

EUROPA NEWS



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The Shows Department of the APS is hard at work to make this the best GASS yet.

At least two of your Directors are hoping to make it —Alex Cwiekalo and Caroline Scannel. Look for them on the floor (they'll be wearing nametags) and say hello.

Why not have an ESU lunch or dinner? Take time to relax, talk stamps, and enjoy some din-din and drinky-poo,

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Editor's Post

Well everyone, we all emerged from 2023. Your directors—Don, Caroline, et al.—are in recovery mode, as is your humble editor (YHE). YHE, however, seems to have swapped legs. I did receive one successful hip transplant in my right leg, but I'm now struggling with something else in my left leg, hopefully just a pinched nerve. Unfortunately, the pain has still been such that I'm not able to spend very much time sitting in my computer chair.

If that was the extent of our situation I'd probably find myself in better shape to work on the newsletter. As luck would have it, though, my wife and I are also in the middle of trying to move. Our ages and my health have convinced us that it's time to downsize, and get a 1st floor bedroom. My Beautiful Wife (BW) found a nice little development a few miles down the road that has houses we like, and an assisted living complex contained within, so there's a path forward (or downhill depending on your point of view).

As soon as we saw this house I looked at one room in particular and said "That's the stamp room!" It's got nice light, lots of room, and is on the first floor. Houses in this 55+ community don't go on sale that often, let alone the house we wanted. So when it went up for sale last year we pounced. And we now have two houses and two lovely mortgages. The plan of course is to pay off both mortgages when we sell our first house. Except I'm not much help, so my BW gets to do most of the work. Not to mention that she wanted to do some serious remodeling.

Doesn't that come with the territory? So, we are still in the first house, contractors are in the new house, and controlled chaos reigns. I'm hoping that summer finds us in the new house and me back at my PC.

Obviously the Europa News has taken a serious hit. A special Thank You to all of you for your patience as we (mostly I) get our act together. We've suspended dues collection until next year, so if you've already sent us your dues, you are caught up for another year. We Directors are taking stock of where we stand, and will let you know what is decided for our humble little Unit going forward.



We say that this publication is a labor of love, and many of you understand completely what that means. The nice little card on the left was sent to me by ESU member Pat Perella. Thank you, Pat!

Don Smith reports that he also received a card, and a nice note from Myron Molnau saying how much he (Myron) missed the auctions. Well then, how about some good news? Don is also recovering from his injuries, and says he misses doing the auctions. Say no more. The auctions will resume soon.

Editor's Post—cont'd

Another area of consideration is the print edition. Tonny is a nonagenarian, and the days of his being able to run the Xerox machine, label and stamp all the newsletters is also drawing to a close. So why don't we do what the major magazines are doing and focus on the online edition? This has some major benefits:

- * It takes a major monkey off Tonny's back
- * It saves the Unit a major expense
- * It gives YHE some breathing room

There are other ancillary benefits as well. One major benefit is that our Handbook Czar can keep the HB up to date online. That means that it will be much more up to date and useful.

Another benny for YHE is that I can give the annual issues a rest. Most of the information about the annual issues is available already on the Europa Blogspot, so listing them again in the Europa News is redundant to say the least. So, henceforth YHE will focus more on "other issues" that are often missed elsewhere.

The sharp reader may have noticed that the type is a bit larger this time around. That is the case, as I've bumped the type face from Century Schoolbook 11 to size 12. Just another concession to the effects of age creeping up on us.

For example, this tableau of stamps was listed on the Europa Blogspot. 2023 was the 30th anniversary of PostEurop and a few countries marked the occasion by issuing special stamps showing the 30-year logo.



While these are standalone, some countries simply included the logo with something else. For example, the Blogspot says that Malta just incorporated it into their design. I think he meant Isle of Man:



See EN# 475-3 for more info about the Isle of Man issue.

New Issues

20 YEARS SINCE ROMANIA'S ACCESSION TO NATO

An example of issues we plan to cover will be this item from Romania marking the two-decade anniversary of Romania's accession to NATO. The admission of the Balkan countries to NATO was perhaps the most significant event marking the end of the so-called Cold War.

