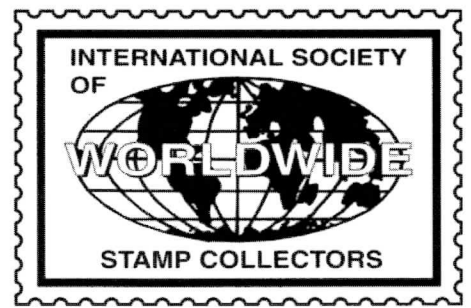


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Fun(gi) Stamp Art: Coasters, Calendars, Carvings

by Igor Malcevski (#2597)

C as an avid mushroom hunter and a long time member of a local mushroom society, I decided to do a couple of fundraising projects for our club.

My first project was to make some coasters using mushroom stamps. Materials needed are stamps (preferably mint or CTO), unglazed ceramic tiles, polyurethane coating, adhesive backed felt pads and a cheap paint brush. For this project I had my 4 year old granddaughter help out.

After cleaning the surface of the tile, I would place 3 to 5 stamps on the tile and tack down each one with a little bit of polyurethane. My granddaughter would finish the job by completely coating the tile with



polyurethane. After the tile dried, she would apply a second coat. To protect the table surface when using the coaster, we placed one felt pad in each corner on the back of the tile.

Excluding stamps, the cost for the project was less than 50¢ per coaster. I plan to do this

project again this fall, but I am getting low on mushroom stamps. Anybody out there who has extra mushroom stamps and wants to get rid of them cheaply, please e-mail me at igor@premier1.net.

My second project also included mushroom stamps, this time non-destructively. First, I scanned most of my mushroom stamps and saved each stamp as



an independent file. Using Microsoft Digital Image Pro (any good photo editing program would probably work), I extracted the calendar template design that I liked. On each page of the calendar, I created a

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Stampless Collecting

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Before the mid-1800's, mail was stampless. Markings of various kinds were used to indicate the postage fee had been paid. Stamps were not created to please collectors, but we often treat the United States Postal Service (USPS) as if it is obligated to please us.

In today's world, the Internet, cell phones and other electronic devices have increasingly reduced the amount of mail. The decline in the volume of mail has put pressure on the USPS to reduce costs. Most of the mail I receive is commercial mail. The indication postage has been paid is printed on the envelope or postcard. Sometimes the logo of the mailer has been included. Usually, I get personal mail from a sender that does not have a PC or does not have my e-mail address.

The USPS has had stamped envelopes and postcards available for many years and still does. I have accumulated stamp images of the X-Plane, Mt. Rushmore and the Redwood Forest that have been

printed on the large priority envelopes. I have not found these envelopes on the USPS website. The USPS also has available computer generated Custom Design self-stick labels in sheet format. Computer generated postage has also been available at Automated Postal Centers. Personalized postage labels can be obtained from vendors.

In the back of the US section of Scott Catalogue Volume 1, you will find Computer Generated Postage listed, as well as Personal Computer Postage, Personalized Postage and Non-Personalized Postage labels. There are 342 items listed. So you can start a stampless collection. Add to that a collection of pre-paid postage covers and you can still be a collector if postage stamps disappear in the future.

Among my foreign stamps, I have some postage labels from several countries. Some have incorporated a scene much like those on a stamp. All of the stampless postage I have found is non-soakable.

Is all of this a trend or a stepping stone to a postless world? What do you think?

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On this 30th anniversary of ISWSC's founding, I would like to extend my thanks to the President and Board of Directors for their "energies" which have made the ISWSC the fine organization that it has become—of stamp collectors, by stamp collectors and for stamp collectors (worldwide, of course).

Aubrey C. Dunne (#1), ISWSC Founder

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Whatzit: Equatorial Challenge

by Richard Barnes (#2425)

Whatzit? Coordinator

I am beginning this column with housekeeping matters. I had an interesting winter and spring revolving around family health matters. Now I finally have had a chance to catch my breath and have gotten my desk in some kind of order. Much to my



chagrin, I found a number of stamps sent to me by members requesting assistance in identification. Everything being equal, I normally scan the stamp upon receipt, then promptly return it to the sender. I returned those stamps that I could pair off to an address. If you have not received your stamps back from me, please

contact me. I will immediately return them to you.

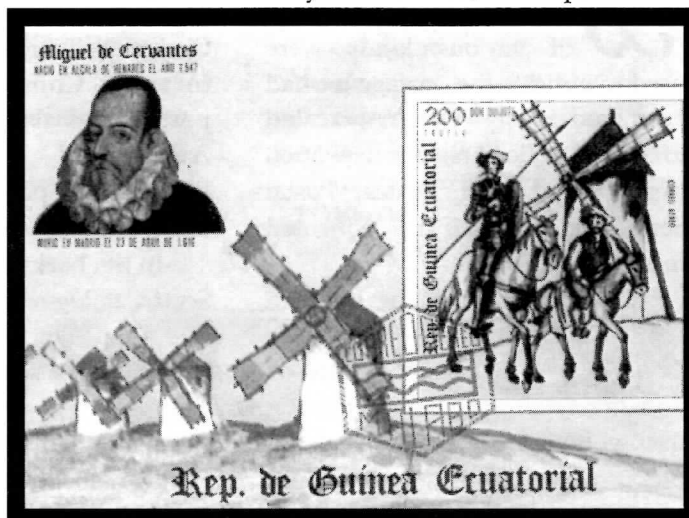
The second topic of housekeeping is the column's content. The number of replies to the unknown Whatzits are down. Your input is needed. Format suggestions are welcomed. Ideas for possible topics and themes will be considered. Your Whatzits are needed. Without them, there is no reason for the column. The success of the Whatzit column is dependant on members to share their knowledge and opinions. I thank all those members who have made the effort and expended the time to write and share their answers to the unknown Whatzits.

An Equatorial Challenge

Ten years ago, I started to collect the stamps of North Africa. This brought me into contact with the African colonies of Spain. All of these colonies have



been absorbed by existing countries, except the colonies of central west Africa. These colonies, Fernando Po and Río Muni, became the Republic of Equatorial Guinea in 1968. When the country was formed, it competed with



Mauritania for the title of poorest country in Africa. This forgotten country, with no export economy and autocratic tribal leadership, sat ignored by the world, except for the odd sensational press reports, such as the killing of all individuals with an education over grade six. Ignored, that is, until now, due to a very successful search for oil.

I started to collect Equatorial Guinea this year. It has generally implemented a pragmatic stamp issuing policy. For the first four years, a conservative stamp issuing policy was followed—roughly one small set of stamps per year. In 1971, stamp printers discovered the existence of this corruptly governed country. Suddenly there is a plethora of stamps purporting to be from Equatorial Guinea. From 1971 to 1980, there was a flood of packet stamps. These are the stamps that were, for most of us, an introduction to the stamps of Equatorial Guinea. The Scott catalogue lists 100 doubtful sets for this time period. There are possibly again as many additional sets not listed by Scott. My old Stanley Gibbons worldwide catalogue is of no assistance in identifying these stamps. I have not been able to locate and purchase a Michel catalogue for West and South Africa or find any other catalogue listing Equatorial Guinea stamps.

