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What's the APS for?

“The APS is established for the study and encouragement of philately, particularly of Austria and related territories”.

This we interpret as covering the former Austro-Hungarian Empire, but not the Habsburg clan's domain of the whole of Continental Europe except for France and Portugal. Our activities currently include (in no special order):

1. publication of a quarterly Journal
2. running a circulating packet (limited to within-the-UK)
3. encouraging local groups
4. holding national meetings, eg at York Fair
5. actively participating in Joint Society meetings
- 6 .organising a Fest, a weekend residential meeting

What's the APS for? (ii)

7. holding a postal auction of members material
8. encouraging fraternal relations with societies and individuals abroad
9. organising trips to relevant philatelic events in Europe
10. participating in exhibitions in UK and abroad, flying the Austrian-philately flag
11. commissioning, editing, and publishing books on aspects of Austrian philately
12. seeking answers to philatelic questions

Andy Taylor

❖ Born in Scotland in 1943; studied Physics at Aberdeen University; worked for ICI for 35 years.

❖ Came to Austrian philately when in Mutters near Innsbruck with young son one summer, and discovered that shops sold holiday postcards with stamps which were attractive and different - not yet another coloured silhouette of the Queen.

❖ Assembled a display of Cancellations of Kitzbuhel, a holiday resort in the Tirol.

❖ Money-handling system and the forms that made it work.

❖ Pneumatic mail in Vienna - rapidly expanded into a study of the plumbing. Had to visit the state archives; and learn some German.

Main collecting interests today

- **“Music”** as shown on hundreds of Austrian stamps & cancels.
- **Austria’s Newspaper postage stamps.** International Gold Medal at Birmingham 2025.
- **Austria’s Newspaper tax stamps and signets.** International Gold Medals at London2015 and Birmingham 2025.
- **The laws, decrees, regulations etc** governing the Austrian Postal System, especially where to find them on line or even physically in Vienna.

The 1933 “WIPA Block”



You may have a copy of this – or more likely a facsimile. But have you noticed the piece of musical score at the bottom? It’s often “attributed to Haydn”. It’s actually the official posthorn call for the arrival of a carriage – and is the wrong call for the scene on the stamp which is a departure.

Austrian Newspaper POST stamps, 1851 to 1922



Rose mercury issued 1851 for bundles-of-50; highly unpopular as the whole sheet cost 50 Gulden in cash! [2025-equivalent is 1752 Eu]

Withdrawn in 1852; used up as if blue.

Example on address label on complete newspaper sent 23/11/1852 from Vienna to Udine in Venetia & cancelled there.

Zeitungsverschleißer

A Zeitungsverschleißer was a registered newspaper retailer, and could arrange to bypass the Post Office delivery delay. Their package would have a red address label, and be addressed to them at the nearest railway station, from which they would collect it.



Wrapper with thirty-two 2H newspaper stamps containing 32 newspapers for delivery to the paper-shop at Stanisławów railway station. Cancelled on 20 June 1902 on the Lemberg-Czernowitz 381 Travelling Post Office. Stamps have 2mm single varnish bar.

Austrian Newspaper TAX stamps and
signets, 1789 to 1900



Laws, decrees,
regulations,
guides, etc etc

Samlung
Der wichtigsten und nöthigsten, bisher aber
noch nicht herausgegebenen
Käyser- und Königlischen
auch
Herzoglichen
PRIVILEGIEN,
STATUTEN,
RESCRIPTEN
und
PRAGMATISCHEN
SANCTIONEN
des Landes **Schlesien,**
Aus den nach und nach publicirten Königlischen Ober-Amts
Patenten, wie auch aus den vortreflichsten Landes-Sachelegen und Archiven
mit vieler Mühe und großen Kosten zusammen getragen.

Anderer  Theil.

BRONN. Leipzig und Grandfurth in denen Buch-Läden, 1739.

1.

Kaiserliches Patent vom 2. December 1848,

kundgemacht in allen Kronländern des Reiches,

womit Se. k. k. Majestät, Kaiser Franz Joseph I., allen Völkern der Monarchie
Allerhöchsthre Thronbesteigung verkünden.

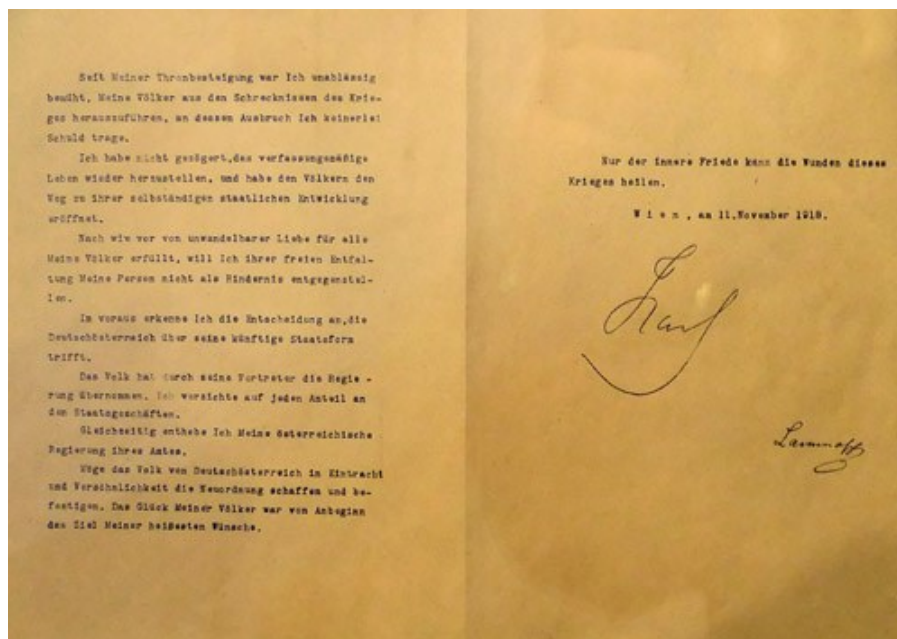
Wir Franz Joseph der Erste,

von Gottes Gnaden Kaiser von Oesterreich;

König von Ungarn und Böhmen, König der Lombardei und Venedigs, von Dalmatien
Croatien, Slavonien, Galizien, Lodomerien und Ilirien, König von Jerusalem &c.;
Erzherzog von Oesterreich; Großherzog von Toscana; Herzog von Lothringen, von
Salzburg, Steyer, Kärnthén, Krain; Großfürst von Siebenbürgen; Markgraf von
Mähren; Herzog von Ober- und Nieder-Schlesien, von Modena, Parma, Piacenza und
Guastalla, von Ansbach und Bator, von Teschen, Friaul, Ragusa und Zara; gefürsteter
Graf von Habsburg, von Tyrol, von Kyburg, Görz und Gradiska; Fürst von Trient
und Brixén; Markgraf von Ober- und Nieder-Lausitz und in Istrien; Graf von
Hohenems, Feldkirch, Bregenz, Sonnenberg &c.; Herr von Triest, von Cattaro und
auf der windischen Mark.

We

Franz Joseph the First
are now your Emperor.



This is the “stepping aside”
letter of Kaiser Karl on
11 November 1918.

Note that he very carefully did
not abdicate!