



DAYTON
STAMP CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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Dayton Stamp Club Stamp Show

AIRPEX 2026

Friday, August 21

Saturday, August 22

Stamps & Collections—Singles & Sets
United States and Worldwide Dealers
U.S. Possessions & Territories
Canada & Mexico
World Collections
United Nations
Cinderella & Ephemera
Youth Area
Appraisal & Information
Free Parking
Free Admission

AIRPEX 2026
Stamp Show
Emerge Center
2960 West Enon Road
Xenia, OH 45385

Monthly Club Meetings: Christ United Methodist Church,
3440 Shroyer Rd, Kettering OH

Meetings / Activities

Meetings are held on 1st and 3rd Mondays (adjusted for holidays) at Christ Church 3440 Shroyer Rd Kettering OH 45429

For the Zoom invitation and link, please email daytonstampclub@gmail.com

Member's Socializing and Silent Auctions begin at 7:00 PM - Club Meeting & Programs begin at 7:30 PM Board Meetings begin at 7:00 PM.

2026

AUGUST

Aug 3, Club Meeting & Program—In Person & Zoom, [AUCTION #5—Regular Member Auction](#)

Aug 3-8; PSS 105th Convention; Madison Marriott West, 1313 John Q Hammons Dr., Middleton, WI, info: 888-745-2032.

Aug 7 & 8, CINPEX 2026 hosted by the Greater Cincinnati Philatelic Society will be held on Fri: August 7; noon - 4 PM and on Sat: August 8 from 10 AM -4 PM. Stamp Show is on the ground level of the Monfort Heights Methodist Church, 3682 West Fork Road, Cincinnati, OH 45247. Free admission and parking. Easy access. Good mix of stamp, cover, and postcard dealers.

Aug 10, Board meeting, AIRPEX Review

Aug 17, Club Meeting & Program—In Person & Zoom—Panel Discussion: 19th Century Great Britain DSC Members—Jim Guthrie, Tony Kosarew, Jim Schwerdtfeger

Aug 21-22, Dayton Stamp Club — AIRPEX 2026 @ Emerge Center (F:12-6pm; Sa:10am-4pm), 2960 W.Enon Rd., Xenia OH 45385

SEPTEMBER

Sep 7, NO MEETING, LABOR DAY HOLIDAY—CHURCH CLOSED

Sept 12, TUSCOPEX 2026, Tuscora Stamp Club, Tuscora Park Pavilion, q61 Tuscora Ave, NW, New Philadelphia email: slwors-ham@frontier.com.

Sep 18-20, INDYPEX 2026. Indiana Stamp Club, Hendricks County Fairgrounds & Exhibition Center, 1900 E. Main St., Danville IN, website: indianastampclu.org.

Sep 21, ****SILENT AUCTION 7:00-7:20PM****

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Four stamps will be issued from Rattlesnake Island Local Post mark the private mail service's 60th anniversary as well as the centennial of the production of the first Ford Tri-Motor airplane.

Ohio's Rattlesnake Island Local Post to Issue Four Stamps August 27

Four stamps will be released by Ohio's Rattlesnake Island (RILP) on August 27 to mark the private mail service's 60th anniversary as well as the centennial of the production of the first Ford Tri-Motor airplane.

Dave Gill, RILP postmaster general, revealed the stamp designs. "It is kind of awesome to be continuing the history of Rattlesnake Island Local mPost." Gill said.

The triangular stamps will be issued in denominations of 50c, 75c, \$1. and \$2. Traditionally, three stamps have been issued. Every 20 years a fourth stamp valued at \$2. has been issued to mark milestone anniversaries of the mail service, Gill said.

The \$2. denomination will mark the 100th anniversary of the Ford Tri-Motor plane, known as the "Tin Goose," which served the islands in the western basin of Lake Erie.

All mail from the island must be franked with first-class postage, per United States Postal Service regulations. The local stamps pay for the delivery service to the island provided by Griffing Flying Service.

Artist Beth Lynn Gregerson designed this year's stamps. It is her eighth set of designs. This year's designs are inspired by the first RILP stamps in 1968. Gregerson updated the images so that they appear in a more traditional engraved style, although they were printed by offset.

More information on Rattlesnake Island Local Post is at www.rilp.org.

How a Local Stamp Club Keeps an Increasingly Obsolete Interest Afloat

The Dayton Stamp Club brings together philatelists of all experience levels for twice-monthly meetings that feature silent auctions, discussions on collecting trends and member-led educational presentations. Attendance typically ranges from 30 to 40 people, with overall membership at about 100.

