

“METERED MAIL NOTES”

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21	10/5	History of American meter manufacturers, part 1
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25	1/4	Pitney Bowes model 5300 and USPMSC type HC stamps
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30	6/21	Pitney Bowes model RT and USPMSC type HA stamps
31	7/19	Controversial meter slogans
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34	10/18	Maps and globes on meter slogans
35	11/22	United Parcel Service (UPS) meters
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39	3/6	Mountains on meter stamps
40	4/10	Post office meter stamps
41	5/15	Origin of the meter mail system
42	6/26	Review of Simon-Walsh US Meter Stamp Catalog
43	7/10	Birds on meter slogans and indicia
44	8/14	Now it can be told—the Mailomat
45	9/4	Postage due meters create special category

- 46 10/2 Collecting animal invertebrates on meters
47 11/20 Meter stamps and the shell game (Mollusks as a topical)
48 12/4 Errors and anomalies in impressions
1977
49 1/8 Early meter stamps of New Zealand and Europe
50 2/26 The John Coulthard story, the development of meter slogans, part 1
51 3/12 John Coulthard story, the development of meter slogans, part 2
52 4/2 The Earth—a planet known around the world
53 6/11 An outline of Canadian meter stamps
54 6/25 The internationalization of metered mail
55 7/16 Meter stamps, metered mail, and philately
56 8/13 Mr. Pitney and Mr. Bowes: Postal Pioneers, part 1
57 10/1 Mr. Pitney and Mr. Bowes: Postal Pioneers, part 2
58 10/29 Meter slogans in eco-philately
59 11/12 Meters in the land of cherry blossoms, part 1 (Japan)
60 12/17 Meters in the land of cherry blossoms, part 2 (Japan)
1978
61 1/21 The crucial decade, part 1: Raising capital and permit competition
62 2/11 The crucial decade, part 2: Leadership and the permit battle
63 3/18 The crucial decade, part 3: Pitney-Bowes wins the permit battle
64 4/1 Meter slogans and the ‘weed’
65 5/13 Postal code numbers in meter impressions
66 6/10 Meter stamps of Great Britain, part 1
67 7/8 More on Great Britain’s meter stamps, part 2
68 8/12 The not-so-surprising success of meters
69 9/9 History of the meter stamps of Postalia, part 1
70 10/7 History of the meter stamps of Postalia, part 2
71 11/11 The Girard College meter slogan, part 1
72 12/9 The tale behind the Girard meter slogan, part 2
1979
73 1/13 Henry O. Meisel, founder of the AMPS, part 1
74 2/10 Henry O. Meisel, founder of the AMPS, part 2
75 3/10 Recording a meter stamp collection
76 4/7 Mammals on meter slogans
77 5/5 From cigarettes to punchboards: Meter stamps and revenues
78 6/9 Group D indicia—the imitation adhesive, part 1 (correction 7/14)
79 7/28 Group D indicia, part 2
80 8/11 Japanese meters: Corrections and additional comments
81 9/29 Early Pitney patents—getting started in 1902
82 10/13 Meter miscellany: Help wanted at the Smithsonian
83 11/24 Man’s past and future as a topic, part 1
84 12/8 Man’s past and future as a topic, part 2
1980
85 1/12 Getting started in meter stamp collecting, part 1
86 2/9 Getting started in meter stamp collecting, part 2
87 3/8 The small streamlined eagle indicia
88 4/19 Topical meters: When the horse was king
89 5/17 PB Touchmatics and their stamps (type HD) (correction 6/14)
90 6/14 The first US electronic postage meter
91 7/5 Pitney’s 1904 patent—a meter landmark
92 8/30 Metered mail marks sixty years of existence
93 9/27 Condition: It’s a subjective matter when it comes to meter collecting
94 10/25 Snakes alive: A topical you can get wrapped up in
95 11/22 Anatomy of a meter stamp: mandatory and optional elements, part 1

