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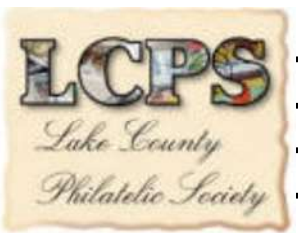
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Last month was, "S" - Is for September: where members shared postal objects with a "S" theme. We had everything from **Stamp sheets**, **cancelled UN stamps mailed in NY**, **Scandinavia** and even a **Cub World Series Ring**.



In all it was interesting what follow-up discussion was generated by questions asked about the items.



This month's topic is: **Buying at Auction**. Dealers face tremendous competition from two auction areas: Internet and auction houses. Please think about your auction experiences and your successes and failures. Do you have buying strategies that have been successful? Does catalog value influence your strategy? Did you ever use an on-site buying agent? Please gather your thoughts and share them with us.

As you know October is National Stamp Collecting Month — why and when did this happen?

National Stamp Collecting Month: Postage stamps, frequently referred to as a nation's "calling cards," have through the years linked countries around the world by a common communication means.

Collecting stamps is an important and worthwhile lifetime endeavor for millions of people, bringing generations together in a common joy of discovery, challenge, and accomplishment. Consequently, stamp collecting is considered to be the world's most popular hobby with more than 20 million collectors in the United States alone.

Stamps are also the traditional means of using this country's mail service, which continues to provide America with vital communications while serving as an effective way of calling world attention to our proud history, achievements, and cultural assets. Additionally, U.S. postage stamps have proved to be excellent teaching aids for children to learn more about the geography, history, art, politics, and culture of our great nation. Finally, stamp collecting is a hobby appealing to citizens of all ages, and can be pursued on an individual as well as family basis.

Therefore, I do hereby designate October 1981 as National Stamp Collecting Month throughout the Postal Service and urge employees and customers alike to discover the joy of stamp collecting—the hobby of a lifetime.

WILLIAM F. BOLGER,
Postmaster General
From: PB21317 — 1981 September 24



Treasures' Report: Total – \$3,445.25

**Local
Stamp
Shows**

Tosapex 2017
St Aloysius' Gonzaga Hall
1435 S 92nd Street
West Allis WI
October 28 and 29

Chicagopex
Westin Chicago Northwest
400 Park Boulevard
Itasca IL
November 17, 18 and 19



MSDA MILWAUKEE STAMP SHOW
Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport
6401 South 13th St
Milwaukee WI
December 2 and 3



MSDA CHICAGO SHOW
Embassy Suites
707 E Butterfield Rd
Lombard IL
December 8 and 9



Next meeting:

7-PM on Tuesday 24 October 2017
at the Grayslake Library
100 Library Lane - Grayslake, IL 60030



Officers:
Dr Tom Willer – President
Bill Schultz – Vice President
Dave Sadler – Secretary
Ed Pieklo – Treasurer

U.S. Postal Service Semipostal Stamps: The Semipostal Authorization Act of 2017, Pub. L. 106–253, grants the U.S. Postal Service discretionary authority to issue and sell semipostal stamps to advance such causes as it considers to be “in the national public interest and appropriate.” The U.S. Postal Service announced today that in November it will issue the first of five semipostal stamps.

Under the semipostal discretionary program, the Postal Service will issue five stamps over a 10-year period, with each stamp to be sold for no more than two years.

The first stamp issued will be an **Alzheimer’s Semipostal Stamp**, followed by a **Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Semipostal Stamp** in 2019. The next three discretionary semipostal stamps have not yet been determined.

The Alzheimer’s Semipostal Stamp will be issued during National Alzheimer’s Awareness Month. Net proceeds will be distributed to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Details on issuance date and location will be provided at a later date.

President Ronald Reagan designated November as National Alzheimer’s Disease Awareness Month in 1983. At the time, fewer than two million Americans were diagnosed with Alzheimer’s; today, that number has soared to nearly 5.4 million.

Semipostal stamps, currently sold for 60-cents, are First-Class Mail (FCM) postage stamps that are issued and sold by the Postal Service at a price above the FCM single-piece one-ounce stamp rate (FCM rate) to raise funds for designated causes.

The difference between the FCM rate in effect at the time of purchase and the 60-cent purchase price, minus an amount to offset costs incurred by the Postal Service, if any, is contributed to the specific cause by law.

Under the Semipostal Authorization Act, the Postal Service will consider proposals for future semipostals until seven years after May 20, 2016. The Federal Register notice outlining this program can be found at the following url:

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-04-20/pdf/2016-09081.pdf>.

The U.S. has thus far issued five semipostal (also known as charity) stamps

- B1: (1998) 32c+8c Breast Cancer Research
- B2: (2002) 34c+11c Heroes of 2001
- B3: (2003) 37c+8c Stop Family Violence
- B4: (2011) 44c+11c Save Vanishing Species
- B5: (2014) 49c+11c Breast Cancer Research (Reissue)



Scott B1



Scott B2



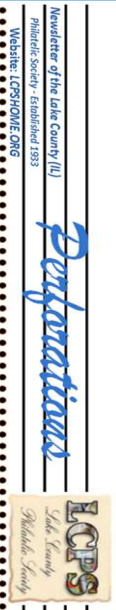
Scott B3



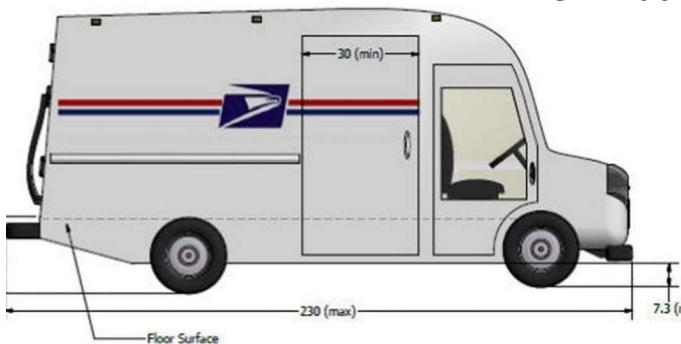
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Scott B5



A New Truck?



Maybe ... — this prototype truck undergoing road tests in the USPS’ Next Generation Delivery Vehicle Program. It most likely was the offering from a team that includes truck body manufacturer VT Hackney Inc. and electric truck company Workhorse Group Inc., which make up one of the five final entries in the contest to build the postal service’s next delivery truck.

The boxy Grumman Long Life Vehicle has delivered letters and packages since it was designed for the U.S. Postal Service in the late 1970s. Of the 215,000 mail trucks in rotation, 140,000 are at least two decades old.

A 2014 audit from the office of the USPS inspector general found that the current fleet can only meet delivery needs through fiscal year 2017.