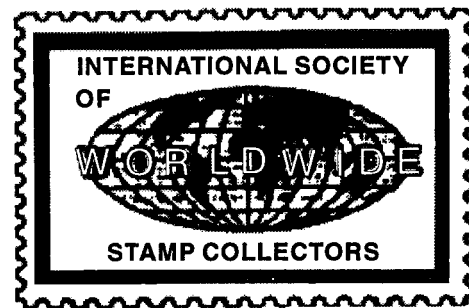


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Zimbabwe Wood Carvings

By Augustine I. Enabulele, S.J. (#1463)

Zimbabwean culture has for many centuries expressed itself in many art forms. Carving, both in wood and soapstone, is a flourishing art. Zimbabwean artists are rarely realistic, but the resultant carving has unusual form and grace. Artists perform their works mostly full of pride and zeal. These stamps were designed by Zimbabwean artist Maxwell Nyoni:



Frog—Ixoxo-Dafi (Dacha):

Most Zimbabwean frogs and toads are aquatic breeders. Fertilization takes place externally, with the number of eggs ranging from 20 to 50 in the case of the rain frogs and 15,000 and 24,000 in the case of the guttural toad.

Most species eat insects, flickering out their tongues to enfold their prey in a sticky mucus and usually swallowing it whole; some larger species also eat other frogs, rodents, chicks and small snakes.

Kudu — Ibhalabhala —

Nhoro: A large antelope with a height of up to 1.5m at shoulder; males weigh up to 270kg, females up to 160kg. They are gray with white underside to tail. There are seven to ten vertical white stripes on the sides and white markings on the face.

ZIMBABWE \$1.70



The horns are tilted back and are spiral. They sometimes interlock horns after a big fight and die a lingering death. Kudu feed on shoots, leaves, grass and maize cobs. They can clear up to two meters of fence with each jump.

ZIMBABWE \$2.50



Porcupine — Inungu —

Nungu: Their bodies and tails are covered with black and white quills which stand when

the animal is attacked. During contact the quills will detach from the porcupine, piercing its predators and inflicting severe injury.

These animals are common in most areas, but are seen mainly at night. They feed on roots, fruits and bulbs, and commonly gnaw on bones.

Tortoise Ufudu — Kamba:

There are two varieties of land tortoise found in Zimbabwe, the Leopard Tortoise and the Hinged Tortoise. They grow up to 20–30cm in length, with a black and yellow or brownish-yellow shell and darker markings. They eat mushrooms, grass, snails and dead frogs.

ZIMBABWE \$1.50



Chimpanzee:

The chimpanzee is a rare species in Zimbabwe. Like a baboon or gorilla, the chimpanzee has almost human-like behavior. It can feed on fruits, meat, wild roots or meal. It may also give signs almost identical to those given by humans.

ZIMBABWE \$2.20



Rhinoceros — Ubhejani Chipembere: A large herbivorous mammal, two species of rhinoceros are found in Zimbabwe. The black rhino is 1.5m at shoulder height; males are 1,130kg and females are 900kg. The white rhino male is 1.81kg, while the female is 1.360kg.

ZIMBABWE \$3.00



Both species are gray. The white rhino is less aggressive than the black, and when the white rhino trots away it pushes its calf ahead, while the black differs by leading its calf. The white rhino is square-lipped and the black is hook-lipped. Foods include sticks, branches, leaves and grass. The horn can grow to a length of 1.5m.



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President's Column

By Anthony Zollo, MD (#856)

There has been a great deal happening behind the scenes in the ISWSC, and much of it is listed in the contents of this issue.

I am happy to report that the business of the Society is completely caught up, and in all cases replies to your renewals and inquiries are being sent out within a few days of their receipt.

Your Board of Directors have met to decide on some critical issues reported in these pages. One particular decision is to implement a surcharge for late renewals. I hope that all members will understand that it costs the Society money and time to remind members of renewals and process late renewals, so it was necessary to institute this new policy. It is not fair to ask those members who promptly renew each year to subsidize the cost of those who do not. I would like to suggest that all members who have difficulty remembering to renew (your renewal date is printed on the envelope of every issue of *The Circuit*) either renew early or renew for the maximum three years at a time. There is no restriction on early renewals and it would save you any chance of incurring extra fees.

The ISWSC continues to be featured in the pages and letter to the editors of *Linn's Stamp News*! This has resulted in many inquiries from potential new members and many returns of completed applications. I welcome our new members and hope they find their memberships as worthwhile as I have! I encourage all of our new members (and long time members also) to try out the many services offered by our society. I am particularly referring to the Omni Exchange, Sales Circuit, Swap Circuit and Auctions. I have participated in many such programs from a variety of organizations, and I can attest to the fact that this society's version are impossible to beat!

We have an election coming up this fall and are calling for nominations/candidates for a variety of positions. The future of the ISWSC depends on the willingness of the members to serve as officers and contribute their talents. I urge all of you to consider running for one of the open positions. We need you!

One of the ISWSC's greatest contributions to the hobby is our outreach program for young collectors, including our publication program. These position of VP for these programs is currently vacant due to

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Phone or send your questions to the appropriate volunteer. Please include a self addressed stamped envelope or an IRC for a reply.

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I Learned About Collecting From That

By Phil Atelist (#696)

Christopher Columbus, the intrepid sailor, set out to prove the world wasn't flat. For all you young folk, a bit of history: There once was an organization called the Flat Earth Society. It may very well still exist, although without as many members as years ago. Basic premise of the Society was that the earth was really flat, much like a phonograph record. Go far enough in one direction, and you'd fall off the edge!

We stamp collectors know all about "flat," but not as far as round objects are concerned. We want our stamps flat, since that's the way they are supposed to be. In some cases we will even place weight on them to flatten them.

I almost forgot the small box of stamps in albums that I picked up in Germany when I was stationed there in the U.S. Air Force. One of my many overseas assignments was at Wiesbaden during the Berlin Airlift. A fringe benefit of the assignment was the opportunity to travel into Berlin on occasion and to many other cities frequently.

Although I played the typical tourist many times, visiting Frankfurt, Munich, Erding and many other town and cities, my favorite spot was a town in the German Alps famous for have been host to the 1936 Olympic Winter Games. Garmisch-Partenkirchen is in one of the most beautiful "non-flat" places on this earth. The storybook houses, the centuries-old buildings, the history, the scenery, the food, the dr... enough.

On one of my visits I met a not-very-old German collector and we chatted about stamps and collecting. He was more advanced than I was in collecting and, fortunately, he spoke several languages including English. I was stuck with only English and my high school French. The latter didn't work very well even in France, but that's another tale.