96	12/20	Anatomy of a meter stamp, part 2
	1981	
97	1/24	Anatomy of a meter stamp: The denomination box, part 3
98	2/21	Anatomy of a meter stamp: Markings outside the indicium, part 4
99	3/21	Meter miscellany: Friden, presort category, puzzling markings
100	4/18	Of flowers and reproduction: A topical side of metered mail
101	5/9	Meter stamps in Western Europe: No single catalog covers area
102	6/20	NCR meter stamps lack beauty but offer challenges
103	7/18	Pitney's third patent: Ingenuity creates remarkable postage meter
104	8/15	Meter Miscellany: Drop shipment slogan, town die error, catalog
105	9/21	Meters and related stamps of two meter firms of the past
106	10/26	Topical: evolution
107	11/30	Solving meter mysteries calls for knowledge of super sleuth
108	12/28	Flying eagles: Did these designs lead to model J meters? part 1
	1982	
109	1/25	The brief lives of flying eagle meters bred some rarities, part 2
110	2/15	Rockaway begins use of first new meter stamps in two decades
111	3/29	Large eagle: In May 1936, a new Large Standing Eagle meter stamp
112	4/19	Reptiles: Meter slogans
113	5/31	Large eagles: Experiments, tests led to meter varieties
114	6/21	Need for meter compatibility led to new imprinting variety from Friden
115	7/19	Pitney and Woodward patents of 1918, part 1
116	8/30	Pitney and Woodward meter devices, part 2
117	9/27	Louis Pasteur: Scientist probed into mystery of life, part 1
118	10/25	Pasteur probed mysteries of spontaneous generation, part 2
119	11/8	Trilingual: Sideline of Israeli metered mail is lesson in language
120	12/13	Towns alive! Idaho study shows breadth possible in town collecting
	1983	
121	1/10	Pre-authorization test mailings of metered mail
122	2/28	Testing meters: Pitney device used in 1912 on third-class mail, part 1
123	3/21	More tests: Chicago's meter test carried out on business mail, part 2
124	4/18	A philatelic portrayal of the restless earth
125	5/16	Square box: Pitney Bowes indicium was first commercial meter
126	6/27	BA stamp first used for franking on December 10, 1920, part 2
127	7/18	Permits & meters: After 1904 start, permit system moved forward
128	8/8	US Post Office introduces permit printers, part 2
129	9/26	More on meters and permits: Classifying early permit indicia, part 3
130	10/31	Mammals on meters collection can follow taxonomic arrangement
131	11/21	Metered mammals: From shrews to whales
132	12/26	Did USPS borrow its eagle from Pitney Bowes?
	1984	
133	1/16	Jefferson's reason: Meters depict legacy of declaration's author
134	2/6	Fur trade lured explorers westward
135	3/19	Parcel registers: Back-of-book material for metered mail collectors
136	4/16	On the wings of insects: flight and meters
137	5/28	PB's oval meter stamps: First in widespread use, part 1
138	6/25	PB's oval meter stamps: First in widespread use, part 2
139	7/16	Postage label vending machines
140	8/13	Meters away: Recent labels add to foreign meter options
141	9/17	Vending machines of the world
142	10/22	Those vital green machines appearing even on metered mail (trees)
143	12/24	Oval designs: Summing up the Group C meter stamps
144	12/31	Metered ovals: Many companies contributed a variety of types