Members say the club's sense of community is a key reason for its staying power. "It's the camaraderie that keeps me coming back here," said Doug Files, the club's secretary. Files noted that unlike some organizations where a small number of members carry most responsibilities, the Dayton Stamp Club has about 15 members who consistently take on defined roles.

The club also serves as a valuable resource for collectors, offering access to a broad base of expertise. "It's a network. There's so much knowledge in this group," said Joe Shearer, one of the club's two vice presidents.

Pat Westby, a collector specializing in Federal Duck Stamps, explained how access to the club has caused her to appreciate stamps themselves in a unique way. "I learned that not only do you just collect a stamp, but each stamp was issued because it has a story behind it," Westby said.

Stamp collecting is a celebration of history as much as rarity and value. "Knowledge and research" is the most heavily weighted judging category when evaluating stamp exhibitions, events where collectors present formal displays to their fellow collectors and a group of judges, according to the American Philatelic Society.

"Every day when I wake up, I think about something that stamp collecting has taught me, and I'm grateful for that," said Jim Guthrie, a member of the club. He explained that stamps sit at the intersection of art, geography, and history. Finding stamps from different historical periods, "takes you to those places," Guthrie said.

At large, organized stamp collecting has dipped in popularity. At the end of 2025, the American Philatelic Society saw a 27% membership de-



cline over the past decade. As a result, their operational revenue also decreased by 19%.

The Dayton Stamp Club uses a variety of methods to work against this national trend and incentivize continued participation.

The club issues the currency of "stamp bucks," as a reward for attending meetings or taking on additional responsibilities for the club such as becoming an officer, writing an article for the newsletter and more. These stamp bucks can be used to bid in club organized silent auctions.

The club also works to be accessible to novice collectors and new members, offering informational presentations during meetings. At the June 15 meeting, Shearer delivered a presentation that included a segment on exhibiting.

"When I first came here and joined the club, exhibiting was something that I became interested in. But I didn't know anything about it, and there were only a couple members that had exhibited before and could tell me what it was all about," said Shearer. His goal was to eliminate that barrier for incoming exhibitors.



Within the club, members are able to develop more than just knowledge; they help each other craft their collections. "There's a couple people, they'll find a duck stamp in some collection they bought, and they'll just give it to me," said Westby.

Members of the Dayton Stamp Club continually advocate for newcomers to take up the hobby.



"We get a lot of folks that come in saying, this is my grandfather's collection.

Well, it doesn't have to be your grandfather's collection," Shearer said.

The Dayton Stamp Club hosts its annual exhibition, AIRPEX, on Friday, Aug. 21, and Saturday, Aug. 22, at the Emerge Center.

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August Dayton Stamp Club Meeting

August 3 — **Auction #5 — Regular Member Auction**

August 10 — 7:00 pm — Board Meeting — AIRPEX 2026 Preiew

August 17— Club Meeting & Program — In Person & Zoom

Panel Discussion: 19th Century Great Britian

DSC Members—Jim Guthrie, Tony Kosarew; Jim Schwerdtfeger

****August 21 & 22 — AIRPEX 2026 Stamp Show (Fri: 12-6pm; 10am-4pm)****

Emerge Center 2960 W. Enon Rd., Xenia, OH 45385

August and July USPS 2026 New Issues



Aug. 21, **Sara Orne Jewett**, single (\$1.40) 3-oz rate stamp, pane of 20, Literary Arts series.



Aug 7, Water-activated self-adhesive envelope pack of 5. One (82c) definitive forever stamped envelope in 10 fomats.



July 4 — **Declaration of Independence**, Single (78c) forever commemorative stamp pane of 20.



The USPS will issue the *Barbie* stamps (Forever) priced at the First-Class Mail rate), in 10 designs, in a pressure-sensitive adhesive pane stamps.



These stamps went on sale nationwide July 11, 2026, and must not be sold or canceled before the first-day-of-issue.

The Barbie commemorative pane of 10 stamps must not

be split and the stamps must not be sold individually.

This pane of 10 Forever stamps features Barbie, the best-selling doll of all time,



Collection!

1,000's of stamps mint and used in 12 red boxes

Countries A – Z

Many better throughout!

\$300

Get in touch with Jim Guthrie



Stamp Tongs

By Doug Files

Our skin emits oils to keep it healthy, but these oils can damage paper, including postage stamps. For example, oils can cause brown spots to appear on stamps and oils can also discolor inks on the stamps. In addition, using fingers to handle stamps can lead to creases in the paper of stamps. One common answer to these problems is to use stamp tongs.

