



Newsletter of *The International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors*

Vice President's Report

The World Series is now over and so is the NFL strike and the ASDA show so we can now get back to important things: STAMPS. Activity has been rather slow in the stamps for kids area. As you can see elsewhere in this issue I did send out two packages and rather large ones at that. The USPD supervisors of the Benjamin Franklin Clubs in the Bay area of California and also the San Diego area asked for stamps. I sent 4-5 pounds to each which was most of what I had. That amount will not go too far for 1000's of kids so if any of you have more of those boxes of stamps sitting around I believe I can use them again.

As you have noted, we have an election coming up. I hope that many of you have given serious consideration to helping out your club. We are in serious need in several areas and I am sure that the new president whoever it may be will have some additional areas that he or she will wish to venture into to provide more services to the members.

Our new members have dried up to a trickle and many old members are not renewing. Please!, don't just drop, write your officers and/or board members and give us your input. We can't fix it if we don't know it's broken.

Another area that many of you could help out in is by contributing a short article or essay to "The Circuit." There is no pay but you'll get the satisfaction of knowing that you helped produce the best damned newsletter in the nation. Just send whatever you have to the editor and don't forget she has a new address now. It appears at least twice in each issue.

I have received a letter from our new member in the USSR and he writes in English and is willing to trade mint new issues with other members. He also uses beautiful, seldom-seen postally used stamps on his letters. For example, my last letter had a copy of one of the 1980 Olympic semi-postal stamps on it.

And in conclusion--a bit of poetry--I don't know who wrote it but it sounds good to me.

As you go thru life
no matter what your role
Keep your eye upon the donut
and not upon the hole.

Ken Jenkins #15

**Merry
Christmas
& A Happy
New Year.**

DATES FOR FUTURE ISSUES OF THE CIRCUIT

Deadline date for mailing to editor:	You should receive your copy about:
Jan. 1, 1988	Feb. 1, 1988
Mar. 1, 1988	Apr. 1, 1988
May 1, 1988	June 1, 1988
July 1, 1988	Aug. 1, 1988

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

My wife and I were away all October on a motor trip to New England and back. Have answered all pending mail now but if anyone was missed, I will be home till just before Christmas when we will be off again. Things are pretty quiet anyway--only one new member.

As of day of writing, 3 November, we have 235 members and a bank balance of \$644.96. So no one will be lulled into a sense of security I must point out that publishing and mailing costs of the last two circuits (including this one) have not yet been paid.

The death of member #281, Dr. Earl Levine, is announced with regret. The Club's sympathy and prayers are with his widow, Annette.

The club acknowledges with thanks a donation of \$2.00 by member #131, Charles Newkirk.

We have perhaps been remiss in acknowledging another kind of donation--stamps (over and above annual dues). Grant Putnam of Minneapolis has sent us many batches---and he isn't even a member. Thank you, Grant. Many members have also been generous, #18 Glen Hasse, for example. We will try and do better in the future in this regard.

In the September-October "Circuit" #166 was dropped and #162 was not. It should have been just the opposite. #166 is in good standing. #162 is dropped for non-payment of dues.

Be sure and vote in the election.

IMPORTANT -- It's renewal time for members 176-180. Please send your \$5.00 dues for one year to Herb #31 and your 250 stamp donation to Ken #15. Don't forget! Do it now! Happy collecting.

Herb Holland #31
Secretary-Treasurer

?? WHATZIT ??

I have a copy of Ireland #213 with color black missing. Is this a variety, or an error; and, if the latter, is it valuable?



I have quite a number of copies of the first issue of Fiume (Scott #1-20) with inverted, double and misspelling of Fiume (Fume). Can anyone tell me a reference source for these? Are they fakes, forgeries or legitimate errors? Scott only states that inverted and double overprints exist.



No answers have come concerning these first two "Whatzits" that were received. If you have information on either of them, will you please send it to the editor.



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The never-hinged craze in stamps has gone too far. The other day I received some philatelically oriented mail and the stamp on the cover was in a plastic mount.

President's Message

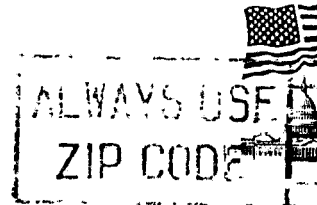
It has been what seems an interminable period of time since last communicating with all of you. I do want to thank you for the many cards - and calls - offering condolences to my daughter, Desiree, and me. She's doing well as a fourth grader and plans have been made for us to spend the holidays with her grandmother in Pennsylvania. We've both kept busy which accounts to a large extent for my prolonged silence.

I will not be re-running for re-election at this time, but as an ex-official member of the Board, I hope to be helping out in particular areas.

Desiree and I wish you all a very happy holiday season.

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FOR KIDS

Recently Dave Nelson, our Public Relations Officer, was a judge at a first-of-its kind stamp show in his area. The USPS, with Penny Poteet in charge, went all out to provide the kids of the Benjamin Franklin Stamp Clubs of the Marin County, California area with a good time in philately. There were activities for the kids, including a stamp drawing contest. The local Stamp Club was a great help.



