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MEETINGS

Meetings are normally held on the second and fourth Friday of each month.

The business meeting will be on April 14

The exchange meeting will be on April 28

Meetings start at 7:30 PM; Doors open at 7:00

MEETING LOCATION

Pacific Hills Lutheran Church
1110 S 90th St, Omaha NE 68124

OFFICERS

President: Ben Brick

First Vice President: Charles Klaus

Second Vice President: Mike Mead

Treasurer: Randy Bergstrom

Secretary: Gary Schrader

Exchange Manager: Gene Kathol

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Happy Anniversary!

OMAHA PHILATELIC SOCIETY TURNS 97 YEARS OLD!

The Omaha Philatelic Society celebrates its 97th anniversary this month. On April 23rd, 1926 Harold C. Baxter and Carl E. Lundgren called a meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Wood at 2906 Harney St. and established the Society with 10 charter members. By 1934, the OPS became the catalyst in the formation of the Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society. A souvenir sheet (Scott #751) was issued in Omaha on October 10, 1934, in conjunction with the OPS-hosted Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Exposition and Convention.

MARCH SPECIAL EXCHANGE AND MEMBER BOURSE

The March business meeting featured a special exchange of philatelic material donated to the Society including items featured in January and February Spacefiller articles. All lots were exchanged. Two lots of surplus Scott catalogs were also auctioned. A member bourse followed the special exchange.

APRIL PROGRAM

Randy Bergstrom will give a presentation titled *What is the War Savings Series* at the April business meeting.

If you have a philatelic area that you specialize in or are passionate about, please consider doing a presentation at one of our upcoming business meetings, and contact Mike Mead to schedule it.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS WANTED

Your Spacefiller editor encourages all members to submit content for the Society newsletter. Please consider writing an article, or even suggest one if there is a philatelic topic that you'd like to share with your club.

MEMBERSHIP

The Society warmly welcomes our newest member, Lloyd Meyer!

Dues are \$15 if you wish to receive The Spacefiller by email, and \$30 if you prefer to receive the newsletter by postal mail.

UPCOMING STAMP SHOWS

OMAHA STAMP SHOW

24-25 June 2023

Metropolitan Community College

South Omaha Campus

2909 Edward Babe Gomez Ave

Omaha NE 68107

OMAHA STAMP SHOW

9-10 September 2023

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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

The March 10th business meeting was called to order by President Ben Brick with 20 members and guests present. Ben introduced visitor Martha Grenzeback, Genealogy & Local History Librarian at the Omaha Public Library, who will be overseeing the digitizing of our Spacefiller newsletter archives.

Librarian Ed Mead said that printed copies of the Spacefiller (minus the bid sheets) as far back as the 1940s are being turned over to the Omaha Public Library for scanning.

Ben gave the treasurer's report, and Secretary Gary Schrader gave a membership report.

Second Vice President Mike Mead said we need volunteers to present programs from May onward.

Exchange Manager Gene Kathol gave the exchange report, and said that 59 of 80 lots were exchanged in February for a 74 percent success rate. A couple of previously-unsold lots were also sold.

Show Promoter Herb Eveland confirmed that we'll have two stamp shows this year, with a June show in addition to the annual September show. See the sidebar above, or <https://omahaphilatelicsociety.org/stamp-show/> for show dates.

EXCHANGE MEETING MINUTES

The March 24th exchange meeting was called to order by President Ben Brick with 30 members and guests present. Ben passed out some post cards advertising the 2023 Great American Stamp Show (GASS) to be held August 10th through the 13th in Cleveland.

Show Promoter Herb Eveland gave a show report, and confirmed that the June show will be the last weekend in the month (June 24th and 25th).

First Vice President Charles Klaus gave a membership report, and said that 53 members have paid dues for 2023. Those who haven't paid dues by April first will be dropped from the membership.

Second Vice President Mike Mead said that Randy Bergstrom would be giving part two of his War Savings stamp program at the April business meeting, and he asked for volunteers to give future presentations.

Paul Christofferson said he was so happy with the prices he paid for the cover lots he won in the March special exchange that he made a generous donation to the Society at the meeting. Thank you for your generosity, Paul!

Master Engraver Czeslaw Slania (part 2)

In the April 2022 Spacefiller I wrote about master engraver Czeslaw Slania (1921 - 2005) who engraved dies for over 1,000 stamps for 32 postal services.

Czeslaw Slania personalized many of his stamp engravings by hiding microprinted names of family, friends, and coworkers in them, and sometimes the dates of his engravings.

