

EXHIBIT PROSPECTUS



National Topical Stamp Show 2009

American Topical Association

Convention Center, Dayton, Ohio.

June 12-14, 2009

Wright Military Flyer - 1909



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100 yrs. Military Aviation

Rules and Regulations Governing Exhibits

The American Topical Association (ATA) defines a Topical /Thematic collection as one that consists of stamps and/or other material chosen for their design, rather than for the countries that issue them or the class of postal service they provide. A thematic or thematic display exhibit is an exhibit arranged to tell a story.

1. This exhibition is open to all collectors regardless of society affiliation provided the entry meets the definition of topical/thematic exhibits. Exhibits must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor, and the preparation of the exhibit must represent the owners's efforts. The Exhibition Committee reserves the right to limit or reject any exhibit at its discretion without giving any reason. In such cases, a refund of the entry fee will be made. Each exhibitor will be notified of its acceptance or rejection in not less than 30 days after the receipt of the complete application with required attachments.

2. All entries must be submitted on the official entry form (photocopies are acceptable). The entry form must include the exhibitor's name (a nom de plume may be used), the exhibit title and a brief description of the exhibit for the official program. Each entry must be accompanied by the appropriate frame fee (see options on the official entry form) and six copies of both the title page and the plan page. A synopsis page is optional. Applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis, and must be received no later than April 20, 2009, or until such time as all frames have been fully subscribed. Failure to show after an exhibit has been accepted forfeits the entry fee.

3. Thematic multi-frame and thematic display exhibits are limited to a maximum of ten frames. Thematic single-frame exhibits and Thematic Youth exhibits of one to five frames are also welcome. Use one entry from for each exhibit.

4. Frames will hold 16 individual 8.5" x 11" (or European A4) pages. Each page must be enclosed in a sheet protector and must be identified on the reverse side of the page with the owner's name and a clear indication of mounting sequence. Exhibits should not show on their face any identifying marks of ownership aside from names on the covers.

5. There will be a panel of five judges, three of whom shall be APS-ATA accredited judges and two may have only APS accreditation. Single-frame exhibits will be judged using the APS Expo evaluation sheet, and Youth exhibits will be judged using the APS Thematic Youth Evaluation sheet. All decisions of the judges shall be final.

6. There will be a Grand Award (eligible for the American Philatelic Society Champion of Champions Competition) and a Reserve Grand for the best and second best exhibits in the thematic multi-frame or the thematic display class. Gold, vermeil, silver, silver-bronze, and bronze level awards will be available for the multi-frame and single-frame exhibits. Gold, silver, and bronze level awards will be available for Thematic Youth Class exhibits. Other awards of national philatelic organizations and ATA affiliates may be granted by the judges according to the rules of the sponsoring organization. All exhibitors will receive an adjudication sheet following the exhibition representing the composite views of the judges. Exhibits having won the ATA Grand Award, an international Grand Prix, or three international Large Golds are ineligible to compete for the ATA Grand Award.

7. There will be a class for Thematic Novice Exhibits that is available for a beginning exhibitor who has never exhibited before at NTSS. Such a "Novice" exhibit may be entered in the multi-frame or single-frame classes. There is a reduced frame fee for Novice exhibits. All Novice exhibits will be judged by a separate panel of three judges appointed by the ATA Judges Accreditation chairman using a special Evaluation Sheet and Guidelines. These Novice exhibits will not receive any of the previously described awards, but each novice exhibitor will receive a certificate of participation and the best Novice exhibit will receive a special Novice award.

8. Exhibits will be mounted and dismounted under the supervision of the Exhibition Committee. Exhibitors or their agents desiring to mount and/or dismount their exhibits must so indicate on the entry form. Exhibits will be mounted from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, June 11, 2009. Dismounting will begin at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, June 14, 2009, and no early dismounting will be permitted for any reason.

9. Each exhibitor should arrange for insurance for the period of time that the exhibit is in transit, in storage prior to and following the exhibition, and while on display. Every precaution will be taken to safeguard all exhibits, including the provision of 24-hour security personnel. However, the officers, representatives, and employees of the American Topical Association and the Convention Center in Dayton, Ohio, will not assume any liability or responsibility for loss or damage of any material due to any cause or reason.

10. Shipping instructions as well as frame assignment will be provided to exhibitors no later than May 12, 2009. Exhibitors who want ATA to return their exhibits must include the full anticipated cost for postage/insurance/registration with their application.

11. Any questions that may arise that are not covered in these Rules and Regulations shall be decided by the ATA Board of Directors at their sole and absolute discretion. For further information on the National Topical Stamp Show 2009, please contact Alan J. Hanks, 34 Seaton Drive, Aurora, Ontario L4G 2K1, Canada. E-mail: <alan.hanks@sympatico.ca>. Telephone 905 727-6993.



OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
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Mail this form with fees and supporting documents (six photocopies of title page plus plan page or a one page synopsis) to:

Alan J. Hanks, 34 Seaton Drive, Aurora, Ontario L4G 2K1, Canada. [alan.hanks@sympatico.ca]

Please accept the following exhibit. I understand that my signature on this Official Entry Form constitutes my acceptance of the stated Rules and Regulations

Please Print

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State / Province _____

ZIP / Postal Code _____ Country _____

Telephone Number _____ E-Mail _____

Exhibit Title _____

Description of Exhibit for Official Program _____

Number of frames _____

Check below Class of Exhibit

Multi-frame Display Single-frame Youth Novice

I, the undersigned, understand that I will be responsible for insuring my exhibit while in transit, in storage, and on display. I will not hold the officers, representatives, or employees of the American Topical Association or the Dayton, Ohio, Convention Center liable for the loss or damage of any material in my exhibit.

Signature of Exhibitor _____

Date Submitted _____

For Youth Exhibitors

Youth's Birthdate _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____

All information requested on the reverse side must be provided

Please list my name (or nom de plume) in the program as:

What previous awards has this exhibit won, where, and when:

This exhibit has never been exhibited thematically anywhere and is being entered as a Novice Exhibit

Yes No

My exhibit should be considered as:

Competitive Non-competitive

Mounting Pick-up of Exhibit Delivery and/or return:

Personally By my agent (name) _____ Mail or other courier (specify)

Priority Mail UPS FedEx DHL

| Number of frames | Exhibit Class | Total |
|---|------------------------|----------|
| ___ x \$10.00 each frame | multi frame (up to 10) | \$ _____ |
| ___ x \$20.00 each frame | single frame | \$ _____ |
| ___ x No charge | Youth | |
| ___ x \$5.00 each | Novice multi frame | \$ _____ |
| ___ x \$5.00 each | Novice single frame | \$ _____ |
| Expected cost for return of the exhibit | | \$ _____ |
| Total Remittance | | \$ _____ |

_____ Payment enclosed by check payable to "American Topical Association"

_____ Payment will be made by credit card: VISA Mastercard

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature _____