Chuck Skittino gave a very interesting presentation on *"Canadian Pioneer Airmail"* which flourished for just over 25 years before the Canadian government stuck its nose in and ruined the "First Flight" business for a more structured and standardized postal delivery system to the wilderness areas of Canada. The talk ended with awarding of a home-built model Canadian Pioneer Airmail plane.

This month, Dave Sadler will present an update on the **"Internet and Stamp Collecting"** – note, there will be no concurrent ZOOM presentation.

Note on Stamp Shows – 2023: In 2023, The MSDA is planning three stamp shows in the Greater Chicago area — two at the College of DuPage and one at Oakton Community College.

The INTERNET – with the development of the first web browser in March 1990 by W3C Director Tim Berners-Lee and then evolution of the World Wide Web (WWW) in 1991. These two ideas have really impacted how view and interact in our society. Thirty years later, internet has become a major player in the marketplace with companies like AMAZON, eBay, Walmart, Flipcart (IND), Target. Alibaba Group (PRC), Otto (EU), JD (PRC), Netflix, and Rakuten (JPN). White these companies' "hog" most of headline and sales, there many smaller enterprises have taken to the internet to either augment their business or just stay in business as the cost of having a physical presence becomes more expensive.

Local Stamp Shows

September 24
SUPEX 2022
American Legion Hall
900 S. La Grange Rd
La Grange IL

October 01
Quad City Stamp Club Stamp Fair
• Faith Lutheran Church Moline
1611 41st Street
Moline IL

November 18-20
CHICAGOPEX
Westin Chicago Northwest
400 Park Blvd
Itasca IL

Treasures Report — $2,950.35

Next Meeting:
7-PM Monday – 26 September
Grayslake Library and ZOOM
Any Changes will be posted on: lcpshome.org

Officers:
Dave Schenkel/Tom Willer – Copresidents
Ron Bruner – Vice President
Dave Sadler – Secretary
Ed Pieklo – Treasurer

As stamp collectors we a beginning to have to look elsewhere as the stamp/coin dealers are retire, reduce the number of shows due to cost and health or can not afford the overhead of a store.

Having said this, how does a stamp collector take up challenge of building a collection in this environment? First, we need to look at the "tools" required to go online:

The browser - the web browser "takes" you anywhere on the internet. It retrieves information from other parts of the web and displays it on your desktop or mobile device. The information is transferred using the Hypertext Transfer Protocol, which defines how text, images and video are transmitted on the web.

In the windows world (I know little/nothing about the *Appleverse*) there are four main browsers:

1) **Mozilla Firefox** - The best browser for power users and privacy protection. Firefox has long been the "Swiss Army Knife" of the internet and our favorite browser. Version 90 is particularly good: it can alert you if your email address is included in a known data breach, it blocks those annoying allow-notifications popups and it blocks "fingerprinting" browser tracking.

In addition, it seems to be endlessly customizable both in terms of its appearance and in the range of extensions and plugins you can use. Last year it was completely overhauled to dramatically improved its performance, which was starting to lag behind the likes of Chrome, and it's smooth and solid even on fairly modest hardware.

2) **Microsoft Edge** — Best if you need clear privacy tools. At one time Microsoft was the villain of the Browser Wars of the early 2000's that ultimately led to the rise of Firefox and Chrome. But Microsoft has returned with its Edge browser has been rebuilt with Chromium at its heart. It's Windows' default browser and with Microsoft's search engine, BING, provides a very powerful tool.

3) **Opera** — Best for collecting content. Opera is yet another Chrome-based browser, so performance is speedy and you can use add-ons from the Chrome library. It also has some interesting ideas of its own such as "Flow", which is designed for people who often spot things they want to come back to later: if you're constantly emailing or messaging interesting links to yourself, Flow enables you to do that more elegantly by making it easy to share content from Opera on your phone to Opera on your computer. In addition, it has its own built-in VPN.

4) **Google Chrome** — Best all-rounder, but … it belongs to *Google ("knows-all, see's all and saves all")* .
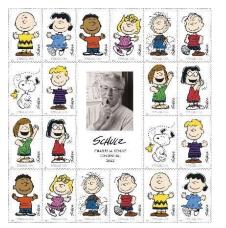
I use the first three – **Edge** when actually purchasing, **Foxfire** for general browsing and YouTube, and **Opera** for research and viewing the online Scotts Catalogue – but with *BING's* new image search feature, I am going to have to revaluate the default search engine …

On the darker side of internet is the problem of security from those who can raise havoc with your wallet and personal information. To combat that there are many antivirus programs, which **TOTALAV** and **Norton** being the most effective but have problems Realtime spyware protection.

New Stamps for September:

I use neither, relying on *Microsoft's Defender* to provide the basic antivirus and *Malwarebytes* for Realtime virus protection and spyware detection and removal.

With a good browser and security suite, you are now ready to "hunt" the World Wide Web for your own philatelic treasures.