In a 1966 Sweden Centenary of the National Museum stamp (Scott number 699, right), his sister's name Lodzia (short for Leokadija), can be found hidden in the bottom of the gown (circled below) of a woman standing on the stairs.



In one case, Mr. Slania used his own likeness in a stamp engraving, although as a matter of convenience, as he put it.

In an interview with a Swedish newspaper in 1981, Mr. Slania told the story of his work on the 1973 commemorative booklet pane depicting the start of the Vassa Ski Race in Dalecarlia, Sweden, in which he added his own face and the faces of two of his co-workers.

"I was sitting home on a Christmas Eve and had to finish the stamp after a photograph. None of the faces on the photo appeared clearly, so I couldn't engrave them clearly either. For at least having some clear faces on the stamp I put ours in, and chose my co-workers because I had their photographs at home. It was the first time my face appeared on a stamp that I have engraved myself. "

Right: 1973 Sweden commemorative booklet pane depicting tourist attractions in Dalecarlia, Sweden (Scott numbers 994 through 998)



A larger image of the Vassa Ski Race stamp is shown below. Mr. Slania depicted himself in the lower-left corner. The skier circled to the right of Slania was the leader of Swedish Stamp Printing, Lars-Eric Ewert; and the skier circled near the middle is Sven Andersson, a technician from Swedish Stamp Printing.

In the close-up of Mr. Slania, his identification tag says; "J.AFTON 1972" which is an abbreviation for Christmas Eve 1972, referring to the fact that Mr. Slania engraved this stamp on Christmas Eve, 1972.

For comparison to his face on the Sweden ski race stamp, a 2021 Monaco stamp commemorating the 100th anniversary of Czeslaw Slania's birth is shown at bottom right.

Source:

<http://www.slaniastamps-heindorffhus.com/frame-AboutSlaniaJoking03.htm>



2021 Monaco stamp depicting Slania

Exchange Results for 3/24/2023

Lot	Country	Sold For
1	USA	\$25.00
2	USA	\$26.00
3	USA	\$8.00
4	USA	\$3.25
5	USA	\$5.00
6	USA	\$11.00
7	USA	\$32.00
8	USA	\$10.00
9	USA	\$1.00
10	USA	(no sale)
11	USA	\$8.00
12	USA	(no sale)
13	USA	\$2.00
14	USA	\$2.00
15	USA	(no sale)
16	USA	(no sale)
17	USA	(no sale)
18	USA	(no sale)
19	USA	(no sale)
20	USA	(no sale)
21	USA	(no sale)
22	USA	\$9.00
23	USA	(no sale)
24	USA	(no sale)
25	USA	\$80.00
26	USA	\$1.70
27	USA	\$1.00
28	USA	(no sale)
29	USA	\$12.00
30	USA	\$9.00
31	Australia	\$3.00
32	Austria	(no sale)
33	Austria	\$3.00
34	Barbados	\$4.00
35	Berlin	\$1.00
36	Br. Colonies	\$5.00
37	Canada	\$20.00
38	Czechoslovakia	\$2.00
39	DDR (E Germany)	\$2.00
40	DDR (Russia)	\$40.00

Lot	Country	Sold For
41	Denmark	\$3.25
42	Falkland Is.	\$2.50
43	Finland	\$2.90
44	German E Africa	\$2.50
45	Germany	\$14.00
46	Germany	\$1.00
47	Germany	\$1.00
48	Gt. Britain	\$5.00
49	Greece	\$1.50
50	Greece	\$3.00
51	Greece	(no sale)
52	Hanover	\$2.00
53	Ionian Is.	\$25.00
54	Japan	(no sale)
55	Mauritius	\$4.00
56	Netherland	\$1.00
57	New Zealand	\$2.00
58	Norfolk Is.	\$1.40
59	Poland	\$7.00
60	Russia	\$10.00
61	Saar	\$2.70
62	Saxony	(no sale)
63	Serbia	\$7.00
64	Soudan	\$11.00
65	S Africa, SWA	\$9.50
66	Spain	\$1.40
67	Straights S	\$8.00
68	Swaziland	\$16.00
69	Swiss	\$10.00
70	Thailand	\$5.50
71	Tonga	\$6.00
72	UN - NY	(no sale)
73	Uruguay	\$8.00
74	Vatican	(no sale)
75	Wurttemberg	\$1.00
76	Yugoslavia	\$4.00
77	n/a	\$5.50
78	n/a	\$5.50
79	various	\$4.50
80	various	\$11.00

