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president's column
by wade saadi

Gratitude & More Good News

I thought it would be appropriate in this month's column to give thanks to those who have helped the APS during 2009. This has been a year of change for the Society, and in no area has that been more apparent than in the fiscal adjustments that have been put in place in order to get the Society onto a more solid financial footing. I will talk more on that at the end of my column.

Thank you…

…*Staff* — The APS staff has been instrumental in shaping this new paradigm and has made personal sacrifices to help implement it. Foregoing raises, matching pension contributions and bonuses through 2010, the staff has led by example their concern and willingness to pitch in. This has also required that they take on more responsibilities, as reductions of staff were necessary to achieve a balanced operating budget. The staff never ceases to amaze me with all they give of themselves to make the APS stronger.

…*The Membership, Chapters, and Affiliates* — You, the APS membership, continue to be very supportive of our Society; members are generous with their donations; your volunteerism helps to strengthen the APS and the hobby in general; you champion the Society's objectives and goals and act as its ambassadors.

…*Boards, Committees, Judges, and Volunteers* — All of the APS/APRL board members, their respective committee members, and volunteers serve without compensation for the betterment of the Society. Countless hours are spent in service of our organization in a myriad of ways; from volunteers working at the American Philatelic Center, in the library with the Education department or sorting mixtures for youth, to judges traveling on assignments, and other committees (for a complete list of APS committees, go to www.stamps.org/APS-Committees).

Volunteering to help the APS/APRL is an easy decision, but many people do not know how to begin. To that, I offer this quote on volunteerism from Elie Wiesel: "But where was I to start? The world is so vast. I shall start with the country I know best, my own. But my country is so very large. I had better start with my town. But my town too is large. I had better start with my street. No, my home. No, my family. Never mind. I shall start with myself." If you want to volunteer to help the APS, please contact the APS Interim Executive Director Ken Martin, at kpmartin@stamps.org.

Fiscal Adjustments — Phase II — APS Operating Budget

There is more good news on the APS operating budget. The APS Board of Directors voted unanimously to adopt a plan that could generate additional income of $300,000 (most recurring annually). Kathryn Johnson, long-time APS member (since 1976) and former president of the Junior Philatelists of America, has had extensive professional experience in optimizing business unit margins. Kathy volunteered to spend the first week of September in Bellefonte with Ken Martin, and met with the department directors and some staff and evaluated ways to increase margins on undervalued services. Each evening, after conducting all-day meetings, Kathryn and Ken held briefing sessions with the Long-Range Planning Committee and volunteer David Hull, where the current department results were discussed. These individual brainstorming sessions appear to have been immensely successful;

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many thanks to the directors and staff for coming up with business-savvy solutions and embracing them, and kudos to all involved in this segment of Phase II (for Phase I info, please see President's Column for June 2009). By the end of 2010, with only Phase I and this part of Phase II in place, the APS should have affected approximately a $600,000 difference (mostly recurring) from the original 2009 operating budget.

Yet there will be a lot more to accomplish in Phase II, where we will look to propose what the APS of 2030 might look like, largely by the services it will be asked to provide to its membership twenty years from now and how it will deliver those services. Based on these projections, this exercise could mandate how we proceed with these services and the assets owned by the APS/APRL. Immediate Past President Janet Klug is leading this effort in the Long-Range Planning Committee.

To be unassuming of the changes facing our Society, both sociologically and technologically over these next twenty years, would be irresponsible of the APS/APRL boards, so they, in unison, have agreed to this long-range study. We feel it better to face the future with an understanding of what is possible, probable and improbable, rather than the alternative, which is to fly by the seat of our pants. Necessary anticipation can prevent unnecessary perspiration. We look to draw from the smartest business and technology minds amongst our members, and to fashion a document without a preconceived notion of what should or shouldn't be in our future, just what is best for the Society and its membership.

The APS staff, board and committees envision great things for our Society in its future and are appreciative of the support we receive from you. This trust can be only be earned, and we hope that over the past year we have demonstrated to you our sincerity to accomplish the goals we have set and by the paths we have chosen. For this, I again thank you.

Staff Spotlight

Mercer Bristow, Director of Expertizing (APEX)

When I was eleven, my dad started placing used postage stamps in a small wooden butter mold (it still sits on my desk) and said if I ever wanted to collect stamps, there was my start.

When I graduated high school in 1969, I followed in my dad's footsteps again and started a four-year enlistment with the Navy. After graduating from Towson State University with a business degree in 1977, I was hired by Matthew Bennett as an auction lot describer. On December 1, 1981, I started my first day at work for the APS — headquartered at the time in State College, Pennsylvania.

Soon I got involved with local community efforts (township planning commission) and then ran for public office as a Patton Township supervisor for a six-year term. Our meetings were telecast live and I enjoyed the spotlight. After my term ended in 2001, I discovered that Penn State University's College of Communications was always looking for actors to appear in student film productions. Usually playing grumpy old men, I've since appeared in fourteen films, plus an annual role in a State College Community Theatre production.

The day job remains constant though, and after twenty-eight years in the APS Expertizing Department (APEX), I think I've got the hang of it. Krystal Harter and I have worked together for almost as many years to serve our APEX clients. I've have also enjoyed the opportunity to travel this job provides: taking in stamp shows around the country; doing some camping out west in years past (now hotels are preferred); visiting Rome, Berlin, London; participating in the annual APS StampCruises; and going as far away as Tahiti and New Delhi, India. But I always come home.

I don't collect personally much anymore (Finland was a specialty), but I have continued an on-going education process by establishing and maintaining the APS Philatelic Collections of genuine and forged material. That and what I have accomplished as Director of Expertizing are what I hope to be my legacy to the hobby. I couldn't find a better group of people to be associated with than those in philately.

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letters to the editor

Bill Welch Jr.

It was with great sadness that I read of Bill's untimely death in a recent issue of *Linn's*.

I so clearly remember my first trip to State College during Stamp Camp when he invited me into his office, sat me down, and showed me some of his Colombian revenue collection. Unlike some other important collectors I have met, he was not full of himself. He asked me questions about my collecting interests and various aspects of my life as a collector, and how I felt about the APS. And this was not PR. He was genuinely interested in me as a person and collector. Despite my anonymity as a collector, he treated me as if my collecting really mattered. He was a fine gentleman and my only regret is that I never met him again. I do recall how sad I was when he resigned his position as editor of *The American Philatelist*.

Bryan I. Lorber, RN
Barrington, Rhode Island

Remembering Bill

Bill loved words — big words, little words, just-the-right words. Big words in his regular *AP* column sent me running to the dictionary — "antipodean acumen"??? His best little word was the simple "Hola" we exchanged in recent years at APRL. After being hired by APS, my first inkling that I was in the right place came when Bill, as editor of the *AP*, added a J.W. Scott quotation to the contents page of the *AP*: "A stamp collection is a liberal education." He enjoyed a good play on words. When he learned of my affection for dachshunds, I learned from him the difference between a "dachsie" (wiener dog) and a "doxy" (a floozy), which led to conversations about Moxie and so on. His contributions to philatelic literature and research are considerable; his contribution to his philatelic friends is a multitude of fond memories.

Ellen Peachey
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Congratulations

I just read the September issue from cover to cover. Excellent stuff!

Youngblood always tells a good story. Farley is always a good subject. The Chicago piece was very good. Ada Prill did a good job on "Basics" (did she ever translate "pl/m/w"? I know "p/w" means power windows). The Israeli piece was outstanding!

Thanks for an enjoyable evening.

Jim Parmiter
Springfield, Pennsylvania

Easter Island

Just a word of thanks for bringing to our readership Steve Pendleton's article, "Mysterious Island; The Philately of Easter Island" (April *AP*, page 316). Easter Island is indeed the most remote inhabited island in the world. After spending eight days exploring the sites of the 880+ moai, one naturally falls under the island's spell. I would highly recommend *Island at the End of the World; The Turbulent History of Easter Island*, by Steven Roger Fischer (Reaktion Books, 2005) to any reader who wants a better understanding of the island's complicated history. Also, it might be of interest to some that one of the most artistically dramatic stamps bearing an image of a moai was issued by the UK in 2003. The stamp (Scott 2164) was part of a set of six stamps printed in commemoration of the British Museum's 250th anniversary (1753–2003).

A special thank you to the author of this article, Steve Pendleton, for his contribution.

Robert Rightmire
Patchogue, New York

Los Alamos Box 527 Covers

I found my first Los Alamos drop box card in a small antique store in Cloudcroft, New Mexico — there was a small

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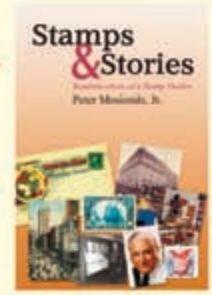

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Philatelic Humor

Readers may be interested in this cartoon sent into the Norfolk & Norwich Philatelic Society, UK. It lay in a box for years and we cannot now remember where it came from!

Reverend John Walden
President N&NPS
Norwich, Norfolk, U.K.

basket on a window sill with postcards, and as I casually thumbed through the cards one jumped out at me:

Pvt. A.J. Jahobiak 46059938
Prov. Eng. Det. #1
9812 S.C.U., C.E.
Bks. T-328
P.O. Box 527
Santa Fe, N.M.

The message read: "I missed this [Liberty Memorial at night in Kansas City, Missouri]. I hope I can get to see it on the way back. Love, Art," and it was addressed to "Mrs. C.M. Jahobiak, 8621 Knodell St., Detroit, 13, Mich." The postmark was a wavy line Santa Fe, N. Mex.; Nov 15, 11:30 AM, 1945.

Several weeks later, at a large antique mall in Albuquerque, I found a second card from Pvt. Jahobiak mailed to the same Detroit address. The message was similar: "Just a souvenir — I didn't see this [Municipal Auditorium] either. We didn't stay in Kansas City long enough. Love, Art." The postmark was the same: a wavy line Santa Fe, N. Mex.; Nov 15, 11:30 AM, 1945.

I've always presumed that Private Jahobiak travelled to Los Alamos, three months after V-J Day, to start a new assignment there. Along the way, the train he was on stopped at Kansas City, Missouri, and he had time to buy some postcards. He wrote a short message on the cards, and mailed them to his mother in Detroit. Somehow, the postcards were separated, one ending up in a small shop in Cloudcroft, and the other in a large antique mall in Albuquerque. I found them in early 2000 while I was working as a construction engineer at Carlsbad Caverns NP. (I've never tried to verify any of my supposition above.)

I never would have recognized the significance of the card if were not for Wayne Youngblood's articles.

As a side note, my mother was born in Clovis in 1931; in Youngblood's August article ("Los Alamos 'Drop Box' Covers," page 722), he mentioned a railroad battalion camp there, and I can vaguely recall my mom telling me that she and her brother would sell papers to soldiers on troop trains, far from home and hungry for news.

A third postcard has the return address:

Andrew Butella – 6898227
Guard Detachment
Burns Gen. Hospital
Santa Fe, New Mexico

But I've never checked to see if there was any relationship between the labs at Los Alamos and Burns General Hospital.

Erik Hendrickson
Denali Park, Alaska

Author's Reply: Thank you very much for your letter and for the information on your finds. It's amazing that Pvt. Jahobiak's postcards were in postcard stocks in Cloudcroft and Albuquerque, but it's even more amazing that you were in both places to find them and recognize them! Yours are both later uses from Box 527 (by "later" I mean post-secrecy), but all are scarce.

I, too, have noticed several interesting World War II cards from Burns General Hospital in Santa Fe, but have never been able to make any kind of connection between the hospital and the Manhattan Project. I doubt there was one.

Lowest Post Office

I am a little slow at getting around to reading the August 2009 issue of *The American Philatelist*, but just noticed an error in the excellent article by Ken Aldridge ("Smallest, Largest, Lowest, Highest Post Offices in the United States," page 742). He says that he was informed

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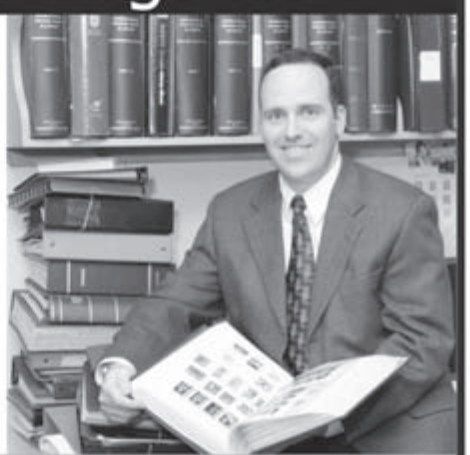

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The Post Office at Furnace Creek, CA ZIP 92328, located in Death Valley National Park, might be in contention for the lowest. The official elevation of the village is given as 190 ft below sea level. The golf course located there is said to be the lowest in the world at minus 214 ft.

Les Layton
Las Vegas, Nevada

Kingdom to Come

The September issue was delightful. As usual, Charles Fricke was "on top of his game" with another postcard article ("Aspects of Life," page 842). Robert Moss also presented a most informative article ("A Chemist in Israel — Universities and Science on Israeli Stamps," page 828). However, may I offer another idea about the summary comment (p. 838) concerning the prophet Isaiah's vision of broken weapons and ploughs. His vision is not just about the broken equipment of a broken nation, it's about another kingdom that is to come.

Lou David Allen
Merkel, Texas

Tank Turret Update

I would like to comment on the letter by Kimber Wald in the July *AP* ("Panzers," page 624). As a tank commander and World War II veteran, I was particularly interested in his story of having been told that American tank turrets "did not rotate as did the German ones." Unfortunately, I somehow missed the original article by Rene Chavez ("Achtung Panzer!" May *AP*, page 448), but assuming that Wald's memory of the comment made by the Ft. Knox instructor is correct, a grievous error is present.

The problem of German vs U.S. superiority was not a turret movement difference. I've commanded and driven our World War II tanks — M4 Sherman, M5 Stuart, M24 Chaffee, and M25 Pershing. All of these had 360° rotating turrets, moved both by electrical and hand-operated cranks, easily and quickly. However, tank for tank, the U.S. tanks were inferior overall in armor and ordnance.

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Robert R. McClarren
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Presidential Hanger

In the August issue there was a very interesting article by J. William Doolittle, "Presidents & Aircraft; A Philatelic Overview" (page 728). On a recent trip to Ohio, I discovered the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force on the Wright-Patterson Air Base in Dayton. Nine planes that served U.S. Presidents are kept at this museum, among them "the Sacred Cow," "Independence," "Columbine II," and the plane President Kennedy took to Dallas and that witnessed the swearing in of President Johnson and returned Kennedy's body to the District of Columbia. All four of these planes can be boarded and toured in the Presidential hanger. This special tour runs hourly from the Museum building, allowing twenty-five people to visit this hanger on each trip. I thought your readers might like to know where they can see many of these special planes that are mentioned in Doolittle's article.

Robert L. Anderson
York, Pennsylvania

'Must See' Exhibit

As collecting stamps and following baseball are two of my favorite leisure activities, I read Daniel Piazza's enjoyable article, "Postmaster General Farley and Baseball," in the September *AP* (page 824) with keen interest. The article proved to be a learning experience.

Farley's presentation sheet of the 1939 Baseball Centenary commemorative stamp, which is part of the "Delivering Hope: FDR and Stamps of the Great Depression" exhibit at the National Postal Museum in Washington, is surely a "must see" for all stamp collecting baseball fans.

Mark H. Winnegrad
Bronx, New York

Resale Value

When boys and girls are introduced to stamp collecting as described by Ken Martin in his September column ("Our Hobby Has a Future," page 855), I hope these youngsters are warned about the real negative in stamp collecting. When I drive a new car out of the dealer's showroom, I lose 10–30 percent of its purchase price, depending on the make and model. When I purchase a stamp from a dealer according to its catalogue price, I'd lose 60–80 of its value if I immediately sold it to another dealer.

Ralph Sutter
Pahrump, Nevada

Editor's Note: This, of course, merely reflects the reasonable profit margin that any commercial enterprise (stamp dealers or car sales) should be able to expect to make in order to keep their business functioning. Since the margin of profit on the average stamp sale is so small, it is not surprising that dealers will pay less than the original purchase price for the average stamp.

History Inside

Harvey Karlan's article in the September *American Philatelist* ("1894: Chicago Was a 'Hot' City," page 846) reminded me of a cover I purchased many years ago. It was at a dealer's "dime" table (what dollar covers used to be way back then), and I thought it was interesting for several reasons. One, it had a 5-cent James Monroe stamp from the 1938 Presidential series (Scott 810) on it, not the usual 3-cent Jefferson of the era. Two, it was addressed to Tel Aviv, Palestine. Thirdly, it had a corner card of the Supreme Court of the United States. Not bad, even for a dollar or two today.

When I got home, the biggest surprise was still to come. Inside was a hand written letter from Louis Brandeis, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court for almost twenty-three years, written to a friend nine days before he resigned from the Supreme Court. A piece of history was in my hands.

I no longer have either the cover or the letter, but thanks for triggering a memory, both historical and philatelic.

Bob Fashingbauer
Chicago, Illinois

Historical Value

Stamp collecting offers people a window into other countries without visiting them. You learn about historical events and people that history books might or might not disclose. When we as collectors acquire stamps, we look forward to everything they might have to offer.

Even a well-known event can take on special meaning from a stamp. Take, for example, the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln on April 14, 1865, a dark day in America. The $1 U.S. revenue stamp shown (Scott R66c) has a pen cancel for the day President Lincoln was murdered. I am not sure if this adds to the value of the stamp (maybe to a Lincoln collector), but it is historical.

This is why we collect postage stamps. You never know what you will discover in a lot of stamps. Treasures still can be found.

Douglas Sandler
Panama City, Florida

Basketball Commemorative

Canada Post, that country's postal service organization, recently issued a set of four stamps honoring four sports that were invented there. Three of these — lacrosse, five-pin bowling, and ringette — no one will dispute. The fourth, however — basketball — will have at least 99.9 percent of American fans in disagreement.

It is true that Dr. James Naismith, a physician and Presbyterian minister, was born in Ontario and, when young, taught physical education at McGill University in Toronto. However, it was when he was teaching at a YMCA facility in Springfield, Massachusetts, USA, in 1891, that his historical invention of the game of basketball came about.

Physical education teachers were being trained there, and they needed an indoor sport to play in the winter, in addition to their calisthenics and gymnastics. The first known game played was a 2–2 tie between two YMCA facilities. The game's popularity spread rapidly, and it is now one of the world's most popular sports. The first recorded game played in Canada was in 1904, when McGill defeated a rival 9–7.

Dr. Naismith moved to Lawrence, Kansas in 1898 where he became the first basketball coach and a chaplain at the University of Kansas. Ironically, he is the only coach ever to serve there who has a losing record. American basketball fans know that the Kansas Jayhawks have had one of the best win-loss records in college history. Dr. Naismith died there in 1939, and his grave site is visited regularly by players and fans alike.

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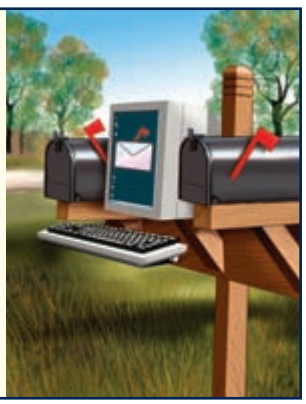

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A Celebration of Stamp Clubs

Each month I write about various facets of collecting United States stamps and postal history. In the letters and e-mails I receive from collectors, by far the most common question is "Where do you find your material and ideas for your ongoing projects?"

While my sources and inspirations vary (remember, I am a lifelong collector who never stopped), I can trace much of my passion and enthusiasm to one of the basic and vital underpinnings of our hobby: stamp clubs. This month I'd like to take a few minutes to give thanks for this wonderful resource and hobby social center. While the hobby might be able to survive (and I say *might* with some level of conviction) without stamp clubs, it would be a whole lot less fun, and collectors wouldn't have anywhere near the knowledge base to draw from that we now enjoy and take for granted. Some stamp clubs may run their natural course over the course of a few years, but the best of them have been around for many decades.

As a young beginning collector in a somewhat isolated New Mexico town, I found that there was no one in my community with whom I could discuss stamps and learn from. The couple of older collectors I knew really didn't want to spend much time with a kid beginner (although they somewhat grumpily allowed me to visit at times). I had nowhere to turn, other than H.E. Harris (the company) and trial and error (of life education). No one else in my family or circle of family friends collected, so I was on my own.

I can trace much of my passion and enthusiasm to one of the basic and vital underpinnings of our hobby: stamp clubs.

