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ARIPEX 2010 REPORT

by John Barwis

Several dozen members converged on Mesa, Arizona for our Annual General Meeting and a weekend of warm fellowship. Coincidentally, the weather was also warm, a welcome respite for those who travelled from anywhere north of, say, Miami. Hugh Feldman and Don David Price – both of whom showed their gold medal exhibits – visited from England and Portugal, respectively.

Aside from regular business matters of the society, two key events occurred at the Board of Directors meeting on Saturday the 13th. The first was a demonstration by Gary Lowe and Rich Nazar of the functionality of the digital *Chronicle*. The graphic user interface and search functionality were most impressive. Digitizing has been completed, and the fully searchable entire run of the *Chronicle* run will be on the member's domain of our website. Members will see no additional charge for this important research tool. Costs will be covered by a special fund-raising effort to be led by Joe Crosby. Thanks are due to Joe for stepping up and volunteering to steer this important initiative.

Second, your Board agreed to form an alliance with the *Institute for Analytical Philately*. This newly launched non-profit organization seeks to encourage and facilitate the use of technology in philatelic research. It will not conduct research on its own, nor



will it serve as an expertizing agency. Rather, IAP will offer cash research grants and link researchers to providers of technology and expertise with whom the IAP has forged formal research agreements. These include, but will not be limited to centers of excellence such as the Department of Paper Engineering at Western Michigan University, the National Postal Museum, the Rochester Institute of Technology, and the Philatelic Foundation.

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THE EDITOR'S CORNER



It really is a great time to be a member of the United States Philatelic Classics Society. Elsewhere in this issue, you will read of the coming availability of the CHRONICLE in digitized format, fully accessible and searchable on our web site, which keeps our Society at the absolute forefront of the use of modern technology in philately. The USPCS is also undertaking the updating, revision, and publication of a much-needed new edition of the American Stampless Cover Catalog. Your support is needed, and you can learn about the Chase Fund, established to support these projects, on page 9.

But as the TV advertisements say, wait - there's more. This issue of the CHATTER also contains the news of the Institute for Analytic Philately, promoting the use of technology in philatelic research through cash research grants. As we used to say long ago, that's a wow, and something I would never have expected .

Thanks to all who have provided input for the CHATTER, and keep it coming! I hope to see many of you at StampShow, which will be held just down the road a piece from me in Richmond, Virginia.

Dan



Lots of Good Things

THE WEB BASED CHRONICLE

Our Chronicle digitizing project is almost complete, and will allow our members to access, read and search all of the issues. It will be web based and at no cost to the membership. You will be able to read entire issues, in full color, using the "Browse" feature. The search engine will allow members to look for entire articles, by author, year or specific issue. As well, one can search for words (any words, not just key words) or use advanced search features and/or Boolean operators. For example, you can search for "Ashbrook" and "1847", occurring in the same document, or, within 25 words of each other. If you search for "Jack Kennedy", the engine will automatically look for "John Kennedy", and also find "John F. Kennedy" too. It will be quite amazing. Many ads will be searchable, depending on font recognition.

When completed, you will be able to access all of this through the Members' Domain on our web site. You can download the article to your computer in a PDF format, and the PDF reader is free and available to be downloaded from the Adobe web site, although many members already have the reader. All details will be on the web site when the project is launched. The target date for the completion is end of May 2010, according to Philatelic Systems Associates, our vendor.

THE USPCS WEB SITE

We are investigating updating our Web Site to 2010 standards and that should be underway shortly and completed this year. The home page will have a "New Face" and the site will offer the ability to upload new info more easily than is now possible, making the site more dynamic. We are currently reviewing specifications and pricing. More details will be available in the next Chatter.

THE ST. LOUIS STAMP EXPO 2013

At our recent board meeting in Mesa AZ at ARIPEX, the Board approved the St. Louis show for our Annual Meeting site in 2013. The last time we met at the St. Louis Expo was in 2000, and by all accounts, had a great time.

INSTITUTE FOR ANALYTICAL PHILATELY

The Institute for Analytical Philately is a non-profit organization formed to provide research funding for philatelists who want to use high technology to solve philatelic challenges. John Barwis addresses its relationship with our Society in his lead article on the coverage of events at ARIPEX.

