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SOUTH PACIFIC PHILATELY - Papua New Guinea by Alan Soule (# 417)

Papua New Guinea is the eastern area of the world's second largest island — the eastern half was formerly (West) or Dutch New Guinea, is now Irian Jaya and part of the Republic of Indonesia. Papua New Guinea is mostly a tropical island, and numerous islands of various sizes make up this country.

The area now known as Papua New Guinea originally consisted of two separate areas — Papua governed by the British and New Guinea — a colony of the German Empire. In 1915 the former German colony came under the jurisdiction of Australia. Both Papua and New Guinea became consolidated as a Trust Territory of Australia in 1946. The name was changed to Papua New Guinea in 1972 and became self-governing in December 1973, and a fully Independent nation on September 10th, 1975.

Papua New Guinea is the home of many exotic flora, fauna and bird life (noted for its many varieties of Birds of Paradise). It is also home to over 700 tribal groups of peoples, each with its own language and culture. The country is divided into nineteen provinces.

The following may be of interest:

Area: 178,260 square miles or 461,691 square kilometers

Population: Approximately 3.5 million

Capital & Seat of Government: Port Moresby

Currency: 100 Toae = 1 Kina

Languages: English, Pidgin (mostly used in New Guinea), Motu (used mostly in Papua). All three languages are used in Government. Additionally there are 700 plus dialects and languages

Religions: Christian/Tribal

Climate: Tropical

Primary Products: Bananas, Copra, Cocoa, Coffee, Timber.

Major Industries: Agriculture, Mining

and Timber

Average Annual Income per Head: \$ US 690

PHILATELIC HISTORY

Each region/historical era has had its own postage stamps.

British New Guinea: First stamps were those of Queensland from 1885 - 1901. First stamps were issued on July 1st, 1901.

Territory of Papua: First stamps were those of Queensland and British New Guinea. The first stamps were issued on November 8th, 1906. These early issues used Sterling currency and the famous "Lakatoi" — a type of native sailing vessel designs.



German New Guinea: First stamps were German standard stamps from 1885 overprinted "Deutsch-Neu-Guinea." First stamps were issued in 1900 and featured a common design of all German colonies - "The Yacht Design."

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U. S. PRIVATELY OVERPRINTED STAMPS

by Tom Fortunato (# 379), Public Relations Officer

An incident back in 1977 caused the U.S. Postal Service to review and clarify the regulations on privately overprinted stamps.

It began with the release of the 13¢ stamp to honor the 50th anniversary of Charles Lindbergh's historic transatlantic flight. It was inscribed simply as "50th Anniversary Solo Transatlantic Flight without Lindbergh's name, as his death in 1974 could not allow his personal commemoration on a stamp before 1984 by U.S.P.S. laws. Consideration was given to make an exception in this case due to its historical importance but nothing came of it.

There was much discussion in the philatelic press about the matter. To satisfy the public outcry, one Florida stamp dealer decided to overprint a large number of sheets with "Charles A. Lindbergh" beneath the plane and "Spirit of St. Louis" in the upper left corner of each stamp. His plans were to sell these stamps as "mint" and also create covers with them. As it is illegal to tamper with any U.S. government issued monetary

device, this raised some legal concerns, including the right of free speech.

The dealer's lawyer made an inquiry which caused the Postal Service to change the wording of the code on the subject. Simply put, any non-official overprint on a mint stamp invalidates its postal value. The dealer was left with stamps of only a souvenir nature.

This brings up an interesting point. Philatelic organizations or individuals can create their own overprints and use them postally if they overprint every other stamp. Of course one less the value of the overprinted stamp but when used as a setenat pair the value of the untouched stamp remains valid for postage. Strips and blocks could have one or multiple overprints. Any stamp from 1¢ on up can be treated this way.

I haven't seen stamps used this way but I'm sure that someone has thought of this before now. It would certainly be an interesting way for a club to raise money!

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

We don't have as much turn-around time as usual since Rita wants to move the publication date up some, which I am all for. Nevertheless, I did get correspondence from members responding to my last column. Let me tell you, in the half year since being elected I have learned a lot about the amount of work, as well as a rather unexpected amount of controversy, that heading up such an organization entails. I never dreamed I would spend 80% of my time fighting battles and 20% serving the membership. But that's not a complaint, it is my way of emphasizing how good it is to experience the other side of the coin...the "percs of office"...namely, the heat-warming correspondence of members willing to share a bit with me or the full membership.

