



# CAPITAL CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

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Meetings – 7:00 PM the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday monthly at the Lower Paxton Municipal Building, Room B, 425 Prince Street, Harrisburg, PA

Officers: President: Keith Nonemaker; Vice President: Ray Biemiller; Secretary: Eric Muir; Treasurer: Beth Nonemaker; Board Member 1: Marlin Wilson; Board Member 2: George Shearer; Board Member 3: Mike Marino; Alternate Board Member – George Rohrs

Presentations: Beth Nonemaker has the following YouTube videos lined up: September 21 - The Apollo 15 Scandal; October 5 - Oct. 5: Who was the first stamp collector; Oct. 26 - How to Use a Perforation Gauge If you are willing to make a presentation, please contact Beth.

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*Dues Remain \$5 for 2022. Please pay see Eric Muir at a meeting or mail dues to him at 306 Nebinger Street, Lewisberry, PA 17339 – Questions 717-932-5480. Thanks for paying your dues promptly.*  
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We have reserved the Lower Swatara Fire Hall on September 24, 2022, for the 2022 CCPS's Stamp Show. Address is Lower Swatara Fire Hall, 1350 Fulling Mill Road, Middletown. Mike Marino is connecting vendors to participate.

## UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE – 2022 STAMPS



**Go Beyond** – Issued August 3, Forever, 20 to a sheet with multiple Designs, \$12 a sheet. Go Beyond with Space Ranger Buzz Lightyear blasting beyond his role as a toy.

**National Marine Sanctuaries** – Issued August 5, Forever, 16 to a sheet with Multiple Designs, \$9.60. The Sanctuaries and national monuments have protected area with ecological, cultural and historical significance. The stamps showcases abundant wildlife found throughout the National Marine Sanctuary System.

**Elephants** – Issued August 12, Forever, Booklet of 20 stamps, \$12. We have been intrigued by elephants since the first one arrived here in 1796. This stamp celebrates the connection between humans and elephants.

**Pony Cars** - Issued August 25, Forever, 20 stamps to a sheet with Multiple Designs, \$12. Celebrates five iconic automobiles using oil paint with bold colors; they capture the energy and mystique of the pony cards.

**James Webb Space Telescope** – Issued September 8, Forever, 20 to a sheet, \$12. Celebrates the James Webb Space Telescope, the largest and most sensitive telescope used in space.

**Holiday Elves** – Issued September 15, Booklet of 20 with Multiple Designs, \$12. Whimsical elves are featured as an original digital illustration preparing for the holiday gift giving.

**Virgin and Child** – Issued September 22, Booklet of 20, \$12. Depicting the bond between mother and child using art from the Italian Renaissance.

**Charles Schultz** – Issued September 30, 20 stamps to a sheet with Multiple Designs, \$12. Features the beloved Peanuts characters from the most successful comic strip in history.

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### FROM THE COLLECTION OF GEORGE ROHRS



If you are a collector of U.S. Classic Stamps, it may be time to give them a second look. I recommend using the U.S. Specialized Catalog to find many varieties of stamps not listed in Scott's Volume One.

Through the years, I have had a particular interest in the 1869 pictorial issues #112-122. Used copies of #113 and #114 are fairly common, of modest price, and worthy of closer scrutiny. A look at stamps with colored cancellations finds many which add hundreds to the catalog value of the stamp. For example, a two-cent used copy of #113 is valued at \$85, but carries a premium of

\$500 with a green cancel, and \$150 for a brown. Similarly, a used #114 three cent is valued at around \$17. However, a brown canceled issue adds a premium of \$200 and a green cancel adds \$400. Other colored cancellations offer lesser premiums on these and other issues.

Another area to examine would be grills. Stamps with split, double, or missing grills might add hundreds or thousands to the catalog value of the stamp.

Don't limit your search to these issues, as other classic stamps may offer similar valuations. Get out your magnifiers and watermark fluid and have some fun.

If you are fortunate enough to find a colored cancellation or missing grill, be sure to have it expertised to establish its validity.

### **AIR MAIL** by Donald Hacker

The Post Office Department's most extraordinary role in transportation was probably played in the sky, a role little known today except to postal employees and pioneers of American aviation. The Post Office Department authorized the first experimental mail flight at the aviation meet on Long Island, New York in 1911. Earle Ovington, sworn in as a mail carrier made daily flights between Garden City Estates and Mineola, New York dropping his mail bags from the plane to the ground where they were picked up by the Mineola Postmaster. In 1918 Congress appropriated \$100,000 to establish experimental air routes. They began scheduled airmail service between New York and Washington, D.C. May 14, 1918. During the first three months, the Post Office Department used Army pilots and six Army Curtiss JN-4H training planes. On August 12, 1918, the Department took over all phases of airmail service, using new hired civilian pilots and six specially built mail planes from Standard Aircraft Corporation.

The early mail planes had no instruments, radios, or other navigational aids. Pilots flew by dead reckoning or "by the seat of their pants." By 1920 a transcontinental route was established between New York and San Francisco. At this time the mail was carried on trains during the night and by planes during the day. On February 22, 1921, mail was flown both day and night and Congress was so impressed they appropriated \$1,250,000 for the expansion of mail service.

The first commercial airmail flights in the U. S. occurred February 15, 1926. The Post Office Department transferred their assets to the Department of Commerce and municipalities except for their planes, which were sold or transferred to other government departments. By September 1, 1927, all airmail was carried under contract.

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