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National First Day Covers by Tom Fortunato #379

Collectors of U. S. first day covers (FDC) are familiar with the FDC routine. One city or town is selected by the U.S. Postal Service to host traditional first day activities. The site, which usually has some connection to the new stamp, is the only place in the country allowed to use the stamp that day. An official ceremony is held in tribute of the issue, cachet makers attend selling their envelopes and the post office has plenty of the new stamps. Most patrons take the opportunity to get a special postmark as a souvenir of the day.

Four U.S. stamps have received nation-wide first day status. Post offices around the country were authorized to issue these stamps on the same date and cancel FDCs with their local postmark. Thousands of variet-

ies of these FDC's were created.

6 #	Stanley Gibbons #	<u>Issue Date</u>	Commemorative		
Scott#		Feb. 20, 1962	4¢ Project Mercury		
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1246	1228	May 29, 1964	4¢ John F. Kennedy		
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1489-98	1490-99	Apr. 30, 1973	8¢ Postal Employees		

The Mercury Project stamps were distributed to post offices and sold only after the successful completion of John Glenn's orbital flight of the earth. Had something gone wrong, the stamps wouldn't have been released. The Kennedy memorial stamp was issued on what would have been the President's birthday in 1964 in honor of his service to the nation. Self promotion was the reasoning for the various postal service stamps that also received national FDC treatment.

For anyone up to the challenge, pick on of these issues and try collecting one cover postmarked from different cities and towns. Certainly this could become a lifetime adventure. complete lists of available varieties have been attempted with new finds always being added to such lists. Serious John F. Kennedy enthusiasts have recorded over 4,500 varieties in their search!

New Circuit Editor and Publisher Named

After a long search for a new editor for The Circuit, the ISWSC Board of Directors has appointed Richard Wright (#1006) and his sister, Stephanie Lane as coeditors to the volunteer position. She is the proprietor of Lone Wolf Graphix, 781 North 29th, Walnut, Kansas 66780 USA; and will also publish our newsletter. Their responsibilities begin with the January/February issue, which is planned to be in the mail in early January. Due to the short transition time, that issue may be abbreviated to allow them to "get their feet wet."

The society wishes to sincerely thank our current editor, Rita

Kallal, for her many years of service as our editor/publisher. She has spent countless hours making sure that the membership was kept informed about our group's activities, through thick and thin. Our search has taken some time since her initial request to be relieved of the position, through which Rifa unselfishly agreed to continue serving the membership.

Effective immediately, mail all of your articles and ads directly to the new editors at the address above. We will make the transition as smooth as possible for all, but please be patient as there will be some kinks to be worked out.

Board of Directors Candidate Dies

Secretary Carol Cervenka has recently been notified by the Tacoma (WA) Stamp Club that member Paul Grimes (#778) took ill and died suddenly. (No other information was available.)

Paul was seeking to serve on our Board of Directors and his long-time affiliation with scouting and philately was very much in his favor. We are sorry to lose such a dedicated collector. We extend our sympathies to his family and friends. ••

Editors Note: If you have not yet voted in the Board election, please cast your vote for someone else. Thank you.

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ISWSC Creates Youth Merit Award

In our continuing effort to encourage young collectors to enjoy the many facets of worldwide stamp collecting, theISWSC is pleased to announce the creation of a youth exhibiting award.

The certificate, officially called the "ISWSC Youth Merit Award", recognizes outstanding use of worldwide stamps in an exhibit. Any stamp club, school or other philatelic organization running a competitive stamp exhibit with at least 5 youth exhibits containing worldwide stamps and a minimum of 50 total youth pages displayed may apply for the award. It is offered free of charge, but a donation of \$1 would be appreciated to defray mailing expenses. Members overseas may direct a certificate request to their nearest regional secretary.

To apply for the award, the show committee or exhibit coordinator should mail a request to: ISWSC Youth Award, 42 Maynard Street, Rochester, NY 14615-2022. Try to send the request at least four weeks before the event. ••

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Jim Watkins (# 372)has the following used Scott Catalogues are available to ISWSC members for just the cost of postage to mail them.

