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Perforations



Last month, Tom Willer gave a presentation on the “Ten Greatest American Stamps” which led to a discussion on what each attendee’s thought was the greatest stamp. Some of the results are illustrated below:



This month, “The Squirrel” has hinted at coming up with some a mysterious presentation — given this is October, who knows what will pop up.



The Ron Bruner Memorial Dinner was held at Olivia's Italian Restaurant on 15 September. Thirteen members and guest attended.

The atmosphere was open/reflective and with the many menu options, very enjoyable. It was interesting that there were few mentions of stamps/collecting.

Note: there were many boxes that went home – good serving sizes.



Next Show							Next Meeting						
November 25							October 25						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30	27	28	29	30	31		
November 21-23 CHICAGOPEX Westin Chicago Northwest 400 Park Blvd Itasca IL							A Mystery Talk						
							By Bill Schultz						



Next Meeting:

2:00-PM on Tuesday, 28 October 2025

Grayslake Historical Society — Any Changes will be posted on: lcpshome.org



Tom Willer - Presidents
Bill Schultz – Vice President
Dave Sadler – Secretary
Gary Olson – Treasurer

After last year's problems issuing the printed version of the Scott Catalog, two collectors **Jay Bigalke** and **David Fritz** have:

- 1) **Acquired** the three-cornerstone publication of the American stamp hobby — the **Scott catalogs**, **Linn's Stamp News** and **Scott Stamp Monthly**. — This was made possible with the support of Don Sundman and Jim Feinson of the Mystic Stamp Co. team, along with additional investors who are passionate stamp collectors themselves. Their belief in the importance of keeping these publications in collector hands — and their willingness to invest in the future of the hobby — made this new beginning possible. This partnership represents the best of what the philatelic community can do when it comes together for a shared purpose.
- 2) **Begun the transition** by moving the enterprise to Troy Ohio, where they will they upgrade the current digital foundation of the publications and will allow them to develop entirely new set of digital tools for collectors, dealers, and developers. Imagine being able to search, filter and cross-reference stamps from around the world with greater precision than ever before or having the ability to better manage your collection digitally. Included in this process will be restoring items that have been out-of-print, restoring the images in the catalogs to their pervious original sizes — *resulting in a price increase*.
- 3) **Reimage how we tell the story of Philately** by embracing a **digital-first strategy** while not forgetting those that want a print edition. In the coming months, **Linns.com** will be provide daily updates the centerpiece of our coverage, while still maintaining the depth and authority collectors expect. Each Friday, we'll release a PDF reader edition — a curated weekly recap that pulls the week's top stories together in a traditional, magazine-style format. That end-of-week issue will feature exclusive content not available online, giving subscribers the best of both worlds: timely digital news and a thoughtful, collectible weekly edition. And for those who prefer a weekend read, the Friday digital posting will provide a consistent end-of-week edition that's easy to access and enjoy anytime.
- 4) The **Scott Stamp Monthly** is also being revitalized. It will continue to showcase in-depth research and catalog up- dates, but with greater variety than before — more worldwide coverage, thematic collecting features, interviews, and creative hobby stories that celebrate the many ways people enjoy stamps today.
- 5) **Broadening the hobby's reach** by into expanding the social media aspects by meeting/talking to the collectors that are already contributing by sing platforms like You-Tube, podcasts, and other social media means not just to talk about stamps, but to show how collecting connects with art, history, travel, and pop culture".



Jay Bigalke (left) and David Fritz (right), partners in Scott Stamp LLC, which now oversees the Scott catalog, Linn's Stamp News, and Scott Stamp Monthly.



For more info, watch:

<https://www.philatelypodcast.com/episodes/ep-88-jay-bigalke>

David Fritz is a New York entertainment and media lawyer who will be spearheading the video, podcasts and collaborations with hobby influencers, and even a few recognizable names who share a love for history or design.

Jay Bigalke has many years as an editor of the Scott Catalog (note: he hails from Wisconsin)

October New Issue:

