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October is Stamp Collecting Month



Stamp collecting dispels boredom, enlarges our vision, broadens our knowledge, makes us better citizens and in innumerable ways, enriches our lives.

--Franklin D. Roosevelt,
President of the United States
(1933-1945)

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Where we've been

September 3

We did a telephone poll of those who regularly attend our meetings and found only 10 willing to attend due to the COVID 19 Virus. That along with Phoenix Lodge restrictions led to the decision to cancel for tonight. We are going to "fly by the wire" and decide as we go weather or not to hold a meeting.

September 17

No meeting tonight!
Keep Calm!
Collect Stamps!
Carry On!

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Where we're going.

October 1

We might meet tonight, or we might not. Check the website or check your phone for a message. If we do, Everything you need to know about exhibiting. Award winning exhibitor Dave Plunkett will give us all the secrets. We are contemplating limiting our exhibition to one frame per member. Surely everyone in our club has the knowledge and material to do one frame. The first meeting that we have a quorum there will be an election of

officers in addition to whatever the program is. That means we need twenty members in attendance to hold elections and /or conduct business requiring a vote of the membership.

October 15

Likewise, we might meet, or not. Ditto check the website or check your phone for a message.

An annual tradition of the SCCT since the late fifties/early sixties continues with Cider and

Doughnuts tonight. Besides collecting stamps, our members are very proficient at woofing down doughnuts. There will be an APS slide program as well. If we don't meet, you are on your own to get some Krispy Kremes.



Where in the World is . . .

Singapore?

Officially the Republic of Singapore, it is a sovereign island city-state in maritime Southeast Asia. It lies about one degree of latitude, 85 miles north of the equator, off the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula. The country's territory is composed of one main island, 63 satellite islands and islets, and one outlying islet, the combined area of which has increased by 25% since the country's independence as a result of extensive land reclamation projects. It has the second greatest population density in the world. The country is home to almost 5.7 million residents. There are four official languages of Singapore: English, Malay, Chinese and Tamil.

Although its history stretches back millennia, modern Singapore was founded in 1819 by Sir Stamford Raffles as a trading post of the British Empire. In 1867, the colonies in East Asia were reorganized and Singapore came under the direct control of Britain as part of the Straits Settlements. During the Second World War, Singapore was occupied by Japan in 1942 but returned to British control as a separate crown colony following Japan's surrender in 1945. Singapore gained self-governance in 1959, and in 1963 became part of the new federation of Malaysia, alongside Malaya, North Borneo, and Sarawak. Ideological differences led to Singapore being expelled from the federation two years later, thereby becoming an independent country.

After the First World War, the British built the large Singapore Naval Base as part of the defensive Singapore strategy. Originally announced in 1921, the construction of the base proceeded at a slow pace until the Japanese invasion of Manchuria in 1931. The base was defended by heavy 15-inch naval guns stationed at Fort Siloso, Fort Canning and Labrador, as well as a Royal Air Force airfield at Tengah Air Base. Winston Churchill touted it as the

"Gibraltar of the East."

During the Second World War, the Japanese invasion of Malaya culminated in the Battle of Singapore. When the British force of 60,000 troops surrendered on 15 February 1942, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill called the defeat "the worst disaster and largest capitulation in British history. British and Empire losses during the fighting for Singapore were heavy, with a total of nearly 85,000 personnel captured. Between 5,000 and 25,000 ethnic Chinese people were killed in the subsequent Sook Ching massacre. British forces had planned to liberate Singapore in 1945; however, the war ended before these operations could be carried out.



Singapore Post Limited, commonly abbreviated as SingPost, is the country's designated Public Postal Licensee (PPL) which provides both domestic and international postal services. The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of multinational telecommunications conglomerate Singtel. The company provides mail collection and delivery services throughout Singapore. Letters and parcels are deposited in a post or parcel boxes or are collected in bulk from businesses, this is then transported to the SingPost sorting offices. As of 2020, Singapore has 59 post offices, 299 Self-service Automated Machines (SAMs), a SAMPLUS, 40 postal agencies and more than 800 licensed stamp vendors. There are also 8,907 postal boxes installed at various locations throughout the city-state.



October 1, 1908

The Ford Model T arrives on the scene



The Ford Model T also known as the "tin Lizzie", "leaping Lena", "jitney" or "flivver" is an automobile produced by Ford Motor Company from October 1, 1908, to May 26, 1927. It is generally regarded as the first affordable automobile, which made car travel available to middle-class Americans. The relatively low price was partly the result of Ford's efficient fabrication, including assembly line production instead of individual hand crafting.

Ford's Model T was successful not only because it provided inexpensive transportation on a massive scale, but also because the car signified innovation for the rising middle class and became a powerful symbol of the United States' age of modernization. With 16.5 million sold, it stood eighth on the top-ten list of most sold cars of all time, as of 2012.



