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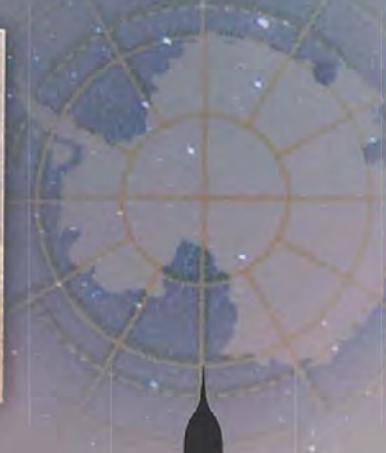
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New World Series of Philately Show

Seapex 2015 Stamp Show Highlights



As most of you may already know, there are approximately 30 national level stamp shows held annually around the United States. These shows support an annual competition among exhibitors called the World Series of Philately, or WSP for short.

Probably the most significant part of being a WSP show is having the grand prize winners of the multi-frame and single-frame competitions represented in the American Philatelic Society's Champion of Champions competition each year. The multi-frame Champion of Champions is held at APS StampShow each August, while the single-frame Champion of Champions is held at APS AmeriStamp Expo each winter. Additionally, the winners from three or four Canadian national shows are invited to participate.

In early September, I was thrilled to have been invited to be the chief judge at the first edition of the newest WSP show, Seapex 2015, which was held in the Seattle suburb of Tuxwila, Washington. Seapex had apprenticed for four years and had finally received its APS accreditation as a national

WSP show. The interesting thing here is that Seapex was the first new WSP show in about 15 years. A couple of shows had gone through re-births in this time span but Seapex was the first absolutely new national level show. Congratulations to a fantastic organizing committee for pulling this off. It was an excellent beginning. I would personally like to thank Seapex president Jack Congrove, exhibits chair Lisa Foster, and jack-of-all-trades Anne Harris, for their help and support of the jury.

So, who won the first WSP competition in Seattle? The winner of the multi-frame grand award was Nick Lombardi, APS board member and chair of the APS Stamp Theft Committee. His exhibit was a wonderful showing of the 1903 2-cent Washington Shield Issue. It will represent Seapex in next year's Champion of Champions competition in Portland, Oregon. Runner-up was George Struble's excellent exhibit "Development of Swiss Airmail up to 1939." The single-frame grand award went to "Absinthe: The Devil in a Bottle," a single-frame Display Division exhibit by past APS president Janet Klug. Her exhibit will represent Seapex in the single-frame Champion of Champions to be held at AmeriStamp/Southeastern Stamp Expo, January 29 to 31 in Atlanta.

The entire organizing committee, the jury, the exhibitors, the volunteers, and, let's not forget, the dealers, did a fantastic job. It was also nice seeing Michael Bloom and our new APS shows and exhibitions manager Megan Orient, working the Stamp Buddy/APS booth. Thanks to you all.

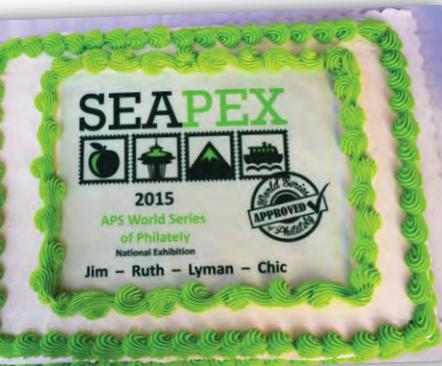
Tell Us What's Important and How We Can Improve

For my last six or seven columns I would like to incorporate responses from our members to the following question: What is the most important service offered to you as an APS member? Why? What can we do to improve that service, if anything?

Let's limit responses to 250 words. Of course, we reserve the right to select the responses to be published, and reserve the right to edit all responses. Send your responses to me via e-mail at sreinhard1@optonline.net. Have fun.



American Topical Association ambassador Keith Edholm looks at Janet Klug's Seapex single-frame grand award-winning exhibit titled "Absinthe: The Devil in a Bottle."



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HOW I BECAME A STAMP COLLECTOR

BY RON BREZNAY

I started collecting stamps around 1965, at age 10, when some stamps on the mail caught my attention. Some of those first stamps in my collection were the George Washington stamp of 1962–63, the John F. Kennedy Memorial stamp of 1964, and a cut square of the Lincoln stamped envelope of 1962 — or should I say a cut oval as I had trimmed the embossed stamp carefully around the edges.

Soon after that, I got a stamp album, an H.E. Harris Explorer, which was a staple-bound album with heavy paper covers. The kit contained a guide to stamp collecting, hinges, a packet of stamps, and a plastic magnifying glass. Not knowing any better, I permanently affixed stamps in this album, gluing used stamps and licking mint and canceled-to-order stamps.

In those days, the local newspaper would run articles about upcoming stamp issues, which is how I found out about new stamps. I would go to a drugstore near my house to buy the newly issued stamps. The drugstore was a post office substation where one could buy stamps, mail packages, and buy postal money orders. The first new stamp I bought at the drugstore was the 5-cent Humane Treatment of Ani-

mals stamp of 1966. I received approvals from H.E. Harris and some other companies, though I never had much money to buy a lot of stamps. I enjoyed reading the article that Harris sent with its approvals: "Boston's Fabulous Stamp Man," from *Cornet* magazine.

An uncle got me interested in first-day covers. He was a purchasing agent for a large company, and for some reason, vendors would send him first-day covers. When he found out I was collecting stamps, he gave the covers to me.

I started trying to obtain first-day covers by myself. The first one I tried to get was the 13-cent Kennedy stamp in the Prominent Americans series, which was issued in 1967. At that time, I didn't know how to request first-day covers. I assumed the post office provided the cacheted envelopes, so I just sent a letter to the post office, with a quarter and a penny taped to a piece of cardboard, asking them to send me a first-day cover and to "kindly enclose an unused stamp." I got my letter and coins back with a form letter saying that I did not send an envelope and that I requested an unused stamp, which was not allowed. The form letter included instructions on the proper way to obtain first days. I tried again with the



Nebraska Statehood stamp first-day cover.

Nebraska Statehood stamp of 1967. I sent the postmaster a nickel and a plain dime-store envelope with my name and address typed on it. This time it worked, and I received the cover in the mail.

When I was in high school, I decided to specialize in United States, United Nations, and British North America, and I purchased a Harris Liberty album.

I continued collecting stamps for several years after high school, until I got heavily into photography. I figured I could not afford two expensive hobbies, so I decided to quit collecting stamps. I sold my collection and used the money to buy camera equipment. Several years later, I started a new stamp collection, but that's another story.

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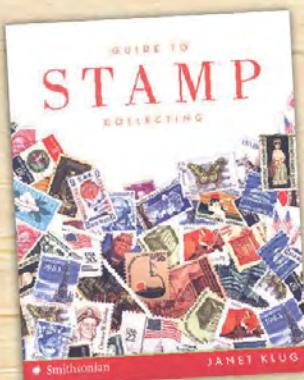


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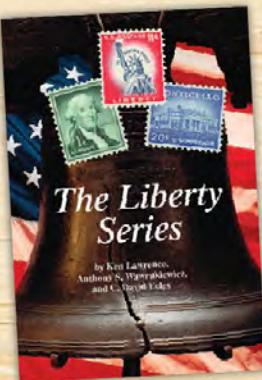


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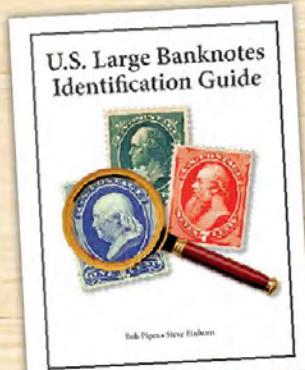
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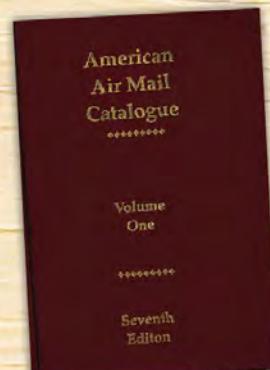
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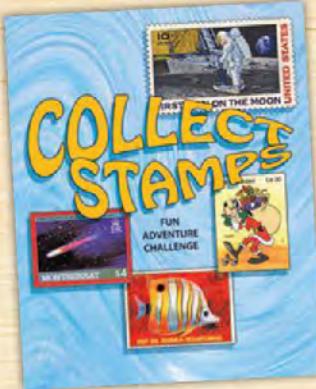
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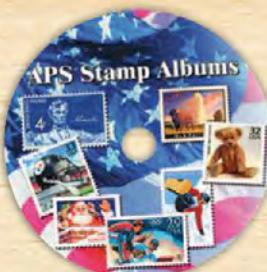
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I will be traveling to the show and hope to share some highlights in a future issue.

Another highlight is the polar philately exhibition to take place during the show where the 100th anniversary of Prince Albert I's final polar expedition will be celebrated. A couple of APS members will also have polar philately material that will be in the exhibition.

A nod to polar philately is featured in this issue of *The American Philatelist* with an article by Steve Pendleton about Japan and the Antarctic. The continent of Antarctica has always captivated me and I hope to visit one day — and not just there — but all the way to the South Pole so I can mail some letters from the U.S. base there.

Do you have a favorite polar philately item in your collection? If so, feel free to share it with us and we may select a few to show in the December *AP*. The American Society of Polar Philatelists, an APS affiliate, has more information about their subset of the hobby at polarphilatelists.org.

This month's issue also includes a humorous look at Ben Franklin on postal items, a historical look at the World War II Spanish Blue Division, how to collect stamps by your birth year, and some insight into a rebranding of Special Handling in the United States.

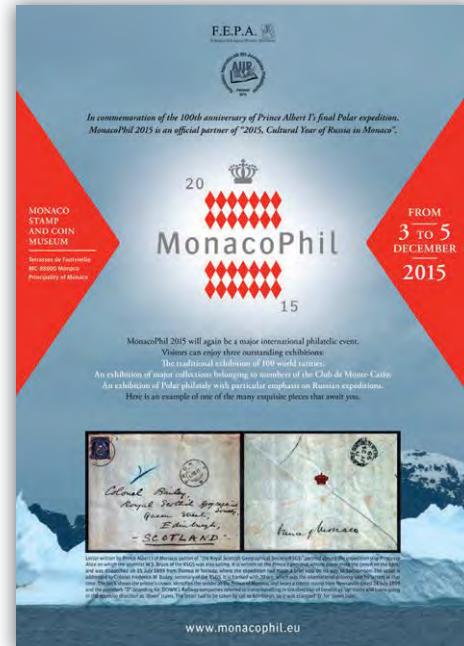
In mid-September the U.S. Postal Service issued the Paul Newman forever stamp, honoring the philanthropist and actor. The stamp features a photograph of Newman that didn't look staged to me, so I contacted the photographer for his side of the story. That brief interview is included in the New Stamps section.

I hope you find this issue entertaining and we'll talk next month.

Editor,
The American Philatelist



The Paul Newman stamp issued September 18.



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Vietnam Article

Worth Reading — Twice

What was the best article in this month's *The American Philatelist* [October 2015]? Well, by a long mile, Daniel M. Telep's "North Vietnam Postal History." It was a tour de force. I read it once, then I read it all over again.

What was surprising, not only was this excellent article published in an American magazine, the author had firsthand experience of actually being there during the Vietnam conflict. In passing, I have been there, too, via a cruise ship; not the same thing, of course. Nor the same era.

And perhaps like many other stamp collectors who cannot resist giving a home to almost anything philatelic — and also hate to sell their collections — I have over the years accumulated a

Viet Cong stamp with an anniversary date that refers to the 1960 founding of the National Liberation Front, the political leadership of the Viet Cong. The stamp is not listed in the Scott catalog. *Image courtesy of the APS Reference Collection.*

large holding of North Vietnam stamps. So, not unexpectedly, Telep's article got my immediate attention.

Lastly, I have always wondered why the stamps of the National Liberation Front from the mid-1960s through the mid-1970s are not included in the Scott catalog. After all, it is all very well saying that such stamps are "wartime propaganda," but isn't that what most stamps are, unadulterated propaganda?



So why discriminate?

Ray J. Howes
Dorset, England

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Egyptian Stamp Might Not be as it Appears

I always enjoy Bob Lamb's column, "Worldwide in a Nutshell," each month in *The American Philatelist*. Because Egypt is one of my collecting interests, I found his article on that country in the September 2015 issue especially interesting. I have been collecting Egypt stamps for about 15 years and yet I still learned something new from Lamb's article.

I would also like to point out an especially unique aspect to one of the items illustrated in the article that would likely escape most collectors. In the article, Lamb illustrates an imperforate example of the 1-piaster rose red Sphinx stamp, from the Second Issue of Egypt stamps (Scott 13 variety), with a datestamp belonging to the Type V group. While the 1-piaster stamp is known imperforate, the stamp shown is likely not a genuine imperforate stamp, but rather printer's waste.



An Egypt 1-piaster rose red Sphinx stamp (Scott 13 variety) as pictured in the September Worldwide in a Nutshell column.

The reason is that the imperforate printer's waste varieties are known with a forgery of the Cairo Type V datestamp. The Type V datestamp did not originate until 1873; however, the Second Issue stamps were postally valid only until 1872. In addition, the forged cancellations are dated 1869.

I have two such examples, both dated 1869, and it appears that the illustration in the article also shows a faint year date of 1869. As an interesting side note, some of the imperforate printer's waste, even the fraudulently canceled ones, can be found printed on both sides.

Vincent Centonze
Land O Lakes, Florida

Letter to Lindbergh's Mother Sent Before Transatlantic Flight

I enjoyed reading Wayne Youngblood's article "First-Day Covers Aren't Always Pristine" in the September issue of *The American Philatelist*. I always find Wayne's writings to be interesting and thought provoking.

I do have one small thought, though, regarding the Scott C7 first-day cover shown as Figure 17. It is indeed a good example of a cover that went through the mail, but I am not sure that the added handwriting on it has much to do with the cover.

In February 1926 when this was mailed, Lindbergh was only an obscure airmail pilot. His feat of the solo transatlantic flight for which he became well known did not happen until 15 months later, in May 1927. As such, this first-day cover and Lindbergh's becoming an American hero are not really related.

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A 1926 first-day cover for the 10-cent Map stamp (Scott C7) that was pictured in Wayne Youngblood's September column. The cover is signed by Evangeline Lodge Lindberg, Charles Lindbergh's mother.

back then were more creative, but to me a meaningful first-day cover/souvenir combination would have been for a collector to have used a Scott C10 cover from St. Louis. Lindbergh was there for his homecoming celebration on June 18, 1927, and that is where Postmaster General Harry New presented the first example of the new Scott C10 stamp to Charles Lindbergh and then presented the second stamp to his mother, Evangeline Lindbergh.

If wishes were horses ...

James Hester
Laurel, Maryland

APS Course Well Worth the Time

I recently completed the two-day APS On-the-Road course held in Los Angeles that was conducted by Jim Kloetzel.

As a long-time philatelist, I must say that I enjoyed the course and did learn the ins and outs of the Scott specialized catalogs.

Whether one is a novice or a sea-

sioned collector, do consider taking an APS course to broaden your knowledge.

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Love of Lincoln and Roads

I loved the article, "Bill's Place, Pennsylvania, Population 5," by Allison Cusick in the September issue.

I would like to expand a bit on Carl G. Fisher. He was a huge fan of Abraham Lincoln, which led him to call the highway from New York City to San Francisco the Lincoln Highway, as mentioned in the article. In Miami Beach,



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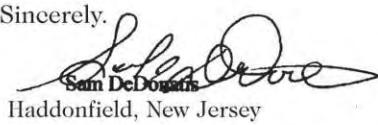
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Secondly, I smiled while reading about the current smallest post office in Ochopee, Florida. Recently, a friend from the Cuban Philatelic Society of America gave me a cover with a cachet of the Ochopee Post Office that was stamped and handstamped in Ochopee. Thanks to Peter Abrev.

Juan L. Riera

Miami, Florida

A Small Post Office in Hell

I am writing as a follow-up to Allison Cusick's article, "Bill's Place, Population 5," in the September issue.

On Grand Cayman Island, there is a [near] carbon copy of Bill's Place that is running today. It is in the town of Hell, so named in the 1930s when an English

hunter shot at a bird, missed, and said, "oh, [explicative]," and the name stuck.

There is a gas station, a general store, a very tiny post office, and a half dozen homes. The address is P.O. Box 31H, Hell, Grand Cayman, Grand Cayman Islands, KY1-1401.

Also, on the other side of the island, if you visit the Pedro St. James National Historic Site, you will get an unexpected philatelic treat. On the grounds there is a small building that houses a professionally mounted mint collection of every Caymans stamp issued.

Gary Martin

Joliet, Illinois

British One-Cent Magenta

I was delighted to see the British Guiana One-Cent Magenta at the Smithsonian's National Postal Museum this summer. Equally delightful, as an equally avid comic book collector, was an adjacent display of a comic book, Walt Disney's Donald Duck, No. 422, *Donald Duck and the Gilded Man* (1952). In this story, Donald and his nephews, Huey,

Dewey, and Louie, go to British Guiana to find another Magenta, and become very rich (Donald was always looking for a quick get rich scheme).

The only troubling point about the display was there was no credit for the comic's actual author/artist Carl Barks. Barks was the foremost delineator of Donald Duck (and later Uncle Scrooge) in comic books during the Golden Age of comic books, from 1943 to his retirement in 1966. Unfortunately, his name was never credited in his comic books until after his retirement.

Barks is generally considered one of the greatest comic artists/writers of all time. I admit to giving up collecting stamps in 1977 to focus my interests and resources on collecting Barks' comic books and assorted art. I recently switched back to stamps, when I realized that to complete my Barks collection would cost several hundred thousand dollars.

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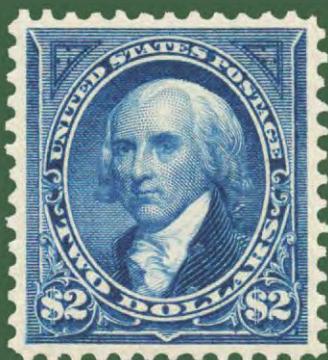
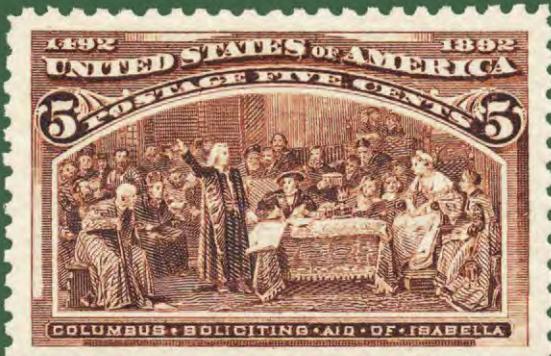
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Nicholas G. Carter Volunteer Awards

The American Philatelic Society recognized 10 volunteers with the Nicholas G. Carter Volunteer Awards for national and local promotion and service during the annual StampShow, which was held in August in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Honored for national promotion and service are Ian Gibson-Smith, Sandeep Jaiswal, Irv Miller, and Jean Stout. Receiving honors for local work are Paul Larsen, George Norton, Rudy Roy, Mary Ann Sandstedt, Michael S. Turrini, and David Wessely. The national awards are given for outstanding service and innovation to the hobby to people with at least five years of service. Here is a brief look at the honorees:

Gibson-Smith, Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Gibson-Smith is a member of the Smithsonian's National Postal

Museum Council of Philatelists. One of his significant projects has been to organize the Congressional Exhibit, which allows elected representatives to share their collecting interests with the public. He also has provided fundraising training to the APS board.

Jaiswal, Cranston, Rhode Island. Jaiswal is the editor of the India Study Circle Bulletin. He has helped the study circle improve its literature competition. He also promotes the hobby by entering study circle members in the winter show team competition and has created an expertizing service for India States.

Miller, East Lyme, Connecticut. Miller, who owns Miller Stamp Co., has been a longtime instructor at the APS Summer Seminar. Among the courses he has taught are expertizing and Detecting Damaged, Altered, and Re-



Jean Stout (left) receives her Nicholas G. Carter Volunteer Award from Betsy Carter.

paired Stamps. He is a past APS dealer representative.

Stout, Jackson, Mississippi. Stout is very active with the American Topical Association. She is co-founder of the Penguins on Stamps Study Unit for which she introduced a contest for members. In 2012, Stout began serving on the ATA board of directors. Her other topics include Sherlock Holmes, Halloween/Horror and Roosters/Chickens.

The local awards are given for outstanding service and innovation to the hobby on the local level and require at least five years of service. Here is a brief look at the honorees:

Larsen, Park Forest, Illinois. Since joining his local stamp club 50 years ago, Larsen has built a hefty philatelic resume, including membership in a dozen groups, accreditation as a national and international judge for more than 25 years, more than a dozen collecting and exhibiting areas, and work on major stamp shows, including Ameripex 86 and Pacific 97. He is a member of the

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Roy, Virginia Beach, Virginia. A 43-year member of the APS, Roy served as general chair of the Vapex national stamp show from 1993 to 2001. After stepping down as chair he continued to serve the show as publicity and program chair and USPS liaison. Rudy authored the cumulative index for the Perfins Clubs and has also served the American Air Mail Society. He has exhibited perfins on the postage stamps of Cuba.

Sandstedt, House Springs, Missouri. Sandstedt has been quietly pro-

moting stamp collecting for more than 20 years to youth in the St. Louis area. Most of her work is done behind the scenes spending countless hours separating and organizing stamp donations by soaking stamps, filling thousands of glassine envelopes (making sure no glassine has any duplicates) to be given away to children at the Stamp Expo's youth room.

Turrini, Vallejo, California. Turrini has served the Vallejo Stamp Club for more than 40 years. His nominating form noted that Turrini has "single-handedly sustained the club over the past decades ... including relocating our meeting venues twice." He has served more than 20 years as club president, often while performing duties as other officers. At one point, he doubled the treasury's holdings in a five-year period, and prepares and sends the club's newsletter. He belongs to several philatelic groups and is a life member of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society and American Topical Association.

Wessely, Elyria, Ohio. Wessely, is

a 40-year member and longtime backbone of the Garfield Perry Stamp Club and its annual March Party stamp show. He is currently a vice president in charge of club programs and also serves as bourse chairman, coordinating as many as 60 dealers, for the March Party. One of his biggest recent accomplishments was to re-locate the show to a new site. He is a member of the APS, Collectors Club of Akron, and the Black River Stamp Club.

Awards were not given this year in two categories: Outstanding Young Adult Philatelist (ages 25–40) and Outstanding Young Philatelist (ages 15–24).

The awards are named in memory of Carter (1936–2008), who helped to establish them. Carter, APS president from 2007 to 2008, felt it was important to recognize unsung heroes who contribute their talents, time and energies to benefit stamp collecting and the society.

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Omaha Philatelic Society president Herb Eveland (left), Edgar Hicks, exhibit chairman Mike Ley, and Brenda Mainwaring, Union Pacific vice president of public affairs, at the entrance to the Omaha Stamp Show. Photos courtesy Edgar Hicks.



William J. Johnson (left) receives the grand award for his exhibit "James W. Denver — The Man and His Times."



Chief exhibit judge Alan Warren (left), Robert Hohertz, Patrick Walter, and Brenda Mainwaring of Union Pacific discuss a potential transcontinental railroad related special philatelic exhibit/research award at APS StampShow 2019 in Omaha.

Seapex Stamp Show, September 11–13, Tukwila, Washington



Jack Congrove speaking at the opening of the Seapex (Seattle Philatelic Exhibition). Photos courtesy Jack Congrove.

American Philatelic Society shows and exhibitions manager Megan Orient promoting the APS table.



George Struble (left) receiving the reserve grand exhibit award from APS president Steve Reinhard

Barwis, Haimann & Kouri Declare For APS Board of Vice Presidents

Dear Fellow APS Members,

We want to officially announce our candidacy for the APS Board of Vice Presidents. Two of us, Alex Haimann and Yamil Kouri are running for re-election to that office. John Barwis is joining the slate for election to the 2016-2019 board term. As APS Vice Presidents, we will bring our diverse organizational leadership experiences in and outside of the hobby to advance and improve APS initiatives and membership services that support stamp clubs, local and regional shows, education, new collector outreach, and research through the American Philatelic Research Library.

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We know that nothing in organized philately can be accomplished in a vacuum. Any significant effort worth undertaking requires input and work from many people and organizations. As the APS tackles current challenges and prepares for ones that lie ahead, we're excited to roll-up our sleeves and get to work. We are equally excited to work with fellow APS Board Members, Affiliate and Chapter leaders, and other dedicated APS members interested in pushing the boundaries of what is possible to make our Society and hobby better for us today and the generations that follow.

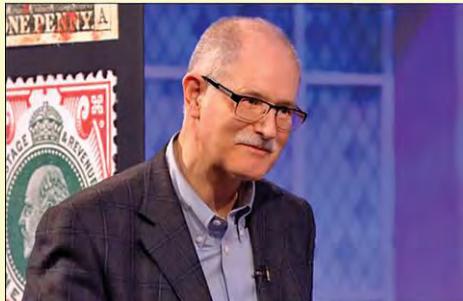
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Members of the World Stamp Show-NY 2016 Organizing Committee were pleased to meet collectors from all over the United States and Canada during visits to recent stamp shows.

In Grand Rapids at APS StampShow 2015, we were fortunate to have Sara Rosoff Simkin, director of Destination Services of NYC & Company who staffed a "Welcome to NYC" table at the show entrance. Sara brought the excitement, and cookies, of the Big Apple to Michigan.

While many visitors were eager to get details on their planned trip to WSS-NY 2016, there have been a few who stopped by to say "I wish I could come to NYC, but I don't think I will because ..." Here are some of the responses that Sara, Christine, Wade, Steven, Gail, Matt, Carol, and others provided as answers.

Their responses will help collectors see why their trip to WSS-NY 2016 is a piece of New York City cheesecake.

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Topsy Ben's Appearances of the 19th Century

Famous Duplessis Portrait Casts Founding Father in a Dim Light

One of my crossover interests to other hobbies involves items known as Pioneer Postcards. These early postcards are very eagerly collected by deltiologists. The most desirable pioneers, as they are commonly known, are pictorial types of postcards mailed or produced prior to the Private Mailing Card Act of May 19, 1898 (effective date July 1, 1898).

These can include scenes, advertising or events. To philatelists, the most well-known pioneers are the Columbian Exposition picture postal cards of 1893 [Figure 1]. In this case, scenes from the World's Columbian Exposition are printed on the backs of coated government postal cards, with the stamp imprint printed directly on the card. Many pioneers bring large premiums over standard correspondence postal cards. There are many types available.

Prior to the Private Mailing Card Act, pictorial images either had to be printed on the backs of prepaid government postal cards or they required 2 cents (full letter rate) in postage, except for advertising. Private cards, for a number of mostly political reasons, were highly discouraged by



Figure 1. Both sides of a World's Columbian Exposition postal card, among the most well-known of pioneer postcards. The message is a remembrance of a pleasant time spent at the exposition.

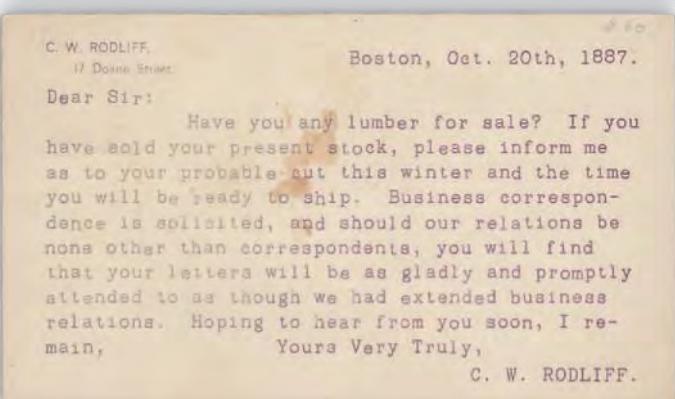


Figure 2. Both sides of a C.W. Rodliff's "postal card." It is an illegal pioneer that utilizes a faux postage design as its pictorial element.

the U.S. Post Office Department, which wanted not only to maintain its monopoly, but also did not wish to lose revenue from postcards.

One of my particular favorites from the early pioneer period (1861–93) is the so-called Rodliff's "Topsy Ben" postal card of 1887, of which fewer than five examples are currently known. The nickname is a result of Franklin appearing to have had a rough night after consuming one too many beverages.

The card [Figure 2] is essentially a facsimile postal card type, with a vignette very similar to the 1891 Grant card in Figure 1, although it predicated that item by four years.

The address side of the card, in true faux postal card style, depicts a laurel bewreathed (my word) portrait of Benjamin Franklin (the first U.S. postmaster general), flanked by "Postal" and "Card," and an arched "C.W. Rodliff's" above. Below the tablet is "Lumber Bought and Sold on Commission" and "Consignments have prompt and careful attention." Postage is paid with a single 1-cent Large Bank Note stamp (Scott 212) and tied by a mute Boston cancel. The reverse of the

card is dated October 20, 1887, and is a printed solicitation for the purchase of lumber. Little is known about Rodliff or his business, other than the fact he was a lumber merchant. However, it is his card that's of primary interest. First, this is an example of an illegal use for that time. The card was privately produced and the pictorial nature (facsimile postage) is not tied directly to the advertising message. It should have required 2 cents postage.



Figure 3. Duplessis portrait that is the source of thousands of later depictions of Benjamin Franklin. It was painted in 1778 and currently hangs in the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery.



Figure 4. The vignette of the current \$100 Federal Reserve Note, which makes use of the Duplessis portrait from which "Tipsy Ben" was derived.



Figure 5. U.S. Benjamin Franklin stamp (Scott 1), the design of which is derived, in reverse, from a second Duplessis portrait of Franklin with a fur collar.

