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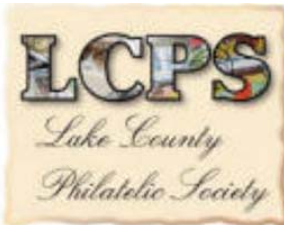
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Perforations



Last month we covered a bit of online shopping and auction sites with StampWants (www.stampwants.com) and eBay (www.ebay.com). The presentation was tag-teamed by Bill Schultz and Dave Sadler – and went on longer than anticipated.

In summary: 1) Ebay is a more secure site with a higher percentage of outright auctions; 2) StampWants has a FAR greater selection of materials -- but they are primarily found in “stores” at fixed prices (but generally better pictures); 3) both sites use the PayPal service for payment – but ebay is better able to solve problems encountered by PayPal. (The slides will be posted on our website ...).

This month we'll pick up with online payment services – primarily PayPal – but touching on google-payment also.

Treasures' Report: Somewhere in Germany ...



Still on the horizon is a club stamp auction (September/ October) and planning for the annual Brunch (December).

The auction of donated materials will raise money for the APS, the Lake County Postcard Museum and the LCPS.

If any one has suggestions for where we should hold the Brunch -- bring them to the meeting.

The last two years we held it at the Old Country Buffet in Libertyville.

A 'late announced' one-day stamp show will be held at the White Eagle in Niles on Sunday 27 July. This will be the last local show until October (see below).



This month's Purr-forations in progress ...

New Stamp Shows

SUMMER GLENEXPO
JULY 27, 10am-5pm
WHITE EAGLE
6939 N Milwaukee Ave
Niles, IL

MSDA Show
October 4-5
Wingate Inn
600 Milwaukee Ave
Mt Prospect IL



Chicagopex 2008
November 14-16,
2008 Sheraton Hotel
Euclid & RTE 53
Arlington Heights IL



MSDA Holiday Show
December 13-14
Wingate Inn
600 Milwaukee Ave
Mt Prospect IL



Next meeting:
7PM on Tuesday 22 July 2008
at the Warren-Newport Library
224 North O'Plaine Road, Gurnee IL



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Dr Tom Willer – President
Bill Schultz – Vice President
Howard Shaughnessy – Secretary
Walter F. Veile - Treasurer

ONLINE PAYMENT: Last month we addressed finding stamps on the web. This month we'll look at paying for them. We will use the most popular (and most secure system) *PayPal* as an example.

Online Payment, Merchant Account - PayPal - Windows Internet Explorer

https://www.paypal.com/

Paypal Inc. [US]

Google

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Online Payment, Merchant Account - PayPal

Sign Up Log In Help Security Center Search

U.S. English

Home Personal Business Products & Services Developers

Get Started Send Money Request Money Sell on eBay Developers

Account Login

Email address

PayPal password

Log In

Forgot your email address or password?

New to PayPal? Sign up

Top questions

Why use PayPal when I have credit cards?

What can I do with PayPal?

Is PayPal free to use?

To use PayPal: if you won an auction on eBay, and the vendor accepts PayPal, all you have to do is click on the item "pay" button.

From here you are taken to the PayPal sign-on screen (similar to the background picture) where you will:

1) check to see if you have the real PayPal website. Look at the URL address line (arrow 'A') to ensure that you have **https://www.paypal.com/** (no "." directly after the ".com") and

2) a **closed padlock** (arrow 'B') indicating a secure circuit.

You now enter your email address, password and hit the Log In button. You will then go to the vendors pay screen where you'll see the item (or items) you purchased.

Check the payment information (item number, shipping and handling cost, insurance and discounts) and hit the "pay" button if correct.

Within 90 seconds you should receive an e-mail acknowledging the payment. -- Done.

To open a PayPal account, you must provide your name, address, phone number, and email address.

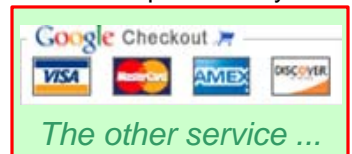
In order to make payments using PayPal, you must provide a credit card, or debit card, or bank account information. They like a checking account **and** a credit card as a backup source – but a credit card will do a personal account.

They will also ask that you choose two different security questions to answer (such as your city of birth, your first car, or your pet's name). This information is necessary for us to process transactions, issue a new password if you forget or lose your password, protect you against credit card and checking account fraud, and to contact you should the need arise in administering your account.

A rule of thumb. Use a **secondary** banking account - with a minimal balance (enough to cover your purchases) and a credit card with a low limit and/or one that has the best fraud features in the event your account is compromised.

In the event your account is compromised, contact the security center (**RED ARROW "C"**) via the link. It takes up to ten days for them to sort out the problem.

In my problem encounters, I have not lost any money – but have been blocked from using the service for six days while they reviewed the details of the event and how they occurred.



Dave Sadler (with technical translation by Bill Schultz) will go over - in more detail, the ins and outs of PayPal and other on-line payment services next Tuesday at the meeting. We may even have time for questions and play with some "live systems" in the library (if not too crowded).