



CAPITAL CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

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Meetings – 7:00 PM the 1st and 3rd 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: Mike Marino; Board Member 3 – George Rohrs

Presentations: Phil Sager (a dealer from Pikesville, Maryland) will do a presentation on December 6, 2023, on George Washington event covers.

In addition, at that meeting there will be a Christmas gift exchange for those who want to participate (Cost \$5-\$10). There will be no second meeting in December due to the holidays.

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*Pay Eric Muir your **2024 dues** of \$5 at meeting or mail to him at 306 Nebinger St., Lewisberry, PA 17339.*

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We have reserved the Lower Swatara Fire Hall on **September 28, 2024**, for the CCPS's Stamp Show. Address: Lower Swatara Fire Hall, 1350 Fulling Mill Road, Middletown. Mike Marino is contacting vendors. Show hours: 10 AM – 4 PM

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*Lancaster Sunday Stamp Show 2023 Schedule:* and December 22-23; 10 AM – 4PM  
Location: Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA

## UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE – 2023 STAMPS





**By Donald Hacker**

**CITIZENS' STAMP ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee was established March 21, 1957, by Orders of the Postmaster General 56304 and 56305, to provide a breadth of judgement and depth of experience in various areas which influence the subject matter, characters, and beauty of postage stamps. The first committee was composed of the Deputy Directory of the U. S. Information Agency, three well-known philatelists and three well-known artists. The committee established standards and guidelines for the selection of subjects for commemorative stamps.

In November 1960, Postmaster General Summerfield approved the Benjamin Franklin Award, then in the form of a certificate for Members of Congress, special advisory groups, or employees contributing to the Post Office Department not connected with official employment. On December 15 of that year, members of the Citizens' Stamp committee received the first Benjamin Franklin Awards in appreciation for the distinguished and outstanding public service each rendered as a member of the Stamp Advisory Committee. Now the committee consists of up to 15 members and they meet four times a year. Committee members receive travel expenses. The Postal Services receives approximately 50,000 proposals each year for new postage stamps.

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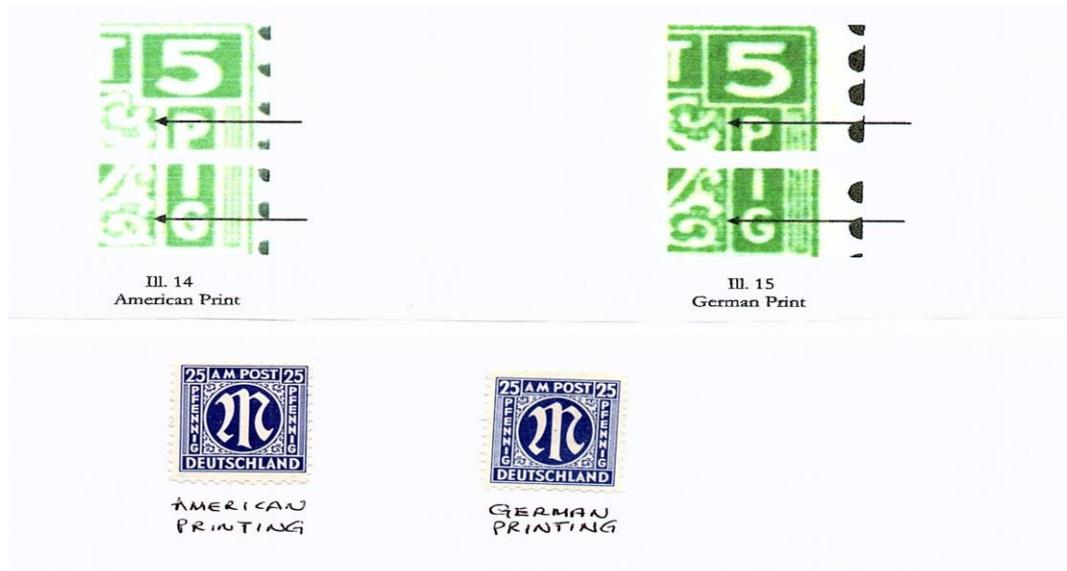
**By George Rohrs**

**A.M.G. STAMPS IDENTIFIED**

Many years ago, I came across a number of Allied Occupation Issues known as A.M.G. or Allied Military Government issues from postwar Germany. I had some difficulty identifying different printings, and they were of little value, so I put them aside.

When revisiting the issues, I found that there were three printings of stamps for use in the American and/or British Zones. For each printing, Scott Catalog mentions stamp size in mms., perms, colors, and paper thickness. Normally identification would be easily done with such information. It's not. The London printing with perms of 14, 14 1/2, and compound perms, is easily identified. However, the Washington printing can be confused with the Brunswick, Germany printing since both appear to be the same with some stamps. For example, the 25 pfennig stamp printed by Washington and Brunswick are the same color, the same size, and could have the same perforations. The only other stated difference is paper thickness. Good luck with that.

As is often the case, there is a solution to my problems with the identification of A.M.G. Stamps. It seems that all Brunswick printed stamps have two distinguishing marks not present on the London or Washington printings. As shown in accompanying illustrations and actual stamps, the Brunswick stamps have a small triangle in the upper right-hand corner near the ornamentation, and a small line near the lower ornamentation. With this information, I can easily identify all my A.M.G. Stamps. Maybe Scott should mention this in their catalog.



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At the January 2024 meeting the club will start discussing officers for the new year. Please think about volunteering.

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CCPS club will hold an auction on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 following the 7 PM club meeting. Everyone is welcome to come bid on the lots.

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