These eastern European countries take their obligations seriously. The following is a direct lift from Romfilatelia describing the issue:

This major foreign policy success was the result of a comprehensive reform process. The overwhelming support of public opinion and the political class made the goal of NATO membership a constant concern of successive administrations after the restoration of democracy.

Romania's success was also an essential moment in the consolidation of European stability and security.

As an Ally, Romania increased its contribution to NATO missions and operations, significantly contributing to the fulfillment of the Alliance's fundamental tasks: collective defense and deterrence, crisis prevention and management, and security through cooperation. At the same time, we became an active presence in political debates, with our own ideas and proposals,

Developments in NATO's eastern neighborhood and in the Black Sea area have always, naturally, been a priority issue for Romania. At the same time, we have taken an active role in supporting security and stability in the Western Balkans.

Romania supports the "open doors" policy, as an instrument that expands the space in which democracy and the rule of law are defended by all Allied states.

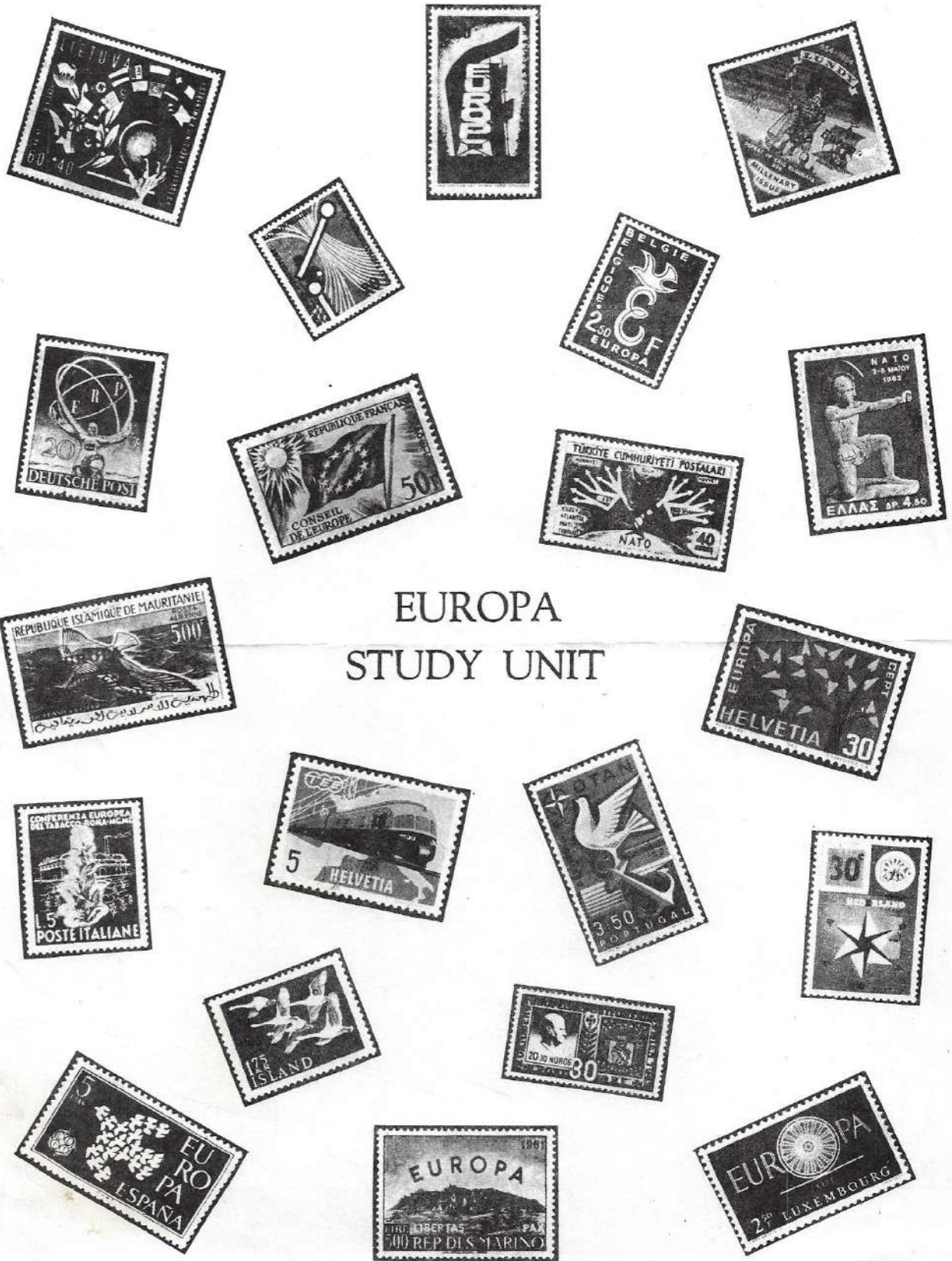
After the Russian Federation launched the war of aggression on Ukraine, Romania assumed an active role in the coherent strengthening of the allied deterrence and defense posture on the Eastern Flank, in the process of articulating a comprehensive response to the unprecedented threats to all Allies. This role was doubled by active and multidimensional support for Ukraine as well as other partners exposed to the negative consequences of the ongoing war.