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Donation Auction Planned

The ISWSC needs your help! As mentioned in previous Circuit issues, the society is in need of several pieces of office equipment; a copier, fax machine, and other rather expensive items to allow us to serve you better. We think we have a great idea to raise funds and offer you some bargains in return.

Everyone has duplicate stamps, kiloware and other philatelic material taking up space. Donate them to the ISWSC for a special membership auction to be held in 1995, with all proceeds going to the society. It's a win-win deal! Send your donations with a brief description to auction co-manager George Land, whose address is in the "Officers & Managers" listing. Material should arrive by February 28. Be sure to mention that they are for the donation auction.

Thanks for your support! •••

Free Youth Publication

Sign up now to receive a new, free monthly magazine called "The Stamp Zone", available to all kids and youth club leaders.

Its editor, Jennifer Arnold, explains her goal is to make the publication a forum for and about kids and the stamp collecting hobby. "I intend the magazine to be very interactive with young philatelists," she writes.

The first issue will be in the mail by the time you read this. Subscriptions are free, but a donation towards the mailing costs, especially from those outside of the USA, would be appreciated. Send your name and address to: The Stamp Zone, c/o Pizzazz Publications, 310 NW Juniper Lane, Albany, OR 97321-1430 USA. Mention that you read about it in the ISWSC's newsletter, The Circuit.

Merry Christmas Happy New Year



1994 ISWSC Member of the **Year Award Salutes** Australian

It is hoped that a new tradition will begin with this issue; the naming of the ISWSC's most outstanding member from the past year. As 1994 comes to a close, the Board of Directors would like to salute Peter Scannell (#453) of

Jindalee, Australia.

Peter joined the ISWSC in July, 1990, accepting the position of ISWSC Austral-asian overseas secretary in 1992, which he continues to hold. Through his efforts, our membership in that region has more than tripled and our club has made contact with several philatelic bodies, producing results which have astonished many.

Of special note are his efforts with our youth Leader to Leader program. He has single handedly sought and obtained gifts from philatelic bureaus in his region for youth donations; contacted several national collecting clubs in Australia, the Philippines and Indonesia; and organized the ISWSC's first international stamp design contest for countries in the Pacific- and idea which we hope to expand upon next year.

It's impossible to detail all of Peter's activities. Even the officers have had a hard time keeping up with his enthusiastic and energetic pace! Besides actively recruiting additional members, he also finds the time to run the Pacific area sales circuit, providing members down-under with a service previously unavailable to them.

For his efforts, the ISWSC is honoring him with this profile and a small gift; a watch bearing the ISWSC logo.

Well done, Peter! •••

Canadian Member Dies

Tom Fortunato reports that the death of member Patrick O. Olsen (# 433) was recently listed in the Cover Collectors Club newsletter.

Patrick developed two Canadian albums for kids to be used in our Leader to Leader Program. His talents will be missed by many. Our sympathy to his family and friends. ••

Canadian Secretary's Report by Irving C. Whynot (# 490)



Canadian member Linda Bray (# 938) and her husband John examining a shoebox mixture at a recent Canadian stamp show.

New Sales Circuit Will Serve Candian Members

Canadian members looking for an inexpensive means of acquiring new stamps, or for a convenient way of disposing of duplicates, will be pleased to hear that we are about to start a Canadian Sales Circuit.

A circuit has been part of the sociefy's operation for many years but became impractical for Canadian members with the draconian application of tax and customs fees on material arriving from the U.S. But with Canadian membership now around the 50 mark, about double that of two years ago, there appears to be enough interest to start a circuit, at least on a trial basis.

William Silvester (#1058) has volunteered to organize the circuit and is looking forward to hearing from all those interested in participating — as a buyer, seller, or both - or with suggestions. Write Bill Silbester at 378C Cotlow Road, Victoria, B.C. V9C 2G1. ••

Canadian Stamp Show in **Nova Scotia Brings Members Together**

One of the benefits of ISWSC membership is that it puts you in touch with a lot of nice people. It is even nicer when you get to meet another member in person.

