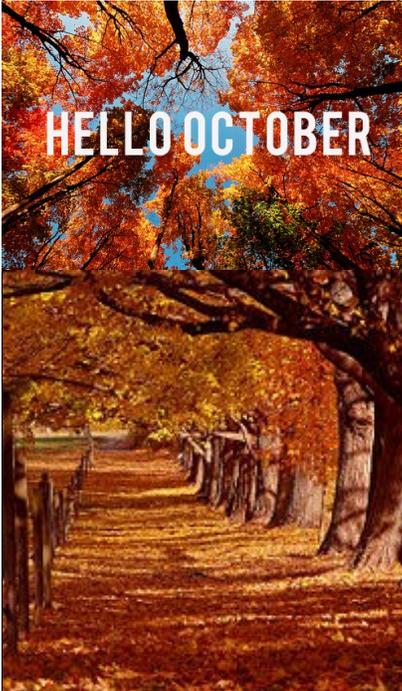


Mayflower Minutes

West Suburban Stamp Club

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- October Meetings Cancelled
- Nov. Meetings—TBD



OCTOBER MEETINGS CANCELLED

MESSAGE FROM WSSC PRESIDENT

The October Meetings are cancelled due to the continuing uncertainty of the Governor’s orders and the reopening of the Plymouth Museum. This may also affect November Meetings.

Tom Schoenfeldt

2020/2021 OFFICERS

The following Club Officers have been elected and will assume their respective positions in October. (24 ballots were submitted, 10 by mail and 14 by e-mail)

President—Thomas Schoenfeldt

Vice President—Jim Napiorkowski

Secretary—Sarah Beckman

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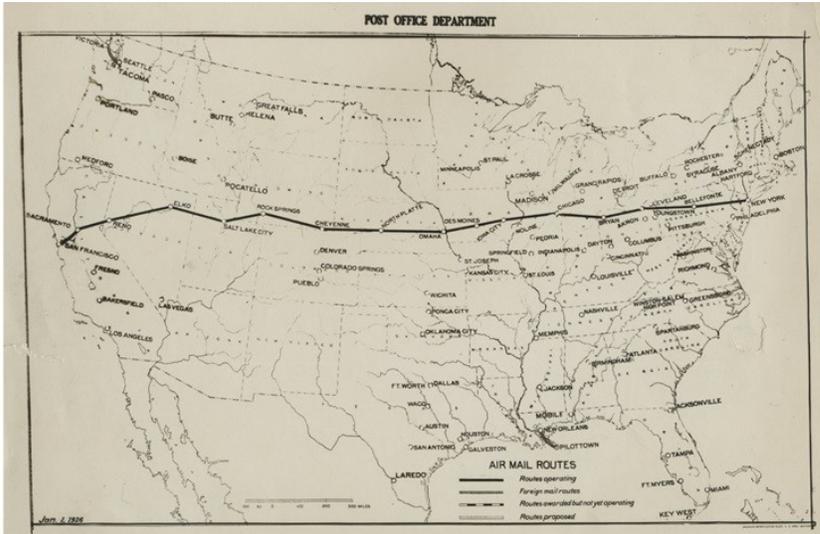
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INFORMATION

Shirley Heinzl, who represented the UNPA at shows in Chicago and elsewhere for many years, passed away on August 27th. She was very active in the Evanston-New Trier Philatelic Society and on the COMPEX Board in times past. She had outstanding exhibits on the Statue of Liberty and the Small Queens issue of Canada. She was a long time Plymouth Show dealer,