I met Hermann on the train down from Munich when we shared a seat, a few cigarettes and a cup of coffee. After a few visits together he showed me some of his collection and offered to sell me a small box with some older albums and envelopes of stamps for a price that was more than just reasonable. I brought the box home with me and stored it in a trunk with many other things I didn't need at the time. That was 1948—a lifetime ago.

The trunk surfaced after I had retired in 1985 and the box wound up on a shelf for a while. When I opened

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Editor's Notes:

If you have sent an article to The Circuit and have not yet seen it in print, the reason may be that there were two missed issues between editors, and there is a small backlog of articles yet to be printed. Please be patient and I will try to get them all in. I usually send The Circuit to the printer one month before it comes out, as I have been requested to do

If you are sending an article to The Circuit, the very best method is to send it by email to me as regular text (preferred over attachment) at mmacleod@sault.com and, if there are pictures/graphics to be included, scan them and attach them to your email article. If that method is not available, please send article in printed form and/or on disk with legible name and member number.

Thank you!



Dues Information:

Single/Dealer/Club membership, \$10*

Youth membership (under 18), \$8*

Family membership (up to 4 persons in one residence), \$17*

***=plus 250 large commemoratives for the Youth Program or equiv. donation in US \$**

Dues above are for one year and include six newsletters per year. You may sign up for three years at a time. For an application or further information send SASE or IRC to: ISWSC, 42 Maynard St., Rochester, NY 14615-2022 USA.

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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Quarter page, \$10**; Per column inch, \$2.

*Camera Ready means ready to paste up or scan and print. Reductions and typesetting extra. **Discounts for three or more insertions of same ad. Yearly display rates available. Write to ISWSC past president Tom Fortunata (see p.2) for special rates.

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Make all checks payable to ISWSC in US funds.

Send copy to the Editor and payment to Tom Fortunata. Addresses are on page 2.

Auction # 19

Closed January 15, 1999

Auction # 18 is finally finished and seller statements have been sent out. If you did not receive a seller's statement for your lots, please let me know, several pieces of correspondence have been returned for lack of a forwarding address. Auction #18 was plagued with delays caused by bad addresses, slow responses to billings, and several non-responses. Lots for upcoming auctions are always welcome.

The Paradox of Auction 19

by George Land (#241)

being printed as catalog values. The lot numbers so affected were: 3, 5, 11, 15, 20-22, 37, 40, 55-56, 59, 62, 64, 69, 74-75, 77-78, 80, 85-86, 90-92, 98, 100. We do not know why

this happened. It is seemingly random. Everett is attempting to prevent a recurrence. The computer printout showed no problems, But

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Use (& Misuse) of the ISWSC Roster

by Tom Fortunato (#379)

We hope you enjoyed receiving our much belated membership roster two months ago. It has been a few years since the last one was published, and hope you will use it often!

Note that this listing is for the use of ISWSC members to contact one another. It is not to be copied or in any way forwarded to non-ISWSC members. It is intended for individual rather than mass correspondences. We trust that it will not be abused within our ranks for purely business solicitation purposes. We invite any and all members to place ads in *The Circuit* to reach the widest circulation and circumvent any possible ill-will feelings with fellow members. Any abuse of the roster's content should be brought to the immediate attention of President Tony Zollo.

Fall Elections

by Tom Fortunato (#379)

It's nearly that time again to elect ISWSC officers for another two-year term. The September/October issue will feature elections for President, Vice President for Charitable Programs, Vice President for Public Relations, and Secretary.

Please contact the current office holder of the respective position you may be considering for more details. Serving as an officer is a great way of giving something back to the hobby and help your fellow ISWSC members.

Potential candidates must submit their names, a brief biography and list of qualifications to president Tony Zollo no later than June 30, 1999, for inclusion in the elections *Circuit* issue.

Show Your Worldwide Pride!

by Tom Fortunato (#379)

BALPEX'99, a US national level stamp show taking place September 3-5 in Baltimore, Maryland, will be featuring the ISWSC and worldwide collecting in general throughout the three day event. Show chairman (and ISWSC member) Joe Foley has invited ISWSC members and others who collect the world to exhibit pages from their collection free of charge. The intent is to visually depict the various ways we collect worldwide stamps. Each entrant will be assigned a frame consisting of 16 8.5 by 11 inch pages explaining to show-goers their way of collecting. Those attending will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite amongst the displays and the winner will receive a nice prize. Contact Joe Foley or Tom Fortunato for an entry form, or visit the ISWSC web site for one online. Don't wait until the last minute to enter, as the deadline is July 3 and the number of entries will be limited!

ISWSC to Meet at Stampshow '99

by Tom Fortunato (#379)

Make plans now to attend Stampshow '99, scheduled for August 26-29 in Cleveland, Ohio. It's the annual show sponsored by the American Philatelic Society featuring over 100 dealers, seminars and exhibits. Arrangements are underway now for the ISWSC to meet sometime during the show, probably on Saturday or Sunday. Check the next issue of *The Circuit* for specifics. This will be your chance to meet some of the ISWSC officers in an open forum for all collectors.

New Swap Manager Needed

by Joan Roderick (#669)

Best get-well wishes go out to Bruce Glenn, who has undergone some rather serious surgery. He has had a difficult recovery, but each day is a little better.

Bruce is looking for someone to replace him as G-M SWAP Manager. If you have some time, this job is a lot of fun. It requires several hours per week, and it is almost essential that you have a typewriter or computer.

You can contact Bruce for particulars. He plans to stay active in ISWSC, perhaps in a different capacity. Now that you have the new roster, you will have Bruce's home address and e-mail address.



Balpex Info:

This note came via email from John Lyding — address: <perfinb@ccconline.net>

The following is a tentative list of meeting room assignments for BALPEX '99. Please send your requests as soon as possible.

Friday 9/3 — None

Saturday 9/4 —

9-10 AM — Scandinavian Collectors' Society Board Meeting
11AM-12:30 PM United Postal Stationary Society
1-2:30 PM Scandinavian Collectors' Society General Meeting

Sunday 9/5 — None

Room requests will be made in order in which they are received. PLEASE LET ME KNOW ASAP IN ORDER TO PERMIT PRINTING SCHEDULE IN THE PROGRAM.

John Lyding
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QUIZ: French Indian Ocean

By Robert C. Toole (#696)

The old French Empire had 12 stamp-issuing lands in the Indian Ocean. Seven were colonies, two became republics, and the others were a protectorate, post offices, or a possession.