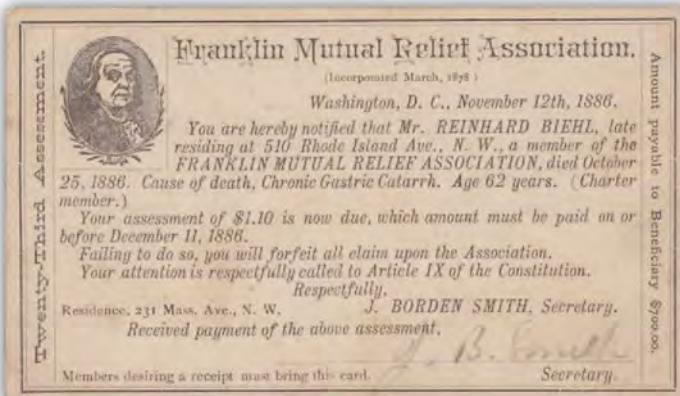
This particular image of Benjamin Franklin is derived from the original portrait [Figure 3] by Joseph-Siffred Duplessis (1725–1802) in 1778, now housed at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery. Although known as a great painter in his day — his works hang in many of the finest art museums in the world — neither Duplessis nor his work are familiar to many modern folks, other than two different portraits of Franklin. The portrait here is, without question, the most highly reproduced image of Franklin. To collectors, it is likely most recognized as the portrait on the new \$100 Federal Reserve Note [Figure 4]. The second Duplessis portrait of Franklin graced the \$100 note from 1929 to 1993 and also served as the basis of the design of the first U.S. stamp (Scott 1), just shown in reverse [Figure 5].

Many hundreds of other artists and printers have reproduced Duplessis' portraits for other commercial purposes, but not all 19th-century commercial artists were created equal. That's where the fun begins.

Topsy Ben was first documented by an unknown writer many years ago when he noted the portrait on the Rodliff card showed Ben "...on the morning after the night before! His right eye is still puffy, and to give him credit, he looks rather ashamed of himself."

This, of course, speaks to the limitations of the artist reproducing Duplessis' portrait for a small letterpress cut, but I found it highly amusing, sending me on a search for related items.

Rodliff's was not the first Tipsy Ben, as it turns out. A year earlier, in 1886, a



Figures 6a and 6b. The earliest appearance of a Tipsy Ben known to the author appears on this 1886 Franklin Mutual Relief Association postal card.

card [Figure 6] was mailed out with a cut or slug of a slightly less detailed, crude, Franklin, but with the same basic lines, wreath, and frame border.

The image of this Franklin, also tipsy, shows distinct wear and even a few relief breaks when enlarged. The front of the card, a 1-cent Jefferson (Scott UX8), features a very early machine cancel, a November 8, 1886, Leavitt Type C, from Washington, D.C. The card was created and mailed by the

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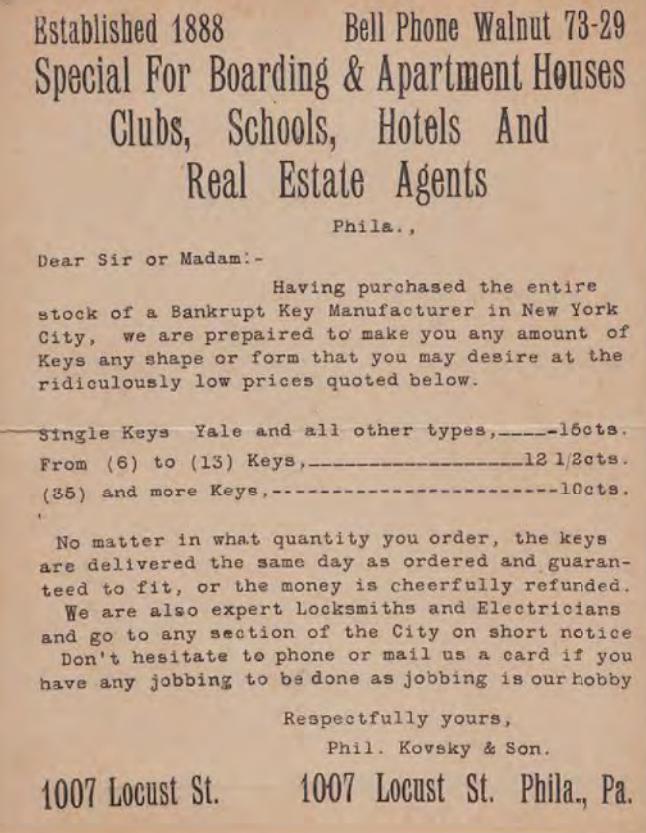
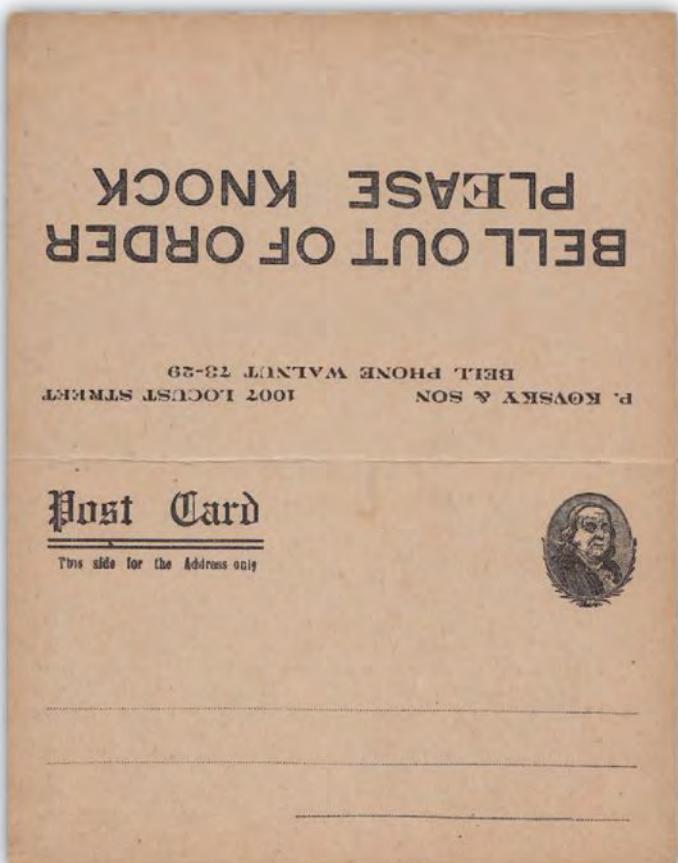


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Figures 7. Tipsy Ben makes another appearance on this Philadelphia faux postcard, a likely hand-delivered advertising message that was probably intended to elicit a response similar to much of today's so-called junk mail.

Franklin Mutual Relief Association.

Another variation of the same cut (circa 1890) is found on a pseudo-postal card [Figure 7] that was apparently never intended to be mailed, but has a Tipsy Ben "stamp" imprint at upper right, an address area at bottom and "Post Card / This side for the Address only" at upper left.

The card, produced by P. Kovsky & Son of Philadelphia (a locksmith) was folded in message-reply card style, with the other end giving the address at top and large-lettered "BELL OUT OF ORDER PLEASE KNOCK" message. This type of postal facsimile, often delivered door-to-door, was highly frowned upon by postal officials.

The reverse side, listing an established date of 1888, is a full-side ad targeted to boarding and apartment houses, clubs, schools, hotels, and real estate agents. Supposedly, Kovsky had just purchased the entire stock of a New York key manufacturer and was offering deep discounts on quantities of keys made — any type, any style. The card also served as a solicitation for any other kind of locksmith or electrical work that needed to be done. Commercial electrical work was in its infancy at the time.

These examples, which originated with printers in Washington, Philadelphia, and New York City lead me to believe that some version of the Tipsy Ben cut was available for commercial purchase by printers, but at least — so far — the trail ends here.

There are no doubt other, similar, examples of Tipsy Ben

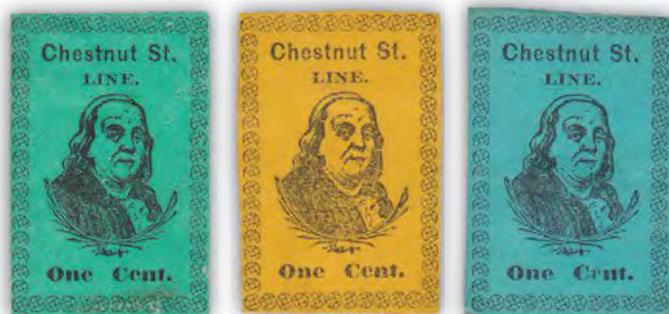


Figure 8. These Civil War-era denominated labels, possibly connected with some form of streetcar line, feature a second, but similar type of Tipsy Ben, this time derived from the second Duplessis portrait with a fur collar.

cuts used for other purposes out there.

As a side note, the gummed 1860s-era labels shown [Figure 8], presumably related to a streetcar line, show another very similar form of Tipsy Ben (again, with the "puffy eye") predating all previous examples in this column by more than 20 years, but with the base image derived from the second Duplessis portrait with fur collar.

Perhaps, when creating a stylized line drawing of an older person (Franklin was already in his 70s when painted by Duplessis), depicting a puffy eye, or one with "baggage," is an occupational risk.

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Philatelic Items From Japanese Antarctic Expeditions

BY STEVE PENDELTON



Many nations have developed an interest in the Antarctic and the waters around it. Some of these may surprise you. For example, Japan has historically had a scientific presence both on the continent and in the Southern (Antarctic) Ocean. Additionally, for many years that country sent fleets of whaling vessels south. For some years in the 1990s, it also sent ships to net krill, tiny shrimp-like creatures upon which whales feast.

Why this interest? In the beginning, it may have been a bit of national pride, combined with a desire to match European expansionism. Later, it became a matter of supplying the home islands with food. Yes, that meant whale meat (and krill as well, which was turned into cakes.) I have tasted whale, and because whales are mammals, it tastes much like beef. I must admit to not trying krill, which has a reputation of having an unpleasant flavor.

Since the International Geophysical Year of 1957–58, during most years Japan also has maintained a station and satellite camps in East Antarctica. It has not, however, put forward any claims to land on the continent.

All of this activity has been accompanied with a rich philatelic lode of postcards, stamps, and cachets. This study is divided into these categories: The Shirase Expedition, Syowa Station (sometimes referred to as Showa), and

its postmarks of ship mail from whaling ships, krill ships, and scientific vessels.

The Shirase Expedition

The heroic age of Antarctic exploration — the 1890s to 1917 — is dominated by Scott, Shackleton, and Amundsen. However, Japan also has a hero of that time. His name is Lt. Nobuo Shirase. From 1910 to 1911 he led an expedition to the Ross Sea area [Figure 1]. He and his crew sailed



Figure 1. Lt. Nobuo Shirase led an expedition in 1910–11 aboard the sailing ship *Kainan Maru*, shown on this postcard, to the Ross Sea area of Antarctica.



Japan's Syowa Base in the Antarctic.



Figure 2. The reverse of a postcard depicting the icepack during an Antarctic expedition led by Lt. Nobuo Shirase.

aboard a small sail-powered ship called the *Kainan Maru*. They could not land during a first attempt, so returned to Sydney, Australia. After receiving some aid and advice, they returned. Shirase and a small party made a dash over the ice shelf to about 80 degrees south, and then returned to their ship. Although they had left Japan almost unnoticed, they returned to national acclaim.

I have not seen any mail recorded from Shirase or his crew. However, about a half dozen types of postcards are

known [Figure 2]. Mostly they show his vessel; however, one depicts scientific equipment and another shows an ice field. These cards seem to be major rarities. Japan has honored Shirase by issuing two stamps [Figure 3] for him (Scott 708 and 2688d). The first one shows a portrait of the explorer and the second with him and a dog.

Syowa Station

Much of the Antarctic continent has been claimed by Norway. The Norwegians have named it Queen Maud Land. East Ongul Island, lying within this claim, was chosen during the IGY year as a site for the Japanese Antarctic Research station, Syowa. It was opened on January 1, 1957 [Figure 4]. The first year of operation, the Japanese named it Prince Harald Station in honor of the Norwegians. Except for the years 1962–1965, it has been occupied ever since.

The site has about 50 buildings, which can accommodate a winter crew of about 30 and at least 40 summer researchers. In addition, there are field camps at Mizuho, Asuka, and Dome Fuji, in the southern interior.

When the station summer crew left in 1958, they had to fly out because of bad ice conditions. Sadly, the station sled dogs were left behind. When the next team arrived 11 months later, by some miracle, two of the dogs, brothers, had



Figure 3. Japan issued these two stamps honoring Lt. Nobuo Shirase (Scott 708, 2688d).



Figure 4. A 1957 cover from Japan's first Antarctic base, known as Prince Harald.



Figure 5. Japanese sled dogs from a 1958 expedition shown on a commemorative cover. One of the dogs is likely Jiro, a heroic survivor of abandonment.

survived. The dogs Taro and Jiro (Giro) became national heroes in Japan [Figure 5]. Two feature movies were made from the story. Taro and Jiro were immortalized on stamps issued in Japan (Scott 2698a, 2698b) [Figure 6].

Since 1957, Syowa station has provided a rich feast of delicacies for the philatelist in search of something different. Uniquely among Antarctic stations, Syowa (and its supply ships) have used a series of detailed pictorial postmarks, which are usually applied in vivid red ink [Figure 7]. At first, these postmarks changed most years. More recently they seem to have been used over longer periods of time. Subjects include penguins, shelter huts, ships, rockets, scientific instruments, even a dogsled — a veritable treasure trove for topical collectors. I have seen at least 15 face-different cancels, and there are probably more.

There is also another, less discernible difference. There are many cancels with identical designs, but instead of originating from Syowa station, they were used aboard Japanese icebreakers and supply ships. Their postmarks use the Japanese script for these ships, instead of the base name [Figure 8].

In addition to the beautiful souvenir cancels, the Japanese

Antarctic Research Expedition (JARE) also uses regular postmarks. These have been double-circle designs, usually entirely in Japanese. They follow a pattern of information: at the top is the name of the post office: Syowa, Soya, Fuji, or Shirase. At the bottom are the starting and ending hours. Within two bars in the middle are the dates: the last two digits of the year of the Emperor's reign, the month in number, and the day.

Researchers have done a lot of exploration on the vast polar icecap to the south. Several camps have been established: Mizuho, Asuka, and Dome Fuji. These have never had post offices or postmarks, but there are cachets to be found on covers [Figure 9].

There are literally hundreds of very distinctive cachets. Some are official, while others display some decidedly unusual whimsy. These cachets reflect the scientific



Figure 6. Japanese sled dogs Taro and Jiro from the 1958 expedition were honored with two stamps.



Figure 7. A 1974 cover from the main Japanese base, Syowa, that is franked with five stamps (four different designs).



Figure 8. A 1980s cacheted postal card from the icebreaker Fuji.

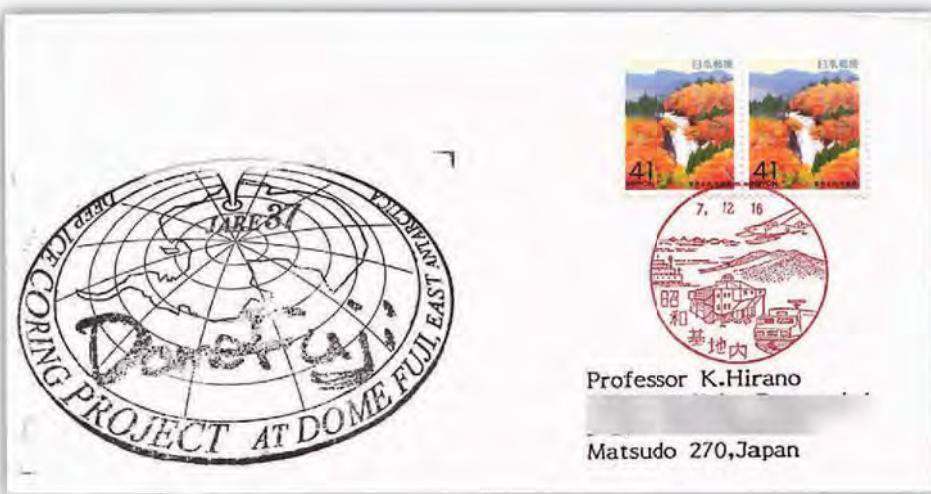


Figure 9. A handstamped cacheted cover from the Dome Fuji camp.



Figure 10. A whimsical cacheted cover depicting a penguin and scientist from the Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition.

studies undertaken by the expeditionaries. I have one cachet that depicts a scientist investigating a penguin's underwear [Figure 10].

Japan has issued many stamps to commemorate both JARE and its signing of the Antarctic Treaty. These include a 1971 Penguins stamp (Scott 1061), panes of 10 Japanese Antarctic Research Expeditions 50th Anniversary (Scott 2978 and 2979) showing penguins, dogs, the aurora australis, a map of the Antarctic, and more. In 2011, another pane of 10 (Scott 3342) commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Antarctic Treaty.

Since its inception the JARE teams have been transported to and from the Antarctic, first via supply ship and then by three different Japanese icebreakers. From 1957 to 1965, the *Soya* was used. From then until 1984, the *Fuji* made yearly trips. In 1984, a larger (11,600 ton) icebreaker was used. They named it *Shirase* after the explorer [Figure 11]. This size vessel was needed because there are large expanses of ice along that coastline.

After 22 years of service, this vessel was retired. A new, larger *Shirase* (12,500 tons) was constructed. The ship's maiden voyage was planned for 2009.

In addition to the pictorial cancels mentioned, all of these vessels have applied numerous cachets. Many of these have the ship names in English, and in recent years even some ship postmarks are in western script.



Figure 11. A 1999 cover from the icebreaker *Shirase*, which was in service 22 years before retiring around 2006.

Ship Mail — Whaling Ships

The Japanese have hunted whales for many years. The port of Taiji has sent out many vessels to scour the Kurile Islands and the Bonins for the great beasts. In 1934, Japan bought the old Norwegian whaling factory ship *Antarctic*, renamed her the *Tonan Maru*, and sent her and a fleet of catchers to the

Southern Ocean [Figure 12].

The fleet returned every year until World War II. In 1946, General Douglas MacArthur agreed to allow a factory ship to go south, primarily to supply whale meat to a nation starved for protein. For many years thereafter, the factory ships would return each season.

Unfortunately, Japan did not create a good reputation in its hunting policy. Sailors simply sailed south, killed as many cetaceans as possible, and then returned to the home islands. The company most responsible for this is called Nippon Suisan Kaisha. In more recent years, since the large species have become too scarce to hunt, Japanese ships would concentrate on the smaller ones. They also did "research" whaling, in which limited numbers were taken.

Early whaling mail is almost, if not totally, nonexistent. I



Figure 12. In 1934, Japan bought an old Norwegian whaling ship and rechristened it the *Tonan Maru*. This 1935 *Tonan Maru* cover, which traveled by Australian mail through Sydney, Australia, was signed by its captain.



Figure 13. A cover from the *Toshi Maru No. 25* whaling vessel.



Figure 14. Suisan Kaisha Ltd. has been the main player involved in krill harvesting. Among the krill ships fishing the Antarctic waters was the *Yoshino Maru*, featured on this cover.

have seen a cover from the 1934 expedition that was signed by its captain during a visit to Sydney. Even mail from the 1940s would be extremely rare.

However, from the 1950s to the 1990s, whaling ships, their captains, and crews were usually most receptive to philatelic requests. Many cachets exist, some rather crude designs perhaps carved on board the ships. Many of these have whale-related designs. Additionally, some captains would apply detailed descriptions of their location.

Some of these are massive factory ships, which are equipped with slipways to winch up the kill, crews of hundreds to flense (cut the flesh apart) the carcasses, and massive amounts of machinery to separate the products and store them. There are also many smaller ships, called the catchers. These can be spotted because they have high platforms at the bow that hold harpoon guns.

I have seen covers from the following ships of both types: *Tonan Maru*, *Tonan Maru No. 2*, *Nisshin Maru No. 3*, *Miyasima Maru*, *Shonan Maru*, *Shonan Maru No. 2*, *Konan Maru No. 17*, *Konan Maru No. 22*, *Kyukyo Maru No. 3*, *Toshi Maru No. 25* [Figure 13], and *Kyo Maru No. 27*. I am sure there are a great many more. These covers may be canceled from many ports. Durban, South Africa and Taiji, as well as Tokyo, are notable.

Krill Ships

The Southern Ocean is rich in protein. This is mostly found in swarms of krill. These are tiny shrimp-like creatures that live in groups of literally billions. They are the main source of food for the whales. Scientists have long known this, and there was an effort to convert this untapped live material into food. This has been only partially successful. Some countries have made it into a form of paste, which in turn has been used for animal

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Figure 15. In 1985, the Aso Maru krill ship fished westward of the South Orkneys. This is noted by the ship's captain on this cover from February 1985.

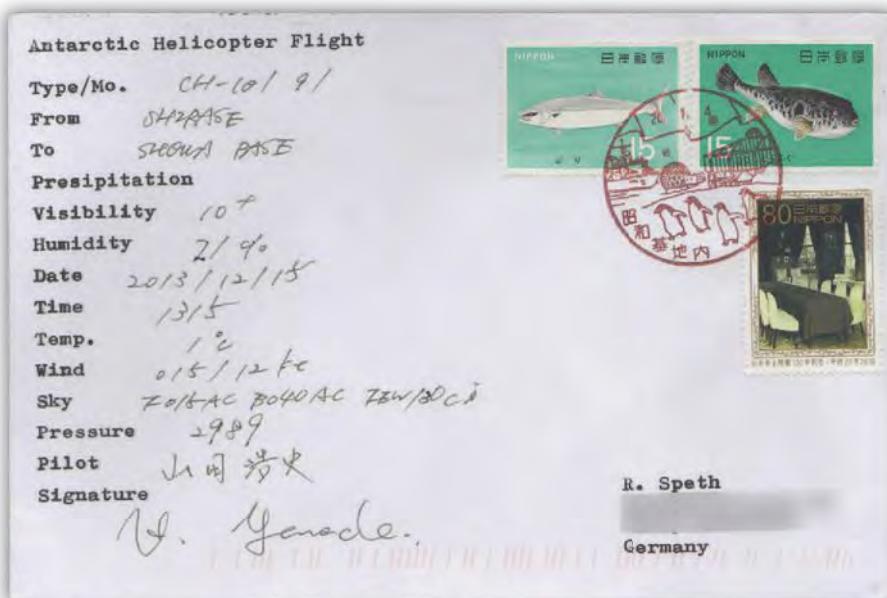


Figure 16. Japan, like many nations, has for many years conducted scientific studies at camps, bases, ships, and by flight. This helicopter-flown cover includes a weather report.

fodder and some human food.

Especially in the 1980s and 1990s, countries such as Poland, the Soviet Union, and Japan sent large ships to cast huge nets, hauling up thousands of tons of the creatures. In Japan, the primary company engaged in this was Nissui-Tokyo, also known as Suisan Kaisha [Figure 14]. The major difference between whaling and krill ships was the lack of necessity for the many whale catchers.

As with whaling ships, the krill vessels also seem to have been very accommodating to philatelists. Captains would write complicated notes as to their positions; usually they would indicate the farthest south position the vessel made. The company also provided very attractive cachets. These were usually circular or six-sided.

Ships returning philatelic covers included the *Aso Maru*, *Umitaka Maru*, *Yoshino Maru*, *Banshu Maru*, *Zuiyo Maru No. 2*, *Kyoko Maru No. 2*, and *Niitaka Maru*.

I have accumulated about 30 of these covers, most of which indicate the ships' harvesting area. I found that the majority of these ships visited the area of the Scotia Sea between the South Orkneys [Figure 15] and the South Shetlands. Other favorite spots were found north of the ice packs off Ellsworth Land and Marie Byrd Land. Occasionally they would visit the Indian Ocean off the East Antarctic coast.

Since the early 2000s, the market for krill has shrunk. As a result, fewer ships go south. I have not seen any covers from these ships in recent years.

Scientific Vessels

The Japanese have been very aware of the value of research about the possible riches in the Antarctic Ocean. The helicopter-flown cover here [Figure 16] includes a weather report noting it was 1 degree Celsius (34 degrees Fahrenheit) on December 15, 2013.

Some companies, for example, have learned of the value of Chilean sea bass (actually, a market name for the Patagonian tooth fish). That fishery is being overused as was whaling, though not necessarily just by the Japanese. Fisheries are, of course, important, but other resources, such as mineral deposits are also waiting to be discovered.

Vessels such as *Chiyo Maru*, *Chiyo Maru No.2*, *Kaiyo Maru* (Fisheries Institute), and especially *Hakurei Maru* (sent south by the Metal Mining Agency of Japan) have all returned covers.

As you can see, there is a wide range of very attractive material to pursue.

And the good news is that, except for early material, collectible items are usually very reasonably priced.

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004 AUSTRALIA – Mint collection from 1902-2005 in 3 Davo Hingeless albums in F/VF condition. The first book has some toning on the pages (stamps are fine). The other 2 albums are clean. Highlights include #3 NH, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 37, 95a, 314-331, etc. The more recent years appear to be all NH! 2015 Scott \$6480. NET \$1895

005 AUSTRALIA – Around 500 stamps from 1913-1979 on Scott specialty pages in a bit of mixed, but generally F-VF condition. Highlights include mint #508, C4, and used #9, 41, 76, 99, 149, 378, etc.

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pages of around 425 stamps in F-VF condition including a few shade and perf varieties plus highlights such as used #8, 9, 11, 12, 100, 127, 147-9, 150-1, 152-4, 166-179, J7, J19-20, J31, J39-48, O2-14, etc. 2013 Scott \$4851. NET \$795

007 AUSTRALIA – Extensive collection of a couple thousand mainly used stamps from 1913-2004 on Minkus plus some scattered Scott album pages. Highlights include mint #151 unused, and used #6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42, 53, 66-76, 99, 121, 126, 149, 152-4, 179, 378. Condition is generally F-VF or better. 2013 Scott \$4461. NET \$1050

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026 BRITISH GUIANA – Mint and mostly used collection of around 150 stamps from 1876-1966 on Scott International pages in a touch mixed but generally F-VF condition. Highlights include used #49, etc. 2015 Scott \$1063. NET \$230

027 BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORIES – MNH collection from 1968-1990 in mounts on Minkus pages. Approximately 80 stamps in VF condition. Highlights include mint #1-15, 16-33, 63-77, 90-93, 94-105, etc. 2016 Scott \$295. NET \$195

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mounts in a Harris album of around 1350 stamps in generally F-VF condition. Highlights include mint #21, 133, 135, 141-145, used #14, 18, 24, 30b, 46, 47, 89-95, 159, etc. 2015 Scott Value \$4045. NET \$950

032 CANADA – MNH collection from 1927-1990 in mounts in a Scott specialty album. Approximately 985 stamps in generally VF condition. Highlights include mint #141-145, 211-216, 238-240, 278-281, etc. 2015 Scott \$985. NET \$425

033 CANADA – Used collection from 1859-2001 on Scott Master pages in a binder of approximately 1225 stamps in generally F/VF condition. Highlights include used #15, 25, 39, 56, 82, 83, 94, 99, 162-173, etc. 2015 Scott \$1660. NET \$495

034 CANADA – 98% complete MNH collection in a Light-house Hingeless album from 1972-1995 in mounts. Approximately 1225 stamps in VF condition. NET \$525

035 CANADA – Powerful and super clean mint collection from 1870-2000 in mounts housed in 2 Scott specialty albums in F-VF condition. Highlights include #50-60, 70, 71, 78, 79, 80, 81, 83, 91, 92, 93, 96-103, 104-122, 123-4, 149-159, 162-177, 195-201, 217-227, 241-5, 249-262, complete Special Delivery and Postage Dues, O1-O49, etc. 2015 Scott \$12,209. NET \$3,650

038 CAYMAN ISLANDS – Mint collection from 1901-1988 in mounts on Minkus pages. Mostly MNH from 1962 onwards. Approximately 580 stamps in F/VF condition. Highlights include Mint #13, 28, 78, 94, 100-111, 122-134, 135-149, 153-167, 331-345, etc. 2016 Scott \$1480 NET \$650

039 CEYLON – Mint collection of 39 stamps from 1886-1946 in mounts on Palo and SG pages in F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #132-141, 162-163, 264-274, 289, etc. 2015 Scott \$310. NET \$135

040 COOK ISLANDS – Mint collection from 1920-1982 in mounts in a Minkus album. Approximately 495 stamps in generally F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #112-114, 116-124, 131-140, 148-158, 179-191, 407a, O16-O31, etc. 2016 Scott \$820. NET \$350

041 COOK ISLANDS – A few hundred mint and used stamps from 1893-1977 on Scott specialty pages in F-VF condition. Highlights include used #42, 87, etc. 2014 Scott \$965. NET \$250

042 CYPRUS – Collection of some 225 mint and used in F/VF condition on Minkus pages to 1967. Includes used #1 Plate 15, 11, 16, 45, 143-55 (some used), and mint #88, 114-121, 125-135 (some used), 159, 168-182, 183-197 (some used), 206-18. Almost complete 1935-1967. 2015 Scott \$1402. NET \$425

043 EGYPT – Mint and used collection from 1867-1961 on Scott quadrille pages. Approximately 590 stamps in generally F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #105-107, 474-490, used #24, 148, etc. 2015 Scott \$1175. NET \$295

044 EGYPT – Mint and used collection of around 1075 stamps from 1866-1966 on Scott pages in generally F-VF condition. Highlights include mint #59, C1-2, O39-O50, etc. 2015 Scott \$3223. NET \$875

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Loads of highlights include mint #3, 11, 36-7, 65-72, 7-80, 84-96, 107-20, 2L1-5L8, 128-142 NH, dependencies 120-33 and used #2, 6a, 14, 17. 2015 Scott \$3455. NET \$1350

046 GAMBIA – A few hundred mint stamps from 1880-1985 in mounts on Minkus pages in F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #12-19, 27, 132-143, 153-167, 175-187 NH, 341-4 NH, 344a NH, etc. 2015 Scott \$1243. NET \$550

047 GHANA – 98% MNH collection of around 450 stamps from 1979-1990 on Minkus pages in VF condition. 2015 Scott \$797 NET \$300

048 GIBRALTAR – Mint and used collection from 1886-1977 on Scott Quadrille pages. Approximately 170 stamps in generally F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #2, 14, 14a, 19, 54, 113b, 114a, used #12, 22, 31, 80, etc. 2015 Scott \$1370. NET \$425

049 GOLD COAST – Mint and used collection from 1876-1954 in mounts on homemade pages in F/VF condition. Highlights include used #55 and mint #20, 22, 27, 34, 35, 94a, 98-107, 65, 130-141, 148-159, etc. Also includes some uncounted duplicates as a gift! 2016 Scott \$1859. NET \$650

050 GREAT BRITAIN – Mint collection in mounts from 1937-1957 of 111 stamps on pages in F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #249-251A, 292-308, 317-333 NH, 286-9, etc. 2015 Scott \$706. NET \$275

