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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Your Club Needs Your Help

Ken Jenkins #15

I want to call your attention to a few upcoming items and also to some of the past year. This year, 1989, will be an election year. Because of the long lead time we need to get candidates, ballots, counting and notification, nominations are now open for all offices and positions. Please, let's make it a true election and have more than one candidate for each office. Contact Dave Nelson, our P.R. person in regards to nominations, volunteers, etc.

Next, our editor of "The Circuit" for the past couple of years has submitted her resignation for personal and family reasons. If you have ever done this kind of work and would like to help out your club, please write to me or to Arlene Futrell, the present editor. Please note, we must have someone to fill this vacancy in order to provide continuity to the newsletter.

Another item that needs your attention is the existence and fibre of the ISWSC itself. We have initiated several programs and benefits for the members in the past years. We have begun a sales circuit, a donation auction, a stamp mail sale, an exchange circuit, and I tried to get interest in a stamp beauty contest, international in scope, to get our name and organization known on a truly world wide basis. Of all of these, only the stamp exchange has received any interest except from a very few members. The donation auction/mail sale had four bidders. The mail sale has had very few lots entered as you can see elsewhere in this issue of "The Circuit." The sales circuit will be closing down soon if there is not improved participation. What I and the other officers would like to know is: What do you want from your club?? Please write or call any of us and let your wishes be known so we can try to provide what you want. My phone number is (702)459-3182, but I cannot accept collect calls. I hope you have all had a super holiday season and are all ready for 1989 to be the best.

ISWSC FIRST ANNUAL AUCTION RESULTS

In October, ISWSC held its first donation auction. Twenty lots were donated by club members for this auction and the club realized a profit of \$53.11. Some of the lots were not sold and will be held for another auction.

Many thanks go to those who donated lots and to those who bid on auction items.

Now is the time to look to the next auction. Start thinking now of items you might want to donate. Lots should have a minimum \$5 value. Items may be sent at any time to Donation Auction Chairman Dalene Thomas, 8612 West Warren Ln., Lakewood, CO 80227-2352.

"INTERNATIONAL FOREIGN SECRETARY" EXPLAINED

Ray Compton #73

President Ken Jenkins has asked that I clarify just what I am offering our organization in the role of "International Foreign Secretary."

Basically, my role is to facilitate the payment of dues by members and would-be members from overseas who are unable to come up with United States funds or currency with which to pay the monetary portion of their dues.

Since I collect mint stamps from all countries, for which I would expect to pay face value, I have offered to accept these from ISWSC members, and send the payment to the Society as that person's dues.

The stamps sent should be post-office fresh, undamaged and all-different in complete sets if possible, and should total the amount of dues owed at the current rate of exchange. I do not collect first-day covers, maximum cards, etc.--just mint stamps.

Exchange rates would be the official ones for countries whose currencies are readily convertible to U.S. dollars, but actual rates in those where government-set exchange rates do not reflect reality. For example, it would take four East German marks to match a
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SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Let's start off by acknowledging with thanks these generous donations:

#142 Costilow \$14.01
 #173 Erickson 2.50
 #326 Souza 1.00

And a happy lot of income from the Donation Auction which Dalene Thomas conducted: \$53.11. Thank you, Dalene, and all who contributed items to the auction.

As soon as the Christmas mail rush is over I will be sending out dues notice postal cards to all whose dues expire in January. This includes many of our charter members and many others. Please respond promptly, before you forget or mislay the card, by sending \$3.40 (till Oct. 89) or \$8.40 (till Oct. 90). Also, I'm still waiting on seven members whose dues expired earlier and to whom I sent cards a month ago: #s 116, 117, 168, 176, 260, 262, and 297. Please send your renewal. We sure don't want to drop you.

In the July-Oct issue I announced the receipt of a gift of stamps to be donated to a serious young collector. There were no nominations received. Does that mean that none of you know of any serious young collectors or that you were just too busy to bother to write? I will send the stamps on to Kesh Costilow for use in our regular youth program.

The election of officers is coming up again. Now's your chance! Send your nominations (yourself or another member) to Dave Nelson #25. Let's everyone get in the act! I don't want to be Secretary-Treasurer for life.

Member #214 Hall is re-instated. (listed with Roster Additions)

Member #330 (See Roster Additions) says he joined our club primarily to get mail trading **partners. So, there's your chance everyone, write him!