NEW FACES

The members at the Annual Meeting at ARIPEX have just elected two new board members, Dan Warren and Les Lanphear. I thank outgoing board members Jack Flannery and Norval Rasmussen for all the work they have done and for the six years of service they have given to the Society. Dan Warren has taken over the editorship of The Chatter and is leading the Web Based Chronicle project. Mark Schwartz has assumed the role of Assistant Secretary. Charles Temple is now the Lectures & Seminars Coordinator and will eventually take over all aspects of the SCRAP collection (Stamp & Cover Repository & Analysis Program).

We look to continued support from our membership, whom we are here to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Wade E. Saadi

The USPCS has agreed to consider co-funding appropriate research proposals on U.S. classic stamps and postal history. Please refer to the ad in this *Chatter*, have a



Gary Loew and Rich Nazar of PSA Inc.

look at the IAP website, and consider submitting a proposal.

Our society dinner was held jointly with the Arizona Philatelic Rangers at Casino Arizona. The prix fixe buffet meal was very good, and included a floor show which featured impersonators. Unfortunately no one attempted to impersonate Wade Saadi.

We were blessed with three excellent speakers who showed wonderful material from their collections and shared their research results. Dwayne Littauer spoke about “Transatlantic Mail: U.S.-Bremen Convention 1853 Rates” and showed many covers both to and through Bremen. Dwayne’s lecture was a very clear tour through a complex area of postal history. Gordon Eubanks’ “Interactive Discussion of Early Classic Covers with Focus on

Covers with Carriers or Local Usage” was just that – interactive. The combination of Gordon’s relaxed style and his beautiful 1847s on cover elicited lively participation



Ron Cipolla

from fellow members, who tried their best to solve “problem covers”.

In Ron Cipolla’s lecture on “Early Communication of News to the Masses” he illustrated and discussed rare items from his 2009 Champions of Champions exhibit. The material itself was fascinating, but almost equally intriguing were Ron’s stories about how he found



Vice-President John Barwis, Les Lanphear, and President Wade Saadi

some of his key items outside the normal philatelic market.

Awards are always an important part of our annual meetings. This



David D'Alessandris and President Wade Saadi



Joe Crosby and President Wade Saadi

year the Board was pleased to honor the exemplary achievements of three of our members. Dave D'Alessandris was presented with the Susan D. McDonald Award for the best *Chronicle* article of 2009: "Mail Between the United States and St. Pierre and Miquelon". Joe Crosby was

awarded the Tracy Simpson Cup for his long and valuable service to the society. Les Lanphear was honored for a lifetime of exhibiting and service to philately with the Distinguished Philatelists Award. All three award citations can be found on the society's website.

USPCS MEDAL WINNERS—2009

Andrews, Edwin J, Dr.	CHICAGOPEX	Classically Illegal: US Postage as Revenue Stamps 1862-1883
Bauer, William H.	RMSs	Colorado 1858-1876, Pre-Territorial & Territorial Periods
Campbell, Alan C.	SANDICAL	U.S. Departmentals, 1873-1884: Their Distribution and Usage
Dewey, Anthony F.	StampExpo	A Postal History of Hartford, CT
DiPaolo, William	COLOPEX	The Gentleman From Pennsylvania
Feldman, Hugh V.	WESTPEX	Mails Carried by Water within the USA (1814-1875)
Gliedman, Chip	NOJEX	Postal Usages of the U.S. 12c 1861 Issue
Hassler, Dennis	ARIPEX	Gold Rush Days
Hassler, Dennis	Filatelic Fiesta	California Express Companies 1849-1895
Kewriga, Matthew W.	TEXPEX/ Expo	U.S. 1870 2c Jackson Bank Note
Kirke, Nicholas M.	FLOREX	Progression of New York Foreign Mail Cancellation 1870-1878
Landau, Ellio	Plymouth Show	The 6-cent Lincoln Large Bank Note Issues
Landau, Elliot	Minnesota Expo	The 6-cent Lincoln Large Bank Note Issues
Landau, Elliot	StampShow 2009	The 6-cent Lincoln Large Bank Note Issues
Landau, Elliot	MILCOPEX	Lincoln, Slavery and the Civil War
Lott, Ralph	OKPEX	Kansas Territory Postal History
Lyons, Larry	Garfield-Perry	All Roads Lead to San Francisco
Mahler, Michael	SESCAL	Classic State Revenues of the United States, 1857- 1898
Neil, Randy	St. Louis Expo	10 cent Steel Plate Issues of the Confederate States of America
Neil, Randy	Sarasota .	10 cent Steel Plate Issues of the Confederate States of America
Platt, Marvin & Judith	PIPEX	The Columbian Envelopes of 1893
Rose, Robert G.	Philatelic Show	New Jersey Covers: Handstamp Marcophily 1775-1855
Sammis, William W.	ROPEX	The Expresses of Maine - Private and Postal 1840-1865
Sammis, William W.	NAPEX	The Expresses of Maine - Private and Postal 1840-1865
Schwartz, Mark S.	BALPEX	Boston Postal History, 1703-1851

