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Jewel of the Irish Sea

by Terence Lyons (# 820)

The Isle of Man or Ellan Vannin in Manx Gaelic, has been described as the jewel in the middle of the Irish Sea. It is mainly known for its motor sport, especially the annual TT motorcycle races, which attract thousands of visitors; as a tourist area, with its magnificent scenery, Victorian railways, tail-less cats, kippers (smoked herrings); and as an off-shore financial center.

Although the Isle of Man is located within the British Isles, it is not and never has been part of the United Kingdom. It is an independent country and controls its own affairs. Tynwald - the

Manx Parliament is over one thousand years old and dates back to the time of the Vikings. It has the longest continuous history of any legislature in the world. Douglas is the capital and seat of government.

It does, however, maintain very close links with the United Kingdom, which is responsible for the island's defense and foreign policy. There is also a customs agreement between the two countries. It recognizes Queen Elizabeth II as Sovereign and Lord of Man. The island is also an Associate Member of the European Economic Community through its association with the United Kingdom.

The island which is 30 miles (48 km) in length from the Point of Ayr in the north, to Spanish Head in the south and 11 miles (18 km) in width, across the center, between Douglas and Peel, supports a population of approximately 70,000 people.

Manx Gaelic is the native language and although once universally spoken on the island, there was a rapid decline in the 18th and 19th centuries, when it began to be replaced by English. Today, there are very few Manx speakers, but strenuous efforts are being made to revive the language. It is taught in the schools, at evening classes and in study groups promoted by Yn Cheshaght Ghailckagh - the Manx Language Society.

The island issues its own bank notes and coins, the

currency having the same value as the Sterling Pound. English, Scottish, and Northern Ireland bank notes are readily accepted everywhere, as are English coins. Other freely convertible currencies can be exchanged at the island's banks.

Until 1973 the postage stamps of Great Britain were used on the Island. The British Post Office did issue some regional definitive stamps for use on the island's mails, as it did for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Since becoming an independent postal authority, the Isle of Man Post Office has adopted a very conservative issuing policy. During 1992, a total of eight sets of commemorative stamps, together with two mini-sheets, one commemorative booklet, two definitive stamps and two definitive booklets were issued.

The Manx stamps not only reflect our culture, history and way of life, but also commemorate events worldwide, in which our own and other distinguished people have participated.

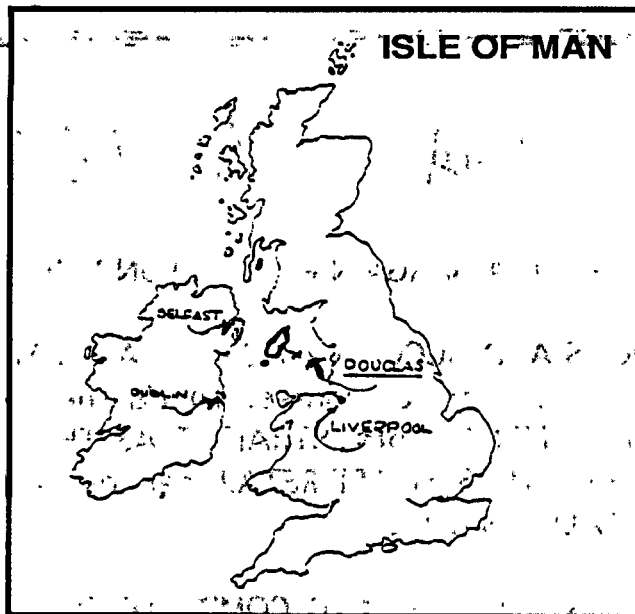
It is still possible to build up a collection of Manx stamps from the first issues of 1973 at a cost which is still fairly reasonable. The 1992 issues can be obtained from the Philatelic Bureau as a year

pack for 12.50 pounds or approximately \$18.75 at the present rates of exchange.

The current set of "railway" definitive stamps, which were originally issued in 1988 are due to be replaced by a set depicting ships, commencing in 1993. The first of these are the low values and are planned to be issued in January 1993.

There are currently seven philatelic societies on the island, which form the Isle of Man Philatelic Federation. The individual societies, some of which are specialized, cover all of the aspects of our hobby.

Each year, usually on the first Saturday in October, the Federation holds their annual convention, which is hosted by one of the individual societies. Each club



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submits the top three winning entries from their own competitions and three overall winners are chosen, whose entries are then put on display.