051 GREAT BRITAIN – Mint collection of a few hundred stamps from 1880-1995 in mounts on Minkus pages in F/VF condition. Highlights include #111-122, 159-172, 187-200, 292-308, 317-333, J1-8, J9-17, J18-25, J26-33, J34-8, J39-44, J45-54, etc. 2015 Scott \$4393. NET \$1895

054 GREAT BRITAIN OFFICES – highly desirable mint collection of around 175 stamps in mounts on Minkus pages in F/VF condition from 1885-1957. Highlights include Eritrea #14-26, Morocco #24, 55-7, 235-243, Turkish Empire #7, 64, etc. 2015 Scott \$1364. NET \$750

056 GREAT BRITAIN PRESTIGE BOOKLETS – 40 different from 1972-2012 in very nice condition on Vario stockpages in a nice binder. Highlights include BK144, BK148, BK149, BK150, BK165, BK170, BK174, BK180, etc. 2015 Scott \$1705. NET \$625

057 GREAT BRITAIN – PLATE NUMBER COLLECTION – Plate number collection of around 200 classics from Scott #33-90a in mixed condition on ancient pages. Highlights include #43 pl#10, 14, 46 pl#4, 51 pl#8, 9, 55 pl#1, 57 pl#2, 57a pl#2, 58 pl#20, 60 pl#12, 69, 70 pl#15, 16, 90a pl#4 signed, etc. 2014 Scott \$12,727. NET \$1495

060 HONG KONG – Mostly mint and some used collection of around 550 stamps on Scott specialty and Minkus pages from 1862-1995 in F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #225-8, 250, 490-504, 490C-504C, etc. 2015 Scott \$1798. NET \$650

061 HONG KONG – 99% used collection of 83 stamps from 1862-1948 on Scott specialty pages in generally F/VF condition. Highlights include used #3, 11, 22, 24, 35, 55, 80, 121, 122, 165a, etc. 2015 Scott \$1658. NET \$550

063 INDIA – Around 220 stamps (85% used) from 1854-1946 on old handmade pages in F/VF condition. Highlights include used #5, 13, 24, 35, 98, etc. 2015 Scott \$598. NET \$250

065 IRELAND – Over 800 mint and mostly used stamps from 1922-1994 in F/VF condition in a Minkus album. Highlights include mint #78 and used #7, 10A, 11, 54, 96, 119, J1, etc. 2015 Scott \$2526. NET \$695

066 IRELAND – Mint collection from 1922-2001 in mounts on Minkus pages. Approximately 930 stamps in F/VF condition. Mainly MNH from 1962 onwards. Highlights include mint #1-8, 9-11A, 15-18, 19-22, 65-76, 106-117, 119, 150, 162, 175-176, 290-304, 537-556, C1-C7, etc. 2016 Scott \$3415. NET \$1495

067 ISLE OF MAN – MNH collection from 1976-1999 in 2

Lindner stock books. Approximately 755 stamps in VF condition. Highlights include mint #493aBK, 531-553c, J17-29, etc. 2015 Scott \$1150. NET \$595

068 JAMAICA – Mint and used collection from 1860-1979 on Scott quadrille pages. Approximately 195 stamps in generally F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #14, 22a, 27, 51, 106-108, MR3, used #2, 52, 53, 69, 99, 159-174, O2-O4, etc. 2015 Scott \$1695. NET \$495

069 JAMAICA – 48 mint stamps from 1919-1952 on 2 types of pages in F-VF condition in mounts. Highlights include mint #75-87, 88-100, etc. 2015 Scott \$431. NET \$175

070 JERSEY – MNH collection from 1969-1999 in 2 Lindner stock books. Approximately 785 stamps in VF condition. Highlights include mint #7-21, 477-506, 805BK, 839bBK, 908bBK, etc. 2015 Scott \$1105. NET \$550

071 KENYA – MNH collection from 1963-1988 in mounts on Minkus pages. Approximately 520 stamps in VF condition. Highlights include mint #20-35, 53-55, 247-261, 350-354, etc. 2016 Scott \$815. NET \$450

073 KUWAIT – Mint and mostly used collection from 1923-1967 of around 275 stamps on Scott pages in F-VF condition. Will give one a start in this area. 2015 Scott \$784. NET \$260

074 LABUAN – Highly desirable mint and used collection from 1885-1904 on Scott specialty pages. Approximately 65 stamps in generally F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #60, 61, 64, 87, 91, 92a, 99A-109, used #16, etc. 2015 Scott \$867. NET \$375

077 MALAWI – MNH collection from 1964-1986 in mounts on Minkus pages. Approximately 330 stamps in VF condition. Highlights include MNH #40a, J13-J16, etc. 2016 Scott \$370. NET \$150

078 MALTA – Mint and used collection from 1875-1964 on Scott quadrille pages. Approximately 240 stamps in generally F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #23, 24, 35, 71, used #3, 9a, 15-16, etc. 2015 Scott \$1030. NET \$275

079 MAURITIUS – Around 400 mint and mostly used stamps from 1849-1981 on Scott specialty pages in F-VF condition. Highlights include used #25, 36, 198, etc. Will give one a nice start in this area. 2015 Scott \$1907. NET \$525

081 MONTSERRAT – A starter mint and used collection of around 240 stamps from 1876-1980 with additional empty pages to 1991 in generally F-VF condition. NET \$100

082 MONTSERRAT – Mint collection of 89 different stamps from 1903-1951 in mounts on different types of pages in F-VF condition. Highlights include #31A-41, 42, 43-53, 54-74, 75-84, 114-126, etc. 2015 Scott \$1010. NET \$395

083 NEWFOUNDLAND – Comprehensive mint collection of some 240 mint stamps in F/VF condition on Scott specialty pages. A very large number of stamps and sets in the \$30-\$300 range. A few of the highlights include #18-20, 23-4, 28-9, 31, 36, 41, 49, 54, 59, 60, 69-74, 96-7, 99-100, 102-3, 104-14, 115-26, 131-44, 145-59, 163-71, 179-81, 212-25, etc. Very desirable! 2015 Scott \$3802. NET \$1595

084 NEWFOUNDLAND – Beautiful mint NH post office fresh condition collection of about 100 stamps on Scott specialty pages. Includes 145-59, 163-71 (170 LH), 172-82, 183-99, 193 imperf pair, 215a imperf block, 212-25, 237-43, etc. 2015 Scott \$1492. NET \$895

085 NEW ZEALAND – Mint and used collection of around 600 stamps from 1863-1979 on Scott specialty pages in mainly F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #124, 125, 165-170, 179-181, 213, 229-241 NH, 288-301, 333-352, B2, C1-C3, L5-L8, used 119, 183, etc. 2015 Scott \$2225. NET \$475

091 NORTHERN NIGERIA – Highly desirable mint collection of around 45 stamps in mounts on Minkus pages from 1900-1912 in F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #8, etc. 2015 Scott \$628. NET \$350

092 NORTHERN NIGERIA – Mint and used from 1900-1912

on Scott quadrille pages. Approximately 30 stamps in generally F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #19-26, used #51, etc. 2015 Scott \$375. NET \$190

094 PAKISTAN – Mint and used collection of 383 stamps from 1947-1969 on Scott pages in fine to very fine condition. Highlights include Bahawalpur #1-15, etc. 2015 Scott \$788. NET \$225

095 PALESTINE – Mint and used from 1918-1942 on Scott quadrille pages. Approximately 90 stamps in F/VF condition. Highlights include Mint #22, Used #20ad, 79, etc. 2015 Scott \$360. NET \$150

096 PITCAIRN ISLANDS – Mint collection of around 75 stamps from 1940-1968 in mounts on Scott specialty pages in generally VF condition. Highlights include mint #1-8, 12 NH, 20-30, 39-51, etc. 2015 Scott \$335. NET \$140

097 ST. HELENA – Mint collection of 30 stamps from 1934-1949 in mounts on Palo and Gibbons pages in F-VF condition. Highlights include #101-110, 118-127, etc. 2015 Scott \$578. NET \$225

098 ST. HELENA – Powerful mint and used classical collection of some 95 stamps from 1856-1927 on old time album pages in F/VF condition. Loads of valuable highlights including used 2b, 5, 8, 10, mint 12, used 15-18, mint 40-6, 50-55, 85-90, 95-8. 2013 Cat \$2043. NET \$650

100 ST. VINCENT – Valuable classic collection of 22 used and 16 mint stamps from 1882-1897 on quadrille pages in a bit mixed but generally F-VF condition. Highlights include used #6, 7, 8, 8A, 10, 14, 14B, 16, 17, 21, 23, 47 and mint #54, 55, 58, etc. 2014 Scott \$2644. NET \$725

101 SARAWAK – A very strong 1869-1905 mint (about 70%) and used collection on Minkus pages in which only 12 spaces are empty. This loaded collection is in very nice F/VF condition and has loads of highlights such as mint #3-7, 8-19, mint or used, mint #23, 24a, 36-47 almost all mint, 50-70 mint or used, 94-109, mint or used, 180-94 mint, 197-211, mint, etc. A highly desirable collection in very nice condition. 2015 Scott \$2195. NET \$795

102 SEYCHELLES – Mint and used collection in mounts from 1890-1976 on Scott specialty pages. Approximately 220 stamps in generally F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 33-37, 38-48, 52-62, 73, 171, 173-190, 257-271, etc. 2015 Scott \$1190. NET \$395

103 SEYCHELLES – A few hundred mint stamps from 1890-1982 in mounts on Minkus pages in F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #1-21, 22-6, 33-7, 52-62, 73, 91-114, 157-171, 173-190, etc. 2015 Scott \$1829. NET \$845

104 SIERRA LEONE – 99% mint collection of a few hundred stamps mostly in mounts on homemade pages in a binder. Condition is mainly F/VF. Highlights include #7 unused and mint #9 signed, 9a, 16, 45, 54, 56, 75, 118, 137, 152, 163, 173-185, etc. 2015 Scott \$4768. NET \$1895

105 SIERRA LEONE – MNH collection from 1971-2004 in mounts on homemade pages in 6 binders in VF condition. 2015 Scott \$6405. NET \$3195

106 SIERRA LEONE – Over 100 mint stamps from 1876-1962 in F-VF condition on Scott specialty blank pages. Highlights include #137, 151, 163, 173-185, 195-207, etc. 2015 Scott 957. NET \$350

108 SOUTH AFRICA – Mint collection from 1910-1997 in mounts on Minkus pages. Approximately 545 stamps in F/VF condition. Mostly MNH from 1953 onwards. Highlights include #72-73 NH, 81-89, 90-97, 200-213, 254-266. B5-B8, B9-B11, C5-C6, etc. 2016 Scott \$870. NET \$350

109 SOUTH AFRICA – Mint and mostly used collection from 1901-2001 on album pages in generally F-VF condition consisting of over 1100 stamps. Highlights include used #23-5, 28, 37, 38, 40, 53, 65, B5-8, C1-4, J5, J6, J40-45, O4, O6, O19 and mint #J30-33, J69, O10, etc. 2015 Scott \$3825. NET \$1095



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110 SOUTHERN NIGERIA – Highly desirable mint and used collection of 44 stamps from 1901-1912 in mounts on home-made pages in F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #8 and used #9, 18, 19, 42, etc. 2015 Scott \$1274. NET \$625

111 SOUTHERN NIGERIA – Highly desirable mostly mint collection from 1901-1912 on pages in F-VF condition. Highlights include mint #1-9, 18, etc. 2015 Scott \$714. NET \$350

112 SRI LANKA – Mint NH collection from 1979-1994 of around 550 stamps on Minkus pages in mounts in VF condition. 2015 Scott \$1076. NET \$625

113 STRAITS SETTLEMENTS/MALAYAN STATES – Mint and used collection of some 650 stamps in generally very nice F/VF condition on many Minkus pages and a wealth of additional pages. Loads of complete or partial sets in the \$20-\$70 range. All of the nine silver wedding sets are here, half being NH. 2015 Scott \$2346. NET \$725

114 SUDAN – Mint collection from 1897-1989 in mounts on Minkus pages. Approximately 410 stamps in F/VF condition. Mostly M NH from 1960 onwards. Highlights include #14, 15, 16, 29-35, 36-50, 61-64, 79-94, 98-114, C23-C30, C31-C34, CO1-C08, O3-O9, O28-O43, O44-O60, etc. 2016 Scott \$1465. NET \$575

115 SUDAN – 94 different mint stamps from 1898-1951 in mounts on Palo and Gibbons pages in F-VF condition. Highlights include mint #9-16, 51-9, 63-78, 98-114, O44-O60, etc. 2015 Scott \$816. NET \$375

116 SWAZILAND – Mint collection from 1889-1975 on home-made pages in F-VF condition. Highlights include mint #10-19, 27-31, 55-66, 67-79, etc. Also includes uncounted duplicates as a gift. 2015 Scott \$760. NET \$275

117 TANZANIA – Mint NH collection from 1964-1990 in mounts in a Minkus album. Approximately 425 stamps in VF condition. Highlights include #82-86, O17-O26, etc. 2016 Scott \$555. NET \$275

120 TONGA – Mint collection of around 240 stamps from 1934-1997 in mounts on Scott specialty and Minkus pages in F/VF condition. Will give one a start in this area. 2015 Scott \$403. NET \$160

122 TRISTAN DA CUHNA – Mint collection from 1953-1990 in mounts on Minkus pages. Approximately 430 stamps in generally VF condition. Mostly M NH from 1962 onwards. Highlights include #14-27, 42-54, 55-67, 113-115, 162-173, etc. 2016 Scott \$640. NET \$250

124 ZANZIBAR – Highly desirable 99% mint collection of around 125 stamps from 1895-1966 in mounts on quadrille pages in F/VF condition. Highlights include #214-217, 230-243, 249-263, etc. 2015 Scott \$894. NET \$450

WORLDWIDE COLLECTIONS

126 AFARS – 79 mint stamps (almost all NH!) from 1967-1977 in mounts on Minkus pages in VF condition. Highlights include #310-314 NH, etc. 2015 Scott \$451. NET \$250

128 ALBANIA – An extraordinary powerful 1913-1940 collection of some 150 stamps in F/VF condition on album pages with some of the stamps still on the original dealer cards from when purchased many decades ago. Loads of seldom seen material including mint #20, then used #21-6, 41-6, 54-61, 81, 84-90, 92-4, 102, C36-42, etc. 2015 Scott \$2521. NET \$895

129 ALBANIA – Comprehensive and powerful mint and used classical collection of a few hundred mint and used stamps to 1950 on Minkus and quadrille pages in excellent condition assembled by a very advanced collection who in pencil wrote the catalog value under each stamp. Many of the better used items are on piece which is very scarce. Very scarce material includes used 4-6, 8, 10, 41-5, 54-61, 94, 298 and mint #2. 2015 Scott \$5126. NET \$1295

131 ALGERIA – Mint collection from 1924-1995 in mounts on Minkus pages. Mostly M NH from 1950 onwards. Approximately 1110 stamps in generally F-VF condition. Highlights

include mint #285, 296-303, 344-347, 365-368, B12, B13, B28-B31, B76-B81, C8-C11, J12-J17, J35-J48, etc. 2016 Scott \$2230. NET \$895

132 ALGERIA – Mint and used collection of around 525 stamps from 1924-1972 on Scott International pages in generally F-VF condition. Would give one a good start in this area. 2015 Scott \$827. NET \$250

133 ALOUITE – Mostly mint collection of some 25 stamps in generally F/VF condition in well identified glassines. 2015 Scott \$269. NET \$95

137 AUSTRIA – Several hundred mostly used stamps from 1858-1935 on album pages in a bit mixed but generally F-VF condition. Highlights include used #51-65, 70-85, B50-6, Lombardy/Venetia used #16, 17, etc. 2014 Scott \$1895. NET \$350

138 AUSTRIA – Mint collection from 1937-1959 on Scott and mixed album pages with around 75% being NH. There are around 120 stamps in F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #398-404 NH, 405-423 NH, 424-7 NH, 428-431 NH, 542-7 NH, C32-C46 NH, C54-C60 NH, etc. 2015 Scott \$2045. NET \$675

139 AUSTRIA – Mint collection from 1937-1959 on Scott and mixed album pages with around 75% being NH. There are around 120 stamps in F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #43, B245-251, B271, P9, P9a, used #2, 13, 33, 40, etc. 2015 Scott \$2735. NET \$475

141 BALTIK STATES – Mint and used collection from 1919-2009 on stock pages. Approximately 895 stamps in generally F/VF condition. Highlights include mint Lithuania #176-185, 264-271 NH, 272-277 NH, 277c-277k NH, etc. The strongest collection here is Lithuania followed by Latvia with very few stamps from Estonia. The modern is NH! 2015 Scott \$1245. NET \$550

143 BELGIUM – Over 700 M NH stamps from 1999-2010 in 2 stock books. Condition is post office fresh! 2016 Scott \$2343. NET \$1395

144 BELGIUM – 35% mint and 65% used collection from 1851-1980 on Scott quadrille pages in 2 binders. Around 1685 stamps in generally F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #B31-B33, J2, Q371-Q372, Q339, used #26, 28-36, 45-48, 70, 72, 82-91, Q1-Q6, etc. Priced to go from our home to yours! 2015 Scott \$2745. NET \$525

145 BELGIUM – Nice collection of around 2270 used stamps from 1849-2003 in a Scott specialty album in generally F-VF condition. The collection includes many pre-cancels, revenues, and a moderate number of uncounted duplicates as a gift. Highlights include #2, 3, 4, 7a, 8, 16, 17, 47, 48, 74, B28-30, Q179, etc. 2015 Scott \$2620. NET \$650

146 BELGIUM – Very strong all mint collection of several hundred stamps from 1866-1968 on Scott specialty pages in mainly F-VF condition. Highlights include #96-102, 120, 134, 136, 172-184, 251, 374-385, 461, B93-8, B99-106, B150, B156-162, B178, B174, B458a, B532-7, J13, J16, Q378, etc. 2014 Scott 4148. NET \$1095

147 BELGIUM – Advanced collection of around 1900 mint and used stamps from 1849-1967 in a Scott specialty album in VF condition, including very strong BOB issues. Loads of highlights including mint #13, 137, 449a, B69-77, B93-98, B105, B113, B131, B137, B150, B199, B437-41, B462-66, B480-84, B482a, B495-97, B503-10, B515-20, B544-46, B547-54, B555-57, B558-60, B564-66, B662a, C5, C12, J12, O52, Q5, Q327, Q360, Q361A, Q361B, and used #1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 12, 23 signed, 26b, 47, 48, 74, 121, 134, 171, B9-16, B123-24, Q179, etc. 2014 Scott \$8191. NET \$1825

149 BOLIVIA – Mint and used collection of over 700 stamps from 1867-1963 on Scott pages. Earlies are a bit mixed condition then mainly F-VF thereafter. Highlights include mint #10, 18 unused and used #2C, 11, etc. 2015 Scott \$2549. NET \$650

150 BRAZIL – Mint and used collection from 1844-1980 on

Scott quadrille pages in a binder. Approximately 950 stamps in mixed, but generally F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #38, 122, C16, P20, used #21, 77, 81, 172-173, 268, etc. 2015 Scott \$2285. NET \$525

151 BULGARIA – Mint and used collection from 1879-1945 on Scott quadrille pages in a binder. Approximately 455 stamps in generally F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #33, 101-103, 281-285, C3, J3, J13, J14, used #3, 10, J2, J4-J6, J7-J9, etc. 2015 Scott \$1155. NET \$260

152 BULGARIA – Mint and used collection of nearly 1400 stamps from 1906-1967 on Scott International pages in generally F-VF condition. Highlights include used #1-5, 6-11 and mint #23-4, 38, etc. 2015 Scott \$2734. NET \$575

153 BULGARIA – Mint and used collection of around 475 stamps from 1882-1945 on Minkus pages in F-VF condition. Highlights include used #249, C12-14, etc. 2015 Scott \$601. NET \$125

155 BUSHIRE – Very scarce mint and used collection of 17 stamps in mixed condition. The collection contains used N1, 3, 5-9, 11 and mint 15, 17, 20-26. Very scarce stamps, many F/VF, but some minor defects. 2015 Scott \$14,570. NET \$2695

156 CAMBODIA – Scott specialty pages with around 350 mint stamps in generally F/VF condition running from 1951-1973. Highlights include mint 1-17, 18-37, 231a, C1-C3, etc. 2015 Scott \$707. NET \$225

157 CAMBODIA – Mint collection from 1951-1974 in mounts on Minkus pages. Mostly M NH from 1957 onwards. Around 100 stamps in generally F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #1-17, 231a, 324-330, C46-C47, etc. 2016 Scott \$320. NET \$125

158 CAMEROUN – Mint and used collection from 1897-1959 on Scott quadrille pages. Approximately 260 stamps in generally F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #25, 278, etc. 2015 Scott \$640. NET \$210

159 CAMEROUN – Highly desirable mint collection from 1916-1986 in mounts on Minkus pages. Mostly M NH from 1962 onwards. Approximately 880 stamps in F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #103-146, 147-163, 107-211, 225-254, B2-B6, C30, C38a, C40, C126, etc. 2016 Scott \$1875. NET \$895

165 CHINA – Mint and used collection from 1897-1950 of some 1200 stamps in generally F/VF condition and accurately identified in numerical order on dealer sale sheets. The highlights are all mint #307-10, 376-80, 471, 552 imperf block, 963-70, 973-81(cat \$1103!), 991-6, 997-1006. 2015 Scott \$3476. NET \$1895

166 CHINA – The scarce and highly desirable Monkey Stamp Mint OG NH. NET \$1495

167 PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF CHINA – Mint collection (with some uncounted used) of several hundred stamps from 1974-2005 in mounts housed in 2 Scott specialty albums and on Minkus pages from 2005-2008. Highlights include #1547-1554 NH, 1573 NH, 1613-1616 NH, 1617 NH, 1632-5 NH, etc. Will give one a nice start in the hottest area in philately! 2015 Scott \$2502. NET \$1395

168 PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF CHINA – Highly desirable mint collection of a couple hundred stamps in mounts from 1952-1966 on Minkus pages in generally VF condition. Highlights include #245a-248a NH, 467-482, 527-8 NH, 536-7, 561-2, 592-9, 612-14, 639-646, 684-695 NH, 708-710, 810-817 NH, 828-832 NH, etc. The collection is mostly NH. 2016 Scott \$3620. NET \$2095

169 PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF CHINA – Highly desirable M NH collection that is 90% complete from 1970-1995 in mounts on Minkus pages in VF condition. Highlights include 1074a, 1076-9, 1090-4, 1104-7, 1108-1113, 1126-9, 1255-1270, 1433!! 1547-54, 1557-1572, 1632-5, 1904, etc. 2016

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Scott \$7583. NET \$5500

170 PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF CHINA YEAR BOOKS – A complete run of commemorative stamps in year books from 1992-2000 put out by a company called "Besford Philately Goods CO. LTD". The books are very nearly complete! NET \$275

171 REPUBLIC OF CHINA – Highly desirable mostly MNH collection from 1955-1994 in mounts housed in a Minkus album appearing to be 98% complete from 1957-1994. NH highlights include #1143-8, 1355-8 (Emperor set!), 1414-17, 1479-82, etc. 2016 Scott \$3534. NET \$1895

175 CYRENAICA – Small mint desirable collection in mounts on Minkus pages in F/VF condition. Highlights include #59-64, C6-11, etc. 2015 Scott \$263. NET \$110

178 DAHOMEY – Mint collection from 1899-1975 in mounts on Minkus pages. Approximately 580 stamps in generally F/VF condition. Mostly MNH from 1961 onwards. Highlights include mint #12, 12A, 13, 14, 29, 31, 90-96, 97-100, B3-B7, etc. 2016 Scott \$1925. NET \$750

181 DANZIG – Highly desirable mint and used collection of around 275 stamps from 1920-1939 on Lindner hingeless pages in F-VF condition. Will give one a start in a popular area! 2015 Scott \$452. NET \$160

182 DENMARK – Mint and used collection from 1854-1989 on Scott quadrille pages. Approximately 790 stamps in mixed, but generally F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #80. C1, J14, used #11, 12, 15, 19, 34, 52, 210-219, P7, etc. 2015 Scott \$2570. NET \$395

183 DENMARK – Mint and used collection of around 1100 stamps from 1858-1997 in mounts in a Scott specialty album in generally F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #629-650, 793-815, used #31, 35, 129, etc. 2015 Scott \$1645. NET \$350

185 DENMARK – Mostly used collection of a couple hundred stamps on Scott pages in a bit mixed but generally F-VF condition. Highlights include #2, 3-6, 7-8, 11-15, 25-34, 68, 164-175, 210-19, O1-3, Q3, etc. 2013 Scott \$3301. NET \$550

186 DENMARK – Somewhat messy almost all used collection on Scott specialty pages in generally F-VF condition. Includes some occasional block or additional duplicates uncounted as a gift. Highlights include used #3-6, 12, 14, 19, 20, 24, 35-7, 79-81, 82, 135, O3, O4, P11-20, etc. 2013 Scott \$3660. NET \$495

187 DENMARK – 95% used collection of around 500 stamps on Minkus pages in generally F-VF condition. Highlights include mint #120, C1-3 and used #2, 3, 6, 11, 12, 17, 32, 34, 68, 131, 135, 146, 153, 212, P7, P9, P10, P18, Q8, Q9, etc. 2015 Scott \$2835. NET \$625

189 ECUADOR – Mostly used collection of hundreds on blank pages in a book. The advanced collector noted the catalog number of each stamp. Collection begins with #2 and goes to about the year of 1940. Begins with 2-5 with 3a, then loads of affordable stamps with some better such as 260-275. 2013 Scott \$776. NET \$225

191 ERITREA – Around 130 stamps from 1892-1934 on Scott pages in generally F-VF condition. Highlights include used #9 and mint #3, 81-84, etc. Will give one a start in a popular area. 2013 Scott \$975. NET \$300

192 ERITREA – Collection of around 100 mint (70%) and used (30%) stamps from 1895-1936 on Scott specialty pages in generally F-VF condition. Highlights include used #42 and mint #47, 128, CB1-10 (CB5 thin uncounted), etc. 2014 Scott \$1055. NET \$375

193 ETHIOPIA – Highly desirable all mint collection from 1894-1992 of over 1000 stamps in mounts on Minkus pages in F/VF condition. Highlights include #43-9, 273-7, 284 NH, 285-296, 308-313 NH, 327-335, C18-20, C23-33, N1-7, etc. We doubt we have ever had such a nice Ethiopian mint col-

lection. 2015 Scott \$4316. NET \$2595

195 FINLAND – Mint NH collection in mounts from 1975-1985 on Scott specialty pages. Approximately 205 stamps in VF condition. 2015 Scott \$280. NET \$110

196 FINLAND – Strong mint (over 90%) and used (10%) collection in mounts housed in a Scott specialty album from 1860-1992 in generally F-VF condition. Highlights include used #7, 13 and mint #9, 177-9, 291-6, C1, etc. 2015 Scott \$3488. NET \$750

197 FINLAND – Collection of around 550 mint and used stamps from 1866-1970 on Minkus album pages. Highlights include used #9, 17, 20, 139, 151, B7, etc. Condition is F-VF. 2013 Scott \$1337. NET \$250

198 FINLAND – Mint and used collection of around 625 stamps from 1860-1971 on Scott pages in generally F-VF condition. Highlights include used #10, 19, 20, etc. 2015 Scott \$1490. NET \$325

199 FIUME – Small collection of 57 mint and used stamps from 1920-1922 on two homemade pages in F-VF condition. Highlights include mint #95, 155-8 and used #144, etc. 2014 Scott \$617. NET \$175

200 FIUME – Highly desirable collection of around 165 mint and used stamps from 1918-1924 on Scott specialty pages in generally F-VF condition. Highlights include used #100-3 and mint #18, 19, 145, 146, 147, 158, etc. 2015 Scott \$2733. NET \$750

201 FRANCE – MNH collection from 1997-2001 in a Lighthouse stockbook. Approximately 330 stamps in VF condition. Highlights include mint #2568bk, 2580H, 2631bk, 2659a, 2713, etc. 2015 Scott \$985. NET \$395

202 FRANCE – Powerful mint and used collection from 1849-1967 in a 4 volume historical album by Pierre Brumont with detailed histories for all issues featured. Approximately 1600 stamps in generally F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #30, 39, 41a, 93, 136, 175b, 185-196 NH, B7, B8, B9, B153-157, B285-290, B290-299, J16, used #3b, 12, 19, 24, 38, 39, 40, 41, etc. 2015 Scott \$11,625. NET \$2795

203 FRANCE – Mint and used collection from 1849-1978 on Scott quadrille pages in 2 binders. Approximately 1960 stamps in mixed, but generally F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #95, 100, J66, N27, N42, N43-N58, used #3, 44, 66, 83, 348, J20, J22, etc. Priced to go from our home to yours! 2015 Scott \$5763. NET \$1095

205 FRANCE – Very nice clean collection of around 850 mint stamps (only 4 used stamps) from 1903 to 1960 just filling a 16-page Lighthouse stockbook. The stamps are generally in VF condition, with the earlies just a touch mixed. Highlights include mint #144, 198-201, 311, 312, 320, 414, 475-76 H, 624, 694-9, 952-5, B18, B29, B30, B53 NH, B157a, B249-54, B285-90, B294-99, C6 NH, N15-26, etc. 2014 Scott \$3021. NET \$675

206 FRANCE – Fabulous mint collection of perhaps 3000 stamps from 1853-1999 in mounts housed in 2 Scott specialty albums in F-VF condition. Highlights include mint #12, 23, 39 unused w/cert, 53, 64, 66, 77, 84, 89, 101, 108, 138-154, 156-184, 222-240, 251, 253, 254a, 264-283, 296-7, 315-320, 348, B11, B12-19, B20-3, B27, B28-30, B31-3, B34, B35-7, B38, B39-41, B66-7, B157a, B285-290, B294-9, C2, C23-7, C29-92, Canton #44, Port Said #18-32, etc. 2015 Scott \$16,302. NET \$4,695

208 FRANCE – Powerful mint and used collection of over 2000 stamps on Minkus pages in a bit mixed but generally F-VF condition. Highlights include mint #329a-d, B7, B11, B19, B34, B66-7 and used #13, 19, 126, B8, B23, C16-17, etc. 2015 Scott \$8326. NET \$1825

209 FRANCE – Mint collection from 1945-1975 in mounts housed in a Lighthouse album in generally VF condition. Nothing to knock your socks off here but would give one a start in this area as there are around 700 stamps. 2014 Scott \$771. NET \$195

