

October Meeting Reports

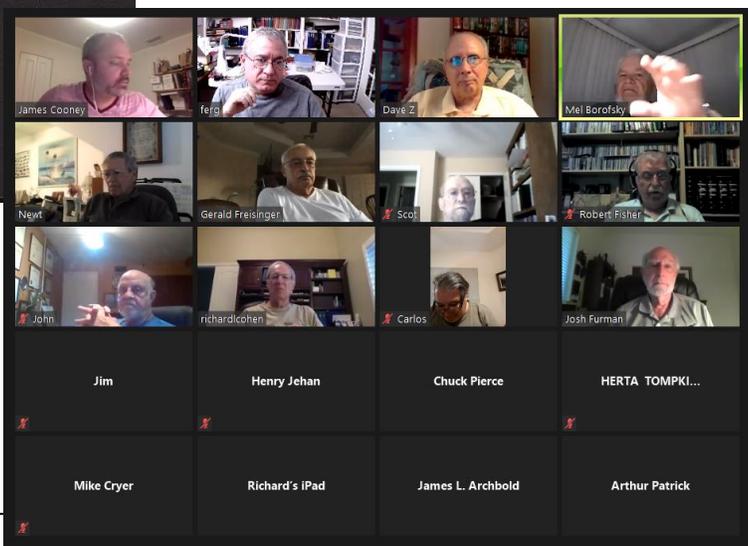
Zoom It Is – For Now

by Francis Ferguson



The first Zoom meeting of October was held under the capable direction of Jim Cooney. There was a total of 26 members in attendance. The winner of the \$10 door prize was Chuck Pierce. The presentation was “The Transport Series” with discussion of Plate Blocks (all four positions), FDCs, Postal History and of course EFO material.

The second Zoom meeting of October had 24 folks in attendance. Our extraordinary VP of Programs, Jim Cooney gave an interesting and highly informative presentation on “Our Place in the Universe....” as represented by topics and people on stamps. For a second time in a row, Chuck Pierce won the \$10 door prize to be used



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sometime in the future when we can meet in person again.

Editor’s note: I am going to purchase some of these pins – does anyone want one? The cost is \$12 per pin.



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Prexy EFO Stuff: #22009

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Plate numbers on booklet panes can be most interesting and frustrating to determine. The Durland's reference catalog along with the Prexy reference books are a must. The simple fact is – if you find a plate number on a booklet pane, it is because of a failure in the production finishing process has occurred. After nearly 15 years of collecting this material this is my only complete set. I do have two other plate numbers with three of the four positions. The ever-elusive lower right position always seems to be the sticking point.

For reasons I can not even begin to explain the miscuts found most often involve the left side of the pane. Any miscuts found on the right side are difficult to impossible to obtain.

From the production records found in the Prexy reference book, the following is known; Plate 22009 was sent to press on 12.13.1939 and cancelled on 09.01.1944 after 554,560 impressions. The number of impressions represents the highest total for any of the plates used for this stamp production. The lowest number of impressions can be found with plates 22007 & 22008 which only recorded 14,081 each. I do not own a booklet pane with number 22007 or 22008 in any position and I have never seen one offered.



The other two interesting pieces related to #22009 were found on eBay. The used booklet pane to the immediate left is unusual in the fact that it is postally used in period and there is 100% of the booklet pane number in upper left corner. The fact that the tab is missing from the top of the pane suggests that the pane was used on a private or commercial cover. This is an unusual piece

The booklet pane with the “bump out” is visually striking. This oddity was created by a fold that can be easily seen descending from the left side of middle stamp and bisecting the lower left stamp. There is also a secondary fold that can be seen running through the first ‘0’ of the plate number – again moving from top to bottom across the stamp. This is a very unusual piece and I dare say unique.

The one thing I have learned collecting Prexy EFO material is – you never know when ‘stuff’ will come your way. What one person sees as an oddity another sees as a piece to complete some aspect of a collection.

Collecting EFO material can be expensive –if you are trying to obtain material that is rarely seen and highly prized. The total investment in these six pieces was just about \$120. As a general guide -- full plate numbers on the left side showing 100% will command \$50 to \$100. Any numbers on the right side will start around \$25 and escalate rapidly in accordance with the percentage of the number present – the sky is the limit – especially if you have two or more interested parties. The phrase “What the market will bear” comes into play – which can result in some serious dollars being spent!

This article came about because of a short presentation I gave on a recent Zoom session.