



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.

The AAMS holds an annual convention, as well as a Spring and/or Fall meeting during philatelic exhibitions in different parts of the country.

Dues (\$28 - \$43 depending on the number of publications signed up for) are kept as low as possible, privileges and services to members are many. It is not necessary that a person be an advanced collector or a wealthy specialist to attain membership-or to enjoy aerophilately to its fullest extent. The only requisite is a good character and air mail collecting as a genuine interest. AAMS members feel it is a genuine honor and privilege to be affiliated together, and many members gather often at stamp shows. Many of aerophilately's most successful exhibitors, judges, writers, and editors belong to the AAMS.

AAMS Member Services — The AAMS offers the following services:

Auctions - at least 3 times a year in various parts of the USA. Members may buy and sell their aerophilatelic material in the auctions, and can either attend the auction or bid by mail.

Merchandise Sales - Members may buy souvenir covers and stamps, which have been prepared or issued in connection with the AAMS Conventions and other events in the past.

Sales of Covers & Stamps - Members may buy covers and stamps which are being disposed of by other members, or they may use the Sales Department to dispose of their duplicate material.

Translation Service - Members may use this service to have translations made of letters, covers, postal markings, and related material.

Slide Presentations - *The society has a slide presentation of 80 slides which lasts 40 minutes. It covers the history and scope of aerophilately. It is available free to members, and for showing to philatelic society meetings.*

Advance Bulletin Service - Members can receive, by e-mail or postal card, advance notice of future first flights, so that they may arrange for first flight covers to be flown on inaugural flights.

Awards - The AAMS provides awards for deserving aerophilatelic exhibits in major philatelic exhibitions around the country. See Awards for information about the AAMS Awards and how to apply for them.

Chapters & Study Units - The AAMS has 17 Chapters around the country. The Society also has eight Study Units (*Emergency Air Mail, Balloon Post Collectors Club, Pan American Study Unit, Canadian Air Mail Collectors Club, Rocket Mail Society and the Zeppelin Collectors Club*) on various aspects of aerophilately.

Annual Conventions and Meetings – The next national meeting will be held November 19-21 during **CHICAGOPEX** in Arlington Height, IL

Being a cooperative group, organized solely to assist airmail collectors, the American Air Mail Society and all its departments and services are not operated for profit. All AAMS officers, managers, and writers serve without compensation. Proceeds from all AAMS Services and Publications are returned to regularly audited accounts to support the AAMS, a Non-Profit organization registered in the State of Ohio, with full U.S. Government Tax-Exempt status.

FISA — The AAMS is a member of the International Federation of Aerophilatelic Societies, FISA, Belgielaan 87, B-9070 Destelbergen, Belgium.

Membership forms for the AAMS will be available at the meeting or you can visit the societies website at:

<http://www.americanairmailssociety.org/index.htm>