YOU CAN BE A PART!!!

Want to be a part of a big thing? Join the Omni Exchange of the ISWSC. The Omni Regular Exchange now has 50 members, 450 books, and \$25,000 Catalog Value. The Blue Exchange has 20 members, 100 books and \$10,000 Catalog Value.

A helper for Tom Allison is needed in the Exchange. Are you that person?



Hello,

Many of you members know me and have bought from me for a long time now. But if you are new or never have asked for my flyers, I suggest you do so now. I put out a lot flyer monthly, with intact collections, dealer stock, and the like. Prices are VERY reasonable (Most are around 14-15% of Scott). Postage and insurance are included in the price. All lots are returnable if I have errored. (I'm very flexible in that area). What I sell is mostly prior 1950 material, the kind most want for their collections. I, of course, buy and take material on consignment. If you are expanding your collection in a general way, then you should look over the flyers. Just send your name and address and I'll do the rest. (It's free.) Thanks,

Dave

David L. Creson
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Member ISWSC, APS, PPS, ISPP, etc.

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Advertising Policy: All ads dealing with philatelic concerns are acceptable. We reserve the right to edit out objectionable language. Advertisers are expected to respond to all inquiries, so be sure you can handle the responses before you offer to trade, buy or sell. If you have a bad result from answering an ad, contact the editor. We will try to resolve the conflict.

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Make all checks payable to ISWSC.

20 YEAR Established Exchange Club now in the Mail Auction Arena. Request FREE Auction Listings and Exchange Information. RON'S STAMPS, Box 355-A, Avon Lake, OHIO 44012 3/3

WANTED: HIGH VALUE TRADERS. Exchanging \$1.00 up catalog value stamps. Write for free sample list and details. APS member. Allison (#42), Box 252, Wilmette, IL 60091

Send \$2.50 mint US commemoratives or cash for 500 different foreign. 1000, \$6.00. 1500, \$12.00. Arlene Futrell, Route 1 Box 65, Stokes, NC 27884.

ISWSC
Sales Circuit

**Want to sell your duplicates?
Want to buy
someone else's duplicates?**

**The International Society of
Worldwide Stamp Collectors
(ISWSC) has set up a
Sales Circuit
so members may buy and sell
amongst themselves.**

Blank Books @ 25¢ each

15% commission on stamp sales.

1% Insurance on total value of Book.

For further information contact:

**Roger J. Bergeson (# 132)
1814 Viking Ave.
Albert Lea, MN 56007
USA**



HEAR YE! HEAR YE!
Have you written to the
editor telling how you
started collecting
stamps??
If not, do it today!

DEADLINE For Next Issue

January 1, 1988

COLLECTING IDEAS

MAKING YOUR OWN OPPORTUNITIES

My favorite part of stamp collecting is the trading. To me it means taking something worthless or surplus and converting it to something valuable. It is amazing to me that our club has so few participants in the trading and sales circuits.

Anyhow, you might enjoy trying something I did recently. If you are like me, you always end up with some really surplus stamps. You might have 20 or 30 copies of each, and no one takes them. So what I did was make up about 5 or 10 packets of these surplus. Then I selected some interesting names from our member roster. Next I wrote each a note offering to trade stamps, enclosing my surplus packets as an attention getter or a gift.

What was the result? Well, more than half of my sample responded and I connected with two of the best traders I have ever had! All because I made up my mind to use something worthless to me.

Len Bland #23

Please vote !

**Become a part
of the Omni Exchange*,
if you haven't already.**

Contact :

**Tom Allison (# 42)
Box 252
Wilmette, IL 60091**

*The Official ISWSC Stamp Exchange

KID'S PAGE

Dear Mr. Jenkins,

We are glad you sent us those stamps. It helped the Beginners. And even though we had been expecting all the stamps to be colorful and interesting. It was very nice of you to send them to us. We all enjoyed them very much. There was enough for everyone.

Thank you!

The Benjamin Franklin Club

PHILATELIC GAME FOR KIDS

Name:

U N I T E D S T A T E S

1. Who is the man on this stamp?
2. What country is he from?
3. Why would the U. S. issue a stamp in his honor?
4. What color is this stamp?
5. What is the Scott Catalog number and the catalog value of this stamp?
6. The U. S. has issued 2 other commemorative stamps honoring this man. What are the denominations of these stamps and the catalog numbers?



Another great idea from Ariel Poling. Use a full sheet of paper so the kids can write their answers on the sheet.

FOUND ON U. S. CHRISTMAS STAMPS
Words go in any direction.