210 FRENCH AREA – Beautiful collection of around 950 MNH stamps from Fr. Andorra, Monaco, Cambodia, Fr. Polynesia, FSAT and Laos from 1971-1985 in a somewhat worn Scott specialty album in VF condition. Most of the value is in Monaco and French Polynesia. Highlights include Monaco #1024a, 1068a, 1114a, 1180a, French Polynesia #C136a, etc. 2015 Scott \$2523. NET \$895

213 FRENCH GUINEA – Mint collection from 1892-1944 in mounts on Minkus pages. Approximately 200 stamps in generally F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #6, 12, 15, 27, 28, 29, 106-115, 128-106, B8-B11, etc. 2016 Scott \$820. NET \$325

215 FRENCH MOROCCO – Mint and used collection from 1891-1955 on Scott Quadrille pages. Approximately 405 stamps in generally F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #18, 19, 85, 311-327, C40, J4, used #2, 4, 6, J3, etc. 2015 Scott \$1090. NET \$350

216 FRENCH POLYNESIA – Mint collection from 1892-1991 in mounts on Minkus pages. Approximately 490 stamps in generally F/VF condition. Mostly MNH from 1962 onwards. Highlights include mint #11, 123, 160-178, 217-222, 253-257, C21, C71-C73, C112-C114, O1-O15, O96-O99, etc. 2016 Scott \$1805. NET \$725

218 FRENCH SOUTHERN ANTARCTIC – Mint collection of 52 stamps from 1955-1979 on Scott quadrille pages in generally VF condition. Highlights include mint #18, 20, 21, 33, 45, C7, C8, C11, C12, C13, C21, C22, etc. 2015 Scott \$1181. NET \$450

219 FRENCH SOUTHERN & ANTARCTIC TERRITORIES – Mint collection from 1955-2001 in mounts on Minkus pages of around 265 stamps in VF condition. Highlights include mint #2-7, 16-19, 20, 26, 30, 31, 32, C1-C2, C3, C6, C13-C14, C17, C26, C27, etc. 2016 Scott \$2125. NET \$850

220 GERMAN COLONIES – Mint and used collection from 1893-1919 on Scott quadrille pages. Approximately 90 stamps in F/VF condition. Will give one a start in a very popular area! 2015 Scott \$355. NET \$125

222 GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC – 98 % Complete and 95% used collection from 1948-1990 in a Scott specialty album. Condition is generally F/VF. Does not include some better souvenir sheets or the pages they go on. Should be a welcome addition to your collection at only: NET \$450

224 GERMAN OFFICES IN MOROCCO – Highly desirable collection of highest quality 54 different mint never hinged stamps from 1899-1911 in mounts on Scott specialty pages in F-VF condition. Highlights include #1-6, 31, 41 signed, 42, 43, 44, etc. We've never before handled an NH collection from this area! 2015 Scott \$2814. NET \$1850

225 GERMAN OFFICES IN THE TURKISH EMPIRE – Highly desirable MNH collection from 1889-1908 of 45 different stamps in F/VF condition. Highlights include #8-12 NH, 43-54 NH, 55-9 NH, etc. Nearly impossible to obtain unless one were to go to Germany! 2015 Scott \$2794. NET \$1795

227 GERMAN STATES – Collection of 12 stamps from Lubeck, 3 from Mecklenburg-Schwerin, 3 from Mecklenburg-Strelitz, and 17 from Oldenburg; all in generally Fine condition on one quadrille page on which the very knowledgeable collector noted in pencil the catalog number of each stamp. He also noted reprints which we have not cataloged here. Lubeck includes #8, 9, 12-14, Mecklenburg-Schwerin 2, 3, 5, Mecklenburg-Strelitz 2, 5-6, Oldenburg mint #1, 6, 10, 18, 20, 21-5. Total 2015 Scott \$3320. NET \$750

228 GERMAN STATES – Collection of Hamburg with 12 used stamps and Hannover with 32 used stamps. Generally in Fine condition on an ancient album page on which the highly knowledgeable collector noted in pencil the catalog number by the stamps. Hamburg includes #1, 2-6, 9. Hannover highly complete with lots of stamps in the \$50-\$300 range. Hamburg 2015 Scott \$1575. Hannover 2015 Scott \$3224 for a total catalog of \$4799. NET \$1195



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229 GERMAN STATES – BAVARIA – Very attractive collection of 45 used stamps from 1849-1862 that appear to have been collected for cancellations and were probably purchased individually by the former collector. The cancels include sock on the nose, Cogwheel and numeral types. Condition is a bit mixed but generally F-VF. Highlights include #7 (2), 8 (3), 13 (3), etc. 2014 Scott \$1736. NET \$325

230 GERMAN STATES – THURN AND TAXIS – Ancient mint and used collection from 1852-1866 (most of the value is used) on homemade pages in a bit mixed but generally F-VF condition. Highlights include used #1, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 19, 51, 53-5, etc. 2015 Scott \$1738. NET \$375

232 GERMANY – Expansive collection of around 3000 stamps, used (92%) and mint (8%) from 1872-1990 in a nice Scott specialty album in F-VF condition. The collection is very strong in Berlin as well. Loads of highlights including used #6, 27, 667-68, 669, B314-15, B316-17, B320-23, B327-30, B331, B332-33, B334-37, B344-47, C46-56, 9N10, 9N13, 9N35-41, 9N63, 9N78, 9N80, 9N81-83, 9N84-93, 998, 9N99-100, 9NB9, etc. 2014 Scott \$5935. NET \$1450

233 GERMANY – Ancient collection of several hundred mint and used stamps from 1872-1959 on homemade pages. As is normally the case, stamps prior to 1900 have the usual mixed condition, then are generally F-VF thereafter. Highlights include complete mostly used eagles and mint #363-5, 585a-593 signed, 593a-599 signed, 702-721, B15-18, B91-2, C20-6 and used #75-8 (76 is signed), 401-414, B23-7, B44-8, B141-3, B314-5, B316-7, C27-34, etc. 2015 Scott \$6703. NET \$1495

234 GERMANY – Very strong comprehensive collection of around 2300 stamps, mint and used, from 1872-2000 housed in 2 Scott specialty album in F-VF condition. A very thorough, tidy collector had 2 pages for all issues until the 1950s, one for mint copies and one for used. Therefore, there are hundreds of uncounted duplicates as a gift. The many highlights include used #3, 6, 10, 19, 21, 22, 64, 76, 161, 162, 211, 228, 263, 299, 310, 370a, 530-56, 557-77, B23-27, B31, B40, B56, B57, C35-37, C46-56, O53-61, Offices in Turkey #39, 51, mint #8, 14, 16, 363-65 NH, B33a-d, B91-92 NH, B105, B106, B119, B292-93 NH, etc. 2015 Scott \$10,988. NET \$2495

236 GERMAY AND AREA – Well over 90% mint collection of a couple thousand stamps in F-VF condition to 1985 in 2 nice Minkus albums. Best areas include DDR, German Empire, Federal Republic and Berlin. Far too much work to catalog. NET \$425.

237 GERMANY – BERLIN OCCUPATIONS – Scott specialty pages with around 600 stamps from 1898 to 1982 in generally F/VF condition. Appears to be all used to 1850, all mint after 1957 and mixed in between. Highlights include used 8N6, 9N13, 9N38, 8N63, 9N75-79, 9NB4, etc. 2015 Scott \$1572. NET \$350

238 GERMANY – BERLIN – All used collection of a few hundred stamps from 1948-1990 on Minkus pages in F-VF condition. Highlights include #9N33-4, 9N61-3, 9N69, 9N75-9, 9N94-8, 9NB1-3, 9NB4-5, 9NB6-7, 9NB8-11, etc. 2011 Scott \$3089. NET \$495

240 GERMANY – FRENCH ZONE – Mint collection of around 150 stamps on Yvert and Tellier pages in F-VF condition. Highlights include #5N28-40, 8NB1-4, etc. 2015 Scott \$623. NET \$175

241 GERMANY – FRENCH OCCUPATION – Mint collection from 1945-1949 of around 150 stamps on homemade pages in F-VF condition. Will give one a nice start in this area. 2015 Scott \$481. NET \$140

243 GREECE – Hard to come by mint never hinged collection from 1980-2009 in mounts on album pages that fit into a Scott specialty 3 ring binder. In VF post office fresh condition, 95% complete! 2015 Scott \$3003. NET \$1795

246 GREENLAND – Very nice 99% mint collection of around

230 stamps including much NH from 1938-1991 on Light-house pages in F-VF condition. Highlights include #1-9 NH, 10-18, 19-27 (usual ovpt smudging), 28-38, Q9, etc. 2014 Scott \$4473. NET \$1550

248 HUNGARY – Collection of around 1850 stamps all in mounts from 1871-1958 on pages in a binder in better condition than normally seen. 95% used to 1918 and 50/50 mint/used thereafter. Mint highlights include #463, 487-491 (NH), B202, 1035, 1109, B80-B87, C8 and used #12, C23, 528 with show cancel, etc. 2015 Scott \$1638. NET \$395

249 HUNGARY – Mint and used collection of a few hundred stamps from 1871-1938 on Scott pages in generally F-VF condition. Highlights include mint #C1, C2, 11NB4, Lajtabanski (Western Hungary) mint #1-10 with Issling certificate and used #1, 4, 5, 6, 41b, 64, 66, N1, N2, etc. 2014 Scott \$1330. NET \$275

250 HUNGARY OCCUPATION STAMPS ISSUED UNDER FRENCH OCCUPATION – A highly complete very high quality collection assembled by an extremely knowledgeable collector who in pencil noted the catalog number by the stamps.

The collector spared no expense here and many stamps are signed. The stamps are professionally laid out on quadrille pages. Just a few of the highlights include 1N1-17, 1NJ1-10, 2N58, 2NB4-6, 2NJ2-10, 5N1-23, 7N1-42, 10N1-39, 10NJ1-5, 11N20-35, 11N1-13. Many varieties are uncounted. 2015 Scott just for what we counted is \$8467. NET \$2495

251 ICELAND – Mint and used collection from 1876-1972 on quadrille pages. Approximately 335 stamps in a bit mixed, but generally F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #67, C3, O4, O11, O29, Used #27, 138, 170-175, 203-208b, etc. 2015 Scott \$2346. NET \$495

252 ICELAND – Mint and used collection of around 360 mint and used stamps on Minkus pages in F-VF condition. Highlights include mint #163, 164, 165, 166, 170-175, 213-216, 232-235, 273, B5 NH, C2, C4-8, Zepp Oppts C9-11 NH, and used #86-91, 121, 134, 245, O55, O56, O58, etc. 2015 Scott \$3679. NET \$895

253 INDOCHINA – Mint and used collection from 1892-1949 on Scott quadrille pages. Approximately 265 stamps in generally F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #18, 94-114, 171-181, 182-192, 210-212, CB1, used #20, etc. 2015 Scott \$570. NET \$195

254 INDONESIA – Mostly mint collection of around 700 stamps from 1946-1969 on Scott pages in F-VF condition. 2015 Scott \$567. NET \$160

255 IRAN – A powerful 1875-1935 collection of many hundreds of mint and used stamps on Scott specialty pages. Pre-1880 is in mixed condition. Thereafter, condition is generally F/VF. There seems to be considerable value in possible genuine classical material such as #15 mint block still on the original auction page of a major company, then unused #11-13, 14A, used #16, 18, 19, 20, 34, 36. Thereafter, hundreds of very high catalog stamps that usually turn out to be reference material. This collection is being sold strictly "AS IS" at: NET \$1295

256 IRAN – Collection of over 1000 mostly used stamps from 1931-86 on Scott specialty pages. Highlights include used #793 and mint #931, 934, 986, 1047, 1074-6, 1133, etc. Condition is generally VF and desirable. 2013 Scott \$1642. NET \$495

258 ISRAEL – A few hundred used (98%) stamps on Minkus pages in a binder from 1948-1982 with additional empty pages to 1995. The collection is 95% complete. NET \$120

259 ISRAEL – Complete mint collection to 1981 in two White Ace albums. Almost all the stamp appear sound MNH except 1-9 which are hinged (#9 has small defect). NET \$325

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261 ITALY – A very nice mint and used collection from 1863-1978 in a Scott specialty album. Approximately 1440 stamps in F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #115-116, 117, 159-164, 171-174, 177a, 201a, 258-264, 280-289, 290-305, 324-328, 331-341, used #33, 72, 209, 364, 365, 366, 518, 573, B38, etc. 2015 Scott \$12,045. NET \$2795

262 ITALY – Mostly used with some mint from 1863-1949 on a combination of Scott and homemade pages of several hundreds of stamps in generally F-VF condition. Highlights include used #33, 52-6, 63, 515-517, C2, C35-9 and mint #124-5, 140-2, 287-9, C10-11, etc. 2013 Scott \$3349. NET \$595

263 JAPAN – Mint and used collection from 1876-1969 on Scott quadrille pages. Approximately 600 stamps in generally F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #469-473, etc. 2015 Scott \$1065. NET \$275

264 JAPAN – Nice collection of around 760 stamps mint (60%) and used (40%) from 1876-1975 in a Scott specialty album in F-VF condition. Will give one a start in a very popular area. 2014 Scott \$979. NET \$295

266 JAPAN – Highly desirable collection of around 875 mint and used stamps in nearly all F-VF condition on Minkus pages from 1876-1967. Highlights include mint #400a, 421a, 473a, 479, 522-541, 575a and used #166, Offices in Korea #12, etc. 2015 Scott \$3666. NET \$1095

268 KOREA – Incredible mostly mint classical collection from 1884-1903 with varieties in very nice condition. This high quality collection was formed by a highly knowledgeable collector well over 50 years ago who carefully identified each stamp and placed the catalogue number next to each stamp. This is a highly complete collection. Highlights include mint #8, 10, 10F, 11-17, most of the perf 10 1901 set, 26, 27, 31 VF cat. \$600, 32 VF cat. \$1200, 33 VF cat. \$1750. Then 35-8 with uncounted varieties, and finally the complete Falcon set 39-50 mint (cat. \$1025) and #51 used. 2013 Scott \$7184. By far the best Korea classical collection we have ever offered. NET \$3695

269 LEBANON – Around 820 stamps from 1929-1980 in a Minkus album in F/VF condition. Appears 90% used up to about 1963, then 75% mint thereafter. Mint highlights include #29, C1-C4, C5-C8, C56, C285a, noted sheets with C266-268 and CB12-CB14. Used highlights include C87, etc. 2015 Scott \$2246. NET \$675

270 LIBERIA – Mint collection from 1880-1992 in mounts housed in a Minkus album in mainly F/VF condition appearing to be NH from 1960-1992. Highlights include mint #54-63, C27-36, C56a imperf, C77, C27-36, C56a, C56a imperf, C77, F30-4, etc. 2016 Scott \$1920. NET \$595

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272 LIECHTENSTEIN – Mint (95%) and used collection from 1917-1979 on Scott quadrille pages. Approximately 470 stamps in F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #80, 81, 274-276, O30-O36, used #269, etc. 2015 Scott \$895. NET \$225

273 LIECHTENSTEIN – Mint collection from 1912-1979 in a Schaubek hingeless album containing approximately 715 stamps in F/VF condition. Highlights include mint # 62, 64, 151, 157-159, 160-165, 266-269 NH, 287-288 NH, B1-B3, B7-B10, C1-C6, C7-C8, O1-O8, O11-O20, etc. 2015 Scott \$4450. NET \$1395

274 LIECHTENSTEIN – Mint and used collection of around 110 stamps from 1912-1941 on album pages in F-VF condition. Highlights include used #1a-3a, 3b, 80 and mint #1-3, B1-3, B7-10, C1-6, C7-8, etc. 2014 Scott \$2161. NET \$475

276 LUXEMBOURG – Mint and used collection of several hundred stamps on Minkus pages from 1852-2009 in mainly F-VF condition. Highlights include used #1, 111 and mint #16, 17, 18, 29, etc. 2013 Scott \$2115. NET \$375

277 LUXEMBOURG – Mint and used collection of around 900 stamps from 1880-1977 on Scott specialty pages in mainly F-VF condition. Highlights include mint #272-7, 315-317 NH and used #53, 58, etc. 2015 Scott \$1306. NET \$295

280 MALAGASY REPUBLIC – Mint collection from 1891-1976 in mounts on Minkus pages of around 570 stamps in F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #9, 18, 51-55, 135-146, C1-C24, C54, C56, C58-C60, C61-C66, etc. 2016 Scott \$1605. NET \$650

281 MALI – MNH collection from 1959-1988 in mounts on Minkus pages of around 695 stamps in VF condition. Highlights include #C2-C4, C5-C8, C25-C28, C81, etc. 2016 Scott \$1310. NET \$650

284 MAURITANIA – Mint collection from 1906-1988 in mounts on Minkus pages. Approximately 515 stamps in generally F-VF condition. Mostly MNH from 1962 onwards. Highlights include #7, 9, 15, 16, 17, etc. 2016 Scott \$1315. NET \$525

286 MEXICO – Powerful mint and used collection of several hundred stamps in mounts from 1856-1934 housed in a Scott specialty album in generally F/VF condition. Highlights include used #4, 9, 12, 45, 50, 82, 83, 99-104, and mint #81, 303, 310-320, 380, 381-5, 414-419, 421, 495-9, 517-527, 528-538, 539-549, 616, 620, 650-7 NH, 667-674 NH, 676-682, 684-7, C11-19 NH, C26-7, C31-6 NH, C51-3, C60, CO3, CO21, CO30 with cert., O74, 0191-2, O193-4, etc. 2015 Scott \$18318. NET \$4495

287 MEXICO – Around 1000 mint stamps from 1864-1980 in mounts housed in 2 Scott specialty albums in F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #144, 174-183, 310-320, 658-665, 740-5, 828-9, C123-5, C186-198, E1, O85, etc. 2016 Scott \$505. NET \$1495

288 MONACO – Around 290 cacheted First Day covers in F-VF condition from 1960-1986. The FDC's are all undressed from 1970-1986. Highlights include Michel #1021, 1114-1115 S/S, 1273-4 S/S, etc. 2006 Michel 1110 Euros = \$1402 US. NET \$300

292 NETHERLANDS COLONIES – Mint and used collection from 1870-1975 on Scott quadrille pages in a binder. Approximately 1325 stamps in generally F/VF condition. Highlights include mint Netherlands Antilles #55, 142a, Netherlands Indies #21, O27, Surinam #21, B16-B21, used Netherlands Antilles #7, 8, Surinam #9, 11, etc. 2015 Scott \$2180. NET \$595

293 NETHERLANDS – FIRST DAY COVERS – 11 different cacheted addressed First Day covers from 1952-1957 in F-VF condition. Highlights include Michel #601-5, 631-5, 649-653, 665-9, 683-4, etc. 2015 Michel 492 Euros = \$569 US. NET \$140

294 NEW CALEDONIA – Highly desirable mint collection from

1883-1995 in mounts on Minkus pages. Approximately 640 stamps in F/VF condition. Mostly MNH from 1959 onwards. Highlights include #6, 7, 9, 11, 37, 39, 57, 276-294, 296-299, 361-366, C21-C23, C27, C33, O1-O13, etc. 2016 Scott \$2690. NET \$1195

295 NEW CALEDONIA – Mint collection from 1903-1945 on stock book pages. Approximately 115 stamps in generally F/VF condition. Highlights include #66-80, 182-207, 217-251, etc. 2015 Scott \$1335. NET \$495

296 NEW CALEDONIA – MNH collection from 1982-1994 on stock pages. Approximately 275 stamps in VF condition. 2015 Scott \$535. NET \$275

298 NORWAY – Mint and used collection of several hundred stamps on Scott specialty pages in generally F-VF condition. Highlights include used #3, 13, 20, 26-34, 66 and mint #104-110, 370-4, B24, etc. Also includes numerous 1940's-1960's both mint and used. 2012 Scott \$3349. NET \$595

299 NORWAY – Mint (10%) and used (90%) collection of over 1000 stamps from 1856-2001 on album pages in F-VF condition. Highlights include used #5, 13 and mint #275-8, B5-8 NH, B54-6 NH, etc. 2014 Scott \$1578. NET \$295

300 NORWAY – Mainly used with a bit of mint collection of around 850 stamps from 1856-1995 in a Scott specialty album in generally F-VF condition. Highlights include mint #118, 212, O14 and used #11, 24a, 24b, 33-6, 106, 109, B10, etc. 2014 Scott \$1963. NET \$375

301 PALAU – Mint collection of around 500 stamps from 1983-1996 on White Ace pages in 2 binders in generally VF condition. Face value is \$586. You can have this collection for only: NET \$375

302 PARAGUAY – 78 non Scott listed souvenir sheets from 1982-1992 in VF condition. The collection is 99% NH. Should be reasonable at: NET \$625

304 POLAND – A wonderful virtually complete collection to 2005 in ten albums put together by a very serious specialist. Begins with a mint #1 as expected, with lots of specialized scarce items. PRICE ON REQUEST

307 REUNION – Mint and used collection of 548 stamps from 1885-1974 on Scott pages. Earlies have the usual mixed condition than is generally F-VF. Highlights include mint #B5-9, C32-4, etc. 2015 Scott \$1825. NET \$375

310 RUSSIA – Huge collection in three excellent condition Scott specialty albums to 1994 containing probably two or three thousand mostly used stamps in VF condition. The collection begins with a nice representation of material in the 1865-1918 era, then is very strong in the desirable 1933-1937 era with complete used #540-610, then lots of material to 1961 including mint #330-5, 536-9 and the Lenin sheet #1325. Then virtually complete used 1961-94. Airmails are excellent and include used C58-67 and mint C53-57 (Cat \$505). A very large desirable collection which is far too large to catalog. NET \$2295

312 RUSSIA – Well over 90% complete mostly used collection from 1858-1974 in two Scott specialty albums in nearly all F-VF condition. Highlights include mint #6, 54, 794-810, 859, 1280-3, 1302-3, 1343-7, 1364-5, 1464-8, 1508-9 and used #438-454, 546-550, 551-4, 559-568, 857-8, C58-67, etc. Also includes starter Offices. 2015 Scott \$8631. NET \$1895

313 RUSSIA – Mint and used collection on specialized album pages from 1866-1992 in F-VF condition. Highlights include mint #1265-7, 1280-3, 1302-3, 1310-17, 1343-7, 1364-5, 1388-9, 1403, 1443-4, 1497-9, 1541, 1542-4, 1548-9, 1550-1, 1568-83, 1584-5, 1596-7, 1598-1602, 1605-9, 1624-7, 1680-7, etc. 2014 Scott \$6275. NET \$1895

315 ST. PIERRE & MIQUELON – Mint collection from 1881-1992 in mounts on Minkus pages. Approximately 385 stamps in generally F/VF condition and mostly MNH from 1967 onwards. Highlights include #24, 28, 44, 130 NH, 131 NH, 172-204 NH, 324-342, 385-388, 393-395, 404-407, 408-411,

417-418, B9, B10, C41-C42, C45-C46, C50, etc. 2016 Scott \$2335. NET \$995

318 SAN MARINO – Mint (75%) and used (25%) collection from 1877-1928 on Scott specialty pages in F-VF condition. Highlights include mint #72 signed, 111-114, etc. 2012 Scott \$2356. NET \$525

319 SCANDINAVIA – 90% used collection of over 2000 stamps from 1851 to around 1960 in a Minkus album in generally F-VF condition. Highlights include Denmark used #3, 5, 8, 12, 14, 15, 17, 32-4, 68, 69, 212, O23, Q3-5, and mint #110, 136, 152, B5, C1-3; Norway used #3, 9, 11, 13, 20, 21, 23, 33, 38a, 212, B2, J12 and mint #B3, B24, 340-2; Sweden used #2, 10, 11, 12, 20, 24, 26, 27, 47, 165, J1, J2, J7, J11, O2, O5; Finland used #23, etc. Also includes insignificant collections of Greenland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Central Lithuania that have not been counted in cat value as a gift. 2014 Scott \$10,679. NET \$1895

320 SENEGAL – Mint collection form 1892-1990 in mounts on Minkus pages. Approximately 690 stamps in generally F/VF condition. Mostly MNH from 1961 onwards. Highlights include #67A, 71, 221-226, B4-B8, B9-B12, C26-C30, CB1 NH, etc. 2016 Scott \$1525. NET \$575

321 SERBIA – Wonderful complete mint VF condition collection on Scott specialty pages from #59-170. Also complete Austrian Occupation 1N1-1N42. Complete issues under German Occupations include semis and airs. 2015 Scott \$1014. Seldom seen. NET \$595

322 SOMALI COAST – Mint collection from 1892-1967 in mounts on Minkus pages. Approximately 290 stamps in generally F/VF condition. Highlights include Obock #53b, Djibouti #13, 18, 29, 146-178, 183-193, 248-266, C15-17, C20, C32-34, J21-28, J29-38, etc. 2016 Scott \$1435. NET \$550

323 SPAIN – Over 1000 mint and used stamps on Minkus pages in generally F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #266, 385 NH, C12-17, and used #269, 510, C124, etc. 2015 Scott \$2590. NET \$595

324 SPAIN AND COLONIES – Mint and used collection in a Minkus album to 1979 of a few hundred stamps in mixed but generally F/VF condition. Will give one a start in this area. NET \$225

326 SWEDEN – Mint and used collection in a Scott specialty album from 1858-1988 in generally F-VF condition. Contains many mint unexploded booklets. Highlights include #161 used and mint #J1. Over 1600 stamps. 2013 Scott \$2095. NET \$395

327 SWEDEN – Extensive collection of hundreds of mint and used stamps from 1855-1970 on Minkus album pages. Highlights include used #2, 7, 12, 14 sheet margin copy, 20, 24, 26, 27, 34, 40-49, 57, 66, 131, 133, 134, 165, 204, 208, 219, 224, B16, B17, J4, J8, J9, J11, O2, O7, O9, O10, O27, and mint #217, J1, J2, J6 unused, J10 unused, O16. Condition is generally F-VF or better. 2013 Scott \$4113. NET \$825

328 SWEDEN – Strong collection of around 750 mint (10%) and used (90%) stamps on Minkus pages from 1858-1967 in generally F-VF condition. Highlights include mint #194-196, 211, 213-228!, 218a, B11, B21 and used #20, 37, 44, 202a, B1-10, J11, O7, LX1-2, etc. Includes many attractive cancels in classics! 2015 Scott \$6035. NET \$1495

330 SWITZERLAND – You won't believe this collection! A Scott specialty album 1909-1999 in which the collector filled virtually every space of the regular and semi postal issues with a VF used stamp or souvenir sheet and placed the corresponding mint VF stamp or souvenir sheet on the page opposite of the used. That's right – over 99% complete used and 99% complete mint with much being MNH such as many of the souvenir sheets including the Naba sheet and the high value PAX set. Don't have the time to catalog so we are pricing at what seems like a very inexpensive price of: NET \$3895

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of around 225 stamps from 1883-1956 on Minkus pages in generally F-VF condition. Highlights include used #28, 122, 155, 156 and mint #18, 120, 121, 183, 184, 204, 221, 222, 282, B24-30, etc. 2014 Scott \$3957. NET \$1795

335 TOGO – Mint collection from 1914-1980 in mounts in a Minkus album of approximately 835 stamps in mostly F/VF condition. Mostly M NH from 1957 onwards. Highlights include #154, 159, 309-326, C14-C17, C223a, etc. 2016 Scott \$1210. NET \$525

345 TRIESTE ZONE A – Scott and Minkus pages of around 200 mint and used Allied Military Government overprints on stamps of Italy 1947 to 1954 in generally F-VF condition. Highlights include mint #51, 54, 87, 110, C6, J29, used #14, etc. Some duplication not counted nor valued here and included as a gift. 2014 Scott \$1099. NET \$350

347 TUNISIA – Mint collection from 1888-1992 in mounts on Minkus pages in generally F/VF condition. The collection is mainly NH from 1950-1992. Highlights include mint #24, 312-314, 338, 363b, B36, C17-20, C21-4, C25-32, etc. 2016 Scott \$1725. NET \$750

350 TURKEY – Mint and used classical collection from 1863-1922 on Scott specialty homemade pages in a bit mixed but generally F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #89, 237-250, 278-284, J59-62, etc. Also includes uncounted duplicates as a gift. 2015 Scott \$1413. NET \$295

351 TURKEY – A mint powerful collection of many hundreds in numerical order in small glassines put together over decades by a highly knowledgeable collector. Loads of mint sets with much NH. Huge numbers of better stamps including #1, 28, 87-91, 89, 97, 254-269, 562, 590-8, 659-72, 676-81, 724-6, 789-98 NH, 896-915 NH, 1059-1074 NH, 1090-1101 NH, 1442-60, J6-10, M1-5, RA81-94a and Turkey in Asia #75-7!! Condition overall is generally F-VF. A very small percentage has no gum and there is a bit of duplication which is uncounted. 2013 Scott \$6035. NET \$1725

352 TURKEY IN ASIA – Rarely seen outstanding collection in unusually excellent condition in five small stock books. Consists of 40 mint and used Scott listed stamps then loads of spectacular appearing unlisted revenues that are uncounted and included as a gift. Mint includes #5, 6, 6a, 10, 72, 75-6, 77a. Used includes #9, 16, 24, 28 with defects, 37, 38, 39, 68. 2014 Scott \$7262. NET \$1695

354 UNITED NATIONS – A highly complete MNH collection of NY, Geneva and Vienna UN stamps to 1996 in three White Ace binders. Includes some extra sheets and First Day Covers, etc. NET \$350

356 UNITED STATES – A valuable highly comprehensive Revenue Documentary stamp collection in very nice condition on Scott specialty pages. Begins with R173-194 complete some with cut cancels, R195-216 complete mint, include R224-7

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357 UNITED STATES – FEDERAL DUCK PLATE BLOCKS – Complete MNH collection from RW26-RW51 on Lighthouse hingeless pages in F/VF condition. 2015 Scott \$1389. NET \$595

358 UNITED STATES – FEDERAL DUCK PLATE BLOCKS – MNH complete from RW47-RW52 in VF post office fresh condition. Face value is \$180. You can have these for only: NET \$175

359 UNITED STATES NATIONAL PARKS – RARITY!! – Complete set of 10 small die proofs in generally F-VF condition on Vario stock pages. We have never offered or even seen these fabulous rarities. 2015 Scott \$6500. NET \$4495

360 UNITED STATES – 904-915 overrun countries full mint OG NH set of sheets. NET \$150

362 UNITED STATES PLATE BLOCKS – MNH collection in mounts from 1932-1947 in a White Ace album. Approximately 190 stamps in F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #704-715, 718-719, 730-731, 740-749, 756-765, 859-893, 909-921, etc. 2015 Scott \$1640. NET \$695

363 UNITED STATES PLATE BLOCKS – Mint collection from 1932-1967 in mounts in a Harris plate block album. About 95% MNH. Approximately 470 stamps in generally VF condition. Highlights include mint #704-715, 718-719 NH, 730, 734 NH, 740-749 NH, 750 NH, 859-893 NH, 909-921 NH, etc. 2015 Scott \$1630. NET \$725

364 UPPER VOLTA – Mint collection from 1920-1983 in mounts on Minkus pages of around 625 stamps in generally F/VF condition. Mainly MNH from 1959 onwards. Highlights include #1-28, 43-65, 244-249, C68, J11-20, etc. 2016 Scott \$1260. NET \$495

365 UPPER VOLTA – Mint (75%) and used (25%) collection in a 90% complete Scott specialty album in a little mixed but generally F-VF condition. 2015 Scott \$1083. NET \$295

366 VATICAN CITY – Mint collection from 1929-1991 in mounts in a Minkus album. Approximately 1020 stamps in generally F/VF condition. Appears to be NH from 1960-1991. Highlights include #1-13, 49, 55-60, 61-67, 122-131, 149-153, B1-4, C9-15, C18-19, C22-23, E1-2, E11-12, J1-6, Q1-15, etc. 2016 Scott \$1715. NET \$650

367 VENEZUELA – Mint (20%) and used (80%) collection of 1575 stamps from 1859-1965 on Scott pages in generally F-VF condition. Highlights include mint #1, 3, 10, etc. 2015 Scott \$3083. NET \$695

368 WALLIS AND FUTUNA – Highly desirable mint collection of many hundreds from 1920-1991 on Minkus pages in F/VF condition. Highlights include mint #43-84, 96, 107, (179-181, C41 NH), C42-5, J24-36!! etc. 2015 Scott \$2272. NET \$1095

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BY RENE CHAVEZ

When news of the German invasion of Russia reached Spain on June 22, 1941, Spanish Foreign Minister Ramon Serrano Suñer offered German Ambassador Eberhard von Stohrer military assistance from the Falange (Spanish Fascist Party) and the army. This offer was provided in return for Germany's military contribution and the Soviet Union's involvement in the Spanish civil war.

