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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Hello ACE friends! Next year we will be looking for new officers. Last year, we didn't follow the bylaws of the club and some members were glad we all were officers again, but not so happy that we didn't really do it in the correct manner. I truly apologize for that. So... start thinking who would be your best President, Vice President of ACE. Those positions are up for new officers next year. Joe and John can keep their positions indefinitely (so?), but are willing to have someone run against them for sure! They both do a great job, but I don't think we should overuse their kindness and abilities.

We need people to run for the positions. We need people to call or email every member to ask them if they would consider running or who they feel would be a good officer.

Please help us with the process of elections. Would you want to run? Would you want to reach out to other members? Do you have someone you want to nominate?

I have enjoyed my time as President. It has been a real honor to serve this great club. It has truly been a rewarding endeavor. If you have any interest, please reach out to the current officer and ask what the "job" entails. We'd be glad to pass the information, and possibly the baton.

ACE president Kristen Hermanny



Halloween Cover Contest

Charlie Delgado, ACE VP, announced in his officer's column for April that there would be a contest in August so that the winning covers could be shown in the October issue of *From Cover to Cover*.

You can enter one or all five categories, one entry each.

- 1.) Hand drawn / hand painted
- 2.) Computer generated
- 3.) Rubber stamped
- 4.) stickers, decals, etc.
- 5.) Folded envelopes from preprinted materials.

Please mark your category on the back of each cover.

All entries must have been sent through the mail unprotected.

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Entries should be sent to: Cover Contest, Charlie Delgado, 231 Warren Ave., Elyria, OH 44035-6237

Deadline for entries is August 28th.



Cover of the Month



Cover by Ted Tompkins, ACE 338, Cut and folded from a printed advertisement. See page 2 for his letter.

Art Cover Exchange

Club Founders

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Edith Medley

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Applying for Membership:

ACE dues are applicable for the calendar year in which they are received in accordance with the Dues Schedule printed below. Dues are \$20 for U.S. single membership or for a family membership with 1 newsletter (each member in the same household will be issued individual membership numbers). \$25 for Canada, Mexico and all other International memberships.

Please include a sample cover with your application.

Prospective members may request membership information by contacting the treasurer:

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All Checks for ACE must be made payable to:

Joseph K. Doles

Send changes of address to Joe Doles

ACE Dues Schedule

Months Joined	Dues Amount	Newsletters Received
Jan. - March	\$20	12
April - June	\$15	9
July - Sept.	\$10	6
Oct. - Dec (Bonus)	\$20	3 + 12 new year

Letter to the editor.

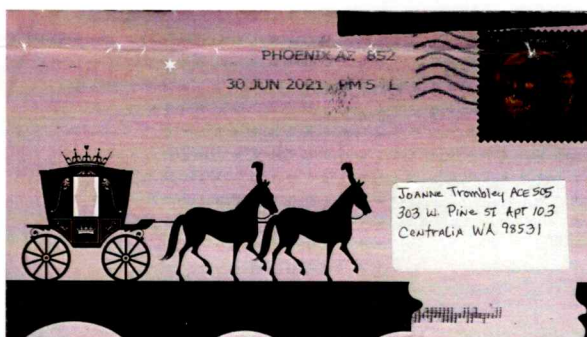
July 10, 2021

Hi Joe,
Greetings from the Portage Story Point senior living complex. I am told there are several in Michigan. It's 4 years old and the front half is independent living, 3 floors. Back half is only 1 floor and enhanced living where I'm at, and assisted living and memory care in the south-east wing. We are getting back to normal with group activities and entertainment and in-room visitors. The staff is still wearing masks but the inmates no longer have to.
I hope you never tire of hearing what a great job you are doing for the ACE

family. I'm sure none of us could do it as well, so I am praying that you live to be 110 years old. Thank you!
Thank you!
I get requests for money from lots of organizations, some I've never heard of. So I make some into ACE covers a-la John Martin.

