



# STAMP CLUB BULLETIN

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**NEXT MEETING DEC 2<sup>nd</sup>  
BIG CLUB AUCTION**

**Oklahoma City Stamp Club  
Christmas Party  
at Mimi's Café (on Memorial)  
at 6 PM Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>**



## **APS AmeriStamp/ TEXPEX WANTS YOUR HELP**

Dear Oklahoma City Stamp Club Members:

North Texas will welcome a special event from Feb. 20-22, 2009 with the arrival of **APS AmeriStamp Expo/TEXPEX** at the Arlington Convention Center in Arlington, Texas. We would appreciate your help in notifying and encouraging your members to volunteer to work at the show in some capacity to illustrate our support for the APS and the hobby. It only takes a couple of hours of your entire weekend to make a difference.

There will be a mixture of 90 international and U.S. dealers along with a public auction by Harmer-Schau Auction Galleries. TEXPEX will be held as a joint show with AmeriStamp and that will include all of the Texas Philatelic Association's annual meetings, the Texas Postal History Society and the American First Day Cover Society Sawyer Chapter gatherings. The special multi-frame TEXPEX World Series exhibition will consist of Mexican philately only in recognition of the national meeting of the Mexico-Elmhurst Philatelic Society (MESPI).

The APS will need volunteers from the various Texas and Oklahoma philatelic organizations. I encourage members from the Oklahoma City Stamp Club to consider signing up for duty to help make this show in the Southwest successful. Please don't wait for other groups to sign up – sign up now and enjoy being a part of this prestigious national show. There are a multitude of service areas listed on the APS website where you can join in the show for just two hours or throughout the weekend:

Please visit this web link - <http://www.stamps.org/ameristamp/Volunteer.htm>

There is also considerable information about the show on the APS website: [www.stamps.org](http://www.stamps.org)

Please have pleasant holidays and we hope to see everyone in February. Don't hesitate to contact me or Dana Guyer at the APS if you have questions.

Tom Koch  
TEXPEX 2009 Chairman

**Entrusted with Paradise**

During WWII our Pacific Ocean 'Island Hopping' campaign netted significant gains from the Japanese. Many islands came under U.S. administration as the Japanese withdrew or were forced out. With establishment of the United Nations, several island chains began a political transformation to self-rule and independence. Collectively known as the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI), these archipelagos included the Carolines, the Marshalls, and the northern Marianas. The TTPI was formally established in 1947 by the United Nations. It was further subdivided into six districts: Ponape, Truk, Yap, Palau, the Marshalls and the Marianas. A seventh district, Kosrae, later split from Ponape.

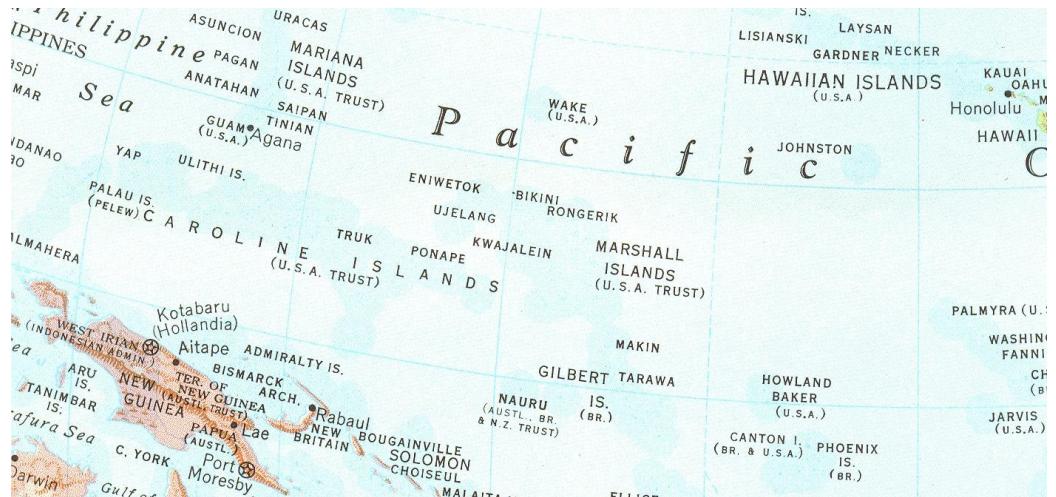


Collecting aero-postal history from the TTPI can be a worthy challenge. Because we're talking about islands, most commercial covers, when found, are predominantly aerophilatelic in nature. With Department of the Navy administration until 1951, and a significant military presence, much early TTPI postal history originated with our servicemen. Postmarks are predominately APO or FPO types. Once the DoI took over postal administration, more familiar looking civilian datestamps began to appear. Eventually the various island chains were even assigned zip codes and two-letter abbreviations like those for each of the United States.



