

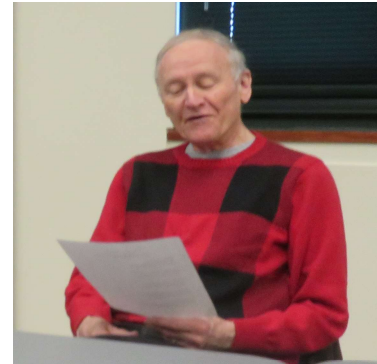
Perforations



For our March meeting, **Tom Willer** gave a presentation on the **"The Future of Linn's Stamp News"** where we discussed the future, pro's and con's of hard copy vs digital distribution.

The consensus was for the hard copy — even with the reduction of issues given Amos publishing controls the magazine.

This month we have **"BOB: Reds, Greens and Revenues"** by **Bill Schultz** — exploring another aspect of tax collection during the transition from tariffs to federal income tax of today.



A quick guide to the United States Postal Service website — <https://www.usps.com/>



Meeting Schedule

***** 2pm *****

Tuesday — 25 April

April 23						
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1) **"BOB: Reds, Greens and Revenues"** by Bill Schultz

Join the meeting on ZOOM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87346925282>

Just prior to 2pm 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: 892 3303 9093 #

***** 2pm *****

Wednesday - 24 May

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1) **"Estate Planning"** by Tom Willer

***** 2pm *****

Tuesday — 27 June

June 23						
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1) **"Other Philatelic Clubs"** by Tom Willer & Dave Schenkel

Somewhat Local Stamp Show

May 23						
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May 6 - 7
Wiscopex 2023
Hotel Retlaw
One North Main St
Fond du Lac WI
Saturday 10am - 5pm / Sunday 10am - 3pm

The **United States Postal Service (USPS)** was established on 1971 July 01 — nearly 250 years since Benjamin Franklin was appointed our first Postmaster General in 1775, the Postal Service has grown and changed with America, **boldly embracing new technologies to better serve a growing population ...**

One of these technologies has been the internet, first used in 1994 and assuming its present form in 2001.

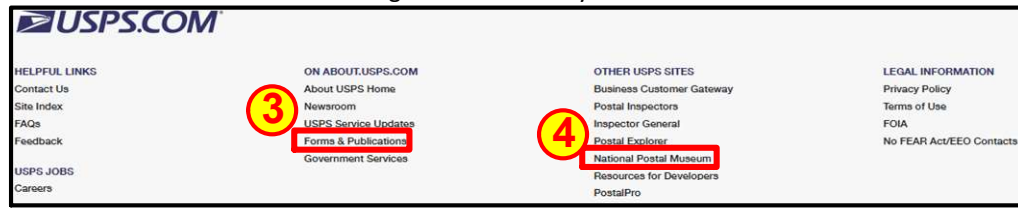
The **home page** is divided into three primary sections, **Top Menu Bar** (image above) — primary interest item, a **middle widow** (not shown) that focuses on current happenings and events concerning the USPS and the public and the **Bottom Link area** (image below) that points users to lesser used functions of the site.

For the purpose of this article, we'll look at four selections that are or can be used by the stamp collector:



Quick Tools Links

Quick Tools (see image to left) has several tools useful in tracking stamp purchases: **Track a Package** — where you open the screen, insert tracking number and it spits back where it is lost in space. **Informed Delivery** is a service you sign up for and each morning it will send you images of item(s) that may reach your mail box that day and a means to report missing mail. **Look Up a Zip Code** — very useful for finding the ZIP+4 (or Zip+6) when sending out mail. Type in the street address and 5-digit ZIP code and it will return the rule-based address for the item in proper format to speed it through the shredder system.

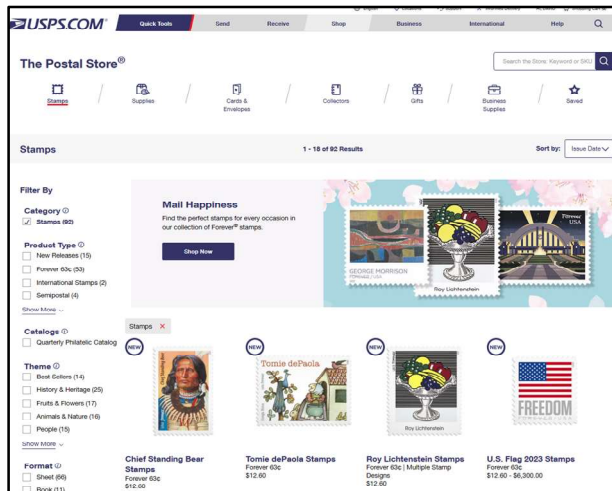


Next Meeting:
**** 2-PM on Tuesday 25 April 2023 ****
Grayslake Library and Via ZOOM
Any Changes will be posted on: lcpshome.org



Dave Schenkel / Tom Willer – Co-presidents
Officers:
Ron Bruner – Vice President
Dave Sadler – Secretary
Gary Olson – Treasurer

The **Shop** link (image to the right) has two area that are of use to the stamp collector – **Stamps (image below)**, which opens a page where you can purchase **almost** every stamp available in the system – its weakest area concerns coils issues and issues that are printed by more than one company. There is a work-around that allows you to enter a “SKU” number to order a particular printers item (if you can find the proper SKU – sometimes found in LINN’S).



Stamps

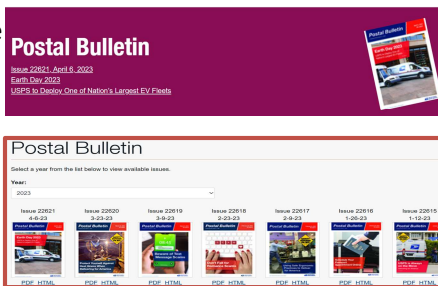
The **Collector** (image below) link will point you to items the USPS sells to the stamp collecting public – FDC’s, Panels and other keepsakes. The item that can be of most use is the free quarterly **USA Philatelic Catalog** that contains more information on current and future stamps in simple form (along with some of the missing SKU numbers need for the **Shop** section).



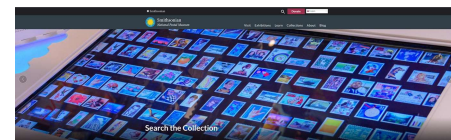
Collector

From the **Bottom Link Area**, one is able to view the US Postal Bulletins from 2001-to-current I PDF format. Prior to the 2001 site upgrade, it was from 1995 (the **LCPSHOME.ORG** site has the issues from 1995-current an/HTML d the **THE DIGITIZED US POSTAL BULLETINS and PL&Rs (1880-2013)** (<http://www.uspostalbulletins.com/>) contains all the earlier ones.

The **Postal Bulletins** are useful because they contain all the technical information for stamps issued/to be issued (except for perf/die cut info) – so if you need to know the printers/microprint or other info one can look to this section of the website. This section is unique to the Philatelic world in the amount of stamp information that is available for each issue – and sometimes will contain additional ordering info needed for Kansas City ...



Our fourth link, **National Postal Museum** (located in Washington DC) directs the user offsite to the Smithsonian National Postal Museum website. The **“Search the Collection”** link



allows the user to view most US issues up to and including 2010 along with a fair number of other countries including the Vatican City and Israel.

Besides just stamps, there are online exhibits on Postal History, virtual exhibits (Lunar New Year Postage Stamps, The American Indian in Postage Stamps, About Postal Operations, American Art on Postage Stamps, etc.)



Morning - 2023 April 17

New Issues



April 05

April 10
Coil/Booklet/Pane
(5 or 6 varieties)



April 24

Newsletter of the Lake County, IL
 Philatelic Society - established 1995
 Performing
 Lake County
 Philatelic Society
 LCPSS