I am a linear thinker—I put my stamps in chronological order in my stamp albums. My search for philatelic information on Equatorial Guinea did not turn up one single article. As an experienced collector

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Auction Features US Lots, Mysterious Box

Lots of summer fun in this auction! ISWSC Auction #37 contains an unusual number of early USA issues. One of our long-time collector/members is slowly liquidating his USA holdings, giving us a chance at some real bargains. Also, check out the UN souvenir folders (Lot 34) and other UN items; Disney items (Lot 46); Ireland (Lots 71-81); several worldwide lots, postcards, covers, catalogs, even a "Mysterious Box"! And don't forget the Bargain Bin items at the end – lots of deals! Have a great summer and keep on bidding!

ISWSC AUCTION #37—Closing October 15, 2009

| Lot # | Description | Minimum Bid |
|-------|--|-------------|
| 1 | USA. #10, U, medium cancel, imperf. '07 CV \$140. | \$50 |
| 2 | USA. #33, U, LC, imperf. Close cut, pulled corner. CV \$300. | \$60 |
| 3 | USA. #68 (dark green), U, F, medium cancel. '07 CV \$65. | \$20 |
| 4 | USA. #73, U, F, LC. Nice stamp. '07 CV \$65. | \$20 |
| 5 | USA. #88, U, F, HC. '07 CV \$25. | \$7 |
| 6 | USA. #151, U, F/VF, medium cancel. '07 SCV \$200. | \$50 |
| 7 | USA. #153, U, F, heavy cork cancel. '07 CV \$160. | \$40 |
| 8 | USA. #157, U, F/VF, medium cancel. '07 CV \$22.50. | \$6 |
| 9 | USA. #165, U, F, medium cancel. '07 CV \$130. | \$40 |
| 10 | USA. #179, U, F/VF, medium cancel. Some clipped perfs. '07 CV \$25. | \$5 |
| 11 | USA. #186, U, F/VF, medium to HC. '07 CV \$27.50. | \$7 |
| 12 | USA. #187, U, F, medium cancel. '07 CV \$27.50. | \$7 |
| 13 | USA. #190, U, perfs cut design RS, small pin hole. '08 CV \$65 | \$12 |
| 14 | USA. Used Classics (4): #209, F/VF, HC; 211, F/VF, medium cancel; 212, F/VF, bulls-eye cancel; 223, F/VF, medium to HC. CV \$34.75. | \$9 |
| 15 | USA. #274, U, 15¢ dark blue, HR, medium cancel. '08 CV \$15. | \$4 |
| 16 | USA. #290, U, HC, 10¢ Trans-Mississippi. '08 CV \$32.50. Only! | \$7 |
| 17 | USA. Pan Americans of 1901, U, 3 from set: #295, VF, medium cancel; 296, F/VF, LC; 297, F/VF, medium cancel. Nice! CV \$30. | \$15 |
| 18 | USA. Classics, #302-310: 302, F/VF, medium/HC; 303, F/VF, LC, SE at top; 304, F/VF, medium cancel; 305 (space filler); 306, F/VF, medium cancel; 307, F/VF, medium cancel; 308, perfs cut design, medium cancel; 309, F/VF, medium cancel; 310, precancel, clipped corner. CV \$67+. | \$18 |
| 19 | USA. #320a, imperf (Schermack Type III). CV \$45. | \$12 |
| 20 | USA. Louisiana Purchase issue of 1904. #323-327, U, complete set of 5. Mostly F/VF, no heavy cancels. '07 CV \$92. Only! | \$25 |
| 21 | USA. Jamestown Expo issue of 1907. Complete U set of 3: #328, F/VF, medium cancel; 329, F/VF, medium cancel; 330, F, LC. '07 CV \$39+. | \$11 |
| 22 | USA. Classics. #333-340. Eight U stamps (1908-09): 333, F/VF, LC; 334, F, medium cancel; 335, F, medium cancel; 336, F, LC; 337, F/VF LC/medium cancel; 338, F, LC; 339, F, HC; 340, F, LC. CV \$44. | \$10 |
| 23 | USA. #352, U, medium cancel, perf 12 vertically. '07 CV \$85. | \$30 |
| 24 | USA. #497, MNH, 10¢ coil, perfs touch design on LS. '08 CV \$40. Now Only! | \$5 |
| 24A | USA. #3139 and 3140. Pacific '97 panes of 12. '08 CV \$26.50. | \$20 |
| 25 | USA. HBO 20 ounces on-paper defins in 20¢-29¢ range. Much dup. FREE. Pay only shipping. First bid takes it! | FREE |
| 26 | USA. FDC, #856, Panama Canal. Nice USS Charleston Canal Zone cancel. '05 CV \$17.50. | \$12 |
| 27 | USA. FDCs (3): #924 (Telegraph); 1371 (Apollo 8); 3330, ATA show cancel, Billy Mitchell, unaddressed. | \$8.50 |
| 28 | USA. FDCs (2): #C76, First Man on Moon, 1 addressed, 1 unaddressed, dual cancels. | \$8 |

Have unwanted quality material? Consignments are always welcome. Please contact Mike Crump for more information.

