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How about a Stamp Show This Weekend?

The Crescent City Stamp Club
presents



**WINTER
STAMPFEST
2018**

January 19 & 20

DoubleTree
New Orleans
Airport

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15 STAMP &
POSTCARD
DEALERS

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Appraisals

A new show within short drive will premier in Kenner, Louisiana this coming weekend. It's called Winter StampFest. More details are included inside in the **Upcoming Philatelic Shows & Bourses** column.

2018 New Year's Resolution: Pay Your 2018 HPS Dues Now

Your 2018 Houston Philatelic Society Dues are due now, so take a few minutes now to send them in to our treasurer Larry Ballantyne. The annual dues remain the same as in past years. \$7 for an individual and \$10 for a family.

You can pay your dues at an upcoming meeting by giving them directly to Larry or you can drop a check in the mail to him at his post office box: Larry Ballantyne, P.O. Box 6634, Katy, TX 77491-6634.

**Houston Philatelic Web Site:
<http://www.houstonstampclub.org/>**

Upcoming Philatelic Shows & Bourses

January 19-20, 2018

Winter StampFest 2018. A brand new stamp show will make it's debut in the Double Tree, New Orleans Airport, 2150 Veterans Memorial Blvd, Kenner, LA 70062. The show is sponsored by the Crescent City Stamp Club. The show will host 15 stamp and post card dealers and has advertised that the USPS will be present. The show will celebrate the tercentennial of New Orleans. Admission is free. Hours are 10-6 on Friday and 10-7 on Saturday. For info, check www.cscno.org. The web site reports that a U.S. stamp, the 2¢ Meyer Lemon, will be issued at the show.

February 23-25, 2018

APS AmeriStamp Expo - The APS' winter show, this year to be held in Birmingham, Alabama, just a one day drive from greater Houston. The show typically hosts 50-75 dealers, 300 frames of exhibits, meetings and seminars, society booths, and more.

April 13-14, 2018

Houston TSDA Bourse. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 7611 Katy Freeway (I-10 West, south side feeder road.) Bourse hours are 10-5 on Friday and 9-4 on Saturday. Web site: www.tsdastamps.com.

June 1-2, 2018

Houston TSDA Bourse. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 7611 Katy Freeway (I-10 West, south side feeder road.) Bourse hours are 10-5 on Friday and 9-4 on Saturday. Web site: www.tsdastamps.com.

June 29-30, 2018

OKPEX 2018. OKPEX is an APS World Series of Philately show with the winning exhibit qualifying for the Champion-of-Champions at Stampshow in August. Reed Conference Center, I-40 at Sooner Road, Oklahoma City. Hours are Friday, 10-6 and Saturday, Saturday, 10-4.

September 21-23, 2018

Greater Houston Stamp Show. Plans are already underway for our annual extravaganza. Flyers have been printed and dealers contacted.

Upcoming Meetings

January 1 ...

NO MEETING !!!!

This meeting is cancelled due to News Year's Day.

January 15 ...

Fun with Philatelic Publishing

Rick Barrett will tell about his experiences in the field of philatelic publishing.

February 5 ...

Winter Quarterly Called Auction

Bring up to two lots for sale at the auction. All members are eligible to bid on the lots, so bring plenty of cash and bid often.

February 19 ...

Having Fun Collecting a Modern U.S.

Commemorative and Not Spending a Lot of Money

Larry Ballantyne will bring us this look at a common U.S. commemorative issue.

March 5 ...

Annual Most Difficult Stamp Quiz Ever

We're sorry to report that not even the annual flu shot can protect you against this winter mayhem..

March 19 ...

The APS Stamp Dealer Survey

Jonathan Topper will offer some insight into the current stamp dealer community.

April 2 ...

Special Auction for GHSS Foundation, Inc.

A special donation has been received.

April 16 ...

Open Date

May 7 ...

The Methodist Movement Through Covers and Stamps

Greg Cain will present this program.

May 21 ...

Holidays and Stamps

Beverly Batho is scheduled to talk on this limitless topic.