By joining NATO, Romania obtained the strongest security guarantees in its history, and the 20 years of membership in the Alliance irreversibly transformed it and strengthened its role and capacity to contribute to Euro-Atlantic security and stability.

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Article
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The following was written by our Founding CEO Robin Crowley, around 1960.

It requires very little imagination to realize what incredible fun an American stamp collector would have had some 200 years ago, if only postage stamps had then been in general use. Each of the colonies would doubtless have had its own issues, at first portraying King George III. Later these would have been violently barred and overprinted, and all sorts of new issues would have appeared as the United States of America took shape and developed.

In principle, Europa collectors are today in exactly the same situation as this imaginary collector of some 200 years ago. It took almost 200 years for the U.S. to reach its present size. The Europa concept has been operating for some 20 years, but it has made strides which no one would even have thought a practical possibility before the outbreak of World War II. Further, it is becoming more and more apparent that the development of this concept is imperative if the world as we know and want it (and stamp collecting) is to survive.

Europa philately is a relatively new thing and its enthusiasts are relatively few, at least in the U.S., but they are perfectly content and confident that they are indeed in on the ground floor. It is believed that the first Europa exhibit at a national show in the U.S. was in 1958, and it met a cold reception. The judges of the topicals disqualified it because it was not a topic like birds and bees and railroads. The judges of the classicals disqualified it because it contained stamps from several countries. This ridiculous situation was, of course, quickly resolved and Europa is formally regarded as a topic.

When and if a real United States of Europe develops, its philately may become that of a classical country and the present Europa issues may then be regarded as forerunners. But that is the least of our worries and can be left for the future to decide. Meantime Europa collectors have to exercise their imaginations more than in any other topic. We are dealing with the development of a concept and not a visible practical subject. 'Bits of history, geography, politics, international trade and all sorts of other things come into it. In fact, there is by no means - and there need not be - unanimity about What does and does not belong to Europa philately, but its devotees are supremely happy in its pursuit.

Europa, the striving for a United States of Europe, started to become a reality after the end of World War II, but it took us Americans quite some time to appreciate what was happening. Europa philately did indeed creep up on us unawares. In 1959 a dozen of us got together and, in an effort to find out what was really going on, formed the Europa Study Unit. This Unit has never ceased growing. It has no desire whatever to be big for the sake of being big, but it does want the support of everybody interested in Europa philately, in the confident belief that each one can help each other just as did the first dozen charter members.

With its participation in stamp shows throughout the country and its extraordinary monthly bulletin, keeping its members posted on all the Europa news throughout the world, the Europa Study Unit offers a challenge to the discriminating collector and a pleasant surprise to the novice who is looking for something of interest upon which to build a stamp collection. ■

New Issues

with **SCOTT** catalog numbers
... from August – December 2023 and January – March 2024 ...

