

Perforations

For our January meeting, we were appraised of how well the value of our US stamps are doing compared to other investments in this uncertain economy. This very enjoyable PowerPoint presentation was given by Bill Schultz.

At the end, Bill challenged the group to “pseudo invest” in 25 or so stamps and see how we would do when compared to the market indexes at the end of the year. Do we dare?

In addition to the presentation, we held our annual elections and everyone was reinstated for another year.

This months presentation will be by Tom Willer. It will feature Abraham Lincoln.

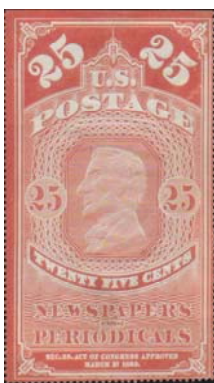


Treasures' Report: Checking – \$1,947.14 Savings – 1,524.88 — Total: 3,472.02

February 12 was the 200th Anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth, this issue will be given over to commemorate the event (Coins even enter into the discussion on page 2 as the one-cent piece is in jeopardy of discontinuance).

Lincoln has been honored on several stamps – the first in September 1865 (PR3), a 25¢ newspaper issue. The first postage issue (Scott 77) was a 15¢ stamp released in April 1866, a year after the president was assassinated.

Subsequently there have been an additional 43 general postal issues prior to the four stamps issued on February 9 of this year.



PR3

The four most recent stamps, were issued on 9 February and themed about the four periods of Lincolns life. Depicted are Lincoln's rise from humble, frontier origins (rail splitter) to become a prominent lawyer, politician (Lincoln-Douglas Debate), and ultimately president of the United States.

The First Day Ceremony was at the Old State Capital in Springfield where Abraham Lincoln began his political life that culminated in his twice being elected as president during the most stressful period of the republic.



Stamp Shows and Activities:

Michael Jackson/ Polpex Show
White Eagle Restaurant
6839 N Milwaukee
Niles IL 60714
March 14 - 15



MSDA Show
Wingate Inn
600 Milwaukee Ave
Prospect Heights IL 60070
April 4-5



COMPEX 2009
District 214 Field House
2121 S Goebbert Rd
Arlington Heights IL 60005
May 22-24

MSDA Show
Wingate Inn
600 Milwaukee Ave
Prospect Heights IL 60070
July 25-26



Next meeting:
7-PM on Tuesday 24 February 2009
at the Warren-Newport Library
224 North O'Plaine Road, Gurnee IL



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