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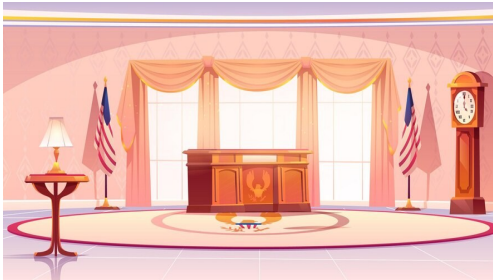


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**CELEBRATE THE 250<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE USA AT  
OUR BARBECUE ON JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**SPECIAL PRICE OF \$2.50 / HEAD**

**Doors open at 5pm, Dinner at 6pm, Auction at 7pm**

**GREAT FOOD + OUTSTANDING CLUB AUCTION!**

## From the President's Desk.

### June 17th Barbecue and Club Auction

Doors open at 5 pm, dinner at 6 pm. Cost is a nominal \$2.50 per person in celebration of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the USA and a special Club Auction starts at 7pm. (See Bob Reynolds's article on the auction on page 2.)

If you wish to attend the barbecue please e-mail Lisa at [lisan2scotties@msn.com](mailto:lisan2scotties@msn.com) with your choice of Ribs or Hotdog or Veggie burger.

Family members are welcome to attend.

**Lisa**

### May 20th Meeting.

It was Members' Swap & Trade night and there seemed to be plenty of both activities going on.

Bob Reynolds sold face value stamps at discount prices during the evening and raised over \$250 for the club as well as \$52 worth of raffle tickets.

Michele Giammatteo presented a short "Show & Tell" on some items she picked up at PIPEX. She had found some stamps printed on some very unusual materials, I hope to have more details for the next edition.

### New Member.

We welcome **Steve Schmidt** to the club, Steve joined after visiting the club booth at PIPEX. He comes from Portland and we hope to see him at one of our meetings soon to tell us more about himself and his collecting interests.

He brings our membership up to 80 although Treasurer Alan Maul

reports that only 83% are fully paid up! If you want to bid in this month's excellent auction you need to have paid dues to Alan.

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## Club News & Meetings.

The waiting is nearly over! The highly anticipated June Club Auction featuring many items from the late club member Lucien Klein's collections has arrived. Bob Reynolds reviews some of the star lots below.

### The June 2026 Club Auction.

Our Auction this month features many outstanding stamps. In the past, I might have commented in the notes about a "nice stamp," or "bright color," or "nicely centered". In this auction, almost all of the early U.S stamps are *premium* stamps.

We start with a 4 margin #1 with a red cancel and is just a pretty stamp and has a Cert! One other beauty is a mint one cent Franklin reprint issue from 1875-only **3846** are known to exist! Moving on we have a really nice used copy of the One Dollar Trans-Mississippi "Cattle in the Storm" issue, for sure one of the more popular stamps from the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Also up for auction is an extremely nice 65 cent Zeppelin with very nice centering It might be worth sending this in to see what type of centering grade it receives. Another Zeppelin item is the 65 cent stamp on cover commemorating the first Europe to Pan America flight. This was post-marked June 2 1930, just five days later on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June all Zeppelin stamps were pulled from the Post Offices and were no longer available for sale. It is interesting to that note only 7% of the Zeppelins that were printed were sold.

Please take some time to see and enjoy some of these stamps and collections. Hope to see you all on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Bob Reynolds**

### Library News.

Three new books have arrived:

**The MLO Book: Northeast China's Control and Provisional Overprints.**

**Revenue Stamps of Russia Volumes 1 & 2**

Also we have replaced the missing **China Stamp Society Specialized Catalog of China to 1949.**

**Lisa Janz**

## FUTURE MEETINGS.

Our meeting on **July 15<sup>th</sup>** will feature our next Members' Auction. This is a great opportunity to sell some of your surplus or duplicate material and there is **no Seller's Premium!** Please see Bob Reynolds at the June meeting with a brief description of your lots and a starting/reserve price.

