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- 01 *First Day Cover Philatelic Exhibiting: A master class*, by Andrew McFarlane. This is a comprehensive guide to creating First Day Cover Exhibits. Order from ExhibitSynopsis.com, c/o Andrew McFarlane, PO Box 669, Bartonsville, PA 18321; <sales@exhibitsynopsis.com> <www.exhibitsynopsis.com> Hard cover \$99 / soft cover \$89 post paid.
- 02 *Coated Postal Card Catalog Including Louis Smith Counterfeit Cards* by Ladd Faszoid. This catalog presents an in-depth study of coated postal cards (1876–1902) and a detailed census analysis of Louis Smith counterfeit cards (1899–1902), featuring priced listings. Order from United Postal Stationery Society, Inc., PO Box 22314, Newport News, VA 23609; <upsspubs@gmail.com> or <www.upss.org>; \$42 postpaid or \$16 digital download.
- 03 *Postal Stationery of the AEF in World War I*, by Peter Charles Burrows. This monograph catalogs government-issued postal stationery for use by members and units of WWI American Expeditionary Forces, plus safe arrival and returned home post cards produced by service organizations. Published by the Military Postal History Society; available through <amazon.com> for \$19.25 plus postage.
- 04 *Preparing for the Great War: West Point Cadet Henry Henley Chapman, Class of 1917: Correspondence Home*, by Richard G. Lomax. This work uses philatelic and historical material to describe preparation for WWI. Published by the Military Postal History Society; available through <amazon.com> for \$13.95 plus postage.
- 05 *U.S. Postal Censorship during World War I*, by John Hardies and Bill (Wilfrid N.) Broderick. This book examines mail censorship of American Expeditionary Force soldiers and the censorship of international mail sent to/from civilians in the U.S. and its possessions. Published by the Military Postal History Society and available through amazon.com <www.amazon.com/U-S-Postal-Censorship-during-Wotrid/dp/B0FK8XM59H> for \$17.50 plus postage.
- 06 *The Ahmednagar Prisoners of War Camps India, 1914–1920: A postal history*, by Robert Gray. The monograph describes the social and postal history with illustrations and a guide to the camps' postal stationery, censor, and other hand stamps. Published by the Military Postal History Society and available through amazon.com <www.amazon.com/dp/B0FJM8FTTS> for \$19.95 plus postage.
- 07 *Foreign Incoming Airmail to the United States 1920–1950s*, by Leonard Piskiewicz. This book is an extension of the initial study of surface mail (*Foreign Incoming Mail to the United States 1844–1951*) published in 2024. Since airmail routings are very different from shipping routes across oceans, this book attempts to summarize the global airmail routes to the U.S. starting in 1920. Published by the Collectors Club of Chicago it is available by online order for \$65 from <<https://bookshop.org/p/books/foreign-incoming-airmail-to-the-united-states-1920-1950s/>>.
- 08 *Postal History of Cowlitz County, Washington*, by Ted Gruber. This history is a comprehensive study of all Cowlitz County post offices and postal contract stations, the histories of the areas they served, and the postmarks they used. Published by the author. Available for \$35 plus \$7 shipping and handling at Ted Gruber, PO Box 239, Kelso, WA 98626-0021, <cowlitzbook@gmail.com> or <www.cowlitzbook.com>.
- 09 *A New Perspective on Airmail Operations During the Siege of Przemyśl (1914–1915)*, by Dr. Jerzy W. Kupiec-Weglinski. This monograph offers a fresh viewpoint on the postal history when the town of Przemyśl in the Polish province of Galicia in the Austro-Hungarian Empire was besieged by the Russian Army during the winter of 1914–1915. The establishment of a provisional airmail service by the Austrian Air Force marked a historic moment in airmail history. Published by and available from the Collectors Club of New York, 58 West 40th Street, Mezzanine, New York, NY 10018 for \$30 post paid.
- 10 *Medan Post Office, Dutch East Indies, Since 1882*, by Sugianio Sudhana. A study of postal cancellations us in the Medan post office in the Dutch East Indies 1882–1950. Avail from the author at PO Box 1356, Bandung 40013, Indonesia, <sgut1356@hotmail.com> for \$20.