Have a Great ACE Day,
Ted (Tompkins) #338

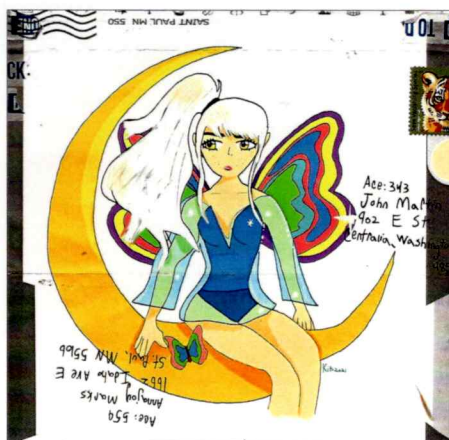
Ted's large, 5"x9½", cover, shown on page 1, was cut down from a much larger mailing piece. Note Ted's detail in his lettering that follows the curves in the flag. Unfortunately the stamps are pen canceled, but a machine postmark is at the bottom left.



Joanne, ACE 505 writes "I think this cover is one of the cutest-prettiest covers Dave (Snyder, ACE 487) has ever done."

Cover is made from a folded advertisement on a very shiny coated paper.

This memorial cover by **Charlie Delgado, ACE 20** is for a high school classmate that lost his life while serving in Vietnam. This cover is postmarked on the 52nd anniversary of that event.



Annajoy Marks, ACE 559, is doing remarkably well with the "Manga" style of art. She sent John Martin this stunning original art cover of a young lady with butterfly wings, seated on a crescent moon. The art was on a larger piece of paper, folded to make an envelope. I reopened the paper to show the whole image. It is signed "Kit 2021," Kit being a nickname for Annajoy sometimes used by her friends

What Is 'Great ACE Day' or GAD?

<http://www.artcoverexchange.org/GreatACEDay.html>

Great ACE Day, or GAD as it's often referred, is an event that is celebrated annually on August 1st. In 1987, Kenneth C. Jenkins (ACE #17) had a brainstorm and named it Great ACE Day. The first four "targets" and cover "themes" were selected by Ken.

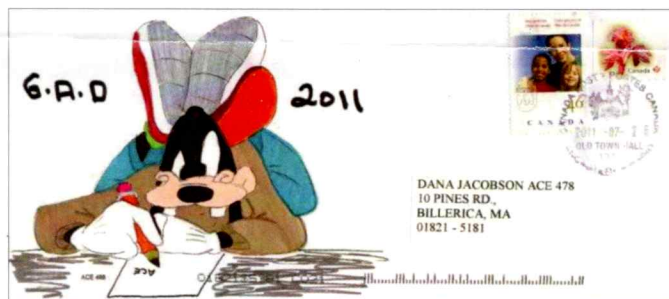
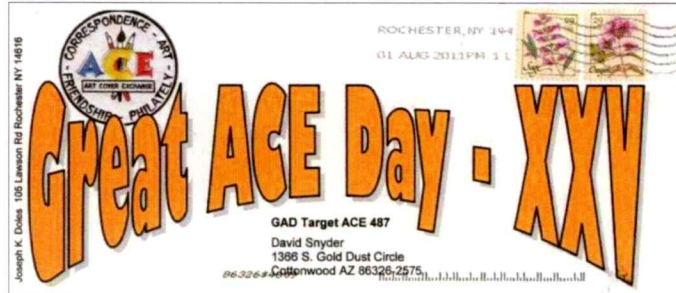
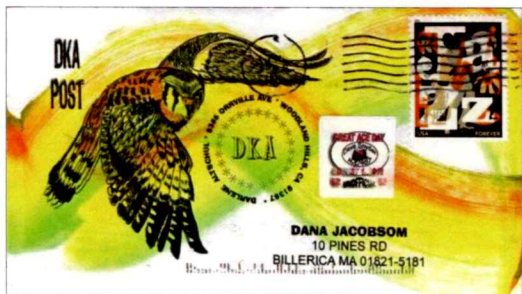
After Ken left ACE, the ACE officers picked the theme, but the membership nominated and then voted for the GAD target. The theme portion of the process is not always utilized, usually determined by the current president. At some point in time it was decided not to have a theme but to check the annual membership roster for the collecting interests for the one nominated, and to design covers around the recipient's collecting or other interests. This makes cover designs more personal to the GAD target.