Although my enthusiasm for my hobby continued to grow rapidly, my skill levels didn't match the same growth pace. By the time I was a young teen, I was still making stupid errors and inadvertently destroying stamps and covers. Enthusiasm and a "can do" attitude isn't always a good thing when the fate of delicate items is at stake.

One day, I heard about the Los Alamos Stamp Collectors Association, a very active stamp club that met on "The Hill," about twenty miles away. My mother, who was very good about encouraging my hobby, offered to drive me and wait while I attended an upcoming meeting — she had some knitting to do anyway, she told me.

My first meeting, as I recall, was a combination of "mixture night" and a one-page "clothesline" exhibit competition. So, for the next couple of hours I dug through kiloware, trying to find something clever for a one-page exhibit. At that point I had never heard of exhibiting.

I was hooked completely on the idea of a stamp club, although to this day I don't know if it was the friendly spirit of gentle competition and camaraderie of members or the really bad puns that drew me in.

The winner that evening (not me) had put together an exhibit of "unlikely topicals" involving insects. Thus, among others, on the same page I saw the 3-cent *Frigate Constitution* stamp (Scott 951) and the 1939 Baseball commemorative (Scott 855), forming an exhibit that at first glance seemed to have no cohesiveness.

Why were those stamps together as part of an insects topical?

It was simple. The *Constitution* ("Old Ironsides") is in the mothball fleet, and the player in the backfield of the Baseball commemorative was preparing to catch a fly! I was hooked completely on the

Scott 951 and 855, commemoratives issued for the Frigate *Constitution* (1947) and Baseball (1939), were found on a single-page exhibit competition at a stamp club by the author. The topical connection was "unlikely insects" on stamps.

As a teen-aged president of the Los Alamos Stamp Collectors Association, the author was able to attend his first first-day ceremony, for the Pueblo Indian Pottery stamps of 1977.

idea of a stamp club, although to this day I don't know if it was the friendly spirit of gentle competition and camaraderie of members or the really bad puns that drew me in.

So, for the next few years (or at least until I received my driver's license), my mother drove me up the mountain to the regular meetings of the LASCA in all types of weather. There weren't regular meetings during the summer, but we did have a reunion potluck picnic each year to kick off the fall season — another type of meeting with its own benefits!

By my senior year in high school, my hobby knowledge had grown to the point I was beginning to give pointers to others, I was an APS member, and I was elected president of the stamp club — a position I didn't take lightly (although members told me later they had elected me because they thought it would look good on my resume). It was during my year as president that I was able to attend my first first-day ceremony for the 13-cent Pueblo Indian Pottery se-tenant block (Scott 1706–1709) and discover a spelling error in the metal die-hub first-day cancel ("Sante" Fe). In many ways my friends at the LASCA became members of an extended family for me.

When I moved to central Nebraska to attend college, I was once again flung into the no-man's land of collecting, with no stamp club readily available. (Auctioneer John W. Kaufmann referred to the place at the "remote outpost" of

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Circuit Books: Of course one of the staples of many stamp clubs across the country is the circulation of APS circuit sales books, allowing collectors to find stamps through sales books circulated through the hosting club (often during meetings). But there is so much more….

Member Presentations: Many clubs have members who are particularly well-versed on some aspect of the hobby. These members may be called upon for presentations. They are usually happy to oblige.

My Favorite…: This is a way to involve perhaps every member in your club, and can be used as an activity at every meeting. Members bring items from their collections of which they are particularly fond. Such items need not be rare or costly, just interesting for whatever reason.

"What the heck is it?: Like the "My Favorite…" category, members can bring mystery items from their collections that other members of the club may be able to help identify.

Auction Night: Many clubs feature auctions at least several times a year, some at most every meeting. Members bring material to sell (or submit it in advance), and clubs may or may not charge a commission. Frequently, if a commission is charged, it's used for youth philately activities.

Dealer Night: Many stamp clubs invite a local or area dealer to

philately.) I maintained my membership in the LASCA and attended meetings whenever possible when I visited home.

After spending a decade in Nebraska, in 1987, I was hired as a staff writer by *Linn's Stamp News*, and my move to Sidney, Ohio, once again placed me in a location with a very well-established and friendly stamp club. I was soon program director for the club and continued in that capacity until moving to Wisconsin in 1996.

As you might expect, the Sidney Stamp Club was indeed populated with some of the staff members of *Linn's* who were collectors (plus a couple from *Scott*), but, more importantly, there were active, knowledgeable and fun members from several towns surrounding the Sidney area. We held shows, planned covers, had picnics and holiday gift exchanges, and generally enjoyed one another's company — both during and after meetings. Like the Los Alamos club, the Sidney club brought together a number of different personalities, all with the same common goal: enjoyment of our hobby.

Since moving to Wisconsin, I am not as physically close to a regular stamp club, but do periodically attend the Central Wisconsin Stamp Club where, again, there is a comfortable group of welcoming and friendly collectors. Another big advantage of living in Wisconsin as an active collector is being a part of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs (www.wfscstamps.org), to my knowledge the largest and most well-organized statewide group of stamp clubs in the nation. WFSC also publishes a regular newsletter, *Across the Fence Post* (which I edit).

The WFSC functions almost as a very large stamp club, with reunions taking place not only at local Wisconsin and area stamp shows, but nationally as well.

My frequent trips to the St. Louis area the past couple of years have brought me into the Webster Groves stamp club as an auxiliary member and, again, I've found a wonderful group of diverse collectors who enjoy the hobby and each other.

Contrary to what is frequently asserted by some, stamp collecting is not necessarily best enjoyed as a solitary pursuit. While the hobby certainly provides collectors with a great deal of reflective and renewal time while deeply ensconced in their stamp rooms, stamp collecting is enhanced tremendously by sharing time with other like-minded friends, both old and new.

If you live anywhere near an active stamp club and are not a member, please make an opportunity to visit. Unless I miss my guess, you will soon find yourself a member! The stamp club experience cannot be oversold. It provides knowledge, support, congeniality and a great deal of fun.

If you aren't aware of a stamp club near you, check the APS website (www.stamps.org) for information on where to find one.

If you travel frequently, try to find a meeting that takes place while you are visiting. If you are lucky enough to find one, I guarantee you will be welcomed warmly by a great group of collectors.

Thank you, LASCA, Sidney Stamp Club, Central Wisconsin Stamp Club, Webster Groves, and the hundreds of other stamp clubs for all you have done to build our great hobby and everything you do to keep it enjoyable!

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set up his or her wares at a meeting for an evening, allowing members to experience a one-person bourse.

Mixture Night: Clubs may buy mixtures or large lots and allow members to root through the accumulation and buy stamps at low cost while supporting the club with their purchases. Mixture night also may be combined with one-page exhibit competitions.

Member Bourse: Those members who wish to are invited to sign up to bring material to sell or swap.

Single-page Competition: Collectors may either choose a theme in advance and prepare a fun or serious one-page exhibit, to be shown on the designated night, or prepare exhibits on the spot with stamps provided by the club.

U.S. Presidents Night (or state, holiday or any other theme): Each member signs up to give a short presentation, through stamps, of his or her selected president.

Junior Collectors Night: The focus is on young members and their friends, with various aspects of the hobby (and those who can give pointers) covered during the meeting by presenters. Many adults also benefit greatly from this type of refresher course approach.

Scavenger Hunt: A list is provided to members in advance, with unusual, esoteric and general items. Points are awarded for creatively fulfilling the tougher items on the list, with simple gifts provided as awards on a completely subjective basis!

Trivia Quiz: These philatelic pop quizzes may be administered to unsuspecting stamp club members, with simple awards (supplies, etc.) given to the top "scholars."

Joint Meetings: Consider holding an occasional joint meeting with other clubs that may be relatively close to you (20–30 miles).

Holiday Meetings & Summer Picnics: These activities cannot only be a great deal of fun for all involved, but will help your members bond as a group.

Exchange Student Speakers: Although not specifically related to stamps, please consider regularly inviting exchange students who are visiting the area to speak. These activities help members learn about the countries they collect (or may wish to start collecting), they give speaking experience to visiting youth, and you may find young collectors from other countries!

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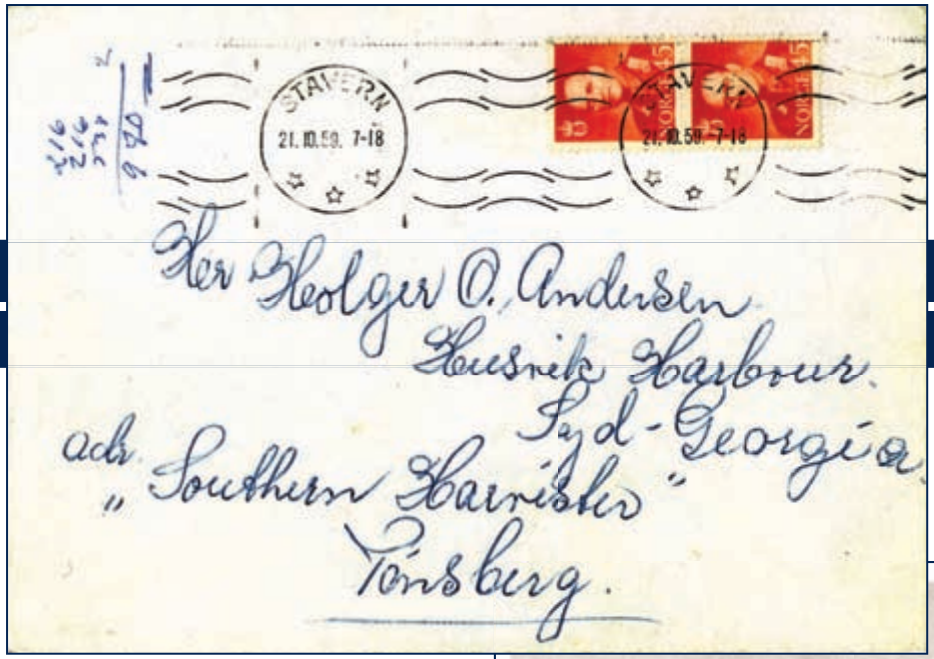


Letter sent from Norway to a whale man at Husvik Harbor, addressed c/o the factory ship *Southern Harvester* at Tonsberg, Norway.

Picture postcard of whaling factory ship *Southern Harvester*.

by Steve Pendleton

Deep in the midst of the Southern Ocean lies an island wonderland, a haven for wilderness and wildlife lovers — it's called South Georgia.

It wasn't always thus, however. For many years South Georgia was a center of one of the world's cruelest methods of commercial whale hunting. The waters around the island teemed with vast pods of blue, minke, humpback, and southern right whales, attracted by incredibly large swarms of krill.

South Georgia provided harbors for a great pelagic whaling fleet, shore sites for land-based factory operations, and a place for year-round living in Antarctic waters. So lucrative was this industry that the island often was more populated than its better-known neighbors, the Falkland Islands. This population, of course, was extremely transient — and overwhelmingly male. There were no natives, although a few Falkland Islanders spent a large part of their lives there. Mostly they were whalers, from Tonsberg or Sandfjord on the shores of Oslo Sund, Norway.

The first whaling settlement on South Georgia was the creation of the Norwegian Carl Larsen. In 1904 he opened Grytviken, the longest occupied station. However, the job of actually administering the island fell to the British, who generally acted through their surrogates, the Falkland Islanders. From the 1900s through World War II, the government of South Georgia was largely a Falklands affair, with some personnel from England. A magistrate, meteorological officer and assistants, policemen, mechanics, a few other skilled workers, and (occasionally) their wives and children formed a tiny capital of 20–30 people. A small cluster of houses was built at King Edward Point on Cumberland Bay, about a half mile from Grytviken.

The first post office on the island opened in 1909. From that time until 1944, Falkland Islands stamps were used. Although there were a number of whaling stations, the only *official* post office was at Grytviken. During this period a number of classic items were created, among them the "South Georgia Underprint," a 2½-pence overprint on a Falklands 2-pence value produced on the island in 1928, and various bisects.

In 1944 a major change in postal affairs occurred. On February 24 of that year, a series of eight stamps from the then-current Falkland Islands definitive set to the 1-shilling value was released with a "South Georgia Dependency of" overprint. It is worth mentioning that the printing figures for this set were quite high — in the case of the 1-shilling 2-pence value almost 400,000. This set was accompanied by similar overprints for the South Shetlands, South Orkneys, and Grahamland. These stamps could only be used at the tiny bases set up by the secret British expedition now known

Aerogramme from South Georgia to Scotland, using three 2½-pence map stamps; tenth in a series of letters from a whale man at Leith Harbor.

as Operation Tabarin. The only overprints with any significant commercial use were the South Georgia ones.

The reason for these issues obviously wasn't postal. It was propaganda. The British government was concerned that Argentina would press its claims to South Georgia and the Antarctic Peninsula. The stamps were a method of helping to solidify British claims to the area.

From 1944 to 1963 South Georgia used either these overprinted stamps (which were valid until 1964 and are known used in the 1950s) or stamps inscribed: "Falkland Islands Dependencies" (FID). The latter stamps could be used not only in South Georgia but also in the other areas: two bases in the South Shetlands (Admiralty Bay and Deception Island), the South Orkneys base, and several bases on the Antarctic Peninsula.

From 1946 until 1954 a total of eighteen face-different stamps were issued. With the exception of the map series of 1946 these were all omnibus issues. For ten years the highest value stamp from the Dependencies was one shilling. In the rare instances when higher value stamps were needed (a large registered letter, for example), Falkland Island issues of the appropriate denomination were allowed. (It is probable that many such uses were of a philatelic origin.)

The 1946 Dependencies map issue is a philatelic treasure chest for aficionados of tiny errors. The reason lies in the lithographed center of the design, which shows a map of the Dependencies from the South Pole to South Georgia. (A close look at the map shows another interesting feature — how little was known of the continental shoreline even in 1946.)

The first printing in 1946 contains such errors as a missing "I" in South Shetland Is., an extra island, and several errors on the parallel lines — the 70-degree parallel doesn't touch the frame, the 50-degree meridian continues past the frame, and there is a break in the 80-degree parallel line.

The eight original stamps are known as the "thick map" issues. In 1948 the stamps were reprinted with thin-lined maps. Fewer varieties are known for this issue, among them a double map (2-, 3-, and 4-pence) and a double South Pole. In 1949 an additional value, the 2½ pence, was released. *Scott* does not consider the second printing a separate issue, giving the set numbers 1L1–1L8 and the 2½ pence 1L13.

In 1954 another definitive issue (Scott 1L19–1L34) was issued. This set was notable primarily because, for the first time, high value stamps to the 1-pound value specifically for the Dependencies were available. I suspect the commercial use of the high values was very rare. This set, which features explorers' ships, does not have much to do with South Georgia, although a few of the ships illustrated did service there (notably *Discovery II* and *William Scoresby*). These stamps were valid until 1964.

Just what was the postal service like, to and from the island? Although there was only the one post office, there were other shore stations besides Grytviken. During the FID period, Leith Harbor,

A 1949 commercial usage of a combination of Dependencies and Falkland Islands high value, sent to Norway.

From one isolated island to another: a collector-contrived cover from South Georgia to Pitcairn Island.

Mysterious letter, found at Leith Harbor by the supply and BAS expedition ship *John Biscoe* in 1961. Part of a pen pal correspondence between an American and a Norwegian chemist on a factory ship

A parcel from South Georgia. Pen pal correspondence with examples of the 1954 FID definitives commercially used.

South Georgia could use stamps printed for three different agencies: South Georgia Dependency, Falkland Islands Dependencies, and the Falkland Islands — or maybe the postmaster was just obliging.

A 1945 early use of South Georgia overprints to the Falkland Islands: April 10, 1945

Stromness, and Husvik were operating. These three stations were close together along the coast of Stromness Bay. Leith was open from 1909 to 1966, Stromness from 1907 to 1961, and Husvik from 1910–31 and 1945–61. Leith had a sub post office (which did not have any stamps or postal markings), while the others had a post box.

Overland travel on South Georgia is extremely difficult — witness the harsh conditions Shackleton had to endure in his epic rescue-crossing of the island in 1916. There is very little flat land along the coast, which is often interrupted by glaciers plunging down into the seas. Nevertheless, couriers would occasionally make the journey between Grytviken and the other stations.

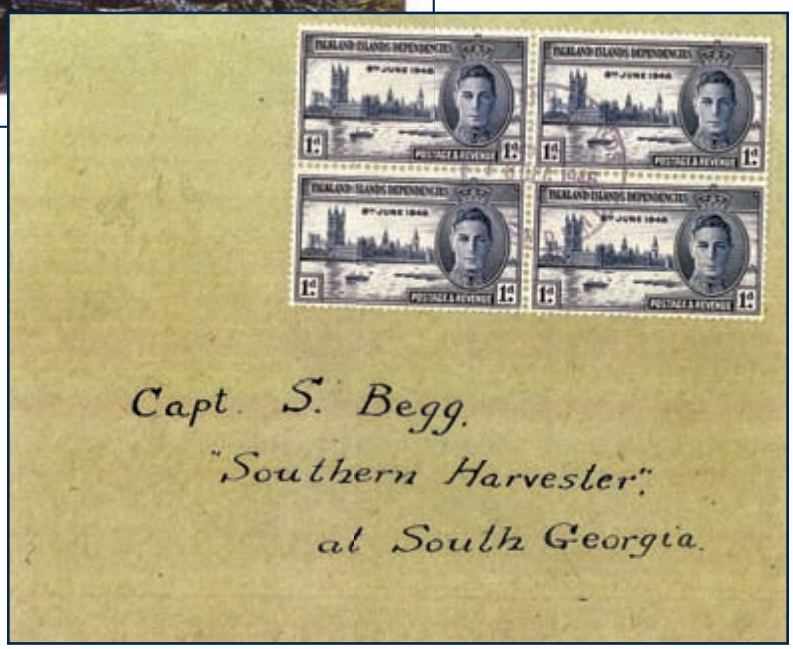
In the 1940s and 50s this overland communication route was replaced by sea travel. Mail would be collected by boat, taken to Grytviken for cancelling, then sent onwards to its destination. About the only indication of the source would be the writer's return address on the back.

Overseas mail sometimes went though the Falkland Islands. More often, however, it transited via Montevideo or was carried directly to Europe. Since there isn't room on the island for an airfield, there has never been air mail from South Georgia. However, in 1945–47 air letter forms were overprinted "Falkland Islands and Dependencies" in two types — until 1957 these also were available without the overprint. Today, any of these used from South Georgia are extremely rare.

One of the biggest problems of sending mail from the island was winter. During the southern cold season the island is often unapproachable, and the whaling vessels were back home in Norway. Thus, from about April until August the island was effectively cut off from outside communication. Those hardy souls who wintered over dealt with the delay in mail service by numbering the letters they wrote, so they could be read in the correct order when they were finally sent and received.

Reading the letters written by the "winter over" whale men gives one a unique perspective on the problems of their "extreme" lifestyle. One letter is from Leith Harbor in 1957 — the tenth letter in a series written by a Scots storeman at the station. He is very happy to have received some pictures of his family and notes how they have grown. He mentions that the letter he is writing will by carried by the *Harpon* on a voyage to Montevideo the next week. The next part gets romantic; one can only imagine the longing for a mate after

Postcard view of Shackleton House and King Edward Point; Grytviken in background. Stamp is from the 1980 FID definitive set.



A 1946 cover addressed to the Captain of the *Southern Harvester*.

a long separation. Finally, there's a comment on the dangers of breaking something in the Southern Ocean. He had broken his false tooth on some candy, and would have to come home to Scotland early if it couldn't be fixed on the island.

A 1961 pen pal correspondence disclosed a more serious problem. With the dispatch of larger groups of whalers and whale catchers, and the continuing operations of whale catchers from South Georgia, the number of whales caught was dwindling. First came the blues. By the late 1950s the catch had dropped to zero. Successively smaller whales were being hunted out as well. The writer notes that he is unsure as to his whereabouts for the next year, as it looks like this would be the last expedition for his vessel. In fact, in that year the Norwegians gave up whaling in South Georgia. A Japanese firm took over, but by 1966 all whaling had stopped.

While sending letters out of South Georgia was straightforward enough, getting letters to whale men was a bit more complicated. First, you'd have to know at which station the person was to be found or the name of the ship on which he served. Second, you'd have to find out which vessels were going to South Georgia, and address your letter to a port the ship would be visiting. Thus, you could get letters addressed to a certain ship care of such widely distributed ports as

Cachet of *Southern Venturer* at Leith Harbor, 1963 — one of the last years the factory ships went south from Europe.

"Thick map" series of FID stamps used at South Georgia, 1946.