Our Society – History and Heritage, Part III

By Wade E. Saadi

Continuing from The Chatter #210, here are four more pages, as illustrated in Figures 9 through 12. These pages highlight two leaders of the study of classic United States philately and whose names are synonymous with excellence. Seeing their initials or signature on a stamp or a cover as a provenance of the item is often a comforting experience.



CARROLL CHASE

Born in Windham, New York, Sept. 18, 1878, moving with his parents a few months thereafter, to New York City. After grade school, he attended Long Island College Hospital, graduating in medicine from that institution in 1899, but he had to wait six months before he could take—and pass—the state examinations, because he was too young upon graduation. He practiced medicine in New York City until 1915 when he received a commission in the Medical Corps of the French Army—one of about five Americans who had commissions in the regular French Army. He served during

his first article ever written on U. S. cancellations, this appearing in Gibbons' Stamp Monthly about '08 or '09. He won a \$25 prize from the American Philatelic Society in 1909, for a handbook on the three cents of 1851.

Dr. Chase started to plate the three cents '51, completing the plating of the thirteen plates—2600 stamps—and finally completed Plate O in about 1928, this plate having the least material available. He wrote a history of the 1847 issue for the Philatelic Gazette, about 1915-16, and his famous book on the three cents '51-'57 started appearing serially in the American Philatelist, where it ran for several years. It first appeared in book form in 1929, with a second edition appearing in 1942.

About 1929 he began a serious study of 19th Century French stamps and postal markings, and plated the first French stamps ever plated—(The 25 centime, 1871.

He received the Crawford Medal of the Royal Philatelic Society for the three cents book, in 1930-31; and the Lindenburg Medal, for outstanding philatelic service, in the '30s; and was one of the original members of the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists, one of the great English honors; a member of the French Academy of Philately and also of their expert committee; president of the American Philatelic Society, 1929-32, and a member of numerous international juries, receiving many medals for collections exhibited, etc.

In October 1948, France and Colonies Group honored Dr. Chase at a dinner at Hotel Lafayette in New York, with the French Consul General present, at which time the Collectors Club of New York presented to Dr. Chase a scroll designating him a Distinguished Philatelist.

His writings include several books in French on philatelic subjects, numerous articles in American, Italian, French, Belgian and English philatelic journals, as well as many medical articles, especially on radium therapy.

Dr. Carroll Chase

By Ernest R. Jacobs

It has been my pleasure to have known Dr. Carroll Chase for almost forty years. To collectors, forty years passes all too quickly and, although all of us have so many, many things we plan to accomplish in our years, few of us are able to accomplish our plans.

Dr. Chase is one of the few who can look back over the past forty years and say "So much to do yet!", but his friends will say "Dr. Chase is one man who has completed the plans made!" However, as the years have passed, new ideas were developed, completed—and more ideas came to him daily.

It seems but yesterday that I met Dr. Chase. It was in Bartels' shop near noon. He asked me to lunch with him and his collector friends, Owen, Sprague and MacBride.

That evening, I passed with him in his home in Brooklyn, and for the first time, I began to comprehend the wonder and pleasure to be had in our philatelic pursuits.

I had intended returning to Chicago the next day, but I stayed on almost a week, passing a large part of each day and night looking at stamps—and learning. I doubt if in a lifetime, I could ever have learned as much about collecting as Dr. Chase taught me in that week.

I was only one of many to whom Dr. Chase gave so generously of his time and, like those others, have a deep feeling of gratitude for the training that has given me the knowledge to enjoy the greatness and depth of Philately—as probably few of us could have ever learned without his help.

Our letters asking questions were promptly and clearly answered, and

when a new thought that was worthwhile came into being, Dr. Chase always was—and is—quick to praise and encourage.

Dr. Chase is most widely known in the United States for his study and original reconstruction of plates of the Three-cents, 1851-57. Few, however, know that forty years ago he had a thorough knowledge of our stamps from 1845 through 1860, from a plating standpoint.