Initially, Hitler tried to convince Spain's new president, Francisco Franco, to formally declare war against the Soviet Union, which had supported the losing Republic side during the civil war. However, Spain was still recuperating and a full commitment in a new conflict would have been devastating. In addition, a formal alliance with Germany would result in a grain and oil embargo from Great Britain. Franco compromised with Hitler by opening recruiting offices all over Spain for volunteers who wanted to fight against communism. When the recruiting stations closed on July 2, 1941, the number of volunteers exceeded more than the 18,000 men required. The excess personnel were enlisted as replacement troops during the summers of 1942 and 1943.

Division Española de Voluntarios

The general staff issued a directive on June 28, 1941 to the commanders of the various military regions in Spain and Spanish Morocco, which laid down the terms for recruitment. The volunteers formed the "División Española de Voluntarios" (Spanish Division of Volunteers). The volunteers were to be enlisted for the duration of the campaign. All officers above the rank of second lieutenant were to be army regulars. The division was structured according to the traditional Spanish model with four infantry regiments, each bearing the name of their commanding officer. However, since the German Infantry Division had only three regiments, the Spaniards had to reorganize and place the excess personnel in reserve. Each regiment was composed of units from different military regions.

In early July, a Spanish military commission was sent to the reserve headquarters in Berlin to discuss the structure and organization of the German Division. The Spaniards advised the Germans that they were recruiting a division of 640 officers, 2,272 non-commissioned officers and 15,780 troops. The Spaniards discovered that the Germans required at least

Images above: Spanish volunteers wearing Spanish uniforms on a train to training camp in Germany (left), Spanish national shield, and Spanish soldiers marching near the Eastern Front (right).

580 more noncommissioned officers and about 100 fewer officers. In addition, the Germans demanded 300 trucks and 400 motorcycles to transport the soldiers.

On July 7, after much delegating between the Spanish Commission and both the German and Spanish embassies, the commander-in-chief of the reserve army, Gen. Fritz Fromm, informed the Spaniards that the Reich would bear all costs of the Spanish Division. The troops would receive combat pay, dependents' allowance, hospitalization, and free franking privileges. The logistic support required to support the Blue Division was provided by the German Wehrmacht. By August 21, 18,000 troops, 5,610 horses, and 765 vehicles were assembled and loaded into freight cars to a camp at Grafenwöhr in Bavaria under the leadership of Gen. Agustín Muñoz Grandes. These troops were immediately outfitted in German uniforms with the Spanish national arm shield inscribed "Espana" on the right shoulder.

It was officially named the 250th Infantry Division but was commonly known as the Spanish Blue Division. This division was composed of Army and Falangist personnel who were accustomed to wearing blue shirts, hence the designated term Spanish Blue Division¹. The division was divided into three regiments: 262nd, 263rd and 269th plus artillery regiment 250; the surplus in personnel was distributed among the regiments.

Postal History

All German military personnel were provided with some form of free postal services referred to as "Feldpost" (Field Post). All German military branches had their own organic postal administration in charge of receiving and delivering mail. For Feldpost offices closest to the combat zone, a mobile facility usually processed mail for all military branches. All military branches subordinated directly to the "Oberkommando der Wehrmacht" (Supreme Command of the Armed Forces).

To preserve the secrecy of troop movements, each battalion was assigned a five digit code number called Feldpost Number (FPN). By the end of 1939, letter prefixes "L" and

"M" were attached in front of each FPN to units belonging to the Luftwaffe and Kriegsmarine. A breakdown by military units was added by attaching letter prefixes "A" through "E" at the end of each FPN. The letter A generally signified headquarters company, the others stood for line companies. The sequence of a FPN does not necessarily mean that the location of the units were at the same area.

The postal cover/postcard itself was usually stamped with a military Feldpost Cancellation and Official Military Unit Seal. Feldpost numbers were sometimes reassigned to other units, particularly when a unit ceased to exist. Normally, Feldpost mail could not be dispatched nor received by civil post offices. For a family member who wanted to send mail through a civil post office from their homeland, full postage was normally collected. However it all depended on the type of postal agreements that were set up with the countries that had foreign volunteers serving under the German military branches.

Postal agreements were settled between Germany and Spain. Spanish volunteers who served with the German forces in Russia used the same Feldpost services as their fellow compatriots. On August 19, 1941 the Feldpost office of the Spanish Blue Division went into operation for both German and Spanish personnel. During the early months of 1942, an agreement between both countries was set up to permit mail from both sides up to 100 grams free of postal fees. Domestic rates were applied to mail more than 100 grams.

Almost all Feldpost mailed by the Spanish volunteers was censored. The most common German censor marking was a circular "Ab," meaning it was inspected in Berlin. Spain also applied its own censorship markings.

Shown nearby is a Spanish Blue Division fieldcard [Figure 1] mailed in December 1941 by Lt. Ismael Garcia Romeo.



Figure 1. A Spanish Blue Division fieldcard mailed in December 1941 by Lt. Ismael Garcia Romeo, also known by his servicemen as "Tirolaipi."



Figure 2. A registered Feldpost cover mailed to Military District Command in Vienna in November 1942 from (FPN 28458B) Army Coastal Artillery Battalion (289/I) Battery via the Spanish Blue Division field post routing office 250 (K-719).

meo (also known by his servicemen as "Tirolaipi"). FPN 07800E written at the bottom left of the card indicates that he was assigned to the 1st Battalion/Infantry Regiment 262 "Regimiento Pimental."

All German military formations including the Spanish Blue Division were assigned with a "Feldpostamt" or "FpA" (Feldpost Office Number), which was a tactical number that was used mostly for mobile postal facilities close to a combat zone or to certain permanent facilities in the rear areas.

This FpA was devised for each Army, Corps, Division and Independent Brigade. Each FpA was assigned a three-digit code number between 100 and 999, called Kenn. This code number was used for routing Official Registered Feldpost mail. The Kenn number was applied in the Feldpost Cancel and on the Register Label. The Spanish Blue Division post office was assigned Kenn No. 719 and the number was written on the registered mail label on the nearby cover [Figure 2].

Provisions for official registered and insured mail were offered for a small postal charge. Express mail from the front required a 40Rpf fee. Feldpost express mail had to be delivered by special messenger.

It should be noted that while the division was assembling and training in Bavaria, some mail received a special training camp handstamp.

Deployment

By October 1941, the division was assigned to I Corps, which was deployed along the front line between Novgorod and Lake Ilmen in western Russia between Moscow and Leningrad. The divisional staff had its headquarters at Grigorovo, thereafter it was based in the outskirts of Leningrad. The division fought well as part of a special task force under Army Group North's rear area commander, Gen. Franz von Roques, which struck eastward between Novgorod

and Chudovo. The Blue Division fought a stubborn defense of Novgorod, an action that earned Gen. Muñoz Grandes an Iron Cross 1st Class. He later was awarded the Knight's Cross and Oak Leaves.

In January 1942, Franco ordered the Spanish ambassador José Finat y Escrivá de Romaní, Count of Mayalde, to pressure the Germans to pull the Blue Division out of the line. The fierce Russian winter and a continuous series of Soviet counterattacks had caused heavy casualties to the division.



Figure 3. Address side of a picture postcard that was mailed in April 1942 and has the special red boxed "Sp" marking. The soldier was assigned to FPN 07648 Anti-Tank Co. and the sender's correspondence indicates to his family that he had a hard day because he lost his medals.

Most of the original members of the division were withdrawn from the front lines after a year service. The replacements were usually professional legionnaires or soldiers.

From early 1942 to 1943, mail from the division received a routing marking in red consisting of boxed "Sp" letter, which signifies "Spanien" (Spanish) [Figure 3]. There are three sizes of boxed "Sp" markings: 13 millimeters by 19mm, 15mm by 19mm, and 33mm by 36mm. Also this "Sp" is found handwritten in red pencil. These markings originated in the Feldpost Routing Office 734 in Riga, Latvia.

In addition, a large and small size boxed letter "F" meaning franchise, was used on Blue Division military mail and for Spaniards working in Germany or France. In the main Spanish post offices special boxes were set up inscribed "Correspondence for Spanish volunteers in Germany." Mail bearing these markings had Spanish stamps affixed.

Luftfeldpost

By April 24, 1942, German free airmail service was provided to all German military branches. A blue permit stamp showing a military transport plane, Junkers Ju 52, in flight was issued [Figure 4]. Each soldier was entitled to receive four airmail permit stamps each month. Normally, soldiers

mailed two airmail permit stamps to family members for return mail.

Each soldier was required to use one Luftfeldpost stamp for letters weighing up to 10 grams [Figure 5]. Because of the difficulties on the front

lines, airmail service had to be limited in scope as planes, fuel, personnel and landing facilities were critically short and needed for strategic purposes. Also, each plane could only carry about 4,400 pounds of mail. From June 1943, two Luftfeldpost stamps were required for airmail. However, airmail covers sent from Spain to Germany required a 2Pta. postal fee.

During September 1942, the Blue Division was deployed to the Krasny Bor region in western Russia, southeast of Leningrad. It was placed under the command of 18th Army. On December 12, command of the division was handed over to Gen. Esteban Infantes.

During February 1943, the Leningrad and Volkov fronts linked to form a corridor south of Lake Ladoga. On the eastern side, the Soviets launched an attack on the area from Kolpino to Krasny Bor, which was held by the 4th SS Police Division and the Blue Division.

The town of Krasny Bor was defended by 5,600 Spanish soldiers, which was comprised of elements from the 262nd, 263rd and 269th regiments. Besides a few special units, which included a Dutch artillery unit, the artillery had just 24 big guns and no tanks. The Spanish Blue Division held off attacks from three Soviet Rifle Divisions and two tank battalions, altogether 33,000 men, supported by 60 T-34s, several



Figure 4. German Luftfeldpost stamp showing a military transport plane.



Figure 5. A Spanish Blue Division Luftfeldpost cover mailed in February 1943 to Barcelona by a volunteer FPN 43700 assigned to the German Liaison Staff and Feldpost Main Depot. The cover was censored in Spain and has sealing tape.

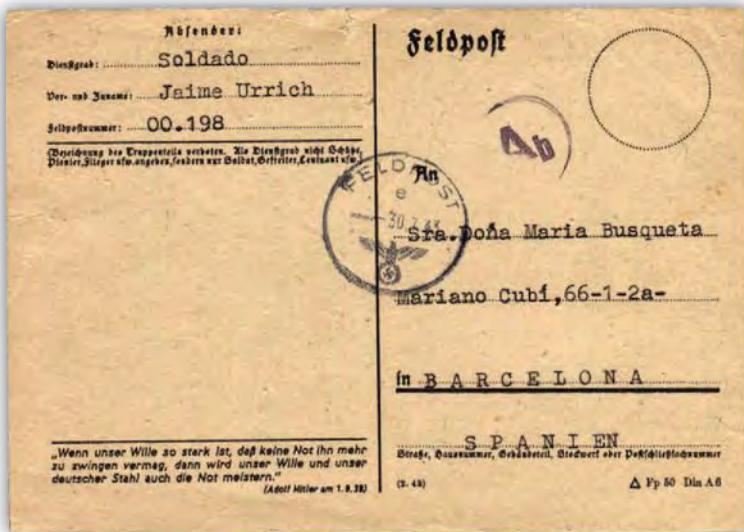


Figure 6. Field card sent July 30, 1943, around the time the Spanish Blue Division was getting ready for repatriation. The sender was assigned to FPN 00198 Battalion/Infantry Regiment 262 "Regimiento Pimental."

formations of anti-tank guns and 187 batteries of artillery. In the process, the Soviets succeeded in gaining two miles of ground and taking Krasny Bor. The Spaniards suffered 3,645 total casualties; however, the small territorial defensive cost the Soviets 11,000 casualties. In March, they were forced back by a German counter-attack.

By spring 1943, 2,000 Spanish replacements were being requested. The German 254th Division relieved the Blue division from defending Krasny Bor. The Blue Division withdrew to a quieter sector near Nikolajevsk. Meanwhile, increasing pressure from the United States and Great Britain was being put on the Spanish government. With the German defeat at Kursk and the fall of Mussolini on July 25, Franco began looking for a means to withdraw the Blue Division without risking retaliation from the Germans.

By August 1943, the Blue Division withdrew from the front line prior to repatriation of the bulk of the troops. A field card sent July 30, 1943, around the time of this event, is shown [Figure 6].

On October 17, the Blue Division withdrew from the Leningrad front to a reserve position behind Oranienbaum. Gen. Esteban Infantes was awarded the Knight's Cross. The return of veterans to Spain was done with a minimum of ceremony and by November, 163,347 men had been



Figure 8. The protective sleeve from a German printed postcard set with a small Spanish shield and a German black Iron Cross and five arrows (representing the Spanish right wing party "Falange") in the design.

quietly repatriated. Infantes returned to Spain on December 17, 1943.

German Propaganda Postcards

The Spanish government did not issue any special stamps or philatelic covers to commemorate the division. With the approval of the German propaganda department it did issue postcards. These postcards [Figure 7], in a protective sleeve of 12, were printed in Spain and Germany. The sleeve illustrates the Spanish shield that was worn by Spaniards in the Blue Division. The title below the shield indicates "Battles of the European countries for a better Europe" and "Cards of the Blue Division." There were five sets of postcards, not different in composition but different in color: sepia, black on orange, greenish-blue and shades.

Another set of postcards was also produced by the German propaganda department. The protective sleeve [Figure 8] has a small Spanish shield and a German black Iron Cross and five arrows (representing the Spanish right wing party "Falange").³ The inscription at top right, written in Spanish and German reads "Series I: Spanish volunteers at the enemy's front." Below, also in Spanish and German: "cards from the Spanish Volunteer Division." There were 12 cards illustrating Spaniards in the Eastern Front.

A postcard [Figure 9] from the series one propaganda set shows Span-



Figure 7. This protective sleeve held 12 postcards commemorating the military events of the Spanish Blue Division in the Eastern Front.



Figure 9. Card from the series I propaganda set illustrating the Spanish General Agustín Muñoz Grandes commander of the division wearing the Knight's Cross (Germany's highest military award).

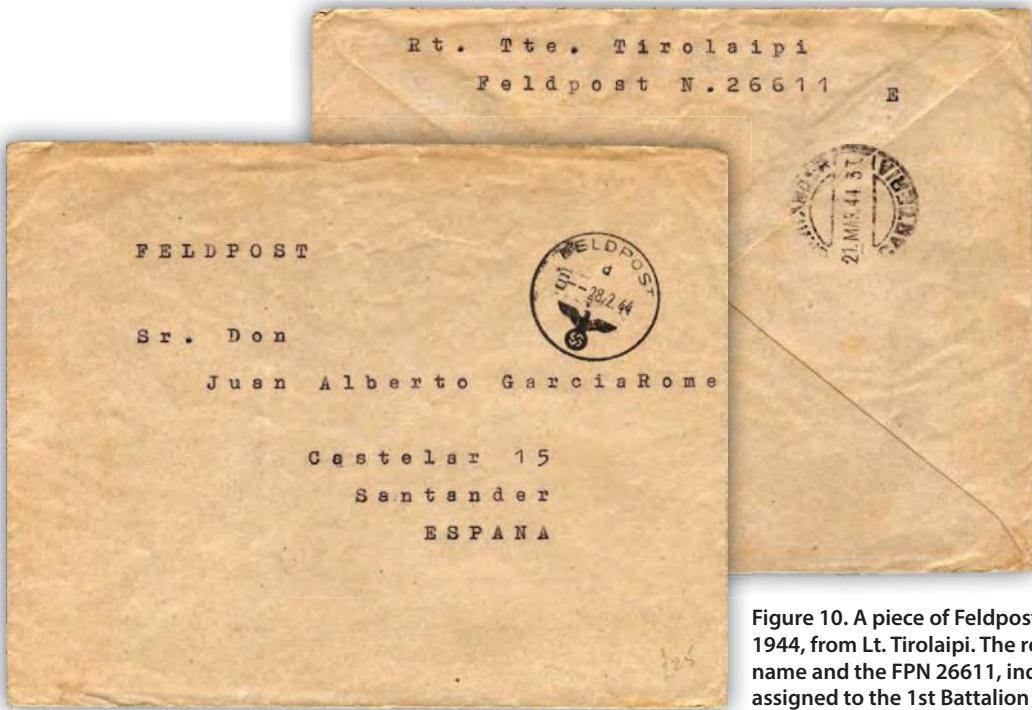


Figure 10. A piece of Feldpost mail sent February 28, 1944, from Lt. Tirolaipi. The reverse shows the sender's name and the FPN 26611, indicating that he was assigned to the 1st Battalion of the Legion.

ish Gen. Agustín Muñoz Grandes, commander of the division wearing the Knight's Cross (Germany's highest military award).

La Legión Española de Voluntarios

The Spanish government allowed the Germans to set up a smaller “Legión Española de Voluntarios” (Spanish Legion) of Blue Division veterans and new recruits consisting of 103 officers, 530 NCOs and 1,500 soldiers. The legion consisted of three battalions and was placed under the command of Col. Antonio García Navarro. On November 28, 1943, the Blue Legion was formed and assembled in the barracks at Yamberg on the Latvian frontier. This legion remained in the German army and was subordinated to the German 121st Infantry Division. Feldpost numbers for the Spanish Legion are listed nearby.

On December 5, the legion was sent to Kostovo in the Leningrad sector. Separate elements of the legion fought anti-partisan actions in Croatia. On January 14, 1944, a massive Soviet two-pronged attack was launched with the aim of overturning the two pillars of 18th Army at Novgorod and Pushkin. By January 20, both of these cities were retaken by the Soviets and the Spanish Legion was tasked to protect the German withdrawal.

The legion had fallen back toward the village of Luga. On February 1, the legion was sent to Tapa

(occasionally referred to as Taps), Estonia, for refitting after German Gen. Gasser of XXVI Corps concluded that the legion was in danger of collapse. By early 1944, the United States and Great Britain subjected pressure to Spain. It had embargoed petroleum and food shipments. Hitler notified Franco that the legion would be repatriated to strengthen Spain's hand against the allies. The legion was recalled to Spain by the end of March 1944.

There were two legion companies attached to the German 357th Infantry Division that fought in the Slovakian front as late as February 1945.⁴

A piece of Feldpost mail [Figure 10], sent February 28, 1944, from Lt. Tirolaipi, already a veteran from the Blue Division and now a member of the Spanish Legion. The cover reverse shows the sender's name and the FPN 26611, indicating that he was assigned to the 1st Battalion of the Legion. It is unknown what company he was in because the five-digit code is missing the letter prefixes A-D that designates the unit.

Spanish Legion Feldpost Numbers: November 28, 1943 to March 30, 1944

UNIT	FPN
Legion Div. Hqtrs. (Narva, Estonia)	59053
Legion Staff Btl.	24470
Military Police	24470A
Transfer Section	24470B
1st Btl. (1st–4th Co.)	26611A–D
2nd Btl. (1st–4th Co.)	25548A–D
3rd Btl.	27893A
Anti-tank Co.	27893B
Battery Unit	27893C
Reconnaissance Patrol	27893D
Signals	27893E
Transmission Co.	27893F
Supply Co.	27893G
Medical Co.	27893H
Transport Co.	27893I
Hospital, Riga	14105

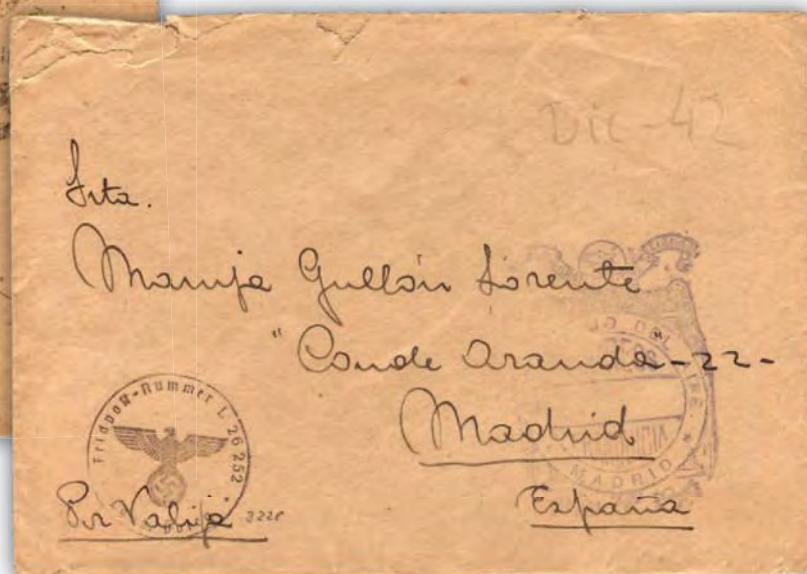
The Spanish Legion was assigned the Tactical Feldpost Office no. 43700 and Kenn No. 704. FPN 08273 was assigned to Spanish Companies 101 and 102.

The Blue Squadron

In addition to the Spanish land forces, operating quite separately was an air force detachment the “Escuadrilla Azul” (Blue Squadron) known officially as the “15 (Spanish);” the “JG-27,” and later, the “JG-51.” It operated with the Luftwaffe VII Air Group in central Russia using German fighter aircraft, mostly



Figure 11. A Blue Squadron cover mailed in late 1942 to Madrid, Spain. The cover has a handstamp from the Spanish Air Ministry of Madrid and shows the unit seal with FPN L26252, assigned to Blue Squadron members.



Messerschmitts, including the ME-bf 109E, F and G versions.

Four squadron groups were formed from August 1941 until February 1944. Airmen were trained in Werneuchen Camp. The Blue Squadron saw action over Moscow itself in late 1941; later it participated in the air battles near Kharkov and Smolensk. The 4th Squadron, which used FW-190s, saw action in the Battle of Kursk. A 5th Squadron was formed but only saw two missions. The last volunteers from the Blue Squadron were repatriated on March 6, 1944. In addition, Spaniards volunteered in the German Navy. Nearly 50,000 Spaniards served the Germans between 1941 and 1945. Blue Squadron volunteers were assigned FPN L26252 LgPa Posen.

Shown is a Blue Squadron cover mailed in late 1942 to Madrid, Spain [Figure 11]. The cover has a Spanish Air Ministry of Madrid handstamp and shows unit seal with FPN L26252, assigned to members of the Blue Squadron. The reverse shows the sender's name and the inscription "Escuadrilla Azul" (Blue Squadron), Russia.

Hitler heaped backhanded praise on the Blue Division, according to *Hitler's Table Talk 1941–1944: His Private Conversations* (Enigma Books, 2000), in which he said, "... the Spaniards are a crew of ragamuffins. They regard a rifle as an instrument that should not be cleaned under any pretext. Their sentries exist only in principle. They don't take up their posts ... But the Spaniards have never yielded an inch of ground. One can't imagine more fearless fellows. They scarcely take cover. They flout death."

They are "equal to the best German ones," Hitler concluded.

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Endnotes

1. A large percentage of Spaniards that volunteered to fight in the Eastern Front were members of the Falangist movement (Franco's fascist party), which was the only legal party allowed in Spain. These volunteers were allowed to wear a blue shirt. The blue shirt was a symbolic representation of the Falangist party.
2. Lt. Garcia Romeo also volunteered for service in the Spanish Legion, where he remained until March 1944. He was a highly decorated soldier and was awarded with both 1st and 2nd class German Iron Crosses.
3. The popular party emblem for the Falange was the "Yoke-and-Arrows." The emblem comes from the period of the Catholic Kings of Spain, Ferdinand and Isabel. The yoke is an ancient symbol for Queen Isabel, and the arrows the symbol for King Ferdinand.
4. The saga of the Spanish Blue Legion expatriated to Spain didn't end in the recruitment of volunteers wanting to continue fighting with the Germans. An underground network was established by the Germans and placed under the control of Capt. Karl Taegert. This German network had organized the recruitment and smuggling of Spanish volunteers into Germany. About 150 Spaniards made clandestine crossings along the Spanish border of the Pyrenees toward the border to Lourdes, France; they managed, with 100 other Spaniards (workers and university students) who remained in Germany, to join the German army, which included the Waffen-SS. Around 240 or so Spanish volunteers were incorporated into the 3/I/70 Rgt Wallonie under the command of (Ostuf) Garcia Valdajos. By February 1945, these Spaniards fought in Pomerania. In April 1945, two companies were attached to the 11th SS Division Nordland. These men were tasked to defend the Moritz Platz in Berlin. Of the 200 or so men under "Einsatz Gruppe Ezquerra," only 21 survived. They were among the last troops fighting the Russians in Berlin.

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How to ... Collect by Year of Issue

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From time to time, philatelists tend to redirect their collecting emphasis in order to maintain interest. I believe this individualism is one of the strengths of our hobby. The new direction may be a new country, era, or topic, as long as the urge to try something new is satisfied. For me, it was the urge to complete a single year collection.

For others who might find this an interesting challenge, I would suggest a year in the era that many consider the Golden Age of philately: 1840 to 1940. More recent years have seen an increasing number of new issues and varieties, making it more difficult to collect an entire year. As a bonus, pre-1940 or 1950 stamps in my opinion tend to be more beautiful works of design, engraving, and workmanship. Many are still among the most beautiful philatelic items to be found.

Where to Begin?

First, a long careful session with a stamp catalog is required. Carefully check country by country, not overlooking the back-of-the-book categories, because sometimes they might contain the only issues for a specific year. Also, check stamps issued as a set over several years, for example 1928–1938, because there might be one or two stamps in the set issued in the year you have chosen. Finally, it will be necessary to create your own album pages, another outlet for your creative nature.

What Year Should You Collect?

For me, it was 1934, the year of my birth, which turned out to be advantageous for creating a complete worldwide collection. It was a quiet international year.

While there were no major wars, the world was still struggling in the grip of the Great Depression and most nations issued new stamps sparingly. Although 118 nations issued stamps that year, 75 countries did not issue stamps in 1934. Of those issued, one set — Italy's airmail stamps (Scott C66–72) — were issued on my exact birthdate, April 24.

France's great Colonial Exhibition had occurred in 1931. Great Britain had yet to celebrate George V's Silver Anniversary or George VI's Coronation. Both of these events had large multi-country issues. In Germany, Hitler had yet to begin his conquest of dozens of stamp-issuing entities. Much of Asia was in a state of flux. Airmails were just beginning to become common.

The year 1934, of course, was not devoid of interesting events, though many were not necessarily stamp worthy.

In America, the first civilian maximum prison was opened in the island fortress of Alcatraz in San Francisco Bay. Babe Ruth, the aging 38-year-old slugger entering his last full season as a player and his last with the New York Yankees, took a huge pay cut, reducing his annual salary to \$35,000, although he remained the highest paid player in baseball.

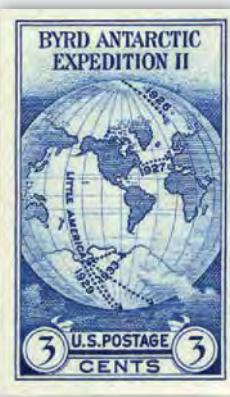
On February 7, 1934, Tupelo, Mississippi became the first city to receive electric service from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) system of dams and power plants.



The only stamps the author could find that were actually issued on his birthday, a set of airmail stamps (Scott C66–C72) from Italy. Shown here is Scott C71.



U.S. El Capitan, Yosemite National Park stamp (Scott 740), part of the National Parks Issue.



U.S. Byrd Antarctic Expedition II imperforate stamp (Scott 735).

Scandals in the awarding of contract airmail routes led Franklin Roosevelt to cancel all existing contracts and turn the transportation of airmail over to the U.S. Army on February 19, 1934, although the move proved disastrous, and airmail service was soon returned to civilian contractors by June. Shirley Temple had her first starring role in 1934 with *Little Miss Marker*.

Elsewhere, Henry Puyi, the last of the Manchu emperors, had fled China in 1924 and sought refuge at the Japanese settlement in Tientsin. In 1934, the Japanese installed him as the puppet emperor of Manchukuo in Manchuria.