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145	1/14 Taking philately at a snail's pace
146	2/11 The Pitney Bowes register indicia for UPS parcels
147	3/4 Sorting the register indicia made by Pitney Bowes for UPS
148	4/15 The American Indian, a provocative topical
149	5/13 A review of the Friden postage meter stamps
150	6/10 A torch for meters: The designs of KA meter stamps vary little
151	7/15 Possibilities in permit printer franked official mail
152	8/12 The UPS parcel register indicia of the National Cash Register Co.
153	9/9 Advent of metered mail was a dramatic departure from rules
154	9/19 Rise to dominance of metered mail and its philatelic implications
155	10/7 Room for both: Meters haven't pushed out adhesives
156	10/7 Rise to dominance of metered mail and its philatelic implications
157	11/4 Rise to dominance of metered mail and its philatelic implications
158	11/4 When will philately accept metered mail into the hobby?
159	12/2 Friden type KB meter stamps show variations
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160	2/1 Canadian Post Office authorized metered mail in 1923
161	2/15 Meter usage in Canada differs from that in the US
162	3/1 Under scrutiny: Microscope makers and meter slogans
163	5/24 Postalia: Proposed classification comprises two subgroups
164	6/7 KD indicia: A single type, produced by Friden's Mini-Meter 9200
165	7/5 Official mail meter indicia began appearing in 1974
166	8/16 Friden stamps: Type KE varieties
167	9/13 Friden's KE stamps: Extra-indicial markings
168	10/18 Age of dinosaurs (topical), part 1
169	11/15 Age of dinosaurs, part 2
170	12/20 Age of dinosaurs, part 3
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171	1/24 Brontosaurus dinosaur
172	2/28 Official meter indicia, part 1
173	3/28 Official meter indicia, part 2
174	4/25 Engineering marvel's history told in SC (Roscoe index)
175	5/16 Friden meters: Official types
176	6/6 Torch removed from some official meters
177	7/4 Postage validation imprinters made name with 1-step service, part 1
178	8/1 Intermec PVI testing
179	9/5 Guide to basics (Roscoe index)
180	10/17 Meter miscellany: O(LA)1, newcomers, meter mimic
181	11/21 UPS indicia broken down according to manufacturer
182	12/19 Sub-group classification for UPS indicia
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183	1/9 Some metered matter appeals to topicalists (Roscoe index)
184	2/20 Imitation meter stamps follow the original eagle design
185	3/19 We've been running our meter for 15 years now
186	4/16 Uses of Hasler, Orbitran indicia for UPS parcel registers
187	5/14 Meter columns fall into two major classes (Roscoe index)
188	6/18 An index to foreign meter stamp columns (Roscoe index)
189	7/9 States, cities send messages on meters
190	8/27 Meter stamp collecting began after 1920 sanction
191	9/24 Try businesses 'junk mail' for metered mail treasures
192	10/15 Collecting opportunities: General, specialized areas include topical
193	11/5 Type HE meter stamps form a new category

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- 194 1/7 First meter stamp origins murky but BA stamp will be researched
195 2/4 Canadian 'cash register' system generates postage paid labels
196 3/4 Biology offers wealth of material to meter collectors
197 4/1 Beginners helped by meter classification system
198 5/6 US meter stamps classifications include Group H
199 6/3 Group H meters divided into sub-types
200 7/8 Watch for Postalia, Friden, Hasler meters
201 7/29 Common US meter stamps have design variations
202 9/9 Meter stamp collecting requires classification system
203 10/14 Revision of Simon-Walsh catalog
204 11/11 Questions concern size of material and housing
205 12/9 Obsolete meter stamps classified in Simon-Walsh

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- 206 1/6 NCRs called 'ugly ducklings' of meters
207 2/3 Is biology valid as subject for topicals?
208 3/10 US metered military mail
209 5/19 Inventor Arthur Pitney developed postage meter
210 7/14 John Coulthard encouraged interest in meters
211 6/14 First US electronic postage meter
212 8/25 Postage meter benefited government
213 9/22 Columnist tells how he became interested in meters

Roscoe wrote other meter-related articles for *Stamp Collector* that were not his regular column:

- 1/26/74 USPS expands meter usage
2/15/75 Collector's voice: indicia on official U.S. Air Force mail
8/23/75 Tobacco as a topical, cigarette advertising meter slogans
4/20/76 Adoption of meters by Post Office Dept. and stamp types
3/26/77 Swiss experiment in vending franking devices
4/30/77 Foster Report: An outline of mail classification history
6/15/77 Errors and oddities in impressions
6/25/77 Swiss use coin-operated postage frankers
12/10/77 You asked: Meter stamp organizations and literature
12/24/77 You asked: What about meters?
6/24/78 You asked: Now to save meters on oversize covers
6/28/78 How to save meters
3/24/79 PB's Remote Meter Resetting System
11/3/79 You asked: PB official mail imprints
11/10/79 Electronic mail, the time is ripe for philatelic study
8/1/81 You asked: Why two impressions on same cover?
10/19/81 You asked: How to collect meter tapes
10/26/81 You asked: Metered business reply mail
10/28/81 You asked: Why two denominations on impressions?
1/10/83 Review of revised edition of Simon-Walsh US Meter Stamp Catalog
4/11/83 You asked: Significance of meter stamp over permit imprint
4/25/83 You asked: Official mail meter (Postalia)
5/2/83 You asked: Official mail meter
7/18/83 Pitney Bowes claims more than 800,000 meters leased in US
7/16/84 You asked: Drop Shipment Authorization slogan
10/21/85 Metered cover
10/28/85 A different meter (Hasler official mail imprint)
4/25/87 You asked: Two PB official imprints on same meter with two towns
5/30/87 Imprints from a Postage Validation Imprinter