

THE SPACEFILLER

The NEXT
BUSINESS MEETING
will be held

June 11, 2004

At
Pacific Hills
Lutheran Church
90th and Pacific Streets
At 7:30pm



The NEXT
TRADING SESSION
will be held

June 25, 2004

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of the
Omaha Philatelic Society

TMPS Chapter No. 1
APS Chapter No. 1122
APS Member No. 108144



Edited by Richard L. McConnell

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP ON MAY 14TH

A big thank you is being extended to those who helped make the first-day of issue of the three Lewis and Clark stamps at Lewis and Clark Landing on May 14th such a rousing success.

The day was windy and chilly, but there were some brave souls who helped run the Omaha Philatelic Society table and sell our first-day of issue cachets with the May 14th cancel. The USPS had originally intended to have the ceremony outside to the south of Rick's Café Boatyard but decided about an hour before the ceremony was to start to move it to the second floor of Rick's. Those who were selling cachets or other material had to stay outside in the wind and chill to sell their material.

Those who assisted in this endeavor were Bob Loeck, Bob Hoff, Allen Hendricksen, Paul Janecek, Judy Bouma, Chuck Petterson, and Richard McConnell. Judy Bouma spent many hours designing the cachet, and she forwarded it via e-mail to Richard McConnell so he could print it. As of the end of May, the net profit from our sales has amounted to around \$782.00.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

One of our members, Sachin Pawaskar, recently made a suggestion which makes a lot of sense to your Editor. He wanted to know if we had a list of the e-mail addresses of those of our members who have such.

With this rapid means of contacting individuals, it would make sense that we have such a means of contacting our members if something came up where we would need to contact them either in case of inclement weather, for example, where the meeting might need to be canceled or if one member simply wanted to contact another one to ask a question related to philately. Such a list would be kept strictly confidential, as has been the policy for many years with regard to the membership list, and the requestor would need to contact your Editor to obtain an individual's e-mail address. Also, any individual who tells your Editor that it is okay to give out his/her e-mail address would have to let your Editor know that it is okay to do such.

If you would like to give out your e-mail address to our members, it is requested you contact your Editor at phil81st1@cox.net and let him know that it's okay to do such.

AN INVITATION TO ATTEND THE MINNESOTA STAMP EXPO

The Minnesota Stamp Expo is extending a special welcome to visitors from outside Minnesota to our annual World Series of Philately event this year. We know that most of your members will not be able to attend, but we also suspect that at least one or two may be heading this way to visit family, vacation and or as part of a business trip. We are conducting a series of special drawings on Saturday July 24th where we will be giving away \$20 Gift certificates to those people who attend our event from outside Minnesota. To be eligible, entries must be submitted in advance by email to enetwal@mn.rr.com, and the winner must be present to use the gift certificate. There will be a Separate drawing for Wisconsin, Iowa, both Dakota's combined, Canada, and the rest of the US.

We sent out an earlier notice, but so far very few entries have come forth, so the chances of winning are quite good for anyone from your club who is able to make it. Please make sure all your club members know about the drawing and our show.

We appreciate your attention to this matter. We hope you and your members all have a good summer, and we invite you to come to Minnesota, where we promise it won't snow this July. The event will be held at the Crystal Community Center in Suburban Minneapolis July 23, 24 and 25th. Additional information can be found on our website, www.stampsminnesota.com. We will be hosting the American Airmail Society, and will draw 40 dealers from throughout the Midwest and around the country and Canada.

We are determined to become the nation's premier Summer show, we'd love to have your company.

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 14TH BUSINESS MEETING

The regular business meeting of the Omaha Philatelic Society was held at 7:30 p.m. on May 14th at Pacific Hills Lutheran Church, 1110 South 90th Street. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. with President Chuck Petterson presiding. There were 21 members present, and there were no new members or guests.

President Petterson thanked everyone who showed up today at Lewis and Clark Landing for the first-day of issue of the three Lewis and Clark stamps. The minutes of the April 9th business meeting were printed in the May edition of THE SPACEFILLER. There being no additions, changes, or deletions to the minutes, it was moved by Joe Rende, seconded by Paul Breakenridge, that they be approved as printed. Motion carried. Treasurer Bob Hoff read the April Treasurer's Report. Secretary Richard McConnell stated he had received no communications in the past month which related to the Omaha Philatelic Society. Librarian Steve Vickland reported he had Volumes II, V, and VI of the 2004 Scott Catalogs with him at this meeting. He hoped to have Vol. II of the 2005 Scott Catalogs shortly. Gene Kathol reported that Stephanie Hall, the young lady in North Carolina to whom some of us have been supplying stamps, recently had some major dental work. She's doing well.