Responding to my query about a good stamp finder, **Ralph Cox (#428)** sent me the names and addresses of a couple he uses: the *APS' Stamp Finder* (1982) which he says is not perfect but the best he has seen, including Roman, Greek and Cyrillic but not Sanskrit, Arabic or Chinese. I stopped by the APS table at our San Francisco *WestPex* show and was told the *Stamp Finder* is currently out of print, but they are updating and hope to have the new edition for sale by the end of this year. Save me one. Ralph also uses a 1934 edition of the H.E. Harris publication *The Stamp Finder* which he says is still pretty good, with some illustrations of alphabets which could not (then) be handled by typefaces, and which is better than the 1979 edition of same, which he also has. He has a third finder, *What Stamp is That?* by Scott in 1970. Ralph also passed along the news that the **Scouts on Stamps Society International (SOSSI)** has been urging its members to work with local Boy Scout troops on the Stamp Collecting merit badge this year. Any of you out there who have been doing the same, or who decide to do so, please send us a letter or an article about your results.

Eddie A. Fort (#527) is, like me, still using "*The Stamp Finder*" that his parents

gave him, but he's obviously a good bit younger than am I since his is a 1970 edition. Eddie also references chapter 35 of Richard Cabeen's *Standard Handbook of Stamp Collecting*, 1979, which consists of a pretty good stamp identifier dictionary. He very kindly sent me photocopies of both, and volunteered to work on an ISWSC effort if we mounted one. Given that our parent society, the APS, is now doing so I don't think we will pursue that idea any further.

Since I first started collecting I have been saving aside any of those rare birds known as SOTN (socked dead center or "on the nose" with a cancel). My first has a readable date in 1956, and I had run into exactly 10 more since...until this month when a letter from **Carol Cervenka** came with a perfectly SOTN 29c commem and, two weeks later, one from **Tom Fortunato** was just as good. True, both of these ISWSC officers take the trouble to deliberately mount commems a bit away from the right hand edge, trying for just such a hit, but I have been getting philatelic correspondence for decades and very, very few are actually SOTN. What have some of the rest of you found is the frequency of SOTN cancellation? I would enjoy hearing from any members who are seriously into this special area, or reading an article by you in *The Circuit*.

Don't get the wrong impression by the negative slant of my opening remarks; ISWSC is growing like topsy and I couldn't be more proud of the many great accomplishments our new officers and key managers have realized already. Look for ISWSC lapel pins soon. Revised club brochures have been printed, if you want some for prospective new members, write to **Tom Fortunato**. Current high priority with the officers is to get ISWSC incorporated as a non-profit organization. After that we'll come to you for a vote on a new set of By-Laws, the old ones, as I've mentioned before, are not up to date.

... Dave Nelson (#25), President

Papua New Guinea (Continued)

North West Pacific Islands: First stamps were issued on March 15th, 1915. Between 1915 and 1922, various Australian issues were overprinted "N. W. Pacific Islands."

Territory of New Guinea: First stamps were German issues from 1885. First stamps issued in 1925. Designs used were "dated" and "undated" Birds of Paradise and Bulolo Gold Mine scene.

Papua New Guinea: First stamps - see above list. First stamps issued on October 30th, 1952, as a Trust Territory of Australia. Self-governing issued on January 28th, 1972. The fully Independent nation issues on September 10th, 1975.

Designs of issues from 1952 have shown a wide variety of topicals — from short sets to long definitive values — butterflies, shells, Birds of Paradise, many birds, orchids, and numerous items from native culture such as head dress, musical instruments, houses, carvings, to name a few.

Issues have been limited to a small number of sets each year and usually in the form of one or two commemorative or topical sets, etc.

Christian Missions have played an important role in developing Papua New Guinea and provided most of the educational, health and other facilities for the country. The importance of these agencies has been recognized by stamp issues for the Roman Catholic Church, Lutheran Church, Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea — equivalent to the Episcopal Church.

Stamps from Papua New Guinea and all other areas of the South Pacific are popular collector items all over the world. ...

GREAT OFFER FOR US

You will find enclosed with this issue of *The Circuit*, a green postcard from *Stamp Collector*, a weekly philatelic journal, offering a bargain subscription price and ISWSC gets a nice donation to the treasury for each ISWSC subscription. (*I've been a subscriber to Stamp Collector for about 15 years - I think it's a great philatelic asset with good, informative articles...the Editor*) A subscription will benefit you and your collection and ISWSC. Mail your subscription card in right away before you forget. ...