They include the following:

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| A. Anjouan | G. Malagasy |
| B. Comoro Islands | H. Mayotte |
| C. Diego Suarez | I. Moheli |
| D. Grand Comoro | J. Nossi-Be |
| E. Madagascar | K. Reunion |
| F. Madagascar, Offices in | L. Ste. Marie de Madagascar |

REUNION

- ___ 1. The island about 400 miles east of Madagascar was a colony that became an integral part (department) of the French Republic in 1946. The colony issued new stamps in 1852-1974, when stamps of France replaced those inscribed or overprinted "CFA."

MADAGASCAR

- ___ 2. The island off the northwest coast of Madagascar was a protectorate. It had new stamps in 1889-94.
- ___ 3. The large island off the coast of southeastern Africa had French post offices with new stamps in 1889-96.
- ___ 4. The town and naval base at the northern end of Madagascar was a separate colony and issued its own new stamps in 1890-94.
- ___ 5. The island and possession off the east coast of

Madagascar had new stamps in 1894. It is now Nosy Baraha.

- ___ 6. The large island off the coast of southeastern Africa became a colony in 1896 and a republic in 1958. There were new stamps under this name in 1896-1957.
- ___ 7. The name of the republic is different from the old name of the colony. There have been new stamps since 1958.

COMORRO ISLANDS

- ___ 8. The island is one of the group in the Mozambique Channel between Madagascar and Mozambique. The island was a colony that had its own new stamps in 1892-1912. It is 80 miles southeast of Grand Comoro.
- ___ 9. This island was also a colony and issued new stamps in 1892-1912. It is in the southeast part of the group.
- ___ 10. This island and colony had new stamps in 1897-1912.
- ___ 11. The island and colony in the western part issued new stamps in 1906-12.
- ___ 12. The volcanic archipelago became a territory in 1946 and an independent republic in 1975, except for Mayotte, which remained French. There have been new stamps since 1950.

ANSWERS: 1-K; 2-J; 3-F; 4-C; 5-L; 6-E; 7-G; 8-A; 9-H; 10-D; 11-I; 12-B
SCORES: 11-12; A; 9-10; B; 7-8; C; 5-6; D; 3-4; E; 0-2; F

"Paradox..." continued from page 4:

the disk sent to Marian for printing was apparently flawed. Since these lots did not show minimum bids, some had to be withdrawn when the minimums were not realized. They will be re-entered without penalty.

But I learned some things about the usefulness of minimum bids that I had not realized. During the years I have been involved with the auction, I have wished we could do away with printed minimums. Some

members have criticized the practice as: "Here is what I will sell this for, but you can pay more if you like." I am now convinced that it is often useful to print minimums. The membership would be astounded to see what some bidders offered for various lots, listed above. Such a waste of time for bidders to offer a dollar or two for lots worth 50 times that much! (This is the reason for Rule 7, regarding unreasonable bids.) With

the normal printing of minimum bids, the quantity of ridiculous bids is held to a minimum.

Also, my apologies for not clearly stating whom to send bids to. I will try to correct that for the next auction. A reminder that the new Board policy is now in effect. Unsold lots are charged a fee, the lesser of \$2 or 5 percent of the minimum bid. Plus, each lot requires a minimum CV of \$10.



"I Learned..." continued from page 3:

it a few months ago I was appalled. All the mint items had been flattened into a single block of stamps. Not a prayer of getting even one of them loose without soaking the entire block.

The Lesson: Do not store any of

your stamps or their albums flat for more than a few days at a time. Stand them up and, from time to time, leaf through them. Let them take a breath of fresh air.

Be particularly careful when you mount stamps that there is an opening for air to get to them. And,

if you place a weight on your stamps to flatten them, take it off after no more than a few days.

Today's glues, particularly PVA adhesives, can remain in stamp papers long after a soaking.



Important Notices for Members:

NOTICE TO SALES CIRCUIT PARTICIPANTS

Due to changes in our insurance policy and new postal rates, the following change has been made to the old "Insured" class circuits.

1. All sales books with a sales value over \$150 will travel by CERTIFIED mail instead of INSURED. (As of 1/10/99 the cost of certified mail has been changed to \$1.40 over the regular first class postage. The cost of mail insured for \$100 has risen to \$1.80 over the regular first class postage, so this change

has resulted in a saving of \$.40 for each mailing.)

2. These circuits now carry a "C" prefix, replacing the old "I", i.e. "C99-01, C99-02," etc.

3. The procedure for certified mail is exactly the same as insured, except a green slip is used instead of blue.

4. No return receipt (which costs extra) is required. No changes are anticipated for the "Uninsured" class.

NOTICE TO ALL ISWSC MEMBERS (New Buyers)

Our inventory grows and now contains much new material of almost all kinds. We would welcome new buyers in both the UNINSURED and CERTIFIED class. Many members participate in both.

We should point out that while the value of the CERTIFIED class circuits are higher, not ALL the material is expensive; often only a few items are "heavies" and the balance of the sales books are

modestly priced.

Why not give it a try? Drop a note to

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Or email to: SKOSHEMCK@AOL.COM

We'll be pleased to send you the information.

RETENTION

Our rules allow circuits to be kept for one week. In 1998 we did poorly on this, with the result that fewer circuits

went out than we would wish. Please make an effort to keep the circuits moving. If you plan to be away, request a bypass.

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Stuff

by Linda Smit (#1436)

Editor's Note: Linda Smit submitted three articles to The Circuit in response to a request for articles by former editor Rita Kallal. Smit lives in Suriname.

When you collect stamps, you inadvertently collect lots of related things as well. This comes as a surprise to me, and happens somewhat mysteriously.

Of course, you need something besides boxes and jars to put your stamps in. Otherwise you can't look at them and enjoy them. So you need an album. But—surprise!—one album is not enough. Two albums are not enough, and neither are three. Then you'll need labels to put on the outside of the albums, so you won't need to keep picking up the wrong album but can go to the right one directly.

I really wanted stamp tongs, so my long-suffering husband agreed to buy me some on his next trip to Miami. Unfortunately, you can't just go to Wal-Mart and buy stamp tongs. They aren't at the mall either. They are in little-bitty stores hidden away in strange parts just outside of the city, and you have to drive to get there and make a special trip, after you figure out how to find one in the first place. But he faithfully persevered and brought me my stamp tongs.

To sort my stamps, of course I needed envelopes—lots of them. I used a pen to label the envelopes. When my albums grew fuller, the pages needed hole reinforcements; so those joined the stuff collection. I saved the glassine envelopes I received, not having a source for myself. I had lots of stamp hinges. Now I had a pile of little things, so used a cookie can to keep those from wandering away. I used a nice box a big computer program had come in for my envelopes.