Time required for the vast work on the Three-cents kept him from a complete study of the other stamps in these issues, some of which have been so ably covered by our friend Stanley B. Ashbrook. Nevertheless, I know that Stanley is always to the front in telling of the help Dr. Chase's work was in his early days in studying the One-cent, Ten cents and Twelve cents.

Dr. Chase is equally well known for his work on French stamps. I well remember a remark he made when he returned here to live. He said, "I have been in France so long, I even think in France."

This poor tribute is being written in Florida. Dr. Chase's and my old friend, Lawrence Mason, lives here in Florida. He has just stopped in, and I read him these lines. His comment was: "No one could do justice to Dr. Chase! I think he is the greatest student and collector in the world."

Most great minds in any field minimize their accomplishments. This is true to the Nth degree with Dr. Chase. He is quiet, unassuming, always kind and considerate of others.

I truly feel that Dr. Chase is the Dean of Modern Philately.

Figure 9

Figures 9 & 10: Dr. Carroll Chase – One of the greatest philatelists of all time and certainly the creator of the body of work upon which this Society was founded upon, Carroll Chase stands alone in my mind when reflecting on the giants on the study of 19th century stamps and covers. Perhaps the pre-eminent plater of classic U.S. stamps, his work on the 3¢ 1851-57 is legendary. He is honored first in the publication, as it should be.

Figure 10



STANLEY B. ASHBROOK

Born in Covington, Ky., on Oct. 10, 1882, son of a soldier in the Army of the Confederacy whose forebears had been pioneers in Kentucky from their native Virginia. The youngest of four sons, Stanley was educated in Covington public schools, then Rugby Military Academy. He married, in 1904, Edith Wendt, their two children, Elliott and Marjorie both being married—and Stanley is a grandfather several times. Mrs. Ashbrook had been in ill health for years, and she passed away in 1926. Stanley married Mildred Lishawa in 1927, the son now attending the University of Cincinnati.

Shortly after his graduation from Rugby, Stanley in 1901, joined his brother Claude's brokerage firm; and in 1902 was elected a member of the Cincinnati Stock Exchange where he was known as the "Boy Broker." In 1914 he was a member of the firm, became a member of the board of governors of the Stock Exchange in 1922 and served as its treasurer. He lived in Fort Mitchell, Ky., a suburb of Cincinnati, for some years, served on the Board of Trustees and as the police judge—and he's still "Judge" to his many old friends. In 1921 his brother retired from the firm and Stanley became head. Highly successful, Stanley had erected in Cincinnati the well-known Fountain Square Building, on the city's most prominent corner opposite the Post Office. The structure was completed in 1929.

He continued his many interests—photography, radio, woodworking and, of course stamp collecting which he had started in 1898 as a boy of ten. As a youth, he collected just about everything—almost every collect-

Figure 11.



Stanley B. Ashbrook

By Ernest R. Jacobs

To those of you who discourse wisely of "gash on shoulder" and "99 R II" and "the big crack" and who know what these glib phrases mean, it may come as a bit of surprise to learn that there was a time when these things were not part of our philatelic heritage; and that in the Dark Ages, we did not know so much. Those early days, known as "B. C.," for "Before Chase," for the three-cents 1851, and "B. A.," for "Before Ashbrook," for practically all the rest of the issue, are tributes to Dr. Carroll Chase and Stanley B. Ashbrook.

Following in the wake of Dr. Chase's three-cents discoveries, and his pioneer work in the one-cent stamp, Stanley Ashbrook and I began our several studies of the one-cent, Stanley going on to the great heights in not only this issue, but others of the series. It was here that Stanley welded his interests in photography and philately. The enlarged photographs he took, the fading of non-essential lines so that the significant ones stood out, are part of the gifts that he has made to stamp collecting that will always be remembered when the 1851 issue is mentioned.

Although the philatelic world will remember him and the 1851s together, and rightly so, that work, to him, is merely a part of what he has done. I will pass over rapidly the platings and part-platings of other early U. S., for it all merges into the things you remember best—but he has always penetrated deeply into collateral studies—postal history and the study of rates and postal accounting markings. As J. R. W. Purves, F.R.P.S.L., points out in his "The Postal History of the Port Phillip District, 1835-1851," in discussing rates and routes: "I need only quote the case of my friend Stanley B. Ashbrook, one of the truly great experts today on United States stamps. He has, over many years, made profound study of the early postal rates on the various routes (and, of course, the postal markings). This has enabled him to detect many

Figures 11 & 12:
Stanley B. Ashbrook – Probably second to only Carroll Chase in his accomplishments in laying the groundwork for the purview of our Society's study, Ashbrook was an originator of studying and collecting postal history, at a time when most just collected stamps.