Belgium's King Leopold III was crowned, succeeding his father, Albert I. The Tydings-McDuffie Act (also known as the Philippine Commonwealth and Independence Act) was passed, giving the Philippines commonwealth status with full independence to be granted in 10 years.

All these factors led to the possibility of assembling a nearly complete collection, one within my collecting and financial reach.

U.S. Stamp Issues

In 1934, the United States released one of its most cherished and beautiful stamp sets, the National Parks issue (Scott 740–749), which are truly my favorites. They were simple, yet beautiful and fit nicely into my interests of travel and the outdoors. I have visited each of the parks in the set of 10.

Equally attractive stamps issued that year included the Maryland Tercentenary (Scott 736), Mother's Day (Scott 737–738), Wisconsin Tercentenary (Scott 739), and the National Stamp Exhibition stamp honoring Byrd Antarctic Expedition II (Scott 735). Many of the infamous Farley imperforated press sheets, those not planned to be for public hands, were issued.

World Stamp Issues

With the exception of the fascist nations of Germany and Italy (with colonies), most of the remaining nations of the world issued stamps in modest numbers. A listing of some of the more attractive would include:

Austria, Folk Costume Issue, Scott 354–371.

Belgian Congo, airmails, Scott C7–C15.

Belgium, Brussels International Exposition of 1935, Scott 258–261. These stamps were issued early in 1934 in advance of the exposition.

British Guiana, the King George V British Empire reissue set, Scott 210–220.

Chile, early airmails, Scott C39–C50.

Costa Rica, airmails, Scott C15–C26.

Cyrenaica, large airmail series, Scott C20–C29,



Austria Folk Costume stamp (Scott 354), District of Burgenland.



Belgian Congo stamp (Scott C8), Fokker F VII over Congo.



Belgium Brussels International Exposition stamp (Scott 259), Brussels pavilion.



British Guiana stamp (Scott 211), Indian shooting fish.



Chile Seaplane stamp (Scott C46).



Costa Rica (Scott C24), Allegory of Flight.



Cyrenaica (C24), large airmail series.



Eritrea (Scott 158), Camel.



French Polynesia (Scott 80), Spear fishing.



Germany (Scott 427), first swastika watermark used in this set of stamps.



Netherlands Indies (Scott 165), rice field.



Portugal, Colonial Exposition (Scott 559), Head of a colonial.

CB1–CB10.

Eritrea, Scott 158, 167, 168–174, 175–178, C1–C6, CB1–CB10.

French Polynesia, Scott 80.

Germany, with its first swastika watermark, Scott 416–431.

Netherlands Indies, Scott 164–188.

Portugal, Colonial Exposition, Scott 558–560.

Switzerland, Scenic Views, Scott 219–225.

Tannu Tuva, interesting pictorials and shapes, Scott 45–51.

Tripolitania, Scott 73–78.

Although most stamps from 1934 are inexpensive, with many costing mere pennies, there are a number of high-valued items. Some examples of these include:

Cape Juby (Scott 52), Egypt (Scott 189–190), Eritrea (Scott CBO1), Great Britain (Scott 222–224), Italy (Scott CO2), Japan (Scott C8), Malaya (Scott 179), Mexico (Scott 706, CO60–61), Manchukuo (Scott 30), Switzerland (Scott 286), Tripolitania (Scott CBO1), and Vatican City (Scott 35–40).

My sources for building this collection were the usual: poring through old collections; spending hours sorting through boxes at stamp shows and bourses; and using good approvals from a reliable, helpful dealer.

This collecting diversion has provided me with much new knowledge and a great deal of pleasure — 1934 — it was a very good year.

The Author

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Tannu Tuva (Scott 49), Tuvan woman milking a yak.



Tripolitania (Scott 73) Second Colonial Arts Exhibition, Naples, native village scene.

Mick Zais Declares Candidacy for APS President

Dear APS Members,

I'm announcing my candidacy for President of the American Philatelic Society in the coming 2016 election. I'm running because I believe the APS, while facing challenges, has significant opportunities to grow membership and expand member services. To this task, I'll bring 45 years of diverse leadership and financial management experience.

For the past four years, I served as South Carolina's State Superintendent of Education, overseeing policy for 1,250 schools, 51,000 teachers, and 720,000 students, while managing a budget of \$4.0 billion.

For ten years, I served as President of Newberry College in South Carolina, a liberal arts, residential, undergraduate institution founded in 1856, with an annual budget in excess of \$20 million. During my tenure the College almost doubled enrollment, constructed new facilities, and more than doubled its endowment. During the last three years of my tenure, the College was nationally recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of "America's Best Colleges."

For 31 years, I led organizations of increasing size and complexity in the U.S. Army, culminating in promotion to Brigadier General. My assignments included Commanding General of all U.S. and Allied Forces in Kuwait and as Commanding General of Operation Provide Refuge which brought 4,000 Kosovo refugees out of Macedonia for settlement in the U.S. I was also the Pentagon's Chief of War Plans.

My entire professional life has been dedicated to leadership through service to others.

Since the age of eight, I have collected stamps from around the world. Over the past 15 years, my focus has been on stamps and postal history related to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point as well as the U.S. Army stamps of 1936-37. Next year will mark forty years of continuous APS membership. In 2013, I was elected to the APS Board of Directors as a Vice President. Most recently, I served as Chairman of the search committee that found and hired the APS's new Executive Director.

As your President, I will be a force for change. This means I will work to reverse declining membership by building new outlets for growing our membership and reaching out to more diverse groups. I'll work to strengthen the partnership between the APS and the 30 World Series of Philately regional shows, our 195 specialty societies, and the hundreds of local chapters across the U.S. I'll also work to enhance relations with philatelic organizations in other countries and to grow the number of international members.

Most importantly, I'll work with our new Executive Director, the dedicated staff, the APS and APRL Boards, and the leaderships of many other philatelic organizations, large and small, to build a stronger hobby. Working together, I'm confident we can improve the business operations of the APS while enhancing services to our members: including our StampStore, sales circuits, expertizing, education programs and fundraising to complete the world's premiere philatelic library.

The success of the APS depends upon the health of our hobby; and the health of our hobby depends upon dealers who find and provide material to collectors. As President, I will dedicate myself to strengthening the partnership between the APS and the professional philatelic community.

In the months ahead, I look forward to meeting more of you, learning about your experiences, and hearing your ideas about how we can work together to build an APS that will last for generations. To this end, I would welcome your ideas for the future of the Society at the addresses below.

It would be an enormous honor for me to serve as your President. I respectfully ask for your vote.

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SPECIAL HANDLING -
Fragile

A New Niche for an Old Service

BY ROBERT G. RUFFE

The text “Special handling” means “fragile,” not speed. At least that has been the case, officially, since June 1, 2015, according to the United States Postal Service. For the flat fee of \$10.35, you can obtain a colorful new label and specify you want your merchandise treated with kid gloves.

The 3-inch-by-1.857-inch label [Figure 1] can be used in place of printing or hand-stamping the required marking of “Special Handling-Fragile” on mailpieces when this service is either requested or required, and the extra service fee is paid.

With the fee and the label or markings, this mail will be segregated in special-handling bins, or “hods,” and move separately through the mailstream. This has always been the case for sensitive parcels such as baby chicks and honeybees, but is apparently extended as an option for any fragile item specified by the postal customer.

U.S. Special Handling was introduced in 1925 as a designated service with its own service-inscribed stamps [Figure 2], to allow live chicks, queen bees and baby alligators to move with the speed of first-class mail. The expedited service provided assurance that baby chicks would survive in the mails, and therefore is widely recognized as the forerunner of Priority Mail parcel service.

Prior to the recent reclassification, the official description for Special Handling only meant speed and efficiency — not gentle care of fragile merchandise, even if the latter seems implied by the nature of the contents, such as live chicks.



Figure 1. A new United States Postal Service label from June 2015 associated with the “Special Handling-Fragile” service.

Special Handling has remained “on the books” continuously since 1925, but after the introduction of Priority Mail in 1968, Special Handling began a downward spiral in sales revenue as costs and publicity changed to favor Priority Mail.

Now, however, Special Handling has new life because its definition and character has been repurposed to cater to mail matter requiring delicate and gentle treatment. Inquiries with Postal Service personnel confirm that such parcels will travel with special care in a separate stream outside the conventional treatment of parcel mail.

One page of a USPS website states: “Special Handling-Fragile. Get preferential handling if you’re sending unusual shipments that are fragile or for other mailable content that needs extra care.”

The service is available for most popular mailing categories — first class letters and parcels, Priority Mail, media mail, standard post, and library mail.

The three-ounce envelope shown [Figure 3], has the new Special Handling-Fragile label applied.

The former weight categories and rates — less than 10 pounds for \$9.90 and more than 10 pounds for \$13 — have been eliminated to streamline the extra service’s offerings. The single flat fee of \$10.35 applies to any eligible weight piece up to 70 pounds. The most significant and visible change in the service is the addition of the term “fragile.” Ironically, the fragile bees and chicks once sent via “Special Handling” today all move via Priority or Express Mail.

Rhetorically, collectors might wonder if they declare something is “fragile,” will they be required to pay the fee for Special Handling? The answer is no, but you may be offered the new service.

Conversely, if you want the “Fragile” service, and the labels are not available in my post office, can you still receive the service? Yes, by just paying the fee



Figure 2. This is the 25-cent service-designed stamp issued in 1925 when Special Handling was first introduced for shipping live chicks and bees.



Figure 3. A three-ounce parcel sent with the new "Special Handling-Fragile" service.

and adding the "Special Handling-Fragile" declaration to the mailpiece.

The new fragile option appears in the post office counter service computer terminals. The words "Special Handling," as such, no longer appear anywhere in the clerk's electronic terminal software.

Figure 4 shows an enlarged portion of the fragile section of a receipt for a first-class letter mailed on June 1.

Additional test shipments were made on the same date utilizing the first-class parcel service. The new service carries no indemnification, but insurance may be purchased separately, of course, and the new insurance forms actually cater to the upgraded Special Handling-Fragile service.

The revised USPS insurance forms (Form 3813-P, April 2015) carry a higher threshold of \$500. The Special Handling

section checkbox is similar for both types of insurance forms.

The section is divided in two parts: "No Fee" for "Perishable" and "Hazardous Material Transportation" items. "With Fee" for "Fragile" (\$10.35 flat fee) and "Live Animal Transportation" (20 cents per pound) items. "Live Animal Transportation" is an addition to the forms, whereas the "Liquid" check box has been removed.

While there is no fee for hazardous materials, perishable shipments, or cremated remains, these categories do require the appropriate unique service codes to identify the contents within the mailstream, and must be declared when presented at the retail counter.

So, what direction will this service change take us? Perhaps a "Fragile" declaration by postal patrons will one day result in a mandatory service fee for such parcels. Will other merchandise categories follow?

The Postal Service has kept the Special Handling service, rewriting and re-characterizing the description so that it provides "delicate treatment" of fragile merchandise. It has nothing to do anymore with expediting parcels. I can almost hear the clerks offering: "... and would you like the fragile parcel service?"

The Author

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Figure 4. Part of the U.S. Postal Service counter receipt highlighting the "Fragile" service.

Catalogs Revisited

Resources for Comparing Stamp Selling Prices

In the 1990s, the sales division staff presented a list of catalogs that had been used by sellers for comparison pricing in the sales books. Since then, the online StampStore website became operational and StampStore sellers also used those catalogs for comparison prices. Some are familiar to most collectors and some are so specialized that they are, in general, hard to find, though often available through the American Philatelic Research Library or in the online Philatelic Union Catalog.

While many stamp catalogs in the nearby chart may not have been updated in the last few years, they are still catalogs of choice for collectors. Other

catalogs are updated every year.

In the United States, the catalog used the most and the most understood for price comparisons is *Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue*, printed annually in six volumes. Specialists in U.S. material usually reference the *Scott Specialized Catalog of U.S. Stamps and Covers*, which includes values for cancels, multiple-stamp items, and stamps on cover. More varieties also are found in it. More than 95 percent of the sales books we receive have the Scott catalog listed for catalog value comparisons.

Notice that the other major collecting areas of the world have widely recognized catalogs, and our sellers of spe-

cialized collections prefer to use them for varieties not listed in Scott catalogs. Michel, Stanley Gibbons, Zumstein, Yvert-Tellier, and Unitrade cover German, British, Swiss, French, and Canadian areas, respectively. The chart here shows the catalog title, its countries or specialty, and the last year it was updated, as far as we know. These catalogs can be found in libraries or requested on loan from the APRL.

As for pricing of items in these catalogs, please be aware that the values in the specialized catalogs may be based on the philatelic market where the catalog is published. This means that the market prices may be comparable or higher than the U.S. market prices. Sellers should know that most of the collectors buying from our two services would base their purchase decisions on the U.S. market. Conversely, buyers need to know that items of a specialized nature not addressed in the Scott catalog might be priced using the specialized catalogs.

Online Catalogs

Many of the catalogs noted in the chart have an online presence for which you must pay a fee to access. There are other catalogs that are free, but their listings are not as complete as those in the major commercial catalogs. The following are a list of some of the websites I have encountered and my first impressions of them. You will find many more than I show here, but at least this may be a starting point for you. Visit the APRL, stamplibrary.org, for more online catalogs.

www.worldstampcatalogues.com/online-stamp-catalogues-old — This site has quite a list of catalogs for countries of interest and shows the languages in which they are readable online. Access to many of the catalogs is free,

Catalog Name	Countries or Specialties	Last Update or Frequency
Scott Catalog	U.S. Specialized & Worldwide	Yearly for all volumes
Brookman	U.S. and Canada	Yearly
PNC3 Catalog	U.S. Plate number Coils	2015
Hebert's	U.S. Plate number Singles	2011
Durland	U.S. Plate Blocks	2012 with 2014 supplement
Precancel Stamp Society Catalog	U.S. Precancels	2007
State Revenue Catalog	State Revenues	2013
American Stampless Cover Catalog	U.S. Stampless Covers	1997
U.S. Postal Card Catalog	U.S. Postal Stationery	2015
Catalog of U.S. Perfins	U.S. Perfins	1998 with 2011 addendum
CSA catalog and handbooks	Confederate States of America	2012
Stanley Gibbons	British areas	Yearly for most volumes
Unitrade	Canadian areas	Yearly
Ma's China Stamp Society Catalog	China	1998
Yvert-Tellier	China Specialized to 1949	2012
Maury	French areas	Yearly for most volumes
Ceres, Maury, and Dally	French Covers	2009
Michel	French Specialized Area	2015
Hellas	German areas & Europe	Yearly for most volumes
Bale	Greece	2014
Sassone	Israel	Yearly
Sakura	Italian areas	Yearly
Facit	Japan	Yearly
EDIFIL Catalog	Scandinavian areas	Yearly
Zumstein	Spain	2009–2013
Sanabria	Switzerland	Yearly
Higgins & Gage	Worldwide Airmails	1995, U.S.; 1960 & 1972, Global
Barefoot	Worldwide Postal Stationery	1989
	Worldwide Revenues	1998–2014 various countries

but may require registration to gain extended viewing.

colnect.com/en/stamps — Nice references to major catalog numbers for items shown, but it does not have all stamps of all countries listed.

postbeeld.com — Lists quite a few stamps with some information as to multiple catalog references.

https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/World_Stamp_Catalogue — This is a Wikipedia-type site with as many list-

ings as people enter. It includes a stamp identifier.

stampworld.com/en_US/ — Listings show prices. Like similar sites, the listings are not complete for each country. Their mission is to connect collectors with other collectors.

stampstore.org — The APS online sales site can be a good reference site as well. We generally have 250,000 items for sale and collectors can use it for getting catalog values and correspond-

ing selling prices for items they collect. Don't overlook this resource.

Clearance Category Notes

Last month, I put out the plea for sales books of Latin American stamps for the regular circuits. This month, I am noting the categories of the clearance inventory that are needed and highlighting the ones for which we have little or no demand.

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areas have the most demand. Revenues, U.S. used, U.S. 19th century and U.S. possessions lead this category. More clearance circuits contain U.S. material than any others, with Germany and its areas coming in second place. Buyers frequently request Eastern European countries (Baltic States and Russia having the most demand) and the Far East with China and Japan leading in this area. Global 1840–1940 is on the lists for many APS chapters that want a monthly clearance circuit, but the global general category is not specified very much.

The following categories are rarely requested, so the sales books sit in our files doing nothing for 18 months: United Nations, almost all topicals, U.S. first-day covers, and global covers. Covers of countries other than United States are not requested. At the moment, we have a lot of picture postcards in the overseas countries, along with FDCs and special event covers, but not many postally used covers.

If you are interested in any of these

low demand areas, let us know if you want a clearance circuit of them sent to you. You will have the first looks of them as clearance books.

Many sellers have the standing order to flip their retired books to the clearance inventory upon retirement and without returning them to the seller. One discount figure is applied to all of the books to expedite their processing. If the seller wants a different discount for certain categories, we will return them upon retirement from the regular circuits and the seller can then calculate what they want for each book.

Clearance Special for November and December

Provide us with a list of up to three categories and we will send you one clearance circuit of material from only one of the categories and there will be no 5 percent buyers fee charged. We will most likely choose the category with ample supply in our inventory. Please note that requests for U.S. single-stamp categories might not be chosen, because of supply.

However, U.S. blocks and the U.S. cover categories are fair game. We will

need your name, mailing address, APS number, daytime phone number, e-mail address (if you have one), and the three categories. This is a one-circuit-per-member special.

'5 For 10' Categories (Needs)

You can earn coupons for free blank books for every 10 completed books (clearance books do not qualify) containing material from a set list of categories. As you earn coupons for free blank books, the coupons can only be redeemed if accompanied by an order for sales books and/or mounts. Each month we list categories that are in particularly short supply. (Single-country books usually have better sales.

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Our Price \$650



#570. 50¢ Lilac, Mint NH, Wide Margins, Bright Color, Extremely Fine-Superb Gem, with 2015 PSE Cert. (XF-Superb 95; SMQ \$300).

Our Price \$265



#719. 5¢ Olympics Mint NH, Uncommonly Wide & Perfectly Balanced margins, Fresh Color and Sharp Impression, with 2015 PSE Certificate Graded GEM 100 NH (Population of 5 Total). SMQ is only \$450 but try to locate another one! "Worth the extra \$\$—Another #719 Graded 100 sold at auction for \$700."

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452. 1¢ Green Coil Pair, Mint NH, Absolutely Flawless Centering, Bright and crisp Superb "GEM", with 2015 PSE Certificate (Superb 98; SMQ \$400). Population is only 9 Total!

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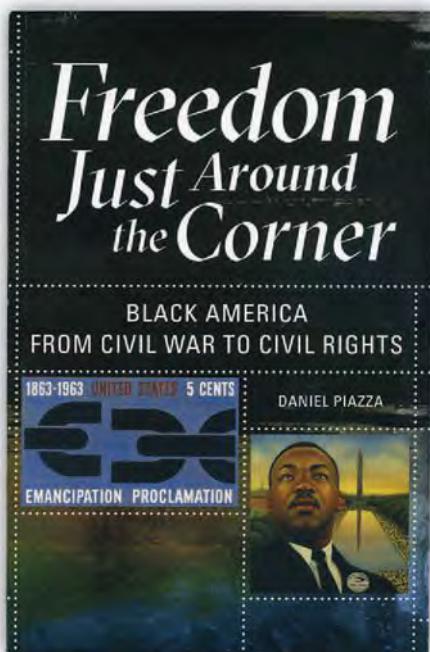
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Freedom Just Around the Corner — Black America from Civil War to Civil Rights by Daniel Piazza.

The book is slick, professional, handsome, and most importantly, overflowing from front to back with interesting and important history, much that likely most Americans know little about. It is based on an exhibit, curated by the author, of the same name on dis-



play through February 15, 2016, at the Smithsonian's National Postal Museum in Washington, D.C.

Here's how to grab a reader, from Chapter 1, pages 11 and 12:

"Slave-Carried Mail (1619–1865). Before the introduction of home mail delivery, slaves often carried mail to and from the post office. Slave-carried mail is usually identified by notation — called an endorsement — that also served as a travel pass..."

Page 12 shows a stampless cover, with an 1850 postmark and a big blue "5" for the postage paid. It is addressed to a lawyer in Richmond, Virginia. In the upper left, "sent girl Susan" is written where a return address

• "Sent girl Susan" stampless folded letter APRIL 16, 1850
Susan was probably unaware that the letter she carried to the Eastville, Virginia post office contained arrangements for her to be sold to a slave dealer in Richmond.

I send to you my negro girl
Susan aged 16 all rite and a first
rate girl big limbs and muscles
please sell her and remit...

• Littleton Dennis Teackle stampless cover c. 1822-1836
LOAN FROM SCOTT R. TREPIK
A slave named Moses carried this letter and a trunk to Annapolis, Maryland where Teackle was a member of the state legislature.

12 Freedom Just Around the Corner

A letter carried by a Virginia slave in 1850 shows a little-known method of mail delivery.

would go today. "Susan was probably unaware," explains the text about the letter inside, "that the letter she carried to the Eastville, Virginia post office contained arrangements for her to be sold to a slave dealer in Richmond."

The book has philatelic gems like this throughout as it explores more than 400 years of the African-American experience in the United States.

Other chronological chapters include: "Abolition and the Mail," "Civil War," "Reconstruction," "Segregation," "Civil Rights Movement," and "Black Heritage Stamp Series."

Here are a few more treasures:

An 1870 Skull and Crossbones cancellation applied at Union Mills, Pa. The cancellation also includes "KKK," showing how the hate-mongering Ku Klux Klan retained a foothold in the North as well as the South.

An 1880 circa photo of postman William H. Carney, of New Bedford,

Massachusetts. Carney was born a slave in 1840 in Kentucky, later joined the all-black 54th Massachusetts regiment shown in the movie *Glory*, was twice wounded and received the Congressional Medal of Honor.

A 1945 cover sent from the Pacific Theater by Walter White, when he was a World War II correspondent covering African-American service efforts, to Roy Wilkins in New York City. Both men became leaders in the NAACP.

A 1962 cover from the White House, franked with a Project Mercury stamp, to black labor leader A. Philip Randolph. In 1941, Randolph tried to organize a civil rights march on Washington, which never came about. He was involved in organizing the historic 1963 March on Washington, which was being discouraged by the Kennedy administration.

The book, and exhibit, not only offer an oft-untold segment of history, but

Postal Segregation

• Segregated Rural Free Delivery saddlebag c. 1896
Palmyra, Virginia became a Rural Free Delivery post office on October 22, 1896, one of the first in the nation to deliver mail to farm families. This mailbag with separate compartments for "white" and "colored" mail was not required by federal policy but was procured by the carrier to satisfy either his own preferences or those of his customers.

66 Freedom Just Around the Corner

Someone, possibly the postal carrier, separated the mail bag. A close examination of the outside shows how one section contained mail for white customers, the other for "colored."

could spark the collecting interests of non-collectors. Also, this might not be your topic, but the organization and care shows how to create a compelling collection, exhibit, and book.

Published by Smithsonian National Postal Museum, Washington, D.C. Softcover, color illustrated, 5.5-by-8.5, 104 pages, \$16.95 (plus \$7.95 S/H). Signed copies available upon request. Contact 202-523-2022.

Collecting Easter Island — Stamps and Postal History edited by Steve Pendleton and David Maddock.

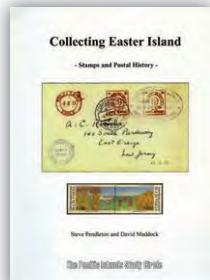
Gigantic Stone Heads (perhaps designed by aliens)? What could be more fascinating than the iconic statues unique to Easter Island? Not much, but the authors — Californian Pendleton and Brit Maddock — offer much more about the intriguing island and as thorough a review as likely possible about its somewhat limited philately in this award-winning book.

Easter Island is one of remotest inhabited places on the planet. Its 5,800

residents — about 60 percent of whom are descended from the original Rapa Nui Polynesian people — are 1,300 miles from the next inhabited island (Pitcairn Island, with 50 residents) and

2,200 miles from Chile, which annexed the island in 1888.

The authors used their own source material, and in addition, compiled a full volume of objects and information from other Easter Island enthusiasts that they share in a clear and concise manner. The book constantly weaves philately with interesting pertinent information — from the island's volcanic origins, early Polynesian settlers, 19th-century visits (and not always pleasant; think "slave traders") from European colonialists, to its modern-day role as a destination for tourists, and anthropologists and other scientists.



The book is largely and brightly illustrated in color, with plenty of depictions of covers, stamps, postmarks, postcards, parcel labels, QSL cards, and photos. Images include everything from an 1888 cover from the Chilean steamship Abtao to a couple of 2005 U.S. covers hyping the UFO Olympics in California in which the cachets depict, yup, you guessed it, Easter Island's statues of Gigantic Stone Heads (some folks surmise that alien life forces have something to do with the statues).

Today, the fascination with the island's nearly 1,000 statues, which are actually called moai, makes it a popular stop for tourists, both sightseers and scientists. The statues are carved from volcanic rock (the island boasts five dormant volcanoes). The average moai is 13 feet high and weighs 12.5 tons. The largest is 32 feet tall and weighs 82 tons.

The authors point out that a big division in the book's organization was separating the eras before and after 1953, when the island's first post office was established. They also note how early philately for the island is very rare. Although it was settled long before European explorers cast off to sail across the world's oceans, the island became a rare stopover because it is so remote, had craggy waters surrounding it, and has few deep natural harbors for large craft. Early settlers on the 62-square mile rock had cut down all of the island's trees, so natural resources such as fruits and wood were unavailable.

Chapters include "Visiting Ships," which include several covers from the Chilean navy; "Stamps Issues," "Illustrated Covers," one on aviation, which chronicles pioneer aviator and Chilean air force pilot Roberto Parrague Singer's dedication to establishing flights, considered suicidal by many, between Chile and the island.

Another intriguing chapter is "Americans on Easter Island and APO 09877," which chronicles how in the 1960s the U.S. established a secret base on the island to support Eduardo Frei, a moderate candidate for Chile's presidency, monitor French nuclear testing in the Pacific, and build a modern airport.

Another chapter is devoted to the supersonic jet, the Concorde, which visited the island several times.

What I knew about Easter Island before seeing this book was basically: Gigantic Stone Heads. In just a short time of browsing I feel like I have gained a real connection to this remote rock of land so far from my home. I can't wait to give it a more thorough read.

The book won Vermeil awards at StampShow 2015 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and at Stampex in London.

Published 2014 by the Pacific Islands Study Circle, London. Softcover, perfect bound, 216 pp. Fully colored illustrated. The book is £25 (about \$38) for PISC members; £30 (about \$46) for non-members. Shipping is extra (about \$14.50 surface mail to the United States) www.pisc.org.uk.

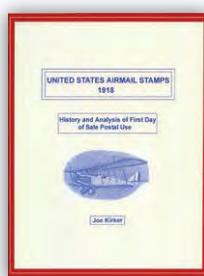
United States Airmail Stamps, 1918, History and Analysis of First Day of Sale Postal Use, by Joe Kirker.

This short study of just 51 pages offers some pretty interesting material about the first three U.S. airmail stamps and their particularly famous and infamous first-day covers, genuine and those not.

The stamps, Scott numbers C1, C2, and C3, were issued in reverse order on

May 13, July 11, and December 10, 1918, respectively. Existing first-day covers are pretty rare. The 24-cent C3 was issued first, officially on May 14, 1918, with some sales known on May 13. The 16-cent C2 was next with the 6-cent C1 in December.

The author explores the trails of several covers, along with the stamps' availabilities and histories. He uses this information, along with auction catalog descriptions and results (many being sold for thousands of dollars), expertizations and timelines to offer analysis and conclusions (genuine, question-



able, not genuine) on 18 Jenny "first-day" covers: three of the C3, six of the C2, and nine of the C1.

Text and analysis reviews details such as genuineness of postmarks (distance between bars, blurriness) and time and place of sale vs. distance traveled. (Perhaps the chapter starting on Page 41 showing when stamps were actually sold at post offices should have been closer to the front.)

What I didn't like was having to flip back-and-forth between the history of the covers and the author's analysis. For example, there is an auction history with terrific images of a cover bearing a C1 6-cent orange Jenny on a 4-cent legal-sized envelope, plus an additional 4-cent stamp. It's postmarked 4 p.m. December 10 in Philadelphia, the first day of sale. That's all on pages 13 and 14. But the analysis is way back on Page 36 with no notes on any pages referring where to turn.

The covers, most of which the author says are not genuine, have all likely been discussed elsewhere, but maybe not all in one place.

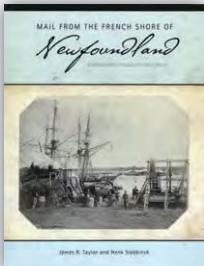
Softcover 8.5-by-11 with three dozen color and several B&W images. The price is \$25 postpaid (Priority Mail) in the United States; \$30 elsewhere. Inquiries

to the author, 529 Parton Drive, Gatlinburg, Tennessee 37738; or e-mail to Jenny1918joe@aol.com.

Mail from the French Shore of Newfoundland, by James R. Taylor and Henk Slabbinck.

Exploring this book is like tossing a line into cold Canadian waters and within minutes hauling in a trophy fish. Like that smiling fisherman, the serious philatelist, ever-watchful for a great catch, should also be grinning after diving into this book.

If you have an interest in French Canada, Newfoundland, North Ameri-



can pioneers and history, fishing history, or French and Canadian postal history, you will love this book. If you don't connect to any of the aforementioned, the book is still certainly worth a look, just to appreciate the dogged research, intimate detail, organization, and expertise from the authors.

A limited number of maps, photographs, drawings, and text give the

reader some sea legs as to where they are — basically a big chunk of the north central and northwest coast of Newfoundland — and how we got there, which was through France's early exploration and exploitation of natural resources, followed by treaties allowing fishing access to the region's waters.

French Shore treaties allowed France and its fishing industry to retain a firm foothold on the North American waters until the Anglo-French Convention of 1904, when France gave up rights to everything except the islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, off the southern coast of Newfoundland.

More than 60 covers from 1737 to 1884, when France had free access to the shores, are shown and documented. Many were obtained in France from the old fishing companies' inventories.

The illustrations and text explore the covers' details, including addresses, rates, postal markings, and letters, helping to shape the life and history of the French fisherman and the industry itself. There is plenty of vital explanation of postal markings, which help show movement of settlements, the shore-area fishing boats, and larger ships that crossed the Atlantic.