CANADIAN SECRETARY ADDRESS CHANGE

Rima Carver, ISWSC Canadian Secretary, reports her address has changed; Canadian members particularly please make note of this change on your roster as she says the Canadian postal service is not always reliable at forwarding mail to new address changes.

Rima's new address: **Rima Carver (#493), 246 King Street, Unit #3, Midland, ONT L4R 3M3, Canada ...**

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Membership has continued to grow this spring, with an additional 25 new members signing on and several former members rejoining. This report contains new members from Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, and Republic of South Africa.

Perhaps the most exciting event of the last two months was a call from Steven Rod, (writer of several columns for *Linn's Stamp News*), in response to my letter mentioning ISWSC's support and promotion of youth stamp programs. He had wondered in a recent article, why there was not some central clearing house to which requests for stamps for youth could be directed. I was delighted to tell him about ISWSC's program and offered our cooperation in development of any broader youth program effort.

By the time *The Circuit* goes to press, a mid-June issue of *Linn's* featuring Rod's "Refresher Course" page will have landed in your mailbox. The column will sing the praises of worldwide stamp collecting and give prominent mention to ISWSC. If you missed it, please check your back issues of *Linn's*.

Tom Fortunato and Tom Allison plan to meet with Rod during the World Columbian Stamp Expo, to discuss youth stamp programming, and the joys of worldwide stamp collecting.

ISWSC expresses gratitude and appreciation for the following contributions:

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These monies variously support the youth program costs and added international mailings. You may earmark your contribution in support of either service.

In addition to financial support through donations, I encourage you to consider gift memberships for your friends. Where else can you get a gift for such a modest price that will last a whole year? We will send the person you choose to honor a nice certificate noting the gift and occasion (if you request), and membership materials. Gift memberships DO count toward your "free"

year (for each five members recruited in a calendar year). Don't forget to include topical collectors - they probably collect worldwide, even if they collect only one topic.

The following have rejoined and are restored to full membership: # 58 - Sherwood, #210 - Young, & #293 - Urdang.

Dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues are # 349 - Kun, # 531 - Villemange, & # 507 - Bakker.

In addition, #340 - Marcotte has resigned. He has sold his collection and no longer collects.

Member Codes and Roster Additions are listed elsewhere. ISWSC has received these Address Changes: (Please change on your roster.)

649 **Finley - Change to:** Dubois, WY 82513 (Incorrectly listed as WI on roster)

432 **Brazle - Change to:** 2200 W. Dickerson # 79, Bozeman, MT 59715

296 **Polchinski - Change to:** #1F, 85 Bronx Road, Yonkers, NY 10704 (Prefers this address format)

498 **Cervenka/ISWSC Sec'y - Change Zip Code to:** 75135

159 **Smith, Jr. - Change to:** 1585 E. Race Street, Allentown, PA 18103

641 **Kehoe - Change to:** 3031 Eisenhower Road, Apt. 24, San Antonio, TX 78209-3559

534 **Budei - Change to:** Str. Jean Steriadi 2, Bl. G4, Sc. B, Ap. 82, 76712 Bucuresti 3, ROMANIA

210 **Young - Change to:** 401-1665 Feltham Road, Victoria, B.C., V8M 2A2, CANADA

As of this report, ISWSC has over 400 active members. *** Carol Cervenka (#498), Secretary-Treasurer

GEOGRAPHICAL ISWSC LISTING AVAILABLE

Bunny Kaplan (# 134) has put together a geographical listing of ISWSC members (through 2/92) which might be of interest to traveling members. It consists of four double-sided pages and Bunny is offering a copy to any member for \$1.00 .. to cover postage, paper and envelopes. Send your request with \$1.00 US to Bunny Kaplan (#134), 855 Stonehenge Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003 ***

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Both programs are being run through the Public Relations Officer, Tom Fortunato (# 379). Send all inquiries for these services to him. ***

Beginners (Cont'd from Page 6)

I correspond quite a bit with collectors in other countries that are usually anxious to trade for current U.S. stamps. It's also a good way to make new friends in foreign countries.