'faked' covers which had 'beaten' others. These covers were originals, but they had genuine stamps (usually already postmarked) cleverly added to them to present the appearance of a genuine 'entire.' The first thing Ashbrook, looking at a cover asks is: 'Is the rate of postage shown by the stamps the correct one?' If it isn't, then he goes on to look for other evidences of faking, e.g., 'painting' on or of an additional piece of cancellation in order to 'tie' the stamp to the cover and so on. The last thing the faker knows anything about is the rate of postage, and in the great majority of such cases, this is where he has fallen down."

I have assumed that all know of Stanley's greatest work, and perhaps I should have explained more about his greatest published work, the two-volume "United States One-Cent Stamp of 1851-57," published in 1938 by Harry L. Lindquist through the generosity of the late Saul Newbury. For his equally excellent work, "The United States Ten Cent Stamp of 1855-1857," which appeared two years earlier, he received the Crawford Medal of the Royal Philatelic Society, a most signal honor.

In my preface to his one-cent book, I think that I said best what I am trying to express here:

"... some eleven years ago he published the results of his research work on this stamp, but as complete and excellent as this work was, he was never satisfied. This alone proves that Stanley Ashbrook is a true artist. For to an artist, there is always more and better work to be done.

"In another way, too, Stanley is an artist. He is the one philatelic student who can combine the camera and the pen to reproduce and portray to the best advantage the minute variations in the stamps that are their peculiar and outstanding points . . .

"I present to you, readers, this book that will take its place as the leading book of philatelic research work of our times. It is a product of that rare genius, student and artist, Stanley B. Ashbrook, made available to you by that equally rare combination of student and patron of philately, Saul Newbury."

Figure 12.

Rocky Mountain Chapter, USPCS

Steve Pacetti

The chapter met February 18, 2010 at the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library in Denver. Four Society members and one guest made their way through snowy, cold weather to attend—true philatelists. RVP Steve Pacetti briefed the members on the annual meeting held at Aripex the weekend before. The project to have the complete *Chronicle* and *ASC* digitized and available in the web site members domain met with much enthusiasm, particular the search engine feature. Also, the Society's decision to affiliate with the new Institute of Analytical Philately was well received. And the plan to have 2014 annual meeting at the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show met with total approval. Society member Gary Starkey, who is an officer in the United Postal Stationery Society, briefed us on their annual meeting, also at Aripex.

Next, the group shared a number of items from their collections. One cover with letter, from Iowa to Denver City, *Jefferson Territory*, franked with an 1857 3¢ drew quite a bit of interest. Formerly in the George Kramer collection, covers to JT are very scarce. There are no known covers from JT with a post mark since it was never an official (real) territory.

Society member Greg Frantz gave a most interesting program on the 1847 blue Trinidad adhesive “The Lady McLeod” (Scott A1, which gives a year of 1850). In use only for about one year beginning in April, the Lady was the first British Colony postage stamp, though there was no government post in Trinidad, nor was it a British postal service stamp. This adhesive has not been thoroughly researched, nor much written about, and Frantz has taken it upon himself to study its printing, use, and history, and develop a census and plating study. A difficult task.



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Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition

Don David Price won the single frame Grand Award for “The Jenny: Production Variations” and the Grand Award for “U.S. Bicolor Postage Issues of 1869, 1873, and 1901”

ARIPEX:

Don David Price won the Single Frame Grand Award for “U.S. State Department Dollar Value Officials of 1873”

ANNOUNCING THE CHASE FUND FOR THE DIGITAL FUTURE

The United States Philatelic Classics Society has two projects now in progress that will put your organization at the very leading edge of the digital future in the information age. We are digitizing both *The Chronicle* and the *American Stampless Cover Catalog*. These two projects will put important original resource information and data (over 60 years of scholarship) at the fingertips of collectors throughout the world. More importantly we will be creating an electronic template for the future of philatelic research and study.