The cover in Figure 1 shows was posted on the island of Koror in 1972 at the domestic U.S. first class airmail rate of 11¢ per oz. The image of the Hawaiian tiki on the U.S. airmail stamp certainly complements the overall tropical island theme. The Caroline Islands origin and North Carolina destination

make an interesting combination. The Caroline Islands were originally named for King Charles II of Spain; the state of North Carolina however was named after King Charles I of England, Scotland and Ireland. Koror was incorporated into the Republic of Palau in 1991; a few years later in 1994 Palau voted to end its trustee status under the United Nations, and became fully independent.



# Fall 2008 Club Minutes

September 2, 2008

17 present

Meeting called to order by Joe Crosby. The Lawton - Fort Sill Stamp Club has a stamp show October 11-12, 2008. The program tonight was on Female Nude Art on Stamps presented by Johnna Vogel . A lot of stamps were bought tonight out of the OPS circuit books. No more business. Meeting adjourned.

September 16, 2008

13 present

Meeting called to order by Joe Crosby. No business. The program tonight was our auction. No more business. Meeting adjourned.

October 7, 2008

19 present

Meeting called to order by Joe Crosby. We have nine tables sold for OKPEX. We still need help for OKPEX. Charles Wallace gave the program tonight on "Solo-use prexie covers, proper rate for period". No more business. Meeting adjourned.

October 21, 2008

14 present

Meeting called to order by Joe Crosby. We have raffle tickets to sell for a US Specialty Catalog at OKPEX. We have sold 158 frames of exhibits. We also have 12 dealers. The program tonight was given by Steven Strawn on Funky Collecting. Next program will be an APS slide show. No more business. Meeting adjourned.

November 4, 2008

14 present

Meeting called to order by Roger Baldwin. Joe Crosby was sick. Joe Crosby received e-mails from two judges. They thought our show was great. 37% of our exhibits were from club members. The concession made a profit and wants to come back. Our next OKPEX stamp show in 2009, will be a 2 day show (approved by APS).

Ray Jantz gave a financial report on OKPEX 2008:

Beginning balance	\$477.21
OKPEX income	4000.00
OKPEX expenses	4457.89
Balance	\$30.22

A full financial report is attached to the minutes. We voted to have a spring bourse. Date not set. Susan Campbell will lead the spring bourse committee.

Christmas Club Banquet will be Dec 16, 6 pm at MIMI's. The program tonight was an APS slide show on "When Presidents Die." No more business. Meeting Adjourned.

-- Frank Schultz, Club Secretary

## Want Ad

Club Member Wally Stephens is looking for a US 422 used with a light cancellation. This is the stamp with a double-line watermark. You can contact Wally at (405) 759-2778.



**Oklahoma City Carpenter Paper Cover** - Carpenter Paper of Omaha, Neb., opened a 70,000-square-foot warehouse in Oklahoma City at Classen and Robert S. Kerr Avenue. Many analysts considered the 1941 structure the most advanced warehouse in the nation. They put the site up for sale in 1983.

[http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi\\_qn4182/is\\_20030902/ai\\_n10159188](http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_qn4182/is_20030902/ai_n10159188).

This is one of an almost identical pair of covers on, with a starting bid of \$3 for the pair. I would also think this is a fairly early use of postal meter in lieu of real stamps. (Submitted by Steve Turechek) **Guess What?** Crosby bought 'em.

## OKLAHOMA CITY STAMP CLUB PROGRAMS for 2008-2009

**Dec 2 CLUB AUCTION II**

**Dec 16 Christmas Party** Mimi's Café 6 PM 302-3830 Reserved Front Room

**Jan 6 Don Collins – "HAWAII"**

**Jan 20 OPEN NEED VOLUNTEER**

**Feb 3 CLUB AUCTION III**

**Feb 17 OPEN NEED VOLUNTEER**

**Feb 20-22 TEXPEX – APS AmeriStamp – Arlington, Texas**

**Mar 3 SING ALONG WITH STAMPS** by Vernon C. Moore (About 37 min) Created 1992

Based on the author's very popular and award-winning exhibit of the same name, this program is designed for audience participation. It features a number of stamps, each suggesting a song. The music ranges from popular mainstays of the 1940s and 1950s up through the Beatles and even beyond. Based on clues ranging from titles to a few words of lyrics, viewers are asked to identify songs by singing a line or two of the tune.

**Mar 17 OPEN NEED VOLUNTEER**

**Apr 7 CLUB AUCTION IV**

**Apr 21 Steve Turechek – "Make That Official"**

**May 5 Ralph DeBoard -- "Early Tahiti"**

**May 19 OPEN NEED VOLUNTEER**

**Jun 2 CLUB AUCTION V**

**Jun 16 Election of Officers and Circuit Books**

**Jul 7 No Meeting**

**Jul 21 Ice Cream Social and Circuit Books**

**Aug 4 No Meeting**

**Aug 8 STAMP FUN FEST III**

**Aug 18 "What I did for the Stamp Collecting Hobby" By all members**

*The Oklahoma City Stamp Club meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the Asbury United Methodist Church, 1320 SW 38th St., Oklahoma City.*