

THE SPACEFILLER

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BUSINESS MEETING
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May 14, 2004
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At 7:30pm



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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

IS THERE A RED "X" ON YOUR ADDRESS LABEL THIS MONTH?

If so, it's because OPS Treasurer has informed your Editor that he has not received your 2004 OPS dues. Please take this opportunity to either pay your dues at one of the meetings in May or use the form located elsewhere in this edition of THE SPACEFILLER to mail your dues to our P. O. box.

We would hate to lose you as a member, so please take care of this matter NOW!

PROGRAM FOR THE MAY 14TH BUSINESS MEETING

Put on your thinking cap and be ready to take home a prize. The May 14th meeting will offer a stamp quiz by Quiz Doctor Richard Orr. One of the questions might be "Who is pictured on the 1904 stamp of Uruguay which is printed in two colors?" Answer: Rick Gardner. (Just kidding.) Of course, such a question will not be on the program, but most of the questions will be much easier.

Make plans now for a fun evening.

LEWIS AND CLARK BEGIN NEW JOURNEY ON USPS COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

Stamp Dedication Events Planned in Eleven Cities

WASHINGTON – Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, the leaders of the 1804-1806 Lewis and Clark expedition, will begin a new journey May 14 when the U.S. Postal Service issues three commemorative postage stamps honoring each adventurer and their joint command to map and explore the lands west of the Mississippi.

The official first day of issue ceremony for the Lewis and Clark stamps will take place at each of eleven sites along the route of the Lewis and Clark expedition:

IDAHO: 11 a.m.
Pink House Recreation Site
4815 Highway 12
Orofino, ID 83544
Contact: Teresa Rudkin – 303-313-5128

ILLINOIS: 10 a.m.
Camp River Dubois
Festival Grounds
Number One Lewis and Clark Trail
Hartford, IL 62048
Contact: Burt St. John – 314-436-4197

IOWA: 11 a.m.
Southern Hills Mall
Center court
4400 Sergeant Road
Sioux City, IA 51106
Contact: Richard Watkins – 913-685-7521

KANSAS: 10 a.m.
Atchison Riverfront Park
1st & Commercial Street
Atchison, KS 66022
Contact: Richard Watkins – 913-685-7521

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SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16TH BUSINESS MEETING

The regular business meeting of the Omaha Philatelic Society was held at 7:30 p.m. on April 16th 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 no new members or guests.

The minutes of the March 12th business meeting was printed in the April edition of THE SPACEFILLER. There being no additions, corrections, or deletions, it was moved by Gene Kathol, seconded by Joe Rende, that they be accepted as printed. Motion carried. Treasurer Bob Hoff read the February Treasurer's Report. Secretary McConnell reported the January-March 2004 edition of *The Trans-Mississippi* (Vol. 24, Number 1, Whole Number 99), which is the quarterly publication of the Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society, had an article on page 3 entitled Omaha Philatelic Society News and which pertained to the May 14th issue of the Lewis and Clark stamps at Lewis and Clark Landing here in Omaha. Another story on the same page dealt with the 2004 Omaha Stamp Show.

Librarian Steve Vickland stated he had Volume VI of the 2004 Scott Stamp Catalogs with him at this meeting. The 2005 series of these catalogs will be released this month (April). With regard to welfare, everyone's well as far as we know. Exchange Manager Joe Chytil read the February Exchange Manager's Report. He reported that he has plenty of lots. 2004 Omaha Stamp Show Chairman Edgar Hicks stated the next meeting of this committee would be a 7:30 p.m. on April 23rd at his house—3325 South 119th Street. We need help in promoting the show. SPACEFILLER Editor Richard McConnell stated he mailed 75 copies of the April edition of THE SPACEFILLER. Allen Hendricksen reported he had the new APS sales circuits. He went on to state we sold \$407 in material from the APS sales circuits in March.

Gene Kathol reported this is the first month at which our members are furnishing refreshments at both meetings. His daughter is here visiting from New York City, and she made the refreshments—brownies—for this meeting. Gene went on to report he had received a thank you note from the young lady with whom we had been providing topical stamps—in this case, ones pertaining to animals. The following is her note to Gene and, in turn, to those of us who assisted in this project:

THANK YOU!

Dear Mr. Kathol:

Thanks very much for the animal stamps. They are so interesting and cool. I'm going to arrange them by species. Mom and I will decorate the pages they go on. We'll try to take pictures for you. Thanks again.

Love,
Stephanie

There being no further business, the floor was turned over to a project of creating packets of stamps which will be dispensed to the youth visiting the 2004 Omaha Stamp Show. A fun time was had by all.

