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Top Trio GP members have national profile

Ken Srail, Matt Liebson and Bob Collins are continuing the long tradition of club members playing important roles on the national philatelic front.

Srail in April was part of a team of Philatelic Foundation experts to certify 100 of the rarest items in U.S. philately that will be auctioned by Siegel Auction Galleries next month.

Among the items from the William H. Gross collection that he expertized was the 1-cent Z grill (Scott 85A).

The stamp is one of two that are known to exist. The other is in the Benjamin Miller Collection owned by the New York Public Library. It is on long-term loan to the Smithsonian National Postal Museum.



DENNIS SADOWSKI

Matt Liebson reviews a collection with visitors to March Party 2023.

Srail also examined the 15-cent Lincoln stamp with a Z grille in the same series (Scott 85F) of which only two copies are known to exist and the 24-cent Continental Bank Note Co. stamp printed on hard paper with one known copy (Scott 164).

“These are very important stamps that I had a chance to see up close and authenticate,” he said.

The Gross sale is set for June 14-15. Details are online at https://siegelauctions.com/Gross_Preview.

Liebson appointment

Meanwhile, Liebson has been selected to serve on the board of the American Philatelic Research Library.

He succeeds Richard Drew as the founders, patrons and Vooy's fellows on the board. His term runs through August 2028.

Liebson said he is looking forward to helping the ongoing digitization of materials, allowing for easier access by collectors.

“In terms of the digitization I’m not a librarian, but I’m married to



KENNETH SRAIL

Ken Srail, left, holds the famous 1-cent Z grill from the William H. Gross Collection with Larry Lyons, Philatelic Foundation executive director.

Summer meetings

Remember that the July and August meetings will be conducted via Zoom. Links will be sent via email prior to each meeting.

Because of the Independence Day holiday, the July meeting has been moved to 7 p.m., July 3.

Perryscope also takes a hiatus for the summer. The next issue of the club newsletter will be published in time for the September meeting.

Enjoy the summer!

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From the president

Our last in-person meeting of the season is happening on June 6. Please plan to attend.



Note that the July and August meetings will be over Zoom. The July gathering is being moved to July 3, a Wednesday, because of the Independence Day holiday.

There is almost no excuse to miss these meetings when you can attend from anywhere in the world, using a computer, iPad or mobile device.

I have been trying to form a collector's club in Bonita Springs, Florida. I received a call

today from a person who still has his collection from 40-50 years ago. He felt this may be a good time to reignite his excitement with stamp collecting.

All of us have a passion for stamp/cover collecting. Talk with your friends and you may find new members for our Garfield-Perry Stamp Club and other local clubs. At the same time, you may help others to regain the collecting passion they once enjoyed. Invite a friend to join you in attending a stamp show nearby.

Alternatively, grab your spouse, partner or friend and make a weekend trip to visit another city and stamp show. If you begin to attend multiple philatelic shows, you will be

very surprised as to the number of acquaintances you will make who also attend multiple shows. You may even find yourself enjoying their company and having dinner together.

Some of my favorite memories of philatelic shows in the 1970s and 1980s are driving to Canada, stopping near the border to meet several other Cleveland couples for lunch and then continuing to Toronto or Montreal for the show. The fact that our spouses enjoyed this part of the show made the weekend better for all of us.

Remember to bring a recent purchase to our meeting for show and tell.

Philatelically yours,
Howard S. Chapman

Trio

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one, so I have a better understanding of what goes on in a library and how digitization works," he said.

Secondly, Liebson said, will be advising the APRL on keeping the headquarters of the library and the American Philatelic Society in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, fully rented and economically strong.

"Part of what make APS financially successful is keeping the facility full of tenants. The real estate business side of the APRL keeps us financially successful and gives us resources to do more in the hobby," he explained.

In a news release announcing the selection, Scott English, American Philatelic Society executive director, welcomed Liebson in his return in a leadership role with the APRL.

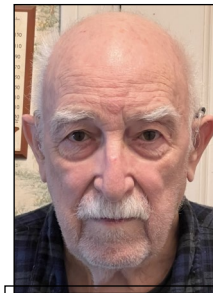
"His return comes at a crucial time as we strive to expand the

Robert A. Mason Digital Library and enhance our digital preservation efforts. With his expertise, Matt will undoubtedly play a pivotal role in these discussions in the coming months and years, ensuring a seamless transition and a bright future for the APRL," English said.

Hotchner credits Collins

Lastly, Collins received accolades from well-known Linn's Stamp News columnist John Hotchner for his expertise in the postal history of women serving in the U.S. military during World War II.

Hotchner wrote in his U.S. Notes column in the May 27 issue that he consulted Collins after purchasing a 1945 airmail cover sent by Sgt. Marie McMillin in Fort Benning, Georgia. The return address included "Wac," for Women's Air Corps, and "TPS" for the



Bob Collins

Parachute School.