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND APPLICATION

Except for special holidays such as religious holidays and those close to Christmas, The Omaha Philatelic Society meets on the second and fourth Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are held at Pacific Hills Lutheran Church, 1110 S 90th St. Enter from the south parking lot through the door with the canopy. The meeting room is in the basement. The second-Friday meeting is a business meeting with a presentation. The fourth-Friday meeting is an exchange session/auction. All stamp collectors/philatelists are welcome to attend. Annual dues are \$15 for members age 19 and older and \$7.50 for those under 19 if you wish to receive The Spacefiller newsletter by email, and \$30 if you prefer to receive the newsletter by postal mail. If two members of the same family are members, dues for the second member are half that of the first member. Please use the form below to apply for or renew your membership. You may pay your dues to the Membership Chairperson at any of our regular meetings, or mail it to The Omaha Philatelic Society, PO Box 267, Boys Town NE 68010-0267.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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Collecting interests: _____

Exchange list for 4/28/2023

Lot	Country	Catalog #	Description	Cat. Val.	Reserve	Owner	Sold To	Amt.
1	USA	230//644	7 Used, 2 damaged	\$25.55	\$5.00	HK		
2	USA	231	MH 2¢ Columbian w/thin	\$12.50	\$1.00	RED		
3	USA	246	MHOG 1¢ Franklin	\$30.00	\$3.00	RKA		
4	USA	622	MNH 13¢ Harrison	\$19.00	\$4.00	RKA		
5	USA	644 & 670	644 M, 4 M & 1 U 1 1/2¢	\$25.40	\$8.00	HK		
6	USA	647-648	M&U Hawaii Sesquicentennial	\$16.50	\$4.25	115		
7	USA	656	4 Mint copies of Elec Light	\$78.00	\$20.50	RK		
8	USA	803-833	Used Presidential issues	\$15.40	\$5.00	115		
9	USA	927//948	MNH group 1945-47	\$5.15	\$3.50	WAM		
10	USA	2393-2396	Mint set of soldiers	\$5.95	\$2.00	HK		
11	USA	2422-2425a	MNH block of 6 Dinosaurs	\$4.20	\$2.00	EFK		
12	USA	2470//3076	3 mint sets	\$21.95	\$7.00	RK		
13	USA	2544A	unaddressed Space FDC	\$15.00	\$1.00	RKA		
14	USA	2611//3202	3 mint strips	\$21.85	\$7.00	HK		
15	USA	2631//3527	3 mint sets	\$17.65	\$5.25	RK		
16	USA	2785-2788	Mint set kids books	\$5.95	\$2.00	RK		
17	USA	2951-2154	Mint set kids/environment	\$5.50	\$1.75	HK		
18	USA	3414//4080	3 mint strips	\$17.75	\$5.50	RK		
19	USA	3475A//4513	MNH coil strips	\$24.60	\$6.00	EFK		
20	USA	4146-4150	Mint lighthouse strip	\$8.00	\$2.50	HK		
21	USA	C16	MH 1930 Winged Globe	\$4.75	\$2.00	EFK		
22	USA	various	mint, some MNG	\$36.65	\$7.00	HK		
23	USA	R24b	Wells Fargo CD Nevada Ter	\$15.00	\$1.00	MS		
24	USA	RJ1-RJ11	Tobacco Sales Tax Stamps	\$45.00	\$15.00	REB		
25	USA	Var. Document.	35 different Used	n/a	\$1.00	RKA		
26	USA	U293	US Letter sheet 1882	\$20.00	\$5.00	RCH		
27	USA	Cinderellas	set of 3 1926 Int'l Phil Exhibition	n/a	\$2.00	RED		
28	USA	SP835//1457	7 Souvenir pages	\$31.50	\$8.00	Club		
29	USA	SP1324	Souvenir page Hollywood	\$12.00	\$3.00	Club		
30	USA	n/a	2021 Scott US Specialized	n/a	\$15.00	REB		
31	Australia	256//296	Used Queen Elizabeth II	\$2.50	\$1.00	CSK		
32	Austria	121-127	Used set 1908-1916	\$72.55	\$10.00	JRM		
33	Bavaria	56	Used Coat of Arms	\$30.00	\$6.00	115		
34	Belgium	N15	1917 WWI Ger Occ cover	\$3.00	\$2.00	JRM		
35	Berlin	9N176-190	MNH set 1961-62 portraits	\$12.60	\$3.00	CSK		
36	British Colonies	CD302	18 M & U Coronation	\$7.00	\$1.80	EFK		
37	Bulgaria	J7 & J8	2 Used Postage Due 1897	\$12.00	\$2.00	JRM		
38	Cambodia	2090-2096	2001 CTO complete set	\$4.50	\$1.00	CSK		
39	Canada	599//601	4 Used Landscapes	\$7.25	\$2.00	CSK		
40	Czechoslovakia	n/a	38 mixed 1970-1990's	\$9.50	\$1.00	CSK		