Roster changes:

#65 Komisar - 4732 N. Cumberland Blvd,
 Milwaukee, Wisc. 53211
 #110 Voshell - 2047 E. Sergeant St.
 #160 Spens - 6535 24th S.W., Seattle,
 Wash., 98106
 #188 Kellogg - U.S.AID/Bangkok, APO San
 Francisco, 96346
 #217 Wheeler - 114 Hornell St.
 #265 Block - 40 Standish Drive
 #266 Clingan - change zip to 39158
 #274 Zagoria - 11473 Luz Road, San Diego,
 CA 92127
 #288 Long - 6 Bogey Lane

As of this writing we have 217 paid-up members and a bank balance of \$790.99. There are no unpaid bills.

One last reminder: please send address changes to me, the Secy, and not to the editor or publisher of "The Circuit." It will save time, postage and confusion.

So, as Rob and Ray would say: "Hang by your thumbs and write if you get work!" and as I would add, "Happy Stamping."

Herb Holland #31
 Secy-Treas

825 E. Torrey St., New Braunfels, TX 78130
 USA

ROSTER ADDITIONS

#				
214	John D. Hall	3/10/86	Yes	Used
	1410 Lake Geneva Dr. Lake Worth, FL 33461 USA			
326	Larry Souza	11/7/88	Yes	Both
	710 Lincoln St. Lyndhurst, NF 07071 USA			
327	Joy Bauer	11/16/88	Yes	Both
	G.D. Decatur Island Anacortes, WA 98221 USA			
328	Louis C. Meillo	11/28/88	Yes	Both
	2350 Fontana Dr. Sumter, SC 29154 USA			
329	Robert P. Zarub	11/29/88	Yes	Both
	3 Hillside Ave Roslyn Heights, NY 11577 USA			
330	Edward A. Stockhammer	11/29	Yes	Both
	222-40 Edmore Ave Queens Village, NY 11428 USA			
331	Bruce C. Negrycz	12/15/88	Yes	Both
	33 Franklin Ave. Clifton, NJ 07011 USA			

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 Trade your duplicates
 for stamps you need.**

Write to:

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

ISWSC AUCTIONDescription of Lots

<u>LOT #</u>		<u>Minimum Bid</u>
1	1986 Scott Catalogs, Vols. 1-4 and US Specialized, Orig retail \$100.00	\$ 8.00
2	1987 Scott Catalogs, Vols. 1-4 and US Specialized, Orig retail \$100.00	12.00
3	1988 Scott Catalogs, Vols. 1-4 and US Specialized, Orig retail \$100.00	15.00
4	Argentina - 400 different	5.00
5	Austria, Offices in Turkish Empire 6a F, H Cat. Val. \$11.00	5.00
6	Belgium - 500 different	10.00
7	Belize 428-44 Used, cpl. Cat. Val. \$26.23	6.00
8	Brazil - 300 different	5.00
9	Ecuador - 175 different Cat. Val. \$27.00	5.00
10	Egypt 108, 111-3 LH, F-VF Cat. Val. \$32.50	6.50
11	Egypt 172-6 LH, VF Cat. Val. \$55.25	12.00
12	FRANCE - 300 different	6.00
13	Germany - Baden 5N41 MNH Cat. Val. \$20.00	7.00
14	Germany - Berlin 9N 120-36 Cpl. MNH Cat. Val. \$29.63	10.00
15	W. Germany - 500 different	18.00
16	Guatemala 01-5, H, F-VF, pulled Perf-02-- Cat. Val. \$34.00	7.00
17	Hungary - 500 different	7.00
18	Italy - 582-3 MNH Cat. Val. \$17.00	6.00
19	Italy Airmails, M&U 13 stamps BTW. C20 and C128, Includes C20-2 unused, C116-21 unused, C128 used Cat. Val. \$28.85	7.50
20	New Zealand - 200 pictorials	6.00
21	Norway - 300 different	9.00
22	People's Republic of China 124-31 MNH Cat. Val. \$32.00	12.00
23	People's Republic of China .936-7 MNH Cat. Val. \$13.50	5.00
24	Pitcairn IS. 15-16 LH Cat. Val. \$22.50	7.00
25	Romania - 500 different	6.00
26	Russia - 500 different	8.00
27	South Africa - 300 different	15.00
28	Spain - 400 different	11.00
29	Sweden - 500 different	12.00
30	Thailand - 300 different	30.00
31	United Nations 25-8 LH Cat. Val. \$18.75	6.00
32	United Nations 29-30, H. Cat. Val. \$26.00	8.00

Successful bidders will be notified by mail with an invoice. Stamps will be held until the invoice is paid.

