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A new eagle takes flight to commemorate the milestone



WASHINGTON — The U.S. Postal Service is celebrating 250 years of continuous and reliable delivery to the American people. Before the invention of telegraphs, telephones and televisions, the Postal Service was created and has evolved to serve the nation through decades of technological, cultural and economic changes. As the organization's anniversary approaches, USPS honors its past while focusing on delivering now and into the future.

"The founders of our great nation saw the intrinsic need of postal services as the United States was born — even before the country itself was formed. Since that time, our universal mail system has strengthened the bonds of friendship, family and community," said acting U.S. Postmaster General Doug Tulino. "The Postal Service remains a great organization connecting our nation and helping power our economy. We are proud to help set the stage for the 250th anniversary of the United States next year, and we look forward to continuing to serve the American public for another 250 years."

The bald eagle has been featured on the official USPS seal since 1970, when the Postal Reorganization Act was signed into law. The eagle encompasses everything USPS stands for and embraces the symbol the nation's founders chose to represent America's strength and freedom. That symbolism was carried over into the creation of the current Postal Service "sonic eagle" logo in 1993 and now has been evolved further in honor of the 250th anniversary.

The new Eagle in Flight symbol was created in collaboration with the Turner Duckworth agency to showcase the iconic and unique role of connecting the nation through the past, present and future. The face of the Eagle in Flight honors the Postal Service's roots while amplifying the notion of delivering into the future through the wings. As it takes flight, its wings show confidence and purpose, while the vibrant colors exude a spirit of celebration. The Eagle in Flight does not replace the sonic eagle logo but will be used to help celebrate throughout 2025.

In addition to unveiling the Eagle in Flight symbol, USPS will commemorate this historic milestone with several exciting events and releases throughout the year, including:

- Commemorative stamps;
- A USPS-licensed coffee table book;
- A 250th anniversary edition of "The United States Postal Service: An American History," available online and in print;
- Assorted branded merchandise;
- A special episode of the "Mail with Mr. ZIP" YouTube series that will focus on the 250th anniversary;
- Special advertising campaigns using the "Delivering since 1775" theme;
- Social media, podcasts and blog posts to commemorate the milestone; and
- Other exciting events to be announced as the anniversary approaches.

News and updates of the U.S. Postal Service's 250th anniversary activities can be found at usps.com/news or by using the hashtag **#USPS250** on social media.

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President's Message

Again, I'm sorry about missing writing for a May newsletter. I've been VERY busy with club business. I have an exciting announcement: we have engaged in a new level of commitment with the SJ Library. In addition to continuing to get use of the Community Room for our meetings at no charge, we will be listed in their promotions for events at the library. To do that we have to start our meetings at 6:45pm so that it starts while the library is still open. I expect the time from 6:45 to 7:00pm will be social time. Everyone is welcome to come at this early time and share social time. Consequently, I also expect to start meetings "on time". We also must follow very tight library rules which included to not buy or sell anything on library property. I'm not excited about this, but we have a LOT more to lose than what we gain by not following this rule. The other rule I'm not in agreement with is that we cannot collect due in the library. The club will still collect dues, but we will do this outside of

library meetings. Therefore, we will set-up other means to pay the club anything you might owe.

Ok, now for the really good news – our August meeting topic will be "Stamp Collecting 101". This will be promoted to library visitors and I'm hopeful that we'll get some guests who want to try starting a stamp collecting. I'm asking that EVERYONE make attending the meeting on August 6th a priority. The program I have in mind will use the experience of long-time collectors and our newer collectors to relate to a potential new collector with the questions and issues you felt when you got started. It is my goal to introduce both traditional and creative collecting. Please start thinking about how you're going to contribute to this program. We're ALL in on this program. If this goes well, we can think about repeating at other library branches or venues. It's entirely possible that we could really grow the club.

Reminder: one of the ways the club can be a terrific asset to existing club members is the HUGE assortment of philatelic materials in my living room. While there are some CTO and other junk, there is a LOT of materials that are not junk and easily could have a valued place in someone's collection. Just in the past week, I've seen excellent materials from Canada, UK, UN, France and the USA.