Country	Scott #	Dat of Issue	Description	Linns SSM
Aland Islands	470-471	9-May-23	Europa 2023	Mar-24
Albania	3074	26-Oct-23	Euromed 2022 / Block of 4, #3074a-d	Feb-24
Andorra (French)	867	9-May-23	Europa 2023	Sep-23
Andorra (Spanish)	522	9-May-23	Europa 2023	Jan-24
Armenia	1365- 1366	28-Feb-23	Religious Buildings, joint with Slovakia	Oct-23
Armenia	1367- 1368	3-Apr-23	Ana Asian, joint with Romania	Oct-23
Austria	3063	5-May-23	Europa 2023	Feb-24
Azerbaijan	1282- 1283	28-Jul-20	Europa 2020	Feb-24
Azerbaijan	1284	28-Jul-20	Europa 2020 / Souvenir sheet with one stamp	Feb-24
Azerbaijan	1310- 1311	24-Jun-21	Europa 2021	Jan-24
Azerbaijan	1312	24-Jun-21	Europa 2021 / Souvenir sheet with one stamp	Jan-24
Azerbaijan	1334- 1335	16-Jun-22	Europa 2022	Jan-24
Azerbaijan	1335a	16-Jun-22	Europa 2022 / Bklt. pane of 8, 4 ea #1334-1335	Jan-24
Azerbaijan	1336	16-Jun-22	Europa 2022 / Souvenir sheet with one stamp	Jan-24
Azerbaijan	1349	2-Dec-22	Diplomatic Relations with Ukraine, 30th anniversary / Sheet of 2, #1349a-b + central label	Jan-24
Azerbaijan	1350	7-Dec-22	Diplomatic Relations with Georgia, 30th anniversary	Mar-24
Azerbaijan	1384	10-Jul-23	Europa 2023 / Horiz. pair #1384a-b	Feb-24
Azerbaijan	1385	10-Jul-23	Europa 2023 / Souvenir sheet of 2, #1385a-b	Feb-24

This and the following are available in Excel and Word formats.

If you prefer a downloadable file, send us an email and we'll send one to you straightaway.

Hopefully in months to come we can include an article or other item of interest..

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Country	Scott #	Dat of Issue	Description	Linns SSM
Belarus	1299	26-Aug-22	Eurasian Economic Commission, 10th Anniv	Nov-23
Belgium	3013	12-Jun-23	Europa 2023	Sep-23
Bosnia & Herz.	873	9-May-23	Europa 2023	Dec-23
Bosnia & Herz. (Croat)	465a-b	9-May-23	Europa 2023	Sep-23
Bosnia & Herz. (Croat)	465c	9-May-23	Europa 2023 / SS of 2, #465a-b	Sep-23
Bosnia & Herz. (Serb)	703-704	28-Apr-23	Europa 2023	Sep-23
Bosnia & Herz. (Serb)	704a	28-Apr-23	Europa 2023 / SS of 1, #704	Sep-23
Bulgaria	5025	7-Dec-22	Europa 2022 / Pair, #5025a-b	Sep-23
Bulgaria	5026	7-Dec-22	Europa 2022 / Imperf se-tenant pair, #5026a-b	Sep-23
Bulgaria	5027	7-Dec-22	Europa 2022 / Imperf bklt. stamp	Sep-23
Bulgaria	5028	7-Dec-22	Europa 2022 / Imperf bklt. stamp	Sep-23
Bulgaria	5061	26-May-23	Europa 2023 / Pair, #5061a-b	Sep-23
Bulgaria	5062	26-May-23	Europa 2023 / Bklt. stamp	Sep-23
Bulgaria	5063	26-May-23	Europa 2023 / Bklt. stamp	Sep-23
Bulgaria	5027a	7-Dec-22	Europa 2022 / Imperf bklt. pane of 4, #5027	Sep-23
Bulgaria	5028a	7-Dec-22	Europa 2022 / Imperf bklt. pane of 4, #5028 / Complete bklt. #5027a, 5028a	Sep-23
Bulgaria	5061c	26-May-23	Europa 2023 / SS of 2, #5061a-b	Sep-23
Bulgaria	5062a	26-May-23	Europa 2023 / Bklt. pane of 3, #5062 + label	Sep-23
Bulgaria	5063a	26-May-23	Europa 2023 / Bklt. pane of 3, #5063 + label / Complete bklt. #5062a, 5063a	Sep-23
Croatia	1292	25-Jan-23	Introduction of Euro in Croatia	Oct-23
Croatia	1322	1-Jul-23	Accession to European Union, 10th Anniv	Dec-23
Croatia	1306-1307	9-May-23	Europa 2023	Oct-23
Cyprus	1394	10-Jul-23	Euromed 2023	Mar-24
Cyprus	1392-1393	9-May-23	Europa 2023	Mar-24
Cyprus	1393a	9-May-23	Europa 2023 / Bklt. pane of 8, 4 ea #1392-1393	Mar-24
Czech Republic	3931	9-May-23	Europa 2023	Aug-23
Czech Republic	3944	2-Oct-23	Carrier Pigeon, joint issue with Slovakia	Nov-23
Denmark	1924b	4-May-23	Europa 2023 stamp on souvenir sheet of 2, #1924a-b	Mar-24
Estonia	1006	25-May-23	Europa 2023	Oct-23
Estonia	1009	2-Jun-23	Admission to NATO of Finland	Oct-23

