

Perforations



Last month, Bill Schultz presented a very interesting presentation on the current state of the "Match Factory" and its surrounding area - in the event you "drag" the family to central Pennsylvania. With the exception of a PSU 'Game Day' the area appears family friendly with a lot of local activities outside of philately.

This month, Marty Cain will present "United States Firsts and Other Fascinating Stories."

In addition the last of the auction materials will make a last-farewell appearance for those interested in grabbing some good deals.



Treasures' Report: Checking – \$2,037.14 Savings – 1,527.44 — Total: 3,564.58

After a month off, the USPS began the introduction of new stamps with the 61¢ Richard Wright (Literary Arts Series) on 9 April in Chicago IL.

Richard Wright (1908 – 1960) was an African-American author of powerful, sometimes controversial novels, short stories and non-fiction.

Wright worked as postal clerk in Chicago from 1927 and until the job was eliminated by the Great Depression. He was forced to go on relief in 1931, became a member Communist Party in late 1933 (which he left in 1944) and began writing.

His most noted works include: Uncle Tom's Children (1938), Native Son (1940) and The Outsider (1953).



Local Stamp Shows

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 Show Wingate Inn 600 Milwaukee Ave Prospect Heights IL October 3-4	 CHICAGOPEX 2009 Sheraton Northwest 3400 West Euclid Ave Arlington Heights IL November 20-22	 MSDA Show Wingate Inn 600 Milwaukee Ave Prospect Heights IL December 12-13
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Mailing Services Prices Effective Monday, May 11, 2009: On May 11 the price for a 1-ounce First-Class Mail stamp will increase from 42¢ to 44¢ along with the cost for other mailing services — Standard Mail, Periodicals, Package Services (including Parcel Post), and 'Extra' Services.

Next meeting:
7-PM on Tuesday 28 April 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

In this month's issue we will explore seven of the many organizations that support and enhance the stamp collecting hobby.



The American Philatelic Society - The largest national society holding conventions in various cities each year. Publish a monthly magazine circulated to members. The society also operates a major library and an online stamp store for member wishing to sell extras. The Lake County Philatelic Society has been an affiliate member of the APS for over 50 years. [<http://www.stamps.org>].

United Postal Stationery Society - The United States Stamp Society (USSS) is the preeminent organization devoted to the study of United States stamps.

It is, "a non-profit, volunteer-run association of collectors to promote the study of the philatelic output of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and of postage and revenue stamped paper produced by others for use in the United States and U.S. administered areas." Once concerned exclusively with the production of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the USSS has expanded its coverage to include all United States issues, both classic and modern, regardless of printer. [<http://www.usstamps.org/>]



AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY

Organized in 1923 in the interest of Aerophilately and Aerophilatelists everywhere

American Airmail Society - The AAMS was founded in 1923, and is the second oldest aerophilatelic society in the world with over 1,500 members worldwide. The AAMS publishes the monthly magazine *The Airpost Journal* & the *Jack Knight Air Log*, as well as the *American Air Mail Catalogue*, and many other aerophilatelic books. See the list of *Airpost Journal* & *Air Log* Staff & Department Editors. See the *Publications* page for the aerophilatelic books & publications which are currently available. The AAMS holds an annual convention, as well as a Spring and/or Fall meeting during philatelic exhibitions in different parts of the country. [<http://www.americanairmailssociety.org/>]



American First Day Cover Society, Inc - The American First Day Cover Society (AFDCS) is a volunteer non-profit and non-commercial organization serving the needs of First Day Cover collectors, cachetmakers, and dealers. Founded in 1955, the society now has a membership of nearly 3,000 active first day cover collectors, including hundreds of collectors who design and manufacture their own cacheted FDCs. [<http://www.afdcs.org/>]

American Stamp Dealers' Association - A professional organization of stamp dealers. Their website has a list of shows and location information on member for dealers. [<http://www.asdaonline.com/>]



American Topical Association - The American Topical Association (ATA) serves members in 65 countries. It is the largest philatelic society devoted to this specific area of stamp collecting. Organized in 1949, the ATA has over 60 years of service to its members. It is the best source of information, fellowship and authority in the topical stamp collecting field. [<http://www.americantopicalassn.org/>]

Universal Ship Cancellation Society - Founded in 1932, the U.S.C.S. is an international philatelic organization of members with an interest in postmarks and covers from all maritime services. This includes Navy ships of all countries, USMC, USCG, Navy bases, merchant ships with seapost/paquebot markings, related cachets, etc. [<http://www.uscs.org/>]

