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A Stamp That Never Was

The 1980 Olympic Games were held in Moscow, USSR. Also in 1980, the USSR invaded Afghanistan. In retaliation President Jimmy Carter called for a boycott of participation in the games which sixty nations including the German Bundesrepublic joined.

A semi-postal stamp prepared by the German Post Office to provide funding for the German Olympic team was withdrawn and never sold to the public. Shortly after this Kurt Gscheide, the Head of the Bundespost, left the agency. He apparently had in his papers 50 to 150 of the unissued stamp. His wife found the stamps and used some of them to enter mail-in contests. The entries in such contests often were dumped into kiloware and were sold to stamp collectors. When found the origin was readily traced back because her name was on the entry.

A used example of the unissued stamp was exhibited at Philatelia '83. The 2010 Michel Specialized Catalog listed this stamp with a valued of 30,000 Euros used and 50,000 Euros on cover. A reproduction of this stamp was used on a souvenir card available at the show. The stamp is pictured below.



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well, spring is over and the long long hot summer is here! Not to worry because Summer is the best time to work on your stamp collection! There are several stamp shows coming up in the area: Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Evansville, and Memphis. And don't forget our club - we'll have lots of fun things coming up during this Summer!

Matt Benward, President NPS

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 * STAMP CLUB NEWS *

Nashville Stamp Show 2027

Our annual stamp show will be held February 27-28 at the Gallatin Civic Center located at 320 Albert Gallatin Avenue Gallatin Tennessee. This is the same location we used in 2026 and it will be our home for years to come. We'll be sending out the contracts to the dealers in all the states nearby Tennessee and we've already heard from most of the dealers that they will return next year too! Thank you to everyone who volunteered at our stamp show this year and it couldn't have been such a success without every one of you! Of course we'll need people for next year's show too. Please volunteer!

Southeastern Stamp Expo

This stamps show is the second largest show put on by the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs. This show will be held on January 22-24, 2027 at The Hilton Atlanta Northeast 5993 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard Peachtree, GA. This stamp show is one of largest stamp shows in the southeast. I've attended it many times and usually has thirty stamp dealers in attendance. I would urge everyone to attend. Hours: Friday & Saturday 10-6 and Sunday 10-4.

The Sumner County Stamp Club has been dissolved

The members of the Sumner County Stamp Club have voted to dissolve their stamp club. This stamp club was started by Forrest Wise in 1994.

Articles for the newsletter

I need articles for this newsletter on any aspect of stamp collecting. They can be hand written, typed, or by computer in any format. I would be willing to help write them too. I have been getting some articles during the last few months, but I still need some more. If you see any interesting articles in the philatelic press, please let me know. You may contact me at the club meetings or at mbenward@aol.com. Thanks.

Stamp Displays for next year's stamp show

We want to thank everyone who submitted a display for this year's show. If anyone is interested in submitting one for next year's show please see David Perry or email him at davidlperryjr@gmail.com

New Members

Ryan Pregel
 Robert McMahon
 Vicky Branton

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Meetings: Second and Fourth Mondays of each month. Philatelic Fellowship at 5:30 p.m., Business meeting at 6:30 p.m., Program or Auction at 6:45 p.m., out by 8:00 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Bavarian Bierhaus, 121 Opry Mills Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37214.

Kids under 17 get a FREE stamp
 Ages 6 and up are WELCOME!
 packet at their first attendance.

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Nashville Philatelic Society

Minutes Review for April 2026 – June 2026

The NPS held its 4/13/2026 meeting at the Bavarian Bierhaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-one members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 3/30/2026 meeting were read and approved. Steve Meyer won the Door Prize and Bob Winter won the Participation Award. Ryan Pregel's application had a first reading and Robert McMahon was approved for member on his second reading. The forthcoming new issues were announced and upcoming stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamps committees. Our social media websites had 1161 "followers" on Twitter and 1114 "likes" on Facebook. Ray asked that the previous motion to spend \$500 for a laptop be receded and it was approved. Ray also wants the membership roster to be cleaned. Jack Payne presented details for packets to given to visitors by greeters. Someone is needed to evaluate collections brought in by visitors. Yearbook progress will be announced via email to members. Motion to purchase/acquire equipment to support newly acquired laptop was approved. The laptop was acquired at no cost. Certificates of Recognition were given to Mark Thompson, Tom Tribke, and Matt Benward. The business session was then adjourned for a talk on 'Odds and Ends' by Al Bollmeier and Matt Benward.