That was the case recently on a visit to Nova Scotia when I visited a local Stamfair in the Halifax-Dartmouth area and met Linda Bray (# 938). Linda and her husband John (pictured above) operate Moody Blue Stamps and had a booth at the show. (See her story, "I Married the Stamp Business or How I Became a Philatelist" in The Circuit, May/June 94).

They report that the stamp market generally is reviving slowly but they predict that prices will not return to levels seen in 1989. Linda says issues of Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand and the Caribbean islands are popular and that there is a growing interest in thematics (or topicals). ••

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

by Carol Cervenka (# 498)

Beginning with the first issue of 1995, each mailing label on *TheCircuit* will also have the date your membership expires. Please check the mailing label and send in your dues at least a month before expiration date. If we all pull together, we can keep dues low despite the announced postage increase.

A new policy has been implemented in order to save on newsletter mailing costs to members who fail to renew. A postcard notice will be mailed on or near the first of the month preceding dues expiration. A second notice will be mailed to members who fail to respond by the expiration date. Thirty days (30) after dues expire, all members who have not responded will be dropped. An additional 15 days response time will be allowed for overseas members billed from the USA. Lead time for the newsletter makes listing the names of members who will SOON be dropped from ISWSC rolls impractical, and will no longer be done. Please pay your dues as soon as possible after notification to avoid being dropped from the active rolls.

When you move, please send your address change to me as soon as possible so I can update your records and put the change in the Roster Up-date pages. All address changes are sent routinely to the Editor of *The Circuit*. If you send your address change here, you don't have to send it to the Editor as well. For very active members in some of the ISWSC circuits (Swap, Sales and Omni), you will need to send an address change to the appropriate service manager to avoid missing those mailings, but we want to keep things as simple and easy as we can for you.

Likewise, if you learn of a member's death, please write to notify ISWSC so we can keep current with sales and swap circuits and the newsletter. My thanks to those who have written me and various managers with such information in the past.

Another year is almost gone. Soon 1995 will be here with a myriad of changes and additions to ISWSC programming. To all of the many volunteers who make ISWSC the terrific organization it is, a heartfelt THANK YOU seems long overdue. To all members, my deepest gratitude for the many notes of encouragement and praise; to those of you who have kept me striving to do better with your criticism, please accept my appreciation for your patience.

As with any enterprise, be it paid staff or volunteer, we have had personnel changes during the past year. To the dedicated volunteers who have served the Society and moved on to other ventures, you can be truly proud of your considerable contribution to the growth of ISWSC. To the members who have volunteered to assume the awesome responsibility of filling your shoes, we welcome you and hope you will enjoy serving in the fine tradition of your predecessors.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! •••

'HAPPY HANUKKAH

Letter to The Editor

This letter is to support the idea expressed in a previous issue by Harold Humm (# 678). But first, allow me to thank you and the others who spend so much time making this truly one of the most enjoyable stamp societies in America today. Why you and the Secretary-Treasurer are willing to donate so much of your time and energy is beyond me, but very much appreciated by this member.

Contrary to reports told me, I believe we have enough members now to support a salaried position. I notice that you, the editor, are looking for a replacement. Could or would the Secretary-Treasurer, Carol Cervenka (# 498) — Superwoman to this guy — take on both these parttime positions, making it a fulltime job/responsibility, if there were compensation?

However, I do not feel that the dues should be increased across the board! I think the term "dues" should be dropped as ask members for "donations"-in stamps or cash of at least \$8.00. Members who do not make the contribution will be left to the application/renewal committee to review. I am willing to bet that many of us will donate considerably more, much more.

