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From the President's Desk.

Hi all,

September is the time we start thinking about the Board elections. This year the positions of President and vice president are up for election.

If you are interested in joining the board in any capacity please contact the election committee (Danny Bisgaard, Dan Edwards and Mike Braet).

SEPTEMBER 20th IS OUR FALL STAMPEX - put it on your calendar tell your friends and family and join us there.

The September 16th program is being presented by **Lloyd Farrell** "The roots of naval cover collecting in Oregon".

From The Library:

We now have the complete set of 2026 Scott Catalogs.

See you at the meeting.

Lisa

August 19th Meeting.

There was a very good turnout for the meeting with 35 members in the room and 3 on Zoom. A lot of last-minute activity at the Bid Board tables resulted in 44 of the 60 lots being sold for a total of \$450. An additional \$65 was raised from Raffle Ticket sales.

We are grateful for the ten members that made short but interesting "Show & Tell" stories and presentations on a wide variety of topics.

A good number of members took part in **Dan Edwards'** new Stamp Swap event. Many were pleased with the stamps they pulled from the trade box. There was general agreement to do this again.

September 16th Meeting.

Bob Reynolds has put together another interesting mix of 60 lots for the Bid Board, details and images are included in this newsletter.

We look forward to the visit by Lloyd Ferrel from the Portland area and his program on Naval Cover Collecting.

November 18th Meeting.

A list of the outstanding lots on offer at our Club Auction has been sent out by email. Please see Bob at the next meeting if you need a paper copy. There will be two sealed mystery boxes on offer at the auction-contents unknown but guaranteed to be loads of value and interest and ideal for the coming winter!

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Club News & Meetings.

Salem Fall STAMPEX.

Our annual Fall STAMPEX takes place this month on **Sunday 20th September** at the Scottish Rite Center in Salem. Show director Gary Tiffin reports that all arrangements are in place and a full complement of dealers will be there. We hope that all members will be able to attend with friends and families to make the show another success. There will also be opportunities for members to volunteer to help with the running of the show.

Olympia Round Up

Dave Morrison and Stephen Inklebarger encouraged members to consider attending this local show in Lacey, WA that takes place on the first weekend in October.



Library News.

Volumes 6/6A of the Scott Catalogue are now available from the library. The club is also selling the 2022 edition to members.

The APS recently announced that the APRL is holding its 2nd Annual Philatelic Literature Auction. 400 Lots of books, journals, research material and catalogues are now open for bidding until October 31st and can be viewed online. More details available from BookAuctionManager@gmail.com

Lisa Janz

Membership Directory.

Pete McCallum has sent out the 2026-2028 Membership Directory to paid-up members of the society. Please send any corrections or additions to Pete and these will be included in the first supplement. If you have not received your copy please see Alan Maul at the next meeting.

Posh Letter Boxes in Canada.

Readers of this newsletter will know that I keep an eye out for unusual mailboxes. During a trip to the Canadian Rockies last month we stayed at one of the National Park Lodges and came across one of the grandest letter boxes I have ever seen.

Near the main elevators of the Fairmont hotel in Banff Springs there was a large polished brass box. The hotel dates from the late 19th century and it seems likely that the letter box dated from that time. There were mail receptacles outside the elevator doors on all upper floors which were linked to the main collecting box on the ground floor (see below).



Hotel guests could deposit their mail on any floor without having to go down to the main letter box using this device (labelled as the “Cutler System”).

AI and Stamp Identification.

The advance of Artificial Intelligence systems seems to be unstoppable and I suppose it was only a matter of time before AI started to be used in our hobby. In my former career as a research scientist, we used an early version of AI (it was called Neural Networks then) to solve a problem that was really difficult to resolve experimentally. Using published data to “train” the technique it made predictions that turned out to be remarkably accurate. Although it is obvious that it can be very useful and reliable many people still have reservations about its apparently unrestricted and uncritical use.

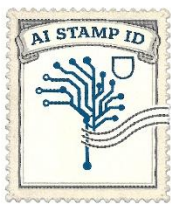
A.I. and Stamp Identification (Contd.)

Vast amounts of information, data etc. can be stored and used by AI to answer questions, solve problems and make predictions. For example, it is possible to store images and data on stamps of proven identity to create a library of reference material. The application of AI to stamp identification using such digital reference libraries has already started and we have two examples of its use by club members during the last month.

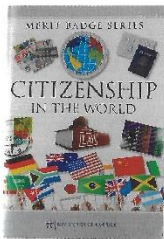
Phil Kumler and his First Stamps organization offer training and Scouts Merit Badges in the use of AI in stamp identification (see his Youth Educational Flyer below). Phil has offered to show club members the AI software and how to use it at our STAMPEX show in September or at SEAPEX on October 9-10.



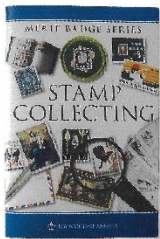
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First
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More information is at www.stampid.com where there is a link to a YouTube video on the use of the software.