Aruba, West Indies, Rotterdam, or even Montevideo. Luckily, this wasn't as difficult as it sounds. The whaling companies maintained lists of such ships and their ports of call, so you had a reference.

In addition to the shore stations, much of the South Georgia mail during the FID period originated from the whaling fleets. While Norway and Scotland were the home of many of these ships, the Russians, Japanese, Dutch, and others also maintained operations in the area. These fleets were actually flotillas. The center would be a huge mother ship, capable of cutting up (flensing) a whale carcass at sea. It would be served by a fleet of smaller whale catchers, identifiable by their high-platformed front bows, where a powerful harpoon would be located. Some of these fleets also carried helicopters to find whale pods.

One of the major firms involved in this trade was Christian Salvesen. Another was United Whalers. At the very end of the whaling period, Albion Star (South Georgia) Ltd. and Nippon Suisan Kaisha had brief roles on the island.

Most of the factory ships had identifying cachets, usually one-line markings. These vessels included the *Sir James Clark Ross*, *Balaena*, *Empire Victory*, *Empire Venturer*, *Kosmos III*, *Kosmos IV*, *Orwell*, *Harpon*, *Southern Harvester*, and *Southern Venturer*. A typical factory ship might stay in the Southern Ocean three months or more, the length of the legal whaling season. The ship, and the attending catchers, might employ as many as 600 men. Conversely, a shore station could keep 300 or more men busy. The accommodations for the ship were probably better than on shore. In fact, one writer went so far as to describe Grytviken as the "slum of the South Atlantic."

In 1962 the Falkland Islands Dependencies were split up. All of the islands outside South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands became the new colony of British Antarctic Territory. Philatelically, what this meant was new stamp issues, beginning in 1963, for BAT and South Georgia. The old FID name was dropped in favor of a simple "South Georgia."

It is ironic to think that South Georgia finally got stamps specifically for itself at the very time that its population was rapidly shrinking. When all the whaling stations had closed, the only inhabitants left were scientists of the FIDS (Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey, later the BAS). They had a large building, called Shackleton House, built at King Edward Point.

South Georgia had become something of a ghost island.

Historical Note

Philatelists may note that, in 1980, the Falkland Islands Dependencies name was revived. This name was inscribed on no less than sixty-two stamps released between 1980 and 1985. However, this was not the old FID. This was a political decision to identify South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands only. After the last 1985 issue the name was again changed; this time, the South Sandwich Island name was added to the stamps.

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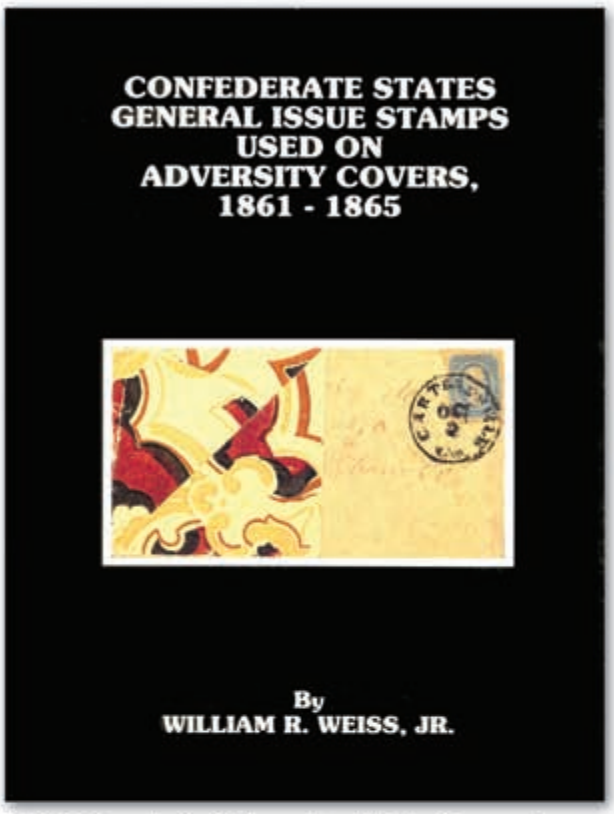

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Selling Stamps Can Increase Your Collection

I continued to build both my collection and sales stock at zero net cost through my own time and effort, which I mostly enjoyed.

by Forrest H. Blanding

My experience as a collector-dealer for a half century has shown me that selling stamps can both substantially increase the size and value of your personal collection and enhance your enjoyment of the hobby. I use as my example the story of how I developed a nearly complete collection of Scott-listed stamps of all world countries at zero net cost. It shows how you can expand your own collection by the properly disciplined selling of stamps. For me it was a fascinating experience that others might find interesting as well.

Developing My Collection

At age eight I found a stamp album that had belonged to my father. He and I developed a bond by working together on it for a while. While I can no longer remember the details, I must have had a good stamp trade correspondence at an early age. My mother loved to tell about the middle-aged man who came from some distance to our house looking for "Mr. Blanding that ran the stamp business." His chin dropped when he learned that "Mr. Blanding" was a twelve-

year-old schoolboy. When I finished high school in 1935 I had what was then a sizeable world collection of 25,000 different stamps in *Scott 19th Century*, *1900–1919*, and *1920–1926* international albums.

The collection remained dormant during my college and early married years, but after World War II I again started to sell duplicates through the mail to a few customers secured from want ads in a stamp magazine. In those days most collectors pursued either the world or just the United States. I was a world collector and continued to be one, even after it became unfashionable — and, ultimately, nearly impossible. Then I bought a 20,000-piece world collection from a friend for $200. This purchase was the start of a dedicated stamp collecting-selling activity that would continue for the next fifty years, until 1995. That $200 investment was equivalent to nearly $2,000 in today's dollars and was a far larger amount than I could afford to spend on a hobby, so I established the basic guidelines I continued to maintain throughout my life of collecting:

- I regarded my stamp collection as a hobby and identified myself as a collector.
- The hobby would pay for itself and not detract from our family life or take from or contribute to its finances.

With these goals in mind, I took nearly 5,000 stamps from the newly purchased collection for myself, increased my sales by mail to other collectors, and recouped my cost from that first purchase in a few months from my few customers. This was very exciting! Adding to my collection by individual stamp purchases was slow. Getting 5,000 stamps in one fell swoop was vastly better.

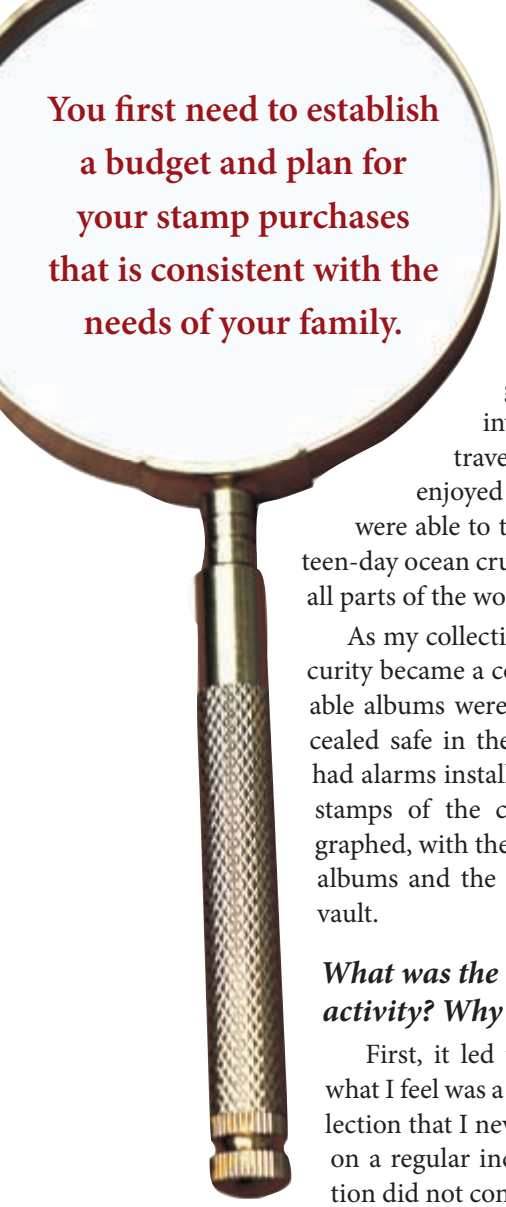
I was lucky then to discover among my few customers one who was particularly interested in British Colonies. He and three other professors at his university got together when my selections arrived and, between them, usually bought most of the rather substantial approvals I sent him. This led me to start buying country remainder collections from the New York auction houses. These normally sold for $30 to $40 each; today, such collections sell for five to ten times more than that. I took out a few stamps from each lot for my own collection and sent out the rest on approval. These sales more than paid for the original lots and, in addition, those that didn't sell immediately were added to my general sales stock. I had excellent relationships with those professors for decades and eventually bought all of their very lovely collections.

Over the next fifty years I must have bought thousands of collections, from small lots by country to collections in multiples of volumes. Each month and at the end of each year I would tabulate my total costs and my total sales to date, and I would try to buy enough to keep a nearly equal balance between purchases and sales. In this way I continued to build both my collection and sales stock at zero net cost through my own time and effort, which I mostly enjoyed. It did take a great amount of time, but perhaps no more than the time an avid book reader would spend reading books. I bought mostly from auctions, but my best and largest individual purchases were from collectors who had been my customers.

My stamp activities took place in the family room of our home and my sales were handled nearly exclusively by mail. I built a large L-shaped desk that faced out into the room, from which I could also use a TV remote, play my fine sound system, and communicate with the family. My stock was stored in the desk and along the wall behind me so I could reach in or swivel back and find any world stamp in stock almost immediately without getting up. I ran modest advertisements in the stamp magazines, but I wanted

Examples of some of the high value stamps that once belonged in the author's worldwide collection: Canada Scott 61–65 Jubilee Issue of 1897. Courtesy of APS StampStore.

My suggestions here are for collectors who view themselves as pursuing stamps as a serious hobby, but who do not have the income needed for building the collection they would like to achieve.



You first need to establish a budget and plan for your stamp purchases that is consistent with the needs of your family.

our family to be free of disturbances from the stamp activity and only a few stamp friends ever came into the house. There were no costs for an office or for bourse tables. I had a good regular job that involved frequent foreign traveling, and my wife and I enjoyed an active social life and were able to take many ten- to fourteen-day ocean cruises and lovely tours in all parts of the world during those years.

As my collection and stock grew, security became a concern. The most valuable albums were stored in a large concealed safe in the basement. The house had alarms installed, and the high-value stamps of the collection were photographed, with the photos replaced in the albums and the stamps kept in a bank vault.

What was the result of this activity? Why write this?

First, it led to the development of what I feel was a magnificent stamp collection that I never could have afforded on a regular income. True, my collection did not contribute to philately, did not include any major rarities, and was not useful for exhibition, but it *did* contribute to my enjoyment of the hobby. In answer to the second question, I thought my experience and success in the collecting-selling of stamps might be useful to other collectors.

My collection included issues only to 1975, because accumulating the massive wallpaper being issued after then took too much time, cost too much money, and did not provide any real collecting challenge. The final collection included 98 percent of all major world stamps listed up to 1975 in the *Scott Catalogues* — more than 200,000 different stamps, all in mint or unused condition except for some high-priced nineteenth-century issues. It filled to near completion fifty bulging volumes of the *Scott International* series. It included the best copies from all the collections I had purchased over the years, so the stamp condition was usually exceptional on all but some of the early values.

Two-thirds of the Scott-listed countries were complete in major varieties up to 1975, including some larger countries such as Denmark and Norway. Germany proper lacked only one stamp, France lacked two, and Canada was missing just three. I could never have owned most of these stamps without my collecting-selling activities.

My want lists of stamps cataloguing under about $25 were sent for many years to every dealer or likely supplier that advertised in the United States. Despite this, about two dozen of the Scott-listed stamps in this value range were never found. I often wondered if some of these missing stamps really existed! I also bid liberally on all individual missing stamps under about $100 that I found listed in auction catalogues. Thus, I do not know how a much more complete world collection in this price range could have been developed, even with unlimited funds.

In 1995 I was approaching age 80 and decided to sell all my stamps. A benefit of my years of stamp activity was that I knew *how* to sell them. First, copies went to the large array of wanted lists I had on file. The high values remaining went to auction houses. Full-page advertisements in a stamp journal for about a year listed and sold most of the better complete sets by country. Finally, an auction dealer gave me a fair price for the remainder in the fifty albums and stock. This sale took about two full years of hard work, but even after paying some onerous capital gain taxes, the stamp project added a substantial sum to our estate. I was aware that I was building a valuable investment, but always thought of the stamp collecting itself as my major goal and hobby.

How anyone can enhance a collection by a combination of buying and selling

What follows is *not* about how to be an actual stamp dealer. My suggestions here are for collectors who view themselves as pursuing stamps as a serious hobby, but who do not have the income needed for building the collection they would like to achieve. I don't recommend in today's climate that you try to collect all countries, as I did, but rather that you should pick some colony, geographical area, or even a single larger country for your collection base.

Purchase Plan. You first need to establish a budget and plan for your stamp purchases that is consistent with the needs of your family. My plan was to be able to make all my stamp purchases through income derived from my stamp sales. An alternate plan might be to allot some regular amount to be dedicated to your hobby, supplementing this by any additional discretionary funds you raise from sales. You must keep control of your spending on stamps.

Selling by Mail. Your primary source of customers probably will be from advertisements in stamp magazines. This requires selling stamps by mail, and this in turn means abandoning the hang-up that "sending stamps by mail is too risky." During my half century of selling I lost fewer than one in a hundred stamp selections sent through the mail. Most of these few losses were of small lots sent to first-time customers. This process, by the way, assumes that you advertise in regular philatelic journals, use prudence in replying to correspondence that appears to be from juveniles, and do not use an obvious stamp organization name on your address

labels and other mail. APS members may be harder to obtain as customers, but they very rarely fail to reply promptly. I found that using postal insurance was not even close to being cost effective, and indeed used it on only a few of the highest value parcels I shipped. Risk of a loss from a stamp selling table could be higher than the risk in careful use of the mail, and you must recognize that there will be some risk in any endeavor.

Purchase Collections. You should purchase collections or lots mostly in your own specific collecting interest, as they provide the only substantive source of material at a cost that allows a useful markup for selling individual stamps. Try to obtain your higher values from the more complete and extensive country collections. Also, I found selling foreign stamps by mail to be much more successful than selling just U.S. stamps. United States stamps are the forté of the professional dealers, and buyers of U.S. stamps can be difficult to work with.

Approval Circuits from APS. I suggest that you buy from the APS approval circuits in your stamp collecting countries to learn how collectors buy stamps at various actual prices. You can observe what was bought and what was not bought from these circuits before you received them. You also can sell there. Some collectors simply sell all their duplicate better stamps by submitting them to these circuits. This saves advertising costs and reduces risk of loss to near zero. However, selling there requires a lot of time before returns come back, as well as incurring some costs, and you may or may not obtain very complete sales.

Buying at Auction. Today's usual source of stamps for the collector-seller is the country balance lots in public auctions. You must study and become familiar with prices realized from auction lots. There is a fairy tale that mail auction lots sell at the bid price just above the price submitted by the second highest bidder. I can report that at least 95 percent of the lots I purchased from many different auctions during my years were sold, near magically, to my exact (and highest) bid. When I used an auction agent to bid for me at the actual auction, however, the prices paid were nearly always lower than and as much as 30 percent below my highest reserve bid price. The use of a good auction agent can save you more than the cost of their commissions, and I recommend that you try using one if you do any substantial buying, or else go to the auctions yourself.

Want Lists vs. Approvals. During the early years of my stamp adventure, I sold most stamps on approval. During the last ten years of my activity, however, nearly all the stamp offerings went to customer want lists. I consider obtaining a collector want list and a customer who will buy from this list as a true gold mine for a seller. In my experience, a selection sent to want lists usually resulted in an 80–100 percent sale, while sales of an approval could be as little as 20 percent to zero. Selling to want lists also reduced the risk of loss. You can develop a bond with your customer by successfully filling his want list when he had been trying to find these stamps for a long time. I never charged a higher price for stamps sent to want lists. And because you will be buying in your specific collecting area, you will be building up a good comprehensive selling stock in this same area that can service want lists.

Maintaining a Database. As the years progressed, I built up a very large stock of perhaps 100,000 different world stamps, which enabled me to send selections immediately to most of the want lists I received. The accumulation of these lists also showed me what I most needed to buy. When I bought a large collection, I could put aside a proportion of the better items for the files of the respective customers from their want lists. I sometimes would include in their files several months of selections, which could then be sent in the amounts they preferred to purchase.

In time that accumulation of want lists became an unwieldy mass of paper. It was difficult to go through them to find what I needed to buy and send. However, as a computer buff I had personal computers starting in the late 1970s, and I programmed a primitive database that organized these want lists. It allowed me to display immediately which and how many customers needed specific stamps. I also could view what items I most needed to buy. This program then played a leading role in my activity. Today there are far better database programs (such as Microsoft Access) available to do this.

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The Internet. The Internet was not there when I finished selling the collection, but today it is another potential source for both the buying and selling of stamps. I have bought and sold things online and, in my experience, the Internet can be most useful for selling higher value stamps for which a seller has no customer. But I do not regard it as a very useful way for a collector-seller either to buy specific stamps he needs or to sell to best develop a bond with customers. It requires photographs to be made, sending these and their descriptions in, and setting up a selling site. Then time is needed for bids to complete. If the lot is sold, and often it is not sold, more time is needed for getting payment. It is far easier to put the stamps into a customer file with an established want list and then just send them to a customer for payment.

Concluding Thoughts

Someone long ago wrote: *We never will fully own our stamps. We really are just custodians of them.* I was a custodian of a great many stamps for many years. For fourteen years I have been a custodian of none.

An adage often repeated is: *A stamp dealer should never be a collector because he will take out the best stamps for his*

collection and thus deprive his customers. I disagree. No one has any inherent right to be the custodian of a stamp, and I never took a stamp that I knew a good customer especially wanted.

Another maxim I have heard is: *A stamp collector should not also sell stamps, because he will be in direct competition with his dealer.* This also is wrong. I bought many times as much from dealers as a seller-collector than I would have as a collector only. I also helped maintain the interest of many collectors in continuing the hobby after their interest had waned because of their failure to find stamps that they lacked. As just one example, I found that my insurance agent was a long dormant collector of BNA and was able to sell him a few good stamps that he needed. With the help of other dealers as well, he then went on for many years to nearly complete his BNA collection, including all the Newfoundland rarities.

I hope that some of you who read this will obtain some ideas about how to add selling to your collecting of stamps. Today, at 92, I still enjoy every issue of *The American Philatelist*, but I miss working on that great collection. Sadly, there is no place for a serious stamp collection in the retirement facility in which I now live. But my five grandchildren obtained their university or other needed graduate education costs from that collection. It continues to contribute to our family today.

I do have one regret. The biggest mistake I made before breaking up that great collection was not taking really good pictures of the better stamps. This could have been a family treasure. I would urge all collectors to make good photographs of their key stamp treasures before they finally sell them.

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SAARLAND

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Before philately was known in the Saarland, the pattern for its history was being formed. The Saar would be inexorably joined and separated from France in cycles, often preceded by war. This often seemingly complicated past shows the simple recurring themes of the struggle for power on a regional and national scale.

Roman Era

The area of Germany that now touches the eastern border of France and Luxembourg along the Moselle and Saar Rivers was inhabited by Celtic and Frankish tribes when the Romans forced their way into an area they called Gaul (Gallia Belgica). Following the rivers and fortifying defensive heights, Romans built stone bridges for their roads to cross the rivers. Often parallel roads were built, one for the emperor's messengers and the other for the army and other uses, emphasizing the importance of communications.

Pont du Gard Roman aqueduct and bridge, Nîmes, France.

Saarbrücken (Saar bridge), the present-day capital of Saarland, is located at one important river crossing. Bridges were built using the advantages of the arch in construction. Aqueducts were built using the same principle of engineering to supply an increasing demand for water. Pont du Gard near Nîmes, France (Scott 253) is an example of a restored Roman aqueduct and bridge built around 50 A.D. Four major Roman roads from Rome ran in the Saar-Moselle area of present-day France and Germany. Excavations and restorations of Roman villas and dwellings exhibit mosaics at Nennig, Villa Borg in Perle, and Homburg-Schwarzenacker in the Saar-Moselle region. These were along the road from Trier to Strasbourg and near the road from Worms to Metz. An example of a Roman mosaic is seen in the French stamp (Scott 1781) issued in 1981 commemorating the poet Virgil.

