# August Meeting Reports
# Zoom It Is – For Now



The August 6th meeting featured **[Picture top left]** Newt Kulp with his informative presentation "Scott's Alphabet" that explained all those A through whatever letters for the various categories in the back of the book mean. David Allen won the door prize by naming 55, the exact number. The attendance was 27.

Newt mentioned that Scott has no listings for N and S letters. Josh Furman pointed out that N is for occupation stamps and that Allied Military Government (AMG) stamps used to be listed under the U.S. Now they are in the individual countries like Italy and Germany. He showed his Scott National album pages. Bob Fisher pointed out that S numbers are reserved for Franchise stamps like in Germany. The U.S. has no Franchise stamps but has S listings for Savings stamps.

The August 20th meeting **[Picture top right]** drew 24 participants and Scott Cornwall won the door prize. The member's show and tell was very informative and suggested seeds for future presentations once we start meeting again. Mel Borofsky started by showing a first flight cover from the 1930s with two first flights on the same registered cover. The first was from Macao to Honolulu, and the second was the continuing flight from Honolulu to St. Petersburg, FL.

Josh Furman showed a government issued postal card used in 1944 for a G.I. posted in Papua New Guinea (APO #929) to request a war ballot from his home state in South Dakota. Gary Byrd showed five small town covers from his Tunisian collection of 288 covers. He has 87 different town/city postmarks from the country where he served two and a half years in the Peace Corps.

Bonnie Streeter showed a first day cover from Mauritius, the Indian Ocean island country that she visited in her around-the-world cruise last year. It pictured the first stamps of that country in a stamp-on-stamp format, a nice souvenir. Newt Kulp reported on his quest to obtain examples of computer vended postage from all 39 machines in central Florida. His effort took four days, 1000 miles, and well over $300 to accomplish. His album shows each label and receipt. (Next, we are sending him in search of the Holy Grail.)

Francis Ferguson showed more Prexie items including seldom seen matching plate numbers from booklet panes. He also illustrated "war perfs," not rare with 202 billion copies, but with consistent missing perf holes as pins wore out, and the BEP didn't take the time or resources to replace them. He also showed a sentimental cover from a friend that got him started collecting Machin heads from Britain.
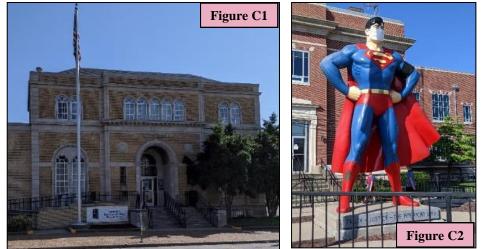
Jim Cooney closed out the presentations with a 1936 cover from the 13th flight of the Hindenburg from North America to Germany. It is unusual in that it had been "officially opened" probably to look for illegal currency exchange. He also showed a cover that his wife obtained from an astrophysicist scientific conference in Montevideo, Uruguay. The country printed specific stamps to honor the conference and every participant received a first day cover.

The breadth of knowledge and the widespread collecting interests of our club continues to amaze. Tune in September 3rd when Steve Patrick will present "Larry Stile's Civil War" collection.

# Superman's Zip Code - 62960

by Mike Schumacher

On a recent road trip to Minnesota, I had the opportunity to visit Metropolis, Illinois, the home of Superman. Like many of us, of that certain age, we grew up enamored with Superman as he pursued "truth, justice and the American way".  The visit was a brief stop which allowed time for a couple of photos – one of course of the superhero himself and another of the Post Office in Metropolis **[Figures C1 & C2]**.  It was reassuring in this time of COVID-19 to see that Superman was still on the job protecting us (wearing his mask) from the evil of this world.



Figure C1



Figure C2

The iconic figure was created by Jerry Siegel and Joe Sluster from Cincinnati, Ohio (two unknown want-to-be comic strip writers in 1933) and first appeared in a DC Comic book in April 1938 (dated June 1938).  Their idea of Superman comics was rejected a number of times based on it not being sensational enough.  Thus, the character became an alien, born on the planet Krypton as Kal-El and sent to earth by his parents Jor-El and Lara just before their planet blew up.  He was raised by Jonathon and Martha Kent from Smallville, Kansas. He later became a reporter for the Daily Planet newspaper in Metropolis, Illinois disguised as the mild-mannered Clark Kent.

Superman comics have sold more comic books than any other American superhero character.  Superman first appeared in newspaper comics in 1939.  The adventures of Superman were adapted for radio broadcast in 1940; the first movie adaptation appeared in 1948 and it first aired on television in 1952.



Figure C3

Superman first appeared on a U.S. stamp in the "Celebrate the Century 1930s" pane on September 10, 1998 (Scott US # 3185f) **[Figure C3]**. Superman next appeared on two US stamps in the Superheroes' sheet (US Scott # 4084) of twenty stamps depicting 10 different DC comics issued on July 20, 2006 at the San Diego Comic-con (Scott US # 4084a & k) **[Figure C4 & C5]**.

Since that time, the US Postal Service snubbed Superman, by ignoring both



Figures C4 & C5



the 75th and 80th anniversary of the iconic superhero.  None-the-less other countries have paid tribute to him with stamps – Canada issued a set of 5 stamps in 2013 (and previously issued a stamp in 1986); the Island of Jersey also issued six stamps and a souvenir sheet (2013) showing Henry Cavill (an Island of Jersey native) as Superman from the movie Man of Steel. Australia celebrated the 80th anniversary of Superman by issuing a pane of 20 stamps (Scott Australia # 4522) with 12 of them depicting various Superman Action Comic book covers.

Throughout the years, Superman has captivated the hearts & minds of the American and worldwide public while always remaining true to his tireless efforts for "Truth, Justice and the American Way". Stay safe, be healthy and know that the evil COVID-19 virus will be conquered, and stamp collecting will go on!