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100th Anniversary of the end of World War I
200th Anniversary of the Flag Act of 1818
100th Anniversary of the beginning of airmail
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On behalf of the officers, directors, and show committee members, I welcome all of you to the forty-third show presented by the National Philatelic Exhibitions of Washington, D.C.

We especially welcome all of the returning and new dealers to our show, members of the four convening societies, the many exhibitors, the excellent jury, the director of the Smithsonian’s National Postal Museum, the executive director of the American Philatelic Society, the Royal Philatelic Society London, and all visitors old and new. Our dealers offer a wide range of material for collectors, from beginning to advanced.

Our convening societies, as well as several other philatelic groups, will be hosting talks open to the public during the show. The United Nations Postal Administration will have a “pre-launch” of the “UNISPACE+50” stamps and souvenir sheets produced for use by the UN offices in New York, Geneva, and Vienna. Please check the show program for details. I urge you to try something new.

The more than 200 frames of exhibits at this show, contributed by members of the convening societies and many others, offer a rich and diverse showing of stamps from all over the world. The National Postal Museum has lent a special exhibit related to the first airmail issue of China. I encourage you to select some exhibits that you feel you must see, but also look at some that may pique your interest in an area that you are not now collecting.

The APS Town Hall meeting is one of the best ways to learn about the status of stamp collecting in the U.S. Most of all, I hope you will enjoy NAPEX, “The Nation’s First Class Stamp Show.”

Richard P. Livingston

NAPEX 2018 Show Awards

NAPEX Multiframe Grand Award

NAPEX Multiframe Reserve Grand

NAPEX Single Frame Grand Award

Stephen Luster Award

Douglas K. Lehmann Statue of Freedom Award

Patricia Lehmann Award
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Graebner Chapter AFDCS ...... Washington, D.C........ Cachetmakers Bourse

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Future Shows

June 7-9, 2019
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June 5-7, 2020
Confederate Stamp Alliance

To hold your national convention at NAPEX, contact the Societies Liaison:
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2018 Show Theme and Cancels

NAPEX cachet and cancel designs reflect events that are related to the Washington, D.C.—Maryland—Virginia area or are of national interest. This year we honor the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I, the 200th Anniversary of the Flag Act of 1818, and the 100th Anniversary of the beginning of airmail.

At the outbreak of World War I in mid-1914, the United States resisted British appeals to join the Allied cause. Between 1914 and 1917 U.S. sentiment shifted, in part due to the provocation of German submarine warfare. The U.S. declared war in April 1917 and the mobilization and transportation of forces began. By the spring of 1918 the American presence began to turn the tide of battle to an Allied victory and an armistice was signed in November 1918.

The Flag Acts are three laws that sought to define the design of the U.S. flag. The third, enacted by Congress on April 4, 1818, stated that the flag should have 13 stripes, alternately red and white, and the states should be represented with a white star in a blue field. The new star is to be added on the fourth of July following the admission of a new state into the Union.

The rapid growth of aviation technology, spurred by the demands of World War I, meant that by 1918 airplanes could provide reliable mail service. The Post Office Department established the first airmail route between Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, and New York on May 15th, 1918. The Curtiss JN-4H “Jenny” planes and pilots were on loan from the Army. On August 12, 1918, the Post Office Department took over the operation with their own pilots and planes.

These items and previous NAPEX covers and cards are available at the Information Table (Table i) and at our website www.napex.org/souvenirs. NAPEX 2018 extends special thanks to Michael Bean for printing our engraved souvenirs. We also acknowledge the outstanding support of the McLean, VA postmaster, Mr. Antwon Buggs, and his staff for the temporary Post Office and sales and cancellation activities.
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For group rates or book signings, contact the author: Lubetkin174@hotmail.com
## Schedule of Events

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9AM—10AM  Royal Philatelic Society London  HHonors Room
9AM—10AM  China Stamp Society  Palmer House Room (Board)
10AM—11AM  China Stamp Society  Palmer House Room (Membership)
10AM—6PM  Bourse Open  International/Atrium
10AM—NOON  State Revenue Society  Istanbul Room (Open Meeting)
11AM—NOON  International Society for Japanese Philately  San Francisco Room
Ken Kamholz, *The Publisher’s Role in Getting Japanese Philately into Print and Distributed to the Society’s Membership*

11AM—4PM  Cachetmakers Bourse  Dallas Room

6° Cachets/Don Neal—Somerset, NJ
American First Day Cover Society Sales
Dave Curtis—Arlington, VA
Dragon Cards/Lloyd de Vries—Washington Twp, NJ
Great FDCs/Jack Ginsburg—Springfield, VA
Robert C. Graebner Chapter #17 AFDCS
CompuChet Cachets/Helen Fowler—Niles, MI