Holy Roman Empire

This area of France and Germany was known as the Kingdom of Burgundy in the Holy Roman Empire of Charlemagne and Otto the Great (800 to 962 A.D.). Its capital was located in Aachen. The extensive empire also included parts of Italy and Austria. Charlemagne is shown on a French issue of 1966 (Scott 1167).

The emperor's nobles who ruled local areas were required to provide a fortified safe place for the emperor to stay when

Roman mosaic, France.

Holy Roman Emperor Charlemagne, France.

Napoleon at the Arcole Bridge, France.

he traveled in their area. In Germany they were called count-Palatines. The term (Pfalz) designating the land of the Palatines remains today (Rheinland-Pfalz).

Charles V, as emperor and king of Spain, used the great wealth of his empire to support a war with France, but also demanded information about other European lands and capitals. Like the Romans, he established post roads linking his palace to other national palaces or roads to parts of the empire such as Vienna, Germany, and the Netherlands from Madrid. These roads and riders were maintained at great expense. One route passed through the Saar territory. Following Martin Luther's Reformation, Germany became a battleground for religious wars, culminating in the Thirty Years War (1614–1648). Northern Germany became predominately Protestant and southern Germany remained Roman Catholic. Religious affiliations were often made for the people by the king or provincial ruler.

First Aid Station, Saarbrücken, Franco-Prussian War 1870, Saar.

Louis XIV

Called the "Sun King" for his lavish spending and promotion of France and court life at Versailles as the cultural capital of Europe, Louis XIV (1638–1715) became king upon the death of his father in 1643, although he did not take personal control of the government until 1661. He also maintained a postilion rider system for mail; however, the expense of this service insured that private mail was seldom sent, and a mail route to Saar soon was abandoned. French troops occupied parts of Germany west of the Rhine and the town of Saarlouis, Saar (named after the King) was incorporated into the French province of Alsace, later to be bartered for in the aftermath of wars.

Napoleon I

As the French Revolution swept France, its armies surged into neighboring countries to loot and control them and spread French ideas. Napoleon Bonaparte (1769–1821) emerged as the commander in chief, ultimately leading armies into Italy, Austria, Germany, and Egypt. Napoleon is shown in the French stamp of 1972 (Scott 170) as commander of the army in Italy. At the Arcole Bridge in northern Italy, he grabbed a flag and led a new assault against the Austrian army. The act, depicted on the stamp, inspired devotion from his troops and was a harbinger of his later rise from First Consul for life (1802) to proclaiming himself emperor in 1804. The militarily weaker German nobles were easily brought under his control or influence. To obtain the use of German armies that were not defeated by him, he granted titles to the rulers, such as King of Bavaria. Similarly, he installed his relatives and military Marshals in royal positions.

In 1806 the Holy Roman Empire was dissolved and the kingdoms of Holland and Westphalia were created for Napoleon's brothers Louis and Jérôme, respectively. His brother Joseph was first made King of Naples and then King of Spain. Napoleon's brother-in-law Marshal Joachim Murat was made King of Naples in Joseph's place but reigned only from 1808 to 1815, when he was executed by a firing squad

Battle of Verdun, 1916, France.

Saar overprints on Germany Scott 5 and Bavaria Scott 23.

Saargebiet overprint (Berlin Post Office), Saar.

Saar postcard with Bavarian Free State postage (Saar Michel P2 and Bavaria Scott 194, 196).

following the defeat of the Napoleonic armies at Waterloo.

Within Napoleon's army, higher military rank could be achieved by success in battle, since the Revolution had eliminated royal titles and most rights of the nobility. One soldier who rose to the rank of Marshal (army commander) was Marshal Michel Ney, born in Saarlouis. Early in his career he supported Napoleon, but after the Emperor's exile to Elba, Ney switched sides and supported the reinstated monarchy. When faced by the charismatic Napoleon, who had escaped exile and was marching back to Paris in 1815, Ney could not arrest his former commander and again switched to Napoleon's side. Ney's efforts were most notable in the retreat from Moscow where he provided a gallant rear guard for the doomed and retreating army. Later, at Waterloo, he personally led cavalry charges against the British square formations but was unable to break them. For his actions he was killed by a royalist firing squad after Napoleon was exiled to St. Helena. Napoleon awarded him the titles of Duc d'Elchingen, prince of Moskowa "the bravest of the brave." His statue in Saarlouis is pictured in two 1947 Saar issues (Scott 170 and 186; same design, different denominations), along with the Turkish sword presented to him by Napoleon.

Napoleon III

Louis Napoleon III (1808–1873), the nephew of Napoleon I, succeeded in being elected President of the Second Republic of France in 1842, but ten years later replaced the republic with the Second Empire of France, with himself as emperor. He sought to revive the glory of the his uncle's days and the First Empire, and had some success until he was maneuvered by the German Chancellor Bismarck into initiating the Franco-Prussian War with an assault on Saarbrücken on August 2, 1870. Although the attack was successful and the town seized from the Prussian troops stationed there, a month later the French army was completely overwhelmed at Sedan by a Prussian army and Napoleon III was captured. The French government deposed him and he was released by the Germans in 1873 only to die in exile in England two years later. The Saar Red Cross semi-postal issue of 1956 shows an aid station during that war (Scott B108).

Otto von Bismarck, the German Chancellor, used this occasion to unite Germany into an empire rather than remain as a confederation of principalities and minor kingdoms ruled by an emperor. Germany extracted a reparations payment of about $1 billion from France and the return of portions of Alsace and Lorraine (taken by Louis XIV) to pay for the war.

The conditions were now in place for the next war. France wanted revenge for the loss of the Alsace-Lorraine territory and its iron ore deposits, the reparations payments, and the blow to its national pride. French fears of a powerful united Germany were evident. One can note the same conditions following World War I, with the same results.

Above: Coal mineshaft with French currency surcharge, Saar. Right: Red Cross dog leading a blind man, Saar.

World War I

European nations were bound by a complicated web of treaties and alliances in an attempt to increase both their individual political and trading power and in order to receive support from their partners in case of attack by non-allied countries. France, Britain, Belgium, and Russia were linked, as were Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey, and later Bulgaria and Finland. These alliances led to the devastation of World War I.

A French issue of 1956 (Scott 789) commemorates the Battle of Verdun, which resulted in more than 984,000 casualties in the futile German ten-month-long siege. Verdun, west of Metz, was the last fortress to fall in the Franco-Prussian war and was successfully defended in 1916 by French Marshal Pétain, later to become head of Vichy France after the French defeat by Germany in 1940.

At the end of World War I parts of Germany were occupied by British, Belgian, and French troops, with the French military forces in Saar. The Treaty of Versailles that came into effect in January 1920 separated the Saar Territory from Germany. It gave the rights to the Saar coal mines to France for a fifteen-year period, established the administration of the region by a League of Nations Commission, and set reparations payments of $32 billion.

The French military established a customs border around the Territory and ordered creation of the first issue of Saar postage stamps. These stamps were overprinted with the French name "Sarre" on German (Scott 5) and Bavarian (Scott 23) stamps and issued in January 1920. The League administration followed with German stamps overprinted "Saargebiet" (Saar Territory) in German (Scott 55) to reduce tensions generated by the first issue in French.

A small portion of the former Kingdom of Bavaria was included in the French-administered Territory, and German and Bavarian stamps without the Sarre overprint were valid for use in Saar until April 1920, although later use is known. A German postal stationery card overprinted Saargebiet carries two Bavarian stamps (Scott 194, 196) to meet the postal rate. These were overprinted "Freistaat Bayern" (Free State of Bavaria), to mark the end of the short-lived communist government in 1919 and the adoption of a new constitution. This leftist government was forced to resign in favor of a right-wing government and Bavaria became a parliamentary state in the German Weimar government.

Inter-War Period

Pictorial issues, printed in Paris, followed. The stamp designs featured both prominent buildings and an emphasis on coal mining (Scott 93) and iron and steel production — industries that dominated life in the Saar for almost 100 years. Iron production was possible using ore from the Lorraine territory of France. The 5-franc Saar issue of 1921 (Scott 83) depicts the Burbach iron works, an image typical in the Saar. A similar plant, the Völklingen iron works, became obsolete after 1986; this plant is the only steel mill in its original appearance to be listed as a historical monument and a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Cultural Heritage site.

Postal rates were changed to French currency with surcharged values in 1921 and in a new pictorial issue in 1922, which remained valid until 1933. Again the 5-franc value shows the Burbach mill. Most stamps of Germany still in use were withdrawn from sale and validity on a specified date. Inflation devastated German currency in 1922–23 and the French Franc also lost 60 percent of its prewar value.

Charity and semi-postal issues appeared in Germany and France following World War I for relief of wounded

Catapult card, First Flight from Steamer *Europa,* Saar.

Registered card from 1932 Netherlands flight of Zeppelin *LZ 127*, Saar.

veterans, the aged, and children when the disastrous economic inflation destroyed currency and pension values. Semi-postal issues in limited quantities were first used in Saar in 1926 to benefit war casualties, hospitals, mothers and infants — such as the semi-postal issue showing a Red Cross dog leading a blind man (Scott B1). A disastrous mine explosion that left sixty-five dead and 700 homeless in Neunkirchen in 1933 was the subject of a special charity issue (Scott B44–46).

The importance of religious expression supported the timely 1925 issue of the Madonna of Blieskastle (Scott 119). A fourteenth-century oak Pietà was rediscovered in 1911, authenticated, restored in 1914, and, with a papal direction, reinstalled in a Capuchin chapel in 1924.

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Air mail was initiated in Saar in 1928 and soon linked the Saarbrücken airport to international destinations through Paris, Berlin, and Munich. The Saar was also a participating treaty state in the Zeppelin enterprise as well as the catapult plane flights. The catapult flights from shipboard were used to gain a full day early mail delivery from special ships westbound to New York and eastbound to Southampton, Great Britain. No special issues were prepared for these uses, but the high postal rates required use of higher value stamps. The first catapult flight card of 1930 is shown with postage paid by the first two air mail stamps of the Saar (Scott C1–C2).

The worldwide popularity of zeppelin flights raised interest and funds for the airship company and the postal systems using it. The *Graf Zeppelin* flight card to the Netherlands in 1932 utilized the third and fourth air mail issues (Scott C3–C4).

The culmination of the French occupation was a plebiscite vote (a direct vote to determine the national government) under the auspices of the League of Nations. With the rise of the Nazis in Germany in 1932, a propaganda flood through all methods of communication was unleashed in Germany, directed toward the return of the Saar. A 1934 propaganda card shows a German eagle grasping a hand from the west outstretched over a map of the Saar and the challenge: "The

Propaganda card with German eagle attacking a hand from the West reaching over Saar; postmarked Koblenz, Germany.

Swedish Battalion registered cover, League of Nations Plebiscite Vote Protection, 1935, Sweden.

Saar German currency and French currency surcharge, 1947: (Left) steel mill workers, (Right) Saar River between Mettlach and Merzig, Saar.

Plebiscite Vote 1955, overprint: University Library, Saarbrücken, Saar.

Saar Is German Forever!"

The League of Nations sent troops from the Netherlands and Sweden (both of which had remained neutral in World War I) and from Britain and Italy (both combatants) to be stationed in the Territory to insure peaceful voting and to guard the ballots until they were counted. The Swedish troop contingent had an efficient military Field Post system with a special cancellation device showing "Svenska Bataljonen Saar" (Swedish Battalion Saar). A plebiscite overprint issue in 1924 announced the coming vote to be held January 13, 1935 (Scott 145, 153). The electorate overwhelmingly voted to return to German administration.

One of three Saar issues in honor of Marian Year: *Madonna of the Pear* (1512) by Albrecht Dürer.

World War II

The Treaty of Versailles, lost territories, national humiliation, the revenge of the victorious allies seeking reparations, unemployment, and fear of the political Left all became fodder for the rise of the Nazi party and the end of Germany's first attempt at government by democracy. Saar was incorporated with Lorraine (retaken from France) into the province of Westmark by the Nazi regime. However, intense allied bombing in World War II destroyed much of the industrial production of Saar and demolished an estimated 90 percent of the old city portion of Saarbrücken, the regional capital. Allied troops battled across the Saar River in 1944 and 1945 adding to the destruction in the region.

Aftermath

The end of World War II created new tensions when, once again, the Saar was occupied by foreign troops. United States military forces were the first, but were replaced when the French occupation zone was established as one of the four "zones" created by the Allies in order to govern a defeated Germany.

Postal service initially was discontinued but was gradually restored until April 1946 when mail could be sent to destinations outside Germany, except for Japan and Spain. Stamps specifically issued for Saar were released from January to March 1947 in German currency. This was changed to Saar mark currency and later to French francs with a new issue (see, for example, Scott 161 and 187).

The Saar was given an autonomous government in 1947. A referendum in 1947 resulted in a vote to establish an economic union with France. Although this encouraged political stability it also resulted in the creation of customs tariffs with Germany, a major market for Saar products, just as had occurred in 1920. Several towns were renamed in French — such as Saarlouis, Vaudrevange, Bous, Ste. Barbe, and Bourg Dauphin.

An agreement between France and West Germany in 1954 led to the creation of an autonomous Saar Territory under a neutral commissioner with the economic union with France to be maintained for fifty years. However, a plebiscite vote in 1955 (Scott 244) resulted in a decision for reunification with Germany, under which Saar would become a Federal state of Germany in 1957 while permitting France to continue to extract coal from the often-disputed border region of the Warndt deposit until 1981. The customs union with France was later abolished and Saarland was fully unified with Germany in 1959.

Henri Dunant, co-founder of the International Red Cross, Saar.

An extremely encouraging sign is the sixty-plus peaceful years since the last war and the creation of the Saar-Luxembourg-Lorraine-Rheinland Palatinate agreement

Various issues honoring Stamp Day: from left — post rider with guard, post carriage and post bus, and rural postman.

between France, Germany, and Luxembourg in 1980 to seek ways to join the inhabitants of these countries in communications, as well as in cultural, linguistic, and economic ways to help reduce barriers to regional European unity. Later, the Wallonie region of Belgium adjacent to this region was included. A 1997 French issue (Scott 2613) commemorates a summit meeting of the regions.

Assistance for flood victims is the subject of a 1948 issue showing flooding along the Saar River in Saarbrücken-St. Johann and Saarbrücken. The combined waters of the Sarre River, which flows from the French Vosges Mountains to the south, and the Blies River contributed to flooding at Saarbrücken.

The Marian Year of 1954 produced a three-stamp issue featuring the image of the Madonna and Holy Child, including designs based on Holbein's *Madonna and Child* (Scott 250), Raphael's *Sistine Madonna* (Scott 251), and Dürer's *Madonna of the Pear* (Scott 252).

Themes of work and sports also were evident following World War II, such as the 1955 issue commemorating a World Championship Cross Country Bicycle Race (Scott 253) and Hands Holding Merchandise stamp marking of the 1959 Trade Fair at Saarbrücken (Scott 321). In addition, a number of semi-postal issues were created. Of particular interest are the Red Cross issues that appeared annually in May. Typically included were issues in supporting child and old age assistance, but there were also special issues such as the one celebrating the birthday of Jean Henri Dunant (1828–1910), the Swiss co-founder of the International Red Cross, for which effort he shared the first Nobel Peace Prize in 1901 (Scott B95).

A postal theme rounds out the Saar issues after 1950. Issued in conjunction with various Stamp Day celebrations, the stamps show the emerging postal delivery methods from the horse-mounted postrider (two designs, Scott 227and B91), a horse-drawn postal coach (Scott B76), a postman on foot (Scott 256), and a postal bus (Scott 249).

Getting interested in Saar philately was a circuitous route for me. My initial interest in stamp collecting began with a Boy Scout merit badge and was expanded by a growing fascination with history. My Germanic roots and high school French skills next were joined with my interest in the many overprint and stamp varieties found there. Although the issue of Saar stamps has ended, the members of the old League of Nations, Britain, Netherlands, Italy and Sweden, in addition to France, Bavaria, Germany, and perhaps U.S. military cancels make this a continuing area of interest for a multinational collection.

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History Through the Post — Ireland to Canada in 1874

by George Nicholson

The future of philately has been a constant concern in the philatelic press. One example is the March 2005 issue of this journal in which Janet Klug reported on a meeting held at the National Postal Museum: "Shaping the Future of Philately Summit." All of the ideas developed at that Summit seem excellent ways of promoting the hobby.

One recommendation was to encourage the use of stamps in classrooms throughout the country. This would promote the potential of stamps as an educational tool and could help introduce learning in a fun way. This idea could be extended, particularly to postal history, where surviving envelopes, and — if one is especially lucky — their contents, can tell us much about the social, political, and transportation history of the time at which they were sent.

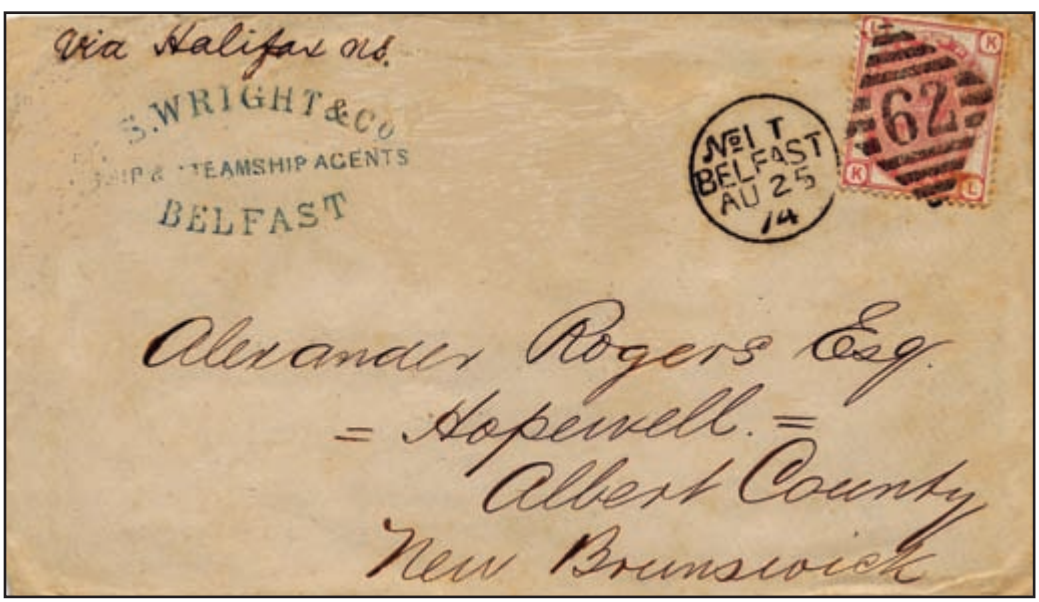
Thus, postal history items appropriate to the subject being studied could be used as a resource for high school history classes by giving students a (preferably inexpensive) cover and having them answer the question: *"What can we learn about the past from this item?"*

Obviously there would be a cost in acquiring the covers, but no doubt a helpful dealer could be found and the items could be sold after the course is over. Affordable items are more available from the 1800s onwards, so that this approach could not be applied as easily to earlier time periods. Of course, with the current state of computer technology, a cover can be scanned and good quality color photocopies or even CDs can be made for very low cost, and this might be an alternative approach.

As an example of how this could be done, I have pretended to have received the postal item shown. What follows is a response to the question posed above, using resources mostly available in the public library, on the Internet, or through follow-up inquiries based on website information. I have broken down the basic "What Can We Learn?" into specific questions that can be answered through researching information found on the cover. Although the item is not a U.S. cover, the same approach could be taken for material from any country, although information is more easily found for some than for others.

How Did It Travel?

This cover was sent from Belfast, Ireland (now in Northern Ireland) to the town of Hopewell in Albert County, New Brunswick, Canada in 1874. The correspondence, as indicated by the oval handstamp in the top left corner, was sent by J.S. Wright & Co., Ship and Steamship Agents. In 1877, a few years after the cover was mailed, the company was located in Corporation Street, a prominent thoroughfare in central Belfast.



1874 cover sent from Belfast, Ireland, to Hopewell, New Brunswick.

The stamp was canceled in Belfast by a Pearson Hill machine cancellation.[1] Pearson Hill was the son of Sir Rowland Hill, the originator of the Universal Penny Post that was introduced in 1840 for domestic postage within the United Kingdom. The cheaper postage was instantly successful, with the volume of internal mail increasing by 122 percent from 1839 to 1840, and continuing to increase annually at a rate of more than 6 percent

between 1841 and 1851.[2] This volume of mail encouraged Pearson Hill in the late 1850s to develop the first cancelling machine, to which improvements continued to be made on an ongoing basis. The 1874 cancellation shown on the cover is the version that was being used in Belfast at that time. The "62" inside the diamond in the postmark is the number of the post office in Belfast. These numbers were introduced in 1844 and remained in effect until the early 1900s[3] with the diamond shape being the distinctly Irish form of these postmarks.

