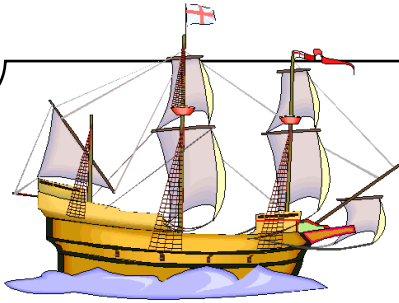


July 2025



West Suburban Stamp Club
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Mayflower Minutes

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E-mail:
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Meetings on the 1st and 3rd
Fridays of each month at 7:30.
(Doors open at 6:30)
Held at:
Plymouth Historical Museum
155 South Main Street
Plymouth, Michigan



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- July 18-David Beech & Alex Haimann Present
- August 15-TBD
- September 19-TBD
- October 3- TBD
- October 17- TBD

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CLUB MEETING INFORMATION

The July 18th Meeting (7:30 PM) will be LIVE at the Plymouth Historical Museum and via ZOOM. Doors open at 6:30.

SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE—ONE CLUB MEETING A MONTH

During the summer months our club will have only one meeting a month. This is due to holidays and museum scheduling issues.

See “upcoming programs” for summer schedule.

Later in the year the club will discuss future meeting scheduling.

July 18th - Adventures in the World of Philately with David Beech & Alex Haimann

Longtime WSSC member, Alex Haimann will be co-presenting with one of the world’s most prominent philatelists, David Beech, MBE. David is an honorary member of the WSSC and presented to the club in 2016. David served as curator of the British Library Philatelic Collections from 1983 to 2013, is a past president and fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society London, and received the Smithsonian Philatelic Achievement Award in 2013. David has handled more of the world’s great rarities than almost anyone alive—his stories and insights are not to be missed. Alex's stamp collecting son, Winston will also be with us and plans to deliver a small part of the presentation. Winston's 7th birthday is the following day, July 19th, but we'll be celebrating at the club meeting.

Don't miss this fun WSSC meeting.

CLUB OFFICERS NEEDED FOR 2026 TERM

A slate of WSSC Club Officers is needed for the 2026 term. Please think about serving as an officer by renewing your current term or starting to become more active in supporting our club.

WSSC Club Officers:

President: Sarah Beckman, Vice President: Ron Beier, Secretary: Nick Fava, Treasurer: Bill Chace.

Trustees through 2025: Rod Watts, Tabitha Herron. Trustees through 2026: John Beeskow, Ray Gunther

Newsletter Editor: Doug Becker, E-mail: newsletter@thewssc.com

WSSC MEMBERSHIP—DUES PAYMENT

As of this month, 28 members have renewed their club membership—thank you for your continued support! At the same time, 53 members still need to submit their dues.

If you haven't renewed yet, please do so soon to avoid any interruption in club communications and activities. Annual dues are \$15.

To check your membership status or ask any questions, feel free to contact Nick Fava at westsuburbanstampclub@gmail.com.

Dues can be paid by check to:

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PROGRAMS NEEDED FOR 2025 MEETINGS

Looking for someone to present a topic for discussion at a 2025 meeting. If you would like to talk about something in your collection, see Charlie Wood. It can be as simple or complex as you want. Do whatever you feel comfortable with.

2026 WSSC PLYMOUTH SHOW LEADERSHIP NEEDED

Sarah is looking for someone to take the lead for next year's show. Think about it and hopefully step up to take on that task. If interested, please talk to Sarah.

AUCTION INPUT REQUESTED

Jim would like feedback from the membership. Are any members collecting USPS Stationary? Jim has a significant amount that was donated to the club a few months ago. It would help to know if members are interested for the Auction. If no interest is shown he will consider offering the lot to members of other clubs. You may contact him by e-mail at jimnap@woodshop.comcastbiz.net. Or in person at the Club meetings.

JULY2025 USPS POSTAGE RATE INCREASES

The following rates go into effect on July 13, 2025.

First Class Letter: \$0.78 (up from \$0.73) Each additional oz. \$0.29

Postcard: \$0.61 (up from \$0.56) Maximum size is 4.25" X 6"

HISTORT OF PARCEL DELIVERY IN AMERICA

Express delivery in the early 19th century was almost all by horse, whether by stagecoach or riders on horseback. The first parcel express agency in the United States is generally considered to have been started by William Frederick Harnden (1812–1845), who in 1839 began regular trips between New York City and Boston, Massachusetts, as a courier transporting small parcels, currency and other valuables. Another, Wells Fargo & Co, was founded in 1853. Other early express companies included Southern Express Company, Adams Express Company; and Butterfield Overland Mail.