The following two meetings in August and September will have Bid Boards. VP Danny Bisgaard is looking for volunteers to present programs at these meetings, please contact him if you would be interested in doing this. As a reward, presenters have their dues paid for the following year.

Board Member Dan Edwards will be organizing another Scavenger Hunt for the August meeting, more details will be in the July newsletter.

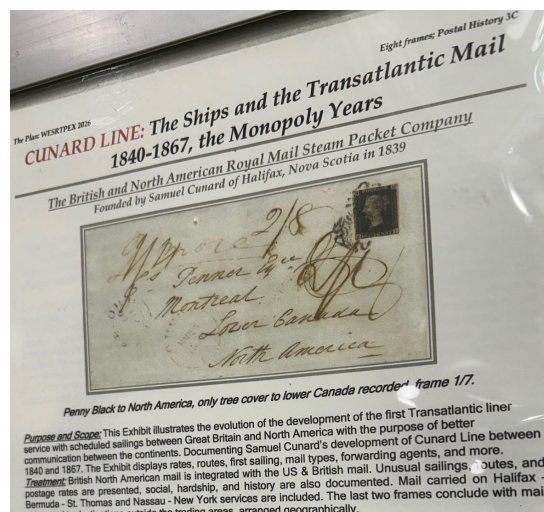
### Roger Gutzman.

A long-time cover dealer and friend of the club, Roger Gutzman of RG Stamps & Covers has been diagnosed with cancer and is very seriously ill. If any members want to contact him his address is shown below:

Roger Gutzman, c/o RG Stamps and Covers, PO Box 388, Biggs, CA 95917.

## Cunard and the Start of Trans-Atlantic Mails by Steamship.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, this was the subject of an award winning exhibit at this year's WESTPEX show (see below). It was of particular interest to me as we had recently returned from a voyage on the Cunard ocean liner Queen Mary 2 from San Francisco to Sydney and one of the lecture series on board was on the history of the Cunard line.



**Cunard.** (Continued from page 2)

Samuel Cunard, a native of Nova Scotia, had experimented with steamships in the 1830's and had formed a company providing a service between Quebec and Halifax. He saw the potential of steamships to carry mail across the Atlantic as a more rapid and regular service than sailing ships could offer. He went to London in 1837 seeking investors for the new enterprise. Cunard was awarded the first transatlantic steamship mail contract in 1839. The service started in May 1840 with four paddle steamers with the aim of delivering mail every two weeks on the Liverpool-Halifax-Boston route.

For the next 30 years Cunard held the monopoly for this service and built a reputation for safety, speed and reliability. The WESTPEX exhibit had wonderful examples of all types of material from this period. Later the service was opened up for competition but Cunard continued to carry mails for the Post Office and was allowed to use the prefix "RMS" or Royal Mail Ship for their vessels.



With advent of air travel the carriage of mails by sea virtually disappeared but Queen Mary 2 was granted use of the prefix RMS as a gesture to the part Cunard has played in transatlantic mail. It is still possible to post mail on the RMS QM2 in a genuine Post Office letter box!

