
				VALUE	MIN BID	
1	United States	1855 3 cent Washington, Used, Type I	11	\$17.50	\$4.00	
2	United States	1855 3 cent Washington, Used, Type II	11A	\$15.00	\$4.00	
3	United States	1869 3 cent Locomotive Pictorial, Use	114	\$16.00	\$4.00	
4	United States	1873 6 cent Lincoln, Used	159	\$15.00	\$5.00	
5	United States	1888 4 cent Jackson, Used	215	\$30.00	\$6.00	
6	United States	1890 15 cent Clay, Used	227	\$25.00	\$5.00	
7	United States	1890 30 cent Jefferson, Used	228	\$30.00	\$6.00	
8	United States	1895 5 cent Grant, Mint HR	270	\$35.00	\$8.00	
9	United States	1901 1 and 2 cent Pan Am Expo issues, Mint HR	294-5	\$31.00	\$8.00	
10	United States	1901 4 cent Pan Am Expo, Unused no gum	296	\$70.00	\$15.00	
11	United States	1903 50 cent Jefferson, Used	310	\$35.00	\$10.00	
12	United States	1906 1 cent Franklin Imperf Pair, Mint LH	314	\$30.00	\$8.00	
13	United States	1907 2 cent Jamestown Expo, Mint HR	329	\$30.00	\$8.00	
14	United States	1906 2 cent Washington, Imperf Pair, MNH	344	\$20.00	\$5.00	
15	United States	1910 1 cent Franklin, MNH	374	\$14.00	\$5.00	Nice Stamp!
16	United States	1910 4 cent Washington, Mint HR	377	\$27.50	\$8.00	
17	United States	1914 1 cent Balboa, Perf 12, Mint LH	397	\$15.00	\$4.00	
18	United States	1914 2 cent Balboa, Perf 12, Mint LH	398	\$16.00	\$4.00	
19	United States	1914 Balboa Perf 10 partial Set, Used	401-3	\$27.50	\$5.00	
20	United States	1916 1 & 2 cent Washington, MNH	462-3	\$26.00	\$6.00	
21	United States	1917 3 cent Washington, Mint HR Type II	502	\$12.00	\$3.00	
22	United States	1917 8 cent Franklin, MNH	508	\$25.00	\$8.00	
23	United States	1917 9 cent Franklin, MNH	509	\$25.00	\$8.00	
24	United States	1929 4 cent Kansas Overprint, Mint LH	662	\$17.50	\$4.00	
25	United States	1929 6 cent Kansas Overprint, Mint LH	663	\$12.50	\$3.00	
26	United States	1929 9 cent Nebraska Overprint, Mint LH	678	\$35.00	\$8.00	
27	United States	1933 Century of Progress S/S Mint No gum as Issued	730-31	\$40.00	\$10.00	
28	United States	1934 1 cent Century of Progress Vertical Gutter Pair NGAI	766a	\$ 7.00	\$3.00	
29	United States	1940 Famous Americans Set, MNH	859-93	\$ 33.10	\$8.00	
30	United States	1923 8 cent Jenny, Used	C4	\$ 12.50	\$3.00	
31	United States	1947 Federal Duck Stamp, Used	RW14	\$ 15.00	\$4.00	
32	United States	1949 Federal Duck Stamp, Used	RW16	\$ 15.00	\$4.00	
33	United States	1935-1943, 30 Different MNH		\$16.30	\$4.00	
34	Australia	1938 10sh King George, Used	178	\$20.00	\$5.00	
35	Australia	1991 \$10 Botanical Garden Issue, MNH	1134	\$15.00	\$5.00	
36	Bahamas	1920 Peace Commemorative Set, Mint HR	65-69	\$34.25	\$8.00	
37	Bahamas	1935 Coronation Set, Mint LH	92-5	\$25.00	\$5.00	
38	Barbados	1861 6p Britannia, Used, Trimmed perfs, Faults	20	\$37.50	\$5.00	
39	Barbados	1939 General Assembly Set, MNH some gum toning	202-6	\$21.00	\$5.00	
40	Bermuda	1880's 3 Diff Victorias, Mint HR, Used	16,17,22	\$31.75	\$6.00	
41	Canada	1876 5 cent Victoria ,Used	38	\$ 27.50	\$5.00	
42	Canada	1897 1 and 2 cent Jubilee Used	51,52	\$ 23.00	\$5.00	
43	Canada	1897 4 cent Jubilee, Mint HR	54	\$60.00	\$12.00	
44	Great Britain	1967 Castle Set, MNH	525-8	\$ 12.10	\$4.00	
45	Hong Kong	1990's QEII Set and Partial Set, MNH	611-4	\$52.85	\$11.00	630//651E
46	Ireland	1945 10sh St Patrick, MNH	123	\$ 16.00	\$4.00	
47	Ireland	1950 St Peter Statue Set, Mint LH	142-4	\$21.25	\$5.00	
48	San Marino	1961 Europa Set, MNH	490	\$ 30.00	\$10.00	
49	Australia	1970's MNH Collection,		\$ 41.50	\$8.00	
50	Guernsey	15 Different 1970's Sets, MNH		\$17.80	\$4.00	
51	Guernsey	1985 Folder & Set - 50th Anniversary of Alderney Airport		\$ 12.65	\$3.00	
52	Hong Kong	1988-89 MNH, 3 Different S/S's		\$ 44.50	\$10.00	
53	Ireland	20 assorted Stamped Ireland Postcards			\$2.00	
54	Ireland	3 MNH Prestige Booklets, Millennium, Golden Age, Autos		\$42.00	\$10.00	
55	Ireland	2 MNH Prestige Booklets, Greetings, European Community	863a, 876a	\$31.50	\$7.00	
56	Isle of Man	1970's MNH Collection 10 sets, 1 S/S		\$ 10.95	\$3.00	
57	Isle of Man	1970's-1980's MNH Collection 10 sets, 2 S/S's		\$ 13.15	\$3.00	
58	Jersey	1970's MNH Collection		\$ 65.50	\$12.00	
59	Jersey	1992 Special Series of Stamps		\$ 36.75	\$8.00	
60	Switzerland	1979-81 MNH Collection		\$ 44.85	\$8.00	

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September 2025 Bid Board



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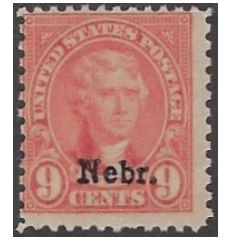
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THAT'S INTERESTING!

Did you know that we had mail service in America long before we had stamps? But in the early days we did not have rural free delivery, or even free urban delivery. Mail delivery to the home involved an extra fee, usually one or two cents paid to the carrier who delivered the letter. The fee was paid by the addressee, not the sender. Addressees who were willing to pick up their mail at the post office and did not want mail delivered to the home for an additional fee were required to register their preference at the post office, as authorized by the postal act of 1825.

Regarding mail during this early period, letter carriers in California and Oregon were allowed to charge as much as 5 cents. For a short while carrier services were performed in large cities by companies who issued their own adhesive carrier stamps. Later, inked rubber stamps were used to mark the backs of letters to indicate carrier service had been performed. (see example below)

Bob Grosch



Report from GASS 2025 - August 14-17-Chicago

David Epps

The Great American Stamp Show (GASS) has come and gone. Those in attendance had the opportunity to participate in well over 100 seminars, presentations, and social gatherings. 80 dealers awaited collectors as did 30 society tables. The USPS and the UNPA both held first day ceremonies and also had booths open for buying and selling stamps and memorabilia. Of course, there were exhibits; over 150 exhibits in 800 frames. This included the annual World Series Champion of Champions. As with every show, the best part was interacting with other philatelists. Reconnecting with old friends and making new acquaintances. GASS was just like the shows we have around the PNW, just much, much, much bigger.

In attendance, there were dealers of whom I am quite familiar. I have seen some of them for many years at shows along the west coast. By holding GASS in Chicago, I was able to peruse the stock of a number of dealers who were new to me. These new dealers enabled me to fill a few holes in my collections that I have spent many years searching for.



Show entrance on opening day

The APS and ATA (the Show organizers) held their annual meetings. New officers were installed and focused plans for philately's future were offered up. Both organizations acknowledged a loss in membership and efforts they will undertake to address this issue, while maintaining a healthy bank balances.

I attended the USPS first day ceremony for two stamps that commemorate the upcoming Boston 2026 show. In my opinion, both stamps are an improvement over the usual blurred multi-colored commemorative that the USPS frequently issues. As usual, attendees of the ceremony were provided with an official USPS first day cover.



FD Ceremony

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The exhibits were absolutely amazing! They were separated into seven groups; Special, Youth, Most Popular, Americover, Topical, APS, and Champion of Champions. The Champion of Champions consisted of exhibits that received a grand award at a World Series of Philately show during the past year. PIPEX was one of those shows. These exhibits were amazing to behold. I am glad I had the time and opportunity to view them with so many unique stamps and covers. The other sections were equally impressive. The work each exhibitor took to research, organize, and write up their material was impressive. Oregon exhibitors came out in force at GASS and won a number of awards. To Ralph Nafziger, Norma Nielson, Lloyd Ferrell, and Mark Loomis, congrats! If I left out a name, I apologize.



Ralph Nafziger standing next to his exhibit.

As I do at most shows, I sought out old friends that I knew would be in attendance. We caught up with how our collections were coming along and how our families were making out. I still had time to make some new friends. We shared collecting interests and a little about ourselves.

I volunteered at the ATA booth on two separate days. There I was able to answer questions and share my interest in topical collecting with those stopping by the booth. Societies are always looking for volunteers at shows like this.



A busy dealer aisle at the show

This was my first visit to Chicago, so I made a point to sample real Chicago Style deep dish pizza. I researched pizzerias and picked the one that many Chicagoans say is the best. A couple of long time friends joined me. It did not disappoint!



Wrigley, named after the Chicago Cubs home field, my new friend. We met in the airport.

As I stated at the top of this article, GASS 2025 has come and gone. Due to Boston 2026, GASS will take a bye next year. So mark your calendars for August 19-22, 2027 when GASS will be held in Albuquerque. I hope to see you there.

Chicago was a GASS!,

Dave Epps

PS About a day and a half after I returned to Portland, I discovered that I brought back something I had been unaware of. The test proved it, I had Covid. My first time.

Chicago and I will always have that.

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Meetings

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

Wednesday 17th September 2025.

Starts at 7pm, Doors open at 6pm.

Program: Peter Gatehouse, "Tin-Can Mail"

Bid Board

Wednesday 15th October 2025.

Starts at 7pm, Doors open at 6pm.

Members' Swap & Trade Night

Bid Board

Wednesday 22nd November 2025.

Starts at 7pm, Doors open at 5 pm.

AGM & Club Auction

Wednesday 3rd December 2025

Christmas Party, Starts 6pm

Pacific NW Stamp Shows and Bourses 2025-6

Local Events

**Salem Stamp Society Fall STAMPEX,
Sunday 21st September, Scottish Rite Center, Salem**

**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**

2024-25 Major Shows:

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

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