



KINGDOM PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

Fulton, Missouri 65251

Kingdom of Callaway County—Mule Capitol of the World

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Meeting

The next meeting of the Kingdom Philatelic Association will be 7:00 p.m. Thursday, January 16, 2014, at the Court Street Methodist Church. Last month we again discussed our meeting location and generally the consensus was to continue meeting at the Court Street Methodist Church.

In addition to the usual U.S. and British North American circuit books; there are three books of French stamps; three books of classical Europe (pre-1940) and two books of revenues. There is one book of Christmas Seals and one topical book with fish and ships.

Last month we revisited Christmas Seals. The circuit this month has a book of Christmas Seals with some early varieties. It might be a good opportunity to fill in some holes in your collection. The interest in this area seems to be growing within the club.



We also had a lot of people bring collections to look at last month's meeting. Lester brought a collection of Postal Cards, Jon brought a collection of Pre-Cancels, and Tony brought his collection of Christmas Seals. There was so much that I never got a good chance to examine everything thoroughly. I hope we can see some of it again.

The club appreciates the album donated by Tommy. It was in high demand and quickly picked up by Charlie. Thanks guys.



Ceres was the goddess of agriculture, grain crops, fertility and motherly relationships in Roman Mythology. The first series of postage stamps (and Scott #1) issued by France uses the goddess in the vignette. Her image appears in several other French stamp series, as well as other countries, including; Portugal and the French and Portuguese colonies. The adjacent figure shows an interesting 'tete beche' pair.

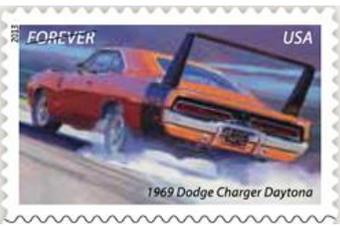
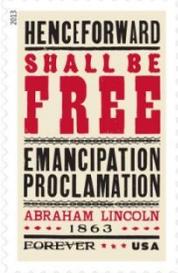
The 1fr stamp from France's first Ceres series, the very first ever issued in France, is currently valued at \$90,000.

Statues of Ceres top the domes of the Missouri State Capitol and the Vermont State House serving as a reminder of the importance of agriculture in the states' economies and histories. There is also a statue of her on top of the Chicago Board of Trade Building, which conducts trading in agricultural commodities.

It is also interesting to note that Ceres was used on some Confederate States of America currency; although in these cases she was shown seated rather than just the head profile



At last month's meeting we took Linn's 2013 U.S. Stamp Popularity Poll. The results for the commemorative stamps are shown below. There was a strong agreement for the Best Design, Most Important and Least Necessary, with the Least Necessary being almost unanimous. There were only two votes for the Emancipation Proclamation with all of the rest of the votes for all different designs. There only other categories that had any sort of consensus were the Arlington Green Bridge as the least necessary postal stationary and the Folk Art Eagle stamped envelope as the most important postal stationary. Every other category had just 1 or 2 votes for any one individual item.

Best Design	Most Important	Worst Design	Least Necessary
			
Muscle Cars	Medal of Honor WW II	Emancipation Proclamation	Harry Potter

**New U.S. stamps scheduled
for issue in January 2014**



Philatelic Dates

- January 1, 1935 France issues its first postage stamp
- January 16, 2014 Kingdom Philatelic Association meeting, Fulton, MO
- January 17 - 19 Regency Auction; ORCOEXPO 2014
- January 26, 2014 U.S. First class Postage increases 3c to 49c

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