It will be interesting to learn how far AI can go in identifying stamps, especially whether it can cope with the variations from color shade, paper, printing method and perforation. The identification of fakes and forgeries using AI would be a great bonus.

Marc Dochez has been studying the U.S. 3 cent imperforate stamps of 1851-57 for a number of years now and has become very knowledgeable of the difficulties of plating and positioning of individual stamps.

At our last club meeting in a Show & Tell item, he described the recent developments in the use of AI in the identification and plating of these stamps.

A recent article in "The Chronicle of the Classic US Postal Issues" by David Fussichen (Vol. 78, No. 3, August 2026) introduced a new AI tool to identify the plate and position of a 3c Washington from the 1851-1857 issue. This stamp was produced from 13 plates each with 200 subtly unique positions giving 2600 collectible varieties.

The new tool, called PlateAI, was trained using scans of plated stamps from previous studies by Chase, Lund, Ammonette, O'Doherty and Celler. It is freely available at stampplating.com and needs no installation. For best accuracy use a 1200 DPI flatbed scan of your stamp and load the image into the tool. Even a cell-phone photograph of the stamp will work but with less accurate results. In just a few minutes PlateAI returns a ranked list of the 10 most likely plate positions. An accuracy of 97% is quoted in the article and if it is not the top choice it is usually in the top 2 or 3.

PlateAI has additional tools to allow very detailed comparisons of your stamp with reference images in specific areas for a full confirmation of plate and position.

Marc commented that PlateAI, as with every new invention has both positive and negative aspects. The new tool has the very great advantage of allowing anyone to scan their copy of a 3c Washington and quickly find its plate and position- and to find out if they have \$15 or \$1500 value stamp! What we are in danger of losing is the pleasure and thrill of solving a difficult puzzle as well as learning about the history, development and technology that went into the printing of that stamp.

There is also the opportunity of using an AI approach to the plating of the early Victorian line engraved stamps of Great Britain which were described in last month's newsletter. Fortunately the positioning problem is already solved.