That's it for now, until next time enjoy your hobby. *** Mildred Feinberg, wife of Albert H. Feinberg (# 361)

LOCAL COLLECTOR SEES THE WORLD THROUGH HER STAMPS

by Marta Marychuk

For Rima Carver, stamp collecting is more than a hobby designed to pass a few idle hours.

It's a way to learning about people and places. "I always like to learn about things," she says. The Brampton woman has been collecting stamps "off and on" since 1970. She originally started out as a single country collector, eventually becoming a worldwide collector in 1984. Carver isn't certain how many stamps she has in her collection although she estimates they're in the thousands.

Among her collection is a 1940 stamp from Lithuania, the one issued by the country before it switched over to stamps from the Soviet Union. Carver also has a 1991 stamp issued by the Republic of Lithuania, the first issued for overseas use since 1940. Her collection also contains several stamps from the USSR and a series of Disney stamps from the Bahamas.

In 1985 she began writing to people throughout the world. A serious back injury made it impossible for Carver to travel to collect stamps. "The letters are my legs," she said. "They travel round the world."

She corresponds with people in more than 20 countries, including South Africa, Romania, Poland, Estonia, Denmark, USSR, Finland and Holland. Carver not only swaps letters with these people, she also exchanges postcards, first day covers, photographs of her correspondents and insight into what's happening worldwide.

Carver, who is Canadian secretary of the International Society of

Worldwide Stamp Collectors, says of the 335 members in 25 countries, only 17 are Canadian. Carver says she's the only collector she knows of in Brampton.

October is Stamp Month and Canada Post, hoping to interest people in stamp collecting, held a contest, which ended December 31, 1991. First prize was a 1851 Three Penny Beaver, considered Canada's first stamp and worth approximately \$10,000.00, and a trip for four to the annual Calgary Exhibition and Stampede.

Throughout October the Four Corners Branch of the Brampton Public Library exhibited two displays of stamps, Friends of Far Away Places and Thematic Collecting.

Membership in ISWSC is \$5.00 (US), and Carver says it's a good way of meeting people with similar interests as well as collecting stamps without paying top dollar at the stores. People interested in finding out more about stamp collecting or joining ISWSC can write to Rima Carver.

(This article appeared in Rima's local Brampton, Ontario, Canada, newspaper on October 23, 1991. It is printed with permission of the newspaper editor and the staff writer.)

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VICE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

In addition to Ben Franklin Stamp Clubs, several requests from public libraries with summer youth programs have submitted requests for philatelic material to be used in introducing stamp collecting to children and to demonstrate cultural diversity. Packages of stamps are being provided to assist in these programs.

ISWSC has received several thank you letters and notes from some of the groups which received stamp packages: Bruce Brown, sponsor of the Ben Franklin Stamp Club at Hugh Bish Elementary School, in Lawton, Oklahoma; Alexander Velasco from Hayes Elementary School in Livonia, Michigan; Patricia Brownlee, Principal of Gretna Elementary School, Gretna, Nebraska, wrote for the Gretna Stamp Club which consists of students from 4th, 5th & 6th grade (about 60 children signed the letter); member John Freirdich (# 679) was pleased to get a stamp donation for his 5th grade stamp club in Waupan, Wisconsin. Don Clauser wrote to thank us for publicizing his need for stamps and supplies for veterans.

To reply to the President's "Woe of the Month", I use a 1982 edition of the *APS Stamp Identifier*. With the exception of K.S.A., all of the other examples are present. The 4" x 9" publication with 65 pages cost APS members \$2.00 less 20% discount at the time and has entries from A & T (Annan & Tonkin) to Zracna Posta (Zone B, Trieste)!

Our editor's column concerning the search for a new editor recognizes the actualities and conditions affecting the publication of the newsletter that most of us don't think about. It has always been by contention that ISWSC has a top notch newsletter, all to the credit of Rita Kallal who did not allow any obstacle to reduce the quality of any issue. ... Ken Costilow (# 142), Vice President and Youth Program Chairman

(Blush, Blush!! Thank you for the compliment. The many talented contributing writers add immensely to MY final product. ... the Editor)

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Ms. Louise Beauduy has written to inform the editor that member Albert H. Beauduy (# 209) passed away February 12, 1992.

Our sincere condolences on the loss of Mr. Beauduy. ...

Unusual "Cheapies"

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MISCELLANEOUS:

Paraguay 243b	Inverted Ctr	10.00
Dan. W. Indies 5c	Inverted Frame	12.00
Russia 240a	Dbl Impression	8.00
Latvia 109a	Printed 2 sides	22.50 ...

