

Last meeting found us sorting through the second of five boxes of donated philatelic materials - primarily First Day Covers.

No "Ice Box" covers here, but a lot of nice stuff was found.

This month we will have a guest speaker, David McKay, Feet First Museum coordinator at the Scholl Museum inside Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science in North Chicago, will talk about **"The Devil's Mail: Terrorists, Assassinations, Hijackings, Letter Bombs and More"** exhibit currently on display at the museum.

Excerpts from the article appearing in the **Lake County News-Sun**, 12 October issue can be found below.



Treasures' Report: Checking -- \$776.24; Savings Account -- \$1,497.56; Total -- \$2,273.80

From the Michael Schmidt article found on the Lake County News-Sun website:
http://www.suburbanchicagonews.com/newssun/news/600006,5_1_WA12_DEVILS_S1.article

"The Devil's Mail: Terrorists, Assassinations, Hijackings, Letter Bombs and More" will be exhibited through Nov. 6 at the Feet First Museum in the Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine at the university, 3333 Green Bay Road.

The exhibit earned a gold medal at last year's International Stamp Show and features 30 envelope "covers" -- envelopes that have been stamped by a post office -- from the United States and around the world that survived planes that were exploded, trains that were hijacked and blasts of radiation -- an antidote to anthrax.

Dr. Stephen Berlin, the Maryland podiatric surgeon and philatelist who owns the collection, took an interest in stamps when he was 12 and eventually began purchasing covers delivered in unusual and historic modes: by dog sled, balloon, pigeon carrier and Pony Express. He cultivated an interest in mail damaged by natural disaster: earthquakes, floods, hurricanes and disease, noting that in the 18th and 19th centuries mail was fumigated and quarantined for cholera and bubonic plague.

Berlin was also intrigued by pieces molested by man-made disasters, including terrorist attacks. The exhibit includes a 1979 cover from a mailbag carried aboard American Airlines Flight 444, which made an emergency landing after a mail bomb attack. It was later discovered that the mail bomb was the work of "Unabomber" Ted Kaczynski and could have destroyed the Boeing 727 had it worked correctly.

"The exhibit gives insight into what's going on around the world and the dangers -- I would call them radical dangers -- of the postal service," Berlin said.

Next meeting:

7PM on Tuesday 23 OCTOBER 2007
at the Warren-Newport Library
224 North O'Plaine Road, Gurnee IL



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Since our last update in July, the following stamps
Have been issued or scheduled to be out by the end of
the month:

- Sept 28 41¢ Eid (re-issue)
- Oct 1 41¢ Aurora Borealis
- Oct 25 41¢ Star Wars Thirtieth Anniversary: Yoda
- Oct 25 41¢ Holiday Knits (four designs)
- Oct 25 41¢ Bernardino Luini Madonna
- Oct 26 41¢ Kwanzaa (re-issue)
- Oct 26 41¢ Hanukkah (re-issue)

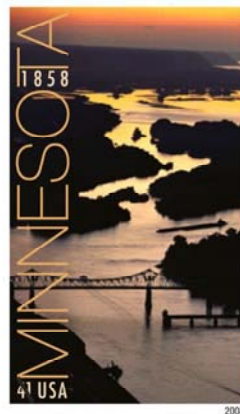
This 10-stamp set will cost \$4.10 on top
of an already expensive year that included
a rate change.



2007 Holiday Issues



American Samoa



Next year, we will be greeted with a new Lunar New Years' stamp,
inaugurating a second series.

Additional stamps will depict Minnesota, Bette Davis, Alzheimer's,
Beijing Olympics and several other topics.

It should be an interesting year – and baring a rate increase,
somewhat affordable.

The USPS will also issue a set of double wide coil stamps with the
National Ensign, the 50 state flags and our other possessions
flags.

The first coil will include the National Ensign and the first nine
state/territorial flags of Alabama through Delaware.