

# “METER STAMPS”

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#	DATE	TITLE OR SUBJECT	NOTES
<b>1992</b>			
1	10/19	Introduction to collecting meter stamps	
2	11/16	The first postage meters and their stamps	USPMSC Type BA
3	12/21	Essays, specimens and proofs of meters	
<b>1993</b>			
4	1/18	High-face-value meter stamps on airmail	High value ovals
5	2/15	Slogans and pictorials are fun to collect	
6	3/15	Meter stamp basics: catalog and society	MSS and USPMSC
7	4/19	Pre-1920 experimental meters	1903, 1912, 1913 tests
8	5/17	U.S. postage due meter experiment, 1941-53	
9	6/21	Post office tried to censor slogan in 1961	Republic slogan
10	7/19	International-rate meters date from 1922	BA & CA
11	8/16	U.S. Official meter stamps began in 1973	Officials
12	9/20	Meters show living persons, taboo subjects	pictorials and slogans
13	10/18	Reader response: meter basics, Moody Blues	
14	11/15	High-value meter stamps on registered mail	Part 1: Ovals
15	12/20	Changes in meter stamps on registered mail	Part 2: others
<b>1994</b>			
16	1/17	Computer-vended postage includes Mailomat	
17	2/21	Meter-stamp reply envelopes began in 1939	
18	3/21	New third-class rates affected 1920s meters	Rate surcharge slugs
19	4/18	New rate caused meter stamp provisionals	Rate surcharges, ovals
20	5/16	Identifying meter stamps, permit imprints	
21	6/20	Meters were rapidly adopted in the 1920s	Foreign meters
22	7/18	New rate book explains role of meter stamps	Beecher, meter rates
23	8/15	Meters first used in U.S. post offices in 1934	Post office meters
24	9/19	Post office meter stamps with slogans scarce	P.O. slogans
25	10/17	First days and earliest uses are a challenge	
26	11/21	New meter stamp catalog includes pricing	Book review: USPMSC
27	12/19	Streamlined Eagle is most used stamp of all	
<b>1995</b>			
28	1/16	Meter stamp’s 75th anniversary is in 1995	
29	2/20	Arthur Pitney: father of the postage meter	
30	3/20	Walter H. Bowes: pioneer of metered mail	
31	4/17	Events of 1920 gave birth to meter industry	
32	5/15	Meter stamps noted Penny Black centennial	slogans, Mailomat
33	6/19	After 75 years, a meter stamp perspective	
34	7/17	Stamp show slogans among rare event covers	
35	8/21	Postage meters adapted for revenue use	
36	9/18	State revenues began in Maryland in 1933	
37	10/16	More on post office meter stamps	
38	11/20	Information and discoveries from readers	Revenues, EKU, reply mail
39	12/18	Christmas seal FDCs with Mailomat meters	
<b>1996</b>			
40	1/15	Foreign public self-service meter machines	Self-service
41	2/19	U.S. public self-service postage machines	Self-service

42	3/18	Mailomats were in use for almost 50 years	Mailomat
43	4/15	Four Mailomat machines used in Canada	Mailomat
44	5/20	Canadian postage meters introduced in 1923	
45	6/17	Computer software produces new meters	Fox/PostPerfect
46	7/15	Two self-service meter machine experiments	Austin/NCR, Jacksonville/PPMF
47	8/19	Meter stamp primer: What is a meter stamp?	
48	9/16	Ways to collect meter stamps are unlimited	
49	10/21	Oval meters, the classics of meter stamps	
50	11/18	Book essential for metered mail collectors	Int'l rate book and covers to foreign destinations.
51	12/16	Suspended and interrupted mail with meters	
		<b>1997</b>	
52	1/20	Common sense guide to collecting meters	
53	2/17	Short-lived Autopost machine experiment	
54	3/17	Meters are the pioneers of new philately	
55	4/21	Postal directives found with meter stamps	
56	5/19	Neopost finds its way into U.S. meter market	
57	6/16	Insuring the accurate dating of metered mail	
58	7/21	Meter stamps missing from Pacific 97 show	
59	8/18	World's earliest metered cover from 1897	diBrazza cover
60	9/15	Meter stamp primer: collecting postal history	
61	10/20	NCR's omni-denomination meter stamps	
62	11/17	The coming revolution in stamp collecting	computer, electronic meter stamps
63	12/15	Meter stamps were used on U.S. Navy ships	
		<b>1998</b>	
64	1/19	The important dates in meter stamp history	
65	2/16	Auxiliary markings just for meter stamps	
66	3/16	How the term 'meter stamp' came about	
67	4/20	Pitney Bowes' flying eagle meter stamps	
68	5/18	Meter stamps and airmail week celebrations	
69	6/15	Designs of the Standing Eagle meter stamps	
70	7/20	Meter stamps franked some diplomatic mail	
71	8/17	Hotel meter-stamped mail as a guest service	
72	9/21	New postage technologies and discoveries	Computer postage
73	10/19	The world's earliest metered cover revisited	DiBrazza cover
74	11/16	Meter slogan celebrated parcel post jubilee	
75	12/21	Zeppelin airship flights carried metered mail	
		<b>1999</b>	
76	1/18	Early U.S. airmail and classic meter stamps	
77	2/15	Meters and International Priority Airmail	
78	3/15	Few examples exist of 1928-31 airmail meter	
79	3/29	Meter slogans portray a variety of topics	
80	4/19	WWII airmail operations and metered mail	
81	5/17	Catapult mail franked with meter stamps	
82	6/21	Provisional meters for 1960s rate changes	
82	7/19	Air France's transatlantic mail of the 1930s	
84	8/16	Zeppelins carried mail bearing meter stamps	
85	9/20	Hometown lobbies for Arthur Pitney stamp	
86	10/18	Meters show 1990s nonprofit-rate changes	
87	11/15	New U.S. rate book includes meter stamps	
88	12/20	Meter slogans celebrate the holiday season	

