



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, March 19, 2015 at the **Callaway Electric Coop Entergy Center**.

This month's circuits include 2 books of British North America, 2 books of France, 1 of Liechtenstein, 1 book of Austria, and 2 books of Great Britain stamps. The rest are an assortment of U.S. stamps, including 2 with FDC's and one postal stationary. The topical book this month is fancy cancels.

Parcel Post

At the last meeting Scott gave us a detailed course on the Parcel Post stamps, rates, history and uses. He also discussed the development and status of his Parcel Post exhibit.

Parcel Post service by the USPO began January 1, 1913. It was an immediate success, although stamps issued specifically for the service were not.

Parcel Post handled over 300 million parcels mailed in the first six months the service was offered. The service was a boon for mail order companies such as Sears, Roebuck and Company (started in 1871) and Montgomery Ward (started in 1893). The year Parcel Post began, Sears handled five times as many orders as it did the year before. Five years later, Sears doubled its revenues.

Scott also had stories of strange items being shipped by parcel post, including children and whole buildings (a few pieces at a time).

The stamps however were a different matter. They seemed to cause the postal clerks a lot of confusion. They were red, the same as the common first class stamp at the time. The parcel post stamps were also larger and were sometimes harder to fit on smaller packages. Parcel post stamps were no longer required after six months and regular postage stamps could be used to pay the parcel post fees.



The 20c parcel postage stamp was the first of any country to have an airplane depicted.

Parcel Post postage due stamps were also issued for insufficient postage on parcels, although regular postage due stamps could also be used after July 1913.



Stamp/Coin Shows and Auctions

Mid Missouri Collectors show
 St. Louis Stamp Expo
 Stratford Inn Stamp Bourse

March 21-22, 2015
 March 27-29, 2015
 April 11, 2015

Osage Beach
 St. Louis
 Fenton, MO

New U.S. stamps scheduled For issue in March 2015



Philatelic Dates

- March 1, 1871 Guatemala issued its first postage stamp
- March 13, 1913 First day of issue for the U.S. 50c Parcel Post stamp, Dairying in America
- March 19, 2015 Kingdom Philatelic Association meeting, Fulton, MO
- March 20, 2015 USPS issues 49c forever Water Lily booklet stamps
- March 22, 1981 U.S. 'B' stamps were issued with rate increase from 15c to 18c
- March 26 2015 USPS issues 49c forever Martin Ramirez commemorative stamps
- March 27, 2015 USPS issues 49c forever Fern coil stamps

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