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| 29 | USA, Foreign FDCs. 13 total: Poland (6), Hans Christian Anderson, 2 stamps each, some dup; Canada Post show card & cancel, Topex '88; USA: St. Louis Arch Station, 1981 V.P. Fair pictorial cancel; New Orleans FDC, Louisiana World Expo '84; Color Cachet "The First Lady's Gallery" LBJ Library, pictorial cancel; Paul Robeson stamp, National Topical Stamp Show 2004 pictorial cancel; Agnes de Mille stamp, National Topical Stamp Show '04, pictorial cancel; Champlain stamp, colorful cachet, World Philatelic Exhibition pictorial cancel. (Whew)! | \$3 |
| 30 | UN Geneva. 5 MNH blocks of 4: #7, 9, 10, 22, 24. CV \$8.20. | \$3.50 |
| 31 | UN New York. 25 U blocks of 4, F/VF, LC. Retail value \$25. | \$8 |
| 32 | UN New York. MNH, 1980-82 singles, Flags (48), new mounts too! | \$12 |
| 33 | UN New York. MNH, 1982-85 singles, Flags, new mounts too! Retail \$50. | \$20 |
| 34 | UN Human Rights souvenir folders. 1989-93, each year 6 MNH sheets of 12 stamps; mounts in folders. Example: 1989: New York #570, 571; Geneva 180, 181; Vienna 95, 96. Similar program each year. First time I've seen these. Retail value \$220. | \$100 |
| 35 | Advertising Cards. 35 foreign and USA, mostly unused. | \$2 |
| 36 | Africa. 530 stamps, all diff, all large, U (no CTO): Botswana, Cameroun, Chad, Dahomey, Egypt, Ghana, Liberia, Morocco, Nigeria, more. CV? | \$18 |
| 37 | Asia. Ret circuits, 58 diff U stamps: Republic of China, India, Philippines, few MNH. CV \$47.15. | \$3 |
| 38 | Australia. 9 diff U, high values. #1841, 2056, 2077, 2078, 2630, 4 others. CV \$22.50. | \$5 |
| 39 | Australia. 2 ret circuits, 42 diff U stamps, #521/2078, mostly recent. CV \$39+. | \$5 |
| 40 | Austria. FDCs (30), all diff, mid-1980s, Wein postmark, excellent, clean, nice stamps. Retail \$110. | \$40 |
| 41 | Bahrain. FDC (#374, 376, 378, 380), Coronation Sheik Isa 30 th Ann. Bonus: 30 stamps (all same), also Bahrain? I can't ID'em, you try! Value? | \$10 |
| 42 | Brazil. HBO. 15 MNH, large S/Ss, value from \$2 (#2846) to \$22.50 (2674). Included: 2675, 2722, 2740, 2764-5, 2782, 2799, 2802, 2821, 2843, 2858, 2883, 2926. CV \$130+. | \$25 |
| 43 | Canada. #338a, pane of 25, MNH; 341b, pane of 20, MNH. CV \$9.75. | \$4 |
| 44 | Cape of Good Hope. #4, U, repair-job space filler. CV \$55. | NMB |
| 45 | Central, South America. Argentina #1398-99*, 1400* (S/S); Brazil 190, 1158, 1240 U; Mexico 709*, 710*; Canal Zone 40, U. CV \$11.80. | NMB |
| 46 | Disney. S/S Mini Collection (11 items): Ghana #1903 (Winnie the Pooh); Grenada 1569 (Goofy); Guyana 2486 (multi character), 2951 (Pocahontas), 3116 (Snow White); Lesotho 389 (12 Days of Christmas), 558 (Huey, Dewey & Louie); St. Lucia 500 (Mickey, Goofy); St. Vincent 1774] (Beauty, Beast); Sierra Leone 808 (Simple Simon); Tanzania 579 (Mickey, classic cartoon autos). CV \$53. | \$13 |
| 47 | Estonia. 48 mostly MH stamps, all diff, a few semi-postals, #55/138. CV \$68+. | \$15 |
| 48 | Europe (Group 1). Varied, M & U, all higher CV: Austria #310*, 929*; Belgium 88, 104-104a*, 120; Czechoslovakia 469, 522; Denmark 1215-16; Finland 276-277*, B69-73*, 1178, 1179, 1180; Germany 93, B925; Greece 1626, 1917, 1995, 2012, C1*. CV \$37+. Great deal! | \$3.50 |
| 49 | Europe (Group 2). All diff from Group 1, above: Hungary 2333-35*; Italy 23, C113; Liechtenstein 5, 7, 8, 556*; Luxembourg 777, B65A, C7-13; Monaco C59-60*; Netherlands B346*; Spain B81*; Sweden 235, 2330-34; Switzerland 338*. CV \$49+. Only 10%! | \$5 |
| 50 | Falklands. #124*, 309*; Dependencies 1L1-1L8* (Note: 1L8 is space filler – torn, not included in CV). CV \$16.65. | NMB |
| 51 | Faroes. Little U group: #124, 181, 215, 230, 244, 245. All sound, good cancels. CV \$13+. | \$2 |
| 52 | Finland. #357, MNH, VF, CV \$20. | \$4.50 |
| 52A | France. #312, U, LC, Canadian War Memorial. '08 CV \$7. | \$3 |
| 53 | Germany. Contemporary (2003-2006) on-paper mix. Approx. 500, moderate/heavy dup. Good values, 70¢ & up. | \$9 |
| 54 | Germany. 260 off-paper U stamps, large, all diff, later issues, no DDR. CV? | \$10 |
| 55 | Germany, Bavaria. Six old covers from the 1920's. Address in Nurnberg, postmark Wurzburg. Business (all diff) to individuals. CV? | \$10 |
| 56 | GB. #55, U, nice cancel, perfs touch design bottom, lightly CR on back. '08 CV \$160. | \$25 |

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| 57 | GB. #64, U, HR, perfs touch top & RS, plate 2. CV \$110. | \$8 |
| 58 | GB. #113, U, Fine, medium cancel, '08 CV \$13.50. Only! | \$3.50 |
| 59 | GB. #129, U, perfs clipper ^d top left, RS upper. CV \$17. | NMB |
| 60 | GB. #133, U, Fine, medium cancel. '08 CV \$35. | \$8 |
| 61 | GB. #138, U, Fine, medium cancel. '08 CV \$40. | \$10 |
| 62 | GB. #138, U, very light CR. '08 CV \$40. | \$7 |
| 63 | GB. #138a, U, perfs touch LS. CV \$60. | \$12 |
| 64 | GB. #208, U, VF. Nice stamp. CV \$11.50. | \$5 |
| 65 | Greece. #586, MNH, F/VF. CV \$10. | \$1.50 |
| 66 | Greenland. #36, MNH, XF. CV \$16. | \$4 |
| 67 | Grenada. S/Ss: #793 (Coronation Elizabeth II); 801 (Yacht Race); 812 (Boy scouts); 820 (Christmas 1977); 864 (Rubens-artist); Grenada Grenadines 160 (Yacht Race). CTOs. CV \$6. | NMB |
| 68 | Guernsey. #297a bklt, MNH. CV \$3. | NMB |
| 69 | Guyana. #2679, S/S, MNH, World Leaders. '07 CV \$14.50. | \$2 |
| 70 | Iceland. C1, C3 MH, F/VF. CV \$23.90. | \$5 |
| 71 | Ireland. #149-150, U, LC, VF. '08 CV \$17.50. | \$5 |
| 72 | Ireland. Irish Transport. #684a, MNH S/S of 4 stamps. CV \$7.50. | \$3 |
| 73 | Ireland. Olympics, Barcelona (1992). #855a, MNH, S/S of 4, Wow! '08 CV \$7. Now, only! | \$2 |
| 74 | Ireland. Greetings! #863a & b, M bklt (8 stamps + labels). '08 CV \$20. | \$6.50 |
| 75 | Ireland. Fauna and Flora. #894a, S/S of 4 stamps, commem cancels. CV \$7. | \$2.50 |
| 76 | Ireland. Greetings! #917a, S/S of 4 stamps, MNH. '08 CV \$10. | \$4 |
| 77 | Ireland. Ducks! #1067, U, 2 pound issue. '08 CV \$15. | \$8 |
| 78 | Ireland. Postboxes. #1149a, MNH strip of 4. '08 CV \$5. | \$2 |
| 79 | Ireland. Airmails. C2 U; C5 MH. '08 CV \$10. | \$3 |
| 80 | Ireland. J1, U, LC, wmk 44. Very nice stamp. '08 CV \$30. | \$10 |
| 81 | Ireland. Postage dues, all MNH: #J19-21, J25-27, J30-34. CV \$17.40. Wow! | NMB |
| 82 | Israel. 12 U aerograms, interesting letters inside. 1950's-60's. | \$1 |
| 83 | Italy. #203, F/VF, U. CV \$21. | \$5 |
| 84 | Italy, Vatican. About 26 Italy, 24 Vatican stamps, about half MNH. Nice little group from ret circuits. CV \$20.75. | \$1.50 |
| 85 | Japan. #2216, S/S with colorful official folder. Bird, flowers on cover. | \$2.50 |
| 86 | Japan. Ret OMNI book. 75 stamps (at least 18 dup). Nice selection of recent stamps from 2100's-2600's. '04 CV \$32+. Wow! | NMB |
| 87 | Japan. Ret circuit sheets. 23 U, 8 MNH stamps; also 8 MNH Ryukyus. Total CV \$48.10. | \$4 |
| 88 | Japan, Korea. Japan: #671*, 860-871*, 1297-1298*, B34-B35*; Korea: 497*, 553*, 1201. Some nice values here. CV \$15+. | \$2 |
| 89 | Jersey. #196/284 (26 stamps) MNH, all diff. Ret Sales Circuit. CV \$16.75. | \$1.50 |