Then I got various useful things from traders: little cards to set your stamps in so you could sort them, old stamp newspapers (what a joy! A new world of relevant information...), articles, etc.

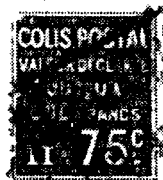
And to top it all off, a Christmas gift allowed me to order from a stamp catalogue to my heart's delight. Of course, I didn't order any stamps; I ordered more *stuff*—my first (and only) "real" stamp album for my Suriname collection, more tongs, hinges, glassines, a perforation gauge (which I haven't used yet, but seems to be so important), a stamp-pressing book, and an informative pamphlet.

Yet from my reading, I know that I don't have nearly enough stuff. If anyone knows any other stuff I should have, they should write and let me know and I'm sure I'll be able to find a need for it.

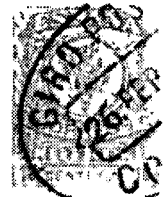
Readers' Corner:

(¿Whatzits? Answers, etc.)

These stamps were featured in the ¿Whatzits? column in January/February 1999 issue of *The Circuit*. We received the following response from David A. Schaubroeck (#716): "...I can supply an answer to the (stamp) labelled Belgium Postage Due. The stamp is actually a Parcel Post stamp from France. I can't positively identify it, but it is listed in the French *Yvert et Tellier* catalogue."



And from John D. Pruitt (#121) came this: "The two items from Spain are money order stamps. "Giro" in Spanish means money order."



A humorous note from Luther Smith (#159): "Liked the recent (Jan./Feb. 99) issue, but have one comment or correction: I always felt that stamp collectors do it TONG-in-cheek, rather than your spelling."

A correction from John Rose (#1011): "The U.N. DOES have both Koreas. I missed this in my article, "How Many Countries," because one was under the K and the other under R for Republic of Korea. Another correction: My ZIP Code was shown wrong on page 1 of *The Circuit*; it is 15208."

A letter from James E. Kenney (#1811): "I am a new member of the ISWSC and, upon reading *The Circuit* January-February issue, I became very interested in the article by John Rose—"How Many Countries Are There?" I thought the article was well-written and a terrific idea to introduce to my new Stamp Club for Boys in the 4th to 8th grade classes at St. Aloysius Academy for Boys, 401 S. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr PA 19101. The article mentioned if I wanted a copy of the pages to make our own albums, to send at least 100 stamps from South America, Africa, or Asia, but failed to mention where to send the stamps, or to whom!!" *Note: to the best of our knowledge, John Rose contacted Mr. Kenney about this matter. Mr. Rose's address is: 6901 Yorkshire Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15208-2642.*



Canadian Regional Secretary's Report

by William Silvester (#1058)

Now that Christmas, postal strikes, New Year's and assorted other turning-of-the-year activities have come to an end, things have settled down enough to give me a few moments to bring you up to date on what's been happening in the Great White North.

The main news involves the Canadian Sales Circuit. For the past few months response to the circuit has been almost nonexistent. The main problem seems to be co-ordinating buyers and sellers. Despite repeated requests for older material the majority of stamps sent in were newer issues. Therefore, only one or two buyers were interested; so I decided that it was no longer in anyone's best interest to continue the Sales Circuit, and have returned all the books to their owners along with full payment for the stamps sold. (Or in the case of out-of-country sellers, I have notified them of the monies I have for them.)

Some of these books I have had for well over a year, and have kept them in hopes someone would request them. Most books sold only a few stamps, some were never requested, and only a few were sold out completely.

Perhaps sometime in the future, when the Canadian contingent of the ISWSC has grown, I will try to establish a viable Sales Circuit. As it is only about 10 percent of the membership became involved in the Circuit. That computes to only

five members. Not enough for a successful circuit.

I would like to thank all those who supported the circuit for the past couple of years, both as buyers and sellers. Your backing and enthusiasm kept it going longer than perhaps it should have.

On to other things: Stamps have continued to flow freely from my den to youngsters requesting them. Most have been sent to stamp clubs in schools, the most recent being Gabriola Elementary. If you know of any youngsters who would like a free packet of stamps, or stamp clubs that could use a thousand stamps, please send me their addresses. Despite rumours to the contrary, stamp collecting is still very popular amongst today's youth.

From Canada Post comes the now annual Chinese New Year stamp. This year it is the Year of the Tiger and the design is a very nice one for both New Year's and animals-on-stamps collectors. Unfortunately, Canada Post could not resist the urge to double their take from collectors and have issued an overprint variety of the souvenir sheet. The well-known Canadian flag stamp was revamped as well in 1998. The new flags are smaller, down from 22x26mm to 20x24mm. These are available in booklet and sheet form. Also newly available is a pane of 10 45¢ stamps showing provincial leaders—one from each province. The stamps depict the various leaders with the flags of their provinces in the background. For more information contact the National Philatelic Centre, 75 St. Ninian St., Antigonish, NS B2G 2R8. They put out a very nice (and free) booklet called "Canada's Stamp Details," which attempts to keep philatelists up to date on happenings in Canada Post.

News from the Sales Circuits

by Robert McKenzie (#1055)

Higher powers have agreed to divide the Sales Circuit Manager's job into two, one for certified circuits and one for uninsured circuits. Purpose to divide a heavy burden into two more manageable ones. Anyone interested in the uninsured position should contact Tony Zollo, Pres. ISWSC. Current Sales circuit manager (yours truly) will retain the certified circuits, and will provide fullest assistance to the new manager.

After a brief interruption the uninsured circuits are once again on the way to all participants. Regrettably we lost a few for non-payment of dues, but we have gained a good number of new buyers and sellers. We welcome our new participants.

Once again, I'd like to remind those who find the uninsured circuits unexciting to try the certified circuits. While the circuit value is higher, not all the material is expensive. Often there are just a few "heavies" with the balance of the book in the moderate range.

I should point out that for the new "certified" class circuits must be forwarded by certified mail, but a return receipt is not required. Consequently this costs \$.40 less than the old system of "insured for \$100."

We need older U.S. material, both mint and used, desperately. Also, China, older Japan, and most of the rest of Asia. Demand for topical items is minimal. Pre-1940 material from almost anywhere is welcome.

Robert A. McKenzie
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420 Shorewood Dr.
E. Falmouth, MA 02536

A membership roster update is inserted in this issue of The Circuit. Please be sure to read the article by Dave Creson (#170) & the conclusion of Pres. Zollo's message on the back of the third addendum!