The NPS held its 4/27/2026 meeting at the Bavarian Bierhaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-two members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 4/13/2026 meeting were read and approved. Vicky Branton's application had a first reading and Ryan Pregel was approved for membership on his second reading. Vicky Branton won the Door Prize and Jim Young won the Participation Award. The forthcoming new issues were announced and upcoming stamp shows were reviewed. A report was presented from the Phone, Stamps, and Social Media Committees. Our social media websites had 1160 "followers" on Twitter and 1117 "likes" on Facebook. There was no old business and under new business a Certificate of Recognition were given to Roger Hunt. The business session was adjourned for our auction with David Perry as auctioneer. Our auction had 35 lots and we sold 24 of them and everyone had a good time!!!.

The NPS held its 5/11/2026 meeting at the Bavarian Bierhaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-one members were present. Minutes of the 4/27/2026 meeting were read and approved. There were no applications for first reading. Vicky Brandon was approved for membership on her second reading. Dave Schwarting won the door prize and Tom Bane won the Participation Award. The forthcoming new issues were announced and upcoming stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media Committees. Matt reported that social media websites had 1167 "followers" on Twitter and 1159 "likes" on Facebook. Jack Payne gave the Treasurer's report. There was no old Business and under new Business Matt Benward presented the new club website. The business session was then adjourned for a talk on 'How to Store Your Stamps' by Matt Benward.

The NPS had its 5/25/2026 meeting at the Bavarian Bierhaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-nine members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 5/11/2026 meeting were read and approved. There were no membership applications for first reading or second reading. Gary Speich won the door prize and Buzz Bolton won the Participation Award. The forthcoming new issues were announced and upcoming stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Social Media Committees. Matt reported that social media websites had 1160 "followers" on Twitter and 1167 "likes" on Facebook. There was no old or new Business. The business session was adjourned for our auction with David Perry as auctioneer. Our auction had 40 lots and we sold 32 of them and everyone had a good time!!!.

The NPS held its 6/8/2026 meeting at the Bavarian Bierhaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-one members were present. Minutes of the 5/25/2026 meeting were read and approved. There were no membership applications for first reading or second reading. Doug Almy won the door prize and Jackie Cargill won the Participation Award. The forthcoming new issues were announced and upcoming stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone (Steve Mayer was ill and 'Get Well' card was passed around) and Social Media Committees. Matt reported that social media websites had 1161 "followers" on Twitter and 1100+ "likes" on Facebook. There was no old Business and under new Business Jack presented a proposal for the NPS to purchase collections and it was approved. A suggestion was made to use a simple cord type lanyards rather than the proposed ribbon style and it was approved. The business session was then adjourned for a talk on 'Finding Watermarks' by Al Bollmeier and Matt Benward.

The NPS held its 6/22/2026 meeting at the Bavarian Bierhaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-nine members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 6/8/2026 meeting were read and approved. There were no membership applications for first reading or second reading. Ryan Pregel won the door prize and Rudy Caduff won the Participation Award. The forthcoming new issues were announced and upcoming stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone (Bill Bowman was ill and Steve Mayer was better) and Social Media Committees. Matt reported that social media websites had 1162 "followers" on Twitter and 1100+ "likes" on Facebook. Under old Business there was a long discussion buying collections and it was decided that the club should look all collections brought in guests would be examined by club representatives first. There was no new business. The business session then adjourned for an auction. Our auction had 41 lots and we sold 30 of them with some spirited bidding on several of them and everyone had a good time!!!

Nashville Philatelic Society

Minutes Review for January 2026 – March 2026

The NPS held its 1/12/2026 meeting at the Bavarian Bierhaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-four members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 11/27/2025 meeting were read and approved. Al Terhorst won the Door Prize and Rudy Caduff won the Participation Award. There were no applications to be reviewed. The forthcoming new issues were announced and upcoming stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamps committees. Our social media websites had 1172 “followers” on Twitter and 1100+ “likes” on Facebook. Dennis Fielding presented the nominating committee report. Nominations will be announced during the February 26th meeting and the officers elections were announced for the February 23rd meeting. The business session was then adjourned for an interesting program on “Specialty Philatelic Societies” by various club members.

The NPS meeting for 1/25/2026 was cancelled due to inclement weather.