- 11 *The 1948 Wisconsin Statehood Centennial Issue: Making, celebrating and using the stamp*, by John A. Pare and Ralph H. Nafzinger. The purpose of this book is to present all of the research and the relevant facets pertaining to the Wisconsin Statehood Centennial stamps of 1948 (Scott 957). Published by the Collectors Club of Chicago, 1029 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL 60610-2803. Order online at <www.collectorsclubchicago.org/> for \$45 postpaid or \$15 for digital download.
- 12 *Ice Cap News*, edited by Eric Knapp. Published by the American Society of Polar Philatelists, *Ice Cap News* records original research on the postal history of Polar Expeditions of all periods as well as services to the society membership. Subscription is by membership (\$22 per year to USA and Canada, \$30 to the rest of the world). Contact Bill Stahl, Secretary, 7260 West 28th Ave., Wheat Ridge, CO 80033-8034. Information at <www.polarphilatelists.org>.
- 13 *First Days*, edited by Martin Kent Miller. *First Days* is a journal of record for all aspects of first day covers including earliest documented use, unofficial cancels, cachet makers, as well as providing services to the members of the society. Published by the American First Day Cover Society and available by membership (Print and digital in USA \$35; Digital only \$24). American First Day Cover Society, PO Box 57, Somerset, WI 54025-0057; <afdcs@afdcs.org> <www.afdcs.org>.
- 14 *The Airpost Journal*, edited by Dr. Bruce Arien Wasserman. *The Airpost Journal* is a bimonthly magazine that has been in continuous publication since November 1929. The current editor has been in place since the March/April 2025 issue. Published by the American Airmail Society and available by membership. Print and digital combined dues are \$40 per year; digital only \$30; single digital copy \$9.95. Contact The Airpost Journal, PO Box 1364, West Chatham, MA 02669 or <theapjeditor@gmail.com> or <www.americanairmailssociety.org>.
- 15 *Celestial Chronicles-Stellar Impressions*, by Capt. Vijay Wadhwa. This ebook ultimately invites readers to embark on an enlightening journey through time and space, revealing the intricate connections between our universe and the art of stamp collecting. It celebrates the stories, artistry, and significance of astrophilately. Self published by the author and available for digital download for \$29.99 from amazon.com <<https://a.co/d/2phgzpt>>. <captvijaywadhwa@gmail.com>.
- 16 *Concepts to Cosmos: Defining moments in physics*, by Capt. Vijay Wadhwa. This ebook is a philatelic journey through the monumental discoveries, theories, and personalities that have shaped our understanding of physics and the cosmos. Self published by the author and available for digital download for \$7.99 from amazon.com <<https://a.co/d/3V3wFGY>>. <captvijaywadhwa@gmail.com>.
- 17 *Pennywise: All about money*, by Capt. Vijay Wadhwa. *Pennywise* celebrates the artistry and storytelling power of coins and stamps, making it a treasure trove for collectors, historians, and enthusiasts alike. Self published by the author and available for digital download for \$14.99 from amazon.com <<https://a.co/d/hsspXw4>>. <captvijaywadhwa@gmail.com>.
- 18 *Stamp Show Here Today, the Podcast*, by Southern Nevada Philatelic Library. This is a podcast with commentators discussing various philatelic subjects in an entertaining way. Listen on iTunes, Stitcher, Podbean and other platforms. Streaming for free.

Articles

- A-01 "Mystery Solved: Rocky Bar, Idaho, Was Temporarily Renamed Esmeralda, Circa June–December 1864," by Michael Mahler. Esmeralda, designated the seat of Alturas County, was an uninhabited ghost town, and the seat was extra-judicially relocated to Rocky Bar. As an elegant impromptu solution to the inconsistency, Rocky Bar was (temporarily) renamed Esmeralda. Published in the June 2025 issue of *Western Express*, the journal of the Western Cover Society, annual dues \$35 <westerncoversociety.org>.
- A-02 "Jean-Michel Folon: A master artist and his stamps," by Gerry Oberst. The March 2024 issue of *The American Philatelist* was devoted to the art of stamps. This article was the cover article. It describes works of a renowned Belgian artist shown on numerous stamp issues. Published by the American Philatelic Society, <stamps.org>.

- A-03 “A Study in Race, Racism and Presidential Politics,” by Calvin Mitchell and Baasil Wilder. Published in the March 2025 issue of *The American Philatelist*, this article explores for the first time in American philately, the struggles to include Black imagery on U.S. postage stamps before the issuance of the Booker T. Washington stamp. Published by the American Philatelic Society, <stamps.org>.
- A-04 “The Death of the Philippine Clipper,” by Dr. Bruce Arien Wasserman, was published in the May/June 2025 issue of *The Airpost Journal*, publication of the American Air Mail Society. The article focuses on the *Philippine Clipper*, Pan Am's successful flying boat that crashed into a California mountainside during a secret WWII mission. It remains buried there today. Single copy of this issue is available for \$9.95 plus \$5 shipping for print copy from The Airpost Journal, PO Box 1364, West Chatham, MA 02669 or <theapjeditor@gmail.com>. Membership information at <www.americanairmailssociety.org>.
- A-05 “The New Zeppelins: After the Hindenburg,” by Dr. Bruce Arien Wasserman, was published in the September/October 2025 issue of *The Airpost Journal*, publication of the American Air Mail Society. This article tells a substantial story about the continued development and use of airships since 1937 and presents much difficult-to-find philatelic and collateral material. Single copy of this issue is available for \$9.95 plus \$5 shipping for print copy from The Airpost Journal, PO Box 1364, West Chatham, MA 02669 or <theapjeditor@gmail.com>. Membership information at <www.americanairmailssociety.org>.
- A-06 “The Little Route that Couldn't: The short life of the Minneapolis to Duluth CAM 9 Spur,” by Dr. Bruce Arien Wasserman, was published in the March/April 2025 issue of *The Airpost Journal*, publication of the American Air Mail Society. The story looks at the challenges of Northwest Airways' CAM-9 spur route, initiated in the Great Depression and flying between Minneapolis and Duluth, Minnesota. Single copy of this issue is available for \$9.95 plus \$5 shipping for print copy from The Airpost Journal, PO Box 1364, West Chatham, MA 02669 or <theapjeditor@gmail.com>. Membership information at <www.americanairmailssociety.org>.