ISWSC Board Positions Available

The following positions are either vacant or their terms expire in 1/2000. We are officially calling for interested candidates and nominations for these important positions. Your society can only flourish if the members are interested in participating and serving. If you are interested in running for one or more of these positions or if you would like to nominate someone else please send their name(s) to ISWSC Secretary Dalene Thomas (email: dalene1@uswest.net; mailing address 8612 West Warren Lane, Lakewood, CO 80227-2352) by 7/31/99.

Position	Name	Term Expires
President	Anthony Zollo, MD	1/2000
VP Public Relations	Dave Nelson	1/2000
VP Charitable Programs	Vacant	Immediate
Secretary	Dalene Thomas	1/2000
Executive Director	Acting: A. Zollo	1/2000

Information about the duties and responsibilities for these positions can be obtained from our bylaws (available on our web page or by sending a SASE or IRC to ISWSC, PO Box 150407, Lufkin TX 75915-0407 USA). Questions may be addressed to the same address (please include your member number and a SASE/IRC in any and all communications requiring a reply).

An Open Letter to Members of the ISWSC

Glen Robertson ISWSC (#307)

It is with deep regret that I must tell you that it appears, at this time, that I will not finish my work on the Canadian Album that has been the subject of several articles in *The Circuit*.

While I will continue to maintain my membership in ISWSC, my future as a collector may be at an end.

Two weeks ago I lost the sight in my left eye. Surgeons are trying to restore my vision but, at this time, I have no idea if they will be successful. As all of you know, being able to see is a valuable part of collecting. And viewing other collectors' work also requires sight.

At some future date, if I do get my vision back, I may be able to pick up where I left off.

I'll keep you posted.

Ed. Note: We have all enjoyed Mr. Robertson's columns, including his recent series of articles entitled "When Nothing Else Will Do." We look forward to hearing that his eyesight is improving and that he is able to contribute again to this newsletter!



Latest Youth Winner

Sara Henak, age 10, is the latest winner of an ISWSC Youth Merit Award for exhibiting excellence. Sara displayed "Puma Concolor" at WISCOPEX '98, which was held April 25-26 in Appleton WI. The show is sponsored by the Outgamie Philatelic Society.



To All ISWSC Members:

Tony Zollo, ISWSC President (#856)

We are currently recruiting for a co-manager for the Sales Program. After two years of service, our Sales Manager Bob Mackenzie has requested that the workload be divided amongst two co-managers. He proposes to retain all the certified (insured) circuits and give the new co-manager the uncertified ("uninsured") circuits. I am therefore calling for volunteer(s) to take on this very important society function. The Sales Program is very popular among the members who participate. It offers member-sellers a way to dispose of their duplicated for extra cash, and charges much less than other programs (such as the APS program). It is popular among member-buyers as a way to get stamps they need at a reasonable price. It also generates income for the Society via our commission, which helps to keep dues low.

The job requires someone who is organized, and can keep good records of the program. Computer literacy is a real plus (but not a necessity). Bob has made use of his PC to automate record-keeping and would share the system and train the successful volunteer. Of course record-keeping could be kept on paper. If you are interested or have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me (zolloam@lcc.net). If you are willing to serve in this important office, please send a brief personal statement to me at the above email address, or see my address on page 2 of *The Circuit*, since this appointment will require a board vote and selection.



New Members

2131 Jan-00
William Morse
PO Box 91
Carbondale, IL 62903-0091
A, Int, Yrs (60), 1 (US) non-trader

2132 Jan-00
Michele Marshall
1920 Westminster Pl
Columbus, IN 47201-2823
mackinac@hsonline.net
A, Top (manuscripts, books, fountain pens, music notes/staffs),
Int, Yrs (21), CC, 7 (US, Ireland),
L (French)

2133 Jan-00
C. Alan Kreke
8832 Overlake Dr W
Medina, WA 98039-5348
krekel@u.washington.edu
A, D, Adv, Yrs (45), DD

2134 Jan-00
Russell C. Gubbins
12428 W Aurora Dr
Sun City Wes, AZ 85375-1924
B (to 1987), G, Top (trains, cars, butterflies), Int, Yrs (70), EE,
7 (GB, Br Col, Jap), 8 (ww)

2135 Jan-00
William (Bud) P. Bruan
1928 E Carriage House Dr
Baton Rouge, LA 70815-5545
A, F, Int, Yrs (24), EE, 1-6-7-8

2136 Jan-00
Sandra F. Blackmun
3115 Terry Ct
Castro Valley, CA 94546-1934
A, F, Int, Yrs (10), DD

2137 Jan-00
Mohamad Hussein
3559 Idle Hour Dr
Orlando, FL 32822-3037
hasrout@aol.com
A, Top (bridges), Beg, Yrs (2), CC, 1-3-6

2138 Jan-00
Maureen Romans
324 Mount Pleasant Ave
Providence, RI 02908-3810
mromans@grog.ric.edu
A, B (to 1965), F, Int, Yrs (15), DD

2139 Jan-00
Frank Pollio
6003 Tall Oaks Dr
Blacksburg, VA 24060-8135
A, G, Int, Yrs (30), DD, 10 (GB, Fra, Ger, Swi, Ice)

2140 Jan-00
Luis Alberto Barreto
ALICO, PO Box 1817
Dubai
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
E, Adv, Yrs (30), DD, 1 (GB), 7-8 (GB, Ch Is, HK, Australia, UAE, Por)

2141 Jan-00
Sten Mogensen
Soenderdalen
DK-2860 Soeborg
DENMARK
stm@eud.dk
B (to 1960), D, Int, Yrs (5), CC, 7 (Nic, S Afr, Egy)

2142 Jan-00
Robert DeCock
PO Box 226
Fargo, ND 58107-0226
A, Int, Yrs (35), DD

2143 Jan-00
Dr. Raed M. Sarhan
Gulf International Bank
PO Box 1017
Manama
BAHRAIN
rsarhan@hotmail.com
A, Beg, Yrs (15), CC, 10 (Mid E, SE Asia, Ind, Br Emp), L (Ger, Arabic) translator

2144 Jan-00
Robert G. Zellers
350 Sproat Ave
Freedom, PA 15042-2339
A, Int, Yrs (30), EE non-trader

2145 Jan-00
Kedar Bahadur Nepali
Kedar Dera, Dallu Ga-274
Katmandu-4, Ward #15
Himalaya
NEPAL
C, 7 (USSR, Den, USA, Can, Ger, GB, NZ, Jap)

2146 Feb-00
Real J. Charron
5915 Pinto Ln
Orlando, FL 32822-4298
B (to 1940), F, Int, Yrs (30), DD, 7 (Can)

2147 Nov-99
John Angelos
6940 SW 9th St
Pembroke Pine, FL 33023-163
jajing@aol.com
A, C, Int, Yrs (15), CC, 1 (First Day covers)