The Model T has a front-mounted 177-cubic-inch (2.9 L) inline four-cylinder engine, producing 20 hp, for a top speed of 40-45 mph. According to Ford Motor Company, the Model T had fuel economy on the order of 13-21 mpg. The engine was capable of running on gasoline, kerosene, or ethanol, although the decreasing cost of gasoline and the later introduction of Prohibition made ethanol an impractical fuel for most users.



October 15, 1928

Graf Zeppelin completes flight from Europe to America

In 1927, Lindbergh made the first solo transatlantic flight. A year later, the Graf Zeppelin did it with passengers. LZ 127 *Graf Zeppelin* was a German passenger-carrying, hydrogen-filled rigid airship which flew from 1928 to 1937. It was designed and built to show that intercontinental airship travel was practicable. Its operational history included several long flights, such as a polar exploration mission, a round-the-world trip, trips to the Middle East and the Americas (operating five years of regular passenger and mail flights from Germany to Brazil), and latterly being used as a propaganda vehicle for the ruling Nazi Party. The airship was withdrawn from service following the *Hindenburg* disaster. In October 1928 *Graf Zeppelin* made its first intercontinental trip, to Lakehurst Naval Air Station, New Jersey, US, with Eckener in command and Lehmann as first officer.

On the third day of the flight a large section of the fabric covering of the port tail fin was damaged while passing through a mid-ocean squall line 1,500 miles east of Bermuda. With the engines throttled back, the riggers (including Eckener's son, Knut) repaired the torn fabric while roped together for safety; whenever the airship descended too close to the ocean, they retreated into the ship so the engines could be restart-

ed to maintain lift. Eckener directed Rosendahl to make a distress call; when this was received, newspaper headlines speculated that the ship was lost, US Navy vessels prepared for a rescue mission, and the radio station WOR broadcast a prayer and minute of silence.



Graf Zeppelin was able to complete its journey with the repairs of its crew. When news broke that it was safe, it was deluged by radio calls of congratulation and requests to overfly particular places. It crossed the US coast at Cape Charles, Virginia, around 10 am on October 15, then flew via the eastern seaboard via Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York City, landing at Lakehurst at 5:38 pm.

After the tail had been repaired, *Graf Zeppelin* left Lakehurst at 1:24 am on October 29.

Clara Adams became the first female paying passenger to fly transatlantic on the return flight. The ship endured an overnight gale that blew it backwards in the air and 200 miles off course, to the coast of Newfoundland. The wind caused the structure of the ship to bend visibly.

A stowaway, 19-year-old Clarence Terhune, got aboard at Lakehurst and was discovered in the mail room mid-voyage. On arrival in Germany he became well-known and received job offers. The airship returned home on November 1. On November 6 it flew to Berlin Staaken, where it was met by the German president, Paul von Hindenburg, who praised the achievements of the ship, and those who had designed, built, and flown it.



Stamp Collector's Club of Toledo

All meetings are held at the Perrysburg Masonic Lodge Building, 590 South Boundary, Perrysburg, OH 43551. Members begin to gather about 6:30, with the meeting to begin a 7:00. Programs and activities follow the business meeting. Guests are always welcome.

During the pandemic the APS has gone above and beyond hosting virtual stamp shows, utube stamp chat presentations, and informational webinars. If you are not a member go to stamps.org and see all they have to offer.

The Collectors Club of New York has also been putting some great webinars. They are continuing into next year. For more info collectorsclub.org

Internet Links

- Linn's www.linns.com
- OPHS www.ohipostalhistory.com
- APS www.stamps.org
- ATA www.americantopicalassn.org
- USSS www.usstamps.org
- www.stampfinder.com
- www.zillionsofstamps.com
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Local Shows

Blue Ribbon Show, Third Sunday, 9:30-3:30. St. Clement's Hall, 3030 Tremainsville Rd., Toledo.

Stamp shows are a guessing game at this point in time. The Ferndale show went on with virus precautions. It appears that there will be a show at the end of October at Elks hall near Eleven Mile Road; same as where Ferndale was.

Ann Arbor has canceled their for the 1st weekend of November along with many others.

If you check the area shows page on our web site we try to keep up cancelations and post them as soon as we hear.

We are still planning our February show. four lemons on a slot machine is a good thing. Here is to hoping we can make lemonade from all the lemons we have had to deal with.



We're on the web!
www.toledostampclub.org

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Diseased Stamps

It has been a source of great annoyance and displeasure to the Editor that we have not had a meeting since February. I don't know if there have been any COVID 19 Virus stamps issued yet, but there are many other diseases that are the subject of stamps around the world. This would be a great topic to collect. :)