In this case, the letter was brought over by the Montreal Ocean Steamship Company or, as it was more commonly known, the Allan Line.[4] That Line had the contract for carrying mail from Liverpool to Halifax, Nova Scotia, having taken the cover over from the Inman Line in 1871. This 1874 cover would have been carried by the *Nova Scotian*, a 2,108-ton paddle wheeler in service from 1858 to 1893. On this occasion, it left Liverpool on August 25 and called at Queenstown (now Cobh) on the southern Irish coast on August 26 before crossing the Atlantic to Halifax, where it arrived on September 7. The Allan Line continued in operation until shortly before World War I, when it was taken over by the Canadian Pacific Steamship Services. The distinctive red, white, and black funnels disappeared from the North Atlantic after having been the major ocean-going line bringing emigrants from Britain to Canada for half a century.

Sir Hugh Allan stamp issued May 2004.

Promotional postcard for the Allan Line.

The Allan Line, run by various Allan brothers, began transporting cargo and passengers between the United Kingdom and Canada in 1856, with Hugh Allan being the dominant partner in the enterprise. Allan was one of the most prominent Canadian businessmen of his day, being the president of the Montreal Board of Trade from 1851 to 1854. He was knighted by Queen Victoria in 1871 for his services to the commerce of Canada and the Empire. Two years later, however, he was involved in one of Canada's early political crises.

When the "Pacific Scandal" broke, it became known that Allan had contributed nearly $400,000 to the government for "election expenses," in return for which he expected to receive favorable consideration for the building of the Trans-Continental Canadian Pacific Railroad. The exposure of the cosy relationship between Allan and his fellow Scot, Canada's first prime minister, Sir John A. Macdonald, led to the fall of Macdonald's Conservative government in 1873 and its replacement by a Liberal administration led by yet another Scot, Alexander Mackenzie.

Sir Hugh, who had been born in 1810, died in Edinburgh on December 9, 1882, while visiting his son-in-law; his body was brought back to Canada on board the Sarmation, one of his own steamers. The ship arrived in Halifax Harbor on Christmas Day and two days later his funeral in Montreal was attended by about 2,000 mourners, with the Board of Trade shutting down for the afternoon in respect for one of its most prominent members.

Where Did It Travel?

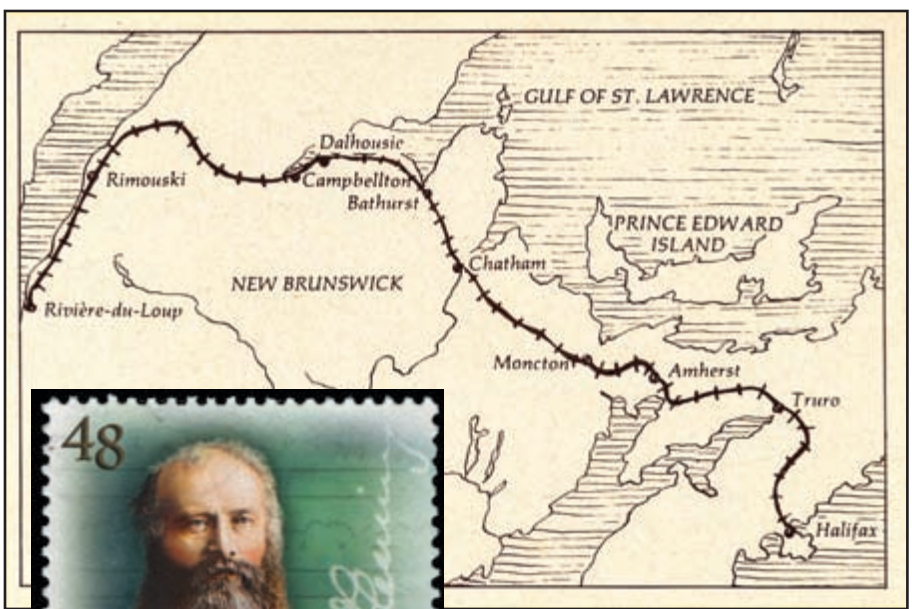
After arriving in Halifax (note the "Via Halifax NS." handwritten direction above the handstamp in the upper left corner), the letter would have been put on the train that ran between the port city and Moncton, New Brunswick. The section of rail line between Halifax and Moncton, which was

The first Canadian stamp also appears on a stamp-on-stamp issued April 2001.

part of what became known as the Intercolonial Railway, had been completed in 1872.[5] The construction of the line, which connected Halifax with Quebec City, was part of the formal commitment made in 1867 towards Confederation that ultimately united the provinces of Canada (now Ontario and Quebec), Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick into the Dominion of Canada. The commitment to build a railway connecting Halifax and the St. Lawrence was included in Section 145 of the British North America Act that formalized the Confederation of the provinces, and the line was finally completed in July 1876.

The letter arrived in Moncton, New Brunswick, on September 8, as shown by a backstamp. It was then taken to Hopewell where it received two handstamps, both of which are unclear.

Moncton is located on the site of an early Acadian settlement. The Acadians arrived in 1733 and named their new home *Le Coude* ("The Bend") after its location along the Petitcodiac River. They were deported in 1755 following their refusal to swear an amended oath of allegiance to the British Crown that would force them to fight their native countrymen in the French and Indian War that had begun in 1754. The area was abandoned until eight Pennsylvania families arrived in 1766, armed with a land grant from the Philadelphia Land Company (Benjamin Franklin was one of the company's principal investors). Named for British army officer Lt.-Col. Robert Monckton, who had been instrumental in defeating the French troops garrisoned along the St. James River and who had overseen the expulsion of the Acadians, the new community became a center for ship building in the era of sails. It fell from economic grace with the arrival of steam but became the headquarters of the Intercolonial Railway in 1871 when the maintenance yards were moved there, and the railway quickly became an important part of the area's economy.



What are the Railway & Stamp Connections

One of the main proponents of the Intercolonial Line was Sandford Fleming, the Chief Engineer. Fleming had been born in Kirkcaldy on the Firth of Forth on the east coast of Scotland in 1827 and had emigrated to Canada as a trained surveyor in 1845. He was an exceptional person who was put in charge of the Intercolonial Railway surveys in 1863 and became Chief Engineer for the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Newfoundland Railway in 1871, holding those three posts simultaneously. Fleming founded the Royal Canadian Institute, Canada's oldest surviving scientific society, in 1849 and two years later designed the first postage stamp for the Province of Canada.

Sandford Fleming commemorative issue released October 2002.

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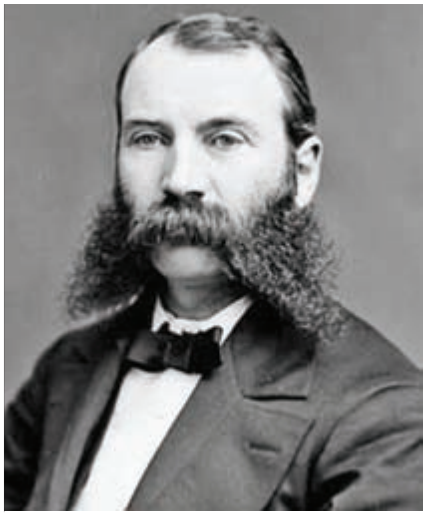
Fleming was a major participant in the International Prime Meridian Conference held in Washington, DC, in October 1884. Following this conference, the present system of International Standard Time was introduced January 1, 1885. A few years later, in 1902, Fleming was largely responsible for the undertaking of laying a Trans-Pacific telephone cable connecting Canada and Australia. He also was appointed the second Chancellor at Queen's College, Kingston, Ontario — a post he held from 1880 until his death in 1915. It was during his tenure that the college became a university in 1912.



Alexander Rogers c.1880 (from the Library and Archives Canada/PA 028300).

A community college in Peterborough, Ontario, is named after him, because he had lived there with his cousin, Dr. John Hutchison, after first emigrating to Canada. Hutchison House has been preserved as a heritage house and tourist attraction. Fleming also somehow found time to write a dozen books. For his many services, he was knighted in 1897.[6]

His design for Canada's first postage stamp, the 3-penny Beaver, showed a beaver in a bed of trilliums. Now Canada's national animal, the beaver is emblematic of the fortunes that were made in the early fur trade in North America. The design was a break with tradition in that it did not depict the British monarch; it is also the first stamp to feature a rodent. A stamp-on-stamp version of the 1851 Beaver was issued in 2001 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the transfer of the Post Office from Britain to Canada.

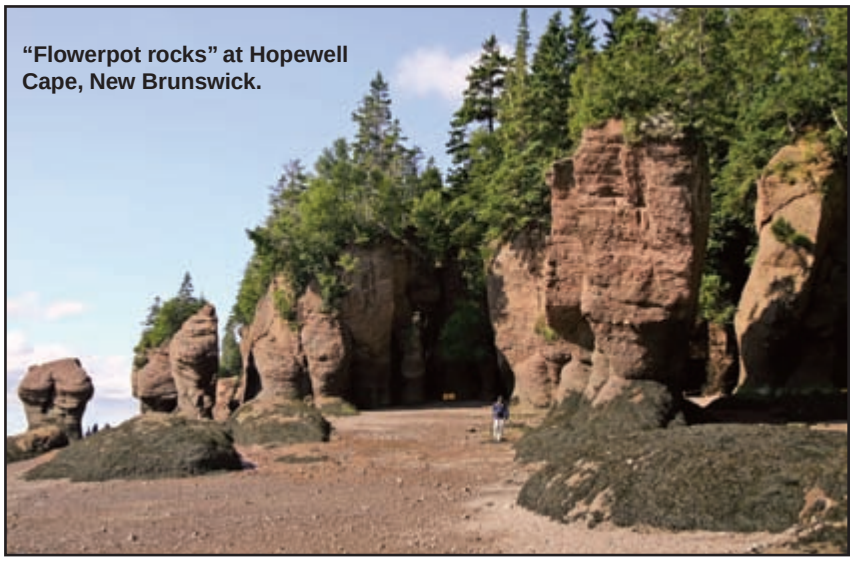
A stamp featuring an iron bridge was issued in 1977 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Fleming's birth. This was most appropriate, as Fleming argued in favor of iron bridges with the Commissioners of the Intercolonial Railway, who preferred the cheaper wooden bridges. Fleming's contention, that the latter were more susceptible to fire, eventually prevailed. Another stamp was issued in 2002 to recognize Fleming's role in the Trans-Pacific Cable.[7] This se-tenant Communication Technology Centenaries pair celebrated the centennial of the first telegraph message sent over the transatlantic cable (Scott 1963) and the first transatlantic radio message (Scott 1964). The transatlantic cable stamp in this handsome pair features a portrait of Fleming. He is also featured prominantly in the postal section of the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Gatineau, Quebec, directly across the river from Ottawa.

Fleming's foray into the issue of Standard Time shows how small or even trivial events can change history.[8] Fleming had gone with his wife and six children to Scotland in 1876, but when the ship stopped at Londonderry on the north shore of Ireland, he decided to visit a friend in Sligo. In order to return in time to depart with the ship, he had to catch the train at Bundoran, County Donegal, which the Irish Railway Traveller's Guide indicated would leave at 5:35 p.m. However, the Guide was misprinted and the train did not leave until 5:35 a.m. the following morning. After cooling his heels for twelve hours and missing the ship in Londonderry, Fleming decided that a 24-hour clock would be a great improvement, and he started out on a course that would lead to the establishment of Universal Standard Time less than a decade later.

To Whom Was It Sent?

The addressee, Mr. Alexander Rogers, was a prominent member of the Hopewell community.[9] Born in 1842 of Colonial Irish ancestry, he was the great-grandson of emigrants who had settled in Colchester County, northern Nova Scotia, in about 1760. They were probably part of the immigration from the Londonderry area in what is now Northern Ireland that had been encouraged by Alexander MacNutt, an Irish-born land promoter. Shortly after the banishment of the Acadians in 1755, MacNutt was fortunate enough to receive large land grants from Nova Scotia Governor Lawrence, on condition that he settle the land with loyal subjects.

Rogers' ancestors later moved to Hopewell Hill, New Brunswick, where he entered mercantile, shipbuilding, and exporting enterprises. As a well-known member of the community, it is not surprising that Rogers in time entered poli-



"Flowerpot rocks" at Hopewell Cape, New Brunswick.

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tics, being first elected as the Member of the New Brunswick Provincial House of Assembly in May 1874, just a few months before this cover arrived. In September 1878 he was elected to the House of Commons in Ottawa as the Liberal Party member for the constituency of Albert, where he served until 1882. He was defeated in both the 1882 and 1887 General Elections, but in later years was appointed Registrar of Deeds and Wills for Albert County several times before his death in July 1933 at the age of ninety-one.

Hopewell Cape became the county seat of Albert County (established 1845) and remained so until the abolishment of county government in 1967. It is located on the southern shore of New Brunswick along the Bay of Fundy, originally named Baie François by explorer Samuel de Champlain. Nearby are the famous Hopewell Rocks, where the world's highest tides, created by the daily rush of billions of gallons of salt water, raise the water level more than fifty feet (with a record height of seventy feet), submerging all but the crowns of four-storey rocks in the bay.[10] The "Flowerpot" rock formations along the shoreline were created by water melt from receding glaciers and from the constant erosion of the tides. The name reflects the growth of trees and other vegetation many have on their crowns. In the mid 1700s the area had been known as "Le Cap des Demoiselles" after the rocks' fancied resemblance to the curvaceous figures of young women. The name changed in the early 1800s and a post office was established at "Hopewell the Cape" in 1846.[11]

Conclusion

As the above example has shown, exploring the story to be found on a philatelic cover can provide considerable information on the means of transportation that were operating at the time it was used and on the people associated with it, as well as related historical events. One line of inquiry usually leads to another, and the researcher's biggest challenge may prove to be knowing when to stop! The same type of opportunity exists in the study of thematic stamps or other philatelic topics. The objective clearly is to whet the student's appetite and to allow some opportunity for developing individual interests. If that can occur, maybe a few young people so introduced would continue on from their initial exposure to the hobby.

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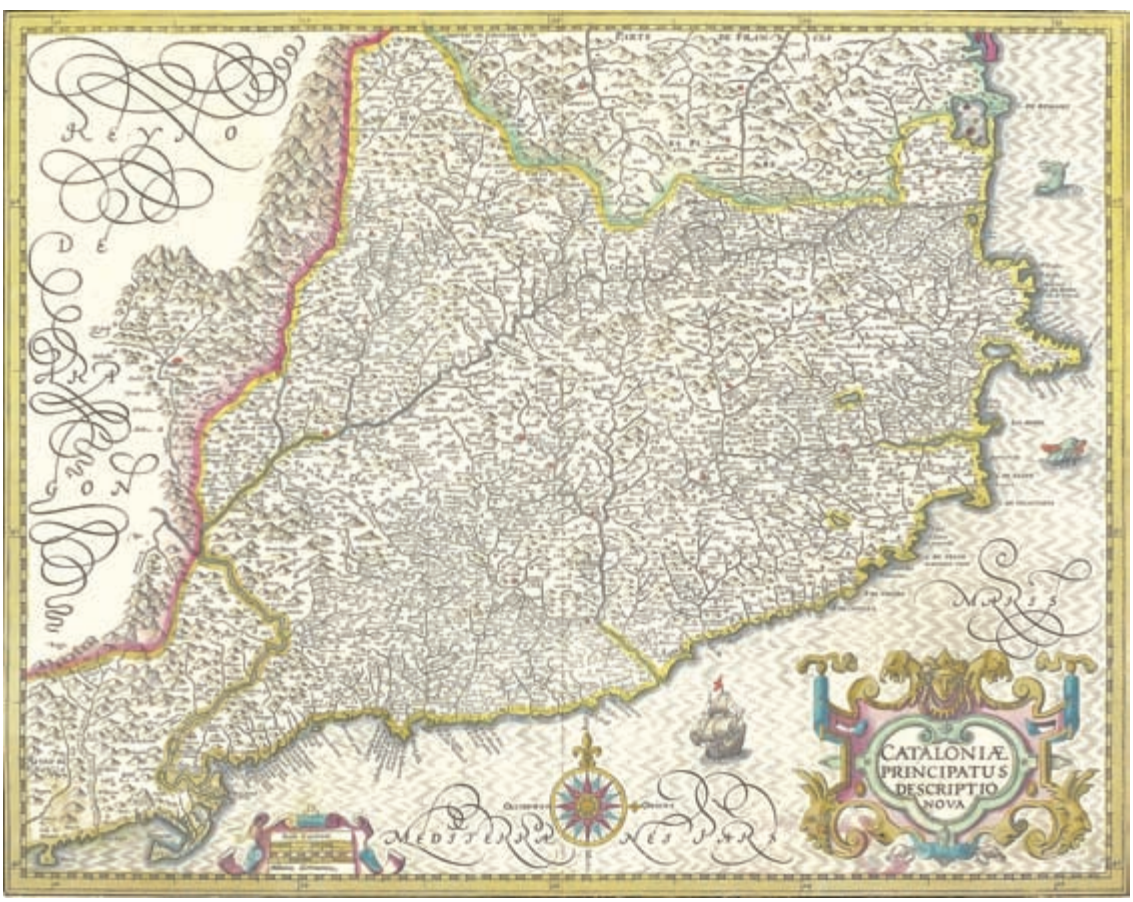
Official letter in manuscript from Vitoria, dated March 3, 1813, from a clerk in the 2nd Battalion 22nd Regiment; addressed to the Mayor of Montivillere, department of Seine Inferieure, advising that Alexander Gauvain "voltigen" (infantryman) had been made a prisoner of war by the English; assessed 10 decimes postage due. Cover bears a weak strike of a handstamp for No. 21, French Army in Spain; numbers exist as high as 45, but not all numbers have been seen.

by Bob Kinsley

At the start of the French Revolution against the aristocracy in December 1789, the Constituent Assembly divided France into eighty-three Departments (similar to our states), to which were later added the many areas annexed as the French armies overran Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, and parts of Germany, Italy, Switzerland, and Spain. The French departments and the annexed areas were given names based on their most significant geographical feature, and the new departments, known as Les Département Conquis, were assigned numbers

Official letter in manuscript from Sarragosse in Zaragosa Province, dated April 18, 1810, title Circular No. 70 listed ["classe"] under Decree [L'arrete"] No. 52 for supplies ["vivres"] of fodder for horses; addressed to the Indendant (e.g., quartermaster) of the adjacent province of Huesca in Jaca, with the handstamp of Intendant General of Tarragona, capital of the province of the same name, part of the conquered Department No. 134 in Catalonia; no postage due assessed since a military courier probably was used.

Salvana tower in Santa Coloma de Cervello (Baix Llobregat), Barcelona province, Catalonia, Spain. Building constructed in the twelth century and transformed in the nineteenth century. At the moment it is in ruins.



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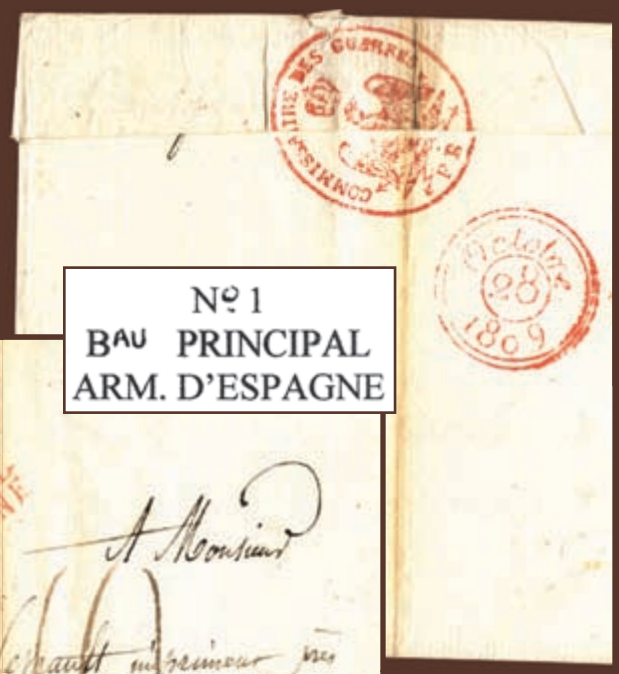
Handstamps in red and black for the Army of Catalonia first appeared in 1811, as seen on this cover to Quimper, France, with 11 decimes postage due.