2148 Feb-01
David A. Smith
PO Box 268
Newsoms, VA 23874-0268
B (to 1965), F, Int, Yrs (43), DD,
10 (ww revenues & Cinderellas)

2149-YC Nov-99
Eagle's Junior Stamp Club
PO Box 310006
New Braunfels, TX 78131-0006
pcpump@gvvc.com
A, D, Top (sports, Olympic, flowers, birds, soccer), Int, AA, 7 (Kor, UN, Hun, US, Ger, Can, Swi, Rom, Ire)

2150 Feb-01
Kenneth Wills
5308 Shadow Glen Dr
Grapevine, TX 76051-7350
wills@airmail.net

2151 Feb-00
Feitze Papa
922 Meadner Dr
Walnut Creek, CA 94598-4239
fpap@chevron.com
A, F, Top (braille, dogs, Rembrandt, petroleum, ships, Bayeux tapestry),
Int, Yrs (50), DD, 1 (FDC Neth), 7 (Neth, Spa post 1937), 8, L (Dutch, Fr, Ger, Sp)

2152-U Feb-00
Cristina Uribe
unpublished address
curibe@aol.com
A, F, Top (cats, flowers), Beg, Yrs (5), CC, 6 (Victorian), 7 (Jap, Chi, Indochina)

2153 Feb-00
Charles L. Stoddard
4746 50th Ave SW
Seattle, WA 98116-4325
wdtrtri@aol.com
A, F, Adv, Yrs (50), DD, 8 (ww),
10 (used US blocks of 4)

2154 Feb-00
Duncan G. Koller
8201 NE 257th St
Battleground, WA 98604-5306
dkoller@teleport.com
B (to 1960), D, Int, Yrs (40), DD, 4 (US),
7 (Ger)

2155 Feb-00
Wesley Gray
6212 Presidential Ln
Sacramento, CA 95828-1228
A, D, Beg, Yrs (20), EE, 1-3 (ww)

2156 Feb-00
Laurence R. Januz
825 S Waukegan Rd #152
Lake Forest, IL 60045-2665
mettawa@hotmail.com
G, Top (trains), Adv, Yrs (40), DD,
7 (Scand, Can) non-trader

2157 Feb-00
Charles Kistner
PO Box 288
Kings Park, NY 11754-0288
A, F, Adv, Yrs (50), DD

2158 Feb-00
Gene Borelli
801 Foster City Blvd #302
Foster City, CA 94404-2220
A, F, Int, Yrs (30), DD

2159 Feb-00
Edward A. Forstner
HC5 Box 6873
Palmer, AK 99645-9612
A, D, Int, Yrs (60), EE, L (Ger, Hun)
translator

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2160 Feb-00
Anthony W. Tanski
PO Box 6673
Eureka, CA 95502-6673
tanskia@aol.com
A, F, Top (religion), Int, Yrs (40), DD,
1 (USA, Christmas), 10 (dead
countries)

2161-D Feb-00
Dan Brownlee
1333 W Campbell Rd #158
Richardson, TX 75080-2815
dbrownl1@ix.netcom.com
B, G, Top (maps, globes, Haille
Selassie, dictators), Int, Yrs (29),
CC, 1 (Early air from islands),
7 (Haiti, Thai, Eth, GB, Ger, dead
nations), 8, 10 (cinderellas, exile
govts, TB, Red Cross semis, relief
stamps, Xmas seals), L (Spa, Thai)
translator

2162-U Feb-00
Linda Barile
unlisted address
missy41@prodigy.net
A, F, Int, Yrs (50), DD, 7 (Nor, Liech, Can)

2163 Feb-02
Raymond J. Schaper
2 Tiffin Dr
Pittsburgh, PA 15209-1760
schaper248@aol.com
A, E, Beg, Yrs (50), DD, 2-5-6 (US)

2164 Feb-00
Robert A. Juran
20248 Molalla Ave #38
Oregon City, OR 97045-7035
A, F, Top (cats, flowers, butterflies,
Disney, elephants), Int, Yrs (20), EE,
2, 8, L (Fr)

2165-U Dec-99
Charles Murray
3606 225th Pl SW
Mountlake, WA 98043-4266
cmurray@nwrain.com
A, G, Int, Yrs (30), DD, 7, 8

2166 Mar-01
Roberta H. Blair
570 Hebron Ave
Keystone Heights, FL 32656-9583
rhblair@worldnet.att.net
A, F, Adv, Yrs (19), EE, 8

2167 Mar-00
Martin Nachman
6169 Lake Tahoe Dr
Jacksonville, FL 32256-8440

2168 Dec-99
Charles Provst
300 Pearl St
Burlington, VT 05401-8531

2169 Mar-00
George J. Andrzejewski
3 Rosewood Dr
New City, NY 10956-2601

2170 Mar-00
Dominick DiNapoli
39 Woodcock Rd
Monroe, NY 10950-5638

2171 Mar-00
Barry A. Bankes
6 Kinross Row
Greer, SC 29550-3758

Renewals received late for the Roster Issue:

487 Jan-00
William Pruett
4725 Paran Vly NW
Atlanta, GA 30327-3507 USA
billpruett@aol.com
G, Yrs (25), 60

524 Jun-99
Teun Hendriks
Kinsiusstraat 16
NL-3882 VJ Putten
NETHERLANDS
A, Yrs (4), CC, 2, 4, 7 (Can, US, Eur, Rus,
Aus), L (Ger)

663 May-00
Jeff Galli
PO Box 748
Tonopah, NV 89049-0748
A, F, Yrs (15), Int, DD, 4 (Bel), 7 (Haiti),
8

766 Jan-00
Harry Henderson
2631 Mira Vista Dr
El Cerrito, CA 94530

850-U Jan-00
Terry Rosenfeld
unlisted

877 Mar-99
Will Houser
112 Baseline Rd W Apt 1106
London, ON N6J 1V4
CANADA
D, Yrs (50), DD

898-D Jan-00
Mel Ashley
Box 771
Marina, CA 93933-0771

913 Jun-01
Ross M Ware
3568 Westleigh St
Eugene, OR 97405-1136
bylodoc@yahoo.com
A, E, Yrs (60), Int, EE, 7 (islands), 8, 70

956 Aug-99
Dora Madgett
85 Duncairn Rd
Don Mills, ON M3B 1C9
CANADA
F, Top (birds), Yrs (1), 7 (C Am, S Am,
Isr), L (Sp)

1093-U Jan-00
Edward J Weise Jr
unlisted address
G, Yrs (35), Int, EE, 7 (Scand, Austria to
1977, Ethiopia to 1975)

1098 Jan-00
James W Johnson
775 Westmore Rd
Davis, IL 61019-9527
A, G, Yrs (55), Int, DD, 1 (ww), 2 (ww),
7 (Br Emp, Ger, Swi), 8 (ww)

1121 Jan-00
Frederick J Hoffman
8800 Walther Blvd Apt 1510
Baltimore, MD 21234-9006
A, F, Top (Lindbergh), Yrs (35), Int, EE,
1-2 (UN, Cha Is, Faroe, IOM), 6 (US),
7 (Australia, Hun, Rus, Bel), 8,
9 (ww), 70

1162 Jun-00
W. Steven Woodward
PO Box 295
Paoli, PA 19301-0295

Membership Addendum 2

B (to 1940, W Eur-1980, Col to
Indep), D, Yrs (30), CC, 3 (Eur Cols),
70, L (Sp, Ger)

1306 Jan-00
Nicklas Holt
4058 Sequoyah Ave
Knoxville, TN 37919-8351
A, Yrs (37), Int, DD, 7 (Hawaii, Lundy),
10 (state revenues, Can revenues), 70

1336 Apr-01
Cheng Jian Min
103# Wu Yi Road
Shanghai 200005
PEOPLES REP OF CHINA
A, C, Top (cast, dogs, arch, transport,
Famous men/women, WWII), Yrs (10), CC,
7 (US, Can, W Eur), 10 (coins, banknotes)
L (Fr, Jap)

1367 Jun-99
Charles Jensen
3070 W Cardinal St
Lecanto, FL 34461-9539
A, D, Int, DD, 3-5

1372 Jan-01
Tom Billisitz
346 Tillery Rd
Marshall, NC 28753-9739
A, Yrs (50), Adv, EE, 1, 7 (Ger, Ber)

1481 Feb-99
Albert Amdur
PO Box 1186
42112 Netanya
ISRAEL
A (pre-decimalization), D, Yrs (many),
Adv, EE, 3 (ww), 7 (most Br Com, Isr, C of
GH), 10 (postage dues, 1/4d stamps)

1515 Apr-99
James J Bauer
830 S Midvale Blvd
Madison, WI 53711-2829
G, Yrs (50), Int, EE, 7 (Jap, Ger, Ire, Can,
GB, Scand, Ven, US)

1681 Jan-00
Lonnie D Wright
134 NW 130 Ave
Albert, KS 67511-9232
G, Top (trains), Yrs (20), Int, DD, 1, 2,
3 (US), 6, 7, 8 (US, Aus, GB, Scot)

1692 Jan-00
Nathaniel Rattner
11027 70th Rd
Forest Hills, NY 11375-3933
B(to 1970), F, Yrs(30), Adv, EE,
7(no Dunes or Lat Am)

1697 Jan-00
Larry Landesman
6342 Flint Dr
Huntington Beach, CA 92647-3351
B(to 1940), D, Yrs(40), Int, DD,
7(Malay, Isr, ROC), 50

1699 Mar-00
Ya'ary Mordechai
POB 65236
60651 Ramat-Aviv
Tel Aviv
ISRAEL
A, F, Yrs(50), Adv, EE, L(Hebrew, Hun)

1782 Sep-99
Kenneth J Johnson
MSG (Aus) Retired
Unit 2513
APO, AA 34020-9513

Address Changes

33- Poole
7799 SW Scholls Ferry Rd Apt 249
Beaverton, OR 97008-6562

46- Wray
6862 Theda CV
Millington TN 38053-4060

249- Mazzano
7219 3rf Ave
Brooklyn, NY 11209-2131

522- Dopler
419 Fountain St
Carnegie, PA 15106-2810

836- Icker
6022 Highwood Park Ln
Naples, FL 34100

955- Falle
PO Box 666
Bobcaygeon, ON KOM 1A0
CANADA

972- O' Hara
Unit 7
1 Fielding Rd
Clarence Park. SA 5034
Australia
991- Ricker
942 Plymouth Rock Dr
Naples, FL 34110

1342- Young
839 Wavecrest Place
Victoria, BC V8Y 2S7
CANADA

1419- Menzies
31600 126th Ave SE #156
Auburn, WA 98092-3689

1455-D Jorgensen
PO Box 2691
London, ON N6A 4H4
Canada
dennis@wnstamps.com
<http://www.wnstamps.com>

1497- Shelton
Baylis, 6050 Renneberger Rd
Peyton, CO 80831-7634

1595- Midura
8660 Cobblefield Dr. Apt 1-C
Columbia MD 21045-5799

1758- Wheeler
PO Box 1643
Oceanside CA 92051-1643

1831- Storseth
P.O.Box 219
N-5575 AKSDAL
Norway

1861- Davis
4740 Dalton Dr NW #97
Calgary, AB T3A 2H4
CANADA

Returned Mail- "Temporarily Away"

847- Panico
991- Ricker
8476- Panico

Email Addresses New/Changed

19- Bailey jhbailey@usa.net
288- Long along@ipa.net
753- Fulsaas afulsaas@wytbear.com
837- Frazee otwawtgbh@aol.com
913- Ware bylodoc@yahoo.com
1090- Chamberlain (good link)
palooka@coastnet.com
1101- Dvinoff advinoff@aol.com
1455- Jorgensen dennis@wnstamps.com
1524- Consiglio alfcon@maltanet.net
1641- Nyhlen waynyhlen@aol.com
1817 Y- Lee treebeard@bigfoot.com
1878- New phil.st@sk.sympatico.ca

Resigned

152- Twining legally blind
321- Hansson selling collection
490- Whynot caring for wife
630- Jerman health problems
745- Hedrick deceased
1033- Oor deceased
1271- Miles becoming a monk
1394- Matthews resigned
1639- Griffith resigned
1644- Jewell no longer collecting
1656- Boothby deceased
1720 Y- Pfunter resigned

Considered Dropped/Returned mail

387- Shew Forwarding order expired
807- Duszny "Unknown"
922- Shefka No forwarding address
1572- Verbist Box closed, no
forwarding order
1695- Thrash No forwarding address
1702- Merson No forwarding address
1750- Wheeler
1763- McGuire

Dropped for Non-Payment of Dues

411- Paton
822- Lyons
826- Fiebusch
937- Boehner
1043- Barbieri
1183- Morgan
1289- Cummings
1291- Schwartz

1292- Lord
1293- Dahl
1294- Stepp, Jr
1464- Champagne
1467- Maloney
1469- Cormany
1658- Emeka
1661- Johnson
1666- Fettingier
1710- Hill
1776- McLaughlin
1777- El-Dweek
1779- Kennedy
1780-Perry
1783- Hartig
1787- Turechek

Tannu Tuva

by Dave Creson (#170)

Tuva, as it is now known, has had a lot of names such as Uriankhai Territory, Tuvinian Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic (ASSR), or, as we know it, Tannu Tuva. Tuva is sandwiched in with Mongolia on the south and Russia on the north. Kyzyl, or Kizil (Russian for red), or the old name of Byelotsarsk, is Tuva's capitol.