A special cover is produced for the occasion, with the Isle of Man Post Office providing a handstamp.

An auction is also held and members can also exchange and buy material, which they may need. The event is concluded by a dinner in the evening.

The event cannot be staged without sponsorship and we are fortunate that it is usually possible to find a company or institution on the island to provide the necessary funding. The 1993 convention takes place on October 2nd and is to be hosted by the Douglas Stamp and Postcard Club, with sponsorship



from one of our building societies (savings and loan associations).

If any members are contemplating visiting either Great Britain or Ireland, please come across and see us. There are regular air services and a daily ferry. All visitors are made most welcome at any meetings.

I will be happy to send anyone a programme of events for all the clubs on receipt of a one dollar bill (\$1.00) to cover postage costs.

Useful addresses for anyone who may wish to obtain more information about the Isle of Man.

1. Isle of Man Post Office; Philatelic Bureau, P. O. Box 10M, Douglas, Isle of Man
2. Isle of Man Tourist Board, Harris Promenade, Douglas, Isle of Man ...

**ISWSC Meeting
Planned for ROPEX**

The ISWSC will be hosting a meeting for members and interested collectors on Sunday afternoon, March 28, 1993, in conjunction with the ROPEX national stamp show in Rochester, New York. This is also the site of the American Philatelic Society's spring meeting. All events will be held at the Genesee Plaza-Holiday Inn located in downtown Rochester at 120 East Main Street. Our meeting is scheduled for 2 P.M. Further details and hotel/budget lodging information are available from Tom Fortunato, 42 Maynard St., Rochester, NY 14615-2022. Include a SASE with all inquiries. For last minute inquiry call Tom at (716) 621-1670. All worldwide collectors are invited to attend the ISWSC meeting. ...



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Canadian Secretary Appears on Christmas Stamp, Or Does He?

by Irving C. Whynot (# 490)

I've finally reached the pinnacle for a Canadian stamp collector. I've gotten my name and likeness on one of my country's stamps. Well, almost.

My name appears on the 84-cent value of Canada's 1992 Christmas issue, although it is spelled a bit differently. The likeness? Well, most of my friends won't recognize me with that beard and all. Or could it be that I'm wrong and it isn't me, just a long-ago ancestor?

The four Christmas stamps feature "gift givers" from around the world. With four daughters and three grandchildren, I certainly qualify on that count.

The stamp for international use, other than to the U.S., shows Germany's Weihnachtsmann. That's my ancestral name: "Most of the Whynots in North America today - including me - can trace their roots to Johann Adam Weinacht, his wife and four children, who arrived in Nova Scotia in 1752 from what is now Germany as part of the so-called Protestant Migration.

The name has undergone spelling changes over the years and today you will find Whynot, Whycott, Whynotts, Winach, Winot, Wynot, Whynacht, Whynock, and many other variations.



Canada Post says Weihnachtsmann is a "thin, stooped, heavily laden, white-bearded old man." That's me to a letter, except for the beard which I agree would probably be white if I had one. This German gift-giver emerged as a version of Saint Nicholas, or Old St. Nick, as we now call him. The popular story is that the Whynot name derives from Christmas. Certainly you will find a

variation as part of the greeting on many German yuletide stamps, such as Scott #537 issued in 1976 and one of my favorites.

A German genealogy reference work says the first known Winach lived around 1384. It gives the derivation of the name Weihnacht or Weihnachter as "like Easter or Pentecost; not named after the day of birth, but after the term of a duty or obligation (of service or rent)." ••• Irving C. Whynot (# 490)

Editor's Note: The writer would welcome hearing from members in Germany who might be able to provide some history of the area around Kleinheubach, on the Main River, where many of the Nova Scotia settlers originated. Address: P. O. Box 371, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 2S7 Canada •••

No Shortage of Countries for Worldwide Collectors

by Irving C. Whynot (# 490)

One thing we apparently don't have to worry about as worldwide collectors is running out of countries. National Geographic Society produced a new world atlas late in 1992 with 193 countries - 20 more than two years ago.

In addition, there were many place name changes. For instance, Ukraine and many other former Soviet states reverted to their historic names. "There is nothing less permanent in the world than a map," remarked one of the editors.

