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From the President's Desk

Stampex is coming on March 22nd. We are looking for a couple of volunteers who can help with set-up and take-down. If you can help, let us know at the March Meeting.

February 21st Meeting.

The second meeting of 2026 was well attended with about 35 members (including 4 on Zoom) present for a successful and lively Members' Auction. There was a nice presentation on SCADTA Airmail provided by George Struble. It was enlightening to learn that Columbia mail service did not feature a sponsor which led eventually to the formation of Pan Am Airways.

The Bid Board saw plenty of action. 46 of the 60 lots sold for a total of \$465, and \$76 was raised in raffle ticket sales.

A member flyer was distributed, and everyone who has not filled it out is encouraged to do so.

There are still slots available in 2026 for presenting. Those whom present will have next years club dues waived.

Lisa Janz and Steve Staton

From the Library

Books available

If you still have a few books checked out, please return them at the next meeting so others can enjoy them.

Round Up Stamp and Coin Show.

This show is presented by the Olympia Philatelic Society and will be in Lacey, Washington just outside of Olympia on March 28th. The address is: Columbian Hall, 6794 Martin Way E, Lacey, WA. For more information visit <https://olympiastampclub.com/round-up-show/>. The show is from 9:30am-4:00pm and is an easy drive just off I-5.

There is a special event titled *Stamp Collecting Merit Badge Workshop* for Scouts. Space is limited.

Registration is required. For more details, please email rebrooms@comcast.net.



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Society News & Meetings.

Dayton Stamp Club was explosive - Okay, perhaps not in the sense we were all thinking, but the club's February newsletter highlighted The Dayton Project, which involved Dayton, Ohio in the Manhattan Project and the mysteries surrounding the chemical: plonium. It was a fascinating story by Douglas Files and worth reading if you have not yet done so.

March 18 Meeting – The 3c 1851 Stamp Printers by Marc Dochez

Imagine that your bank note company has a new venture: To Print US Stamps. Having never done this, you start right away. But soon have problems. First, with gum (Bank Notes didn't need gum). Then your sizing (paper coating) is inconsistent. Recently decreased postage rates have increased demand and exceed your ability to supply stamps. Your first printing plate is beginning to wear quickly; you are already working everyone double time, engraving new printing plates and complaints are pouring in. This is all happening in your first two weeks of introducing your new stamps.

Find out how the printers of the 1851-1861 series dealt with the problems and learn about the 3-cent stamp that covers five pages in the Scott catalogue.



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. 2

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.

UPTOWN STAMP SHOW Official Corporate Sponsor of PIPEX2026

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. Here are the published guidelines:

No More \$800 Limit: Previously, items under \$800 were often duty-free. Now, most imports are subject to fees.

Assessment Methods: Mail is assessed using either ad valorem duties (based on a percentage of value) or specific duties (usually \$80-\$200 per item depending on origin).

Rates: Typical rates range between 10-50% for many items.

Exceptions: Bona fide gifts valued at \$100 or less may still be exempt.

Additional Fees: Carriers (UPS, FedEx, USPS) often charge processing or brokerage fees for handling duty collection, which can range from \$5-\$30.

Affected Mail: This applies to both private couriers and the international postal system.

The best source for information on this subject is US Customs and Border Protection at <https://www.cbp.gov/trade/basic-import-export/e-commerce/faqs>

Interesting Concrete Arrows *Bob Grosch*

In the 1920s Airmail service was something of a novelty; so were airplanes.

When mail was flown in the early days of airmail service, it was flown under contract to private pilots operating aircraft without today's sophisticated navigation systems. The routes the planes needed to travel were well established, but while they existed on paper, they were difficult to follow while in the air.

To address this difficulty the post office attempted to mark the route on the ground for the pilots to follow. They marked the route with giant, 70 ft. long concrete arrows visible from the sky.

Of course, concrete objects are not always visible from an airplane, especially if those objects are covered with snow or overgrown with weeds in some of the more remote areas. At night, they cannot be seen at all. Pilots found that following their routes by observing rivers and mountains along the way was more reliable than searching for concrete arrows on the ground.