Once the GAD target is determined, the selected recipient would be inundated with covers - all marked GAD (# xx), and postmarked August 1. It's a fun event and all ACE members are encouraged to participate by sending GAD covers to all members of ACE while sending several extras to the GAD target.

From an old ACE handbook, here are some "tips" from Ken Jenkins for consideration during the GAD process:

- 1) Make a friendship stamp (Local Post)
- 2) Design a special cover. Mail extra covers to favorite ACE'ers
- 3) Mail special covers to members you haven't written to in the past
- 4) Mail your covers early on August 1st

This is the premier annual ACE event, and all members are encouraged to participate. This is a once in a lifetime honor bestowed on an ACE member; final recipients can only be selected once!



Daughter of early ACE member seeking help

My name is Cynthia Schmidt and my Dad, Gilbert Schmidt Ace #386, was part of the ORIGINAL Ace group. My Dad passed away in October 2019, at age 93, and I am just now bringing myself to go through some of his collections. I have in front of me, 26 ACE letters, from 1942 to 1944 from other Ace artists from across the USA and Australia.

Gilbert always had a passion for art starting a very young age. He received his Bachelor's degree from the then Milwaukee Teacher's College (now University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee) and a Masters Degree in Art/Art History from the University of Iowa.

Prior to college he served proudly in the United States Navy as a ship fitter. He served our country in WWII from 1943-1944.

After College he got his first teaching job at Random Lake High School (RLHS) , in Random Lake, Wisconsin. He taught Art and Art History at RLHS for the next 36 years and then he retired at age 70.

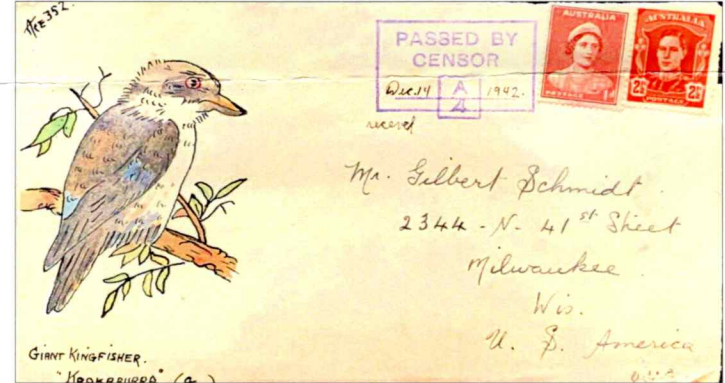
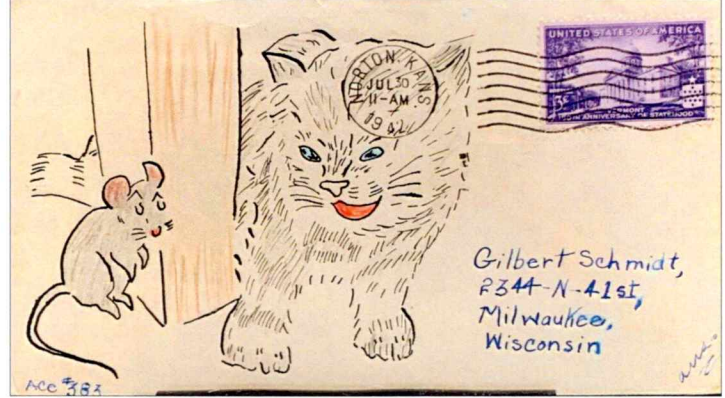
Throughout his entire life he ALWAYS was painting. His preferred medium was oil on canvas and his preferred subject matter was any thing that was Train related (steam engines) and anything related to Navy ships. When my Dad went to Heaven in 2019, as his only daughter and his only heir, I had the very difficult responsibility to go through all his belongings and all of his artwork.