As 1993 arrived, so did Åland as a new postal authority. A small island off the southwest coast of Finland, the province of Åland had been served previously with stamps published by Finnish authorities.

The new post office is a commercial enterprise of the province under a program of self-government. Stamps can be ordered from: Philately Centre, Box 100, SF-22101, Mariehamn, Åland, Finland.

Correspondence to Canada can use the standard two-letter symbols for the provinces and territories. They are similar to those in use in the U.S. and based on an international postal standards agreement. The complete list for Canada:

Alberta - AB; British Columbia - BC; Manitoba - MB; New Brunswick - NB; Newfoundland - NF; Northwest Territory - NT; Nova Scotia - NS; Ontario - ON; Prince Edward Island - PE; Quebec - PQ or QC; Saskatchewan - SK; Yukon Territory - YT. •••

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Stamp Market Thrives In PR China

Mark O. Bakker (#507) sent an interesting Associated Press article that appeared in a local Philippine paper. Author Kathy Chénault writes that stamps are big business in the P.R. of China. Officials estimate there are approximately ten million stamp collectors among China's one billion population.

The government tightly controls the stock market, but there appears to be a thriving deal-making stamp market in Beijing. Similar markets operate in Shanghai, Canton, and Chengdu. The stamp market is the only free-market game in town and the popularity reflects the growing interest in capitalism in the last Communist power.

This reflects the growing desire for higher returns on personal savings, which have risen during ten years of market-style reforms. By the end of 1991, Chinese citizens had \$165 billion in savings deposits, up nearly 30-percent from 1990.

At the stamp market, sellers display their stamps on newspapers spread on the ground. Traders indicate the bartering is highly competitive and occasionally results in fistfights. Foreigners are warned to stay away as the market is considered unsafe.

The entrepreneurial sellers fly to other cities to sell for higher prices or have shipments of stamps flown in from cheaper markets - anything for a higher profit.

The sellers are required to have a special permit to buy a limited number of newly issued stamps, but these sellers depend on "underground" connections, postal workers who illegally sell them

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Cinderellas Popular Down Under

G'day from sunny Queensland! Since September 1992 I've been the new Australasian Regional Secretary. This entails looking after existing members, recruiting and most importantly letting people know we exist in Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia, Korea, Taiwan, and the P. R. of China. I've placed small adverts in two of our regional magazines, *Stamp News* and *The Stamp Collector*. So far, I've had eighteen inquiries of which eleven have joined.

An area of philately that is growing in Australia and New Zealand is collecting "Cinderellas," or in other words postal labels of some sort issued mainly by a private body that has philatelic value but is NOT a postage stamp and has no postal value. They can be broken down into a number of different categories:

Locals - which prepay carriage of letters, packets or parcels over specific routes.

Revenues or Fiscal stamps - issued by governments as a means of extracting money from its citizens.

Railway Stamps - including Tramways stamps.

Labels - which bear a resemblance to postage stamps:

Advertising Labels - Christmas and Easter Seals

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Commemorative Labels

Special Event Labels

Miscellaneous - a whole range of labels which do not fit into the above categories.



What are Cinderellas worth? No definitive answer can be given for like stamps, an item is worth whatever someone else is willing to pay for it. However, some Cinderellas exist in very small quantities and there is very little known about them, but a start has been made in producing catalogues in various Cinderella fields. Gone are the days when Cinderellas, like Cinderella in the fairy tale, may be described as worthless and shunned by philatelists. Today in Australia and New Zealand they are growing in popularity and we have journals and clubs specifically catering to Cinderella collectors.

Cinderellas are fun to collect with many varieties and interesting subjects. One of the Cinderellas that may interest members is the "Whale Post" label. A small West Australia stamp club came up with a novel fund-raising idea for its 1993 stamp show. They established a "Whale Post" with its own whale theme labels (Albany was a major whaling station in the past). Three sets of these labels are being issued and the club is also making special covers to sell.

Why am I mentioning this label? Because this type of novel fund-raising could be a good way for ISWSC to raise money.

All the best from "Down Under."

... Peter Scannell (# 453), Australasian Regional Secretary

Chinese Stamp Market (From page 3)

sheets of new issues. The shady dealing haven't seemed to undermine the confidence in the value of stamps, so the market thrives. Chinese leaders abhor speculation because they fear it will undermine the Communist system. Although officials complain in the media that such speculation will eventually make it impossible for ordinary collectors to buy stamps, collectors and buyers keep pouring money into stamps. ...