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| 90 | J.F. Kennedy. Mini collection: S/Ss: Antigua #1167; Dominica 1130; Gambia 767. Strip of 5 stamps; Marshall Islands 200-204. Hey, Jackie too! Nicaragua 2165. Bonus: Liberia JFK S/S of 4 stamps, unidentified. '07 CV \$19.75. | \$5 |
| 91 | Mexico. Two MNH Philatelic S/S: #1385 (Mexfil '85); C434 (Exfilmex). CV \$7. | \$2 |
| 92 | Mexico. Airmails (17) all diff, MH, C296/C356. CV \$29.85. | NMB |
| 93 | Mexico. Two MNH S/S: C434 (Exfilmex); C608 (Universiada '79). CV \$5.50. | \$1 |
| 94 | Netherlands. MNH: B353, B355, B357. CV \$5.20. | NMB |
| 95 | New Zealand. All MH, F/VF: #B16, B17, B69, B70. CV \$33.20. | \$5 |
| 95A | New Zealand. #AR89, U, 2 pound issue. '08 CV \$40. | \$15 |
| 96 | Norway. #29, U, F/VF, LH. Bonus: 757-758* (\$1.60 value). '07 CV \$15. | \$3 |
| 97 | Poland, Lithuania, Liberia. S/Ss: Poland B127* (hinge thin); B130*, hinge remnant; B134, hinge remnant; Lithuania 430a, U, Bklt pane of 4; Liberia S/S 892, Soccer Championship. CV ± \$8. | \$2 |
| 98 | Russia. MNH S/S #4817 (First Walk in Space, Voskhod 2, 1965). Bonus: Sand Dunes mini sheets: Ajman States autos; Sharjah, domestic birds, classic cars; Ras Al Khaima (Human Rights). CV? | NMB |
| 99 | Russia. #5822-5826, MNH, strip of 5 stamps; 5850 S/S, MNH. CV \$6. | NMB |
| 100 | Russia, Old USSR Countries. 130 M & U. Russia (most); Uzbekistan (4); Estonia (47); Latvia (4); Lithuania (5). Interesting lot with owner's retail value at \$30. CV much higher. A steal! | \$6.50 |
| 101 | Surinam. About 60 diff stamps, many M, some U, bklt, S/S. Owner's value is \$5 but this one looks like a sleeper at only... | NMB |
| 102 | Switzerland. #144, 146, 166, 172, U. CV \$21.30. | \$4.50 |
| 103 | Turks & Caicos. FDC (ships) #578, 579, 582, 585. No address. | \$3 |
| 104 | Venezuela. 24 U stamps, all better values. Best: #68, 70, 72, 245, 247, 255, 286, others. Total CV \$90+. Nice deal at... | \$9 |
| 105 | Yugoslavia. Ret OMNI book, 85 stamps (more U than M). Better: #191, 192, 194, 239-242, 283-285, 361, 1732-33, RAJ4. Nothing extraordinary but some good stamps. '06 CV \$45. | \$5 |
| 106 | Worldwide. Many worthwhile stamps, all of higher value – but totally unrelated! USA #537; UN 14*; Bahrain 38, 39, 45, 48; Bahamas 162*, 328; Barbados 70A*, 134*; Bermuda 831; Ethiopia 369-374*; Hawaii 43; India 1009*, 1019*; Laos 87a*, C45; too many more to list. Call for complete list. Lots of value at a great price! CV \$96. How can you beat... | \$9 |
| 107 | Worldwide. Ret OMNI book, S-V countries. 114 mostly U stamps. Serbia, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Siam, Turkey, Uruguay, Venezuela, others. A lot of CV for small investment. '06 CV \$124+. Opens at only 5%! | \$6 |

Abbreviations:

& = And

+ = Plus

// = Incomplete

ADDR = Address (ed)

ANN = Anniversary

APS = American Philatelic Society

BKLT = Booklet

BLK = Block

BOB = Back of Book

CAT = Catalogue (d)

COMMEM = Commemorative (s)

CPL = Complete

CR = Crease (d)

CTO = Cancelled to Order

CV = Latest Scott Catalog Value

DEFIN = Definitive (s)

DIFF = Different

DUP = Duplicate (s)

EST = Estimate (d)

F = Fine, off center, but perfs
don't touch design

FD(C) = First Day (Cover)

G = Good, perfs cut into design

HBO = Held by Owner

HC = Heavy Cancel

HH = Heavy Hinged

INCL = Include (s) (ed)

LC = Light Cancel

LH = Light Hinge

LS = Left side

M or * = Mint

MH = Mint Hinged

MLH = Mint Light Hinge

MNH or ** = Mint Never Hinged

NG = No Gum

NMB = No Minimum Bid

OG = Original Gum

RET = Retired, Returned

RS = Right Side

SE = Straight Edge

S/S = Souvenir Sheet (s)

