

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. This includes all copies of TRANSIT POSTMARK COLLECTOR issued during the fiscal year, and a discount on literature orders. Dues years end October 31st. New members receive a membership card at the time their membership begins. Anyone desiring a new membership card or receipt for payment can obtain one by sending a SASE to the Secretary.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP+4 _____

OCCUPATION _____ TELEPHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

(circle) Amount	Patron <u>Membership</u>	Sustaining <u>Membership</u>	Regular <u>Membership</u>
Enclosed	\$50.00	\$30.00	\$23.00
Paypal, ADD	\$2.50	\$2.00	\$1.00

Make checks payable to MPOS. Payment via paypal is possible, see fee surcharges.

Please complete the following showing not more than FIVE of your main Transit Marking 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 | 12. Collection & Distribution Wagons | |
| 2. Small Diameter "RR" Route Agts | 13. Street Car RPOs | 23. RR Parcel, Newspaper, Official Stamps |
| 3. Agt Type Route Agents | 14. Interurban RPOs | 24. Transit Markings |
| 4. Early RPOs | 15. HPOs | 25. Railway & Steamship Corner Cards |
| 5. The Fast Mail | 16. Local Agent and Transfer Clerks | 26. RPO Performance & Service Postmarks |
| 6. Modern RPOs | 17. Manuscript Route Agents/RPOs | 27. International Station & Sub-Office |
| 7. Last Trip RPOs and HPOs | 18. Exposition RPOs | 28. Damage/wreck Covers |
| 8. Station Agents | 19. Special Event RRs | 29. RR Thematic collection |
| 9. Domestic Waterways | 20. Canadian RPOs | 30. Rural Free Delivery |
| 10. Coastwise RPOs | 21. International TPOs | 31. Pneumatic Tube Mail |
| 11. Ocean Seaposts | 22. RR Letter Stamps | 32. Dealer |

Other Philatelic Society Memberships and numbers _____

Mobile Post Office Society is a 501c(3) nonprofit 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 air. Recognizing this trend, the Society in 1966 changed its name to the Mobile Post Office Society, and its goal to focus on Postal History, 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 publishes TRANSIT POSTMARK COLLECTOR quarterly covering Society news, articles of interest and a members-only mail and email auction. MPOS is also active in the field of publication of books and monographs relative to the interests of the Society. Monographs on topics of interest are issued and the Society operates 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 501c(3) nonprofit Mobile Post Office Society, Inc.

MEMBERS MAY ELECT TO RECEIVE TRANSIT POSTMARK COLLECTOR VIA EMAIL ATTACHMENT

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 four issues of Transit Postmark Collector, issued quarterly.

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. **Paypal, add \$2.50**

Sustaining Membership -- \$30 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. 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. **Paypal, add \$2.00**

Regular Membership -- \$23 For all other members. All new members will receive a copy of *The Scope Book*, a brochure outlining the types of collectibles that MPOS members seek, collect and study. **Paypal, add \$1**

Non-USA Membership -- Cost same as USA members, but Transit Postmark Collector will be sent as an attachment to email, PDF format. If hardcopy TPC is required, cost is \$45.00. **Paypal, add \$3.50**

Society website: <https://tinyurl.com/mobileposociety>