



The Westfield Philatelist

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Calendar of Events

March 25 - Westfield Stamp Club Meeting

“Show, Tell & Ask”

This is the night to share one of your interesting philatelic items with the club members or perhaps you have something that you need help in identifying.



April 22 - Westfield Stamp Club Meeting

“Polar Aerophilately” By Hal Vogel

Dr. Vogel, Past President and a current Director of the American Society of Polar Philatelists, specializes in polar philately related to exploration, aviation and military activities. One of the judges at our show this year was Alan Warren, Secretary and current editor of *Ice Cap News*, the newsletter of that society.



Polar flight of Graf Zeppelin. Germany 1931 (Scott C40)



Note: Gary Lowe’s talk “An Introduction to the Postal History of The Gambia” has been rescheduled to May 27.

A Philatelic Quiz

1. What United States airmail stamp shows the North Star?
2. What United States postage stamp shows John Washington?
3. If you have a stamp with only the words ‘OFF.SAK. What country would it be from?
4. Sherman Hill is depicted on a United States postage stamp. Do you know which one?
5. In May 2009, the USPS issued a 44¢ commemorative stamp showing wedding rings. But there was an earlier stamp that was commonly referred to as the “Wedding Ring” stamp. What stamp was that?
6. Which of the following countries has fought the most wars with the United States (including the colonies): Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia?

[Answers will be available at the March meeting.]

Upcoming USPS Stamp Issues

March 11 - Abstract Expressionists. Ten 44¢ commemoratives in a Pane of 10.

March 31 - Bill Mauldin (1921–2003). 44¢ commemorative for the World War II cartoonist and two-time Pulitzer Prize winner whose characters Willie and Joe showed readers what life was like for our soldiers. Pane of 20.

April 16 - Flags of Our Nation IV. Ten 44¢ commemoratives for U.S. flag, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina and North Dakota. Roll of 50.

Our state flag was previously commemorated in 1976 (Scott 1635) as part of the American Bicentennial issues along with the other state flags in a pane of fifty.



The New Jersey state flag contains the official state colors — blue and buff. The colors are the same as those of the Netherlands and were given by General George Washington to the New Jersey regiments during the Revolutionary War in honor of the original Dutch settlers. The blue state seal contains a horse’s head, a helmet and three plows. On the left is the goddess of Liberty holding a staff with a liberty cap and on the right is the goddess of agriculture, Ceres, holding a cornucopia. Below is a ribbon on which is written the words Liberty and Prosperity separated by 1776.

April 17 - Cowboys of the Silver Screen. Four 44¢ commemoratives for William S. Hart (1864–1946), Tom Mix (1880–1940), Gene Autrey (1907–1998) and Roy Rogers (1911–1998). Pane of 20 & booklet of 20.

April 22 - Love: Pansies in a Basket. 44¢ commemorative. Pane of 20 in convertible booklet format.

April 30 - Adopt a Shelter Pet. Ten 44¢ commemoratives - five dogs and five cats. Pane of 20 in booklet format. Two different booklet covers – one with a dog and one with a cat.

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Meetings are held at 8:00PM on the fourth Thursday of the month except for November (third Thursday) and July and August (summer recess). The club meets in the Community Room of the Westfield Town Hall located in the center of Westfield at 425 East Broad Street.

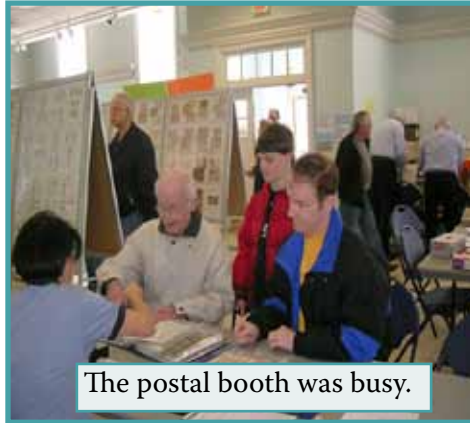
Dues are \$8.00 per membership year which runs from September 1 to August 31.

The club newsletter will be published every two months from September to June.

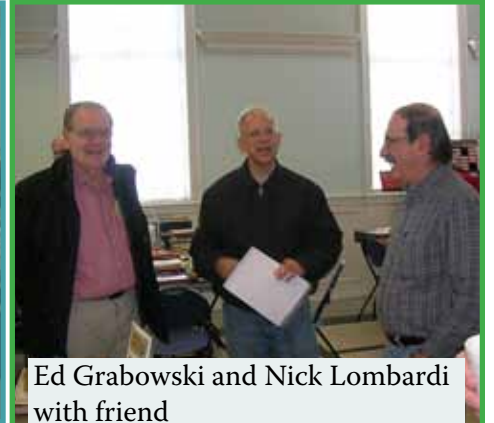
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The 2010 Westfield Stamp Show



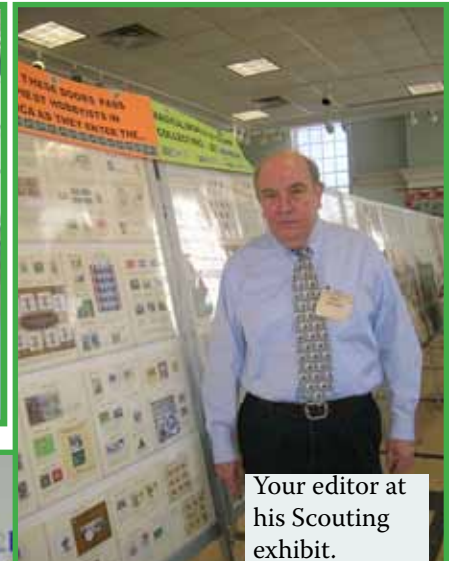
The postal booth was busy.



Ed Grabowski and Nick Lombardi with friend



Dave Steidley & Steve Rod hard at work helping the Scouts on their stamp collecting merit badge.



Your editor at his Scouting exhibit.



Tom Jacks at his booth, Mountainside Stamps



Prospective member studying Ed Grabowski's exhibit



Warren Scheller and Joe Chervenyak at the welcoming table



All photos courtesy of Nicholas Lombardi and Alan Grossman