

# Mobile Post Office Society

## AFFILIATE NO. 64, AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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I hereby apply for membership in the Mobile Post Office Society and enclose my dues for the current fiscal year (see Schedule of Dues on reverse side). Collectors submitting an application and dues for Society membership at any time during the fiscal year will be credited only for the current fiscal year. This entitles you to all copies of TRANSIT POSTMARK COLLECTOR and supplements to the current catalog issued during the fiscal year. Every member has their dues year end October 31st and are expected to renew by then for the new fiscal year. All members receive a membership card at the time their membership begins but do not receive any thereafter. Anyone desiring a new membership card can obtain one by sending a SASE to the Secretary. A member's cancelled check should suffice as a receipt of payment.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET \_\_\_\_\_ AGE, IF UNDER 18 \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP + 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_ TEL. NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

	Patron <u>Membership</u>	Sustaining <u>Membership</u>	Regular <u>Membership</u>	Family <u>Surcharge</u>	Initiation <u>Fee</u>	<u>Literature</u>	<u>Total</u>
Amount Enclosed					\$3.00		

Make checks payable to MPOS

Please complete the following showing not more than FIVE of your main TRANSIT MAKING interests. This data will appear after your name in the list of NEW MEMBERS appearing in TRANSIT POSTMARK COLLECTOR, and will also be used in future MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES.

PLEASE LIST THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES \_\_\_\_\_

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| 1. Large Diameter Route Agents      | 11. Ocean Seaposts\                  | 21. International TPOs                     |
| 2. Small Diameter 'RR' Route Agents | 12. Collection & Distribution Wagons | 22. RR Letter Stamps                       |
| 3. "Agt" Type Route Agents          | 13. Street Car RPOs                  | 23. RR Parcel, Newspaper & Official Stamps |
| 4. Farly RPOs                       | 14. Interurban RPOs                  | 24. Transit Markings                       |
| 5. The Fast Mails                   | 15. HPOs                             | 25. Railway & Steamship Corner Cards       |
| 6. Modern RPOs                      | 16. Local Agent and Transfer Clerks  | 26. RPO Performance & Service Postmarks    |
| 7. Last Trip RPOs and HPOs          | 17. Manuscript Route Agents or RPOs\ | 27. International Station & Sub-Office     |
| 8. Station Agents                   | 18. Exposition RPOs                  | 28. Damage Covers                          |
| 9. Domestic Waterways               | 19. Special Event RRs\               | 29. RR Thematic collection                 |
| 10. Coastwise RPOs                  | 20. Canadian RPOs                    | 30. Rural Free Delivery                    |
|                                     |                                      | 31. Pneumatic Tube Mail                    |

Other Philatelic Society Memberships and Nos. \_\_\_\_\_

Please send a membership application and other literature about MPOS to the following: \_\_\_\_\_

We welcome any efforts you can make to spread the word about our Society with friends and other philatelic groups, and will, on request, supply membership applications for this purpose.

The Mobile Post Office Society is a non-profit corporation devoted to the interests of collectors of covers, cachets, postmarks, history and data of United States and Worldwide Transit Markings of all types, including railway, highway, and waterway.

The society was originally organized in 1950 by a small group of collectors interested in U.S. Highway Post Office covers and postmarks. Known as the National Highway Post Office Society (NHPOS), its activity was centered on the growing network of HPO routes, which were being developed by the Post Office Department to fill the void caused by steadily declining passenger train service on the Nation's railroads. An integral part of nearly all passenger trains had long been the Railway Post - Offices which provided facilities for the distribution of mail en route, and performed the great bulk of mail distribution for the country.

However, in the next decade, en route distribution of mail of all types began to vanish under the Sectional Center Facility (SCF) concept, increased mechanized sortation of mail, and bulk movements of mail by truck and airplane.

Recognizing this trend, the Society in 1966 changed its name to the Mobile Post Office Society, and its goal to Postal History, and collecting of all types of mail sorted en route, whatever the type of conveyance, and the study of facilities and methods supporting such in-transit handling of mail. The necessity of this decision was borne out by the discontinuance of the last Highway Post Office in the U.S. in 1974 and the last Railway Post Office in the U.S. in 1977.

MPOS, an organization with over 600 members worldwide, publishes TRANSIT POSTMARK COLLECTOR bi-monthly covering all Society news and articles of interest. MPOS is also constantly active in the field of publication of books and monographs relative to the interests of the Society. Monographs on topics of interest are regularly issued and the Society operates frequent mail bid sales as well as an extensive Cover Sales Department. In 1976 MPOS became affiliate No. 64 of the American Philatelic Society- the largest national organization of philatelists.

#### \*\*\*\*\*DUES INFORMATION\*\*\*\*\*

All dues payments in excess of the regular membership are tax-deductible as a donation to the non-profit Mobile Post Office Society, Inc.

Our Society operates on a fiscal year basis. Applications received after October 31st will be processed as memberships for the next fiscal year. Your dues include six issues of Transit Postmark Collector newsletter, issued bi-monthly.

Patron Membership -- \$50 For all members who desire to underwrite MPOS efforts to promote literature production for postal history and to support catalog and monograph progress. Patron members will receive all monographs published during the fiscal year free of charge, and may purchase all hardbound publications at 40% off the regular price. Names of all Patron members will be listed in *Transit Postmark Collector* once a year so that their help to the Society may be noted by all.

Sustaining Membership -- \$30 (\$45 outside North America) For all members who desire to help MPOS in the advancement and continuance of a progressive publication program. Sustaining members receive all publications received by regular members and, in addition, will receive without additional charge, two sections of the *Mail Travel Guide* during the year. However, they will not receive hardbound books published by MPOS except by regular purchase. Names of all Sustaining members are listed in *Transit Postmark Collector* once a year so that their help to the society may be noted by all.

Regular Membership -- \$20 (\$35 outside North America) For all other members. All new members will receive a copy of *The Scope Book*, a 30-page brochure outlining the many types of collectibles that MPOS members seek, collect and study.

Family Membership -- \$5 surcharge Gives all rights and privileges of membership to a couple and dependent children, except that only two votes per family will be counted and only one set of publications will be sent.