The first project, led by Dan Warren, involves scanning the 16,000+ pages of *The Chronicle* and placing the images on our website. We have entered into an agreement with Philatelic Systems Associates to accomplish this task. They will also be providing us with a powerful state-of-the art search engine, which will allow Classics Society Members to put in a series of words or phrases to bring up articles of interest. The search process will even be able to handle misspellings. Our initial cost will be around \$30,000 with an annual fee of \$2,200 to put subsequent issues of *The Chronicle* on our site.

Our second project, under the direction of Van Koppersmith, involves updating, revising, and publishing a new edition of the *American Stampless Cover Catalog*. The catalog could easily contain over 1,000 pages and certainly lends itself to the same digital technology. Once the new edition is complete we will have the same electronic files used to produce the printed version placed on our site. Based on the rapid evolution of electronic technology it may even be possible to allow for continuous revising and updating of the catalog. Members would be able to supply images of new finds to a project leader who would be responsible for integrating them into the existing online catalog. Just imagine, a catalog that is always up to date!!!

The combination of these two projects will certainly propel our Society to the digital forefront. By placing this information on the member only side of our already rich website, we will create an even more powerful recruiting tool. It will reach out to the entire philatelic world. Importantly, *your own* philatelic research efforts will become far easier and more effective.

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In order to fund these two projects your Society has embarked on a fundraising drive to secure the \$75,000 necessary to achieve our digital future. It is called **THE CHASE FUND FOR THE DIGITAL FUTURE**. Joe Crosby, former board member and section editor of the *Chronicle*, Co-Chairman of the original Chase Fund and recent recipient of the Tracy Simpson Award for outstanding service to the society, has agreed to provide leadership as Chairman of this fundraising effort. All he needs and expects is all of us to help.

THE GOAL

Our goal is to raise \$75,000 during 2010 to be used to underwrite the cost of digitizing *The Chronicle* and placing the images on the Society website. The fundraising goal is approximately two and one half times the cost (estimated at \$30,000) of that part of the project. The additional money will be used to develop an online database for the *New American Stampless Cover Catalog* and we will set aside sufficient funds to cover the annual cost of \$2,200 to update and maintain the website.

Start thinking about what amount you can pledge and give to the Chase Fund for the Digital Future. You will be hearing much more about this in the coming months.

Joe Crosby can be contacted at joecrosby@cox.net; or at 5009 Barnsteeple Court, Oklahoma City, OK 73142-5405; or by phone at 405-749-0939.



USPCS BADGES

The USPCS has made available to Members, Society Badges. The design shows the Society logo (based upon the USPCS Medal), which contains an image of the 3¢ 1851 stamp, the subject of "The Three Cent 1851-57 Unit", the progenitor of the Classics Society. Order one today and wear them with pride!

Pricing & Ordering: The Member price for a badge is \$12.50 domestic postpaid, \$13.50 international postpaid. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery. Checks and/or Money Orders (drawn on U.S. funds) shall be made payable to "The USPCS, Inc." and mailed to: USPCS Product Order PO BOX 750368 New Orleans, LA 70175-0368 All inquires should come to Stephen Pacetti at sbp57@comcast.net or (303) 985-2475. To order online via Paypal, please visit the Classics Store . *Specifications:* There are two lines available for First Name/Last Name, and, if you wish, a title (e.g, Director, Member, Life Member). /NOTE: Some names will take up the two lines if they are very long./ You may order a badge with a standard pin back or a magnet back. (CAUTION: The magnets are quite powerful for their size and MUST NOT be worn by any person(s) with a pacemaker or other implanted medical device. Additionally, if the badge is placed close to the magnetic strip of a credit card or hotel room key, the encoded data will be erased.) When ordering, please remember to specify First Name, Last Name, and/or Title if desired.