Let's look at just one of the covers.

New Catalogs

Scott Catalogs

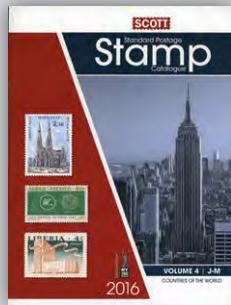
Scott Publishing, a division of Amos Media Co., of Sidney, Ohio, has published its final three volumes in its annual six-set 2016 edition of the *Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue*. Scott owns and publishes the stamp numbering and catalog system used by many collectors in the United States and other parts of the world.

The cover on the theme of all of this year's catalogs is New York City in anticipation of World Stamp Show-NY 2016, scheduled for May 28 to June 4. Each catalog cover shows a view of Manhattan and the Empire State Building. On the left side are stamps with New York City themes.

Volumes 1 to 3 were summarized here in the September edition. Here are some highlights on the three latest volumes from the publisher:

Volume 4 (Countries J to M, 1,520 pages) includes nearly 7,500 value changes, with Macao topping the leaderboard with more than 1,800, a mix of upward (many for stamps issued since 1999) and downward (Portuguese territory period).

South Korea sees 450 value changes, most of them downward, and mostly focused in the 1940s through early 1960s.



Most of the 750 value changes in Kazakhstan are decreases, most around 20 percent.

Libya also has nearly 800 value changes, again predominantly downward (10 percent to 15 percent) due to a sluggish market. Laos received a line-by-line examination and notched 800 value changes, many of them upward. Malaya had 450 value changes with noticeable jumps upward for occupation issues. Morocco also saw

about 750 value changes, many upward, though modest.

The Volume 4 cover shows 1979 2.10-franc Monaco (Scott 1195), honoring the centennial of St. Patrick's Cathedral; an 80-cent airmail from Mexico (Scott C307) honoring Mayan antiquities and the World's Fair Unisphere; and a 4-cent Liberian stamp (Scott 356) showing the New York Coliseum (demolished in 2000), site of the Fifth International Philatelic Exhibition.

Volume 5 (Countries N to Sam, 1,664 pages) reflects some interesting changes in Russia, where dozens of new listings through Scott 408 have been added. A sizeable number

A cover dated July 16, 1833 was mailed from Port Saunders to Etampes, near Paris. Port Saunders is located in Baie d'Ingornachoix on the West Coast. The letter was sent by a naval officer of a French fisheries patrol vessel and is rated a "rather expensive" 21 décimes in error. Postmarks include "Pays D'Outremer" and a double-circular "Marseille/ 17/ Sept. 1833/ 12."

This is the only cover reported from Port Saunders, which was named by Capt. James Cook for Sir Charles Saunders, a Royal Navy commodore, the authors report. Fishing premises by 1860 were nearby at Kappel Island, which shelters the harbor entrance; Lobster, cod, and salmon were fished. Its tight anchorage can be blocked for days at a time by winds in the fall, the book says.

I'm thrilled to see and read about this artifact, but also pretty happy I didn't have to lead the harsh, lonely life of a shore fisherman who had to fight the elements almost daily and could expect my letter home to take two months to arrive.

Published 2014 by Friesen Press, Victoria, British Columbia. Distributed by Ingram Book Co. Hardcover, 9-by-11.5, color illustrations, plus a few black-and-white photos and maps. 115 pages, \$83.99 hardcover from Friesen Press; \$31.97 as an eBook from Google Play.

Postal Censorship in Finland, 1914-1918, editor Roger P. Quinby, on compact disc.

The CD consists of six main folders plus a table of contents, foreword, acknowledgements and a bibliography.

The CD offers a meticulously detailed up-to-date listing of the various censorship stamps, resealing tapes, wax seals, censor's signatures and initials used in Finland from the first day of censorship, August 15, 1914, until the last day of official censorship, January 28, 1918. This CD does not include the censorship markings

used during the War of Independence and the markings used thereafter on mail to abroad.

A new main folder is "Summary of Marks and Resealing Tapes." It provides an overview of the more than 160 main types of censor stamps and resealing tapes used during the time period.

The text reads: "No definitive classification of the censor marks is attempted here, rather a listing of the most recognizable mark types under the basic general and personal bifurcation. A comprehensive classification of censor marks used during World War I would be difficult and messy ..."



Just for the Helsinki censor chapter (one of 10 chapters), the table quickly tells us there are 29 main types of censor stamps with 418 subtype censor marks. And there are three languages (or combinations thereof) — Finnish, Russian and Swedish — to document. Messy, indeed.

The other main folders are: "Olam's Introduction," "Catalogue of Censor Marks by Censor Offices," "Rarity Analysis and Charts," "FGPO (Finnish Government Post Office) Bulletins re Censorship," and "Timeline of Significant Events Affecting Censorship in Finland."

The section on censorship times is broken into four PDFs. The 1914 section, for example, includes about two dozen dates with details, such as: August 1, Parcels to Serbia halted; and October 2, Vyborg censor office opens.

The catalog section is in full color and several folders are quite large. It is recommended that you print out the catalog and other sections as needed and place pages in an organized three-ring binder.

2015 edition published by The Finnish Philatelist. All the files are in the Adobe PDF format. Inquiries to: Roger Quinby, 12425 Dancliff Trace, Alpharetta, GA 30009-8756; rpquinby@aol.com. The CD retails for \$30 postpaid anywhere in the United States or Canada; \$35 or €35 postpaid anywhere else.

of these were previously listed as footnotes. In Nicaragua, several new sets from the 1980s have been added. Previously, these stamps were under scrutiny as being illegitimate, but Scott editors say as legitimate postal uses were found, the stamps were added. However, the publisher lacks images of several.

Romania and Nepal are the leaders in value changes, with 1,850 and 1,450, respectively, and most of those changes are downward. In Romania, Scott reports that some stocks of recent stamps, even dating back to the 1970s, are being remarkedeted as canceled to order.

In Pakistan, a weakness in the market has driven prices down with the exception of certain topicals, such as the 2005 Mushrooms block of 10 (mint up from \$2.75 to \$7.50).

On the flip side, tiny Nepal sees 800 value changes, many of them

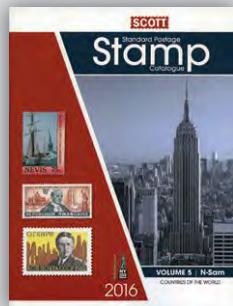
upward. For example, there was a huge increase in the 1898 imperforate 1-anna Sripech and Crossed Khukris (Scott 13) from \$12.50 mint and \$6 used to \$60 both ways.

Nauru, Namibia and Nigeria all show about 500 value changes, mostly downward for the first two; a mix for the latter. Several significant additions have been made to Qatar, including some overprints in the No. 100 to 118 range.

The Volume 5 cover shows a 1986 75-cent Nevis (Scott 511), honoring Operation Sail and the centenary of the Statue of Liberty; a 10-cent from Rwanda celebrating the 1965 visit of Pope Paul VI to New York City and the United Nations (Scott 147); and a 6-kopeck Russian stamp (Scott 2635) from 1962 honoring writer O. Henry.

Volume 6 (Countries S to Z, 1,744 pages) has nearly 10,000 value changes recorded with Singapore (2,150) and tiny Togo (1,550) leading the way. The editor's foreword indicates many changes were downward.

Singapore sees a mix in upward and downward changes with most changes after 1966 being downward. Togo also saw



downward values with a softening in the market. Even rarer stamps saw dips. For example, an unused Scott 37a rose from \$9,000 to \$10,000, but the used version dropped from \$4,000 to \$3,000.

Tunisia was reviewed "thoroughly" resulting in 1,400 changes, with a moderate number of them downward. The former French colony of Senegal saw 346 changes, again, many of them downward.

One area where prices rose was that of classic Southern Rhodesia, especially among vertical and horizontal pairs.

Only 41 changes were made in Sweden, with an equal mix of upward and downward.

Countries not mentioned include Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, and Vatican City.

Several countries see new additions, among them Togo's 1961 souvenir sheet of six for UNICEF; Serbia's double impression varieties for the 1918 Scott 2b and 7a; six minor listings for Tripolitania; and a new "important" footnote for South Africa Scott 16 involving watermarks.

The Volume 6 cover illustrates the 1964 5-franc Republic of Togo (Scott 533) that shows the World's Fair's Unisphere and the Manhattan skyline; a 1200-lira San Marino from 2001 depicting the Ellis Island Immigration Museum (Scott 1503); and a 20-cent Swiss stamp (Scott 671) honoring engineer and bridge builder Othmar H. Ammann.

2016 Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue, Vols. 4, 5, and 6. 2015. Updated annually. Available through dealers, outlets such as Amazon, and Scott/Amos Media Co. (amosadvantage.com/scottonline). Softcover (weighs about 8 pounds), \$124.99 each; digital edition, \$75 each.

Stanley Gibbons

Stanley Gibbons Publications of the United Kingdom has released new catalogs for Hong Kong, Belgium and Luxembourg, the Eastern Pacific, and King Edward VII to King George VI (Volume 2). Stanley Gibbons, which also sells stamps and philatelic supplies, is the leading English-language producer of specialized catalogs in Europe.

For those familiar with Scott (Amos Publishing, U.S.) catalogs, there are similarities and differences. Both companies offer full color illustrations, listings for major issues plus their varieties, stamp descriptions and first day of issue dates. In both, illustrations carry their own number separate from the stamp's identifying number.

SG and Scott use their own unique copyrighted catalog numbers. Also, color descriptions vary between companies.

Here's a look at the basics and what's new in the catalogs (the latter three, all softcovers, have a revised International Philatelic Glossary in five languages), with information supplied by the publisher:

Great Britain (Concise)

The volume is less-detailed than the full, five-volume specialized series of Great Britain, but still provides plenty of source material.

The edition is updated with all prices reviewed and revised in line with the current market, according to Stanley Gibbons, which also offers these other highlights:

All basic stamps priced mint and used, with unmounted

and mounted mint prices from 1887 to 1935 and on-cover prices from 1840 to 1911. All stamps from 1840 to 2015 are listed. Every different design is illustrated in color. Includes gutter pair prices. Listings include changes of watermark, perforation, shade and phosphor. Visible plate numbers listed for Victorian stamps. First-day covers for special issues from 1924 and for King Edward VIII and King George VI definitives listed. Quick reference diagrams for listed Machin decimal booklet panes.

King Edward VII to King George VI (Volume 2), a Great Britain Specialised Stamp Catalogue. August 2015, 14th edition, first since 2009. Updated annually. Hardcover, 368 pages. More than 1,500 color illustrations. 47.95 (app. \$73.68 U.S.).

The catalog covers the extremely popular collecting time frame encompassing the modern reigns of the male British royalty, from 1901 through 1951.

There is background information for all issues with full details of plate markings, sheet arrangements, inks, papers, and shades. Essays, proofs, and color trials are listed and priced. Helpful checklists relate specialized numbers to standard Stanley Gibbons numbers.

The catalog builds on the work of a succession of expert philatelists and editors who have cooperated to produce a reference work of world-renowned excellence. The editors consider this edition has the most extensive changes in the volume's 48-year history.

Among the highlights:

The work is published in full color for the first time. There is a new introduction to the King George V section that details the sequence of events which led to the Downey and Profile heads, complete with new comprehensive tables listing trials and essays.

The perforation types of the King George V letterpress definitive have been revised with new listings of control varieties. New sections have been added, in particular those listing various essays for the King Edward VIII definitives and the artwork, proofs and color trials for the postage due stamps.

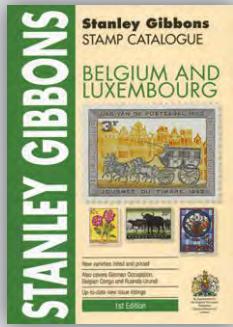
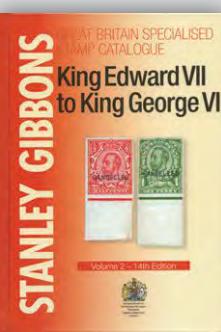
New listings throughout in the form of Specimens, Controls, Edward VII shades and plate flaws. The entire catalog has been repriced in line with the current market. There is improved layout to aid navigation.

Belgium and Luxembourg, June 2015, 1st edition. Softcover, 260 pages. 2,500 color illustrations. 21.95 (app. \$33.75 U.S.).

There is an updated Belgium design index. Pricing for all areas has been thoroughly revised.

Belgium and Belgian Congo specimen stamps are listed. Also included are machine labels, German Occupation of Belgium, Belgian Congo, and Ruanda-Urundi.

Eastern Pacific, June 2015, 3rd



edition. Softcover, 200 pages. 1,400 color illustrations. 19.95 (app. \$30.65 U.S.).

The edition includes the island nations of Cook Islands, Aitutaki, Rarotonga, Penrhyn Island, Niue, Pitcairn Islands, and Samoa.

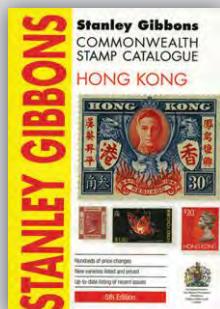
On cover "multipliers" are provided for all stamps to 1945 to allow calculation of prices for stamps on cover. Watermark varieties, plate flaws, major errors, perforation changes, shades, official stamps,

and booklets are listed.

There are listings for the "no stamps available" handstamp cachets for 1920 to 1926 in the Pitcairn Islands. There is a comprehensive listing for all stamps from the Independent Kingdom of Samoa (1877). There are notes to help with the identification of forgeries and reprints of "Express" stamps.

Hong Kong, July 2015, 5th edition, first since 2013. Softcover, 128 pages. 425 color illustrations. 16.95 (app. \$26 U.S.).

Prices have been extensively revised with listings from 1862 to April 2015. A design index is provided for all commemorative and pictorial stamps issued since 1935. Watermark varieties, shades, plate flaws, major errors, booklets, postal fiscals and postcard stamps are all included. There is a price guide for stamps on cover up to 1945. Aside from regular postage, the catalog includes postage dues, premium booklets, Japanese occupation, and Hong Kong stamps for British post offices in China and Japan.



3613
Year Lower Left



3614
Year Lower Right



Sheet Stamps

3615
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Fundamentals Will Forge Philately's Future

Reviews of Long-Range Plans in Key Areas are Underway



Vince Lombardi, best known as the coach of the Green Bay Packers, was the most successful coach in the National Football League. His career winning percentage was .740, winning nearly three of every four games, six NFL Championships and two Super Bowls. Since 1971 every Super Bowl Champion has been awarded the Vince Lombardi Trophy as the symbol of excellence.

That is not to say he did not know frustration. In 1960, the Packers played for the NFL championship against the Philadelphia Eagles. Though the Packers, with Bart Starr as quarterback, took a fourth quarter lead, they let the Eagles immediately score and re-take the lead. Despite Lombardi and Starr's best efforts, the Packers fell short on the next scoring drive, losing the NFL title.

When the Packers came together for training camp in July 1961, the team waited for Lombardi; with some expectation he was going to let loose the frustration of months. What they got instead was a simple introduction. Lombardi walked into the locker room, football in hand, and gathered the team around. "Gentlemen," Lombardi started, "this is a football."

Even though the team had come within minutes of winning a championship months before, Lombardi decided to start with the fundamentals of football. Where the lines were, the end zone, what each position was and how it contributed to the team's success — to borrow the oldest of sports clichés — back to the basics.

The result of that speech and philosophy speak volumes. The Packers would not only win the NFL championship in 1961, but again in 1962 and another impressive run from 1965 to 1967, including the first two Super Bowls. (Yes, we know it wasn't officially called the "Super Bowl" until 1969.) Lombardi's success was challenging every player to forget what they knew and learn it all over again.

Unfortunately, our membership has declined for 20 years and revenues have matched. The good news is the American Philatelic Society remains fundamentally sound, but this is our



Legendary football coach Vince Lombardi built winning teams by going back to the basics. He and his team have been honored on United States postage stamps and stationery.

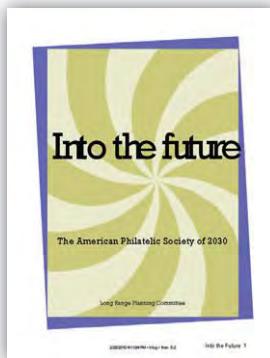


opportunity to "get back to the basics" and start building the organization we know it can be.

In 2010, the Long Range Planning Committee released a report titled, "Into the Future" which you can read online at stamps.org/userfiles/file/reports/IntoTheFuture_Report.pdf.

The report is admittedly ambitious, projecting what the world of philately would be like in 2030 and how the APS should be positioned to meet the needs of collectors then. Progress was made on the report, but five years later, we are ready to review the plan and make appropriate course corrections.

Members of the APS and APRL boards will examine this strategic plan and how we can address some of our challenges in the near term. That final product will be presented to our members and the respective boards by January to become our new playbook. The plan we present should be a multi-year plan, but try to look no further than 2020. In future Our Story columns, I will discuss each of these topics in greater detail, but for now, our challenges are: sustainability, education, accessibility, and membership.



The cover of the Into the Future report.

Membership

We have averaged approximately a 1,000-member loss each year. Typically, once someone is a member, they are likely to stay a member. Where our biggest challenge lies is in recruitment of new members. Through the years, we have tried different approaches to add members, with some results, but not nearly enough.

Initially, we will take the various committees created over the years to form one committee focused on all aspects of membership, specifically recruitment, retention, and services. This committee will build the plan and work to bring the resources and knowledge to take us from good to great.

Education

In the "Into the Future" plan, the APS goal in 2010 was to increase the number of online courses by 2015. Today, we offer a series of courses, mostly in person to adult collectors and a handful of programs to youth collectors. In education, the goal is to meet the needs of various skills — teach from novice to experienced, and all points in between. We are successful in certain areas, but we do not have a comprehensive education plan expected



Cathy Brachbill, the new APS Director of Education.

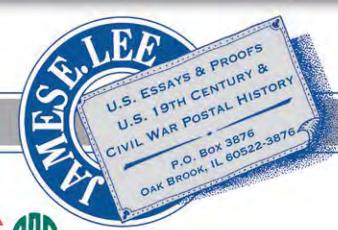
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by this point. We recently hired Cathy Brachbill, a former classroom teacher and curriculum instructor, to be the APS Director of Education. At the same time, we are bringing together all of the education-related committees under one umbrella to better integrate our education services to reach both youth and adult members, entry-level to experienced.

Accessibility

Today, we need to be accessible from near and far — and typically around the clock.

We have made progress providing *The American Philatelist* online and our library has provided more digital access than ever before.

Accessibility also means preservation of the materials we use. In some cases, our holdings are older, fragile, and even rare and need special care.

If we do not make preservation a top priority, it may be too late. In order to accomplish this, we are asking the Technology Committee to bring together a long-term technology plan and help identify the resources to accomplish the mission.

Sustainability

All of our activities require resources and for nine years, APS membership has remained at \$45 a year.

For some of our members, this represents a significant investment and for other members, it is a small cost and they

have generously given more of their money, resources, and time for the good of the APS and philately.

There is no single answer to keeping the APS on a sustainable operating track.

We will continue to work with members to give them the best value for their membership, offering ways to make larger contributions, and allow a legacy of giving long after they are gone.

After a break of almost a year, the Campaign for Philately has come back together to reignite our development resources — fundraising, grants, and bequests and estates — to better serve the collecting community at large.

Thankfully, the future of the APS and philately is serious enough that our members are willing to give their time, knowledge, and even funding to support.

However, there is no single person who holds the right answer and so we invite all of our members to give us your best ideas or suggestions.

Please feel free to send them to scott@stamps.org.

It does not matter if it's been thought of before, failed before, or seems like no one else has ever been interested in listening — when we get back to the fundamentals, the sheet is clean and we start again.

So, to borrow on the phrase from Coach Lombardi, "Ladies and gentlemen, this is a stamp."

APS & APRL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The holiday season is rapidly approaching.

When you are planning your travels, please note that the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, will be closed:

- Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27
- Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25
- Friday, January 1

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1945	195a	Constitution, SS	\$12.00	1971	1080	Children's Week	\$2.25	1978	1384	Conference of Foreign Ministers	\$30	1989	1984	View of Belgrade and Maps	\$1.25
1945	195a-196a	Constitution, SS	\$24.00	1971	1081-6	Portraits	\$2.05	1978	1385	Sports, Kayak & Canoe	\$30	1989	1K5-10	Not after, w/Ovpt., no value listed	\$10.70
1949	262-4	Liberation of Macedonia	\$4.00	1972	1089-90	Olympics	\$2.75	1978	1386	First Ascent, Mt. Triglav	\$25	1918	1L21	Bosnian Girl, IMP overprint	\$4.40
1949	265-7	UPU	\$4.75	1972	1100-2	Europa	\$1.20	1978	1387-8	Protection of the Environment	\$55	1918	1L22	Bosnian Girl, IMP overprint	\$4.40
1950	290-3	Labor Day	\$24.00	1972	1102-7	Birds	\$4.25	1978	1397-80	League of Communist Congress	\$55	1919	1LB7	Regular issue + surcharge, overprint	\$4.75
1950	295-9	Airplanes, Transportation	\$37.50	1972	1108-9	Title	\$7.75	1978	1418	International Year of the Child	\$45	1990	2003	Communist Congress, SS	\$1.25
1950	300-4	Chess	\$50.00	1972	1110	Title, SS, IMP	\$2.75	1979	1425	Saints Cyril & Methodius	\$25	1990	2069	Track & Field, Sports, SS	\$2.25
1950-51	305-15	Industry	\$55.00	1972	1113	Children's Week	\$2.5	1978	1426-7	Universities	\$25	1990	2072	Chess, SS	\$8.00
1951	335-7	Cultural	\$32.50	1972	1114-5	Chess	\$1.50	1978	1426-7	Europa, Sheets of 9	\$7.20	1990	2073	Chess, SS, IMP	\$8.00
1951-52	343-54	Types of 1951-52	\$90.00	1972	1117	Macedonian Freedom Fighter	\$2.5	1979	1432	Scientist	\$35	1991	2101	Danube River, SS	\$9.00
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1952	368	Yugoslavia Philatelic Exhibition	\$10.00	1973	1129	Founding of Skofja Loka	\$3.0	1979	1447	Ships	\$1.50	1918	2L11	Stamps 1916-18, overprint	\$4.40
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1953	390	38th Esperanto Congress	\$3.00	1973	1158	Sculptor	\$2.5	1980	1467-8	Marshal Tito Memorial	\$25	1937	B57a	National Costumes, SS	\$4.75
1953	393	Liberation	\$100.00	1973	1159	Portraits	\$3.30	1980	1469	Revolutionary	\$25	1946	B134-7	Communication	\$12.00
1953	394	Poet	\$5.00	1973	1160-5	Paintings	\$1.70	1980	1471	Coins	\$1.30	1946	B138-41	Railroad Reconstruction	\$8.00
1953	395-7	National Republic of Yugoslavia \$10.00	\$1.00	1973	1163-73	Republic Day	\$2.00	1980	1477-80	overprint	\$4.40	1949	C33a	Railroads, Trains, Transportation	\$175.00
1954	404-8	Animals (Broken)	\$26.80	1974	1174-9	Sculptures	\$11.40	1980	1481	Types of 1971-77 (Broken)	\$25	1951	C34-42	...	\$65.00
1954	410	Yugoslavia Philatelic Exhibit	\$13.00	1974	1178	Sculptures	\$3.25	1978-81	1488-91	Lipica Stud Farm	\$25	1951	C43	Belgrade, SS	\$175.00
1954	411-4	Revolution	\$41.35	1974	1179	Sculptures	\$4.00	1980	1493	Stamps 1916-18, overprint	\$25	1951	C45-7	Mountaineers	\$65.00
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1956	435-46	Sculpture, Art	\$127.20	1974	1185-6	Montenegro Postage Stamps	\$5.55	1980	1495	European Nature Protection Year	\$1.85	1951-2	C50-2	Types of 1951 (Broken)	\$4.15
1956	452-60	Animals	\$51.90	1974	1193, 1196	Marshal Tito	\$5.00	1980	1498-1501	Minerals	\$2.00	1951-52	C52-3	Types of 1951 (Broken)	\$12.65
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1958	509-10	Industrial Progress	\$28.00	1974	1225	National university Library	\$2.5	1980	1521	Politician	\$2.25	1962	J75-9	Torches & Star, Typo	\$67.75
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1958	525, C58	International Geophysical Year	\$8.00	1975	1232	First Publication of Matica Srpska	\$2.5	1981	1526	Table Tennis, Sports	\$2.25	1961	R43	Railroads, Trains, Transportation	\$175.00
1959	527-35	Tourist Attractions	\$8.80	1975	1232a	Literary Journal	\$30.00	1981	1527	Stamps 1916-18, overprint	\$2.25	1961	R44	...	\$4.40
1959	536-46	Flowers	\$16.00	1975	1235-40	Antique Jewelry	\$1.65	1981	1528-9	Europa, Sheets of 9	\$2.25	1961	R45	...	\$4.40
1961	597-605	Flowers	\$14.40	1975	1242	International Women's Year	\$2.25	1981	1530	Socialist Leader	\$2.25	1961	R46	...	\$4.40
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1961-62	627	Types of 1958	\$7.50	1975	1246-7	World War II Liberation of Yugoslavia \$3.00	\$9.55	1981	1538-9	Macedonian Revolutionary	\$2.25	1970	R48	...	\$4.40
1961-62	628	Types of 1958	\$12.00	1975	1254	Children's Drawings	\$9.55	1981	1541	National Insurrection	\$2.25	1973	R49	...	\$4.40
1961-62	629-45	Types of 1958	\$32.35	1975	1269-70	Europa	\$7.0	1981	1542	City of Varazdin	\$2.25	1973	R50	...	\$4.40
1962	662a	Marshal Tito, SS, IMP	\$35.00	1975	1271-2	Paintings	\$1.55	1981	1543	Parliament Building, Belgrade	\$2.25	1973	R51	...	\$4.40
1963	689-94	Flowers	\$5.15	1975	1275-80	European Architectural Heritage	\$7.5	1981	1544	Serbian Printing Office	\$2.25	1975	R52	...	\$4.40
1965	777-7	Flowers	\$3.55	1975	1281-3	Olympics	\$2.25	1981	1545	Writer	\$2.25	1975	R53	...	\$4.40
1967	854-9	Medicinal Plants, Youth Day	\$2.05	1976	1284-5	Olympics	\$2.25	1981	1546-9	Ships	\$2.25	1975	R54	...	\$4.40
1969	869c	Coil Stamps	\$3.0	1976	1286	Red Flag	\$2.25	1981	1551	Savings Bank	\$2.25	1976	R55	...	\$4.40
1967	876-81	International Tourist Year	\$4.35	1976	1287	Founder, United Serbian Youth	\$2.25	1981	1552	International Inventional Conference	\$2.25	1977	R56	...	\$4.40
1967	888	International Children's Week	\$5.50	1976	1288	Writer	\$2.25	1981	1555	Writer	\$2.25	1977	R57	...	\$4.40
1967	895-7	Paintings	\$12.00	1976	1289-90	Europa, Sheets of 9	\$4.50	1981	1556-60	Paintings	\$1.55	1978	R58	...	\$4.40
1968	906-11	Religious	\$2.70	1976	1290-12	Olympics	\$2.75	1981	1576	Tito, M176	\$10.88	1978	R59	...	\$4.40
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1968	942-6	Paintings	\$34.35	1977	1324	Writer	\$2.25	1982	1564-5	Europa, Sheets of 9	\$2.25	1980	R63	...	\$4.40
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1969	973-8	Flowers	\$4.00	1977	1333-4	Olympics	\$7.20	1982	1571	Soccer, SH 4	\$1.60	1982	R65	...	\$4.40
1969	990	Children's Week	\$2.25	1977	1335-7	President Tito's Birthday	\$8.80	1981	1574	Communist League, SS	\$8.80	1955	R66	...	\$4.40
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1970	1036-41	Religious	\$2.20	1977	1341-2	Security Conference	\$1.00	1982	1586-7	World Championships, Sports	\$8.80	1958	R68	...	\$4.40
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1971	1053	Europa	\$2.25	1978	1360-1	El Greco, Paintings	\$5.00	1974	1714	First Satellite Ground Station	\$2.25	1962	R72	...	\$4.40
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The listings are free to World Series of Philately and other shows that are sponsored by an APS chapter or affiliate. Other shows/bourses may purchase listings for the month of the show/bourse and the month prior **only**. The listing fee is \$25 per show per issue. Shows designated ***B*** are bourse only.

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Contact: Kent Weaver, 610-779-0175
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Pennsylvania November 7-8
PITTPEX '15 Philatelic Society of Pittsburgh, South Fayette Fire Hall, 661 Millers Run Rd., Bridgeville.

Contact: Ron Carr, 412-561-6562
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New York November 8
Syrapex 2015 Syracuse Stamp Club, Best Western Plus Carrier Circle Exit 35, 6555 Old Collamer Road, East Syracuse.
Contact: Edward Bailey, 315-452-0593
Email: President@syracusestampclub.org

Texas November 13-14
28th Annual Mid-Cities Stamp Expo 2014 Mid-Cities Stamp Club, Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 South Main Street, Grapevine.
Contact: Stanley Christmas, 817-656-2925
Email: elvira6@swbell.net
Website: www.mid-citiesstampclub.com

California November 13-15
Filatelic Fiesta 2015 San Jose Stamp Club, Santa Clara Fairgrounds, 344 Tully Road, San Jose. ***WSP***
Contact: Stephen Schumann, 510-415-6158
Email: sdsc@earthlink.net
Website: www.filatelicfiesta.org

Pennsylvania November 14
Johnstown Stamp Show Johnstown Stamp Club, Johnstown Senior Activities Center (Main Hall), 550 Main Street, Johnstown.