TH = Thin

U = Used

UNADDR = Unaddressed

VF = Very Fine, wide margins

VG = Very Good, perfs touch
design

W/ = With

W/O = Without

XF = Extra Fine

| Lot # | Description | Minimum Bid |
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| 108 | Worldwide. S-Z countries, ret OMNI book. 37 U stamps, higher values: Saudi Arabia #169; Singapore 95; Spain E8*; Sri Lanka 150; Thailand 615, 617, 659; Togo C40; Turkey 2540, 2542; UAR 100, 101, 103, 104; others. Some dup. '04 CV \$59+. | \$3 |
| 109 | Worldwide. 200 U stamps ID'd on sheets, 25 per country: Germany, GB, Guatemala, Jamaica, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway. Mostly 20 th Century, all higher values. '08 CV \$95+. | \$14 |
| 110 | Worldwide and USA. HBO. About 2300 U stamps valued at 3 cents each (Scott 1984) in notebooks. Plenty of room for more stamps. "Arguably the largest collection of worthless stamps ever assembled" – owner's testimony! He values it at \$20. Bonus – 4 volume 1984 Scotts Catalogue! All this for... | NMB |
| 111 | Worldwide. Diana Princess of Wales. Spectacular all S/S collection! 23 beautiful items commemorating her life: Angola, Antigua, Congo, Dominica (2), Gambia, Grenada (4), Guyana (2), Isle of Man, Liberia, Maldives (2), Nicaragua, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Sierra Leone, Togo, Turks & Caicos, all MNH, all different. CV \$100+. Incredible! | \$25 |
| 112 | Worldwide. Are you serious? Wife says, "Clean up this place!" Swept off the stamp room floor but some good values: Ireland #99-100*, 1312-13; Israel 1643* (sheet of 6); GB 831a* (first British P.O. mini sheet), 1293a* (strip of 5); Jersey 834. CV \$23.45. Whew! | NMB |
| 113 | Worldwide. 3 small stockbooks w/10 each of 67 diff large stamps: Romania, Yugoslavia, Vietnam, Australia, Honduras, Ireland – no rhyme or reason to this one! Owner's value \$5. | NMB |
| 114 | Worldwide. 54 Picture Postcards, US and foreign, mostly U, some older, condition varies. Tour the world for only... | \$2 |
| 115 | Worldwide. Picture Postcards Group 1 (all diff from next lot, Group 2). 50 cards that have traveled the world, all diff, most w/stamps, mostly 1950's-1970's, a few older. No USA. CV? How about 10¢ each? | \$5 |
| 116 | Worldwide. Picture Postcards Group 2 (all diff from Group 1 above). 50 foreign postcards, mostly 1950's-1970's, few older, mostly U. No USA. All diff. CV? 10¢ each! | \$5 |
| 117 | Worldwide. Group of unrelated items. Something for every historian! International Response Coupon (15 cents, 3/11/70) in fair condition; USA stamped envelope #U523 (unused, hinge marks, fair condition); 7 postcards: UN, USA (4), India, Travancore-Cochin; USA #3307c imperf bklt pane (Daffy Duck); USPS 1980 souvenir card Tercentenary of Jamestown; USPS FDC 7/4/76 Bicentennial Issues; USPS stamp poster FD cancel Benjamin West commem stamp; USPS stamp poster FD cancel Surrender at Saratoga commem stamp; BEP souvenir card Interpex, NY Stamp Exhibit 1973. Value? | NMB |
| 118 | Worldwide. Mysterious Box! (8 .5 x 7 x 1.5 inches) filled with FDCs, S/S, post cards, postal stationery, stamps, etc. Lots of fun digging in for a small investment. Nice cigar box too! Estimated value is \$50+. How can you lose? | NMB |
| 119 | Historical Old Catalogues! HBO. Mother says "Clean out that closet or else!" No picking or choosing – everything goes!! Scott 1933(!); Harris US, BNA specialized 1977; Republic of China 1957 (in English); Nederland Specialized (in Dutch); Gibbons GB, Commonwealth; Yvert & Tellier, 3 vol France (Europe and Overseas) in French. Value: Priceless. | NMB |
| 120 | Historical Reference. HBO. "The Postage Stamps, Envelopes, Wrappers, Post Cards and Telegraph Stamps of British India and Ceylon", w/24 sheets of autotype illustrations, compiled and published by the Philatelic Society, London, 1892. Original binding, two loose pages, gold page edges, worn corners, spine taped, ex-library. Value: Irreplaceable. | \$50 |
| 121 | Historical Item. Unique! "The Army and Navy Needle Book", WW I era, colorful lithograph of battleship, eagle, biplane on front, complete w/"Superior Sharps" sewing needles. Slightly damaged but in good condition considering its age. | \$30 |
| 122 | Reference. HBO. "The Stamp Collector's Encyclopedia", R.J. Sutton, 6 th edition, 1966. Original dust jacket, tight spine, good condition). Value? | NMB |
| 123 | Historical Reference. HBO. "Catalog of the 19th Century Stamped Envelopes and Wrappers of the United States", published by United Postal Stationary Society, Inc., Edmund C. McGovern, Editor, 1945. Original binding, tight spine, slightly worn, good condition, ex-library. Value? | \$25 |

| Lot # | Description | Minimum Bid |
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| 124 | Historical Reference. HBO. "Standard Postage Stamp Catalog" by Scott Stamp & Coin Company, Ltd, 91 st edition, 1935. Original dust jacket, tight spine, edges a bit discolored, over all good condition). Value? | NMB |
| 125 | Historical. HBO. "The Wonderland of Stamps – A Story for Boys and Girls" by W. Dwight Burroughs, 1910. Original binding, tight spine, slightly worn corners, edges, front flyleaf clipped to remove signature. Good condition for a 99 year-old book! | \$10 |
| 126 | Historical Picture. 9 x 11.5 inch color picture of #295A, block of 4, inverted 2¢ Pan American issue. Nice Picture. | NMB |

BARGAIN BIN! The following items have run in a previous auction and are back with drastic reductions in Minimum Bid amounts. There are some real bargains and some outright steals! Good bidding!

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| BB127 | USA. #210, MH, F/VF. Nice stamp. '07 CV \$50. Ran previously at \$20, now reduced to 10% of CV. Wow! | \$5 |
| BB128 | USA. #405, Plate Number Singles (4): 7298, 7359, 7534 (all MNH); 7535 (MH). Bonus: #499 PNS 7802, disturbed gum on tab. '07 CV \$52. Previously ran at MB \$12, now only... | \$5 |
| BB129 | USA. #806b, Bklt pane of 6, MNH. Very nice! CV \$22.50. Was MB \$7, now slashed to... | \$2.50 |
| BB130 | USA. #1213a, Blkt pane of 5 + label, slogan 2, MNH. Designs on LS slightly clipped, priced accordingly. CV \$16. Now... | NMB |
| BB131 | Setenant (different stamps attached) Blocks. U, with USA (18 blks), GB Machin definitives from bklets (6) and Canada (1). CV? Marked down further to... | \$10 |
| BB132 | Gibraltar. #2, MH, gum disturbance, small paper adhesion, small CR. '07 CV \$60. Ran earlier at \$15 – now cut to... | \$6 |
| BB133 | Isle of Man Bonanza! 128 diff U, 5 MNH stamps, plus 7 Isle of Man covers and 4 colorful U postcards. Wide stamp variety. CV? Only... | \$22 |
| BB134 | Malawi. MNH #573a, S/S of 4 (#570-573), SADCC 10 th Ann. CV \$16. Now marked down to... | \$5 |
| BB135 | Malaysia. Butterflies! #66-73, MNH, complete. CV \$37.85. Now... | \$18 |
| BB136 | Slovak Republic. 37 covers and postcards w/wide variety of U stamps plus 7 U stamps (off paper). CV? Now... | \$20 |
| BB137 | Worldwide. HBO. 155 M & U higher value stamps. 102 w/CV of \$1 to \$2.50; 53 values of \$3 to \$7.50. Included: Dahomey B9-10*, J3-4*; Netherland Indies 8, 10; Canada 208*, 241*; USA J32, J34; GB 191, 249, 300*, 301, 303*, 373, 399; Venezuela C58*, C89-90, C92, C110, C126, C162, C177, C205, C235-6, C254-5, C269-71, C277, many others. CV \$375+. Now reduced to... | \$30 |

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Ventures in Printing—Part 7

Relief Printed CMP Stamps—Heligoland (Part I)

by Sandy Stover (#2325)

Editor's Note: This is the seventh article in a series, adapted from a book on classic multicolored postage stamps currently being written by the author.