2004 Omaha Stamp Show Chairman Edgar Hicks stated we now have a contact from Omaha Public Schools. The Boy Scouts of America will be doing a program at the show, and possibly Tom Myers from the Lincoln Stamp Club in Lincoln, NE will also be doing one. Daryl Milous is our contact at the Boy Scouts of America here in Omaha. Les Winick, who has been an APS judge at our shows in the past, wants to do an article on our show for *Linn's Stamp News*. Edgar will be Mr. Winick's contact regarding this article. Edgar is also helping kids to exhibit. Paul Janecek said 17 frames have been spoken for so far. SPACEFILLER Editor Richard McConnell reported that 76 copies of the May edition of THE SPACEFILLER were mailed, but that will drop some next month due to the nonpayment of dues. There was no old business.

Under new business, a motion was made by Joe Rende that the Omaha Philatelic Society get together for a picnic on the second Friday or Saturday in July at Offutt Air force Base's Base Lake. This would be for OPS members and their families and would take the place of the regular business meeting. The motion was seconded by Gene Kathol. Motion carried.

Bob Loeck noted that, at the OPS table for the first-day of issue, there was nothing advertising who we were. He said he would like to have a metal sign made for this purpose. Also, we need to have new stamp show direction signs made. The old ones are ragged and have definitely served their purpose. We will need to have a sign shop do it for us. The price would probably run from \$100-\$150. It was moved by Bob Loeck, seconded by Joe Rende, that we get a new OPS sign and refurbish the show signs. It was suggested we let the upper limit on the price at \$200 and for it. Bob Loeck and Gene Kathol will work on it. Motion carried.

Allen Hendricksen gave a report on the first-day of issue earlier in the day. It was windy and cold. He expressed thanks to all who helped during the ceremony—Bob Loeck, Bob Hoff, Allen Hendricksen, Paul Janecek, Judy Bouma, Chuck Petterson, and Richard McConnell. A preliminary Treasurer's Report shows we took in about \$1,154 with a \$500-\$600 profit on the day's activities.

There being no further business, the floor was turned over to Quiz Doctor Richard Orr for one of his world-famous quizzes. Prizes were awarded to all. A great time was certainly had by all.

Richard McConnell, Secretary

OPS SCOTT CATALOG LIBRARY LIST

<u>CATALOG</u>	<u>WHO HAS IT</u>	<u>PHONE #</u>
2005 Volume I	Sachin Pawaskar	445-8297
2004 Volume II	Gordon Randall	572-6774
2004 Volume III	Gene Kathol	498-2908
2004 Volume IV	Gerhard Peuchert	733-3521
2004 Volume V	Steve Vickland	551-2754
2004 Volume VI	Steve Vickland	551-2754
2004 U.S. Specialized	Bob Loeck	391-9120

2004 REFRESHMENT LIST

June 11	Paul M. Breakenridge
June 25	Bob Loeck
July 9	Richard McConnell
July 23	Bob Hoff
August 13	Richard McConnell
August 27	Richard McConnell
September 10	Joe Chytil
September 24	Joe Rende
October 8	Hazel Crammer/Pauline F. Jadick
October 22	Steve Vickland
November 12	Joe Rende
November 26	Doug Kagan
December 10	Annual Holiday Party

June 6/11/04	Let's empty out our albums, stock pages, and closets of those unwanted items which you would like to swap or trade for items which other members of OPS might have and also want to swap or trade	June 6/25/04
July 7/9/04		July 7/23/04
August 8/13/04		August 8/27/04
September 9/10/04		September 9/24/05
October 10/8/04		October 10/24/04
November 11/12/04		November 11/26/04
December 12/10/2004		No meeting 12/24/2004

WEST OMAHA STAMP SHOW

The West Omaha Stamp Show, under the august leadership of Herb Eveland of Tuva Enterprises, is having a stamp bourse at Holiday Inn Central on June 12th-13th. Make plans now to attend. You just might find something that you can't pass up.

INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Except for special holidays, such as religious holidays and those close to Christmas, the Omaha Philatelic Society meets on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. Both meetings are held at Pacific Hills Lutheran Church, which is located on the southwest corner of 90th and Pacific Streets. Enter from the south parking lot through the door with the canopy. The meeting room is in the basement. Both meetings start at 7:30 p.m. The second Friday is a business meeting and a program; the fourth Friday, a trading session. All stamp collectors or philatelists, whichever name you want to use, are welcome to attend. Dues are \$10.00 per year for adults (19 years of age and older) and \$5.00 per year for those under 19. Further information or an application to join may be obtained by writing to The Omaha Philatelic Society, Inc., P.O. Box 4013, Omaha, NE 68104-0013.

NAME: _____

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CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP CODE:** _____

COLLECTING INTERESTS: _____

May 31, 2004

TO: OPS Members

FROM: Gene Kathol

RE: A FEW REMAINING ESTATE LOTS AVAILABLE

Remnants of the philatelic collection in the estate of Mr. Warren R. Bower of Fontanelle, Iowa, after being auctioned by an auctioneer (David G. Phillips Co., Inc. of North Miami, Florida) last fall have been divided among a church, the library and the volunteer fire department of Fontanelle, Iowa. My brother Gary (an OPS member) has been made aware of this material through his in-laws who are Fontanelle residents. Detailed information on the materials can be obtained from Linda Jensen, 218 W. 3rd Street, Fontanelle, IA 50846 or by calling 1-641-745-3097. Mention OPS or my brother Gary Kathol by way of introduction. Now that the auction is over and these items are in the hands of organizations that simply wish to liquidate their value, any fair price is likely to be considered.

The eleven (11) lots, as described by the auction company, are divided by the three owners and listed below:

Church

Lot 1329 MIL.STA.No4.../SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO. Dec. 27, 1898 dated blk duples ties horiz. Pair of #279 1c green to cvr addr. To North Mehootpany, PA, w/ blk T in circle hdstp & Jan. 7, 1899 dated NEW YORK/DUE/6/CENTS opera glass pmk on face. On back is blk NYC mc, blk NORTH MEHOOTpany/PA. cds & J22 1c claret, 1 horiz strips of 3 tied by blk target cancels. The due stamps have the rare plate scratch (70PL314L) that occurred in the late stage (1894) of this plate. Because the sender failed to put the "Soldier's Letter" endorsement, he was not entitled to the special domestic rate & the letter was rated at 5c per ½ oz, thus underpaid 3c (x2 = 6c due). It has damp staining at 1 edge, slightly reduced at R. abt FP.....suggested bid range \$100-125

Lot 1331 SAN FRANCISCO, /CA Aug. 27, 1900 dated mc on cvr addr. To Portland, ME, w/ms "Soldier's Letter" at TR & TL & w/#J39 2c claret postage due w/blk precancel affixed at LL. Portland bkstp. Stain at left. FP....suggested bid range \$40-50

Lot 1340 Lot of 5 cvrs & cards, incl: British "FIELD SERVICE POST CARD" addr to Seattle, WA, w/Oct. 21, 1915 dated FIELD POST OFFICE cancel, postage due 4c, w/pair of #J53b 2c vermilion affixed to face; Cvr from Belgian soldier to Los Angeles, CA, w/1916 "NECESSARY" imprint w/red cross, on Red Cross postcard, w/special flag mc, advising of a soldier's arrival overseas; Cvr from AEF soldier in France, w/red & blue illus. of flag, July 1918 pmk, censor's mkg; May 18, 1918 ROCKFORD, IL/GRANT BRANCH mc ties 3c stamp to YMCA cvr addr. To Pearl City, IL, from soldier at Camp Grant, postage due 3c w/#J61 1c & J62 2c tied at top & w/mail carrier's notation "I paid the 3cts. leave same in mail box. Oscar". Last has paper loss to face at LL, rest are F-VF...suggested bid range \$75-100

Lot 1464 Lot of 135 First Day Covers, 1940's-early 1970's (a couple later), most are 1960's. Most addressed (most typed addresses), but many are unaddressed. Most cacheted. Incl. 12 1960's Airmail FDCs, 13 Postal Card FDCs (1949-1968), 13 postal stationery FDCs (#U532-555) & 3 airmail entires, etc...VF suggested bid \$50-60

Library

Lot 48 #J2 brown horiz. Pair, 2/NYC pearls precancels affixed at TL of legal size cvr with 2 horiz. Pairs of 3c green banknotes tied by Oct. 3, 1882 dated NYC duplex hdstpos, locally addressed, with F blue Due 4 hdstp also on face. The drop rate at carrier PO's in 1882 was 2c per ½ oz, this cvr, which must have weighted 8 oz. W/enclosure, should have borne 16c postage & was thus 4c short. 4c Due is an unusual due charge prior to Oct. 1883. sm edge tear at bottom, slightly reduced at R. FP...suggested bid \$100-125