Richard McConnell, Secretary

May 5/14/04	Quiz Doctor Richard Orr is going to present another of his Fun Quizzes. Put on your thinking caps and be prepared to take home a prize.	May 5/28/04
June 6/11/04		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

OPS SCOTT CATALOG LIBRARY LIST

<u>CATALOG</u>	<u>WHO HAS IT</u>	<u>PHONE #</u>
2004 Volume I	Gerhard Peuckert	733-3521
2004 Volume II	Gordon Randall	572-6774
2004 Volume III	Sachin Pawaskar	445-8297
2004 Volume IV	Steve Vickland	551-2754
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

May 14	Paul Christoffersen
May 28	Paul Janecek
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

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: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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

COLLECTING INTERESTS: _____

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MISSOURI:

11 a.m.
Frontier Park
Lewis and Clark Monument
1000 Riverside Drive
St. Charles, MO 63301
Contact: Burt St. John – 314-436-4197

MONTANA:

11 a.m.
Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center
4201 Giant Springs Road
Great Falls, MT 59405
Contact: Al Desarro – 303-313-5182

NEBRASKA:

10 a.m.
Lewis and Clark Landing
375 North 6th Street
Omaha, NE 68102
Contact: Brian Sperry – 303-313-5132

NORTH DAKOTA:

1:30 p.m.
Fort Mandan
2 miles west of the ND Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center
Highway 83 and 200A
Washburn, ND 58577
Contact: Teresa Rudkin – 303-313-5128

OREGON:

Noon
Fort Clatsop National Memorial
92343 Fort Clatsop Road
Astoria, OR 97103
Contact: Peter Hass – 360-993-4501

SOUTH DAKOTA:

11 a.m.
South Dakota Capital Building Rotunda
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 67601
Contact: Teresa Rudkin – 303-313-5128

WASHINGTON:

9 a.m.
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center
Cape Disappointment State Park
Ilwaco, WA 98624
Contact: Peter Hass – 360-993-4501

All events are free and open to the public. May 14 marks the bicentennial of what became known as the Corps of Discovery – an expedition from the mouth of the Missouri River near St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean and back. President Thomas Jefferson instructed Lewis and Clark to follow the Missouri and Columbia Rivers, and locate, if it existed, the elusive Northwest Passage.

“The Lewis and Clark expedition was a daring effort to chart the new territory of the United States – the Louisiana Purchase,” said Patrick R. Donahoe, Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President, U.S. Postal Service, who will dedicate the stamps in Hartford, IL. “And it is today one of America’s greatest stories of adventure. The Postal Service takes great pride in sharing the often-epic, often-inspiring history of our great land, through postage stamps.”

To commemorate the bicentennial of the official launch of the Lewis and Clark expedition, the U.S. Postal Service will issue three 37-cent self-adhesive stamps. One stamp features an image of the two valiant leaders of the expedition standing on a promontory surveying the countryside, available in a pane of twenty stamps. The two additional stamps feature individual portraits of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark painted by Michael J. Deas in a style reminiscent of early 19th-century portraits of the two explorers. Ten each of these stamp portraits are included in a special 32-page prestige booklet entitled “Lewis & Clark: The Corps of Discovery, 1804-1806,” available for \$8.95. In addition to the stamps, the booklet contains informative text, historic illustrations and scenic photographs. Ron Fisher, a Lewis & Clark enthusiast who visited many of the expedition’s sites and first wrote about the Corps of Discovery in 1970, wrote the text.

To see all three of the Lewis & Clark stamps and other images from the 2004 Commemorative Stamp Program, visit the Postal Store at www.usps.com/shop and click on “Release Schedule” in the Collector’s Corner.



POSTAL NEWS

April 7, 2004
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:
Roger Humphries (402) 390-3180
or Brian Sperry (303) 313-5132
USPS web site: www.usps.com

Omaha to host ceremony for national debut of postage stamps honoring 200th anniversary of Lewis & Clark expedition

OMAHA, Nebraska – Omaha will be one of only 11 locations along the Lewis & Clark Trail to host a special ceremony on May 14 for the national debut of three postage stamps honoring the 200th anniversary of the Lewis & Clark expedition. The event will begin at 10 a.m., at the Lewis & Clark Landing, located at 375 N. 6th St.

The event is free and open to the public. Huge enlargements of the three stamps will be unveiled at the event, and 500 event programs, featuring the new stamps and the collectible First Day of Issue Postmark, will be available free-of-charge. The Lewis & Clark stamps will be available for sale on May 14, only at the 11 event locations. The stamps will go on sale nationwide beginning May 15.

The event will also feature exhibits by the Douglas County Historical Society, the Nebraska Lewis and Clark Bi-Centennial Commission, and the Omaha Philatelic Society, highlighting the historical passing of Lewis and Clark.

“The Postal Service has a proud tradition of honoring those special people who have had a significant influence on American history, art, and culture,” said Omaha Postmaster EvaJon Sperling. “The Lewis and Clark Landing and the Missouri River will provide a perfect backdrop for the ceremony.”

A temporary Post Office will be established at Lewis & Clark Landing to sell the new stamps and offer the First Day of Issue Postmark, which can be affixed for free to anything that has a 37-cent First-Class stamp attached. A collectible envelope featuring Lewis & Clark, the Missouri River, the three stamps and First Day of Issue Postmark, will also be available.

“We hope people will mark this time and date on their calendars and join us at the Lewis & Clark Landing for a very special celebration,” said Sperling.

Each state along the Lewis & Clark Trail will host a similar stamp ceremony on May 14, including Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.