A Classic Printing Adventure Far Ahead of its Time

From 1867 to 1875, the tiny British island-colony of Heligoland (today, Helgoland, Schleswig-Holstein, Federal Republic of Germany) issued nineteen major varieties of stamps (Scott 1-19)—all of them bi-colored in green and red (various shades) and all centered on a colorless embossed Victoria head (Figure 1). Then, 31 years after the *Dove of Basel*, Heligoland issued the world's second classic multicolored postage (CMP) stamp—Scott 20, 1876-77 (Figure 2). This was followed by five additional Heligoland CMP stamps—Scott 21, whose minor varieties were spread over 12 years, 1876-88 (Figure 3), and Scott 22 and 23, 1879 (Figures 4 & 5). Scott 24 and 25 (1879)



Figure 1—Heligoland, Scott 4, Queen Victoria, 1867-68 (probable reprint)



Figure 2—Heligoland, Scott 20a (?), Coat of Arms, 1877 (probable reprint)

are the same design as Scott 22 and 23 and were never put into use. The Scott catalogue lists only two ink colors in the basic description of these six issues (the reason I missed them initially), although it contains a special note recognizing that Scott 20 and 21 have three ink colors. In fact, Scott 20 and 21 are red, green and yellow (various shades) and Scott 22-25 are red, green (various shades) and black.

Heligoland Postage Stamps—Oddities?

In *Pax Britannica*, the second volume of her popular 1960's history of the British Empire, Jan Morris added a philatelic footnote: "The oddest imperial issues were those of Heligoland, a British possession until it was ceded to Germany in 1890. These had been printed for Queen Victoria in Berlin" (Morris, p. 58, italics added). Morris' point seemed to be that while Victorian worldwide postal administration was extensive and complicated—one of the essential "life-lines" in the empire's massive system of communication and transportation—and while some British colonies designed their own stamps, even with indigenous

pictorial subjects rather than the royal image; still, it is rather odd that British stamps would be printed in Berlin.

That Prussians printed the stamps of a British crown colony is *unique* perhaps, yet it is quite reasonable and far from odd. Heligoland is a tiny (less-than-one-half square mile) island in the "bend" of the North Sea formed by the coasts of Denmark and Germany, the waters known as the *German Bight*. (It is less than 1/10 the size of Key West, my own island home.) It is about 40 miles from Cuxhaven, Federal Republic of Germany, and about 300 miles from Norwich, England, the closest city in Great Britain. By the 1814 Treaty of Kiel, subsequent to the Napoleonic Wars, Great Britain gained Heligoland from Denmark, having already seized it in 1807.

Under Danish control, the Heligoland post office had been operated, beginning in 1796, by the German Free City of Hamburg. The British authorities quite sensibly continued this arrangement until 1866, when they assumed full administrative control of the office and soon began issuing the Heligoland Victoria stamps to replace formerly used Hamburg stamps. But even then they continued operating, pragmatically, under special postal conventions with Hamburg. Throughout British rule, mail was usually carried by German steamship between the island and the Hamburg postal facilities (via Cuxhaven). In a similar administrative accommodation, the British allowed for the printing of the earlier Heligoland stamps by the Prussian State Printing Office (*Preussische Staatsdruckerei*) in Berlin. When Hamburg became part of the German Empire upon the latter's formation in 1871, Heligoland stamp printing continued with the same Berlin printers, now the German State Printing Office. Thus—not at all surprising—the six *original* issues (i.e. excluding reprints) of Heligoland CMP stamps, the final stamps of the colony, were printed by



Figure 3—Heligoland, Scott 21 (?), Coat of Arms, 1888 (probable forged cancellation)

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Fun(gi) Stamp Art

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mushroom stamp photo layout that was aesthetically pleasing. I also created a special cover to match the theme of the calendar. The rest of the job was to print and assemble the calendar.

I had nothing to do with the next project (my wife received it as a gift from our close friends), but I thought it would interest the readers. It is a picture



frame with four mushroom stamps attractively mounted. What is so unique is the stamps are carved and built up into a 3-D format. What I believe the artist did was to carve a stamp or a copy of the stamp along each mushroom outline. He then built up each mushroom to a different thickness, and mounted them on top of an identical stamp. If you are interested, you can contact the artist at Precision Stamp Carving, e-mail address stamper1@mail.com.

200 WW OR US only \$2.00. 200 Canada 70% large \$5.00 or 100 large Russia \$5.00 plus 84¢ SASE for each offer. 10 FCS show cover mix \$4.00 + \$1.64 SASE. Towlson (#2609D); 60 Ivanhoe Road; Buffalo, NY 14215—USA. [01-02/10]

BREAKING UP 62-YEAR ACCUMULATION. Let me send you a stuffed envelope of old, new, mint and used, etc. Pick what you want at 1/3 SCV and return the balance. Robert Gelfman (ISWSC #1849); Box 315; Old Bethpage, NY 11804—USA. [11-12/09]

THREE PERFECT COPIES of 2009 Scott on 3 DVDs, only wanted one. Sell one for \$40.00. Advantage over original you can print all. Al Lambert (ISWSC #2100); 1314 Fulton; San Antonio, TX 78201-5112—USA. [09-10/09]

OMNI Annual Report

by David Paul (#59)

The annual audit of the OMNI Exchange produced the following data. There are currently over 60 active members spread over three sections. These members added over \$15,000 of Scott catalog value to their collections over the past twelve months. There is currently over \$100,000 of Scott value available in the exchange and \$35,000 in new stamps is added annually, providing a constant flow of new material. Since we reorganized the OMNI Exchange more than a year ago, there's been a steady increase in new members.

OMNI operates as a catalog value exchange with no cash costs except for mailing and blank book expenses. If you're not a member but would like more information, contact Dave Paul or one of the other OMNI managers (listed on page 2) and we'll answer any questions you have. It's a great way to turn those nice duplicates you have into stamps to fill some empty spaces in your album.