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Secretary- Treasurer's Report

The dust has settled and the wrap-up activities have been concluded for another year. The annual financial report will be found elsewhere in this newsletter. 1992 was a year of tremendous growth for ISWSC, and we are pleased to announce (elsewhere) a contest which will benefit both the 1000th member and his/her sponsor. You will note that the new member numbers are well over #900 already. Last year we gained 241 new members, and should achieve member #1000 well before the end of this year.

The 1993 Roster has a new format; it is in alphabetical order for the first time. There is a numerical list supplied at the beginning of the roster. Be sure to save the roster page(s) included each month in *The Circuit*, to keep your roster up to date in 1994. I hope this will make the volume easier to use, as we've had numerous requests for this change.

The following members dues were received after the last newsletter had gone to press and they have been reinstated to full membership: # 17 - Thurner, 163 - Tannenbaum, 277 - Nebel, 308 - Foley, 326 - Souza, 352 - De Pardes, 366 - Collazo, 369 - Holman, 370 - Muszynski, 375 - Domingo, 458 - Laun, 491 - Johnson, 527 - Fort, 642 - Stoeviski, and 670 - Rehling.

The following members have been dropped for non-payment of dues: # 494 - DeBoer, 542 - Sibrin, 633 - Farcas, 638 - Polito, and 673 - LeMire. I have also dropped # 295 - Douglass, 303 - Shultz, 382 - Supkowski, and 555 - Arnold, since their mail has all been returned as undeliverable.

The following members dues have not been received, and they will be dropped if dues are not received by March 31st: #425 - Yeong, 552 - Bourgoin, and 553 - Rattray.

I received a resignation from Udo Ammon (# 535), and his reasons for not renewing have been voiced by others in the past. I quote from his letter: "I thought I would hear from other stamp collectors when I joined. I would have enjoyed a steady stream of trades and correspondence, but that never happened, and so I will not be renewing." Please, ISWSCers, pick up your pen and write to other members if you wish to trade . . . you shouldn't expect to establish a trading relationship if you aren't willing to make th first step. Check the listings in the 1993 Roster, and if you see the code "50" and other information fits your interests, write and see about a trade. Some members only wish to correspond with others, and I

can tell you that we have some great letter writers out there; if you don't have sufficient stamp stock to trade, you can exchange letters and information.

If you would like to up-date you interest codes, please send the changes to me and I will include them in a future issue of *The Circuit*.

I'd like to take a moment to thank all of the ISWSC volunteer managers who have worked so diligently this past year, to provide other members with the benefits we often take for granted. While membership has grown, so has participation in the various services offered. First of all, I would like to thank George Land and Jim Watkins for agreeing to continue the ISWSC Mail Sale (auction) given such a rousing start by Dr. Wallace Johnson. There was enough material received to hold auctions 4 times in 1992 and we hope this is a trend that will continue into the future. These mail sales seem to be very popular with members, bidders and sellers alike!

Dalene Thomas has watched the Swap Circuit double in membership over the past year, and continues to give it her devoted attention. Tom Allison and his co-managers, Jerry Gross and Dr. Isaac Tannenbaum, have done a wonderful job with the ISWSC Omni Exchange! This service has seen considerable growth over the last year, too. If you are a participant in one or more of these services, please take a moment to send a note of thanks to these dedicated folks!

But, most of all, I'd like to thank Rita Kallal, whose dedication to getting out this newsletter often causes her to work late into the night collating and stuffing envelopes after she finishes the task of getting all the copy ready to print. Thanks, too, to Mel, her long-suffering husband who has helped keep the production of the newsletter as inexpensive as possible.

Please, if you have a computer with word processing and desktop publishing software, and access to a printer (Kinko's rent out their computers and will print out your documents on their printers on a per page fee) to print out camera-ready copy, please contact me to volunteer as Editor for *The Circuit*. Rita cannot continue to burn the candle at both ends much longer and has indicated that the next issue of *The Circuit* will be her last as Editor. So we desperately need an Editor ASAP. Rita has agreed to continue as Publisher, but the Editorial duties must be done by someone else.