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Faroe Islands	829	9-May-23	Europa 2023	Oct-23
Faroe Islands	830	9-May-23	Europa 2023 / Self-adhesive bklt. stamp	Oct-23
Faroe Islands	840	23-Oct-23	Post Europ, 30th anniversary	Mar-24
Faroe Islands	830a	9-May-23	Europa 2023 / Self-adhesive bklt. pane of 6	Oct-23
Finland	1690	9-May-23	Europa 2023 / Self-adhesive stamp	Mar-24
France	6416	5-May-23	Europa 2023	Oct-23
France	6417	5-May-23	European capitals / MS of 4, #6417a-d	Oct-23
France	6475	13-Jul-23	Route of Napoleon (Route N85) / Souvenir sheet of 3, #6475a-c	Oct-23
France	6475d	13-Jul-23	Souvenir sheet of 1, #6475a	Oct-23
France	6475e	13-Jul-23	Souvenir sheet of 1, #6475b	Oct-23
France	6475f	13-Jul-23	Souvenir sheet of 1, #6475c	Oct-23
France (Council of Europe)	1084	8-Sep-23	Solidarity with Ukraine	Jan-24
Germany	3348	4-May-23	Europa 2023	Aug-23
Gibraltar	1857-1858	30-Mar-23	Europa 2023	Nov-23
Gibraltar	1858a	30-Mar-23	Europa 2023 / Souvenir sheet of 2 (#1857-1858)	Nov-23
Greece	3010	9-May-23	Europa 2023 / Horiz. pair, #3010a-b / Perf.14	Mar-24
Greece	3020	10-Jul-23	Euromed 2023 / Horiz. pair, #3020a-b	Mar-24
Greece	3010c	9-May-23	Europa 2023 / Horiz. pair, #3010a-b / Perf. 13 3/4 vert.	Mar-24
Greece	3010f	9-May-23	Europa 2023 / Bklt. pane of 2, #3010c	Mar-24
Greece	3020c	10-Jul-23	Euromed 2023 / Souvenir sheet of 4, 2 ea #3020a-b	Mar-24
Greece	3020d	10-Jul-23	Euromed 2023 / Horiz. pair, #3020a-b / Perf. 13 3/4 vert.	Mar-24
Greece	3020g	10-Jul-23	Euromed 2023 / Bklt. pane of 2, #3020d	Mar-24
Greenland	929	30-May-23	Europa 2023 / Self-adhesive bklt. stamp	Nov-23
Greenland	930	30-May-23	Europa 2023 / Self-adhesive bklt. stamp	Nov-23
Greenland	927-928	30-May-23	Europa 2023	Nov-23
Greenland	930a	30-May-23	Europa 2023 / Self-adhesive bklt. pane of 12, 6 ea #929-930	Nov-23