Send your bids to Wallace D. Johnson, MD, Auction Chairman, ISWSC
 302 Stanaford Rd.
 Beckley, WV 25801

WHY NOT?

Dave Creson #170

I believe I'm correct in saying we are all stamp COLLECTORS to some degree. We either buy "lots" from mail sales auctions or over the counter, or we buy singles through an approval service or we exchange with other collectors who we see or write. But some how we COLLECT stamps.

My past experience with Stamp exchanges has not been positive. Perhaps yours has been the same. So when I received a "LOT" a while back I picked it for my collection (w/w to 1956). Then after examination decided to enter the OMNI exchange. I wrote and was sent an application and soon was working on three blue books. (Blue books are stamps over 50 cents. Pink is for .10 SCV and up.) It was fun really going through my "Picked collection" and removing anything over .50 catalogue and placing in the approval book. The book has 5 pages and each page holds only 14 stamps, so it was done in no time. A small amount (\$5.00) set me up for postage and then I waited. The first sending was OK. I found a few nice ones. The second

was mostly newer material. Then "WOW"--- I found about 12 old nineteenth century British Colonies, which were just wonderful. Then there was a dry spell, and then another great find in another area. So I was hooked. I bought another collection, which I picked, placed in the exchange, stripped out the rest for the kids or ISWSC dues. So it was no loss.

I'm having a ball. Why don't you give it a try? Just write OMNI EXCHANGE POB 252, Wilmette, IL 60091.

Tell them "Dave" sent you

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single West German deutsche mark, no matter what the DDR regime claims about the two being equal. The "black market" rates are the true ones.

Anyone sending me stamps should note on the outside of the letter that this is ISWSC business, to ensure that it gets my immediate personal attention.

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P. O. Box 91298

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(Your dues stamps go to Ken Costilow for the kids stamps program.)

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* SALES * CIRCUIT *

Clean those closets & turn those hoards of duplicates into CASH.

Enter them in the ISWSC Sales Circuit so other members can add them to their albums and add a little money to your pocket.

Write to: ISWSC Sales Circuit
Roger J. Bergeson (#132)
1814 Viking Avenue
Albert Lea, MN 56007
USA

Have lots of Blank spaces to fill in your albums? Write for a trial selection from the Sales Circuit.

MOST BEAUTIFUL STAMP TO REMAIN UNDISCOVERED

Dave Nelson #25

Regrettably, I have had to inform Ken Jenkins that ISWSC simply does not have enough interest in the "Most Beautiful Stamp in History" contest to enable us to proceed.

Paul Shamel #285 volunteered to serve on a committee and Paul Wilson #107 said he would head up the liaison with foreign bureaus. #210 J. Young also told Ken he would chip in in some capacity. No one else offered to help. Just maybe these would have been enough to pull it off if I had the hundreds of hours it would take to do everything else envisioned, but my job responsibilities have just been expanded to include world wide marketing, so the travel associated with that will make it impossible to co-ordinate such a large volunteer effort as Project Director.

If some member has the time and energy to take on the Directorship and find a few more volunteers then it still wouldn't be too late. I would turn over my file on MBSH and would help all I could in some subordinate position. Otherwise, I'm afraid it's a dead issue.

My thanks to members Shamel, Wilson and Young for offering to help the cause; sorry it didn't work out.

November 22, 1988

Dear Mr. Costilow,

Thank you for sending stamps to the Bedford Public Library Stamp Club. The children were very pleased to receive your package. They spent a good deal of time selecting stamps. I wish you could have seen them, their heads were all bent together over the table. Mr. Poling collected the thank you notes from the children and she will be sending them to you under separate cover again. Thank you all for your kindness. The stamps have sparked added interest in stamp collecting.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT
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Very sincerely yours
Yvonne Benowicz
Children's Librarian

CLASSIFIED ADS

Ron's Mail Bid Sales and Estate Liquidations. Write for free sales catalog. Consignments welcome. Ron Rummel, 149 Avon Belden Road, Avon Lake, Ohio 44012-1605. 5/5

Czechoslovakia Scott Specialty Album with specialty binder. Used but in perfect condition. Complete to 1978, \$30.00 postpaid. Svatik, Box 53, Ingleside, IL 60041-0053 1/1

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Make all checks payable to ISWSC.