Cash contributions to the Youth

Program and to ISWSC operating expenses are always welcome and deeply appreciated. ISWSC members whose generosity helped keep the Society running in the black are:

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Both Ken Costilow and Tom Fortunato have made major gifts of philatelic accessories and material to benefit the youth groups and the general fund. Many members have given hinges and stamps far in excess of the annual dues to the Youth Program; truly our Society is fortunate to have so many willing workers and generous folks among its' members! ... Carol Cervenka (#498), Secretary-Treasurer

For Elvis Fans

A recent press release from the American-Press Service and Features Syndicate, Van Nuys, California, announced the availability of several unique items for the Elvis fan and stamp collector. They describe two different sets of cacheted covers for the U.S. stamp. These first day covers are officially licensed from Graceland and the Presley estate. Also available is a mint mini-sheet of 9 different Elvis stamps issued by Antigua and Barbuda in the West Indies. (First Day of Issue covers also available). If you are interested in any of these items, contact I.C.S., P.O. Box 4103, Hollywood, CA 90078.

Reports Stolen Mail

It has been my experience recently that philatelic mail to collectors in Prague and Handlova, Czechoslovakia, is not received by them, apparently because of theft. However, mail from them to me always comes through. So, I have given up trying to trade with collectors in that country. ... Harold J. Humm (# 678)

Vice Pres. Report

Requests from JPA units, Ben Franklin Clubs and other youth programs have slowed. Renewal and new members dues are still coming in at a good pace, so there is a good supply of stamps on hand. One member donated a nice supply of hinges, another donated some copies of the Linn's booklet, "Stamp Collecting Made Easy", and ISWSC has provided copies of Linn's paperback book entitled *Introduction to Stamp Collecting* by Stephan J. Rod for use in the Youth Program. These items are included in each parcel of stamps sent out now.

It has been noted that the quality of donated stamps has been better lately (fewer torn or with heavy cancels, etc.). This makes the chances better for getting new collectors started off on the right foot.

Several members have included a note with their donated dues, proposing to trade stamps. Unfortunately, I am unable to participate at this time, so if anyone is interested in trades, here are two more possibilities: John Bunker (# 896) of Canada and L. T. Cook (# new), of Australia. (Editor's note: See classified ads for info on L.T. Cook).

Happy Collecting! ... Ken Costilow, (# 142), Vice President & Youth Program Chairman
(Editor's Note: Ken receives so many nice thank you notes, postcards and letters from the children and adult helpers in the Ben Franklin Clubs across the country. One such recent thank you included eight pages of brightly colored construction paper, each written or drawn by an individual child to express thanks. Really cute. I wish we had space to show them all.)

Death Reported

The death of Charter member Carl Sherwood (# 58) on February 2nd, 1993, has been reported to ISWSC by his grandson, Tom Rowland.

Carl was a generous and friendly stamp collector and he will surely be missed by many ISWSC members. Carol Cervenka noted that Carl was the single largest contributor to ISWSC during 1992, giving \$100 to the Society. Belatedly, we thank Carl for contributing so much to us all. ...

New Issues:

British Antarctic Territory issued Oct. 20, 1992, a set of 6 showing penguins and seals honoring the World Wildlife Fund. Designer: Andrew Robinson
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Public Relations Officer's Report - and A Contest

At the time of this writing, we have already signed up member # 900 and beyond. Who will become member #1000?

Here's your chance to help the Society grow and win a nice prize as well. Both member # 1000 and his or her ISWSC sponsor will receive a packet of better mint and used worldwide stamps valued at \$15-\$20. All you need to do is request some membership application forms from me (send a SASE if possible). Then write your membership number as the sponsor, and give them to your stamp collecting friends. Don't forget, for each five new members you recruit in any twelve month period, you get your ISWSC dues free for one year.

Does any charter member out there have a complete run of *The Circuit*? Newer members are seeking copies of back issues which we'd be happy to offer if we had them!

For a future project, we also need help from members with foreign language talents who can translate and type short articles into a different language. Among languages needed are French, German, Polish, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.

Preliminary results as of February 10th, I've received ballots from about 15% of the membership. The new By-Laws have a nearly unanimous yes vote. Members seem very interested in reactivating the Sales Circuit. The Board of Directors will be reviewing a dues increase; Although half the the votes stated that \$10 yearly was reasonable, we will try to keep them less if possible. Final results of the new By-Laws vote and membership survey will appear in the next issue of *The Circuit*.