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Country	Scott #	Dat of Issue	Description	Linns SSM
Grenada Grenadines	3082	9-May-22	President Biden at NATO Summit in Spain / Souvenir sheet of 4, #3082a-d	Dec-23
Grenada Grenadines	3083	9-May-22	President Biden at NATO Summit in Spain / Souvenir sheet with one stamp	Dec-23
Guernsey	1718-1719	24-May-23	Europa 2023	Dec-23
Guernsey	1719a	24-May-23	Europa 2023 / Souvenir sheet of 2, #1718-1719	Dec-23
Guernsey	1732	19-Jul-23	Sepac 2023	Dec-23
Hungary	4664	9-May-23	Europa 2023 / Sheet of 4, 2 ea #4664a-b	Nov-23
Italy	3879	7-Nov-22	Ukrainian Refugees / Self-adhesive stamp	Sep-23
Italy	3906	7-Dec-22	Diplomatic relations with Georgia, 30th Anniv / Self-adhesive stamp	Nov-23
Italy	3910	19-Dec-22	David Sassoli, President of European Parliament / Self-adhesive stamp	Nov-23
Italy	3942	9-May-23	Europa 2023 / Self-adhesive stamp	Feb-24
Jersey	2571	21-Mar-23	Sepac 2023	Dec-23
Jersey	2584-2585	9-May-23	Europa 2023	Dec-23
Jersey	2584a	9-May-23	Europa 2023 / Souvenir sheet of 2, #2584-2585	Dec-23
Jersey	2653, 2656	8-Jan-24	Europa 2024	Mar-24
Jersey	2656a	8-Jan-24	Europa 2024 / Souvenir sheet of 2, #2653, #2656	Mar-24
Kosovo	512	9-May-23	Europa 2023	Mar-24
Kosovo	513	9-May-23	Europa 2023 / Souvenir sheet	Mar-24
Kosovo	517	21-Jun-23	2023 European Games, Cracow, Poland / Souvenir sheet with one stamp	Mar-24
Kosovo	515-516	21-Jun-23	2023 European Games, Cracow, Poland	Mar-24
Latvia	1132	9-May-23	Europa 2023	Nov-23
Latvia	1133	9-May-23	Europa 2023	Nov-23
Latvia	1132a	9-May-23	Europa 2023 / Bkt. pane of 4	Nov-23
Liechtenstein	1892-1893	29-Mar-23	Customs treaty with Switzerland, centenary	Nov-23
Liechtenstein	1894-1895	9-May-23	Europa 2023	Nov-23
Lithuania	1218	9-May-23	Europa 2023	Nov-23
Luxembourg	1617	16-May-23	European Institute of Cultural Routes, 25th Anniv	Nov-23
Luxembourg	1618	16-May-23	Europa 2023	Nov-23
Luxembourg	1621	12-Sep-23	Sepac 2023	Nov-23