If ever you are hiking in the wilderness and come across a 70 foot long concrete arrow you will know why it is there. You will also be reminded that the Post Office has a long and unfortunate history of developing really bad ideas.

But it's interesting!



August in Oregon – all wet! *Steve Staton*



This postcard, sent August 17, 1912, complains about how much rain they are getting in Detroit, Oregon. They were so bored that they made a new bed and embroidered to pass the time away. Everyone just sits around and talks about the weather.

Because Detroit is one of my favorite places in the summer, I would be deeply depressed if it were so bad that I could not go fishing or running with the dogs in our favorite spot. What would you do?



This is Cooper at Detroit Lake



Did you know Gregory Manchess of Beaverton designed the artwork for the 2009 Oregon stamp? He chose a generic coastal location (impression).

March 2026 Bid Board

Salem, Stamp Society

LOT	COUNTRY	DESCRIPTION	SCOTT #	CAT		NOTES
				VALUE	MIN BID	
1	United States	1851 3 cent Washington Type I, Used	11	\$17.50	\$5.00	
2	United States	1851 3 cent Washington Type II, Used	11A	\$15.00	\$3.00	
3	United States	1857 1 cent Franklin, Used	24	\$37.50	\$10.00	
4	United States	1861 10 cent Washington, Used, Couple short perfs	68	\$55.00	\$10.00	
5	United States	1870 3 cent Washington Banknote, Used	136	\$32.50	\$6.00	
6	United States	1870 1 cent Franklin, Used	145	\$20.00	\$7.00	Pretty Stamp!
7	United States	1870 2 cent Jackson, Used	146	\$17.50	\$5.00	
8	United States	1878 6 cent Lincoln, Used	186	\$22.50	\$5.00	
9	United States	1898 1 cent Trans-Mississippi, Mint HR	285	\$27.50	\$7.00	
10	United States	1898 2 cent Trans-Mississippi, Mint HR	286	\$25.00	\$6.00	
11	United States	1901 5 cent Pan Am Expo, Used	297	\$17.00	\$5.00	
12	United States	1907 1 cent Jamestown Expo, Mint HR	328	\$27.50	\$8.00	
13	United States	1908 2 cent Washington Imperf Pair, MNH	344	\$20.00	\$6.00	
14	United States	1909 2 cent Hudson Fulton, MNH	372	\$21.00	\$7.00	
15	United States	1912 1 cent Washington Coil Pair, Mint LH	412	\$60.00	\$20.00	
16	United States	1915 1 cent Washington, MNH	448	\$16.00	\$5.00	
17	United States	1918 2 cent Washington Coil Pair, MNH	488	\$17.50	\$5.00	
18	United States	1917 7 cent Washington, Mint LH	507	\$24.00	\$7.00	
19	United States	1917 10 cent Franklin, MNH, one short perf	510	\$34.00	\$10.00	
20	United States	1917 11 cent Franklin, MNH	511	\$17.00	\$10.00	VF+, pretty stamp
21	United States	1919 13 cent Franklin, MNH	513	\$21.00	\$5.00	
22	United States	1918 3 cent Washington, Type III, MNH	529	\$7.75	\$3.00	Pretty Stamp!
23	United States	1920 2 cent Washington, Type Va, imperf pair, MNH	534	\$31.00	\$8.00	
24	United States	1919 1 cent Washington, Gray Green, Mint HR	536	\$20.00	\$5.00	
25	United States	1919 3 cent Victory Issue, Mint HR	537	\$10.00	\$3.00	
26	United States	1923 set of 3 Harding Issues, Mint LH	610-2	\$19.50	\$5.00	
27	United States	1934 Mt Rainier and Yosemite S/S, Mint HR	750-1	\$30.00	\$10.00	