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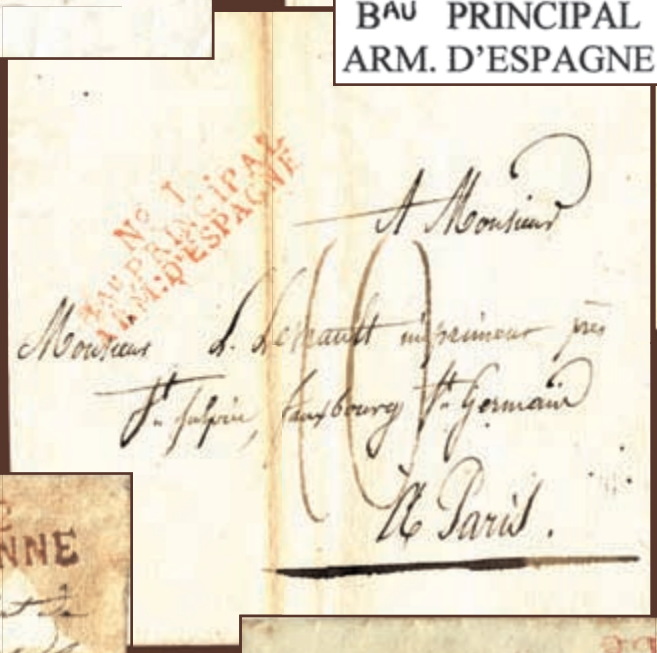

Handstamps in red and black for seven army headquarters in Spain [Bau (bureau) Principal] first appeared in 1809, as seen on this cover from Toledo to a suburb of Paris, with 10 decimes postage due.

Reverse shows handstamp of the local Commissioner of War and an October 1809 receiving datestamp.

Letter from Gironne, capital and one of only two post offices in Department No. 132, addressed to Gaillac in the southern French department of Tarn; assessed 6 decimes postage due.

Letter from Barcelone, the only post office in Department No. 90, to Bruges, capital of annexed Department No. 91, Le Lys in Belgium; assessed 12 decimes postage due.

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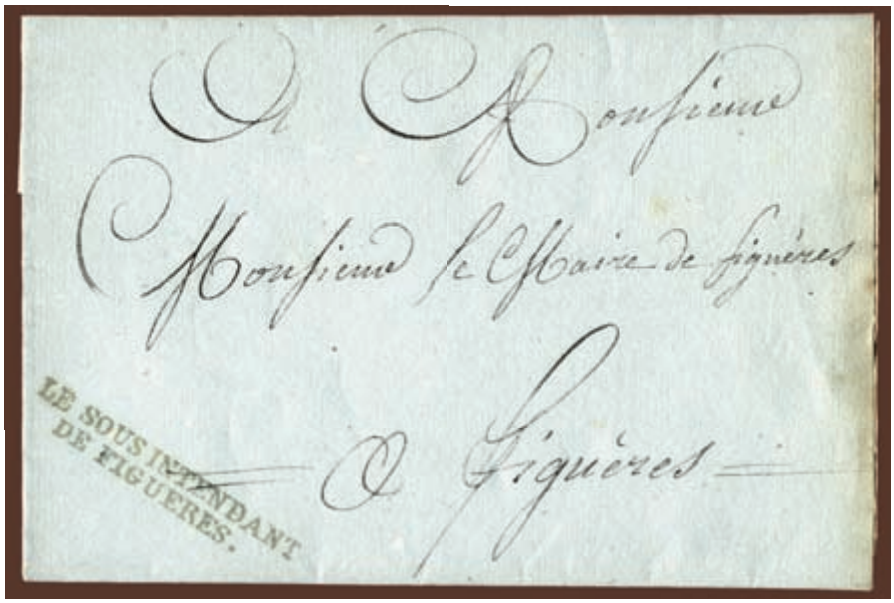
PUYCERDA

Rarest of all conquered department mail is that from Puycerda, the only post office in the short-lived Department No. 133. This letter is addressed to Toulouse, capital of the southern French department of Haute Garonne; assessed 6 decimes postage due.



Letter from the second post office in Department No. 132, Figueres; with franchise handstamp of the second-in-command at Figueres, dated just after the establishment of the post office, advising the Mayor of personnel appointments.

from 84 to 134 (excluding 88 and 115, assigned to subdivided areas in France proper). The handstamped departure mark applied to folded letters mailed from the departments was simply the number of the department and, underneath, the name of the town in which the post office existed. The most elusive mail of all the many conquered territories in Europe is that from the last departments annexed to France, those of the Catalonia area of Spain.

As Napoleon with his many armies was achieving military victories on the European mainland, he attempted to secure an economic victory over England by an embargo called the "Continental System," whereby France and its allies would not engage in any trade with England. Portugal and Russia would not agree to the embargo, so France offered to divide Portugal with Spain if allowed to send its troops through Spain. Lisbon fell in November 1807, but the French kept sending more troops into Spain such that by early 1808 France controlled most of the northern provinces of Spain. By mid-1808 Napoleon succeeded in arranging the abdication of the Spanish King Charles and in putting his brother Joseph on the throne. Despite a popular uprising against the French, Napoleon occupied Madrid by the end of the year and then left Spain to plan his disastrous campaign against Russia.

The fortress of Gironne finally surrendered in December 1809, securing all of Catalonia to France. However, it was not until January 1812 that four departments were established and formally annexed to France. These were:

- **No. 90, La Montserrat**, named for the more than 4,000-foot high mountain in its district, with a single post office, Barcelone (The number 90 was available following the reunification of Corsica in 1811 under its original No. 19,)
- **No. 132, Le Ter,** named for its river just south of the French border, with two post offices, Gironne and Figueres;
- **No. 133, Le Segre,** also named for its river, which runs the length of the department north to Andorra, with only one post office, Puycerda, at the French border:
- **No. 134, Les Bouches de l'Ebre,** named for the mouth of the river on the Mediterranean from which the Segre branched off, with no post offices and no mail known that bears this department number.

The short life of these few post offices resulted in few folded letters.

In the meantime, the British had decided to come to the aid of the Spanish. Early in 1810 Arthur Wellesley, later to be known as Lord Wellington, landed a new British Expeditionary Force at Lisbon. Unfortunately for the French armies, Napoleon was removing troops from Spain to aid in his assault on Russia and the British secured victory after victory, culminating in mid-1813 with a decisive victory at Vitoria; by fall the British invaded France itself, and all of Spain, including the annexed areas in Catalonia, reverted to Spanish control. King Ferdinand returned to Spain in early 1814, and one year later Napoleon suffered his final defeat at the hands of Lord Wellington at Waterloo.

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Dues Hold the Line

About the same time you receive this issue of *The American Philatelist* you should also be receiving your 2010 dues notice. We have worked hard to prepare a balanced APS/APRL budget for 2010 that does not require an increase in dues. A prompt response will save the Society costs of follow-up reminders.

We have changed the format of the 2010 dues notice so that there is a portion for you to keep as a record of your payment. And the bottom third allows you to update your e-mail or other contact information. The last APS member survey indicated that about 80 percent of the membership has e-mail, but we only have e-mail addresses for about half of you. Without an e-mail address we can not send you our monthly e-mail bulletin or notices of shows in your area. We do not release member's e-mail addresses.

You also will notice on your dues notice that the second volume of Dick Winter's *Understanding Transatlantic Mail* (currently at the printer) should be available to ship to members by December 1. The first volume sold out in less than a year and dealers are currently charging at least 50 percent more than the original member price. We also are pleased to offer several publications by the United States Philatelic Classics Society.

We certainly hope it is not the case, but if you decide not to continue your membership, letting us know will save the cost of further reminders and any reasons given may help us improve.

Thanks

With November comes Thanksgiving and we have a lot to be thankful for this year.

- Thanks to Doug Drumheller who, working with Education Director Gretchen Moody, has begun conversion of our slide programs to DVDs. We expect to have five programs converted by December 31.
- Thanks to the Hollywood Stamp Club, which has agreed to cover the cost of continuing the APS Stamp Talk radio show through 2010. And thanks to Nancy Clark for continuing to host the show.
- Thanks to Don Sundman and Mystic Stamp Company for sponsoring our monthly downloadable album pages. In early 2010, after the 2009 U.S. album pages all are available, we plan to offer a CD that will include all twenty-plus sets of album pages created to date.
- Thanks to the volunteers who have helped fill the gaps resulting from our reduction in sending staff to shows. Specifically, thanks to Dan Walker for covering Sandical, Joann and Kurt Lenz for the Plymouth Show, Denise Stotts for Balpex, Richard McConnell for the Omaha Show, Ken Grant for Milcopex, Dennis and Ellen Gilson for the New York 400 show, and American Topical Association Executive Director Vera Felts who exemplifies partnership by agreeing to staff a shared APS/ATA booth at Chicagopex.
- Thanks also to our many generous donors. Over the past month we have received especially generous gifts in the memory of several individuals. The widow of Ling Wen Hu has designated the earnings from an endow-

ment at the Centre County Community Foundation to the APS in her late husband's memory, and the Rasdale family has given $5,000 in memory of Dick Rasdale. We have also received many generous gifts in memory of Bill Welch and Charlie Peterson.

Your generous gifts help us move forward with new initiatives. We are currently investigating options to provide members with online access to *The American Philatelist* (in addition to continuing to provide them with printed copies) and to begin digitizing some of the materials in the Library. You should see the initial fruits of this work in 2010.

- Thanks are owed to many other people. And don't forget you also can show thanks for the efforts of your fellow members (and non-members) by nominating one or more individuals for the Society's Carter Volunteer Recognition Awards. Nominating forms and criteria are available on the APS website and must be completed and returned by December 15.

The happiest of Thanksgivings to you and yours from all of us at the APC.

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The solution wasn't obvious, but with your help (Collectors) — would it work?

Managing Director Andrew McGavin of Universal Philatelic Auctions explains:

Twenty years ago, and I suspect the same is true today, the typical stamp dealer's biggest problem was not what sold, but what would not sell. In those days mail-bid postal auctions would parcel up their unsold lots (unsolds) and sell them on to other auctions which hopefully had different collectors in their database to whom such material would be new.

In this way they would "release" funds in order to be able to purchase new stamp collections. Other auctions not participating in this exercise would spend a significant proportion of their describing time in re-describing "unsolds" in order to represent them as "new."

The significance of re-cycling/re-presenting material should not be underestimated — too high a proportion of unsold material stymied dealers from purchasing new stock — a problem many collectors may recognize today when re-visiting suppliers who never seem to have something new to offer: ultimately collectors stop going back to dealers who offer only stale stock.

In essence, a dealer selling the best stamps out of any collection he or she has purchased may cover costs, but the profit in any typical collection lies in slower moving stock which is more difficult and takes longer to sell.

Try as they might, there didn't seem to be a satisfactory solution, although today many dealers use eBay to clear unsold stock even at a loss.

Universal Philatelic Auctions (UPA) puzzled long over the problem, seeking to turn a "negative" into a "positive." The breakthrough came when its Director took the view that if it was not selling it must be too expensive. This soon led to the conclusion "why don't we reduce the estimate (and reserve) until sold or given away" — after all — everything must be worth something, and if not it should be given away to make way for new stock ... and so ... ten years ago ...

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sales talk
by tom horn

Our Future Together

The Sales Division has been one of the most identifiable services of the American Philatelic Society since its founding in 1886. Today, it is still the largest approval service of its kind. The variety and volume of philatelic material for sale, backed by the Society's money-back guarantee and offered by seller-members, is not matched in today's market.

Our operation is very labor-intensive. Even with our computer programs, the volume of sales books and the detailed records for them and for each user of the Sales Division calls for great attention to those details. Anyone who has visited the American Philatelic Center has seen the stacks of sales books, circuits, and paperwork we handle. With cost reductions in staff (twelve in 1995 to six in 2008), supplies and other expenses in the last fourteen years, we still have a bottom-line deficit.

Many members take advantage of this buying and selling venue as an integral part of their APS membership. We thank those members who have used our services and those who continue to benefit from them. We will be making some adjustments in procedures and charges within the next few months that will give us the stability we need to insure a strong operation that contributes to the Society's financial health. Some of these adjustments are noted here.

Blank Sales Books and Mounts

Supply orders for StampStore and for the Sales Division now have an *additional postage charge*. Prices for the supplies have not changed. On a per-order basis, the charges are as follows:

Parcel Post — add $1 for postage

First Class/Priority Mail — add $2 for postage

Orders mailed to Canada or Mexico — add $20

Orders mailed to all other countries— add $30

The USPS no longer offers surface mail for overseas addresses and we must use the International Priority rates to mail the orders. This means that we have been losing money on orders from members outside the United States. The increase in foreign postage fees will offset this.

Please note also that we have added another *quantity price* for the sales books. In addition to the 1-book, 10-book, and 100-book offerings, we now have a 50-book option:

- Regular books for singles (yellow cover) and for blocks (green cover) are 50 for $37.50
- The 8-page books for singles (lavender cover) are 50 for $30, and for covers (light blue covers) they are 50 for $55.

Changes in 2010

We have been studying various parts of the Sales Division operation with the help of the APS Long-Range Planning Committee. We have identified offerings that have been successful (mini-circuits for new buyers) and those that have been disappointing (E-Circuits). As a result, we will be simplifying some of our offerings. For example, our Direct Circuit offerings of the Busy-Person, Seasonal, and E-Circuit mailings will be discontinued January 1, 2010, in favor of a **Direct Circuit** that will have an additional charge, since these will be tailored to the individual receiving them. While the choice of categories will not be restricted to a certain well-stocked category list (as it is for the present Busy-Person circuits), there may be a long wait for material that is in short supply.

Those members who now receive Seasonal Circuits at their two addresses during the year will be encouraged to rejoin the regular multiple-name circuits and select the location at which they would like to receive the circuits. The E-Circuits, on the other hand, will be discontinued altogether, until a much more efficient and affordable process is possible. We encourage those members to browse the StampStore site to obtain items for their collections. Meanwhile, we will continue to research ways to offer this buying opportunity to overseas members.

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Years ago, we deducted all postage fees from retirement checks for returning sellers' books to them. We switched to just charging the weight part of the postage, using the least expensive mailing method, and we paid the secure service fee (registered and Signature Confirmation).

In January 2010, we will begin **deducting all postage to return the retired sales books**. This opens the sellers' options to give us instructions as to how they want their books mailed to them. If the seller has the APS Insurance Plan, we can follow those instructions and any losses can be settled with the Plan provider. Any loss of retired sales books that are mailed by any method that involves using APS Insurance Fund funds to cover the loss will include the deduction of our commission in the settlement, since the Insurance Fund is actually buying the lost contents of the package. Another option offers sellers the opportunity to make a donation to the APS. This saves on the postage charges and gives the seller a tax deduction based on the value of the unsold material. You can choose to donate spe-

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APS members who have not used the Sales Division services in the past or who have returned after a five-year hiatus will have the opportunity to receive a four-book **mini-circuit** as an introduction to buying through this approval service. We offer this special opportunity from January through March and again from July through September each year. Watch for the circuit request card, no postage necessary, in the January and July issues of *The American Philatelist* in 2010.

2010 Dues

You will receive your 2010 dues notices this month. We encourage you to send your payment by the end of this year to avoid interruption of your sales circuits and your access to StampStore. As noted in last month's column, in the past, we have waited until the third dues notices were sent in March to drop names from both services. In 2010 we will be doing this at the end of January. The Sales Division and StampStore will send reminders in mid-January.

Selling? — Presentation!

In real estate, it is location, location, location that sells a house. In the APS sales books, it is presentation, presentation, presentation that sells stamps and covers. Buyers will look at a stamp in a disorganized sales book with its crowded pages, messy mounting methods and illegible entries, and decide to not purchase it. That same stamp, in the very same condition with the same price, but in a well-organized sales book, with much more open-looking pages, neat arrangement of mounts and very readable entries will sell. It is important to make sure buyers will seriously consider buying from your sales books, and presentation makes the first impression of the worth of your material.

Holidays and Circuits

Please be sure the circuits you receive during the upcoming holiday seasons do not become inhabitants of the holiday decoration containers or the trash generated by gift wrappings.

'5 For 10' Categories (Needs)

We need U.S. items, **except** U.S. First Day Covers, U.S. Mint post-1950, U.S. Used post-1950, and U.S. Plate Blocks post-1950. You can earn coupons for free blank books and mounts for every ten completed books containing material from a set list of categories. (*Each group of ten or more qualifying books must be received at the same time and must contain* ***at least $50 per book.*** *The coupons are issued when the qualifying books are reviewed soon after arriving.*) Each book must be designed to fit one of the categories, exclusively. Details are sent with blank sales book orders. You may also visit www.stamps.org and click Sales Division and How to Sell. [Note: Single-country books usually have better sales.] Below are categories that are in very short supply at this time.

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All information is subject to change without notice. While every effort is made to ensure accuracy, you should check with the specific show to verify information. The APS website listing includes shows much further in advance than we have space to include in *The American Philatelist*

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Indiana **October 31-November 1**
AWPEX 2009, Anthony Wayne Stamp Society, Concordia Lutheran High School, 1601 Saint Joe River Road, Fort Wayne. Contact Jim Mowrer, stamp4@verizon.net; 260-471-2469.

Michigan **October 31-November 1**
AAPEX, Ann Arbor Stamp Club, Morris J. Lawrence Bldg., Washtenaw Comm. College, 4800 E. Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor. Contact Harry & Dottie Winter, http://aastampclub.googlepages.com/.

New Jersey **October 31-Novermber 1**
Garden State Fall Stamp Show, New Jersey Stamp Dealers Assn., La Quinta Inn, 38 Two Bridges Road, Rt. 46 West about 1 mile west of the junction of Rt. 46, 80 and 23, just behind Jose Tejas Restaurant, Fairfield. Contact Larry Liebowitz, njshows@optonline.net; 732-247-1093; Fax 732-247-1094. *B*

Kansas **November 7**
Topeka Stamp Show, Topeka Stamp Club, Activities Center Town & Country Christian Church, 4925 SW 29th St., Topeka. Contact Bill Johnson, williamdaddy51@yahoo.com; 785-276-3456; 785-379-9833. *B*

New Jersey **November 7**
Merchantville Stamp Club Saturday Bourse, Merchantville Stamp Club, Temple Luthern Church Parish Hall, 5600 North Route 130 (at Merchantville Ave.), Pennsauken. Contact Dave Grayson, merpex@aol.com; http://mysite.verizon.net/vzexkfun; 856-667-3168.

Pennsylvania **November 7**
Annual Reading Stamp Club Show, Reading Stamp Collectors Club, Leesport Farmer's Market-banquet Hall, State Route 61 in North Leesport. 8 Miles North of Reading, Reading. Contact Kent Weaver, kewsr@prodigy.net; 610-779-0175. *B*

Wisconsin **November 7**
CENWISPEX, Central Wisconsin Stamp Club, Plover Villiage Hall, 2400 Post Rd., Plover. Contact J. D. Manville, jadeco@charter.net.

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SACAPEX 2009, Sacramento Philatelic Society, Scottish Rite Temple, 6151 H. Street, Sacramento. Contact Jim Stewart, perforation@frontiernet.net; www.sacramentophilatelicsociety.org; 916-686-3246.

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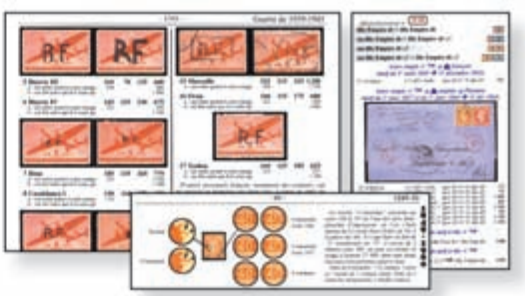

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New York **April 15-18**
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TEXPEX, Southwest Phil. Foundation, Doubletree Hotel Dallas Near the Galleria, 4099 Valley View Lane (LBJ Freeway at Midway Rd.), Dallas. Contact Tom Koch, tkoch@utdallas.edu; http://www.texasphilatelic.org/texpex.htm; 972-883-4951; 972-883-2473. *WSP*

California **April 23-25**
WESTPEX, Western Phil. Exhibitions, Inc., San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel, 1800 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame. Contact Edward Jarvis, ejarvis@westpex.com; www.westpex.com; 415-387-1016. *WSP*

Michigan **April 24-25**
Plymouth Show, West Suburban Stamp Club, Central Middle School, 650 Church Street, Plymouth. Contact Rod Watts, dwatts1@peoplepc.com; www.plymouthshow.com. *WSP*

Pennsylvania **April 24-25**
LANCOPEX, Lancaster County Phil. Soc., Farm & Home Ctr., 1383 Arcadia Rd., Lancaster. Contact J. Boyles, jboyles@dejazzd.com; 717-394-5118.