Swap Circuit News

by Randy Smith (#1111)

Swap Circuit Coordinator

Swap circuit members have been contacting me recently, stating they have received very few circuits. Unfortunately, I've been the primary culprit—I only recently finished processing swap circuit fees and sending roster updates to the managers. Circuits should now be flowing again to all program participants.

The seven circuit managers are the heart of this program—without them, the program wouldn't exist. While there has been very little turnover the past few years, there are now two changes to announce:

Craig Grothaus (#2344) has volunteered to fill the open Small/Definitive II manager position. Craig has been swapping for seven years, so I'm sure he'll make a great manager.

John McArthur (#768) will be retiring as manager of the Large I circuit. Thank you, John, for your five years of wonderful service!

I am currently contacting those who have requested information about managing a circuit and hope to announce John's successor soon.

Deadline for *The Circuit* (Nov/Dec)—September 20, 2009

SEEKING—Macau; Independent Africa; Independent French (ex: Algeria); Former Soviet (ex: Georgia); Former Yugoslavia (ex: Macedonia); Souvenir Sheets. Len Bland (ISWSC #23); 2424 Stadium Dr; Logansport, IN 46947—USA. lenb28@earthlink.net [07-08/09]

Executive Director's & President's Report

by Dr. Joanne Berkowitz (#98)
ISWSC Executive Director & President

Is it just me or have others also noted a lot of mail gets through without the stamps being canceled? If it is a particularly attractive cover, I take it back to the Post Office for cancellation. Our Post Office workers are happy to oblige. Most of the philatelic covers and canceled stamps from my mail are forwarded to **Richard Rizzo** (#2215) for the youth programs and I do not want to pass along a cover without a cancel on the stamp. Please note it is illegal to reuse a postage stamp that escaped cancellation. I get them occasionally when someone pays for membership with US stamps. If I catch you at it, I will return them to you as I will not be a part of defrauding the United States Postal Service.

While e-mail has reduced the amount of mail, it has more than compensated by making life easier. Last week, I received a renewal packet back in the mail with a "moved-unknown" sticker on it. I sent it April 13 and it came back from Canada May 26! I sent an e-mail to the addressee and, within 24 hours, it was back on its way to the correct address. Since *The Circuit* is a bimonthly production, there are times when we would

really like to be able to communicate with you more rapidly. An example would be if I am going to attend a philatelic show, I would like to meet with members who are also going. It would be nice to be able to report a death or address change or other correction without waiting for *The Circuit*. So, this is a plea to give us your e-mail address (if you have one) and update it if it has changed since you reported it to us. We do not sell our address list to non-members. Just send me an e-mail and I'll update your listing.

The general consensus from our survey is that members find the roster useful and would prefer that it continue to be available. There are concerns about posting it on the website and, for now, we will not do this. If it is ever posted, it would have to be in a member's only section, regularly updated so that only current members have access. We think it is feasible to do a roster and an issue of *The Circuit* and mail them together, rather than substituting the roster for *The Circuit*. It's a lot of work getting the roster formatted, corrected and ready to print and my thanks go to **Randy Smith** (#1111) for getting it done.

Now that summer is upon us, stamps take a bit of a back seat to gardening and outdoor activities. I hope you are all enjoying sunshine and some relaxation.

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the *Deutsche Reichsdruckerei* (www.fritzwagner.com; Wellsted, Rossiter and Flower, p. 65; and Finlay, p. 58).

Point made. But are the stamps not *odd* at least in the broader sense that the British Empire would even *care* about possessing this tiny island a mere 40 miles from the mouth of the Elbe River? No, even this is clearly *not odd*.

Gibraltar of the North Sea

Both British and German leadership undoubtedly viewed Heligoland, even early in the nineteenth century, as a potential military asset. Both also recognized the value of the island for the protection and rescue of commercial ships. It is true that, initially, the British did little militarizing of the island. The roughly 2000 Heligolandians were thus left unhindered to fish and farm (traditional occupations), to pilot and salvage some of the many ships treading the Bight (also traditional) and to ply a vigorous tourist trade (begun in the 1820's) (Ritsema, pp. 74-80). As late as 1868,

military presence was limited to "half a dozen English coastguards under a Royal Navy officer" (Drower, p. 38).

But at about the same time the Germans had established a new naval base in the Elbe estuary—Wilhelmshaven—and they were very worried about vulnerability to blockade by the British, "who could use Heligoland as a forward base, just 48 miles north across the Bight." By 1882, German Admiral Ludwig von Henk had written a pamphlet, *Heligoland's Strategic Significance to Germany*. And by 1884, Chancellor Otto von Bismarck had become convinced that German possession of Heligoland was essential for preventing blockade of the Elbe estuary and, as well, the western end of the newly constructed Kiel Canal (Drower, p. 46, 51).

It is not difficult to imagine that, if the Germans viewed Heligoland as strategically important, the British would think the same. Nevertheless, German overtures led to a process of diplomatic bargaining that was engineered on the British side by Prime Minister Lord (Robert Cecil) Salisbury. In the end, the British

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had ceded Heligoland to Germany (1890) in return for concessions in the control of areas in east Africa, particularly Zanzibar.

A vocal minority of British leadership was opposed to the proposed 1890 Anglo-German Agreement, particularly because of the strategic loss of Heligoland.



Figure 4—Heligoland, Scott 22, Decorated Numerals, 1879

For example, former British Heligoland Governor, Sir Ernest Maxse, argued that, in the Franco-Prussian War of 1870: "Had Germany [rather than the British] possessed Heligoland, the blockade of the Elbe and Weser by the French fleet in the earlier part of the war would have been impossible." Maxse urged, therefore, that Britain should spend a million pounds to turn Heligoland into the "Gibraltar of the North Sea" (Drower, pp. 94-95). Even Queen Victoria testily, yet ineffectively, balked at Salisbury's plan—for both humanitarian and strategic reasons:

... Understood from Lord Cross that nothing was to be done in a hurry about Heligoland, and now hear it is to be decided tomorrow. It is a *very serious* question which I do not like.

1st. The people have been always very loyal . . . and it is a shame to hand them over to an *unscrupulous despotic Government* like the German without first consulting them. [This "unscrupulous despotic government" was that of Victoria's own *grandson*, Kaiser Wilhelm II.]

2nd. It is a very bad precedent. The next thing will be to propose to give up Gibraltar; and soon nothing will be secure . . . (Telegram from Queen Victoria to Lord Salisbury, 9 June 1890, as excerpted on the Drower book cover. Note added.).

An *oddity* that the British Empire once included a tiny island close off the coast of Northern Germany? Hardly. Instead, it seems odd that they ever gave it up.

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Author's Note

I wrote in the first article of this series that my inventory of CMP (classic multicolored postage) stamps contained 430 major Scott varieties, but also that I had probably missed a few. Since then, I have discovered additional CMP stamps, including the six Heligoland issues featured in this article.

My total is now 438. Certainly there are others missing.

