



KINGDOM PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

Fulton, Missouri 65251

Kingdom of Callaway County—Mule Capitol of the World

The Bulletin March 2016

Meeting

The next meeting of the Kingdom Philatelic Association will be 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 17, 2016 at the **Callaway Electric Coop Energy Center**.

This month's circuits include 2 books of British North America, 3 books of France, 2 books of central Europe and 2 books of Vatican stamps. Topical stamps this month include 1 book of transportations (including ships and automobiles). There is one book each of Hawaiian and Canal Zone stamps. The rest are an assortment of U.S. stamps, including one with fancy cancels.



Last month we had a guest speaker, Alan Barasch, from St. Louis. Using postage stamps, he gave us a history lesson on the development of computers.

This month we will take a look at collecting Joint Issue stamps. This is a fairly popular topical and is one of the topics listed by the American Topical Association. I know that a couple of previous members also collected Joint Issues.

Computer Generated Stamps



Speaking of computers and stamps, Scott catalog lists two other associated categories; Computer Vended Postage Stamps and Personal Computer Postage.

Computer Vended Postage Stamps were available from self-service user-interactive mailing system machines in only a few Post Offices.



Personal Computer Postage could be printed by individuals on their personal computers. They had to subscribe to Stamps.com and order self-adhesive labels showing vignettes, but lacking franking values. I believe John subscribed to this service for a while and can provide more information if you are interested.

U.S. Postage Rate Change

Better stock up on those Forever stamps before the postage rate changes, April 10, 2016. Whoa! Wait a minute! That's not right. This time it will be a rate decrease!

This means that the Forever stamps will be worth 47c rather than 49c. That also means that the Forever stamps you have already bought or will buy before April 10 will decrease in value. This is a strange situation. I believe this is the first time the U.S. Post Office has devalued stamps.

At the beginning of the Civil War U.S. stamps in use at the time were demonetized, no longer valid. At the end of World War I, the postage rate was decreased. But, I believe, this is the first time U.S. postage has been devalued.

Stamp/Coin Shows and Auctions

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| Greater KC Stamp Show | March 19, 2016 | Overland Park |
| Mid Missouri Collectors show | March 19-20 | Ozark Elk Lodge |
| Regency Auction | April 1 – 3 | St. Louis |
| Kansas City Monthly Coin Show | April 3, 2016 | Independence |
| Fenton Stamp Bourse | April 9, 2016 | Fenton, MO |

New U.S. stamps scheduled For issue in March 2016



Philatelic Dates

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| March 2, 1974 | USPS increased postage for first class letter from 8c to 10c |
| March 3, 1855 | <i>Act of March 3, 1855</i> required the prepayment of postage on all U.S. mailings |
| March 16, 1934 | Congress authorizes licensing for water fowl hunters (Duck Stamps) |
| March 17, 2016 | Kingdom Philatelic Association meeting, Fulton, MO |
| March 29, 2016 | USPS issues 49c forever Sarah Vaughan (Music Icons series) Commemorative |
| April 1-3, 2016 | St. Louis Stamp Expo |

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