Massachusetts **April 30-May 2**
Philatelic Show, Northeastern Fed. of Stamp Clubs, Holiday Inn Boxborough Woods, 242 Adams Place, Boxborough. Contact Jeff Shapiro, coverlover@gmail.com; www.nefed.org. *WSP*

Pennsylvania **May 7-8**
BUTLERPEX, Butler County Philatelic Society, Tanglewood Senior Center, 10 Austin Ave., Lyndora. Contact Stanley Snyder, stampdad@zoominternet.net; 724-443-5740.

Ohio **May 8**
Trumpex 2010, The Warren Area Stamp Club, J V Johnson Community Center, 800 Gillmer Road, Leavittsburg. Contact Howard Lutz, howrex2@aol.com; 330-924-5124.

Colorado **May 14-16**
Rocky Mountain Stamp Show (ROMPEX), Rocky Mountain Phil. Exhibition, Inc., Holiday Inn - Denver International Airport, John Q. Hammonds Trade Center, Chambers Rd & I-70, Denver. Contact Ronald Hill, rmss@rockymountainstampshow.com; www.rockymountainstampshow.com; 303-241-5409. *WSP*

New York **May 14-16**
ROPEX, Rochester Phil. Assoc., ESL Sports Centre, 2700 Brighton Henrietta Townline Rd., Rochester. Contact Dave Robinson, stamptmf@frontiernet.net; http://www.rpastamps.org/ropex.html; 585-266-2524. *WSP*

Canada **May 28-30**
Royal 2010 Royale, Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, St. Clair Centre of the Arts, 201 Riverside Drive West, Ontario. Contact Brian Cutler, cutler@mnsi.net; www.royal2010.net; 519-966-2276.

New Jersey **May 28-30**
NOJEX, North Jersey Federated Stamp Clubs, Inc., Crown Plaza, Meadowlands, Two Harmon Plaza, Secaucus. Contact Robert G. Rose, rrose@phks.com; www.nojex.org; 973-966-8070. *WSP*

Virginia **June 4-6**
NAPEX, National Phil. Exhibitions of Washington D.C., McLean Hilton at Tyson's Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Dr., McLean. Contact Thomas Lera, frontier2@erols.com; www/napex.org; 703-205-0600. *WSP*

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Colorado **June 25-27**
National Topical Stamp Show, American Topical Association, Crowne Plaza Denver Airport, 15500 East 40th Avenue, Denver. Contact Robert J. Mather, burrobob@wi.rr.com; www.americantopicalassn.org; 262-968-2392. *WSP*

Illinois **August 6-8**
AMERICOVER, American First Day Cover Society, Marriott Hotel, Oak Brook. Contact Norm Elrod, showinfo@afdcs.org; www.afdcs.org; 931-473-6164. *WSP*

Michigan **August 7-8**
COLPEX, Collectors Club of Michigan, Sokol Cultural Center, 23600 W. Warren Ave., Dearborn Heights. Contact Charles Wood, jarnick@wowway.com; 248-546-1282. *B*

Ohio **August 7-8**
CINPEX 10, Greater Cincinnati Philatelic Society, Hugh Watson (Greenhills) American Legion Hall, 11100 Winton Road, Cincinnati. Contact Jim Siekermann/Ron Maifeld, jims150320@aol.com; www.freewebs.com/gcps; 513-825-4379/714-759-5580 Cell. *B*

Virginia **August 12-15**
APS StampShow, American Philatelic Society, Richmond Convention Center, Richmond. Contact Dana Guyer, stampshow@stamps.org; www.stamps.org; 814-933-3803 ext 217; Fax 814-933-6128. *WSP*

Nevada **August 21-22**
Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show, Nevada Stamp Study Society, National Bowling Stadium, 300 North Center Street, Reno. Contact Harvey Edwards, renostamp@earthlink.net; http://home.earthlink.net/~renostamp/; 775-246-4769.

Canada **September 3-5**
BNAPEX 2010, British North America Philatelic Society, Fairmont Empress Hotel, 721 Government Street, Victoria, BC. Contact Peter Jacobi, pjacobi@shaw.ca; www.bnaps.org; 604-538-0246.

Nebraska **September 11-12**
Omaha Stamp Show, Omaha Philatelic Society, Metro Community College-South Campus, 2909 Babe Gomez Ave., Omaha. Contact Edgar Hicks, grangered@mail.com; www.omahaphilatelicsociety.org; 402-691-8576. *WSP*

Wisconsin **September 17-19**
MILCOPEX, Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Inc., Mount Mary College Bergstrom Hall, 2900 N. Menomonee River Parkway, Milwaukee. Contact Carol Schutta, harryncarol@hotmail.com; www.milwaukeephilatelic.org; 414-464-6994. *WSP*

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Indiana **October 8-10**
INDYPEX, Indiana Stamp Club, Indianapolis Marriott East Hotel, 7202 East 21st Street, Indianapolis. Contact John Becker, indypex@indianastampclub.org; http://indianastampclub.org. *WSP*

Illinois **October 9-10**
CUPEX, Champaign-Urbana Stamp Club, Urbana Civic Center, 108 E. Water Street, Urbana. Contact Louise B. Toft, louiseb@pubserv.com; www.prairienet.org/cusc/; 217-359-9115.

New York **October 21-24**
The 2010 ASDA Fall Postage Stamp Mega-Event, American Stamp Dealers Association, New Yorker Hotel, 481 Eighth Ave., New York. Contact Joseph Savarese, asda@erols.com; www.asdaonline.com; 516-759-7000; 516-759-7014.

Oklahoma **October 22-23**
OKPEX, Oklahoma City Stamp Club, Express Events Center, 8512 NW Expressway, Oklahoma City. Contact Joe Crosby, joecrosby@cox.net; 405-749-0939. *WSP*

Michigan **November 6-7**
AAPEX, Ann Arbor Stamp Club, Morris J. Lawrence Bldg., Washtenaw Comm. College, 4800 E. Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor. Contact Harry & Dottie Winter, http://aastampclub.googlepages.com/.

California **November 12-14**
Filatelic Fiesta 2010, San Jose Stamp Club, Santa Clara Fairgrounds, 344 Tully Road, San Jose. Contact Stephen Schumann, sdsch@earthlink.net; filatelicfiesta.org; 510-415-6158. *WSP*

Virginia **November 12-14**
VAPEX, Virginia Philatelic Federation, Inc., Holiday Inn - Patriot, 3032 Richmond Road, Williamsburg. Contact David B. Collins, rainbowx2@cox.net; 757-872-6264. *WSP*

Ohio **November 13-14**
Rubber City Stamp Club 91st Annual Stamp Exhibition and Bourse, Rubber City Stamp Club, Akron General Health & Wellness Center, Rt. 18 at Crystal Lake Road, Montrose (Akron). Contact Tom Hirschinger, 330-336-8227.

Illinois **November 19-21**
CHICAGOPEX, Chicago Philatelic Society, Sheraton Chicago Northwest, 3400 W. Euclid, Arlington Heights. Contact John Kevin Doyle, doyle-stamps@att.net; www.chicagopex.com. *WSP*

Florida **December 3-5**
FLOREX--The Florida State Stamp Show, FSDA & Central Florida Stamp Club, Central Florida Fair Grounds, Commercial Exhibit Hall, 4603 West Colonial Drive (SR 50), Orlando. Contact Francis Ferguson, show@florexstampshow.com; www.florexstampshow.com; 407-493-0956-Cell. *WSP*

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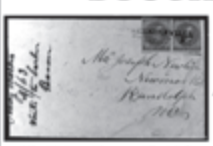
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Pangburn, Edward C. (216585) **Duanesburg, NY** US; Retired

Pearce, Alexander (216536) **Chapel Hill, NC** 22; Student

Petty, J. C. (216466) **Greensboro, NC** US-SCAND; 67; Retired

Pollock, Barbara J. (216533) **Los Alamitos, CA** 77; Retired

Popescue, William J. (216531) **Glendale, AZ** US; 65; Retired

Poulton, Jeffrey A. (216532) **Charlestown, RI** US, POSTAL HISTORY; 60; Self Employed

Prescott, Charles (216519) **Hope Hull, AL** US; 60; Retired

Purlee, James D. (216548) **Maynardville, TN** PRE 1910 US, COVERS; 58; Construction Superintendent

Raghavan, Vikram (216526) **Silver Spring, MD** GB-INDIA; 35

Richardson, David L. (216467) **Beaumont, TX** PRE 1930 US-HAWAII-CANADA-GB; 53; Teacher

Robinson, Lynn E. (216496) **Claremore, OK** US; 64

Rod, Ralph (216549) **Princeton, IL** 80; Retired

Roth, Joanne (216567) **Holtsville, NY** US-WORLDWIDE; 64

Sandor, Frank J. (216468) **Wadsworth, OH** PNC; 66; Retired

Sandridge, Joseph E. (216590) **Gardiner, NY** US-GER, PRECANCELS, COVERS, STAT, PLATE BLKS; 48; Architect

Santos, Jose L. (216577) **Santa Iria de Azoia, Lisboa, Portugal** US NATIONAL PARKS; 62

Scriber, James (216480) **Clyde, NY** US-BRIT; 65; Retired

Shaw, Ryan (216469) **Marquette, MI** WILDLIFE-DUCK; 39; Custodian/Maintenance

Showalter, Marisa (216538) **Denver, CO** LIGHTHOUSES-HARRY POTTER-BULL TERRIERS; 42

Shurte, Gary C. (216481) **Niles, MI** 40; Sales Manager

Siegfried, Donald A. (216470) **Brookfield, WI** MINT US; 83; Retired

Simmons Bowley, Melanie (216555) **Albuquerque, NM** US-BRIT COMMEM; 60

Smitasin, Vatcharachai (216505) **Salem, OR** THAILAND; 54

Smith, John R. (216556) **Houston, TX** 63

Spector, Richard (216527) **Columbia, MD**

Spence, Robert (216517) **Ontario, CA** JAPAN-RUSSIA-CONFEDERATES; 57; Management Consultant

Stover, John (216570) **Sterling Heights, MI** MINT US COMMEM-FDC; 84; Retired

Taggart, Walter (216471) **Pearl City, HI** US POSTAL CARDS-CACHETED FDC POSTAL CARDS; 71; Retired

Thompson, Franklin (216494) **Lexington, KY** FDC; 73; Retired

Tice, John J. (216484) **Wyoming, DE** SPAIN-AUST-AUSTRIA-GER STATES; 78; Retired

Ticknor, Melody (216473) **Wayne, PA** 54

Tolliver, Dustin F. (216482) **Bedford, IN** 1847-1920 US, MODERN, AIR MAIL, POSTAGE DUE, BOB; 63; Retired

Tountas, Christos E. (216539) **Nea Halkidona, Greece** 30

Transue, Frank M. (216483) **Elgin, IL** WASHINGTON/FRANKLINS; 67; Civil Engineer

Turton, Richard A. (216497) **Leeds, Yorkshire, England** SWISS-GER-GB-ITALY; 34; Graphic Designer

Vaughn, Kevin C. (216561) **Stoneville, MS** SPANISH COL-COLONIES; 55; Cell Biologist

Voeks, Warren A. (216495) **Muskego, WI** US-UN-GER; Retired

Vredenburgh, John (216501) **Redondo Beach, CA** US-DUCK; 63; Retired

Walker, William J. (216552) **Wagoner, OK** US; 59; QA Engineer

Wargo, Michael (216472) **Novelty, OH** Retired

Weinberger, Joseph A. (216518) **Arden, NC** US-UN-SOS; 69; School Psychologist

Wesp, William H. (216509) **Bellingham, WA** 56; Forest Engineer

Wilson, Ethylen (216586) **Oklahoma City, OK** US SINGLES, BLKS; 67; Certified Home Health

Yaeger, Bruce (216554) **Lafayette, CO** 48

Young, David (216576) **St. George, UT** US-UN; 54

Zabawa, Robert T. (216521) **Hilton Head Island, SC** US; 68; Retired

Zachar, D. (216573) **Wheeling, IL** 80

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Bertges, Paul W. (150666), Sterling Heights, MI
Beutel, Phillip R. (082367), Columbus, OH
Blandford, James B. (180908), Lincoln, MI
Bradley, William M. (170281), Pittsburgh, PA
Ciampa, Samuel (9449-064048), Modesto, CA
De Jong, Gerben (170392), East Palestine, OH
Dorfman, David (10430-073208), Sarasota, FL
Dovan, William E. (163674), Lake Mary, FL
Durham, Howard M. (127364), Huntington Beach, CA
Durning, Nancy R. (182123), Prescott, AZ
Dwyer, Michael C. (190751), Tallahassee, FL
Eghigian, Ara, Jr. (145355), Belleville, IL
Ellis, Richard E. (190183), East Amherst, NY
Foisy, Aime (9595-198393), Auburn, ME
Fox, J. E. (188149), Grand Junction, CO
Fraley, Richard C. (182018), Lawrence, KS
Funch, Allan J. (3881-043361), Catonville, MD
Galindo, Arthur P. (215003), Martinez, CA
Grubbs, Robert I. (1452-042395), Indianapolis, IN
Heeren, Richard H. (10311-070587), Wayne, NJ
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Hettman, Hans W. (7144-050497), Milwaukee, WI
Humphreys, Edward E. (142440), Titusville, FL
Iber, Peter K. (096756), Peoria, AZ
Ivanauskas, Steve (4790-036009), Chicago, IL
Jamieson, Norton B. (4548-039481), Brookline, MA
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Kane, Carl E. (7545-053123), East Dennis, MA
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Law, James D. (213685), Albuquerque, NM
Leber, Rudolph J. (181585), Sycamore, IL
Louis, Robert G. (095528), San Gabriel, CA
Marckwardt, Edward C. (175044), Oak Park, MI
Marrion, Herbert J. (2639-084178), Saanichton, BC, Canada
Matkovich, Ludwig D. (6499-047695), Seminole, FL
McManus, Thelma S. (171018), Doniphan, MO
Mills, John W. (103747), Garfield Heights, OH
Monzon, Joaquin E. (095557), Long Beach, CA
Nickerson, Barbara W. (10396-072190), Fort Myers, FL
O'Neill, Joseph L. (115193), Philadelphia, PA
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Reaves, Charles E. Reaves, (160425), Charlotte, NC
Rodman, Keith (192747), Rhine Road, South Africa
Rodriguez, Robin E. (2685-089286), Brooklyn, NY
Roundy, Robert W. (5342-033930), Dayton, OH
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Scollo, Peter A. (127115), Norwood, MA
Shay, Arnold L. (4965-038296), Monmouth Junction, NJ
Shepard, Charles T. (168790), Arlington, TX
Sillman, Harold (6962-049422), Sebring, FL
Sissenwein, Burton (143349), Houston, TX
Skolnick, Jerome (214032), Chicago, IL
Welch, William L. (11375-068428), State College, PA
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Whitcomb, Culver D. (192784), Crosslake, MN
White, Claude F. (164524), Indianapolis, IN
Winkler, Virgil (6082-043968), Caracas, Venezuela
Wolk, Charles (210488), Chicago, IL
Zeak, Cindy A. (186441), Sarasota, FL

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NEW APPLICANTS

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Agnew, James I. (216558) **Olympia, WA** SCAND; 77; Retired

Albee, Dave (216559) **Fort Worth, TX** AIR MAIL-UN; 65; Retired

Andreychuk, David (216486) **Portland, OR** USED US-WORLDWIDE; 71; Retired

Archbold, James L. (216461) **Apopka, FL** TOPICAL-US; 68; Property Manager

Armstrong, Randy (216587) **Houston, TX** 47

Arnold, Carolyn (216562) **New Philadelphia, OH** 71; Retired

Aud, JoAnn E. (216485) **Arlington, TX** REV-DUCK-WORLDWIDE; 45; Housewife

Baisch, Donald (216578) **Carlsbad, CA** 83

Battle, Lemuel B. (216508) **Salem, VA** US; 58; Engineer

Becker, Robert L. (216462) **Reading, MA** US; 83; Retired

Beebe, Charles S. (216474) **Mystic, CT** US-UN-CANADA; 78

Bonaccorsi, Fred (216475) **Sewell, NJ** US; 54; Pharmacist

Bresth, Sidney (216487) **Ocala, FL** 95

Callahan, Michael R. (216522) **Alexandria, VA** 54; Urban & Environmental Planner

Cameron, Christopher J. (216560) **Comer, GA** POSTAL STATIONERY; 46

Camillocci, Anthony (216569) **Berwick, PA** 46

Carlton-Jones, Michael J. (216528) **Salisbury, MD** 47 Finance Executive

Cassity, Martin M. (216463) **Jefferson, NH** 1847-1925 US CLASSICS & COVERS; 65; Stamp Dealer/Art & Book Dealer

Chamberlain, Dennis (216488) **Davis, CA** USED US; 67; Stamp Dealer

Christiana, Jon M. (216523) **Hunt Valley, MD** US-VAT; 46; Insurance Executive

Chukwu, Uzo E. (216524) **Stafford, VA** WORLDWIDE; 54; Engineering Management

Cosgrove, Richard J. (216579) **West Bath, ME** PLATE BLKS-BOB; 66; Retired

Cummin, G. Jeremy (216507) **Seabrook Island, SC** 73; Retired

Dail, Sean B. (216476) **Raleigh, NC** US-CANADA-GER-LIBERIA-BULLSEYE CANCELLATIONS; 49; Attorney

Dauphinais, Robert P. (216464) **Oak Island, NC** US SINGLES, PLATE BLKS; 68; Retired

Davis, Jim (216500) **Jacksonville, FL** 61

DeGeest, Boyd (216592) **Winona, MN** US PREXIES; Retired

Diabate, Dafina Blacksher (216550) **Durham, NC** 36

Dick, James K. (216542) **Clinton Corners, NY** FDC; 57; Electrician

Dillman, Walter H. (216580) **Dallas, OR** GER-US-WORLDWIDE; 65; Social Worker

Doan, Sharon (216543) **Guthrie, OK** PRE 1970 US; 59; Retired

Egerton, Kathy (216489) **Houston, TX** CLASSIC US

Filan, Donald (216574) **Medford, MA** PRE 1950 MINT SHEETS; 59

Fleischer, Fen (216498) **Kenmore, WA** 63

Forde, Alexander (216512) **Nelson, BC** 1840/1960 WORLDWIDE PLATING-1859 CANADIAN FIRST DECIMAL ISSUE-CO. CHOPS OF EARLY SINGAPORE & STRAITS; 63; Artist/Calligrapher

Foshee, Jeremy D. (216591) **Rutherfordton, NC** WORLDWIDE; 32

Foster, Lewis C. (216534) **Richmond, VA** US; 68; Retired

Friedman, Matt (216510) **Antelope, CA** US-ISRAEL; 51; Rabbi

Gerhard, Lothar (216477) **Kneeland, CA** 69; Retired

Giffin, Harold E. (216582) **Tulare, CA** PRE 1986 WORLDWIDE; 66; Retired

Gillen, Shawn (216581) **Beloit, WI** IRELAND-US-AIR MAIL-TOPICALS; 47; English Professor

Gomez, Miguel (216535) **West Babylon, NY** SOCCER; 57

Goss, Joe C. (216544) **Indianapolis, IN** 62; Retired

Gulley, Jimmy F. (216563) **Tahlequah, OK** 52; Self Employed

Hansen, Gregory J. (216529) **Vermilion, OH** US; 62; Sales

Hardwick, Claudia (216571) **Eugene, OR** US-WORLDWIDE; 61; Psychologist

Hardy, Ronald A. (216465) **Kenbridge, VA** US COMMEM-FDC-DEFINITIVES; 61; Retired

Haury, Paul L. (216525) **Paramus, NJ** 41; Stamp Dealer

Heaney, Steven (216572) **Maumee, OH** MONACO-CARRIBEAN; 46; Manager

NEW MEMBERS

Applications 216041 through 216111, and 216113 through 216116, and 216118 through 216135 and 216137 through 216175 and 216177 through 216224, as previously published, have been accepted for membership by the Board of Vice Presidents.