A challenge to worldwide stamp collectors: Find CMP stamps that are missing from my inventory! Send for the *Inventory of Classic Multicolored Postage Stamps* at kwesters@comcast.net or at 1408 White Street; Key West, FL 33040. I will e-mail the ten-page inventory as an attached Microsoft Word document, or I'll mail a hard copy, whichever you prefer. I'll include your discoveries and your name (with your permission) in a future article.



Figure 5—Heligoland, Scott 23, Decorated Numerals, 1879

Secretary Appointed

The Board of Directors appointed **Mike Crump** (#2126) as ISWSC Secretary. Mike, who also serves as ISWSC Auction Manager, will complete the remainder of the two year term (ending February 2010) vacated by the former Secretary.

Thank you, Mike, for stepping forward to fill this critical position on the ISWSC Board of Directors!

Membership Update

New Members

- 2614 **Nancy Waldeck** (exp. 07/31/10)
5541 Westwood Northern Blvd, #5
Cincinnati, OH 45248-2346—USA
newaldeck@aol.com; A, G, Int (20), DD, Top
(ducks postally used), 10 (US Federal duck
stamps, US 1930—present mint)
- 2615U **John Agius** (exp. 08/31/12)
- 2616 **James Savage** (exp. 09/30/10)
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jsavage226@comcast.net; B (1840-1950), D,
Adv (25), EE, Top (Audobon, US Federal
Duck blocks), 1 (Great Britain KGVI, East
Prussia to 1945), 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 (worldwide),
9, non-trading
- 2617 **Susan Dixon** (exp. 08/31/12)
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suedixon@sonic.net; B (1840-1968), G, Int
(60), EE, 8
- 2618 **Erik Blomstedt** (exp. 08/31/12)
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swede1956@att.net; A, G, Int (7), DD, Top
(Railroad, Ship)
- 2619 **Dan Neubert** (08/31/10)
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B (1840-1965), D, Int (40), DD, Top (maps,
trains), 3 (postmarks)
- 2620 **James Johnson** (08/31/10)
214 Franciscan Trail
Redding, CA 96003-8270—USA
A, D, Adv (68), EE
- 2621 **Edward Knell** (09/30/10)
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ed23523@yahoo.com; A, D, Beg (1), DD
- 2622 **Peter Skold** (09/30/10)
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Jnkping, 55474—SWEDEN
B (1840-1940), D, Int (8), CC

New Members

- 2623 **James Adler** (09/30/10)
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- 195 **Wilhelm**

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- 25 **Davis Nelson**
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- 397 **Joel Grebin**
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- 796 **LTC (Ret) Alan T Horwedel**
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- 1101 **Arthur H. Dvinoff**
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- 1598 **Neil Cook**
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- 1783 **Norbert Hartig**
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- 2387 **Robert Colsten**
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- 2613 **Eve Chase**
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SHOWGARD MOUNTS, SINGLE STRIPS, LARGER SIZES NEEDED: Occasional single large size strips Black Showgard mounts for blocks and covers needed to be purchased by this collector. Collecting world singles 1840-1950, I like to enhance the album with an additional interesting cover or block or pane of stamps. But because it is an occasional cover or block, and different sizes, it is not practical for me to buy whole packs of sizes I might only use one strip out of the pack. I have a list of sizes. Can anyone help? Larry Toomey (ISWSC #2589); 7235 Guilford Rd; Upper Darby, PA 19082—USA. larry2me@hotmail.com [07-08/09]

Whatzit?

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of Sand Dune state stamps, I cockily expected to easily sort these stamps into a logical sequence. The Sand Dune stamps are listed in three different catalogues—



Whatzit 27.4.1

none of which agree on what stamps were printed when. The CTO (cancelled to order) cancellations of the Sand Dunes do, however, provide a date of issue. These dates coincide with the UPU (Universal Postal Union) warning bulletins. Thus, the Sand Dunes are easy to sort.

I started out expecting to do the same sort with the stamps of Equatorial Guinea. The very first set listed in the Scott catalogue, commemorating Apollo 15, gives the date of issue as January 28, 1972. The CTO reads 25 Nov 71. The Scott catalogue has numerous instances throughout all nine volumes where it lists stamps as being issued either before the event or well after the event being commemorated—despite other information or logic. For many countries, Scott does not purchase stamps from official sources, but depends on stamp dealers to provide the stamps and information. I assume this is the situation for the questionable issues of Equatorial Guinea. It is hard to imagine any other scenario for the Scott 7223-7229, listed as issued on February 20, 1972. The stamps commemorate Christmas 1971 and the CTO reads 6 Dec 71.

Scott lists three sets, Asian birds, European birds and North American birds as issued September 20, 1976. I have a another set of African birds with the same CTO date, but this set is not listed by Scott. Another example of Scott's hit and miss listing of stamps for countries of lesser interest.



Whatzit 27.4.2

Equatorial Guinea stamps from 1971-1980 are the only ones I am aware of that do not provide a date in all of the CTO cancels. There are examples of the CTO having a blank space where the date would normally be found. On others, the date space on the CTO has wiggly lines. Another CTO cancel has no information at all, only wiggly lines. A quick count of the stamps of this time period indicate there are at least six different

CTOs, probably corresponding to different printers. Right now, I have made what I hope are educated guesses (as to similar known stamps, similar printings, etc.) to place stamps into my album.

Equatorial Guinea, for the years 1971–1980, is providing me with many unexpected challenges.

Responses were received to the Jan/Feb Whatzit column. Whatzit 27.1.2 evoked some speculation. It may be a commemorative label used on house communications by a contractor or a government. Perhaps it is a requirement to be fixed to a commuter's pass book for the equivalent to an E-Z pass. More information is needed.



Whatzit 27.4.3

Whatzit 27.1.3 is not a Baltic revenue.

One possibility is it is Spanish. There is a well known university city, Loja, in Ecuador. Is it a city revenue? Yet again, more information is needed.

I was lucky and came across an answer to Whatzit 27.1.1. This stamp is a Czechoslovakian liberation overprint. There is a write up in a November issue of *Linn's Stamp News*. There is a Czechoslovakian Revolutionary Stamps and Overprints catalogue by Juan Santa Eugenia Grau. I do not have a printing date for the catalogue covering "thousands of different overprinted stamps". In addition to German stamps, the stamps of Bohemia, Moravia, Slovakia and Hungary were also overprinted.

The first unknown Whatzit is roughly printed, with a red/brown border and a blue portrait of a distinguished person wearing an imposing headdress (Whatzit 27.4.1). It is probably a fantasy. I know that it is not a stamp or a revenue of Ottoman Turkey, neither is it Persian. The second stamp (Whatzit 27.4.2) looks like a Russian stamp, however the printing is poor when compared to Imperial Russian stamps. The denomination is 20K and the frame goes from light blue to dark blue. The lozenge is orange and the Imperial Arms are not colored nor embossed. The last Whatzit (27.4.3) is green, has an eagle in flight with the Royal Spanish Crest on its breast. This 10 Ct item is probably civil war related. Information on these Whatzits is required. Please take the time to share your knowledge.

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