Lot 63 #J5 10c brown, horiz. Pair & J1 1c brown, w/blue NYC pearls precancels, affixed at LL of legal size cvr w/printed cc of the Sheriff of Tarrant Co., Ft. Worth, TX, addr. To NYC, with 2 singles of 3c green banknote tied by Dec. 30 (1882) blk FORT WORTH, TX cds, 3 strikes of purple DUE 6, hdstp, w/total rate due of "18cts" in pencil below & corrected due rate mkg, in blue, DUE 21, (struck in NYC), at R. On back is Jan 2, 1883 date P.O./N.Y. cds. Scarce 21c due rate. Cvr has closed tears on face & is worthy of restoration. Abt VG P....suggested bid \$100-125

Lot 295 LARGE LOT of J17 3c red brown. Lot of 20 #J17 3c red brown, used var. of shades & pmks, a couple w/1 SE. Scarce, Scott Cat. Val \$200 each, total SC val \$4000....suggested bid \$1500-\$2000

Volunteer Fire Department

Lot 765 Lot of 152 glassine envelopes, in metal index card box, all with mint 20th century U.S. Stamps, from #583 carmine (nk blk of 4) through early 1970s issues, w/emphasis on tagged issues from the Liberty issues & up. Many blocks of 4, P# blocks of 4, coils, line pairs, etc...some scarcer items, such as P# blk of 1044b, 1057d 3c LOOK coil pair, etc...Also includes Air Mail issues, incl. P# blk of 4 of #C67a 6c carmine (Scott Cat. Val \$55), P# blk E22 45c special delivery, #OX21d mint pair Official Seal, etc...lot also incl. Several booklets, incl. #BKC11, #BKC16; BKC18 (Scott Cat. Val \$325), #Q11 10c postal insurance booklet (Scott Cat. Val. \$135); etc...Hundreds of stamps, w/many glassines containing 2 blks of 4 or multiple pairs. Total Scott Cat. Val. Over \$1,350...suggested bid \$400-500.

Lot 888 1882 cvr from Cincinnati, Ohio, addr. To Hamilton, OH, mailed without postage, w/blk CINCINNATI/O. duplex, blk DUE 3cts hdstp, magenta HELD/FOR/POSTAGE part ard hdstp, blk H hdstp w/ms numbers & blk RETURNED FOR/POSTAGE 2-line hdstp, all on face. On back is VF mnagenta CINCINNATI, O/DEAD LETTER DEPT, DLDC & FP....suggested bid \$40-50

Lot 895 Lot of 2 cvrs, incl: 1879 cvr from Boston & addr. To NYC, w/blk BOSTON/MASS. May 28 dated cdc & negative "H" cancel tying 3c green banknote with F blue NEW YORK POST OFFICE/JUN 10/ADVERTUSED/Due 1 Cent oval hdstp, blk UNCLAIMED hdstp & blue D.S./No. 1 DLO on face w/2 NYC receiving pmks & July 4 dated NEW YORK/D.L.O. cds on back. The 2nd cvr has blk NYACT/N.Y. cds & 3c green banknote (crease) on cvr addr to Syracuse, w/ms "Due 3" & blk DUE/N. 3 Y./CENTS circle hdstp all on face. 1st cover has nick out of TL corner. F. P....suggested bid \$40-50

Lot 964 Lot of 2 cvrs, incl: CHARLESTOWN/RECEIVED/L. H. EWART, P. M./WEST VIRGINIA. F purple 1881 dated DC w/wavy outer rim, on back of cvr addr to the postmaster at Buffalo, W. Va., with blk LAKE CHARLES/LA. Cds & 3c green BN tied by blk killer on face. The 2nd cvr has F purple COUDERSPORT./POTTER CO./PENNA. 1884 dated DLC w/sawtooth outer rim and duplexed star in circle on back of cvr addr. To Caldwell, Lebanon Co., Pas., with blk BROOKLAND/PA cds & #210 2c red brown tied by blk target. The 1st is unlisted in Doane-Thompson. Unusual pair, w/both receiving pmks diff. From the city to which they were addressed. 2nd cvr has piece missing from top edge, 2nd is VF...suggested bid \$40-50

This concludes the list of remaining lots. Contact Linda Jensen for more information or if you would like to make an offer.

Thank you,

Gene Kathol
OPS Member