Vice President's Report

The most satisfying part of the Vice President's job has been receiving the thank you notes from youth who have gotten stamps from the Society. These really make it all to be so worthwhile!! I feel somewhat guilty because many of them have been addressed directly to me -- however, each one should be sent to the Society as a whole, and I hope you will experience the same feeling of satisfaction as you read the reprints of some of the letters in The Circuit.

There was ISWSC representation at VAPEX '89. I talked with Bunny Kaplan, #134, and John Hotchner, #62, on separate occasions. The main outcome was to receive several recommendations for new members from Bunny and other recruiting assistance from John. Both had award winning exhibits.

Again, congratulations to the Editor and Publisher of The Circuit for the truly impressive appearance and content of our newsletter.

Ken Costilow #142

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c/o ARLENE FUTRELL
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INCLUSION NEWSLETTER

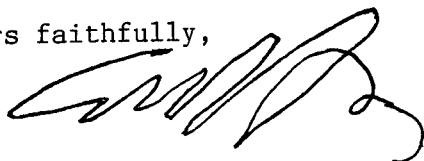
Dear Arlene,

Most of the articles you publish are upbeat but may I point out one reason I put stamps on the back burner for a couple of years, I bought and sold an auction lot which was untouched by me and with a change in description from the same auctioneer just two years later brought in just 22.48% of the purchase price.

Such a disappointment should make one think twice about investing in stamps rather than just collecting for the pure fun of it.

I have received two circuits which have given much pleasure and I thank everyone for their time and effort in running the club.

Yours faithfully,



COLIN L. HALES #38
CLH/sh

WHATZIT??

#25 I have a bright blue Type A1 from Saint Lucia with a faint red type (a) overprint and a very clear Crown and CA watermark. Per Scott, none of the Type A1 stamps with CA overprint are blue. What do I have?

Please send any information you find on this to the editor for publication in the next issue of "The Circuit."

Purchase and resale
totals were sent
with this letter.

OMNI EXCHANGE DIRECTORS

Tom Allison #42
Box 252
Wilmette, IL 60091

Dave Paul #59
2 Heritage Dr.
Belchertown, MA 01007

ISWSC SALES CIRCUIT DIRECTOR

Roger Bergeson #132
1814 Viking Ave.
Albert Lea, MN 56007

Get involved! Contact these men for exchange, sales and purchase.

It takes many hours of work and figuring to fulfill these responsibilities. Thank you, gentlemen for your help. (And to all of our other fine volunteers!)

12/9/88

Dear Mr. Costello,

My students + I would like to thank you + the ISWSC for your generous donation of stamps. I wholeheartedly agree with the ISWSC's philosophy of putting fun back into philately through collecting worldwide stamps. I have fun helping my 125 worldwide collectors here at Lincoln + I'm now having ^{more} fun developing four different topical collections (after collecting U.S.-U.N. only for 25 yrs.)

Jerome Balin
Naperville Community School Dist.
Naperville IL 60565

Best wishes,
Jerry

COMBINED REPORT OF OMNI EXCHANGE OPERATIONS (10/31/87 to 10/31/88)

	PINK*	BLUE*	TOTAL
Total number of participants during year	53	25	78
Number of <u>active</u> participants as of 10/31/88	41	22	63
Number of exchange books circulating 10/31/88	536	108	644
Number of exchanges during year	460	191	651
Cat. Value of members' accounts as of 10/31/88	\$20,534.	\$10,365	\$30,899.
Cat. Value of members purchases during year	7,611	3,739	11,350
Cat. Value of purchases since exchange started	37,079(4yrs.)	7,851(2yrs.)	44,930

*PINK book exchange for stamps 10¢ Cat. Value and up. BLUE book exchange, 50¢ Value and up

THE EDITOR'S LINE

The holiday season is past and maybe I can get some albums out again! Seems like a long time has passed since I hinged a stamp to an album page. And I was down two weeks with bronchitis. I am getting back to normal.

Please do get busy and send me some articles! Though you might think you have nothing to say--you surely have. How did you start to collect stamps? Who helped you in your early years? We'd like to read about it. DEADLINE FOR LETTERS TO ME FOR THE NEXT ISSUE IS MAR. 1, 89. Not this time, but I usually start putting the newsletter together right after the first of the month.

I've enjoyed these two years of being your editor. But I will be giving it up as soon as a new editor is found. Let Ken Jenkins or me hear from you if you will be editor of the Circuit.