Membership comments will also be discussed in that issue. A new brochure and membership application should be ready by then, reflecting changes voted by the membership.

Contact me if you can help out with any of the needs mentioned above. I look forward to meeting many of you at the ISWSC meeting scheduled for March 28th in Rochester, NY. ... Tom Fortunato (# 379), Public Relations Officer

Writing for Trading Partners Effective

Since joining the DCCC and ISWSC I have written to at least 40 different members to try to get trading partners who are interested in the same stamps and countries that I am and I have managed to get over 15 traders.

There are a few who wrote and told me that I was the only member they had heard from since joining the club (DCCC or ISWSC). I also heard from two that have dropped out of DCCC because no one wrote to them and they figured that joining a club they would have someone to trade with. *What they don't seem to understand is that just by joining a club doesn't guarantee you traders; you have to take the initiative yourself and write to members.*

I think the best thing for the ISWSC is the Welcoming Committee. It is a fairly new service started through Carol Cervenka (Sec'y-Treasurer) and Tom Fortunato (Public Relations). It helps the new members, but not the previous ones and so I'd like to encourage members who joined before the 1992, to take the initiative themselves after looking through the roster and members' codes to find collectors most suited to them own collecting interests. I am sure it would help some of those who are sitting back and wondering WHY they don't have anyone to trade with. As I said, I wrote oodles of letters and had quite a few rejects (not knowing the interests of several), but now I have so many trading partners my head is spinning someday. But I am enjoying every minute.

By the way, by taking the initiative and sending want lists, I was able to get all 50 used 29¢ Wildflowers.

... Beverly Chapman (# 802)

Sales Circuit Info

The audit of the Sales Circuit unit is completed and all books have been returned to the owners with full payment for material sold. Further questions or any unfinished business should be directed to Sec'y-Treasurer, Carol Cervenka (# 498).

Pending the results of the membership survey, a new sales circuit will resume shortly, with details appearing here in *The Circuit*. ...

From the Glossary:

Skew - The misalignment of a bar code on a letter. Either the bottom of the bar code is not parallel to the bottom of the letter, or individual bars do not line up with the bottom of the whole pattern. ...



Hello



England

Shalom



Israel

Hi!



U.S.A.

Privet



Russia

Bon Jour



France

Rainy Day Fun (or, "How to use up a few of those common definitives.")

Every collector seems to amass hundreds (millions? or does it just seem that way?) of definitives too common to be tradeable, but too nice to throw away. Here is a simple activity for the children in your life that will help you use a few.

Using a page of Hallmark stickers (sold under the budget priced Ambassador label for 79¢), set up a page as illustrated, and make as many copies as you need. You can pre-select the necessary stamps or let the children search through a large accumulation to find one definitive to go with each figure/country. Older youngsters can make a race of the search, or you may request specific stamps for each country. With a little imagination and a lot of definitives, you can keep the kids busy for hours! *** Carol Cervenka (#498)

Jambo



Africa

Hello!



Salaam



Egypt

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Guten Tag



Germany

¡Hola!



Spain

Ohayo



Japan

Ciao



Italy

Hallo



Holland

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1992 ISWSC FINANCIAL REPORT (Unaudited)

Balance on hand 1-15-92 \$4234

Income:

Dues - new members	\$ 1506
Renewal Dues	1794
Rosters (chg to new members)	228
Donations	426
Interest	138
Advertising in Circuit	361
Mail Sales	470
Sales Circuit (old)	1290
Sales Circuit (new) 7	130
Membership Pins	100

Total Income \$6442

Expense:

Postage 2	\$ 1008
Printing & Copying 3	240
Newsletter & Roster 4	1711
Telephone	184
Office Supplies 5	309
Public Relations 6	430
Regional Secretaries	173
Sales Circuit Expense (old)	2725
Misc.	25

Total Expense \$6805

Beginning bal. incr/decr. -(\$ 363)

Balance on hand 1-1-93 \$3871

for Prexy and PR Officer.

1. New sales circuit funds are from Omni Exchange commission stamps sold to raise money to help off-set old sales circuit deficit.