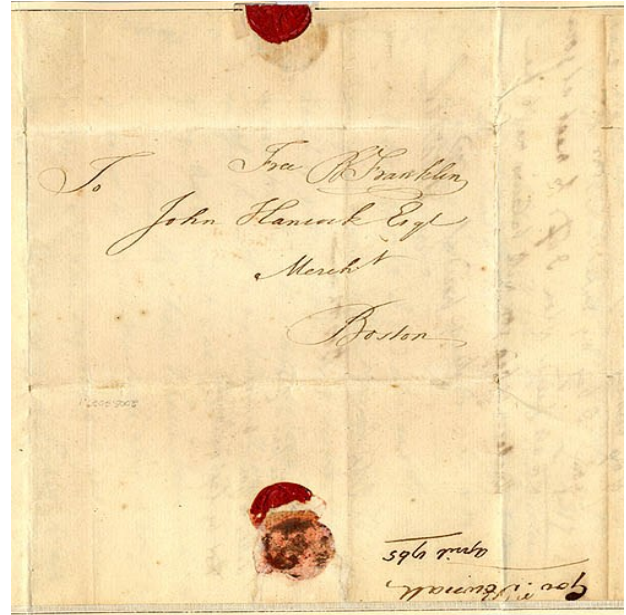
**"FREE"**

**By Bob Grosch**

Members of the U.S. active military were often allowed to send mail by writing "Free" in the upper right corner of the envelope, especially during times of war. Military collectors often try to assemble collections of these *free franks*, which document our country's participation in various wars.

Free franks are not a recent innovation. Eighteenth century covers exist bearing free franks for highly placed politicians in both America and in England. In those days the signature of the politician in place of a stamp or postal marking was sufficient to move the letter through the

mail. One such famous 1765 cover bears the signature of Ben Franklin (see illustration I).



Because postage rates were relatively expensive in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, it was common for politicians to place their signatures on pieces of blank paper and hand them out to friends to use as letter sheets that would not require the sender to render payment for the cost of sending a letter.

As postal systems developed around the world in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century many countries developed ways for favored persons and industries to avoid the payment of postage. One of my favorite examples is the practice in Italy of allowing municipal agencies to escape payment of postage, a privilege indicated by elaborate rubber stamps on the covers (illustration II).



It could be argued that these are not "free franks", but "official franks".

All in all, I find this to be an interesting area of philately.