Brian

Philatelic Calander:

June 4: Wed: 6:45 – 8:30pm in the Community Room of the Pearl Ave Library;

Regular club meeting

Special Guest Speaker: **Early MACHINS, Technology Development
by Alan Smith**

July 2: Wed: 6:45 – 8:30pm in the Community Room of the Pearl Ave Library;

Regular club meeting

Special Guest Speaker: YOU! Who's going to offer to host a program?

August 11: Wed: 6:45 – 8:30pm in the Community Room of the Pearl Ave Library;

Regular club meeting

Special Presentation: "Stamp Collecting 101" teach our hobby to guests.

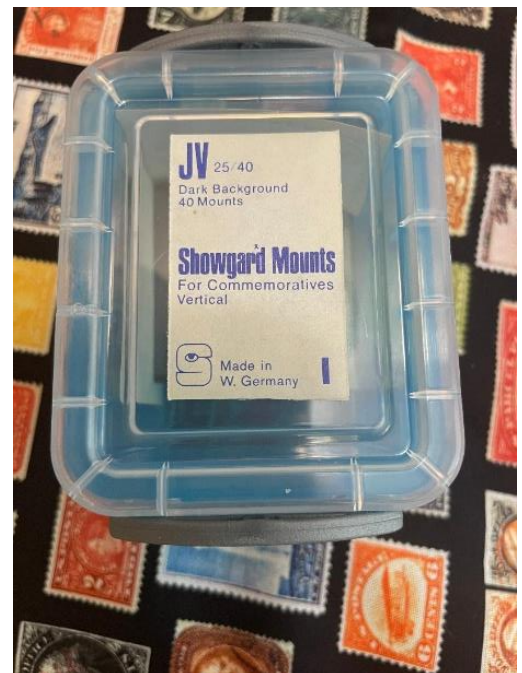
Summer Picnic: Who's going to step up and help plan this?

Road Trip: There are several good options and could be a lot of fun. Who will lead the planning?

Repeated question: who is going to step-up and serve as club Vice President? Seriously, I need some help. Please step-up and serve if you can. HELP!!! Please don't worry about taking on too much as we can manage responsibilities to your time, experience and interests.

Stamp Pre-Cut Mount Sorting Box

Keeping pre-cut mounts handy can be chore. They can look very similar, so many try to keep them in the original package. However, it can then be very time consuming to get them out each time you're mounting a stamp. A bunch of small containers didn't seem like much of an improvement, but this matrix of 16 modest sized snap lid containers is a great way to keep a bunch of small items organized. The first plan was to put the package wrapper on the front of each bin to identify one bin from another. However, the front surface didn't lend itself to that, so a label maker was used to create tags that can be put on the front. This is larger print than on the original labels, so it makes it easier to grab the right one. The original package wrapper was then put inside the lid for extra identification. So, this box makes it easier to keep up to 16 sizes of pre-cut mounts sorted and at the ready. The box can be purchased at Michaels. Also, anybody else notice the fabric in the background? That can also be purchased from Michaels website.



Scout-O-Rama Stamp Table



With a joint effort from this club and Scouting Troop 290, a stamp collecting booth was one of the many activities at this year's "Scout-O-Rama". This event is held each year on the Saturday before Mother's Day in San Jose's History Park. I haven't kept track of how many years we've done this, but it at least a dozen to fifteen. Once again, the participation was very good throughout the day. It is estimated that around 75 young people did a stamp project. Since we grew up with as "Boy Scouts" is now "Scouting USA" and includes many young women. While there were a few short lulls, there were often 6-8 young people working a project at a time. Once again, the 1938 Presidential series, 1940 Famous Americans, and the 1982 State Bird and Flowers are the most popular projects.

A new activity offered this year was intended for the youngest guests, but turned out to be popular with all ages was the Mother's Day card that could be colored (crayons provided) and decorate with LOVE stamps.



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