Closed Album Brad Horton

Long Time HPS member Bradley (Brad) Horton, 80, passed away on Sunday, October 1, 2017. Brad had a lifelong passion for philately and collected government-issued postal cards from all over the world.

He served on the Board of Directors of the United Postal Stationery Society for many years and supported several editions of their *United States Postal Card Catalog* with significant discoveries and contributions.

He was an active exhibitor of postal card material and won several major awards in national stamp shows.

Brad participated in the HPS' Single Frame color competition when we featured the color Black in 2005. He swept the competition away with his exhibit Rejected McKinley Memorial Postal Cards which featured in excess of 30 copies of the U.S. full faced McKinley postal card, Scott UX-17. Brad won the competition and was honored with signing *The Scroll of Many Colors* for 2005.

After receiving his Mechanical Engineering degree from the University of Illinois, he worked many years for M.W. Kellogg, building oil refineries and chemical plants in countries around the world, including China, Indonesia, Venezuela, and Mexico.

Brad's wife Keiko supported his love of philately and also supported our annual stamp shows, Houplex and the Greater Houston Stamp Show as our cachet and Sales Chairperson for many years.

We were excited that Brad and Keiko could attend GHSS 2017 and stay for the annual Awards Dinner Saturday night during the show. During that dinner, Brad was recognized for his 2005 McKinley exhibit winning the Single Frame Black competition. We are blessed that Brad was able to attend the 2017 show just two weeks before his passing.



Brad and Keiko Horton at Houplex 1996 standing in front of Brad's award winning exhibit, *The First U.S. Postal Cards*.

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Brad's U.S. postal card holdings will be sold at Westpex.

Jay Stotts' Kosciuszko Exhibit Featured in Chicago

October 15, 2017 marked the 200th anniversary of the death of Polish General Thadeusz Kosciuszko (1746-1817), a hero of the American Revolutionary War.

To mark the significance of this anniversary, the Polish Museum of America in Chicago is hosting a special exhibit honoring Kosciuszko from October 15 through March 11, 2018.

The museum archives holds an extensive collection of more than 90 original, handwritten and signed letters by Kosciuszko, President Thomas Jefferson, American Revolution generals and other notables of the time, as well as broadsides, periodicals, and a wide assortment of lithograph portraits of the American and Polish hero.

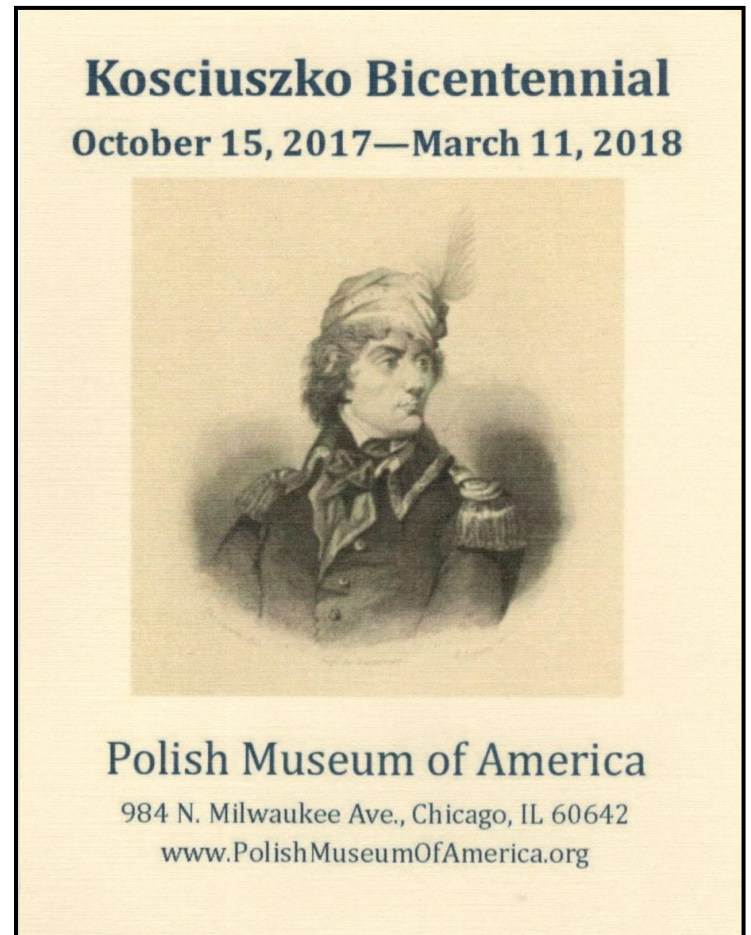
As part of this five month exhibit, the Polonus Polish Philatelic Society solicited HPS member Jay Stotts to participate in the exhibit by providing a color copy of his ten frame exhibit, *The 5 Cent Kosciuszko Stamp of 1933*.