**SALEM STAMP SOCIETY
SEPTEMBER 2026 BIDBOARD**

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LOT #	COUNTRY	DESCRIPTION	SCOTT #	CAT VALUE	MIN BID	NOTES
1	United States	1875 2 cent, Jackson, Used	178	\$15.00	\$5.00	
2	United States	1879 15 cent Webster, Used	189	\$27.50	\$8.00	
3	United States	1887 5 cent Garfield, Used	216	\$20.00	\$5.00	
4	United States	1890 30 cent Jefferson, Used	228	\$30.00	\$5.00	
5	United States	1893 15 cent Columbian, Used	238	\$90.00	\$15.00	
6	United States	1895 4 cent Lincoln, Mint no gum	269	\$42.50	\$10.00	
7	United States	1897-1903, 12 used stampos, a few faults, nice shade varieties	279-84	\$38.40	\$7.00	
8	United States	1903 Farragut, Used, Heavy cancel, Straightedge	311	\$100.00	\$12.00	
9	United States	1904 5 cent Louisiana Purchase, Used	326	\$22.50	\$5.00	
10	United States	1904 10 cent Louisiana Purchase, Used	327	\$27.50	\$8.00	
11	United States	1907 5 cent Jamestown Expo. Used	330	\$30.00	\$5.00	
12	United States	1909 perf 12 Washington, Used	341	\$20.00	\$5.00	
13	United States	1906 2 cent Alaska-Yukon Issue, MNH	370	\$15.00	\$5.00	
14	United States	1910 1 cent Franklin Coil, Used	392	\$35.00	\$8.00	
15	United States	1910 2 cent Washington Coil, Used	393	\$55.00	\$12.00	
16	United States	1913 2 cent Panama Locks, MNH	398	\$35.00	\$8.00	
17	United States	1916-7 1,2, and 3 cent Imperfs, Mint LH	481-3	\$14.75	\$5.00	
18	United States	1919 1 cent Gray Green shade Washington, Mint LH	536	\$20.00	\$6.00	
19	United States	1923 25 cent and 30 cent Issues, Mint LH	568-9	\$33.50	\$8.00	
20	United States	1923 \$1 Lincoln Memorial, Mint LH	571	\$32.50	\$8.00	
21	United States	1923-5 Imperfs 2 singles, pairs, MNH/Mint LH	575-77	\$19.95	\$4.00	
22	United States	1925 17 cent Wilson, Straightedge MNH	623	\$19.00	\$5.00	
23	United States	1926 5 cent Ericsson Issue, MNH	628	\$8.50	\$3.00	
24	United States	1926 -34 assorted Issues, Mint LH	632-40,653	\$13.00	\$3.00	
25	United States	1929 5 cent Kansas Overprint, Unused no gum	663	\$12.50	\$3.00	
26	United States	1929 9 cent Kansas Overprint, MNH	667	\$27.50	\$7.00	
27	United States	1929 1 and 2 cent Nebraska Overprints, MNH	669-70	\$12.50	\$3.00	
28	United States	1929 7 cent Nebraska Overprint, Unused partial gum	676	\$22.50	\$5.00	
29	United States	1879 50 cent Postage Due, Used, Faults -short Perfs, thin	J7	\$90.00	\$10.00	
30	United States	1884 5 cent red-brown, Postage Due, Used	J18	\$50.00	\$8.00	
31	United States	1913 10 and 15 cent Parcel Post, Used	Q6-7	\$16.50	\$5.00	
32	United States	1913 50 cent Parcel Post, Used	Q10	\$45.00	\$7.00	
33	United States	1944 13 cent and 17 Cent Plate blocks, MNH	E17-E18	\$22.75	\$5.00	
34	United States	1923 Harding Imperf on non-philatelic Cover	611	\$15.00	\$5.00	Lebanon PA Pmk
35	United States	1950's-1960's Mint/MNH Airmail Collection 35 Different		\$17.00	\$5.00	
36	Australia	1978-81 Five Different High Values, MNH	575, 577-9	\$34.75	\$10.00	
37	Australia	1991 \$10 Botanical Garden Issue, MNH	1134	\$15.00	\$5.00	
38	Australia	1902 3p Postage Due, Used	J12	\$18.00	\$4.00	
39	Barbados	1935 Silver Jubilee Set, Mint LH	186-9	\$30.00	\$10.00	
40	Barbados	1939 General Assebly Set, MNH, some gum toning	202-6	\$21.00	\$5.00	
41	Gibraltar	1898 2p Victoria, Mint HR	14	\$47.50	\$10.00	
42	Great Britain	1887 6p Victoria, Unused, No Gum	119	\$40.00	\$8.00	
43	Great Britain	1902 10p Edward VII, Used	137	\$70.00	\$14.00	
44	Ireland	1950 St Peter Set, Mint LH	142-4	\$21.25	\$5.00	
45	Ireland	1957 Father Luke Wadding Set, Mint LH	163-4	\$21.25	\$5.00	
46	Ireland	1958 Aikenhead Set, MNH	167-8	\$19.75	\$4.00	
47	Ireland	5 Different High Values, Used		\$75.00	\$12.00	
48	New Zealand	1930 1p Promote Health, Used	B2	\$45.00	\$8.00	
49	Nova Scotia	1860-3 Partial Set, Mint & Used, Faults	8-12	\$66.50	\$8.00	
50	Rhodesia	1896 5sh Coat of Arms, Mint HR's	38	\$65.00	\$10.00	
51	San Marino	1953 Flowers Set, Mint LH	336-44	\$34.75	\$7.00	
52	San Marino	1961 Europa Stamp, MNH	490	\$30.00	\$10.00	
53	Switzerland	1969-82 Mini Collection, MNH		\$16.30	\$4.00	
54	Australia	1976 -1982 Issues, MNH		\$55.00	\$10.00	
55	Bavaria	150+ mostly Used			\$7.00	
56	Ireland	One Full Sheet 726a, One booklet 550c, MNH		\$62.00	\$12.00	
57	Portugal	1992 6 different Columbus S/S MNH	1918-23	\$27.00	\$7.00	
58	Europa	10 Different 1962-63 MNH Sets		\$16.25	\$4.00	
59	Supplies	3 Packs (opened) Hawic clear mounts Sizes 21,24,27			\$5.00	
60	Supplies	7 Packs (opened) Showgard Black mounts sizes 25-31			\$10.00	

Salem Stamp Society September 2026 Bid Board.



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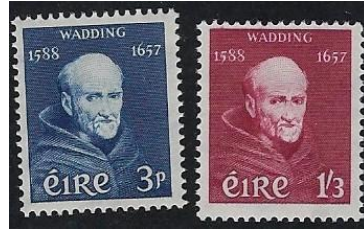
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Meetings

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

Wednesday September 16th 2026.

**Program: Lloyd Ferrel “The Roots of Naval
Cover Collecting in Oregon”, Bid Board. Doors
open at 6pm, meeting starts at 7pm.**

Wednesday October 21st 2026.

**Members’ Swap Night, Doors open at 6pm,
meeting starts at 7pm.**

Pacific NW Stamp Shows and Bourses 2026

Local Events

**September 20th Salem STAMPEX, Scottish Rite
Center, Salem**

**October 3rd. Olympia Phil. Soc. Round Up Stamp
& Coin Show, Lacey, WA 98516**

SEAPEX, Oct. 9-10, Tukwila, 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 - 4th Saturday of the month at
OSS clubhouse 9:00 am.- 3:00 pm**

2026-2027 Major Shows:

**PIPEX 2027, April 30-May2 Hilton Garden Inn,
Clackamas**

WESTPEX 2027 Apr 23-27, SFO Marriott