So now you may be thinking, how does ACE fit in? Well, much to my surprise and amazement, I now have 26 ACE envelopes (some with letters inside) from 1942-1943 that my Dad tucked away in a cabinet for safe keeping that I have never seen before. Imagine my delight when I found these ACE envelopes and letters. My Dad was part of the original ACE club and he is/was ACE #386. My goal here is simple – to connect with any/all ACE collectors to see if they have any of my Dad's letters and Ace Envelopes. I have many, many of his original art pieces but these letters are nothing short of fantastic. And.....the letters inside each envelope are even more interesting than some of the art covers.

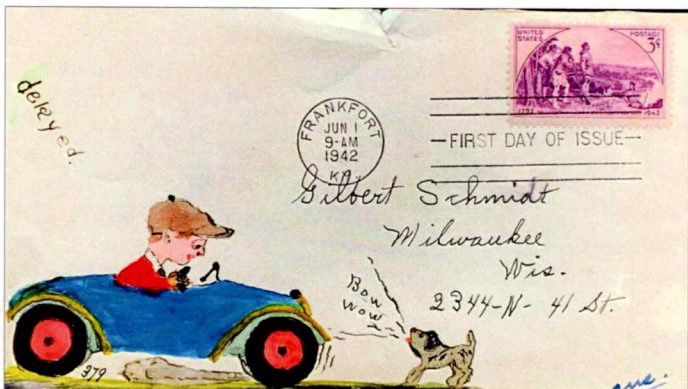
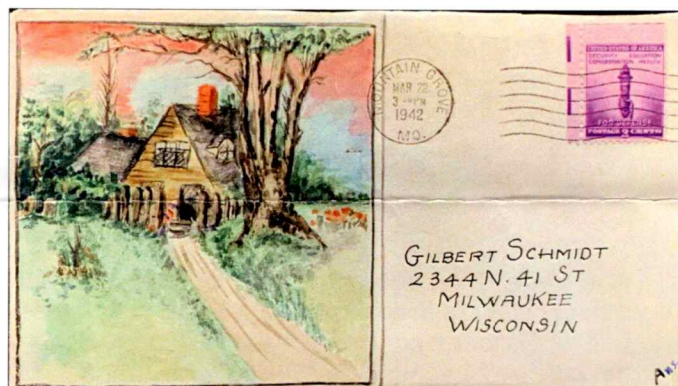
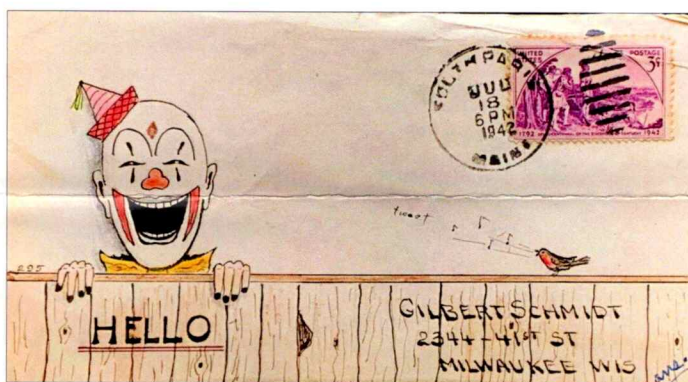
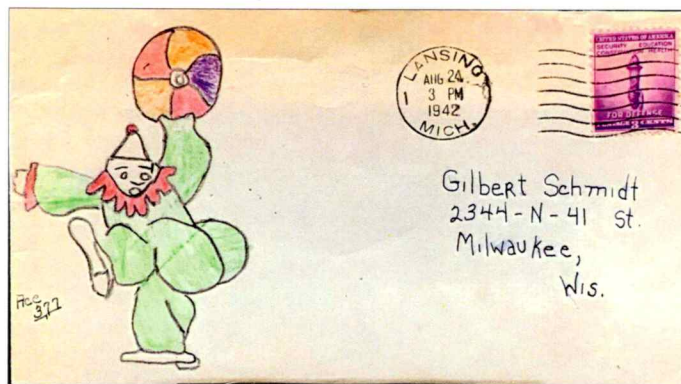
My hope is that someone out there has art envelopes from my Dad because I know he responded to each person that wrote to him. I am willing to trade any of the Art Covers I have in exchange for my Dad's.