11AM—NOON  International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors  Palmer House Room

NOON—2PM  Ebony Society of Philatelic Events and Reflections  Palmer House Room

1PM—2PM  NAPEX Lecture  Stevens Room
Clifford Alexander, *Postal History of the September 2001 Anthrax Attacks*

1PM—2PM  Souvenir Card Collectors Society  San Francisco Room

1PM—3PM  International Philippines Philatelic Society  Fowler Room
Don Peterson, *1871-1890s Philippine Proofs & Imperforates*

2PM—4PM  Society of Indo-China Philatelists  San Francisco Room
Richard Aspnes, *Family Postcards of Vietnam*

2PM—3PM  Railway Mail Service Library  Palmer House Room
Frank Scheer, *The Chambers Family and their Postmarking Devices*
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<td>NAPEX, Inc. Annual General Meeting</td>
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05  Maryland Stamp & Coin
06  David Grossblat
07  Toga Associates
08  Warren Manning
09  Dick Smith Stamps
10-11 Coverman
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14-15 A to Z Stamps of Arizona
16-17 D&P Stamps
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19  Canterbury Stamps
20  Markest Stamp Company
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26  Patricia A. Kaufmann
27  Don Tocher
28  Roy's Stamps
29  Mountainside Stamps
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32  Goldpath, Inc.
33  H.R. Harmer
34  Dirk Kitchen
35  CompuStamp
36  James Taff
37  Hunt & Co.
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39  Global Philatelic Associates
40  RASLAD Enterprises
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Atrium

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Society and Government Agency Tables

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- i – NAPEX Information & Show Covers and Cards
- A – American Revenue Society/State Revenue Society
- B – International Society for Japanese Philately
- C – China Stamp Society

**Rear Hallway**
- D/E – American First Day Cover Society – Graebner Chapter
- F – Springfield Stamp Club
- G – Souvenir Card Collectors Society

**H/I** – Stamps for the Wounded
**J** – Ebony Society of Philatelic Events and Reflections
**K** – Bowie Stamp Club

**Youth Area Tables** – staffed by Springfield Stamp Club

**Atrium Area**
- 85/86 – United States Postal Service
  (Show cancels all 3 show days)
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- 84 – Israeli Philatelic Agency
Dealers Listed by Specialty

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The end of National Prohibition on December 5, 1933 made possible the return of full strength beer to most of the states. Virginia began using beer stamps on beer in 1938. The tax on beer brewed inside the state was $2.75 per barrel of not more than 31 gallons (Figure 1). But for beer brewed outside the state the tax was $3.20 per barrel. Virginia was one of a very few states that enacted a protective add-on tax for beer brewed outside the state (do we dare call it a protective tariff?). Although the tax on the instate product remained at $2.75, the tax on out-of-state beer was increased 50% to $4.80.

Figure 1. A tête-bêche barrel stamp in use from 1938 through 1950 when the Virginia state tax rate on beer was $2.75 per barrel.

To the best of my knowledge the Virginia higher rates on beer brewed outside the state did not precipitate a trade war of the sort which Delaware and Pennsylvania began in 1938. In fact, examples of these Virginia barrel beer stamps actually used on out-of-state beer appear to be quite scarce. The only hint that the higher rate was being charged on barrel beer is that the beer stamps were overprinted with a bold black horizontal line (Figure 2).

Figure 2. An example of a quarter barrel Virginia stamp overprinted with a horizontal black line to raise the tax on out-of-state beer from 68¾¢ to $1.20.
During this period the federal government also used beer stamps to show that the tax had been paid on barrel beer. Examples of the joint usage of state and federal beer stamps have not survived in significant numbers. Examples of joint usage from Pennsylvania are well known, but from other states, the numbers of surviving examples that I have seen can be counted on my fingers. I have seen less than ten such examples from Wisconsin; there is a report that there is such an example from Utah; and there is one reported example from Virginia.

Figure 3. Joint use of the federal beer half barrel stamp with a Virginia beer stamp for out-of-state beer.

The example in Figure 3 is the only reported use from Virginia of the joint use of federal and state beer stamps on July 8, 1943. I hear some readers say that this is a pretty wretched looking example. I wish I could show you a pristine example, but that’s the way many of the revenue stamps used on packages and barrels of beer have survived. The federal tax on a half barrel was $3.50 (on November 1, 1942 the federal tax on beer had risen to $7.00 per barrel); the Virginia stamp shows the payment of $2.40 for the out-of-state beer produced by Kip’s Bay Brewing Company of New York City. This is the first time I recall encountering this brewery. Perhaps that is not too surprising, as Kip’s Bay Brewing was formed in 1934 and closed in 1947, a mere thirteen years in existence.

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