This is something for us as a club to contemplate. Hopefully members will write to each other and discuss these ideas, so that we an continue to grow into the leading stamp organization. I look forward to hearing from you and others on this. •• Brian Holthouse (# 1062)

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Leader to Leader Program

by AI & Millie Feinberg, Coordinators (# 361)

We received lots of replies since our write-up in *Linn's* written by Steven Rod, explaining the Leader to Leader Program. Most replies come from school teachers eager for our material. Judging from letters received they like what we have to offer. We received several replies from our letter printed in *Meekel's Weekly*.

I received a copy of an album titled "Civil War" that was sent to me with the right to photocopy it an use it in our Leader to Leader Program. It was printed on 26 pages. We copied it on 13 double sided pages in order to save postage. It is a history of the U. S. Civil War, some of the battles and the people who were there. There are spaces for 49 stamps. The pages are well designed with a decorated border for each page. It included a word puzzle in conjunction with the Civil War. This

album will be a valuable tool for teaching children. School teachers love it.

I also received an album titles "Presidents of the United:States."
It is printed on 8 double sided pages with printed pictures of our presidents. This album includes all sorts of information concerning our Presidents. School children can use this album for references.

We also now have a 36 single sided page album for worldwide collectors. It pictures a stamp from most countries and exfra spaces. A very good album for young children just starting out.

I am now accepting names of ISWSC members who wish to become mentors. Please write to me if you are in need of a mentor. We will do our best to match you. Please include postage to reduce costs to ISWSC. ••

The "Other" PC's by C. Hewins (# 483)

It was bound to happen. As a true blue general collector (that's NOT one who collects generals) and accumulator (Is a collector an accumulator who's organized?), I was bound to discover precancels. A precancel is not, of course, a refusal before an event. We all know what they are, and even if we don't, it doesn't make any difference. Won't delay our birthdays by hardly a second.

Anyway, I got into gathering in whatever came my way with them (I mean precancels, not birthday presents, though I accept them, too); not just town and type, but the whole peck of potatoes.

I must admit that sometimes sacrilege might almost sneak in, as designs are deliberately defaced with town and state printed over them (that might actually improve some stamps).

A dichotomy is that, for regular postally used stamps, light cancels are usually preferable, but with precancels, that means you need a magnifying glass, an atlas, luck, and imagination to identify the issuer. That might apply to some regular foreign, come to think of it.

A general precancel collection with several of the some type from one town might prompt a casual observer to wonder about the collector's intelligence level, since the words would be very repetitious, with only the background colors and design (to the extent one could see it) changing. Well, i guess the less it takes to amuse one, the more it takes to bore one. In some social situations, that can be a real lifesaver.

Something I've always wondered: Is it worse to get a hinge that's gummed on both sides, or on neither? ••

What is Worldwide Collecting? — (second in a series) by Glen Robertson (# 307)

Throughout my more than 60 years of collecting the world has changed. It is changed in the last few years. And it will change in the years ahead. When I started collecting (in 1932) the world was well defined. The Scott catalog I used was a single volume, as was my worldwide album.

In less than ten years all that changed. World War II changed country borders, split countries, created new countries and killed off countries. The world of worldwide stamp collecting changed, as well. Among the new terms to enter collecting was "Dead Countries." These included Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia. Another term was "Sand Dunes" to describe the many Arab Emirates in the Middle East. Both terms were as correct as they were wrong. Many Middle East nations are solid, stable entities and the Baltic States, particularly, were far from dead.

In Africa countries broke away from their former colonial status and became free and independent nations. Not long ago the German Democratic Republic became a "new" dead country as former Soviet states such as Georgia, came back to life. Breakup of the Soviet Empire gave philatelic life back to the Baltic States. While the foundation for these changes was laid years ago, an announcement just a few months ago pointed to reversal of a recent change.

The South African homelands of Venda, Boputhatswana, Transkei and Ciskei are no longer producing their own stamps. Worldwide collecting embraces all these changes and more. It is as broad or as narrow as the individual collector wants to make it.