Exchange list for 4/28/2023 (continued)

Lot	Country	Catalog #	Description	Cat. Val.	Reserve	Owner	Sold To	Amt.
41	DDR	80-81	MH complete set	\$ 26.00	\$ 4.00	RED		
42	DDR	295//304	MHOG R Schumann set	\$ 9.35	\$ 2.50	115		
43	Gambia	1395	MNH Famous entertainers	\$ 10.00	\$ 2.00	CSK		
44	Ger. Occ.	various	15 Occ. China, Morocco, Tu	\$ 29.95	\$ 3.00	RED		
45	Ger. Ofc Turkey	59	Used overprint	\$ 60.00	\$ 12.00	115		
46	Germany	Michel K717	MNH Hindenburg gutter pair	\$ 30.00	\$ 10.00	RCH		
47	Germany	506//524	Used set - Hitler	\$ 9.00	\$ 2.00	198		
48	Gilbert Islands	320a	MNH S/S Christmas Garland	\$ 1.75	\$ 1.00	198		
49	Great Britain	1	Used Penny Black cut corner	\$ 375.00	\$ 25.00	JRM		
50	Great Britain	271-274	Used complete set	\$ 3.25	\$ 1.00	CSK		
51	Guinea	361-71, C68	complete CTO set	\$ 6.15	\$ 1.00	MS		
52	Hanover	16	Used 1859 crown & numer	\$ 100.00	\$ 7.50	115		
53	Indochina	24//115	30 mostly used	\$ 15.00	\$ 2.00	JRM		
54	Iran	n/a	Tehran cover, plane crash	n/a	\$ 2.00	RCH		
55	Italy	20	MHOG 1862 40c red	\$ 250.00	\$ 20.00	JRM		
56	Japan	535	FDC Nagasaki cachet 1951	n/a	\$ 2.00	RED		
57	Lombardy-Venetia	5, 6a	Used 1850 first issue	\$ 97.50	\$ 15.00	JRM		
58	Memel	various	75 Mint overprints	\$100.00+	\$ 20.00	EFK		
59	Mexico	123//Q9	217 different	\$ 168.90	\$ 1.00	MS		
60	Montenegro	various	58 different	\$ 52.75	\$ 1.00	MS		
61	Newfoundland	233-243	MNH 1937 set	\$ 64.50	\$ 15.00	JRM		
62	New Zealand	various	48 different	\$ 265.00	\$ 5.00	MS		
63	Obock	32	MH 1c 1892 Nav & Comm	\$ 2.15	\$ 1.25	WAM		
64	Obock	46-49	Used 1894 Somali warrior	\$ 9.65	\$ 5.00	WAM		
65	Philippines	various	80 stamps	\$ 20.00	\$ 1.00	RCH		
66	Philippines Jap Occupation	N32-N34	FDC with all 3 - 1944	n/a	\$ 2.00	RED		
67	Poland	562, B92	MNH imperf set	\$ 27.50	\$ 7.00	RED		
68	Russia	184b	MHOG Symbol of Agriculture	\$ 12.00	\$ 2.50	115		
69	Samoa	54	German overprint	\$ 35.00	\$ 7.50	115		
70	Spain	912	complete MNH sheet of 25	\$ 6.25	\$ 1.00	MS		
71	Swaziland	27-37	MH complete set	\$ 54.10	\$ 15.00	RED		
72	Thailand	207//C19	48 different incl. revenues	\$ 119.90	\$ 4.00	MS		
73	Thuringia	16N3-4	Used fir trees & post horn	\$ 5.25	\$ 1.25	MS		
74	U.A.R. (Syria)	43-44	MNH World Refugee Year	\$ 1.10	\$ 1.00	WAM		
75	UN - Geneva	22/32	M & U 1971-73 issues	\$ 1.40	\$ 1.00	WAM		
76	UN - New York	C5//C10	M & U 1957-64 Air Mails	\$ 1.60	\$ 1.00	WAM		
77	Vatican City	58/E17	Used collection	\$ 12.90	\$ 3.00	WAM		
78	various	n/a	52 mixed	\$ 13.00	\$ 1.00	RCH		
79	various	n/a	75 mixed	\$ 18.75	\$ 2.00	RCH		
80	various	n/a	96 mixed	\$ 24.00	\$ 2.00	RCH		