## 2000

- 89 1/17 Important dates in computer postage history
- 90 2/21 Mixed-franking meter covers are uncommon
- 91 3/20 Metered crash mail has interesting history
- 92 4/17 Metered mail from train wrecks hard to find
- 93 5/15 Great Britain chose Pitney for first meter
- 94 7/10 U.S. Official mail franked with meter stamps
- 95 7/24 Early registered metered mail hard to find
- 96 8/21 Meter stamps solve problem of odd bulk rates
- 97 9/18 Metered mail flown by SCADTA is rare
- 98 10/16 Much is better in meter stamp collecting
- 99 11/20 Mechanical frankers preceded modern meters
- 100 12/18 Holiday slogans from Mailomats are scarce

## 2001

- 101 1/15 Clinton likely to continue using meter stamps
- 102 2/19 The UPU distributed meter stamp specimens
- 103 3/19 U.S. metered 'Hindenburg' cover discovered.
- 104 4/16 Oval meter stamps scarce on international mail
- 105 5/21 China's meter stamps: some of world's greatest
- 106 6/18 Cartoon characters not new on meter stamps
- 107 7/16 Self-serve postage: catalog dilemma IBIP Florida test
- 108 8/20 Pitney Bowes not quite the only game in town PB competitors
- 109 9/17 U.S. meter stamp catalog update released
- 110 10/15 Meter stamps on forwarded mail hard to find
- 111 11/19 Metered mail can be sent at any post office
- 112 12/17 Desktop postage meter expanded marketDM model

## 2002

- 113 1/21 Three forerunners led to today's PVI labels
- 114 2/18 Postage validation imprints are inexpensive fun
- 115 3/18 Bulk discounts make fun, challenging collection
- 116 4/15 Short-lived self-service meter experiments
- 117 5/20 First U.S. printed-on-demand postal cards Postal Buddy
- 118 6/17 Meter stamps of 1929 looked like adhesives
- 119 7/15 1932 meter stamps continued faux perforations
- 120 8/19 Meter-stamp errors, varieties: a basic primer
- 121 9/30 Origins, predecessors of a meter-stamp collector
- 122 10/21 Pitney's first meter patented 100 years ago
- 123 11/18 Meter stamps paid for special postal services
- 124 12/16 Provisional meter stamps are scarce, undervalued

## 2003

- 125 1/20 Postage-due meter stamps led to end of adhesives
- 126 2/17 U.S. meter stamps show nonstandard penalties
- 127 3/17 Rare 7¢, 3 1/2¢ meter stamps paid catalog rates
- 128 4/21 Heavy catalogs used reduced rates starting in 1939
- 129 5/19 Mail-O-Meter lost out in survival of the fittest
- 130 6/16 Antitrust suit let Postalia into meter stamp market
- 131 7/21 National Postal Meter's distinctive meter stamps
- 132 8/18 Swiss company produced U.S. meter stamps
- 133 9/15 Torch design identifies Friden meter stamps
- 134 10/20 Meter stamps paid for business-reply-mail postage
- 135 11/17 Affordable, challenging Mexican meter stamps
- 136 12/15 Popular Pony Express meter stamp slogan

## 2004

- 137 1/19 Meters paid discounted rates for presorted mail
- 138 2/16 Are they meter stamps or permit imprints?
- 139 3/15 Will the Scott catalog list computer stamps?
- 140 4/19 Computer-generated postage on the increase
- 141 5/17 Stamps.com offers computer-generated postage
- 142 6/21 Meter stamps will never replace adhesive stamps
- 143 7/19 Stamps.com out to quash resale of NetStamps paper
- 144 8/16 Era of electronic mail began 30 years ago
- 145 9/20 New worldwide meter stamp catalog on the way
- 146 10/18 Meter stamps adapted and evolved over time
- 147 11/15 Look for and save sport-theme meter stamp slogans
- 148 12/20 Table updates earliest known uses of meter stamps

## 2005

- 149 1/17 1920: eventful year for U.S. postage meters
- 150 2/21 Uncommon first meter stamps avidly sought
- 151 3/21 Maturing hobby accepts meter stamp exhibits
- 152 4/25 New meter stamp catalog an invaluable tool
- 153 5/30 Meter stamps really are postage stamps too Final column

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12. *Mailed Via "Mailomat"* 64-page book published by MSS, March 1995.
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