SALEM STAMP SOCIETY  
JUNE 2026 CLUB AUCTION

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LOT #	COUNTRY	DESCRIPTION	SCOTT #	CAT		NOTES
				VALUE	MIN BID	
1	United States	1847 5 cent Washington 4 margins, Red Cancel, Pretty Sta	1B	\$ 425.00	\$ 150.00	1984 PF Cert
2	United States	1861 3 cent Washington Orange Brown, Type I, 2+ margin	10	\$ 200.00	\$ 35.00	
3	United States	1857 10 cent Washington, Used, Type III	33	\$ 190.00	\$ 50.00	
4	United States	1875 1 cent Franklin, Mint No Gum, Reprint Issue!	40	\$ 650.00	\$ 225.00	1980 PF Cert
5	United States	1861 1 cent Franklin, Unused, no gum, small tear	63	\$ 100.00	\$ 15.00	
6	United States	1861 30 cent Franklin, Used	71	\$ 250.00	\$ 75.00	
7	United States	1863 5 cent Jefferson, Used	75	\$ 425.00	\$ 100.00	
8	United States	1869 1 cent Franklin, Used	112	\$ 160.00	\$ 35.00	
9	United States	1869 10 cent Shield and Eagle, Used	116	\$ 110.00	\$ 20.00	
10	United States	1870 12 cent Clay, Used	151	\$ 200.00	\$ 35.00	
11	United States	1870 24 cent Winfield, Used	153	\$ 210.00	\$ 50.00	
12	United States	1888 90 cent Perry, Used	218	\$ 225.00	\$ 60.00	
13	United States	1893 10 cent Webster, MNH	226	\$ 550.00	\$ 150.00	
14	United States	1890 30 cent Jefferson, Mint HR, small thin	228	\$ 300.00	\$ 50.00	
15	United States	1893 6 cent Columbian, MNH	235	\$ 150.00	\$ 40.00	
16	United States	1893 8 cent Columbian, MNH	236	\$ 140.00	\$ 40.00	
17	United States	1898 1 Dollar, Perry, Used	276	\$ 100.00	\$ 25.00	
18	United States	1898 50 cent Trans-Mississippi, Used	291	\$ 175.00	\$ 45.00	
19	United States	1898 1 dollar Trans-Mississippi, Used	292	\$ 675.00	\$ 175.00	
20	United States	1901 5 cent Pan Am Expo, MNH	297	\$ 180.00	\$ 50.00	
21	United States	1903 5 cent blue Lincoln, MNH	304	\$ 150.00	\$ 35.00	
22	United States	1904 10 cent Map of Louisiana Purchase, Mint HR	327	\$ 125.00	\$ 35.00	
23	United States	1908 5 cent Washington, Perf 12, MNH	335	\$ 110.00	\$ 25.00	
24	United States	1913 10 cent Discovery of SF, orange yellow, MNH, thin	400	\$ 250.00	\$ 40.00	PH# single
25	United States	1919 20 cent Franklin, Perf 12, Mint HR	419	\$ 190.00	\$ 40.00	
26	United States	1919 30 cent Franklin, Perf 12, MNH	420	\$ 250.00	\$ 70.00	
27	United States	1919 5 cent Washington Coil Line Pair, MNH	496	\$ 65.00	\$ 20.00	
28	United States	1917 1 Dollar Franklin Perf 11, MNH	518	\$ 95.00	\$ 30.00	
29	United States	1918 6 cent Jenny Airmail, MNH	C1	\$ 110.00	\$ 30.00	
30	United States	1923 24 cent Airmail MNH	C6	\$ 130.00	\$ 40.00	Great Color!
31	United States	1938 65 cent Zeppelin Airmail, MNH	C13	\$ 250.00	\$ 100.00	Exceptional Stamp!
32	United States	1938 C23c Ultramarine & Carmine Shade	C23c	\$ 350.00	\$ 100.00	APS Cert
33	United States	1893 10 cent Orange Special Delivery, MNH	E3	\$ 650.00	\$ 200.00	
34	United States	1894 10 cent Special Delivery, Unused, partial gum, small	F4	\$ 875.00	\$ 100.00	
35	United States	1884 30 cent Postage Due, Minr HR's	J20	\$ 225.00	\$ 50.00	
36	United States	1894 1 cent Postage Due, MNH	J31	\$ 260.00	\$ 40.00	
37	United States	About 50 Early 20th Cent Salem Area Postcards			\$ 75.00	
38	United States	[2] #7's on cover, one with blue cancel	7	\$ 320.00	\$ 50.00	
39	United States	[2] #113's on cover	113	\$ 300.00	\$ 50.00	
40	United States	1930 65 cent Zeppelin on Cover, Europe- Pan American flig	C13	\$190.00++	\$ 75.00	June 2, 1930 Cancel
41	United States	1876 Stamped Envelope	U218	\$ 70.00	\$ 10.00	
42	United States	1980's Plate # Coil Collection - Looks all MNH - Face \$52.95			\$ 50.00	
43	Armenia	1992 Mt Ararat strip of 3 and S/S	430-1	\$ 48.50	\$ 12.00	
44	Australia	1913 2sh brown Kangaroo, Used	11	\$ 120.00	\$ 30.00	
45	Austria	5 Diff Postage Dues MNH J53, J72, J73, J129, & J131		\$ 40.75	\$ 10.00	
46	Barbados	1858 1/2p deep green Britannia, Used	5	\$ 230.00	\$ 50.00	
47	Barbados	1855 1p blue Britannia, Used	6	\$ 70.00	\$ 20.00	
48	Barbados	1950 King George Short Set, Mint LH/ MNH	216-27	\$ 73.10	\$ 15.00	
49	Canada	1897 5 cent Jubilee, Mint HR	54	\$ 70.00	\$ 20.00	
50	Cape of Good Hope	1857 1p rose, Used, Small tear, corner clipped, faults	3	\$ 325.00	\$ 30.00	
51	Chile	1867 5 cent Columbus, Mint HR	17	\$ 60.00	\$ 15.00	
52	Great Britain	1883 2sh6p lilac Victoria	96	\$ 165.00	\$ 30.00	
53	Great Britain	1884 3p lilac Victoria	102	\$ 100.00	\$ 20.00	
54	Great Britain	1900 1sh Victoria, Used	126	\$ 145.00	\$ 25.00	
55	Great Britain	1902 Edward VII 4p brown and green, Used	133	\$ 35.00	\$ 8.00	
56	Great Britain	2018 Game of Thrones Prestige Booklet, MNH	BK219	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	
57	Ireland	1960 Europa Set, small stain on one perf, MNH	175-6	\$ 47.50	\$ 10.00	
58	Ireland	Misc Postage Dues, MNH		\$ 49.50	\$ 10.00	
59	Ireland	10 early issues, most used		\$ 110.00	\$ 20.00	
60	Newfoundland	1857 1st issue, 3 margin copy, mint no gum	1	\$ 125.00	\$ 25.00	
61	New Brunswick	1851 1st issue used, small stain, some toning	1	\$ 575.00	\$ 75.00	
62	New Guinea	1911 5sh Native Huts, Mint no gum	11	\$ 55.00	\$ 10.00	
63	Tonga	3 different 1978 Sets, CO126-8, CO129-31, C224-8 MNH		\$ 63.00	\$ 15.00	
64	Turkey	1924 Signing of treaty of peace at Lausanne, Mint LH	625-632	\$ 254.00	\$ 45.00	
65	Vatican	1936 World Expo of Catholic Press, used	47-54	\$ 93.00	\$ 18.00	
66	Austria	1970's MNH Collection 150 Diff + 2 S/S		\$ 97.00	\$ 20.00	
67	France	1975-79 MNH Collection fairly complete, includes airs, semis		\$ 166.00	\$ 35.00	
68	Indonesia	1948-49 collection, Looks all MNH		\$ 300.00+	\$ 70.00	
69	Ireland	1968-1989 MNH Collection		\$ 315.00	\$ 70.00	
70	Japan	1977-1982 MNH Collection, 183 Stamps, fairly complete		\$ 150.00	\$ 35.00	
71	Monaco	1970's MNH Collection 72 Diff + 2 S/S		\$ 170.00	\$ 40.00	
72	Newfoundland	1868-1928 57 Different Mint and Used		\$ 465.00	\$ 100.00	
73	Papua New Guinea	1920's-1950 Mostly Ming LH/HR		\$ 125.00	\$ 25.00	
74	Russia	1970's-1980's Mint and MNH in a nice Stockbook!		\$ 75.00	\$ 15.00	CTO not counted
75	Switzerland	1987-1992 MNH Collection		\$ 146.95	\$ 35.00	