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Total Membership, Aug. 31, 2009		37,443
New Members	179	
Reinstated	28	207
		37,650
Deceased	61	
Resignations	3	
Expelled	4	
Chapter Disbanded	1	69
Total Membership, Sep. 30, 2009		37,581

Henderson, Jana M. (216537) **Puyallup, WA** US COMMEM-UNCUT PRESS SHEETS-FEDERAL DUCK; 32; Medical Records

Heuze, Jerome J. (216551) **Half Moon Bay, CA** PONTA DELGADA-PORT-US; 31; Web Producer

Heyn, Timothy P. (216513) **Woodland Hills, CA** US-ART-SPACE-SHIPS-FDC; 48; Retired

Hildebrand, William B. (216583) **Succasunna, NJ** US-GER-AIR MAIL; 70; Retired

Holland, Andrew S. (216564) **Jacksonville, FL** 87; Retired

Houghton, Mimi (216545) **Hingham, MA** UK-US; 82

Hungerford, Chuck (216575) **Tallahassee, FL** 55

Hupp, Bruce (216490) **Austin, TX** C AM-EUR; 69; Retired

Ingalls, Bill (216530) **Buena Park, CA** 74; Retired

Jackson, Tracy H. (216557) **Clarksville, TN** 19TH C; 77; Retired

Jansen, Mary Ann (216499) **Lisse, Netherlands** DISNEY; 42

Jensen, Carl G. (216546) **Bakersfield, CA** US; 75; Retired

Kacer, Paul B. (216502) **Gainesville, FL** MONEY; 31; Sleep Technician

Kellermann, Amanda (216588) **Lombard, IL** 19

Kerr, Duane G. (216491) **Snohomish, WA** MINT US; 75; Retired

King, Andrew (216565) **Blue Bell, PA** EARLY AM-EAGLE IMAGES; 47; Scientist

Kingery, Stephen L. (216514) **Scott Depot, WV** MINT US; 61; Ed. Adm.

Knight, Jack (216589) **Midlothian, VA** US-SPACE-MAPS-DICTATORS; 49; Patent Agent

Kocaurek, Peter (216460) **San Francisco, CA** 50

Kopelson, Howard (216520) **New York, NY** FDC-POSTAL HISTORY; 65

Lasseth, Robert (216541) **Baltimore, MD** 19TH C US, BOB-GER STATES; 48; Routeman

Lee, Fred R. (216584) **Huntsville, AL** MINT US, PLATE BLKS; 81; Management Consultant

Lenz, Henry (216478) **Slippery Rock, PA** 75

Lundeberg, Karl (216492) **Yuba City, CA** US; 51; Probation Officer

Martel, Wayne D. (216566) **Bel Air, MD** 69; Retired

Matthews, Douglas W. A. (216493) **Eagle Lake, FL** 70; Retired

McCarthy, Jack (216479) **Crestwood, IL** 80; Retired

McChristian, Hobart (216515) **Bass River, MA** US-BRIT COMM; 66; Retired

McNamara, Terry (216540) **Crescent City, CA** LIGHTHOUSES; 63

Mistick, D. Thomas (216511) **Sewickley, PA** 61; Executive

Moore, John F. (216568) **Austin, TX** HAWAII-VAT-ISRAEL-UN; 61

Morrow, John T. (216553) **Lubbock, TX** US, COVERS; 70; Art Professor

Murray, Thomas K. (216506) **Dover Foxcroft, ME** US; 41; Physician

Nestor, Gregory (216503) **Pittsburgh, PA** US; 44

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Winter Holidays

The U.S. Postal Service celebrated the winter holiday season with four 44-cent different stamp designs, in ceremonies at Mega Event Stamp Show in New York City, on October 8. A merry reindeer dangles a red bulb ornament from his antler. Flurries of large flakes dust a snowman sporting a top hat, coal buttons, and a carrot nose. A gingerbread man is decorated for the season, with green, red, and white icing. A toy soldier smiles while standing at attention. Borders of evergreens, stars, wreaths, and holly add another holiday touch to the stamps.

These popular figures are seen throughout the holidays, decorating homes, schools, and stores from Thanksgiving to New Year's. They also appear in gift wrap designs and are the subjects of several favorite songs and stories. As stamp art, they will add a festive touch to letters and cards sent to friends and family.

Reindeer have long been associated with Santa and his sleigh full of toys, while toy soldiers have been holiday heroes for generations. After a big winter storm, snowmen sport hats, scarves, and carrot noses on neighborhood lawns. Indoors, gingerbread cookies may be baking in the oven, a much-anticipated treat for parents, children, and holiday guests.

This is the first Postal Service stamp project for artist Joseph Cudd of Greensboro, North Carolina. His company, Brushworks Studio, in Greensboro, is primarily a gift wrap and print design firm. To create these stamps, Cudd first sketched the designs by hand and then finished them on the computer using a graphics tablet.

Denomination: 44-cent Special
Format: Booklet of 20 (4 designs)
Series: Holiday
Designer/Art Director/Typographer: Richard Sheaff, Scottsdale, AZ
Artist: Joseph Cudd, Greensboro, NC
Modeler: Donald Woo
Manufacturing Process: Offset/Microprint "USPS"
Printer: Banknote Corporation of America, Inc./SSP, Browns Summit, NC
Press Type: Alprinta, 74
Paper Type: Prephosphored, Type II
Adhesive Type: Pressure-sensitive
Colors: Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, Black
Stamp Orientation: Vertical
Sizes (w x h): 19.05 x 26.16 mm (image); 23.11 x 30.22 mm (overall); 145.8 x 60.45 mm (flat booklet)
Plate Numbers: "S" followed by 4 single digits
Marginal Markings: *Cover side:* Header: "Winter Holidays"; Four different designs; ©2008 USPS in peel strip area; Twenty 44¢ self-adhesive stamps.

Hanukkah Celebrated

Spanning eight days and nights, Hanukkah is a joyous yearly festival celebrated by Jews around the world. First day ceremonies for the 2009 44-cent Hanukkah stamp were held October 9 at Mega Event Stamp Show in New York City. The holiday commemorates the successful revolt of the Jews led by Judah Maccabee against the oppressive government of Antiochus IV and the Seleucid Empire in 165 B.C.E.

The 2009 Hanukkah design features a photograph of a menorah with nine lit candles. The menorah was designed by Lisa Regan of the Garden Deva Sculpture Company in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and photographed by Ira Wexler of Braddock Heights, Maryland.

Hanukkah is the Hebrew word for "dedication." Tradition relates how a miracle took place during the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem, which had been desecrated. The remaining supply of sacramental oil, thought to be enough for only one day, burned for eight days.

The eight days and nights of Hanukkah begin on the 25th of Kislev in the Hebrew calendar, a date that falls in late November or December. Hanukkah begins on December 11 in 2009 and on December 1 in 2010.

During Hanukkah, family members gather each night during the festival to light candles on a special candleholder called a menorah. Other Hanukkah traditions include singing, the exchange of gifts, and the spinning of the dreidel, a four-sided top. Children typically use chocolate gelt (coins) to make bets on the outcome of each spin of the dreidel.

The 2009 Hanukkah stamp is the third U.S. issuance to commemorate the holiday. The Postal Service issued its first Hanukkah stamp, which featured a stylized illustration of a menorah, in 1996. A design featuring an ornate dreidel followed in 2004.

Denomination: 44-cent Special
Format: Pane of 20 (1 design)
Series: Holiday
Designer/Art Director/Typographer: Carl T. Herrman, North Las Vegas, NV
Photographer: Ira Wexler, Braddock Heights, MD
Modeler: Donald Woo
Manufacturing Process: Offset/Microprint "USPS"
Printer: Banknote Corporation of America/Sennett Security Products, Browns Summit, NC
Press Type: Alprinta, 74
Paper Type: Phosphor tagged, Overall

Adhesive Type: Pressure-sensitive
Colors: Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, Black, Light Blue, Dark Blue
Stamp Orientation: Vertical
Size (w x h): 19.05 x 26.16 mm (image); 23.11 x 30.23 mm (overall); 137.92 x 143.26 mm (pane)
Plate Numbers: "S" followed by 6 single digits
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New Kwanzaa Stamp

The U.S. Postal Service celebrates Kwanzaa, a non-religious holiday that takes place over seven days from December 26 to January 1, with a new 44-cent stamp issued October 9 in ceremonies at Mega Event Stamp Show in New York City. Kwanzaa draws on African traditions and takes its name from the phrase for "first fruits" in Swahili, a widely spoken African language. Its origins are in harvest celebrations that occurred in ancient and modern times in various places across the African continent. These traditions were synthesized and reinvented in 1966 by Maulana Karenga as the contemporary cultural festival known as Kwanzaa.

The holiday is intended to be a celebration of seven principles: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith — based on values prevalent in African culture. "I believe that the principles celebrated by Kwanzaa are basic and righteous principles for all of humanity," says stamp artist Lloyd McNeill, of New York City, who created a highly symbolic design to celebrate the holiday and its associated ideas.

The bold colors in the stamp art are complemented in the top right corner by the colors of the Kwanzaa flag: green for growth, red for blood, and black for the African people. The field of green around the borders symbolizes growth and a bountiful harvest. In the hoop that the girl holds in her hands, as well as in the family grouping of mother, father, and child, McNeill symbolized unity.

In the mask-like faces of the figures, McNeill suggests multiple possibilities for the future, the collective work and responsibility needed to achieve our highest goals, and faith in the outcome. "In traveling in West Africa, through six countries," he says, "I learned that people regularly use masks in their rituals. The mask allows them to represent one of their spiritual entities, or someone other than themselves."

This is the third stamp design issued by the U.S. Postal Service in celebration of Kwanzaa. The first Kwanzaa commemorative stamp was issued in 1997.

Denomination: 44-cent Special
Format: Pane of 20 (1 design)
Series: Holiday
Designer/Art Director/Typographer: Carl T. Herrman, North Las Vegas, NV
Artist: Lloyd McNeill, New York, NY
Modeler: Joseph Sheeran
Manufacturing Process: Offset/Microprint "USPS"
Printer: Ashton Potter (USA) Ltd., Williamsville, NY
Press Type: Mueller Martini, A 76
Paper Type: Nonphosphored, Type III
Adhesive Type: Pressure-sensitive
Colors: Black, Cyan, Magenta, Yellow
Stamp Orientation: Vertical
Sizes (w x h): 19.56 x 28.07 mm (image); 23.11 x 30.23 mm (overall); 140.97 x 146.30 mm (pane)
Plate Numbers: "P" followed by 4 single digits
Marginal Markings: *Front:* ©2008 USPS; Price; Plate numbers in 4 corners of pane; Plate position diagram. *Back:* USPS logo; Barcode (573400) in two positions

Christmas: *Madonna and Sleeping Child* by Sassoferrato

On October 20, 2009, in San Simeon, California, the Postal Service issued a 44-cent, Christmas: *Madonna and Sleeping Child* by Sassoferrato special stamp in one design in a pressure-sensitive adhesive, double-sided booklet of 20 stamps.

Since 1978, the theme of each "traditional" Christmas stamp has been the Madonna and Child. The 2009 Christmas stamp features *Madonna and Sleeping Child*, a painting by Italian artist Giovanni Battista Salvi (1609–1685), more commonly known as Sassoferrato. The painting depicted on the stamp shows a blonde Madonna clothed in red and cradling the sleeping Christ Child in purple cloth. From each of the two top corners, the childlike face of a cherub looks down from the clouds. The painting is currently in the collection of Hearst Castle in California. The issuance of the stamp coincides with the 400th anniversary of the birth of the artist.

Because more than twenty versions of *Madonna and Sleeping Child* are known to exist, the painting remains one of Sassoferrato's most popular works. Other versions of this painting show a greater or lesser number of cherubs, the Madonna leaning her head in the opposite direction, or other variations of detail.

The version of Madonna and Sleeping Child shown on this stamp was purchased in 1926 by American media entrepreneur William Randolph Hearst (1863–1951). An avid collector and patron of the arts, Hearst amassed a renowned collection of artwork and artifacts. Hearst Castle, also known as San Simeon, served as his private home. The California Department of Parks and Recreation now oversees the sumptuous residence.

Denomination: 44-cent Special
Format: Double-sided Booklet of 20 (1 design)
Series: Holiday
Designer/Art Director/Typographer: Carl T. Herrman, North Las Vegas, NV
Existing Art: Giovanni Battista Salvi Sassoferrato
Modeler: Joseph Sheeran
Manufacturing Process: Offset, Microprint, "USPS"
Printer: Ashton Potter (USA) Ltd., Williamsville, NY
Adhesive Type: Pressure-sensitive
Press Type: Mueller Martini, A76
Paper Type: Nonphosphored Type III
Adhesive Type: Pressure-sensitive
Colors: Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, Black, Gold
Stamp Orientation: Vertical
Sizes (w x h): 19.56 x 28.07 mm (image); 23.11 x 30.23 mm (overall); 146.30 x 60.45 mm (flat booklet)
Plate Numbers: "P" followed by 5 single digits
Marginal Markings: *Cover Side:* ©2008 USPS in peel strip area; Header: "CHRISTMAS"; Plate number in one position in peel strip area; "Twenty 44¢ Self-adhesive Stamps"; "$8.80"; Barcode "678600."

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by bonny farmer

The 1959 St. Lawrence Seaway Joint Issue and Its Invert, by Charles J.G. Verge, FRPSC, FRPSL. Published 2009 by the Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation, Toronto. Softcover, 207 pp., color & b/w illus., ISBN 978-0-9680270-4-2. Available for $39.95 (plus shipping) from the Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation, P.O. Box 204, Station "Q", Toronto, ON M4T 2M1, Canada; *website* www.greenfoundation.ca/.

Just to show that even friendly nations can have trouble with joint issues, the author notes in his Introduction that Canadians protested the issue on the grounds that it implied that the two countries were too closely joined, with Canada being considered another "state." Americans complained that the stamp design showed the American eagle below the Canadian maple leaf and that they should have been of equal height. When it comes to politics, some things never change.

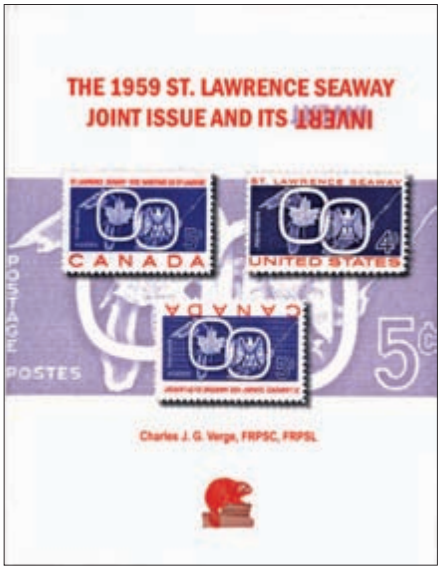
Overall, the books provides an excellent historical background leading up to the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway and the creation of the joint stamp issue, before going on to a detailed examination of the issue itself. The physical production, the resulting varieties, the myriad first day covers, the rarities, and more all are discussed at length. The book is generously illustrated with well-chosen examples. An engaging presentation of an interesting topic.

The Mails of Bordentown, New Jersey from a Colonial Village through the Twentieth Century, by Sid Morginstin. Published 2004 by the Author. CD-ROM format or printed copy in full color, 121 pp. Available for $18 (CD-ROM) or $35 (printed version) from Sid Morginstin, P.O. Box 694, Bordentown, NJ 08505.

Although this is an older publication, there are so many things about it that were done right, that it merits a belated review. It is, in fact, a prime example of how a publication can be used to interest and even excite non-collectors about philately while still offering new information to the seasoned collector.

The author takes as his topic the small community of Bordentown, New Jersey, with its roots in pre-Revolutionary American life. The material in the present volume is an expanded version of his philatelic exhibit, "Nineteenth Century Postal History of Bordentown," and as such has some of the flaws as well as some of the pluses that come from translating an exhibit to the printed page. The flaws include a certain choppiness in the presentation, due to a lack of sufficient connecting text between the images. It is this abundance of images however, that helps bring the material to life. Still a table of contents or an index would have been very nice, especially for those of us scrolling through the pdf. The CD itself is impressive in that it presents the book in three formats: Microsoft Word, Internet Explorer or Netscape, and as a downloadble pdf (for which a copy of Acrobat Reader 6.0 has been supplied as well).

What is important about this work, however, isn't so much the actual topic as it is the *approach* used by the author. He begins with a section called "For the Non-Stamp Collector" that clearly defines, without talking down to his audience, such terms as "cover," "manuscript marking," "handstamp," etc. Throughout the presentation he continues to teach gently, never assuming that his audience



is conversant with all the background details of American postal history.

Oh, and by the way, did you know that although the town of Bordentown, New Jersey did not have a post office until 1800 it is responsible for the earliest independent mail hand stamp in the United States? The "Bordentown and New York Stage" private mail carrier marking dates from 1786. Of the six stampless covers known to exist, the author shows three. Wonderful material.

The Epilogue is a sort of Frequently Asked Question and Answers section. My personal favorite is slightly tongue-in cheek: "Q: Aren't stamp collectors nerdy and self-centered? A: NO WAY! Though we may not have wild parties, we do have fun...." Way to go, stamp collectors!

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by bob lamb

The Principality of Andorra (Principat d'Andorra)

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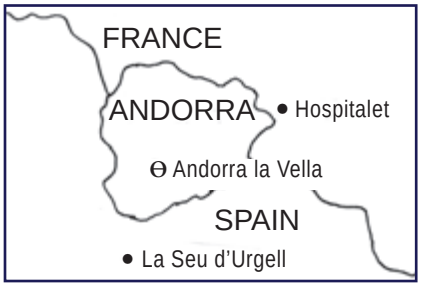
Capital: Andorra la Vella
Population: 83,888 (2009 est.)
Currency: 100 cents = 1 Euro (1€ = $1.48 September 2009)



According to tradition, Charlemagne granted the Valleys of Andorra a charter in 778 A.D. out of gratitude for the assistance the people had given him in his fight against the Moors. In fact, local folklore ascribes the name Andorra to a corruption of the Moorish word "Aldarra" or "thickly wooded place."

Those temporal rights retained by Charlemagne were ceded to the Count of Castelbo, while the Bishop of Urgel was guardian of Andorra's religious welfare in a medieval paréage, or co-sovereignty arrangement. In later years, when the daughter of the Count married the Count de Foix of France, Andorra was included in her dowry. Concerned for the souls of his parishioners under their new French ruler, and perhaps anxious over the potential diminution of his diocese, the Bishop objected. Nearly two centuries later, in 1278, a formal agreement finally resolved the dispute by making them "co-princes" of Andorra. In 1607 King Henry IV of France, who had inherited Andorra, agreed to retain the co-principality. Following the French Revolution (1789–99), the position of co-head of state of Andorra passed to the President of France — a position he shares with the Bishop of Urgel to this day.

The first official postal service was inaugurated by Spain in 1837, largely to serve Carlist refugees who had settled in Andorra. Couriers transported mail for the Valley's inhabitants to Seo de Urgel in Spain or to France. Originally, the UPU recognized only Spain as responsible for the Andorran mail, although French stamps also were available in Andorra la Vella. In 1881 France tried to annex Andorra, offering the inhabitants improved public services including postal operations. Local riots and the objections of the Bishop of Urgel prevailed and France backed down. On January 1, 1928, the Spanish postal service opened an office in Andorra la Vella and agencies in six villages throughout the principality. Spanish stamps were used until March 28 when thirteen values overprinted "Correos Andorra" were released.

The Andorrans, who have played the French and Spaniards off against each other for centuries, complained to the French about the Spanish mail service, which they insisted would deprive them of postal revenue. The French claimed the Spanish post was an infringement on its shared sovereignty and raised their concerns at the 1929 UPU Conference in London. The UPU also gave the French authority to operate a postal service in Andorra. On June 16, 1931, the French released thirty-six values overprinted "Andorre." Andorra continues to use the postal services of France and Spain, rather than to operate its own.

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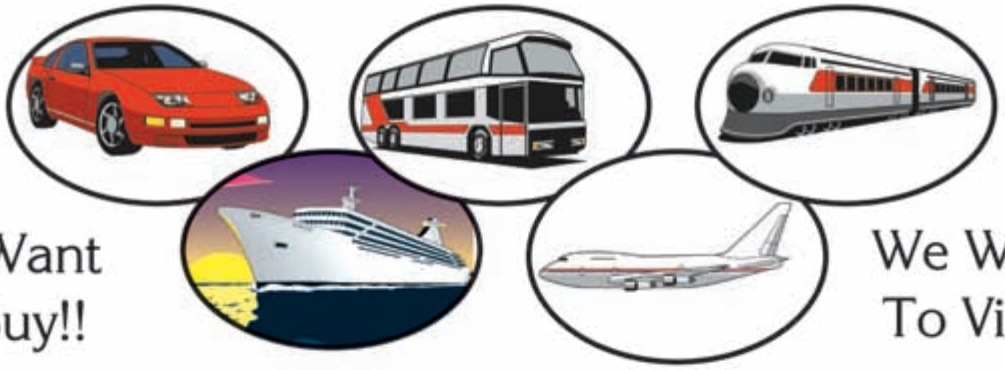

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