28	United States	3 winged globe Airmails - 5, 6 and 8 cent values, MNH	C16,17,19	\$15.75	\$5.00	
29	United States	1948 Federal Duck Stamp, Used	Rw15	\$12.00	\$3.00	
30	United States	1950 Federal Duck Stamp, Used	Rw17	\$15.00	\$4.00	
31	United States	Small collection of 1923-26 Issues, Mint and Used		\$55.00	\$10.00	
32	Hawaii	13 Stamps, Mint and Used - some dups, a few faults		\$31.00	\$6.00	
33	Austria- Turk Empi	1908 Postage Due Set, Mint HR	J6-14	\$55.85	\$12.00	
34	Bahamas	1894 1p Victoria, Mint HR	27	\$ 9.00	\$3.00	
35	Barbados	1906 Lord Nelson, Partial Set Mint HR/Used	102-6	\$28.00	\$7.00	
36	Barbados	1861 half pence, used, small faults	15	\$47.50	\$8.00	
37	Canada	1927 Ottawa Parliament Building, MNH	143	\$15.00	\$5.00	
38	Ceylon	1861 3p Victoria, Used, Faults	31	\$85.00	\$8.00	
39	Gibraltar	1886 Half Pence overprint, Mint no gum	1	\$24.00	\$5.00	
40	Great Britain	1934 2sh6p Britannia, Used	222	\$25.00	\$5.00	
41	Great Britain	1934 5sh Britannia, Used	223	\$60.00	\$5.00	
42	Ireland	1922 Overprints, #19-21-MNH, #22 Mint LH	19-22	\$51.75	\$15.00	
43	Ireland	1950 3p statue of St Peter, Used on piece!	144	\$12.50	\$3.00	
44	Ireland	1960 Europa Set, MNH	175-6	\$47.50	\$10.00	
45	Ireland	1982 5 pound Central Bus Station, MNH	556	\$20.00	\$5.00	
46	Papua New Guine	1911 Partial Set Mint HR, Missing #57,58	50-56	\$22.75	\$5.00	
47	Australia	1981-4 Animal Sets 785a-797a, 784-800, MNH	784-800	\$ 43.10	\$10.00	
48	Australia	1987-2011 Misc Issues, MNH		\$ 75.25	\$20.00	
49	Barbados	1965 Sealife and Churchill Sets, MNH		\$ 21.50	\$6.00	
50	Dominica	1974-8 Issues & S/S's, MNH		\$ 38.00	\$7.00	
51	Ireland	1980's-1990's 36 stamps & 7 sheets, MNH		\$ 96.10	\$20.00	
52	Ireland	1980's-1990's 4 sets, 5 S/S MNH		\$ 62.65	\$15.00	
53	Monaco	1990's 2 sets, 1 S/S Scott #1760-1, 1814-6, 1816a, MNH		\$25.75	\$6.00	
54	San Marino	1963 Airmails and S/S MNH		\$29.15	\$6.00	
55	Switzerland	1978-82 Collection, MNH		\$117.50	\$25.00	
56	Vatican	1980's - 24 Sets MNH		\$41.75	\$8.00	
57	Misc	9"x12" envelope with misc Oregon State Fair Ephemera			\$5.00	
58	Supplies	Scott National 3 ring binder - Like new!			\$5.00	
59	Supplies	6 opened Packs of Showgard Mounts Sizes 33-44			\$10.00	Dark Background
60	Supplies	4 packs of small S/S size mounts 2 sealed!			\$8.00	Dark Background

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Meetings

All meetings held at the Scottish Rite
Masonic Temple,

4090 Commercial St. SE, Salem, OR.

Wednesday 18th March 2026

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

Wednesday 15th April 2026

Members Auction, Starts 6 pm

Wednesday 20th May 2026

TBD, Starts at 6 pm

PIPEX May 1-3, 2026

*“Celebrating 175th Anniversary of
the founding of Portland, Oregon*

Free Admission

*12566 SE 93rd Ave, Clackamas,
OR 97015*

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:

WESTPEX, April 24-25, 2026 at San Francisco Marriott
Waterfront Hotel. See westpex.org

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

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