Contact: Charles D. Holtzman, Jr., 814-532-0199
Email: chazhjr@msn.com

Ohio November 14-15
MSDA Winter Show Cincinnati Midwest Stamp Dealers Association, Wingate by Wyndham - West Chester, 7500 Tylers Place Blvd., West Chester. ***B***
Contact: Jim Bardo, 847-922-5574
Email: jfb7437@aol.com
Website: www.msdastamp.com

Illinois November 15
Cicero-Berwyn Coin & Stamp Bourse Sokol Tabol Hall, 6630 West 16th St., Berwyn. ***B***
Contact: Bob Szczepawski, 708-873-9158

Illinois November 20-22
CHICAGOPEX Chicago Philatelic Society, Westin Chicago Northwest, 400 Park Blvd., Itasca. ***WSP***
Contact: Robert Glass
Email: boblglass@mac.com
Website: www.chicagopex.org

New York November 21
Autumn Stamp Festival Buffalo Stamp Club, VFW Leonard Post, 2450 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga. ***B***
Contact: George H. Gates, 716-633-8358
Email: gghg53@aol.com

Ohio November 21
Black River Stamp Club Show Black River Stamp Club, St. Judes School, 590 Poplar St., Elyria.
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Tampa Stamp & Coin Expo Tampa Collectors Club, Holiday Inn Express, 4750 North Dale Mabry Hwy., Tampa. *B*
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Connecticut November 22

Fourth Sunday Collectibles Show New Haven Philatelic Society, Annex YMA Hall, 554 Woodward Ave., New Haven. *B*
Contact: Brian McGrath, 203-627-6874

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Website: www.NHPS1914.org/

Florida November 28

Cresthaven Stamp & Postcard Show Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites, 2485 Metrocentre Blvd., West Palm Beach. *B*
Contact: Arnold Zenker, 561-969-3432

Illinois November 28

SUPEX 2015 Suburban Collector's Club of Chicago, Union of Operating Engineers Hall, 6200 Joliet Road, Countryside. *B*
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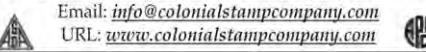
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Owned by Ethel McCoy, the block was being shown with her collection of the 1918 24-cent airmail stamp at the American Philatelic Society convention in Norfolk, Virginia, when the exhibit frame was pried open and it was stolen.

Over the years, the two examples on the left of the block above, positions 65 and 75, were recovered and returned to the American Philatelic Research Library, to which Mrs. McCoy deeded the stamps in 1979.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BY TERRY DEMPSEY

Why is There an American Philatelic Society?

Examining Why Membership Matters

A good place to start as we begin our journey examining why and how membership matters is to remind ourselves why there is even such a thing as the American Philatelic Society.

It has been said that America is a nation of joiners. We recognize strength in numbers. Every year new professional societies and associations are started. Why?

Typically, when a certain group of people or businesses reaches some critical mass, a leading group of people thereof seems to bubble to the surface and enunciate the need for some type of coming together, associating, for the common good of that particular group. In the case of the APS, devotees of the relatively new hobby of philately that sprang up following the issuance of the first postage stamp in Great Britain in 1840 saw potential merit in sharing experiences and knowledge by forming a voluntary membership professional society. These visionaries did so in 1886.

Here is a reflection on the APS's mission that has evolved over the past 129 years to what it is today:

- To promote stamp collecting for people of all ages;
- To offer services to its membership and to philately in general, including knowledge and education, which en-



hance the pleasure and friendliness of stamp collecting;

- To initiate and coordinate new programs for the benefit of stamp collecting and of all collectors;
- To represent the United States of America in the world body of philately;
- And to assist its members in acquiring and disposing of philatelic materials.

If you read the mission statement carefully, you will see that APS, through the board of directors which updates and approves our corporate mission, has chosen to provide specific benefits to not only you, the member, but also to the greater hobby and stamp collecting industry as a whole. The APS serves as the voice of philately in the United States and beyond.

Therefore, a member or a prospective member of the APS should not ask only "what's in it for me?" but can also ask "what's in it for the hobby?" APS brings something larger than individual benefits in this hobby that we all either derive satisfaction from or earn our living.

If there was no APS, among a very long list there would be no renowned professional journal, no readily accessible world-class philatelic library, no central organization to administer the accreditation of philatelic exhibit judges or the World Series of Philately, no centralized voice to communicate a

Definition of Philately

According to the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, the term philately was coined in 1864 by Georges Herpin, a Frenchman who invented it by combining *philos* (from the Greek for love) and *ateleia* (Greek – that which is tax free). The postage stamp was an 1840 innovation from Great Britain that allowed the sender to pre-pay the delivery fee and thereby allow the recipient to receive the item free of charges.

Philately is the study of postage stamps, stamped envelopes, postmarks, postcards, and other materials relating to postal delivery.

Webster says that philately is the collection and study of postage and imprinted stamps.

The American Philatelic Society defines it simply as the hobby of stamp collecting.

R. Scott Carlton's 1997 *The International Encyclopaedic Dictionary of Philately* defines philately as "the study of stamps and postal history and other related items. Philately involves more than just stamp collecting, which does not necessarily involve the study of stamps. It is possible to be a philatelist without owning any stamps."

There is not yet unanimity on the precise definition, so there's room for lots of us in this great hobby.

philatelic point of view to the United States Postal Service, no clearing house for information about stolen material, and no code of ethics to build trust among both dealers and collectors, to name just a few things.

To answer the question asked in the title of this article, we can boil all of this down to say that APS exists to promote, preserve, and protect the hobby of stamp collecting for you right now and for the generations to come.

Please make the effort in the next week to invite someone you know to join us in APS as we continue to shepherd our hobby into the future.



The United States 8-cent Stamp Collecting stamp from 1972.

NEW APPLICANTS

The following applications were received during September 2015. If no objections are received by the Executive Director (814-933-3803) prior to November 30, 2015 these applicants will be admitted to membership and notice to this effect will appear in the January 2016 issue.

Adil, Mohamed Firas (225023) **Sharjah, Saudi Arabia** INDIA-OFFICIAL SEALS-FOREIGN CLASSICS;

Afzal, Tony (225078) **Charlotte, NC** US-BRITISH COMMONWEALTH-PAKISTAN-ICELAND; 74; Retired

Aguiar, Louis (225079) **Morgan Hill, CA** US; 62

Albright, Gary E. (225045) **Honeoye Falls, NY** CHRISTMAS-EASTER SEALS ON COVER; 62; Art Conservator

Allevato, Riz (225107) **Berkeley, CA** NATURAL HISTORY-BIRDS-FLOWERS-BUTTERFLIES-FISH; 71; Retired

Altvater, Deborah A. (225046) **Middle River, MD** HOLIDAYS-CELEBRITIES-HISTORY; 52; Medical Administration Coder/Auditor

Apple, John (225062) **Coalinga, CA**; 87

Bagley, Dwayne E. (225047) **Mason, MI** AIR MAIL COVERS-BALTICS-CZECHOSLOVAKIA-TOPICALS-JOINT ISSUES-WORLDWIDE-FDC; 49; Minister

Bains, Daniel E. (225108) **Huntsville, AL** WWII-GERMANY-ISRAEL-US; 48; Logistics Management

Barber, Jergen L. (225056) **Waukesha, WI**

Bart, Kenneth (225120) **Statham, GA** PRE-
1900 US-TIBET-NEPAL-POSTAL HISTORY;
76; Physician

Bartos, Vernon R. (225025) **Avon, MN** US-
TRAIN-S-CANADA; 74; Retired

Bash, Adam (224999) **Plantation, FL** US
COMMEMORATIVES, AIRMAILS, FDC,
BLOCKS/GUIDELINE BLOCKS-SPACE-
AVIATION; 44

Becker, Steve (225109) **Sioux City, IA**
GERMANY-SCANDINAVIA-WESTERN
EUROPE-WORLDWIDE; 45; Sales

Bennett, Alan T. (225063) **Deltona, FL**
BRITISH COMMONWEALTH; 68; Retired

Blazel, Sandra E. (225110) **Honolulu, HI**; 58;
Artist

Boush, Mike (225121) **Chicago, IL** US
CLASSICS; 46; Executive

Brinds, William T. (225048) **Seminole, FL**
MINT US; 83; Retired

Bryson, Clifford L. (225080) **Cranberry
Township, PA** US-FDC; 66; Broadcast
Engineer

Buno, Yvonne (225081) **Elk Grove, CA** GERM
MONACO-JAPAN-POLAND; 68; Retired

Bunyard, William Dale (225026) **Williamsville,
MO** US; 60; Boilermaker

Burns, John A. (225064) **Stevensville, MI** US
US; 81; Retired

Burr, Russell (225022) **Tarpon Springs, FL**;
Retired

Campbell, Joe (225129) **Saint Joseph, MI** U
PLATE BLOCKS; 54; Information Systems
Auditor

Carrigan, Judith S. (225027) **Hendersonville,
NC** GERMANY-CARPATHO/UKRAINE-DP CAM
75; Retired

NEW MEMBERS

Applications 224708 through 224739, and
224741 through 224840 as previously
published have been accepted for
membership by the Board of Vice Presidents.

SUMMARY

Total Membership, August 31, 2015	30,793
New Members	132
Reinstated	46
	178
	30,971
Deceased	28
Resignations	2
Total Membership, September 30, 2015	30,941
(Total Membership, September 30, 2014 was 31,615 a difference of -674)	

Cassaro, Charles (225006) **Virginia Beach, VA US**
19TH CENTURY, POSTAL HISTORY; 73

Chestham, Ballard (225082) **Salinas, CA**
PRECANCELS-PERFINS; 73; Retired

Cheung, Wai Man (225033) **Hong Kong US-**
GREAT BRITAIN-FDC; 68; Sales

Collins, John F. (225028) **Valrico, FL US-**
TRANSPORTATION; 67; Retired

Cummins, Robert (225015) **New Caney, TX;** 58

Cunningham, Louis (225042) **Ventura, CA**
HINDENBURG-AIRSHIPS-US; County
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All meetings of the American Philatelic Society will be held at the Downtown Hilton Atlanta. Proposed resolutions shall be submitted to APS National Headquarters at least 30 days prior to the general membership meeting, which will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, January 30.

Stephen Reinhard
President, American Philatelic Society

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Dymond, Charles (225029) **Half Moon Bay, CA** CANADA-WORLDWIDE; 83; Retired
Finell, Christopher (225065) **Saint Louis, MO**; 30
Fisackerly, Robert H. (225122) **Springfield, LA** US; 82; Retired
Gertner, Ian (225010) **Allentown, PA**
Gibson, Sheila D. (225024) **Moreno Valley, CA** ZEPPELIN COVERS/STAMPS-US ADVERTISING COVERS, CLASSICS; 61
Gogel, Michael C. (225066) **Petersburg, MI** DUCK-BOY SCOUTS-PLATE BLOCKS-BACK OF THE BOOK-UN; 73; Artist
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Handelman, Larry (225011) **Deerfield Beach, FL** US, AIRMAILS, COMMEMORATIVES, DEFINITIVES, IMPERFORATES, COILS, MINT; 70; Retired
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Hart, Jon (225041) **Warren, PA** US; 60; Photographer
Heine, Richard (225106) **Fallbrook, CA** US, AIRMAILS, CLASSICS, PARCEL POST, ESSAYS & PROOFS, SPECIAL DELIVERIES; 64; Aerospace Project Manager
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Hendrix, Donte M. (225054) **Lincoln, AL** BRITISH ROYAL FAMILY-BAHAMAS-CHURCHILL-AUTOMOBILES-CUBA-GOLF-DUKE OF WINDSOR-FRED ASTAIRE; 19
Herndon, Wayne (225016) **Chantilly, VA**; 47; Stamp Dealer
Herzmann, Ann (225083) **Elk Grove Village, IL** US; 54; Nurse Practitioner
Hilgendorf, James (225103) **New York, NY** THAILAND-HONG KONG-US FDC-GREAT BRITAIN-ASIA-JAPAN; 69
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Irby, Cynthia B. (225030) **Charlotte, NC** US-GERMANY; 67; Senior Data Architect
Jankiewicz, Francis J. (225112) **Perkasie, PA** ASIA-ORIENT-BRITISH; 57; Retired
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Kahle, Anne B. (225135) **Castle Rock, WA** BIRDS-US; 81; Retired
Kaires, Leonard (225031) **Holtsville, NY** WILDLIFE-NATURE-MINT US; 77; Retired
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Kuhnell, Georgia (225049) **New Richmond, OH**; 94
Kulp, Russell D. (225071) **Muscatine, IA** US SETS, SOUVENIR SHEETS-UN-CANADA-WORLDWIDE; 63; Social Worker
Landry, Dick (225021) **Wilmington, NC** MINT US; 80

- Landry, Edward (224998) **Baton Rouge, LA** US 20TH CENTURY, AIRMAILS; 56
- Lang, Russell (225105) **Northville, MI** US 19TH CENTURY; 50; Retired
- Layattienakoff, Alex (225055) **Port Hueneme, CA;** 46
- Lee, Tony (225009) **Shreveport, LA** ART-COMPOSERS-FINE ARTS-MEDICINE/DRUGS/HEALTH-HISTORY-MUSIC/MUSICIANS/INSTRUMENTS;
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- Morris, Jack D. (225090) **Longview, TX** US; 77; Retired
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- Stackhouse, Annette (225095) **Cerro Gordo, NC** TOPICALS-WORLDWIDE-PLATE BLOCKS-SOUVENIR SHEETS-FDC-SETS-CANADA; 36; Homemaker
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- Todd, Tod (225076) **Auburn, CA** NASA-ELVIS-US PRESIDENTS-FDC; 70; Retired
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- Buckman, Julius A. (084009), Shelbina, MO
- Carrigan, Jay T. (10740-051714), Hendersonville, TN
- Chiocca, Jerry (151024), Miramar, FL
- Christ, Charles E. (158558), Destin, FL
- Christmas, Robert N. (131448), Shawnee, KS
- Curtis, Wayne R. (101501), Oakville, ON, Canada
- Drouillard, Charles W. (206304), Bellaire, MI
- Dunn, Paul H. (12051-061777), Chelsea, MI
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Recap of the United States Stamps Issued in September

In September, the United States Postal Service issued one commemorative stamp and seven definitives. Each issue is outlined in the following sections. Expanded versions for each stamp, including additional artwork, background, and photos are available in *The American Philatelist* Bonus Content section at www.stamps.org/AP-Album.



The six Spectrum Eagle definitive coil stamps issued September 2.

Spectrum Eagle

The six nondenominated (25-cent) Spectrum Eagle presorted first-class definitive coil stamps debuted September 2 in Eagleville, Missouri.

The stamps were issued in a coil of 10,000 and printed by Ashton Potter using the offset printing process. There is no microprinting on the stamps.

The stamps use the same artwork as the 2012 version by CCL Label Inc.

Stamp printer CCL Label Inc. is no longer producing stamps for the U.S. Postal Service and when this stamp issue needed additional quantities produced, a new printer took on the project. The new version has a 2015 year date on the stamps.

Design

The stamps feature artwork created by illustrator Michael

Osborne working with USPS art director Ethel Kessler. The stamps have the same design with various shades of color used for each.

First-Day Ceremony

No first-day ceremony took place for the Spectrum Eagle stamps, but a four-bar first-day postmark in Eagleville, Missouri, was offered.

SPECTRUM EAGLE PRESORTED FIRST-CLASS DEFINITIVE COIL STAMPS

USPS Item Number: 788504 (coil)

Format: Coil of 10,000, 594 stamps per revolution

Issue Date and City: September 2, 2015, Eagleville, Missouri

Artist: Michael Osborne, San Francisco, California

Designer: Ethel Kessler, Bethesda, Maryland

Modeler: Joseph Sheeran

Manufacturing Process: Offset

Printer and Processor: Ashton Potter, Williamsville, New York

Press Type: Mueller Martini A76

Print Quantity: 150 million stamps

Paper Type: Nonphosphored Type III

Adhesive Type: Pressure-sensitive adhesive

Ink Colors: Black, cyan, magenta, yellow

Stamp Sizes: 0.73 inches by 0.84 inches,

18.54 millimeters by 21.34mm (image);
0.87 inches by 0.98 inches, 22.10mm by
24.89mm (overall)

Plate Numbers: "P" followed by four single digits, plate number every 27th stamp

Marginal Markings: None

Neon Celebrate

The Neon Celebrate special forever stamp debuted September 9 in Kansas City, Missouri. The stamps were not automatically sent to post offices.

The stamps were issued in a pane of 20 and printed by Sennett Security Products using the offset printing process. There is microprinting on the stamps.

The stamp features the same artwork as

the 2011 version, but with typography placed in different locations.

Design

The stamp features a neon sculpture created by artist Michael Flechtner working with USPS art director Phil Jordan.

First-Day Ceremony

No first-day ceremony took place, but a four-bar first-day postmark in Kansas City, Missouri, was offered.



The Neon Celebrate stamp issued September 9 with a 2015 year date.

NEON CELEBRATE SPECIAL FOREVER STAMP

USPS Item Number: 586204

Format: Pane of 20, 320 stamps per revolution

Issue Date and City: September 9, 2015, Kansas City, Missouri

Artist: Michael Flechtner, Van Nuys, California

Designer, Typographer, and Art

Director: Phil Jordan, Falls Church, Virginia

Modeler: Donald Woo

Manufacturing Process: Offset with

microprinting

Printer and Processor: Banknote

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Press Type: Alprinta 74

Print Quantity: 60 million stamps

Paper Type: Phosphor tagged paper, block tagging

Adhesive Type: Pressure-sensitive adhesive

Ink Colors: Cyan, magenta, yellow, black

Stamp Sizes: 1.05 inches by 0.77 inches,

26.67 millimeters by 19.56mm (image); 1.19 inches by 0.91 inches, 30.23mm by 23.11mm (overall); 5.64 inches by 5.43 inches, 137.80mm by 143.13mm (sheet)

Plate Numbers: "S" followed by four single digits

Marginal Markings: Plate numbers

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Paul Newman

The Paul Newman commemorative forever stamp debuted September 18 in Cleveland, Ohio, and was distributed nationwide. The stamp was issued in a pane of 20 and printed by Sennett Security Products using the offset printing process. There is microprinting on the stamp.

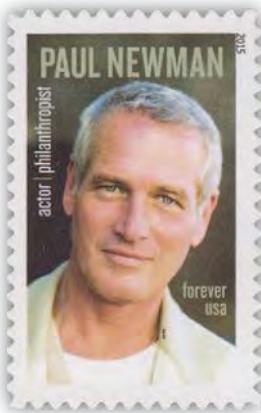
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Paul Newman was born January 26, 1925 in Shaker Heights, Ohio.

His legacy included many endeavors: actor, producer, director, and champion of many philanthropic endeavors.

His movie career included notable highlights of *The Color of Money* (1986) where he won an Oscar for best actor, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* (1958), *Cool Hand Luke* (1967), and *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* (1969).

His charitable efforts became a focus of his in the 1980s after he started Newman's Own food company. The organization has now provided more than \$430 million in financial



**The Paul Newman
commemorative stamp
issued September 18.**

support to thousands of different charities.

Newman also founded the SeriousFun Children's Network that helps children and families. The camps organized by the group help young people battling serious illness.

Newman died September 26, 2008, at age 83.

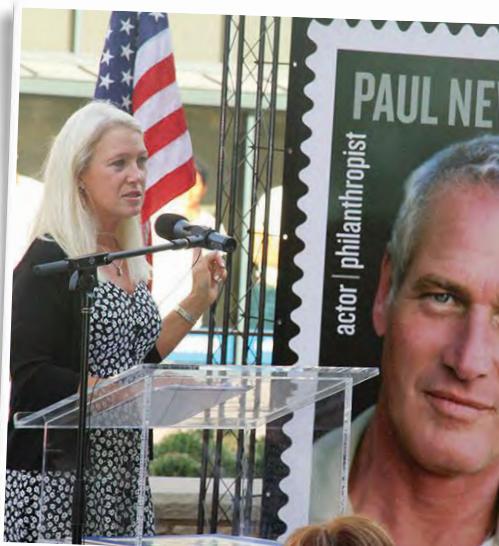
Design

The stamp design was created by USPS art director Derry Noyes. The stamp uses a 1980 photograph taken by Steve Schapiro and he shares his memory of capturing that photograph nearby. Noyes started on the stamp project in January 2015 and shares how she selected the photo in the Q&A section on the next page.

First-Day Ceremony

The first-day ceremony took place in downtown Cleveland, Ohio, outdoors in the U.S. Bank Plaza at East 14th Street and Euclid Avenue. Approximately 175 people were in attendance for the event.

Participating in the ceremony were Paul Newman's daughter Clea Newman Soderlund, SeriousFun Children's Network senior director of special initiatives; Robert Forrester, Newman's Own Foundation president and CEO; and others. Special guests at the ceremony included Eryn Powell, a camper at Flying Horse Farms, and Paul Newman's brother Arthur S. Newman Jr.



Clea Newman Soderlund speaking at the Paul Newman stamp ceremony.

Q & A

Steve Schapiro photographer

According to the Corbis stock photo website the photo was captured November 1, 1980 in Los Angeles. Can you describe what the setting was?

I was walking with Jane Fonda at the 20th Century Fox studio in Los Angeles, and there near the stages was Paul Newman.

Jane got into a conversation and as she was talking I photographed and then took some photos of Paul looking toward me.

Did you interact with Paul Newman on multiple photo shoots?

I had worked on several films with him and later did more. Another one *Harry and Son*, which he directed. I also did a series of Paul in his racing car.

OCTOBER–DECEMBER 2015 U.S. STAMP SCHEDULE

October 1 A Charlie Brown Christmas Santa Rosa, California

October 23 Geometric Snowflakes New York, New York

Dates are tentative. U.S. new issues are online at www.stamps.org/US-New-issues.

Derry Noyes stamp art director

Did you have a photograph or look in mind before you started searching through photographs?

Yes. I was looking for candid photographs of Newman in mid to later years of his life. He was revered as an actor, but also as a philanthropist by this time. I wanted to make sure the philanthropic side of Paul Newman was recognized, as did his family.

Did you consider commissioning artwork for the stamp project?

Once I saw this portrait I decided to stick with photography. It had just the quality I was looking for.

What captivated you about the photograph that you ultimately selected for the stamp?

He looks like the Paul Newman we would run into on the street. It's not a studio shot for Hollywood. His eyes are focused directly on us. I think it's powerful in an understated way.

Any other items about this Paul Newman stamp that our readers might find interesting?

The portrait speaks for itself, with minimal type as support to commemorate Paul Newman; the actor, the philanthropist, the man we admire.

PAUL NEWMAN COMMEMORATIVE FOREVER STAMP

USPS Item Number: 473404

Format: Pane of 20, 240 stamps per revolution

Issue Date and City: September 18, 2015, Cleveland, Ohio

Existing Photograph: Steve Schapiro

Designer, Typographer, and Art

Director: Derry Noyes, Washington, D.C.

Modeler: Donald Woo

Manufacturing Process: Offset with microprinting

Printer and Processor: Banknote

Corporation of America for Sennett Security Products, Browns Summit, North Carolina

Press Type: Alprinta 74

Print Quantity: 12 million stamps

Pane Press Sheet Quantities: 250 with die cuts, 500 without die cuts

Paper Type: Phosphor tagged paper, overall

Adhesive Type: Pressure-sensitive adhesive

Ink Colors: Cyan, magenta, yellow, black, Pantone Matching System cool gray 8

Stamp Sizes: 0.84 inches by 1.42 inches,

21.34 millimeters by 36.07mm (image);

0.98 inches by 1.56 inches, 24.89mm by 39.62mm (overall); 5.92 inches by 8.00 inches, 150.37mm by 203.20mm (sheet); 11.04 inches by 5.88 inches, 658.42mm by 558.98mm (press sheet)

Plate Numbers: "S" followed by five single digits

Marginal Markings: Plate numbers (front); "©2015 USPS," USPS Logo, barcode, promotional text, Paul Newman biography, proprietary information, plate position diagram

Some 2016 U.S. Stamps Revealed

The U.S. Postal Service revealed a few of its 2016 U.S. stamp issues in late August. The APS has been featuring the designs on its Facebook page. Shown nearby are some of the images that have been previewed so far: Year of the Monkey in the Lunar New Year series, Indiana Statehood, Richard Allen in the Black Heritage series, and a set of 20 different Pets stamps.



Follow the APS through its social media websites for updated information on new stamps. www.stamps.org/Social-Media.





CANADA

HAUNTED CANADA

Canada Post, on September 14, issued its second set of Haunted Canada stamps. The spooky tails include a haunted Yukon hotel, an ox cart in Manitoba, a headless brakeman of Vancouver, and more. The five stamps are the second in the series.



SWITZERLAND

175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STAMP

On September 3, Switzerland issued a new stamp celebrating the 175th anniversary of the postage stamp. The design features a mail bundle with a letter franked with the British Penny Black stamp and featuring a red postmark.



AUSTRIA

LEDERHOSEN

Lederhosen was creatively honored with a single die-cut-to-shape stamp in Austria issued September 24. The stamp is decorated with six Swarovski crystals. Both the crystals and the lederhosen are distinctly Austrian cultural icons.



HONG KONG

THE COURT OF FINAL APPEAL

On September 30, Hong Kong issued a stamp in a souvenir sheet of one for the Court of Final Appeal, the highest appellate court in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. The stamp highlights its architecture.



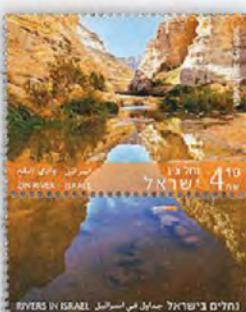
GREAT BRITAIN

QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Great Britain, on September 9, issued multiple new stamps to mark Queen Elizabeth II hitting the milestone of longest reigning United Kingdom monarch. The stamps were issued in many formats including souvenir sheet and retail booklet.

NEW WORLDWIDE STAMPS

A quick peek at stamps issued in September from 10 different countries around the world.



ISRAEL

RIVERS IN ISRAEL

Israel's postal service issued three stamps, on September 2, showing three rivers: Kziv River, Taninim River, and the Zin River. The stamps are meant to show the geographical differences of the water landscapes of the country.



PORTUGAL

PORTUGUESE FRUITS

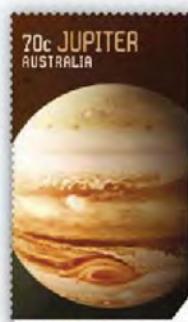
On September 16, Portugal issued six stamps showing different fruit: chestnuts, cherries, pears, citrus fruits, bananas, and pineapples. The stamps, with four different denominations, were issued in a souvenir sheet and a booklet.



NEW ZEALAND

ALL BLACKS

New Zealand, on September 2, issued a fabric stamp in a souvenir sheet of one to celebrate its All Blacks rugby symbol. The stamp features the team jersey that incorporates the Adidas logo in it. Adidas also supplied the fabric for the stamp issue.



AUSTRALIA

OUR SOLAR SYSTEM

Australia issued eight stamps, on September 22, at different denominations and sizes showing the eight planets in the solar system. The stamps were issued in advance to be used for promotion of National Stamp Collecting Month in October.



GERMANY

ASTERIX

On September 1, Germany issued a souvenir sheet of three stamps for the French comic character Asterix. The comic includes Germany in its settings. It also issued the stamps in a booklet of 10 format with two of the stamp designs used.



WORLDWIDE IN A NUTSHELL

BY BOB LAMB

Brazil

Status: Republic in eastern South America

Area: 3,287,957 sq mi

Population: 204,259,812 (2015 est.)

Currency: Brazilian Real R\$1 = 26 cents U.S. (2015)



The Federative Republic of Brazil occupies nearly half of the continent of South America and is the fifth-largest country in the world. Pedro Álvarez Cabral of Portugal is credited with its discovery in 1500. Little is known of Brazil before the arrival of the Portuguese. The area was inhabited by semi-nomadic tribes who left no written records. Cabral thought he had found an island that he named Santa Cruz. But European sailors called it "Land of Brazil" after Brazilwood, a local tree prized as a red dye. Over time, the popular name prevailed.

Portugal did not have the interest, or the resources, to colonize Brazil until pirates and poachers began to encroach on its Brazilwood trade. The first settlement came in 1532. In 1534, the king divided Brazil into hereditary captaincies. The captaincies did not work out, so the lands reverted to the government. Sugarcane production brought wealth and slaves into Brazil. Gold, diamonds, and eventually, coffee became major exports.

When Napoleon took Portugal in 1808, the king moved his court to Brazil, which became the capital of the Portuguese empire. After Napoleon's defeat, the king wanted to remain in Brazil. Pressure from other European powers and unrest among the Portuguese citizenry led him to return in 1821. He left his elder son, Pedro, as regent. In 1822, Pedro declared Brazil's independence and proclaimed himself Emperor Pedro I of Brazil. Portugal, unable to offer much resistance, recognized Brazil's independence in 1825.

The second Brazilian emperor, Pedro III reigned from 1831 to 1889, when he was ousted by the military and established a constitutional democracy based on a very limited franchise. Over the next century it expanded its democratic base and diversified its industry.



60-reis black issued in 1843, Scott 2.



One of the country's first commemoratives (1894), a 100r Cabral arrives at Brazil, Scott 162.

Brazil's postal system began in Brazil in 1663. But, as in Portugal itself, the mail service was not well developed until the end of the 18th century. It operated largely for the royal court and the privileged. That said, Brazil was a leader in introducing postage stamps. In 1842, less than two years after the appearance of the Penny Black, an imperial decree authorized stamps. The famous "Bull's Eyes" were issued August 1, 1843 giving Brazil claim to being the second country to issue stamps. Three denominations were printed by the Brazilian mint using a press seized by the customs service two years earlier. The first stamps depicting the emperor did not appear for another 23 years, possibly because the capability for engraved portraiture did not exist in-country, or perhaps because it was considered disrespectful to place a postmark on the portrait of the emperor. That was also the first issue to bear the name Brazil.

Its first commemorative stamps were issued in 1900 to mark the 400th anniversary of the discovery of Brazil. These stamps were actually a semi-private issue used for only a month to raise money for the anniversary celebration. In 1927, airmail service was initiated. From 1927 until 1934 airlines were authorized to issue stamps to be used with postage stamps to pay the air surcharge. In 1933, a 100-reis postal tax stamp was obligatory on certain letters to pay for airport improvements. Later, the postal tax stamps were valid for regular postage. Today, Brazil operates an effective postal system with a moderate stamp-issuing policy.



Two children's activities semipostal stamps were issued in 2000. As se-tenant, they are Scott B15a.



Brazil's first postal tax stamp, Scott RA1, in 1933.



40-cent stamp showing President Harry Truman, the Statue of Liberty, and map of Brazil, Scott 673.

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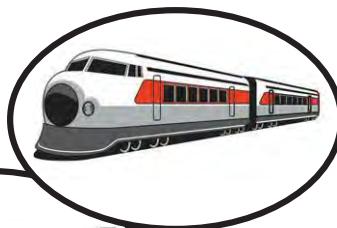
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