2. Postage includes office, plus officer and manager expenses as submitted for reimbursement.

3. Printing and copying includes brochures, membership cards, certificates and forms copies.

4. Includes left-over expenses from 1991 through Jul/Aug issue 1992 of The Circuit.

5. Includes 3 drawer file cabinet and office supplies.

6. Includes membership pins, APS and other mailings.

Note: \$1265 is held in escrow against advance memberships beyond 1993. We also owe for publication of Sept/Oct newsletters and the combined issue mailed in January. A last remaining debt (\$304) from the old sales circuit is to be paid early in 1993. These expenses will reduce our balance on hand substantially.

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Russian Fairy Tales A Mystery

I own the Russian miniature sheet issued August 10, 1984, and listed as Scott #5279 (a - 1) depicting Russian fairy tales. Scott catalog describes the subjects depicted are as follows:

- a. Three archers
- b. Prince and frog
- c. Old man and prince
- d. Crowd and swans
- e. Wolf and men
- f. Bird and youth
- g. Youth on white horse
- h. Couple with Tsar (Czar)
- i. Village scene
- j. Man on black horse
- k. Old man
- l. Young woman

Would anyone know what fairy tales or fables are depicted? ••• Joe Palko, (#421)

Canadian Postal Hikes Began with New Year

Members corresponding with Canadians and providing stamped reply envelopes should be aware of new postage rates which went into effect January 1st. (Canadian stamps, of course, are required on all mail posted in Canada).

The new domestic rate is 43 cents, up from 42 cents; the rate to the U.S. is 49 cents, also up a cent; and the international rate is up two cents to 86 cents. Stamps are subject to sales tax, raising the cost of a 43-cent stamp to 46 cents; the 49-cent issue to 52 cents; and the 86-center to 92 cents.

First of the new-rate stamps were issued in late December, the higher values being the second year of the fruit tree series. The U.S.-rate stamp features the Delicious apple and the international rate the Bartlett pear. ••• Irving C. Whynt (#490)

¿Whatzit?

The ¿Whatzit? pictured in *The Circuit* (Sept-Oct 1992 issue, pg. 8), brought responses from several members. They are all in agreement that this stamp is one of a series produced for the Sociedad Colombo-Alemana De Transportes Aereos, known to most stamp collectors as Scadta.

These stamps were sold by Columbian consulates and Scadta airport agencies to prepay airmail costs from foreign countries to inland Columbia. The overprints were used to prevent currency manipulation. They were applied by machine, typographed, and handstamped in black, red and violet in a variety of lettering sizes. From 1923 until 1926, these stamps were cancelled upon arrival in Columbia. After 1926 they were cancelled in the country of origin.

Country Codes:

A	Germany
A-U	Argentina-Uruguay
B	Belgium
Bo	Bolivia
BR or Br	Brazil
C	Cuba
CA	Canada
CH	Chile
CR	Costa Rica
D	Denmark
E	Spain
EU	United States
F	France
GB	Great Britain
H	Netherlands
I	Italy
P	Panama
PE	Peru
S	Switzerland-Liechtenstein
Su	Sweden
V	Venezuela



A recent Stanley Gibbons' catalog listed the value of the pictured used stamp as almost 5 pounds sterling. So these stamps are valuable both mint and used; likely most valuable on cover. If you're interested in these stamps you can find reference to them in the *Sanabria Airmail Catalog*, *Facit Catalog of Scandinavian Stamps*, and *Stanley Gibbons' Catalogues* (listed under Scadta and Columbia - Private Air Companies).

Our gratitude to Doug Swisher (#403), Glen A. Robertson (#307), Ed Dykstra (#254) and Robert E. Lewis for their answer to this mystery stamp. (Copies of the catalog pages sent to the editor have been forwarded to Tom Fortunato (#379), our resident mystery solver. Send a clear copy of any stamp you can't identify, along with a description of colors, perforations, etc. to Tom for an answer.) •••



Childhood Hobbies Add to Stamp Collecting

You can all guess that I'm going to talk about stamp collecting, but what you may not guess is that I'm also going to talk about model airplanes.

Many of us, I would think, probably started collecting stamps in childhood, while the other large percentage started at retirement. There does not seem to be much middle ground. In addition, I would venture a guess that many of us, as children, built model airplanes, the old balsa stick and tissue kind. But, on the other hand, do many of us still build them?

I do! About twelve years ago, I had the urge to build a radio control model airplane, and learn how to fly it. This plane had a 58 inch wingspan, a .40 size glo-plug engine, and weighed about three pounds, all relatively standard for a trainer, and I learned to fly it over that summer.