The Polish Museum of America web site describes the inclusion of the exhibit as follows:

Additionally, the Polonus Polish Philatelic Society, the oldest and largest philatelic organization dedicated to Polish philately in the English language, will present a Grand Award winning philatelic exhibit of the United States 1933 issue 5-cent Kosciuszko stamp. An exact replica of the exhibit was provided by Jay Stotts of Houston, TX. Mr. Stotts is a well-known philatelic exhibitor and is an APS Accredited Chief Judge. Kosciuszko stamps issued by Poland and other countries will also be displayed together with related philatelic material.

Unfortunately, the site exaggerated the “Grand Award” description, but the exhibit has won a national Large Gold award.

It is always a special opportunity when a non-philatelic exposition opens its doors to include our favorite hobby, philately, so thank you to the Polish Museum of America and Polonus for their efforts.



Special souvenir card for the Kosciuszko Anniversary.



Polish Museum of America.

Air Mail Rates from Australia to the United States

by Jay Stotts

One of the challenges of collecting a new area, when you include postal history along with the stamps and their production related material, is to learn the proper postal rates.

Since the HPS now has a subset collecting Australia and related areas, collecting the postal history that reflects the proper usages of the stamps is a great opportunity to enhance and expand these new collections.

To date, probably the biggest challenge to this end is to quantify the international air mail rates, especially the early period and the World War II time frame.

The chart at the right is an attempt to simplify this group of rates and present them in a useful format for the club members to use as a resource.

The information comes from three primary sources as listed below. All three turned out to be a bit confusing and incomplete as they existed alone:

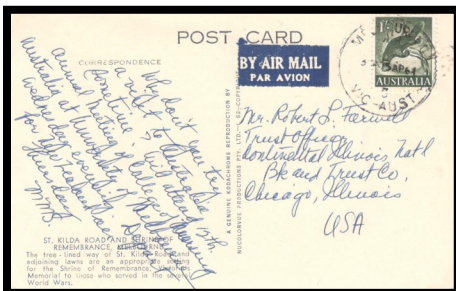
- Richard Breckon's five parts series, *Australian Commonwealth Postal Rates, 1901-1966* as serialized in *The Australian Philatelist* journals of November 1987 to Winter, 1989.
- Martin Walker's *Air Mail Postage Rates*, a two volume work published in 1988.
- *Airmail Operations During World War II* by Thomas H. Boyle, Jr., published in 1998.

A survey of all the air mail covers from Australia to the U.S. that are in my collection to date proved 100% correlation with the chart when it was completed, so if you have a nonconforming cover, please let me know.