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Country	Scott #	Dat of Issue	Description	Linns SSM
Malta	1757	9-May-23	Europa 2023	Mar-24
Malta	1758	29-May-23	2023 Games of the Small States of Europe, Valletta	Mar-24
Malta	1757a	9-May-23	Europa 2023 / Bklt. pane of 5	Mar-24
Monaco	3138	9-May-23	Europa 2023	Oct-23
Montenegro	510	9-May-23	Europa 2023	Oct-23
Montenegro	517	10-Jul-23	Euromed 2023	Jan-24
Montenegro	510a	9-May-23	Europa 2023 / Souvenir sheet with 1 stamp	Oct-23
Northern Macedonia	919	5-May-22	Landmarks of Paris, France	Sep-23
Northern Macedonia	920	5-May-22	Landmarks of Prague, Czech Republic	Sep-23
Northern Macedonia	923	10-May-22	Europa 2022 / Souvenir sheet with 1 stamp	Sep-23
Northern Macedonia	921-922	10-May-22	Europa 2022	Sep-23
Northern Macedonia	955-956	10-May-23	Europa 2023	Nov-23
Poland	4669	25-Apr-23	Europa 2023	Oct-23
Poland	4682	21-Jun-23	Mascots of Third European Games, Cracow	Oct-23
Poland	4700	29-Sep-23	Emigration of Poles to France, centenary	Mar-24
Poland	4700a	29-Sep-23	Emigration of Poles to France, centenary / Tete-beche pair	Mar-24
Slovenia	1540	16-May-23	2023 European Youth Olympic Festival, Maribor	Dec-23
Slovenia	1542-1543	26-May-23	Europa 2023	Dec-23
Spain	4676	17-Mar-23	Obverse of 2023 Two-Euro Coin / Souvenir sheet with 1 stamp	Jul-23
St. Pierre & Miquelon	1135	17-Jun-23	National Order of Merit, 60th anniversary / Souvenir sheet with one stamp (Charles de Gaulle)	Jan-24
Sweden	2887	28-Apr-22	Europa 2022 / Self-adhesive coil stamp	Mar-24
Sweden	2903	27-Apr-23	Europa 2023 / Self-adhesive coil stamp	Mar-24
Turkey	3829	9-May-23	Europa 2023	Nov-23
Turkey	3832	24-Jul-23	Treaty of Lausanne, Centenary	Jan-24
Tuvalu	1577	18-Nov-22	Concorde / Sheet of 4, #1577a-d	Dec-23
Tuvalu	1578	18-Nov-22	Concorde / Souvenir sheet with 1 stamp	Dec-23
Vatican City	1822	23-Mar-23	Italian Air Force, centenary, Joint with Italy)	Nov-23
Vatican City	1824	16-May-23	Lateran Union, 200th Anniv	Nov-23
Vatican City	1825-1826	16-May-23	Europa 2023	Nov-23

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Treasurer's Report — Alex Cwiekalo**

Income	
\$940.00 Dues	Deposits Dec 2022 and
\$404.41 Donations	Deposits Dec 2022 and
\$6.83 PayPal	Deposits Dec 2022 and
\$31.28 Auction #163	2023
\$52.14 Auction #164	
\$29.03 Auction #165	
\$1,463.69 ← Total	

Paid Expenses	
\$200.00 Ck 1156	EN 472
\$51.00 Ck 1157	Donation to ATA
\$192.75 Ck 1158	EN 473
\$175.00 Ck 1159	EN 474
\$140.00 Ck 1160	500 imprinted mailers
\$758.75 ← Total	

Donated Expenses	
\$96.00 Website hosting (Dana Roper)	Annual
\$31.00 GoDaddy registration (Dana Roper)	Annual
\$96.00 MS Publisher (Dana Roper)	One Time
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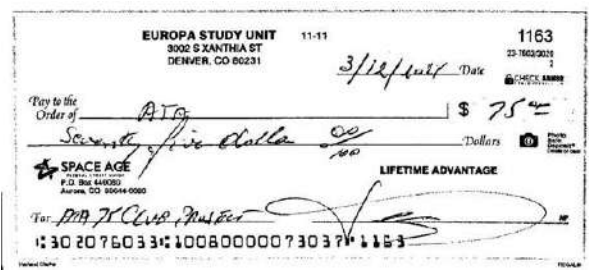
ESU Checking Account	
2023.01.01	\$3,515.69 Beginning
2023.12.31	\$3,706.36 Ending Bal-

ESU Primary Share Account	
2023.01.01	Beginning Balance \$25.25
2023.12.31	Ending Balance \$25.25

Cost for EN 472-474	
Printing	\$567.75 (Actual)
Postage	\$360.00 (Estimate)
\$927.75 ← SubTotal	
← AvgCost-	
\$309.25 PerEN	

As you can see from the Checking Account Status we are in good shape financially. Thank you to all our members for your prompt dues payments and your donations, which is why we can suspend dues for a year.

And thanks to our Treasurer Alex Cwiekalo for keeping track of it all. Our balance lets us advance our hobby as well. Alex reports that we made a donation of our own, to the ATA's 75 Club project.



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