The NPS held its 2/10/2026 meeting at the Bavarian Bierhaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-two members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 1/12/2026 meeting were read and approved. David Schwarting and Dale Rector’s applications were given a first reading. Jim Young won the Door Prize and Bill Bowman won the Participation Award. The forthcoming new issues were announced and upcoming stamp shows were reviewed. A report was presented from the Phone, Stamps, and Social Media Committees. Our social media websites had 1165 “followers” on Twitter and 1117 “likes” on Facebook. Under old business help was asked for volunteers to help set up the stamps show and under new business Dennis Fielding gave a presentation on nominees for the officers election to be held at the next meeting. The business session was then adjourned for a talk on ‘Stamps of Occupied Countries’ by Matt Benward and Al Bollmeier.

The NPS held its 2/23/2026 meeting at the Bavarian Bierhaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-seven members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 2/10/2026 meeting were read and approved. David Schwarting and Dale Rector’s applications for NPS membership received a second reading and they were approved for membership in the club. Bill Bowman won the door prize and Dave Schwarting won the Participation Award. The forthcoming new issues were announced and upcoming stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media Committees. Matt reported that social media websites had 1164 “followers” on Twitter and 1120 “likes” on Facebook. There was no old Business and under new Business Randy Coble reported that the memorial placard would cost the club \$300. Dennis Fielding passed out the ballot for the officers election and votes were tallied and the results announced: Matt Benward - President; Al Bollmeier - First Vice-President; David Perry - Second Vice-President; Dennis Fielding - Secretary; and Jack Payne - Treasurer. The business session was adjourned for our auction with David Perry as auctioneer. Our auction had 35 lots and we sold 24 of them.

The NPS had its 3/16/2026 meeting at the Bavarian Bierhaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Seventeen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 2/23/2026 meeting were read and approved. There were no new applications. Sachaye Walker won the door prize and Bill Bowman won the Participation Award. The forthcoming new issues were announced and upcoming stamp shows were reviewed. The Premium Auction would be held in April and Jack Payne asked for volunteers to be greeters. Reports were presented from the Phone and Social Media Committees. Matt reported that social media websites had 1161 “followers” on Twitter and 1117 “likes” on Facebook. Mark Thompson reported that the club was robbed of approximately \$1600 at the show. These were checks and cash collected for table fees during the show. We are asking the dealers who paid by check to replace the check that were taken. Under old Business Randy Coble asked member for any missing names on the Memorial Plaque. Under new business Dennis Fielding brought up the idea for supplementing the meeting announcement emails and phone calls with text messaging to contact members. The business session was then adjourned for a talk on ‘The Concorde on Stamps’ by Tom Tribke.

The NPS held its 3/30/2026 meeting at the Bavarian Bierhaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-nine members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 3/16/2026 meeting were read and approved. Robert McMahon’s application was given a first reading. Dan Hubbard won the door prize and Linda Boyd won the Participation Award. The forthcoming new issues were announced and upcoming stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone (Jack Payne and Doug Flatter were ill and ‘get well’ cards were passed around) and Social Media Committees. Matt reported that social media websites had 1161 “followers” on Twitter and 1117 “likes” on Facebook. Under old Business Randy Coble asked members for any missing names on the Memorial Plaque. Mark Thompson announced that parts of his cover collection were for sale. Under new business Dennis Fielding asked for testers for the new club webpage. The business session then adjourned for an auction. Our auction had 41 lots and we sold 30 of them with some spirited bidding on several of them and everyone had a good time!!!

Post Cards

A postcard or post card is a rectangular piece of thick paper or thin cardboard intended for writing and mailing without an envelope. Shapes other than rectangular may also be used. In some places, one can send a postcard for a lower fee than a letter. Stamp collectors distinguish between postcards (which require a postage stamp) and postal cards (which have the postage pre-printed on them). While a postcard is usually printed by a private company, individual or organization, a postal card is issued by the relevant postal authority.

Cards with messages had been sporadically created and posted by individuals since the beginning of postal services. The earliest known picture postcard was a hand-painted design on card, posted in Fulham in London by the writer Theodore Hook to himself in 1840, and bearing a penny black stamp. He probably created and posted the card to himself as a practical joke on the postal service.

In the United States, the custom of sending through the mail, at letter rate, a picture or blank card stock that held a message began with a card postmarked in December 1848 containing printed advertising. The first commercially produced card was created in 1861 by John P. Charlton of Philadelphia, who patented a postal card, and sold the rights to Hymen Lipman, whose postcards, complete with a decorated border, were labeled "Lipman's postal card". These cards had no images.