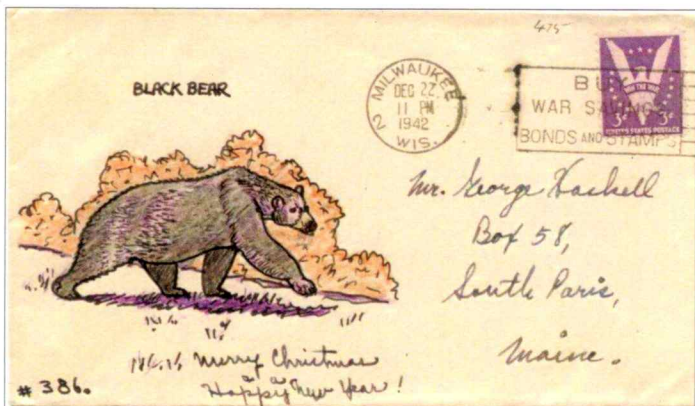
The black and white photo was my dad taken some time in 1959-1960 as it was his first photo as Faculty or as a Teacher at Random Lake High School for the Year Book. The other photo, one of my favorites, was taken in 2018, about a year before his death at age 92. I am and always will be a Daddy's girl and not a day goes by that I don't miss him – terribly.



ACE no number	Name	Address
	Sylvia Bailey	RR #2, Greenville, Ohio
353	Ruth Brockway (Mrs. B.A. Brockway)	1321 Wolcott St, Flint MI
146	Harry B. Rood	Poultney, Vermont
352	Mrs. J.L. Gray	Box 1, Orroroo, South Australia
383	Hazel Archer	Box 4, Norton, Kansas
379	Annie Ball	2700 Owen Rd, Richmond MI
299	M.G. Runyan	16 1/2 E Gov't St. Pensacola, Florida
295	George W. Voskell	South Paris, ME
377	Florence Baker (with photo)	1911 Alpha Street, Lansing MI
367	R.H. Swartz	705 Harold Avenue, Houston, TX
293	Ruth Kleinman (ACE Secretary)	Box 58, West Point, PA
263	Ella L. Anderson	336 W. First St, Mountain Grove, Missouri



This is a cover by Gilbert Schmidt, early ACE, #386.



Let's try to help her in her search.

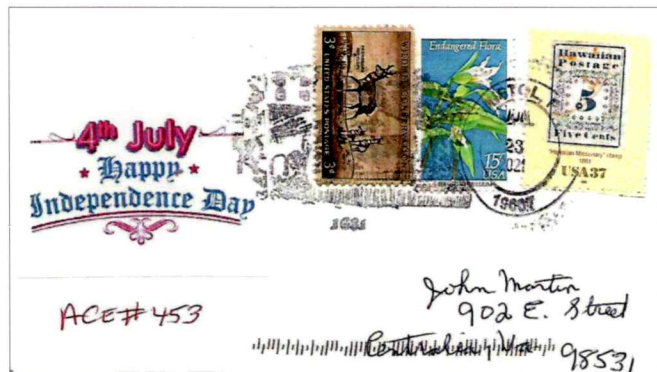
Cynthia would like to find actual covers that her father painted and sent to other members. She is willing to exchange anything she has from others for covers done by her dad. If color copies of his covers are available that might help her in her journey and would start the conversation. You can contact her at:
 Cynthia Schmidt
 N48W16069 Lone Oak Lane or rsuycott@wi.rr.com
 Menomonee Falls WI 53051