**1952
4/6
franking
at three
times the
1/6 rate.**

Note	From	Weight	Fee	Add'l Wt.	Fee	Postcards	Air Route
1. Four options	Dec. 1934	1/2 oz.	1/7	1/2 oz.	1/6	10d	via QUANTAS from Brisbane to Singapore, on to London on Imperial Airlines, by surface from London to U.S., surface within U.S.
		1/2 oz.	2/2	1/2 oz.	2/1	1/1	same as above but with air within U.S.
		1 oz.	10d	1 oz.	2d	6d	surface all the way to U.S., air within U.S.
		1 oz.	1/1	1 oz.	2d	9d	air within Australia and the U.S., surface between the two
2. As an alternative to 1.	19 Apr. 1937	1/2 oz.	4/8	1/2 oz.	4/7	2/4	QUANTAS to Singapore, Pan American from Hong Kong to U.S.
3. Rate increase to 1.	3 Sep. 1939	1/2 oz.	3/2	1/2 oz.	3/2	1/7	via QUANTAS from Brisbane to Singapore, on to London on Imperial Airlines, by surface from London to U.S., surface within U.S.
Pan-Am service to Hong Kong suspended	17 July 1940	1/2 oz.	4/0	1/2 oz.	4/0	2/0	via Tasmanian Empire Airlines to Auckland, NZ, Pan-Am from Auckland to San Francisco, the California Clipper
	8 Dec. 1941						Pacific route suspended
	May 1942	1/2 oz.	9d	1/2 oz.	8d	5d	Air in U.S. only
	March 1945	1/2 oz.	6d	1/2 oz.	6d	5d	Air in U.S. only
		1/2 oz.	2/6	1/2 oz.	2/6	?	Air to U.S., then surface
	1 June 1947	1/2 oz.	4/0	1/2 oz.	4/0	?	Air to U.S. and within
		1/2 oz.	1/6	1/2 oz.	1/6	9d	
	1 Aug. 1952	1/2 oz.	2/0	1/2 oz.	2/0	1/0	
Decimal currency	14 Feb. 1966	1/2 oz.	20¢	1/2 oz.	20¢	10¢	Air to U.S. and within
	1 Oct. 1968	1/2 oz.	25¢	1/2 oz.	25¢	13¢	
	1 Oct. 1971	1/2 oz.	30¢	1/2 oz.	30¢	15¢	
	1 Oct. 1973	10 grams	25¢	10 grams	25¢	?	
	1 Oct. 1974	10 grams	30¢	20 grams	30¢	?	10 gram rate applies through 50 grams then the 20 gram rate
	1 Sep. 1975	10 grams	40¢	20 grams	40¢	?	Rate returns to a per 10 grams rate structure
	1 July 1978	10 grams	50¢	10 grams	30¢	?	
	31 Mar. 1980	10 grams	55¢	10 grams	30¢	?	



1964 air mail postcard, 1/0 platypus.

Plate No. 6620 Reported on Scott 413

By David Willig

One of our club members, Angela Mahmarian, who is now also a member of the APS, has taken on the responsibilities of her father's collection.

She noticed an unusual item in the collection, brought it to the club for discussion, and was advised to obtain an APS certificate. The certificate described the item as "United States, Scott #413, end strip of 3 with plate #6620 (unlisted in *Durland* as of certificate date), unused, no gum, as "Genuine".

This would then be the first reported copy of plate #6620 on a Scott #413 perforated 8 ½ coil. Kim Johnson, editor of the *Durland Standard Plate Number Catalog* has been notified. *Durland* is published by the United States Stamp Society (USSS).

This item is a "first reported copy" rather than a "discovery" copy because the USSS already knew of the number's existence due to the plate proofs at the Smithsonian archives and an original survey conducted in the 1980s. At that time, Bureau Issues Association (BIA) members reported 13 copies of the number, but on Scott numbers 406 (perf 12 sheet stamp) and 409 (imperforate sheet and coil stamps).



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freefoodwater@yahoo.com

Wanted: U.S. unusual postal history material; 1887 large banknote issue, 10¢ through 15¢ Washington/Franklin issues. Also, U.S. 19th century green cancels. David Willig, Houston, TX. 713-201-2042. cbhz3@hotmail.com

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jghist@comcast.net

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A Word About The Houston Philatelic Society....

Enjoy the fun of stamp collecting by sharing your interests with fellow collectors at an upcoming HOUSTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY meeting.

When : **First and third Monday of each month at 7:30 PM**

Where : **West University United Methodist Church, 3611 University Blvd., Houston, TX**

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