In Britain, postcards without images were issued by the Post Office in 1870, and were printed with a stamp as part of the design, which was included in the price of purchase. These cards came in two sizes. The larger size was found to be slightly too large for ease of handling, and was soon withdrawn in favor of cards 13mm ($\frac{1}{2}$ inch) shorter. The first known printed picture postcard, with an image on one side, was created in France in 1870 at Camp Conlie by Léon Besnardeau (1829–1914). Conlie was a training camp for soldiers in the Franco-Prussian war. The cards had a lithographed design printed on them containing emblematic images of piles of armaments on either side of a scroll topped by the arms of the Duchy of Brittany and the inscription "War of 1870. Camp Conlie. Souvenir of the National Defence. Army of Brittany". While these are certainly the first known picture postcards, there was no space for stamps and no evidence that they were ever posted without envelopes.

Collecting postcards, known as Deltiology, is a widely spread hobby. The value of a postcard is mainly determined by the image illustrated on it. Other important factors for collectors can be countries, issuers, and authors. Online catalogs can be found on collector websites and clubs. These catalogs provide detailed information about each postcard alongside their picture. In addition, these websites include collection management tools, trading platforms, and forums to assist with discussions between collectors.

Old picture postcards are primary source records of places. Postcards document the natural landscape as well as the built environment- buildings, gardens, parks, cemeteries, and tourist sites. Postcards also commemorate major events, popular humor, and many other aspects of daily life – transportation, entertainment, sports, work, religion, or advertising. Postcards also give insight into how new forms of communication media are adopted, adapted, and discarded. Museums and archives have extensive collections of picture postcards; many of the postcards in these collections are digitized.

Specialist marketing companies in many countries produce and distribute advertising postcards which are available for free. These are normally offered on wire rack displays in plazas, coffee shops and other commercial locations, usually not intended to be mailed.

Postal Cards

Postal cards are postal stationery with an imprinted stamp or indicium signifying the prepayment of postage. They are sold by postal authorities. On January 26, 1869, Dr. Emanuel Herrmann of Austria described the advantages of a Correspondenz Karte. By October 1, 1869 the world's first postal card was produced by Austria-Hungary. They caught on quickly. By the end of 1870, Great Britain, Finland, Switzerland and Württemberg joined the countries issuing postal cards. In the United States, they were first produced in 1873. Some of the forms taken by postal cards include the regular single card which may be commemorative or definitive, attached message-reply cards, airmail postal cards, and official postal cards used for official government business with a "penalty for private use".

To the post office, there were positive advantages to postal cards as opposed to correspondence in envelopes. The cards were lighter and less bulky than letters and they were all the same size. The result was that they occupied less than one third of the space required by the same number of letters. To the public there were also advantages. They were simple and cheap making them an instant success. Britain had a half-penny rate to begin with. The U.S. 'penny postcard' rate lasted through 1951.

Presumably for the purpose of getting a prompt reply, a sender was given the opportunity to pay for postage both ways with an attached message-reply card, first introduced by Germany in 1873. Other European countries quickly followed suit. Spain furnished message-reply cards to her Colonies: Cuba (1880), Philippines (1889) and Puerto Rico (1898). The U.S. issued them first in 1892. Message-reply cards were attached tête-bêche and likely to be perforated or rouletted to facilitate separation once in the hands of the recipient. The recipient could then tear them apart and use the prepaid reply card to correspond with the original sender. Normally the message card would be identical to the reply card except with the distinction of having additional language such as "WITH REPLY CARD" or "La otra tarjeta es para la respuesta" or "Carte Postale Réponse" or similar words to distinguish the two. In the U.S., message and reply cards have been identical since 1968.

Different types of postal cards:

- 1) Single postal card – a rectangular piece of thick paper or thin cardboard intended for writing and mailing without an envelope.
- 2) Message/reply postal card – attached tête-bêche and likely to be perforated or rouletted to facilitate separation once in the hands of the recipient. The recipient could then tear them apart and use the prepaid reply card to correspond with the original sender.
- 3) Airmail postal card – like a postal card, but only intended to be sent by airmail.
- 4) Official postal card – like a postal card, but only intended for official government business with a "penalty for private use".
- 5) Postal Buddy postal card – Postal card printed on demand by a Postal Buddy Corporation automated kiosk. These machines operated from July 31, 1990 to September 17, 1993.

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