Good News! Dealer-member William Gerlach #233 has volunteered to insert membership brochures in all his worldwide mailing of mixtures, which may have a big affect on new membership. Dave Nelson sent him 500 of the brochures. Good luck, Bill, and Thank you!

Do you have any "Pet Peeves" that have to do with philately? If so, send them to me, will you. I'd appreciate it.

Arlene Futrell
Editor,
"The Circuit"

R. D. 1 Box 65
Stokes, NC 27884 USA

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Country, Zip Code: _____

Telephone number (if applicant resides in the USA or Canada): _____

Do you wish to trade by mail with other members? Yes _____ No _____

Do you collect? Used _____ Mint _____ or Both _____

How long have you been a world wide collector? _____

Are you a member of APS? _____ APS # _____

Member of other philatelic organizations? (list): _____

Philatelic References: Give name and mailing address

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Other References and/or Comments: _____

DUES are \$5.00 per year and a donation of 250 different stamps* per year. (* All stamps donated by members are given away free to youth groups to encourage stamp collecting among young people.)

Send \$5.00 (USA) DUES for the next 12 months to:

ISWSC
Herbert S. Holland, Sec'y Treas.
825 E. Torrey
New Braunfels, Texas 78130 USA

AND: Send 250 (or more, don't be shy) mint or used STAMPS of any country to:

ISWSC Youth Programs
Kenneth L. Costilow, Vice President
621. Virginius Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23452 USA

You will receive by return mail the By-laws, a membership roster with society officers annotated thereon, a membership card with your official number, and a copy of the official society newsletter, *The Circuit*. Membership benefits include society stamp exchange, sales circuits and auction, all available at very low cost.

Name of Sponsor: _____ ISWSC # _____

To ease the burden of the Sec.-Treas., dues are being pro-rated as follows

Join in: October \$5.00

November, December \$4.20;

January, February \$3.40;

March, April \$7.80 (to Oct. plus 1 year)

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OMNI EXCHANGE IS BIG-TIME COLLECTION BUILDER by Dave Nelson #25

On November 2, 1988 member #25 opened another envelope from Tom Allison with that Omni Exchange return address that appears in his mailbox once or twice a week. It contained only one of the little 5 page blue books, instead of the usual three. Odd! But a glance at the cover told him why...close to \$2,000 cat. value from Portugal. Tom is always hollering if you send him a book with \$500 or so c.v. since only a few members have enough balance to handle such. Tom was trusting this Fort Knox of philately to me first, and unknown to him, my early Portugal has more gaps than nounts. When the return went out a day later I had logged a \$1,056.50 "purchase," the record single transaction in the 4 years Omni Exchange has been in business.

Of course, I had to scramble to get some nice mint Channel Islands and some big c.v. 19th stuff mounted to increase my circulating balance which is now over \$1500...bouncing around the postal network looking for a home. Why don't you sign up now and help me out? (The Channel Is. sets are never-hinged!)

The Omni annual operations summary is published in this issue. As you can see, my four-figure find equalled 28% of the total Blue Book exchanges during the previous year, so it isn't typical. There are some nice, scarce items to be had, but there is also room for the trader with only 10¢ and 50¢ duplicates to offer for exchange. Omni offers a Pink Book Exchange for stamps of 10¢ and up and Blue exchange for stamps of a minimum 50¢ value.

All you have to do is send \$5 to one of the co-managers listed below (Dave Paul has recently joined Tom and either of them can help you.) With the \$5 they will send you some books (specify Pink, Blue, or both) at 25¢ each and apply the rest to your postage account. After that, just mount some tradeable duplicates; damaged are tradeable, as are CTO, if you discount them heavily. I've noticed that Great Britain and France don't move too fast (which is also true of other exchanges; they seem to be over-evaluated from a catalogue standpoint but maybe the newer '89 cat. values will help). Use any catalogue you want, but unless you are using 89 Scott, you better discount your British and Western Europe at least 25% or no one will take it very fast. My suggestion is to discount your CTO to 1/3 of catalogue... The club rules don't require that, but I have seen all-CTO books pass thru 6 or 8 members' hands without a sale; no one values modern CTO at used catalog price, yet most of us will collect them if the price is right. Omni is a great way to fill spaces with practically no cast outlay. The turn-around time is super fast because it is not a circuit, everything goes to and from Tom or Dave in a matter of days. Their addresses are on Page 6. Try it, you'll like it!