Some background information might help us understand the stamps of Tuva better. The country area is about the size of Washington State, with a current population estimate of about one-third of a million. The region is an elevated plateau enclosed by the Sayan Mountains and the Tannu-Ola Range. Dense forests are found in the north, but most of the area is rich prairie land. Livestock and grain farming are the chief occupations; asbestos, cobalt, and coal are mined. Shaman (holy men) used to wear asbestos clothing to walk on fire during public religious demonstrations. (I wonder what our OSHA thinks of that!) Tuvinians, a Turkic-speaking people of Tibetan Buddhist religion, constitute about two-thirds of the population; Russians make up most of the remainder. However, the latter are leaving Tuva in large numbers.

The Tuva region was controlled by the Mongols until the 18th century, when it came under the rule of China. As a result of the neighbor country Mongolia's revolting against China in 1911, Tuva received a nominal independence. It was made a Russian protectorate in 1914. This resulted in Russian stamps being used. However, during the Russian civil war of 1918-20, Tuva declared its own independence and the Tannu Tuva People's Republic was declared. The region continued to stay in the Soviet sphere of influence. This was done as most of the Tuvian political leadership was students who, although meaning well, were naïve and idealistic. In the background were their teachers, who were mostly Russian. Tuva stamps were issued in

1926. Most stamp catalogs list Tannu Tuva stamps from 1926 until 1933, and then refused to list the 1934-36 or later issues. They are: 1934 registered mail, 16 issues; 1934 postage, 22 issues; 1935 postage, 17 issues; 1934 and 1936 air mail, 18 issues. My math indicates that there were 73 issues (37 per year) for a struggling country trying to tell the world its story. Perhaps Tuva stamp issuing policy was a big deal in 1936, but surely is not now. Other countries sometimes issued large numbers of stamps, such as Liberia in 1936, which issued 32 stamps. Other similar examples can be found. So again, were these stamps used, where appropriate, for postage, or not? It should be noted that Tuva never was a member of UPU (Universal Postal Union), so any Tuva stamp issued could be valid only in Tuva, Russia, and perhaps in the neighboring country of Mongolia.

It appears that large numbers of Tuva's 1934-36 stamps were found on cover. Research was done and traced them to Russia with forged cancels. Tuva was difficult to access at that time, so the whole issues from 1934 were pronounced frauds and were claimed not to have been locally used.

So the question, in *my* mind at least, is: what stamps were used in Tuva from 1934 until 1944? My research found that in Kyzyl in 1938 the earlier issues of 1934-36 were overprinted with new values. This was again done in 1939 and in 1942. Imperforate issues were printed locally in Kyzyl. There were five issues: Tuvan woman, 25 Kon; Agricultural building, 25 Kon; Soviet building, 25 Kon; Arms of the Republic, 25 Kon; and finally, another government building, 50 Kon. While the 1934-36 issues were available to the stamp collecting public worldwide, the later issues have never been seen or heard of by most collectors.

Most stamp catalogs to this day do not list the Tuvian 1934-42 stamp issues. However, Gibbons has this astounding statement: "For many years we refrained from listing the following pictorial issues be-

cause it was known that covers and cancellations on the market originated from Moscow, using duplicate Tuva markings, and it was believed that the stamps were not in use in Tuva. However, we are now satisfied, from evidence submitted by specialists, that the stamps *were* used in Tuva...The existence of providential surcharges has only been established comparatively recently, and most of these are rare."

I therefore conclude on circumstantial evidence that the 1934-36 issues, and later issues, were indeed available for use in Tuva and should be listed just like any other stamp is.

In 1944 the republic of Tuva was again, mostly willingly, incorporated into Russia (USSR). Russian stamps were again used. Today Tuva has grown. The people worry, as they are a poor country, and their \$33.00 per month average income still depends heavily on a badly faltering Russia.

Tuva is very much on the internet in the form of Friends of Tuva, founded by Ralph Leighton, who also has authored a lovely book entitled *Tuva or Bust* (POB 182, Belvedere, CA 94920). List price is \$19.95, but discounted to \$10.00 post paid. One last side note: the mentor of Friends of Tuva was Dr. Richard Feynman, Nobel prize winner and the one who showed what went wrong with the Challenger. Richard, though he tried, never made it to Tuva. He lost the race to cancer. I am reasonably sure he will be on a U.S. stamp by 2003.

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President Zollo's Column, concluded from page 2:

"give something back" to the hobby by volunteering their time and talent. Please consider it! Wishing you health, prosperity and many pleasurable hours of stamping.
Until next time...

Inexpensive Album Pages

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ISWSC Tax-Exempt Status

Tony Zollo, ISWSC President (#856)

The ISWSC desperately needs help from a member to make an application for tax-exempt status under the RS rules.

This will allow us to accept donations as a tax-exempt entity. Such status will, we hope, encourage more donations.

If you have any experience with such an application, or are just willing to spend some time reading the IRS instructions and completing the application, please contact ISWSC President, Tony Zollo.

Your Society needs your help!



From the Secretary

Dalene Thomas (#101)

During the last couple of months the Board of Directors has taken action on two situations that have come to light.

The Board unanimously voted to expel member #1039, Edward Loo. Mr. Loo has not kept the

Late Renewals

by Tony Zollo (#856), ISWSC President

Late renewals cause the ISWSC additional costs and work. To encourage prompt renewal and to reimburse the Society for the costs of not doing so, on July 1 the ISWSC will begin charging an additional fee for late renewals. A fee of \$2 will be applied to all renewals that are one to four months late, and a fee of \$5 will be added to membership renewals that are five or more months late. To avoid these fees, memberships must be renewed within 30 days of expiration. You may also want to consider a two- or three-year renewal so that your chances of incurring the late fee will be much smaller.

Your promptness is greatly appreciated!



standards of the ISWSC and has engaged in unfair trading practices and has kept items he has not paid for.

The second action the Board took was to unanimously agree to initiate dues late fees as explained on page 8 of this newsletter.



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