4th of July covers

Holidays are always a good topic for covers and here are some that have arrived recently in connection with Independence Day:



Ann Lees, ACE 565, produced this original art cover with our nation's flag colors inside a heart. It's canceled with a Gaithersburg, MD., Mailer's Permit Postmark device.



Frank Faustino, ACE 453, said "Happy Independence Day" with a special cancellation from Bristol, PA, although some of it overlaps the stamps.

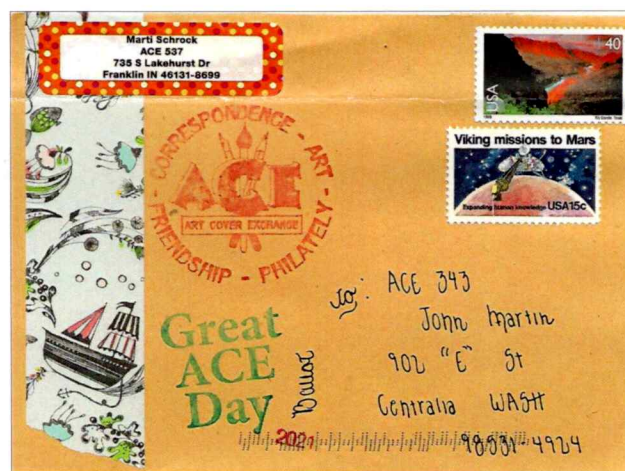


Dianne Becker, ACE 567, featured a guitar with a patriotic strap and patriotic stamps.

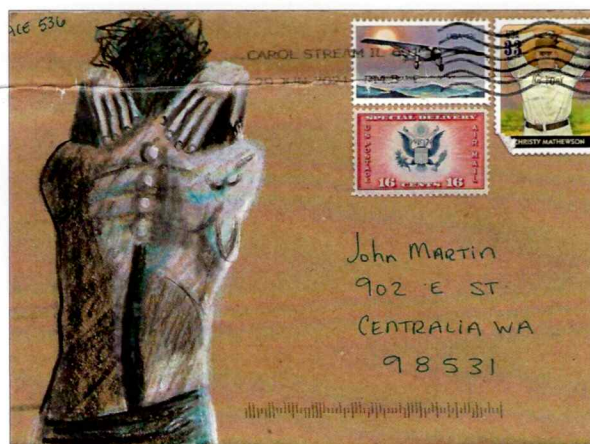


Dave Lemon, ACE 141, used a flag motif cover with red-tinted Airmail stamps.

More ACE covers



Previous ACE Target for the Great ACE Day, **Marti Schrock, ACE 537**, made sure to vote in the selection process for this year's Target, and she made this cover so ACE secretary John Martin would be sure to know it contained her "Great ACE Day "Ballot." That's attention to detail!!



Kristen Hermann, ACE 536, did some original art of a man trying to scratch his back, or trying to hug himself, as the case may be. All of Kristen's ACE covers are original art and each one is different. Even with her work schedule and ACE hobby, she's still made time to plan an evening festivity for ACEs who come to the Great American Stamp Show in Rosemont, Illinois, in mid-August.

ACE Monthly Cover-Making-Opportunity Section

Get in on the fun. Send your name to the editor before the 15th to meet the publication schedule. Your name will be deleted when you request removal from any list. As always, your participation in all, many or any activity sponsored by ACE is voluntary and at the discretion of individual members.

FDC Exchange List



Directions: Send at least one FDC per month. Arrangements should be made between listed members for a greater number of exchanges.

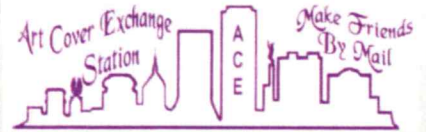
Dennis Gelvin	393
Sandye Fakan	441
Tricia Richmond	469
Ray Younkins	531



Local Posts

If you like to make your own stamp labels this is the group for you. Local posts are a fun way of letting your imagination run wild.

Charlie Delgado	020
Spencer Hudson	130



Special Cancellations

Directions: When someone sends a cover, the recipient returns a cover.

Sandye Fakan	441
Tricia Richmond	469

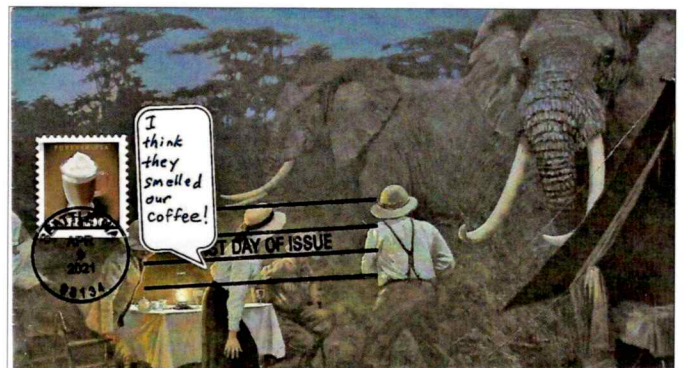
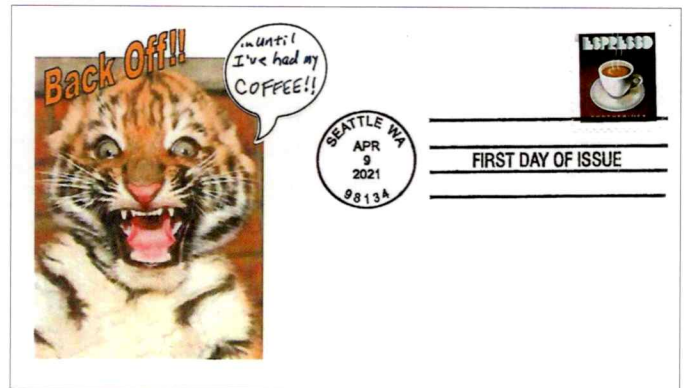
Why not address a cover to the above names and enter the exchange and add your name to the list.

ONE OF A KINDERS

by John Martin ACE 343

Even when I make an overall design for a first-day cover, I still like to toss in a few wild cards, and these I made for the Espresso stamps are about as wild as they come. These are some covers I had on hand and I turned them into coffee-themed covers. So the polar bears orders a Polar Cap-puccino and my big brown bear has been transformed into a Bistro Bear.

I added the caption balloons to make it clear what was bouncing around in the brains of these beasts as they explained their preferences for what they expected from the local barista.





If you do not see your birthday listed it means that it is not in the club database. If you send me your information I will enter it into the database. EDITOR

JULY BIRTHDAYS

02	Marilyn Parker	526
12	Janet Faught	539
17	Pam Frahm	494
24	Marge Schleining	419
25	Kyle Hermann	547

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

02	Barb J. Tippery	506
03	Spencer Hudson	130
13	Dave Curtis	382
23	John V. Colasanti	534
25	Chris G. Kirk	001

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

03	Christine Sanders	522
11	David Snyder	487
15	Ada Prill	357
20	Dana Jacobson	478
21	Charlie Delgado	020
21	John A. Cali	399
25	Kristen Hermann	536

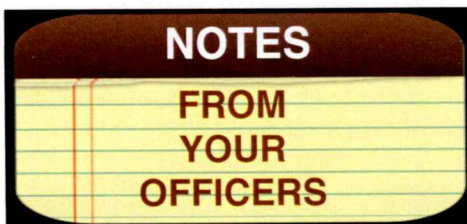
Member endorsement

This is the only tape you can use and it won't stick to your address label or covers.

Only on the blue reel.



I just ran across a 2003 first day cover that this tape had been used to hold an address label on. It was still in a sleeve from the USPS. It was easy to remove the tape with no damage to the cover. Eighteen years and not a trace of adhesive left behind. Great tape! It is the tape sold only on a blue reel.
Joe, ACE 121.



President

Kristen Hermann ACE 536

Hi ACE friends! Are you hitting stamp shows now that they are opening up? I cannot wait for the Great American Stamp Show! How exciting. I plan to meet a few ACE friends. I also have a new member joining in August or September. I hope everyone is doing well, happy, and healthy. I hope our west coast friends all came through the heat wave unscathed. Triple digits is too hot! Many member are saying their mailboxes aren't getting too much ACE mail. Hopefully the upcoming GAD will help rekindle some correspondence or start some new exchanges.

I hope to see you soon, if only in my mailbox!

Vice President

Charlie Delgado ACE 20

Time to pack up for a road trip my wife says., we'll join our one daughter and G-Kids for a week in Tenn it seems. I'm pretty sure I'll have ACE mail withdrawal pains, as I get mail almost daily. I'm sure many of you are in the same boat, so to speak, as we love getting mail, especially ACE mail. If the kids don't keep me too busy, I may get an ACE cover or two out from there, maybe. I DO HOPE TO CATCH UP WITH ACE 16 Don Mangus IF POSSIBLE,,, as he lives just a stone's throw away. Ha! Ha !!

HELP,,, Help,,, I need bids on auction lots,,, check the ACE Facebook page or call me if you need a flyer.....

Halloween is almost as fun in the summer as it is in chilly Fall time. The current ACE Cover contest theme is for "Halloween",,,, hope to see a few more covers sent in for this event,,, Mark your calendar in NOVEMBER,,, Nov.20th to be exact,,,IF you live in Ohio or near by,,, The annual BRSC STAMP SHOW is back again,,,still at St Jude School on POPLAR ST here in Elyria,,,,, 10 AM to 5PM,,,Several ACE members will be there,,,3 being

dealers.

I have all my GAD covers ready to send out,,,I HOPE YOU ENJOY MY COVER WHEN YOU GET IT !!! ,,,,,, CD

Secretary

John Martin, ACE 343

I'll be boarding Amtrak on Tuesday, Aug. 10, on my way to the Great American Stamp Show in Rosemont, Illinois. The main attraction there will be meeting some ACE friends in person -- some I've met before and some I'll be meeting for the first time.

Saturday, Aug. 14, will be the "big day" with most of them there and a gathering that evening at the home of Kristen and Kyle, who live in nearby Palatine.

If any of you can make it, it would be great to see you!

Treasurer & Editor

Joseph K. Doles ACE 121

I would like to give big shout out to our ACE webmaster Dana Jacobson, ACE 478. After a dozen years or so with the same hosting company and many, many triennial increases in fees and recent problems that their technicians seem to be unable to solve, it was decided to look for a new host company and transfer our domain. It has happened at a very good time. Our contract was up for renewal in August. Now was the time to change. The transfers went without any problems and the club saved about \$200. The new contract runs until 2023.

Dana has requested that we get a person to back him up. If you have computer skills and would be interested in helping out, Dana would appreciate a call or drop him a line or two. If you haven't gone to our website in sometime, try it soon. A lot of new information has been posted. Thanks Dana for a fantastic job.

The ACE treasury as of July 11, 2021 has a balance of 4256.42.

Anyone that would like to make up a mailing cover for future newsletters is more than welcome to do so. A generic design that can be used at any time is preferred. If you want to do a holiday month please check to see if someone else isn't already doing one. We are using 60 covers for each months mailing at this time.