That's one of the good things about worldwide collecting. You can "do your own thing" and be just as correct, philatelically, as any classic collector who ever lived. ••

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Beginner's Column

by AI & Millie Feinberg, (# 361)

Over the last twenty years Scott Catalogue shows only one stamp out of a shet, that makes it difficult for the averagecollector to locate the proper catalog number. Even those of us what use a catalog regularly have trouble. I'll tell you some of the things I do to make it a little easier.

If you have s used stamp, sometimes you can find a date in the cancellation that will give you the year the stamp used. If you are lucky to find this just look at stamps issued that year and of course, read the information tha describes the stamps in sets issued

that year.

Another thing I do is check the monetary denomination, as as example; if the stamp is 50 shillings, start looking for sets of stamps that have a 50 shilling stamp in them, then read to see if you can find a match. You will notice that every year or so, or sometimes more frequently postage goes up. For exsample, in the US, if you are looking for a 25 cent stamp, check the pages of the catalog where most 25 cent stamps were issued, more than likely you will find it there. That's easier than looking at all the pictures trying to find your stamp.

It would be easy if Scott showed pictures of every stamp in a set. They used to do this, but now there are just too many stamps issued for every country. If they did print every stamp issued the price of the catalog would probably be too costly for most-of us.

I find it useful at times to check the currency. There are times that this changes. As an example, some countries that use pence and shillings switch to cents and dollars. Start checking the catalog where the change takes place. This can save a lot of time.

Something else that works, it reading this stamp carefully. In many cases stamps in a set are all the same category or topic. As an example, if the stamp shows fish, look for a set of stamps that picture fish. If the stamps shows the leader of a country, again look for a stamp that shows the same. If the stamp shows buildings, look for sets of buildings, etc.

Even with all the above suggestions, at times none of them work. It all boils down to the fact taht you hvaae to do a lot of reading. There is no way of getting around it. More difficult are those stamps that scott lists that are not recognized by them as being primarily issued for postage. You must read all information on the stmap and look for a match. This would be easier if all the writing was in English, but unfortunately many times it's in a language we do not understand.

If you collect only certain countries, it might be wise to buy a catalog printed in that country. Most foreign catalogues picture all stamps in a a set. Check the year of issue and then go to your. Scott catalog and it will be easier to find.

I even went as far as to buy foreign dictionaries that convert to English. I have French, German, and Spanish dictionaries that I use quite frequently. In many cases by understanding the wording on a stamp it makes it easier to catalog.

Canadian Report (Continued from page 3) Canada Marks 1994 Stamp Month with Mammals Set



Canada Post marked Stamp Month in October with a set of four stamps featuring prehistoric mammals, the fourth and last in a series on prehistoric life.

Mammals first appeared about 190 million years ago after dinosaurs became extinct. Warm-blooded and hairy, they arevertebrates with four-chambered hearts and diaphrams likehumans.

Featured on the four se-tenant stamps are:

Woolly Mammoth: Probably the most familiar of all extinct mammals. Remains dating back 150,000 years have been found in Eurasia and they are known to have existed in many parts of Canada.

Short-faced bear: The largest carnivore in North Americaduring the Ice Age, this creature roamed from the grasslands west of the Mississippi as far north as Yukon and Alaska.

Megacerops: Feeding on trees and shrubs, this massive creature was common in eastern North America and lived in Saskatchewan about 27 million years ago.

Coryphodon: Browsed on roots, tubers and aquatic plants, much the same as today's hippos. Remains have been found as far north as Ellesmere Island in the Canadian arctic and as far south as Mississippi, Texas and New Mexico in the US. •••

If you still have trouble after trying all the above, my only suggestin would be to close your books and come back another time when you mind has had time to refresh. •••

(Editor's Note: As a beginner, I was helped a lot by usingalbums that pictured a lot of stamp sets. Most single country albums picture all stamps in a set that are different and this helped me locate the year of issue and thus much easier to find the stamps in the catalog. So before you give up, check your album! Or ask a fellow collector if you can look borrow theirs to look, through.)