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4210	Dave Ennist	PO BOX 34120	Bethesda	MD	20827-0120
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4212	David Brookler	7162 Beverly Blvd #317	Los Angeles	CA	90036-2547
4213	Nicholas D Cassai	2019 E 28th St	Brooklyn	NY	11229-5047
4214	Kevin Camphausen	6443 Hitt Ave	McLean	VA	22101-4722
4215	Gary W Loew	POB 362	Pine Brook	NJ	07058-0362
4216	Dr Michael I Casper	POB 40	Ithaca	NY	14851-0040
4217	Verland L Lundy	601 Nhayden Rd #149	Scottsdale	AZ	85257-4729
4218	Marvin D McLollum	8630 W Windsor Dr	Peoria	AZ	85381-8152
4219	Dr Robert M Bell	POB 3668	Sedona	AZ	86340-3668
4220	Richard Tichenor	7240 N Dreamy Draw Dr #126	Phoenix	AZ	85020-5285
4221	Bob Friedman	POB 300459	Arlington	TX	76007-0459
4222	William Slaninko	1412 Poseidon	West Covina	CA	91790-3340
4223	David Grossblat	POB 26387	Phoenix	AZ	85068-6387
4224	Jeff Meador	345 S Hobson	Mesa	AZ	85204-2027
4225	John P Wynns	3518 S Mission Rd Unit 4	Tucson	AZ	85713-5682
4227	David Koutz	3018 N 46th Ave	Phoenix	AZ	85031-3721
4228	Kent Knudson	1030 W Maryland Ave	Phoenix	AZ	85013-1366
4229	Joseph Sebring	552 E Kyle Ct	Gilbert	AZ	85296-3806
4230	Dr Neal Erkes	135 Kinston Rd	Cheltenham	PA	19012-1213
4231	Gary Goldstein	2310 SE Delaware Ave Ste G #278	Ankeny	IA	50021-4767
4232	Mark S Robbins	4051 Upper Creek Dr Ste 104	Sun City Center	FL	33573-6825

Resignations

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2441	Peter Mosiondz Jr	Laurel Springs	NJ
3583	Stephen Tedesco	Healdsburg	CA

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3690	Glen Lundeen	Calgary AB T2P3S2 CANADA

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Address Changes

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2565	William H Bergstrom	27068 La Paz Rd #732	Aliso Viejo	CA	92656-3041
3875	Rex D Bishop	33077 County Rd 687	Bangor	MI	49013-9405
2642	John R Brandimore	4174 Watkins Rd	Battle Creek	MI	49015-8611
0732	Hirsh M Busch	PO BOX 423	Elizabeth	IL	61028-0423
2831	Alan E Cohen	PO BOX 929	New York	NY	10025-0929
3942	Gerald D Cole Jr	1629 Miller St	Utica	NY	13501-4909
3719	Samuel D Cox	313 Evergreen Dr	Latrobe	PA	15650-5403
3622	Steven D Crippe	PO BOX 600093	Dallas	TX	75360-0093
3791	Stephen M Demko	PO BOX 430	Seymour	CT	06483-0430
4078	J Harold Falls	3005 Via Roma Ct	Plant City	FL	33566-1024
3481	William W Ferguson	1850 Brantfeather Grv	Colorado Springs	CO	80906-6906
1051	Barbara B Fosdyke-Ray	6960 Golfcrest Dr #B350	San Diego	CA	92119-4425
4063	Stan Grove	100 Popo Agie St APT 1	Lander	WY	82520-3359
4029	Charles Herren	PO BOX 1169	Mulino	OR	97042-1169
3699	Lawrence J Hunt	PO BOX 3745	Jersey City	NJ	07303-3745
0331	George M Irely	4900 SW 46th Ct APT 410	Ocala	FL	34474-6269
3735	Jay Kunstreich	15 Fordham Drive	Rye	NY	10580-2509
3877	Neil G Larson	7033 Lone Oak Blvd	Naples	FL	34109-8875
3808	Stephen R Lyon	PO BOX 189	Beaverton	OR	97075-0189
2463	Warren John Manning	848 Livingston Rd Ste 101	Crossville	TN	38555-6719
2457	Thomas C Mazza	1301 Ave Of The Americas	New York	NY	10019-6022
	Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP				
4007	Gerald J Neely	PO BOX 42	Youngstown	AZ	85363-0042
1316	Randy L Neil	6009 W 123rd St	Overland Park	KS	66209-2749
3003	Stephen J Osborne II	Nutbourne Rd Nutbourne	West Sussex RH20 2HA	ENGLAND	
	Carpe Diem				
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2406	Gus Rogoss	3306 Moonlight Ave	El Paso	TX	79904-1023
0277	Walter Senchuk	4142 SW Elmgrove St	Seattle	WA	98136-2329
3917	Ken Stach	PO BOX 6	Letcher	SD	57359-0006
1409	Gary L Starkey	6837 S Dover Circle	Littleton	CO	80128-8041
4025	Ronald J Stauber	1880 Century Park E Ste 315	Los Angeles	CA	90067-1631
2060	Robert J Stets	112 Bellinger St	Walterboro	SC	29488-4002
4012	Sherry Straley	1400 Rowena Wy	Sacramento	CA	95864-2657
3504	Charles C Temple	PO BOX 1500	Des Plaines	IL	60017-1500
2500	Dr Harvey Tilles	105 Shorelake Dr APT C	Greensboro	NC	27455-1462
3956	Lee C Underwood	2293 West Island Rd	Williamsburg	VA	23185-7684
3380	Steven C Walske	2118 Valjejo St	San Francisco	CA	94123-4815
4148	John Wheat	1658 Dogwood Dr	Crown Point	IN	46307-9152
3935	Ellen J Whitney	883 Silver Ave SW	Albuquerque	NM	87102-3020
3425	David Willig	6242 Valley Forge Dr	Houston	TX	77057-1155