In the ensuing years, it seems I have gravitated towards smaller and quieter models. Presently, I am building a rubber band powered (quiet), 15 inch wingspan Westland Lysander, which will weigh about four ounces (definitely smaller), and hopefully will fly later this spring. Yes, this type of kit is still available.

Obviously, then, my interest in airplanes on stamps led me to Tony Pennock and The Aviation Study Unit of the American Topical Association. But, in the past two years, I have been on a quest to find stamps depicting *model* airplanes, a topical within a topical collection. It takes a lot of looking through catalogs, but I have managed to find nearly two dozen. The last time I tried to do this, I was looking for stamps with Dalmation dogs, since we own one. This is also not an easy subject, but I located about a dozen, all part of larger sets.

To date, the list of my findings on model airplanes contains 23 stamps. Notice that most are from "Iron Curtain" countries. I

wonder why? If anyone knows of a stamp depicting a model Westland Lysander or any additions to this list, I would be glad to hear from you. *** Joe Palko (# 471)

Model Airplanes on Stamps

Hungary # C149-56 - Airmail (Diamond shape), Model plane, glider, biplane, etc.
 Hungary # 900 - Scouts with model
 Hungary # B166-69 - Semi-postal, Model to full scale
 Hungary # B131-134 - Semi-postal, (10+10) Boy with model
 Jugoslavia # 1747 - Model
 Korea # 1272a-e - Strip of 5, All models
 Netherlands # B269 - Semi-postal, Boy with model
 Poland # 2473-2476 - (1z., 4.20z.) Glider and radio control
 Romania # CB 20 - Semi-postal airmail, Model
 Romania # 934 - (55bani), Model
 Romania # 970 - (10bani), Girl with model
 Russia # 678 - (5k.), Model
 Russia # 1284 - Model
 Russia # 3684 - Glider

The following are not listed in Scott's catalog due to being on the "forbidden" list for import into the USA. I found out about them from a pen-pal in Poland.

North Korea (issued 1975), denom. 5, multi-color, Radio control plane
 North Korea (issued 1976) denom. 20, green, Propeller model
 North Korea (issued 1976) denom. 40, violet, Glider
 Vietnam (issued 1979), denom. 50, multi-color, Boy & girl with model ***

Russian Member Seeks Trading Partners

My ISWSC # is 542. I would like very much to obtain colleagues from your country with whom I could have philatelic exchange.

I'm the President of Youth Philatelic Club in Saratov-City and would like to obtain postmarks of transport, flora-fauna, dogs, cats, animals, etc. Exchange used 100 x 100 worldwide.

I'm also in need of complete sets mint of the above thematics, plus sports and other themes. Exchange by Yvert and 50 x 50 mint stamps.

I offer you: new used stamps of USSR, Mongolia, Bulgaria, all topics. Mint new stamps of USSR.

I consider that we can help each other and there will be no forceable to avoid the relations and ties between free people.

Please write to: Yuriy Sibirin, pr. Entuziastov 47-6, 410039 Saratov, USSR ***

New Issues: Papua New Guinea new Definitives - Part 4, issued January 20, 1993, depicting Birds of Paradise, set of 5.
 Designer: Richard Bates
 Printer: Leigh-Marden Ptg. Ltd., Australia



Non-members Seek to Sell or Trade

The collectors listed below have written to ISWSC indicating an interest in trading stamps. They are not ISWSC members, and publication of their names does not indicate any endorsement by ISWSC, so it is your decision whether to strike up correspondence and/or trades with them.

Kashin Oleg An., h. 1 kv. 100, Central Street, Saratov 410044 Russia

Mr. He Ningning, P. O. Box 081-923, Shanghai 200081, P. R. China

Lakum, Rajesh. B., F - Pujaru Plot, "Ganesh Krupu", Rajkot 360002, India

Peter Lollesgaard, Kastruplundgade 53, 2770 Kastrup, Denmark

A request for names of interested buyers of stamps of Papua-New Guinea was received from the following dealer. He will respond with offers to those who write.

Poyep Kilepak, P. O. Box 2059, Boroko. NCD., Papua-New Guinea ***

Wanted: - ASAP!
 Editor for ISWSC Newsletter
 Contact Carol Cervenka (# 498)