Super Quiz Winner and Answers

The super quiz was won by Gene Bowman (#1112), who sent the first entry with all questions answered correctly. Smart collector, huh? For the rest of you, the questions and answers are furnished to sharpen your collecting trivia.

- 1. Who devised the system from which is derived the modern perforation gauge?

 Dr. J.A. le Grand, a French collector of the 1860's.
- 2. What is "blueprint" paper and when was it used? Ferro-prussiate paper made by sunlight through a negative design in contact with blueprint paper. Used on the local stamps of Mafeking in 1900.
- 3. Cartridge paper was used for printing the 1853 issue of what country? ... Trinidad
- 4. Where were the first typewritten stamps produced in 1895 and who made them?

 Uganda, by the Rev. E. Miller of the Church Mission Society
- 5. When referring to philately, what is a bridge? The paper between holes of unseparated perforated stamps
- 6. In proper sequential order, since 1840, state the first five nations to issue stamps on a national basis and give the year their stamps were released.

 1840-Great Britain, 1843-Brazil, 1847-USA'& Mauritius, 1849-France.
- 7. Which country was the first to honor an historic foreigner on a national stamp, who was depicted and in what year was the stamp issued?

 Chile, a portrait of Christopher Columbus, 1853
- 8. What was the first official name of what is now known as the Universal Postal Union?

 The General Postal Union
- 9. The first bicolored invert found on any national stamp came from what country and in what year? India, the 4 anna blue/red issue
- 10. Who was Jean De Sperati and what was his claim to fame in philately?
 One of the world's greatest stamp forgers from Italy.

Never Too Old To Learn

I learned something with the last issue from John Slade's article on Freemasonry. That's an organization I always admired and would have liked to join. I had been under the impression that you had to receive an invitation to join and be sponsored. I had an uncle who was a member and I figured he didn't extend an invitation to me because I was little more than scratching out a living and wasn't affluent enough for them. I also had friends who were members, mostly business people.

Well, it's too late now their loss. I don't have time for them now. I'm busier now than when I was working and I don't even get paid. •• Emil Ciagetti (# 767)

Editor's note: You aren't the only one who thought one had to be invited by a member. Just goes to show, we should ask that friend or relative, "How does one get to be a member of such a fine organization?"

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Centering: Very Fine (VF) = Wide margins • Fine (F) = Off center but perfs do not touch design • Very Good (VG) = Perfs touch design • *Good (G) = Perfs touch design • *Good (G)

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U.S. 283 MHR VG corner perf problem. 10¢ Webster U.S. 918 Imp block on cacheted & unadd FDC. Ex cond. U.S. 1682a MNH. Flag. sheet; Some bending on 2 corners. U.S. 23 dif U earlies w/ faults. Some better, CV to 6. U.S. 29 dif U earlies all w/ SE. CV's to 11.00 each. U.S. 452 mixed U on paper. PB's multi\$ denoms. Mostly comems & 15% nice recent foreign.	75.00 12.00 13.00	30.00 9.00 2.50 4.00
7 U.S. NASA flt cvr w/#1909. Challenger 9/30/83 avg cond 8 U.S. 100 U post cards, U.S. & foreign pictures, 1950 U.Nat. 268 dif MNH. *1/319 & C2/21. On stock cards. CCV	p. ?	6.00 12.00
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GB 64 pl.11 VG UN but grotty crnr. gone/pulled perfs DG GB 222-3 F U, 224 VF U CR. KG5 hi values. GB 286-9 F-VF U, 289 has CR. KG6 hi values. GB 395-7 + phos. VF MNH Lifeboats Donation GB 1230-3 & 1445-8 U Castles complete GB J54 VG U lite purple cancel 5 sh. post due GB-Cffice Turkey 6 U G Constantinople CDS on piece. GB 16 dif U se-tenant pairs + 20 dif U regionals. GB 2 paks U comems: 138 dif pre '71. 225 dif w/ HV's GB 199 stamps (63 dif). Seme w/ major faults. Alderhey/Guernsey 92 dif U frem Beth islands. Isle of Man 78 different used. Jersey 3 packs U: 100 dif, 64 dif, 46 dif. Brit Comwth. 22 dif in ret Blue Book w/ Canada 96-98 M & Cape Good Hope 13 U (2 margins cut). Brit E.Africa 84 VG U, Guiana 71 VG U, Honduras 8 G U. Jubilee. Antigua 459-64, Bangladesh 123-5a, Barbuda 26	54.00 20.75 39.02 35.75 14.00 1.50.00 \$00 \$? ? ? \$8.98 42.50	16.00 5.00 4.00 35.00 35.00 7.50 4.00 7.00 12.00
St. Vincent 483-94a. All MH or MNH. 27 Jubilee. Kenya 84-88 MNH, Maldive 662-8 MH. 28 Jubilee. Niue 194-5a, Chad 328-9, Dominica 521-5, Gibraltar 339a, all MNH or MLH. 29 Anguilla 394-97a MNH Queen mum.	32.65	14.00

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30	Australia 830-la traf lites blk, 890-1 pair, 1354-6, +		
31	Christ Is. orchids & some P.C. packs. All MNH. Australia 3 cpl booklets MNH; 1241-6b, 1348-9a, 1354a,	8•27 22•20	
32 33	Australia 7 Gil 1995 Sets in Official P.C. backs Witt	A-15 AA	
34	Australia 4 dif cpl booklets, 1993 issues, new unlist.	est 21.00	3. 00
35 36 37	Australia 100 dif U, 60% modern commems. Aus Antarc Terr. 25 dif M&U. Lots of ships & ice.	?	2.50
37 38	candulas 1704/5 U favr. GE2 complete	24.47	4.00 12.00
3 9	Barbados 11 dif MHR 61/210, incl 102, 104, 195A. Barbados 80 dif M&U. All time periods.	6.05	6.0C
40 41	33-5,83a,86-8,99-102,290-6.370-2.464-7, all MNF	14,.36	4.30
42	Bermuda 9 U VG lite cancel on this QV shilling.	35.30 50.30	15.30
43 44	- mermuda 100-103 Vr MNH MG5 Silver Juhilee	14.30	7.00
45	Bermuda 119-23,123a,b, 124a, 425, a. F-VF MHR Bermuda 360-2, 423-8, 445-8. 3 sets, MNH.	49.83	
46 47	Hermida 17 dif MHR 16/163 incl 132 111	9•93 8 : 88	5.00 2.00 _
48	Bermuda 18 dif U G-VF, 20/123 + 430. Incl 85,120,121D,1 Canada 85 U F CDS. 86 U G, bad perfs, long CR.	1/2 22	
49 50	Ganada 249-52,254-5,284-93,305-6,599a,600-1,all MLH/MNH Canada 58 dif M&U in sales book priced at \$56. Mostly	14.06	5.00 6.50
-	early to mid, incl 101-2 U.	?	20.00
51 52	Christmas Is. 1-10 compl U VF lite corner cancels Christmas Is. 11-17, 19, 20, 29 MNH VF	25.28	5•50
53 54	Christmas Is. 5 dif MNH S/S: 86-8, 111, 116.	28.37 17.25	10.00 7.50
55	Cacos Is. 4 dif MNH S/S: 81, 114, 121, 151. Cook Is. 787-810 MLH. Coral beauties.	10.50 13.63	4.50 5.00
56 57 58	Cook Is. FDC 1095-1100, official unaddressed. Cversize. Cyprus 483/596. 18 stamps in 7 sets. MLH VF	8.1-0+	4.50
58	Falklands 260-274 MLH Ships ahov	9.67 22.13	.4.25 8.00
59 60	Fiji 45 MLH VG gum toned on this QV 5 shillings. Grenada 788-92 MLH + Grenadines 213-5 MLH, 216 MNH,	50.00	22.00
61	21/a, 220a cpl booklets.	16.25	8.50
62	Griqualand W. 97 U VG, 101-2 U G. Some Cape "G's" - Hong Fong 644 VF U QE2 hi value.	9.50 5.00	4.00 2.25
63 64	Hong Kong 80 dif M & U. QV to recent. Ireland 142-4, 151-2, 2 sets MLH, F-VF.	?	5.00
65 66	retand 161-2 MLH, r-VF Brown	33.93 42.25	15.00 20.00
67	Malaysia 100 dif U, all periods. 20% commems. Malta 36 dif U. KG6 to modern.	? 5.61	4.00 2.00
68 69	Montserrat 103 U.F. lite cancel on this hi walle	17.50	9.00
70	Norfolk Is. 248A, 283A, 313A, 346A; 380A. 5 MNH S/S Papua NG.MNH 209,211,215-9;221,223-4. Butterfly part set	15.00 23.19	6.50 -
71 72	Papua NG. 446-53,455, 478-90. 1978 Post Office Pack. Papua NG. 50 dif U, early to recent.	11.65	4.50
-73	Papua NG. 58 dif U V-VF: 62/750	? 18•38	4.00
74 75	St. Helena 101-7 MH Centenary set to 1 sh. St. Lucia 13 & 15 both G U, perfs cut into design.	23.12 55.00	11.00
75 76 7 7 78	parawak 176-179 MHR. UPU set.	6.20	21.00 3.25
78 78	Singapore 100 dif U, small & large, KG6 to recent. Tonga 392-6, C209-13, C0117-19, all MH	? 63•65	5.00 25.00
79 80	Trinidad 4 F barely U w/ 4 marg, + Tobago 12 MH VF. Tristan d.C 14-24 (no#19) MH. QE2 scenes	57.50	25.00
81	Turks 54 MHR G. 55 Mhr VG, DG. * Mauritius 22 X VG DG.	9.85 23.00	4•50 9•50
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37 33	694 F MH, 738 VF MHR, 771-2 VF MLH, 3365 F MHR. 365-690 MNH, full sheet w/ inscription. (CV as singles)	22.24 8.30+	5.30
39	C57-8 F MHR, gum toned. Hindenburg flies again!	7.75	-
3 0	18 U stamps, all semi-postal, modern.	22.27	7.00
91 92	51 y better-grade small stamps in 2 packets.	46.06	10.00
92 93	65 U commems stamps, all 100 pfg. values. 94 dif U in sales book, small/large mix, post war, w/E#'s	37.26	et 12.00
ラン 94	125 U stamts, all post-war, small regular postage.	13.30	÷
9 5	217 U comems, mostly large, modern, in 2 packets.	უნ•3 0	2,.00
96	W.Berlin 95 dif U mostly large, incl 12 semi-post.	30.91	10.00
97 98	W.Berlin 94 U stamps, mix of small & large. W.Berlin 114 U early/recent, incl semiP. in 2 paks.	35.15 34.21	8.00 10.00
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104 105	Belgium 54 U G. 75 U VG. C13 U G. Not so old, oldies.	31.75	_
106	Belgium 97 dif 1888 in 2 ret Blue Books, 6/372 + B#'s	85.68	
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115	France 624 U on FDC Exhio cachet postcard in mint cond.	16.00	25.00 4.00
116- 117	France 18 dif U, a few better commems. 192CV Hungary 906-910 MLH Flowers	8.85	2.50
118	Hungary 3205-6 MNH. 2 S/S perf & imperf DCN-Youth Prog.	21.00	-
119	Iceland 120 dif U F-VF. 405/777, nice moderns.	93.05	15.00
120	Iceland 63 U, mostly large modern, incl 344a M.	35.67	11.00 4.00
121 122	Luxembourg 42 dif M most stuck down. Early to late. est. Netherlands 24 U F, lite cancel on this old-timer.	15.00	6.50
123	Netherlands 49 F U. B242 F U. B263 VF U.	27.25	-
124	Jorway 4 VF. 34 VG. both U. Coat of arms & a post horn.	29.00	13.00
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