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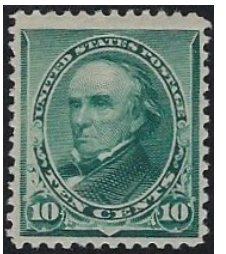
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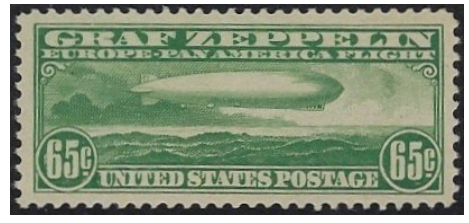
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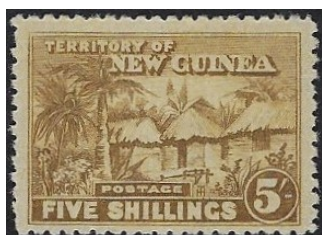
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**Meetings**

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

Wednesday June 17<sup>th</sup> 2026.

Celebrate 250 years of the USA! Barbeque  
starting 5pm then Special Club Auction start-  
ing 7pm.

Wednesday July 15<sup>th</sup> 2026.

Members' Auction, doors open at 6pm, meet-  
ing starts at 7pm.

**Pacific NW Stamp Shows and  
Bourses 2026**

Local Events

June 5-6, SOPEX, Medford OR

July 18-19 Evergreen Club Summer Show, Kent, WA

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 - 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month  
at OSS clubhouse 9:00 am.- 3:00 pm

2026-2027 Major Shows: