

2024 Great American Stamp Show

This is just a brief report on GASS held in Hartford, CT on Aug. 14-18. At least six NSSS members attended: **John Walter, Dave Gehringer, Robert Martin, Trice and David Klauber**, and of course **Scott English**.

Information about the show is here: <https://stamps.org/great-american-stamp-show>. There were 167 exhibits with 867 frames listed in the 130-page program. Participating were 79 dealers, 49 societies, and 11 cachetmakers. Plus, there were numerous meetings scheduled each day of the show. More than enough activities to keep busy the entire four days of the show. Dave and John also attended evening hospitality suites from the Universal Ship Cancellation Society and the American First Day Cover Society. Dave even won two raffle prizes at the AFDCS activity.

The USPS first day ceremonies were for the Pinback Buttons and Autumn Colors stamps. Th UN had a first day for World Heritage Republic of Korea stamps. All well attended ceremonies.

These cover purchases by **John Walter** are just a preview for a presentation at our meeting on Sept. 28.

I collect U.S. aerogrammes addressed to foreign destinations. I found these on the first day of the show.



Letter written by a son to his mother in the Germany Russian Zone on May 6, 1947. It had a receiving cancel on May 17. The letter was written in German, so I asked someone at the German Society booth to take a look and he did a partial translation for me.

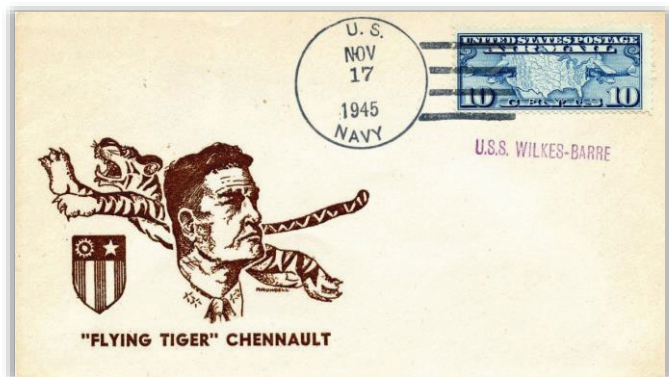


Sent April 25, 1968, from San Jose, CA to a vacationing friend in Papeete, Tahiti. There is a receiving cancel on the back, April 27, 1968. That's 2 days to delivery. Wow! The letter writer mentions fishing in a Sierra stream.

I also collect U.S. Navy hospital ship covers. I did not find any at a reasonable price but found something better.



A great cover addressed to W.G. Crosby a prolific navy cachet cover maker. Note on back "First day ship P.O. RARE about 50 made".



A nice USS Wilkes-Barre cover with a nice cachet. Wilkes-Barre, PA is my hometown and always wanted a cover like this. Found it for \$2.00.