Deceased

RA #	Name	Address	
1511	William H Bauer	Unadilla	NY
2477	DC Hufford	Metarie	LA
2393	Thomas A Miller	Davenport	IA
0717	George Tarallo	Needham Heights	MA

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THANK YOU!

While other philatelic societies are struggling with declining membership, the USPCS has been fortunate to maintain and even increase our membership. Part of our success has been due to the generous assistance of several dealers and auction firms that have helped with our membership campaign. These auction companies and dealers have included our membership application flyer in their catalog and newsletter mailings. We hope that you, our members, will let them know how much we appreciate their help in promoting our hobby with this flyer project, and how much we appreciate their efforts as philatelic businessmen who make our hobby a lot more fun. Listed below are the first three dealers to have helped with the project. Other firms will be participating in the near future.

James M Lee

Jim Lee was the first to jump on the bandwagon. He is currently sending out a second copy of our flyer in his newsletter. Jim recently had four hours of surgery which has upset his show schedule. When you see him, or contact him, please wish him well and thank him for his support of our membership drive.

Heritage Auctions

Heritage Auctions recently included our flyer in two of their auction catalogs. Steve Crippe informed me that, "in addition to our expanded Internet Only auctions, we have scheduled a public sale in NYC June 3-4. Location TBD." Please take the time to thank Steve and the Heritage people for their help in promoting our hobby.

Spink- Shreves Galleries

Charles Shreve, with the help of Amy Kassekert, included our flyer in a recent auction catalog. Spink-Shreves Galleries have had an exciting group of offerings in the first three months of this year. Please take time to check out their on line catalogs and offerings, and also take the time to thank them for helping us with our membership drive.

Rob Lund
USPCS Membership Chairman

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WANTED: CENTENNIAL 4-POST ALBUMS (preferably with slip cases) suitable for Centennial or Elbe Governor pages (9-1/2" x 11-3/8" without hinged portion). Centennial pages also desired. John A. Lange Jr. 373 Root Rd., Ballston Spa, N.Y. 12020-3227; E-mail: johnalangejr@aol.com (081110)

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WANTED Black Dates on U.S. #65: March 22, May 10 & 25, Oct 20. Abe Boyarsky, P.O. Box 570 La Mirada, CA 90637-0570 (090827)

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WANTED: Dated cancels on U.S. #11 to finish a calendar: JUL 20, SEP 3, NOV 25, NOV 27, DEC 11. Mark Winters, 24721 Paseo Vendaval, Lake Forest, CA 9263902136.
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Need Your Help: Doing research on the New York "APL"-dated circular datestamp (see scans below, Skinner-type NYDM 52-3) on/off cover used from ~1835 through to 1855. I am most interested in the usages on the 3 Cent Stamp, 1851-57 Issue, but would like to see all others, from stampless era, Locals, and the 1847 Issue. Dr. Charles J. DiComo, 102 Old Pawling Rd. Pawling, NY 12564-2121, or E-mail at charles.dicomo@uspcs.org (081110)

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Need Your Help: I need help researching transpacific usage of 10¢ large Bank Note stamps. The relevant Scott Nos. are: 139, 150, 161, 187-88, 209, 209b. I would welcome receiving: any data concerning ship sailing records; images of covers, front and back; auction realizations; anything else that might be of use in my quest.
Chad Snee, Box 835, Troy, OH 45373-0835; suppousnr@yahoo.com (081118)

Researching 1870-88 Bank Issues: Working on census research, Looking for images and research materials relating to the US Postal Agency Mails from Japan and China, also looking for photocopies of general Bank Note Issue collections.
Matt Kewriga, 7 Tracy Lyn Road, Holliston, MA 01746, matt@kewriga.com (090101)

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