Stamp tongs are a type of tweezers that are specially made with rounded edges to grasp stamps safely. Sharp edges could cut through stamps or poke holes in them so stamp tongs have no sharp edges. In many circumstances collectors use tongs to pick up stamps and mount them in albums and stockbooks.

The tip of the tongs is thin so that one end can slide under the stamp. But the end is rounded into a spatula shape. Some collectors prefer 4-inch tongs and others like a longer set measuring up to 8 inches long. Most tongs are metal and resist rusting.

If you are not accustomed to stamp tongs their use may seem awkward at first. But with

practice you will probably find it easier to manipulate stamps with tongs than with fingers. For instance it is often easier to pick up a stamp off a flat table surface with tongs than it is to use your fingers. The author also uses tongs to handle covers (envelopes) and postal stationery because it is easier to pick up the item off a flat surface and it avoids damage from skin oils.

The use of stamp tongs is not mandatory for collectors. After all, they are your stamps. But if you have mint copies of your stamps that you plan to keep for a long time, you may want to use stamp tongs. Different individuals prioritize different features in their tongs so you may



Stamp Tongs

Image from the National Postal Museum website. Smithsonian Institution, <https://postalmuseum.si.edu/introduction-to-stamp-collecting>

wish to try out a few different types before you buy a set. Especially check the length, the shape of the tip and how springy they are. Good hunting.



Stamp Tongs

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Ohio Precancel Club Fall Gathering
McKinley FOE, 5024 Monticello NW Ave, Canton, OH
HRS: Fri 9-9, Sat 9-3pm

2026 PSS ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Jim Hirstein, PSS 200-4662



August 3 – 8, 2026
Madison Marriott West



PRECANCEL STAMP SOCIETY
105th Annual Convention

THE PERFIN'S CLUB
83rd Annual Convention

August 3-8, 2026: PSS 105th Convention Madison Wisconsin

1313 John Q Hammons Drive
Middleton, Wisconsin 53562

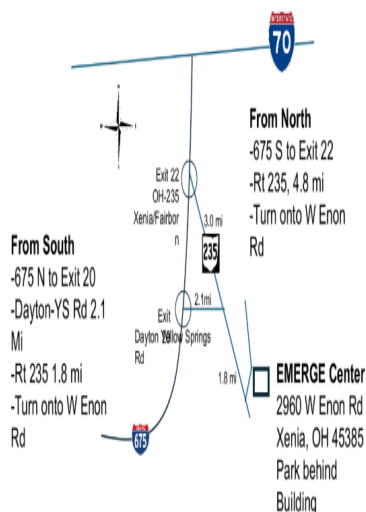
Reservation Information: 888-745-2032

AIRPEX 2026

FRIDAY AUG 21 & SATURDAY AUG 22 DAYTON STAMP SHOW

Map to

EMERGE Center
2960 W Enon Rd
Xenia, OH 45385



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and Club Meeting & Program—In Person & Zoom — TBD

Sep 25-26, - Ohio Precancel Club Gathering, McKinley FOE, HRS: Fri 9-9, Sat 9-3pm, 5024 Monticello NW Ave., Canton, OH

OCTOBER

Oct 5, Club Meeting & Program—In Person & Zoom [AUCTION #6—Regular Member Auction](#)

Oct 12, 7:00 pm Board Meeting

Oct 19, Club Meeting & Program— In Person & Zoom — Member Bourse & Club Open House—[Buy. Sell. Trade](#)

NOVEMBER

Nov 2, >>Club CASH Auction Preview 7:00-7:25 pm<< Club Meeting & Program— In Person & Zoom — Santa Claus on Stamps and Seals, DSC Member—Susan Kolze

Nov 7, Dutch Study Group in The Netherlands, for more info contact Mike Molle (mickeymolle@hotmail.com)

Nov 6-7, AAPEX 2026 Stamp Show, Ann Arbor Stamp Club sponsors over 20 dealers from 10 states selling US and Worldwide Stamps, Covers, Postal History and Supplies. Washtenaw Community College, Morris Lawrence Building, 4800 E. Hutton River Dr., Ann Arbor, MI. Hrs: Fri 10-5 and Sat-10-4. Free admission and parking.

Nov 9, 7:00 pm Board Meeting - Set 2026 Calendar & Budget Review

Nov 16, Club Meeting & Program— In Person & Zoom -Club Election for 2026

DECEMBER

Dec 7, HolidayPEX Party Starts at 6:30pm at Church, Dinner Party at Church

Dec 14, Board Meeting

Dec 21, NO MEETING.
ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS

Encourage
members to invite
friends, family and
stamp collectors to
share in Dayton
Stamp Club
meetings.