FIRST US POST OFFICE TRANSCONTINENTAL AIR MAIL SERVICE SEPT. 11, 1920 CENTENNIAL REINACTMENT FLIGHTS SEPT. 11 2020



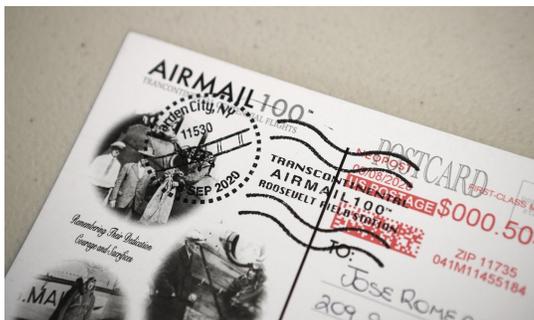
Transcontinental air mail route map



AirMail 100 Centennial Flights Logo

“Air Mail 100 Centennial Flights” project was organized by Bill Moore to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first transcontinental air mail service flight which took place in September 1920. The event took 4 days, starting on September 8th and ending on September 11th, 2020. There were 14 segments flown to complete the trip. Each segment was flown by a volunteer pilot with backups available for each segment. Postcards were available at each landing site to be added to the mailbag and flown onto San Francisco to be postmarked there. Boy Scouts and EAA youth members were given cards to address and add to the bag. I was lucky enough to get one of the last complete sets of 16 postcards, un-postmarked.

I found out about this event through a friend who is a pilot. He saw an article in an aviation magazine and forwarded it to me. It helps to have friends who know what you collect. I had not seen this written up in any stamps news, have you? Looks like a future presentation to me.



Special cancellation



Boy Scouts putting postcards in mail bag

How to Collect Stamps

By Malia Wollan

Sept. 8, 2020, 5:00 a.m. ET

“You need a theme,” says Warachal E. Faison, board president of the Ebony Society of Philatelic Events and Reflections, a group dedicated to the collection of stamps relating to the African diaspora. It’s fine to start acquiring whatever stamps strike your fancy, but to be a serious philatelist requires a more focused approach and the research required to understand stamps in a historical context. Faison’s themes include Black history, women and health care and science (she works as a senior medical director at Pfizer). Among her collection’s highlights: an illustrated Swedish stamp of Toni Morrison, released after her 1993 Nobel Prize in Literature, and a sheet of 10-cent stamps featuring Booker T. Washington, the first African-American person put on a U.S. stamp, in 1940. Faison’s older brother, Walter, who serves on the board with her, collects Martin Luther King Jr. stamps from around the world.

“Find the stamp shows in your area,” Faison says. If you’re looking for something very specific, like, say, a 1936 Susan B. Anthony stamp, contact the show’s exhibitors in advance to see if they have it. Find a mentor, someone who can help you navigate shows and clubs and get basic equipment. “Some people put their stamps in cigar boxes or shoe boxes,” says Faison, who recommends using stamp albums for better preservation. Minimize how much you touch stamps, because the oil in your skin can cause deterioration. Use tweezers or tongs instead. At shows, protect your stamps in a cardboard envelope and stay away from amateurs. “You’ll see people walking around drinking soda,” Faison says. “That’s a quick way of knowing that person is not a philatelist.”

When the Ebony Society of Philatelic Events and Reflections hosts a booth at a show, Faison likes to bring along duplicate stamps from her collection so she can give them away to young people. “When you go to stamp shows, you see a lot of older Caucasian men,” she says. She wants to help inspire a new, more diverse generation of collectors who care deeply about mail, the U.S. Postal Service and the little images on stamps that tell stories about history. “I don’t want philatelists to be a dying breed,” Faison says.

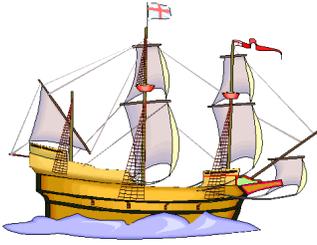
A version of this article appears in print on

Sept. 13, 2020

, Page 21 of the Sunday Magazine with the headline: [How to Collect Stamps](#). [Order Reprints](#) | [Today's Paper](#) | [Subscribe](#)

Article points out a good way to start or perk interest in a new collector. Start simple with a topic that interests them. They will learn about details like watermarks, paper differences, color, perfs, postal history, etc. as they get more involved.





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Help Wanted:

Refreshment Team

Nominating *Committee Members*

Suggestion:

How about submitting a newsletter article

We Need Programs For 2020

If you are interested, please talk to Charlie Wood.

WANTED - White Ace First Day Cover Albums.

(See Picture)

**Carl Muller is in need of White Ace First Day Cover Albums.
Fleetwood Albums would be a second choice. If you have
some or one to sell please contact Carl at 734-273-4032.
He will be happy to pick them up.**