N H G I E L S R E T A K S F I G
H O L L Y O B U G E O T R A E B
L R T R W N E G A I R R A C M S
R N L G I A N G E L M E E M A E
I A W I N D M I L L C E P R D O
G M U R D I H H B R M A R Y O T
A E T W O B H T C A I L T O N E
I N M O W O N S A R B B M N N L
T T R U M P E T A E U Y B B A T
T S N O W M A N K W R H H O P S
E S H E P H E R D S E W C O N I
S E S R O H Y B B O H G X K Z M
N L G N E R D L I H C N R O H T
I B E L L E V I T O M O C O L F
O G O D F E N A C Y D N A C E I
P A R T R I D G E L D N A C B G

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Angel	Madonna
Baby	Mary
Bell	Mistletoe
Bear	Ornament
Book	Partridge
Boy	Pears
Bow	Poinsettia
Candle	Ribbon
Candy Cane	Santa Claus
Carriage	Shepherds
Cherubim	Skaters
Children	Sled
Church	Sleigh
Dog	Snow
Drum	Snowman
Gift	Tree
Girl	Trumpet
Hobby Horse	George Washington
Holly	Windmill
Horn	Window
Locomotive	Wreath

The Editor's Line

Greetings to you from North Carolina. We are busy, but are getting settled in the farmhouse. We miss friends in Pennsylvania but do like it here. Moving down went quite well, and we are comfortable. Norwood and Dan, our youngest son, have really worked on the house and in the yard. We appreciate all the help that friends and relatives have given, too.

This morning Western Pennsylvania got snow. It is cool here, but it isn't snowing!

Thanks to you members who wrote. It would be a pleasure to hear from those of you who have not written yet.

Ken Jenkins, in his article, mentioned that Leonid Yurko #289 had written him. I have also heard from Leonid. He is anxious to trade First Day Covers, covers with complete sets, and Space-related material with members, USA for USSR. (He apologized for his English. I wish I could do as well in the Russian language as he did in English.)

Be very sure to send your marked ballot to Dave Nelson soon. In a way, I think many of us worldwide collectors are as Mike Morrill puts it in his article in this issue: It doesn't bother us that we are out of the mainstream of Philately, and it really doesn't bother us much who is elected. But we must care. Fill in that ballot as you wish and be a part of our election. (Believe me. I am writing that to myself as well as to the rest of you!) Election results will appear in our next issue.

Until next time.

Arlene

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Worldwide Collectors May Opt For Solitude

by Michael G. Morrill # 90

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Since this column first appeared, I have received a heavy volume of mail. One thing that is quite apparent from reader comments is that worldwide collecting has not diminished to nearly the level I had been led to believe from reading the philatelic press. However, it is also apparent that many worldwide collectors have opted for collecting in solitude rather than be active members of the philatelic community.

For various reasons, many collectors have decided not to join clubs, exhibit their collections, or participate in the many hobby promotion activities currently being stressed. I have given this situation considerable thought, examining both the collector's reasons and the possible effect on the hobby.

For many years, I too, was a solitary collector. My military career necessitated my moving often enough so that holding club office and being active in group activities requiring long term commitment seemed impractical. At least those were the rationalizations I used. In reality, I just didn't want any more social responsibilities. I think many worldwide collectors share those feelings.

Family, career, church, and fraternal associations all lay claim to an individual's time and emotional reserves. During that period when we are building our family, developing a career, and becoming constructive members of our respective communities there is a tremendous drain on our energies. We have to share so much of ourselves that I feel it natural that many of us decide to keep our hobby private and unfettered by outside attachments.

For these same reasons I experience mixed emotions when I read about the many efforts to get youngsters involved in stamp collecting. Although it is probably true that kids form the base for future philatelic generations, I break into a near sweat when I picture children anywhere near my collection. Its orderly peacefulness would be shattered by their frantic, uncontrolled movements.

Single Bliss

I find nothing wrong with an individual's desire to be a solitary collector. One does not have to be the local "spark-plug" to enjoy the hobby. It is quite possible to enjoy philately without ever coming in contact with another collector. In fact, there are many pluses that perhaps override the minuses.

As a solitary collector, one can set whatever standards of condition, scope of interest, or time commitment one desires. There is no pressure to deviate from philatelic paths you deem important.

As a solitary collector, you do not have to compete with other collectors' views, and what little time you have allotted to enjoy the hobby will not be consumed in non-hobby activities. You don't have to travel to meetings, you don't have to prepare exhibits, nor do you have to become involved in club politics.

There will be no hassle over preparations of organizational charters or deciding who is responsible for what duties. More important, you won't feel obligated to volunteer for all those chores you really don't want to do.

It is quite possible for the solitary collector to make all of his philatelic purchases by mail. There is practically nothing a collector needs that isn't offered by mail order dealers. In many cases, mail order is the most cost-effective method of purchase. It is not necessary to mingle with other collectors to obtain supplies.

Perhaps it is more common for the worldwide collector to proceed in solitude than it is for the specialist. Since the worldwide collector has such a wide scope of interest there is no shortage of sources for obtaining material. Rattle Snake Island local stamps have a limited number of suppliers, but nearly any dealer or collector will have something of interest to the worldwide philatelist.

Exhibits Impractical

In addition; there isn't the competition among worldwide collectors that there is among specialized collectors. It is difficult to exhibit a worldwide collection. Since collections are no longer

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