It turns out Collins had included a cover from McMillin in his 10-frame exhibit "United States Women in the Military During WWII, 1941-

1945." The exhibit was shown at March Party 2024.

The exhibit included rich details such as that as a professional parachutist McMillin had jumped from 20,000 feet in 1932, then a world record, and later from 28,000 feet.

McMillin enlisted on July 16, 1943 and was assigned to the Parachute School at Fort Benning. After training she became a parachute rigger.

Overall, McMillin made 699 jumps, the last in August 1952 at age 50. She died at age 52.



SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL POSTAL MUSEUM

The three stamps of the Huguenot-Walloon issue released on May 1, 1924.

The 1624 settlement of New Netherland

Note: This article is a reprint of the April 13, 2024 stamp collecting column in The Chronicle-Telegram.

By Dennis Sadowski

Early in U.S. history, more than 150 years before independence, communities of immigrants made their way to the New World in search of a better life. They came from Norway, France, Belgium, England and elsewhere, creating what eventually became known as the American “melting pot.”

In the 1920s, the U.S. Post Office Department recognized the diversity of country, issuing stamps that commemorated some of the early settlers who laid the foundation for what eventually became the United States.

One of the series of stamps honored the Walloons and the Huguenots, two groups of French Protestants who suffered religious persecution at the hands of the dominant Catholic community.

The Huguenot-Walloon stamps were issued May 1, 1924 and marked the tercentenary of the arrival of the Walloons and honored the Huguenots, who came to the country in the 16th century.

The stamps were issued in values of 1 cent, paying the post card rate, 2 cents, paying the domestic letter rate, and 5 cents for international mail.

The intricately engraved stamps

were designed by Clair Aubrey Huston at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Among the early emigrants from Europe were the Walloons, French Protestants who were driven from France after years of persecution, even death. They fled to Belgium in 1572 and later to Holland. In spring 1624 they arrived in New Netherland, the Dutch colonial province, now the state of New York. Most eventually settled in present-day Albany, establishing an outpost they called Fort Orange.

The Walloons’ voyage actually began in 1622 when leader Jessé de Forest, obtained permission from the Dutch West Indies Co. to send several families to New Netherland so that they, like the Puritans, could practice their faith in peace. In exchange, the settlers were to establish a trading colony, shipping goods back to Holland.

Sailing aboard the “Nieu Nederlandt,” about three dozen families arrived in New Amsterdam, what is now New York City. Some stayed there while others relocated to Connecticut and New Jersey. Most, however, sailed up the Hudson River to present-day Albany.

History does not record how long the families remained at Fort Orange, but all the women and children were sent back to New Amsterdam in 1626 following a brutal skirmish with a local Native

American tribe. Walloons migrated to New Netherland for several more years, but by 1630 the massive Dutch migration began.

The Huguenots, another group of French Protestants, also faced persecution. They adhered to the Reformed, or Calvinist, tradition of Protestantism.

Under Jean Ribaut, a French naval officer, a group of Huguenots sailed from Dieppe, France in February 1562, landing at the mouth of St. John’s River in Florida three months later.

Meanwhile, religious tensions continued building in France, leading to the St. Bartholomew’s Day Massacre, which began on Aug. 24, 1572. For more than two months, Catholics slaughtered the Protestants with 5,000 to 25,000 deaths, according to historical accounts. The violence began in Paris when Catholics, fearing a Huguenot uprising, assassinated leading Protestants who were in town for a royal wedding.

The three U.S. stamps depict images of importance to the Huguenots and Walloons.

The 1-cent stamp shows the “Nieu Nederlandt” on the open sea. The 2-cent value depicts the Walloons landing on the bank of the Hudson River where they would establish Fort Orange. Finally, the 5-cent stamp portrays the Jean Ribaut Monument in Mayport, Florida.

Upcoming events

June 7-9: NAPEX, National Philatelic Expositions of Washington, D.C., McLean Hilton at Tyson's Corner, McLean, Virginia

June 22-23: SCOPEX 2024, Mount Nitany Philatelic Society, American Philatelic Center, 100 Match Factory Place, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania

June 30: Canton Stamp Bourse, Lincolnway Stamps, Holiday Inn, 4520 Everhard Rd., Canton, Ohio

Aug. 2-4: CINPEX 2024, Greater Cincinnati Philatelic Society, Monfort Heights United Methodist Church, 3682 West Fork Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio

Aug. 15-18: Great American Stamp Show, Connecticut Convention Center, 100 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, Connecticut

GP programs

The club meets the first Thursday of the month except July and August. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. at Doubletree Hotel, 6200 Quarry Lane, Independence; (216-447-1300).

Club members are invited to meet for dinner at 6 p.m. at The Sanctuary Restaurant at the hotel.

Upcoming programs are:

June 6: Clint Many, "Stamps and Postal History from the Russian-controlled area of Germany post-World War II."

July 3: Zoom; topic to be determined.

August 1: Zoom; topic to be determined.



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