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Philatelic Society

Perforations



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The February meeting featured Abraham Lincoln (aka Dr Tom Willer) describing the 1858 incident in Saxon IL where past relatives of Thomas Willer provided the lamp to the future president to help guide him safely back his lodging Kewanee IL.

Additionally Mr Lincoln talked about himself, family, his genealogy (including the disputed version), the Lincoln-Douglas debates and of course, that now famous day trip that lead to this presentation.

Richard also introduced a large display stand (with info) that he'd been working on the last few weeks.

This month Bill Schultz will present *"The American Philatelic Center and Its Bellefonte PA Neighborhood"*.



Treasures' Report: Checking – \$2,017.14 Savings – 1,526.25 — Total: 3,542.39

American Philatelic Society - The APS roots can be traced back to within five years of the issuance of the first postage stamp in the United States when a group collectors began exchanging information and thoughts on stamps. This small group expanded and by the 1880s there were an estimated 25,000 stamp collectors in the United States.

In 1886 several prominent stamp collectors began discussing the possibility of forming a national organization of philatelists. Thus by April of 1886 they had formed The Committee on National Organization (S.B. Bradt, O.S. Hellwig, and R.R. Shuman) and printed an announcement of the possible formation of a national organization which lead to some 400 collectors indicated their willingness to assist in founding such an organization.

The committee met in New York City on September 13, 1886, and adopted the name "American Philatelic Association" for the newly formed organization. The following day, John K. Tiffany, a prominent St. Louis attorney, and ardent philatelist, was elected president, a position he held for the next ten years.

One of the goals of the new organization was to publish a journal on stamp related issues. The first five issues of the APA's journal, The American Philatelist were published in Altoona, Pennsylvania, commencing on January 10, 1887, but a mail vote in June of that year resulted in the choice of The Western Philatelist as the society's official publication. Dissension caused by this action led the membership at the second annual convention, held in Chicago in August 1887, to vote to resume publication of The American Philatelist as the society's official journal.

The Association was incorporated in West Virginia November 2, 1891, and re-incorporated in Minnesota in 1897. In 1897 the name of the organization was changed briefly to American Philatelic Society, but then changed back to American Philatelic Association after only a few months. The name was finally changed in 1908 and remains as the American Philatelic Society.

Local Stamp Shows	MSDA Show Wingate Inn 600 Milwaukee Ave Prospect Heights IL April 4-5	MSDA Midwest Stamp Dealers Association	COMPEX 2009 District 214 Field House 2121 S Goebbert Rd Arlington Heights IL May 22-24	MSDA Show Wingate Inn 600 Milwaukee Ave Prospect Heights IL July 25-26	MSDA Midwest Stamp Dealers Association	MSDA Show Wingate Inn 600 Milwaukee Ave Prospect Heights IL October 3-4	MSDA Midwest Stamp Dealers Association	CHICAGOPEX 2009 Sheraton Northwest 3400 West Euclid Ave Arlington Heights IL November 20-22	

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



Officers:
Dr Tom Willer – President
Bill Schultz – Vice President
Dave Sadler – Secretary
Walter F. Veile - Treasurer

