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Dates: October 27, 2020 07:00 PM November 24, 2020 07:00 PM **No Zoom – Happy Holidays** January 26, 2021 07:00 PM

Last month, Bill Shultz gave a short presentation on stamp *EFOs* (Errors/Freaks/

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Oddities) found (abundantly) in the stamp collection universe. In his lecture, Bill gave the definition of each item along with some interesting examples of each

Ed Pieklo will, for the October Zoom meeting, present "1933 Chicago Century of *Progress World's Fair - a Cinderella Event*", which will acquaint use to some the postally interesting items.

Meeting Info: Given the negative status of both our libraries opening their meeting rooms, Dave Schenkel has scheduled the following seven dates for **ZOOM meetings**:

Use the Computer Join URL (Web Address):

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84592152764 just prior to 7pm on the meeting date. This will connect device to view the presentation, and if you have speakers and microphone listen to and comment.

For Those who do not have a microphone or only wish to join just on audio, you can **Dial In** (*fees may apply depending on your phone contract*) **+1 312 626 6799** (Chicago) and when asked to enter your meeting ID, enter: 845 9215 2764 #.

This should allow you both listen and talk if your device does not provide audio capability.



The **Century of Progress International Exposition**, also known as the Chicago World's Fair, was a World's Fair held in the city of Chicago IL from 1933 to 1934. The theme of the fair was technological innovation, and its motto was "*Science Finds, Industry Applies, Man Adapts*", giving out a message that science and American life were wedded. Its architectural symbol was the Sky Ride, a transporter bridge perpendicular to the shore on which one could ride from one side of the fair to the other.

This was the second world's fair that Chicago had hosted, and by the time it closed, it had been visited by nearly 47 million fairgoers. As was the case with the 1893 *World's Columbian Exposition*, the *Century of Progress Exposition* was conceived in an atmosphere of economic, political, and social crisis, shaped this time by the economic recession that followed America's victory in World War I, the ensuing Red Scare, Chicago's 1919 Race Riots, Spanish Flu epidemic and Chicago's notorious gangster violence. These threats to social order led Chicago's political and cultural authorities to organize the 1921 *Pageant of Progress* along the Municipal Pier (now the Navy Pier).

This festival's success in attracting over a million visitors during its two-week run inspired a diverse group of Chicago's business and civic authorities to propose another world's fair that would build confidence in the fundamental soundness of the American economy and political system. A decade later, the fair they initiated assumed national importance during the Great Depression, the nation's worst crisis since the Civil War.

Treasures' Report: Total: \$3,039.27 No Shows are scheduled for the foreseeable future. As far as stamps go, the USPOD issued three stamps and two souvenir sheets to commemorate the event. This was significantly fewer issues from the 1893 *Worlds Columbian Exposition* which saw 16 commemorative stamps and a special printing of a special delivery stamp available used solely at the fair's Post Office.



Next meeting: **7-PM on Tuesday 27 October 2020** Virtual Via ZOOM Any Changes will be posted on: lcpshome.org



Officers: Dave Schenkel – President Bill Schultz – Vice President Dave Sadler – Secretary Ed Pieklo – Treasurer



Another significant offshoot of the fair was the establishment of the *Lake County Philatelic Society* in October-November of 1933. Some say as a result of postal offerings of the event and the interest by some naval personnel stationed a Great Lakes of the German Airship that flew in on 1933 October 26.



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World's Columbian Exposition Stamps of 1893



The exposition was formally opened on 1933 May 27, by US Postmaster General James Farley at a four hour ceremony at Soldier Field.

The fair's opening night began with a nod to the heavens. Lights were automatically activated when the rays of the star **Arcturus** were detected. The star was chosen as its light had started its journey at about the time of the previous Chicago world's fair—the **World's Columbian Exposition**—in 1893. The rays were focused on photoelectric cells in a series of astronomical observatories and then transformed into electrical energy which was transmitted to Chicago.



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