As railroads developed and expanded through the United States, linking towns of all sizes, stagecoach and horseback gave way to rail. The express business flourished in the latter half of the 19th century, and by 1900 there were four principal parcel express companies, all of which included the rapidly advancing railways as one of their means of transport: Adams Express Company, Southern Express Company, American Express Company, and Wells Fargo.

The United States Post Office Department introduced parcel post in 1913. This service enabled an individual to mail an item larger than a letter, up to 11 pounds (5.0 kg) in weight. This was on top of laws, Private Express Statutes, that gave the US Post Office the exclusive right to transport letters. Express companies could not transport letters, unless the letter had the correct United States Postage applied, on top of the rates the express company charged. Private railway express business increased steadily through the end of World War I.

AMERICAN RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY

Railway Express Agency (aka REA Express) (REA), founded as the American Railway Express Agency and later renamed the American Railway Express Inc., was a national package delivery service that operated in the United States from 1918 to 1975. REA arranged transport and delivery via existing railroad infrastructure, much as today's UPS or DHL companies use roads and air transport. It was created through the forced consolidation of existing services into a national near-monopoly to ensure the rapid and safe movement of parcels, money, and goods during World War I.

REA ceased operations in 1975, unable to adapt to changes in the rail industry, and increased competition from other modes of package delivery.





Mini Auction July 18, 2025

1. US Mint Hinged Scott #639, 642, 643, 644, 645, 713. Cat. \$12.00
2. US Mint Hinged Scott #279b, #597-602, #604- 606. Cat.\$88.00
3. US Used Expertised Scott #215 original ID was as a print proof no color matched with known list, Expertising states color oxidized original color listed as Carmine, Cat \$27.50
4. US Specialty Albums for FDC quantity 3, #1 Bush – Quayle Inauguration, #2 Quilts in America, #3 Pueblo Art of America, #2 & 3 Include blocks of 4 and singles. Cat. est. \$20.00
5. UN and World wide reference Manual for United Nations and related World Wide stamps
6. US Mint Scott #1498a (10) 1 has glue damage, Scott #4159 (20) Super Heroes fold in Perf Position. Cat. \$20.00
7. US Duck stamp Mint Hinged RW6 of 1939. Cat. \$165.00
8. US Mint Farley Souvenir Sheets (3) Scott #730, 731, 735. Cat. \$103.50
9. US Mint NH 1929 Issue of Kansas overprint, Scott #658, 659, 660. Cat. \$13.00
10. US Mint Full Set Harry Potter, Scott #4828a-#4844a. Cat. \$18.75
11. US Mint Scott #4143 Star Wars (15), Scott #4198 sheet Alpine Tundra (10), Scott #3119 S/S (2) Cycling. Cat. \$24.00
12. US Ducks Used RW9 – RW15 mounted on page. Cat. \$164.25
13. US Confederate Scott #12 has gum may be regummed, Cat. Est \$21.00
14. US Mint Pane of (10) Old Glory, Scott 3780b Cat. \$6.25
15. US Album Specialty Series 3” Empty Rod type used. Cat. New \$35.00
16. Great Britain - #140 used, 5sh carmine rose. Cat. \$225.00
17. San Marino – (243) mostly mint stamps.
18. Sudan – A nice group of mint & used stamps including: #1-2 mint, #159 used, #79-94 mint & used set, #98-114 mint & used set, #O10-O12 & O14 mint, #95 (3) MNH Plate Blocks, and #96-97 MNH Plate Blocks. Total Cat. \$130.40.
19. “P & S” Countries – (305) stamps from South Africa, Salvador, & Pakistan.
20. Great Britain Offices Abroad – Morocco - #48 MH, 25¢ surcharged on 2 1/2p ultra. Cat. \$65.00.
21. “R & S” Countries – (283) stamps from Rwanda & Spain.
22. Jordan – A nice group of mint & used stamps including: #435 MNH Set of 10, MNH Souvenir Sheet noted after #418, #772-780 MNH Set, #N2-N3 used Occupation Stamps, and #NRA1-NRA4 used & mint Occupation Postal Tax Stamps. Total Cat. \$58.65.
23. Botswana - #182-186 MNH Endangered Wildlife Set and #198-214 MNH Bird Set. Total Cat. \$99.80.
24. “S” Countries – (253) stamps from Spanish Guinea, Spanish Sahara, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, St. Kitts-Nevis, Sarawak, St. Pierre & Miquelon, St. Vincent, Senegal, Siam, & Singapore.
25. Great Britain - #139 used, 2sh6p lilac. Cat. \$150.00.
26. Japan – A beautiful group of (28) Revenue Stamps.
27. A 1952 “Modern Postage Stamp Album” with pockets of better stamps.