

Mobile Post Office Society's bimonthly journal, "Transit Postmark Collector" is on the way to members. For a sample copy, send \$2 to MPOS, PO Box 427, Marstons Mills MA 02648.

The January-February, 2017 issue continues Douglas Clark's "News of the Cities" column on Streetcar RPOs with proposed descriptions of the types of handstamp postmarks and a request for census information on earliest and latest known usages of US Streetcar RPO markings.

Will Keller continues his detailed articles on Highway Post Offices. Among the 30 totally new routes established in 1952 was the Louisville & St. Louis HPO.

35 newly-reported postmarks are shown in color. Members and interested parties are invited to the MPOS annual meeting at PIPEX, Portland, Oregon May 12-14 where Roger Heath will present a slideshow of Swiss Railway markings. Members-only bidding Mail Bid Sale #216, closing April 15 brings 84 lots of covers of interest to members, and new members to the Society are announced.

Mobile Post Office Society (MPOS) was founded in 1950 by a group of philatelists interested in the study of United States Highway Post Offices. It soon expanded to focus on Railway Post Offices, and eventually to the enroute distribution and postmarking of mail all over the world. It is a nonprofit organization, affiliate #64 of the American Philatelic Society.

MPOS has published the definitive studies of postmarks from the Railroad, Station, Route Agent, and Messenger services, and the Railway, Highway, Streetcar, Terminal, and Air Mail Field Post Offices as well as the Transfer Offices and Clerks in United States philately. Most recently, MPOS has added a focus on the USA's Rural Free Delivery (RFD) service and postmarks that were used around the beginning of the 20th century. 1996 saw the start of a study of "TRANSIT" markings used at intermediate Post Offices.

The research and work of many years culminated in the completion of the "United States RPO Postmark Catalogue", begun by the late Charles Towle, and completed through the efforts of MPOS Past President Fred MacDonald, along with the work of many dedicated philatelists.

MPOS publications are available for purchase by interested philatelists, whether or not they are members of MPOS. Current members receive all benefits of membership including a subscription to Transit Postmark Collector and MPOS serial publications; Sustaining and Patron members enjoy the serial publications and extra publications at no charge, plus price reductions for all literature. Sustaining and Patron members also get the satisfaction of knowing that they support an organization of dedicated, like-minded philatelists and its scholarly research, as well as its fun activities and show participation. The Society is present on Facebook and on the web at <http://www.eskimo.com/~rkunz/mposhome.html>