SCOTT CATALOG PROGRAM CANCELLED

Tom Ginsburg (#70) reports that the Scott Catalog discount program for ISWSC had to be cancelled due to Scott requiring a \$100.00 minimum order with an additional \$1.25 charge per volume. Since he receives ISWSC orders sporadically all year long, he often could not meet the minimum order and still get catalogs to you without a long wait. He is sorry about having to discontinue this service. Those who sent orders and money, likely have received a complete refund or will do so soon. *(Our Thanks to Tom Ginsburg and Nordic Stamps for their fine service in the past and we are sorry Scott has adopted such a high minimum order.)* ...

DISABLED COLLECTORS FORM CLUB

Tom Fortunato sent a news story about the formation of a Disabled Collectors' Correspondence Club in late 1991. The purpose of the club is to "encourage fellowship amongst disabled stamp collectors and to encourage others to find enjoyment in stamp collecting as an escape from the difficulties of living with physical challenges."

Membership is on a donation basis and includes a quarterly newsletter and membership list. Your personal profile will appear in the newsletter, along with trade and sell ads. The newsletter includes new member addresses and profiles, feature articles, and advertisements.

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BEGINNER'S COLUMN

As I stated in my last column I promised some tips that worked for me about buying stamps at good prices.

First I'm going to let you in on one of my prize secrets. If you are fortunate enough to live in or close to a large city, watch your newspaper for information regarding very old public buildings that are going to be demolished. I make it a point to be there and offer to buy the contents of the box in the "corner stone." When these buildings were being built they usually put an accumulation of stamps, letters and coins available at the time of construction in a box that is put in what we call the "corner stone." It is usually in one of the blocks by the main entrance. I got some beautiful Columbians and other stamps, individual and on letters plus lots of good postal stationery out of these boxes, usually for a donation of a few dollars paid to one of the laborers doing the demolition. The contents of the box means nothing to them. (Now that my secret is out I guess I'll have compete with other ISWSC members

to get these boxes.)

Getting back to buying stamps, I find that a lot of dealers will sell short sets very reasonable. I usually only buy them if one or two of the high values are missing. Then I watch for a bidding mail sale and bid on the high values. A lot of times I win bids on these because I think dealers are glad to get rid of these stamps, because the only people who will bid on them are someone like me that is trying to complete a set.

I know it takes longer to complete sets this way but who's in a hurry? There are so many high values that I need that there is always something to bid on.

If you're not too fussy you can buy slightly damaged high values at a fraction of catalogue value. If you're just trying to fill spaces, this works fine.

If you enjoy current kiloware you might try asking your bank manager to clip the stamps off the incoming mail. Some will do it for you and some will not.

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ISWSC MAIL SALES A NICE BENEFIT OF MEMBERSHIP

One of the benefits of membership is the ability to participate in club mail sales, either as a seller or bidder/buyer. Now about three years old, these mail sales are held about twice a year. Most sales have had 100 to 300 lots. In contrast to many auction houses, the lots are moderately priced — the average lot sells for about \$7.00. No lots are accepted below a catalogue value of \$6.00 and there is a minimum bid of \$1.00. Normally, eighty percent (80%) of the selling price goes to the owner, twenty percent (20%) to the ISWSC treasury. The average total of all bids is about \$1000.00, so ISWSC nets about \$200.00 per sale. Donation lots are also accepted and ISWSC receives all the proceeds from their sale. Approximately 40 - 50 members participate in each sale, either as seller or bidder. Normally about seventy percent (70%) of the lots receive bids and this is about in line with other auction/mail sales. In cases of tie bid, earliest bidder get the lot.

Lots are now accepted year-round. In the past, due to irregular publishing dates of *The Circuit* and some delays from the USPS, deadlines for bidding were sometimes too short. In order to circumvent this in the future, I am allowing the editor to establish

deadlines based on when the newsletter is published. As mail sale chairman, I receive no compensation and do this as a volunteer effort. I do add on 25¢ to \$1.00 to bills to defray expenses of the sale, such as boxes, envelopes, tape, etc.

We recognize that it is easiest for residents of the USA to participate but wish to encourage those outside the USA to join in as well. Lots of USA material receive the fewest bids; apparently for many of our members, "worldwide" means "foreign". I would hope that some of our non-USA members would use this opportunity to acquire US material. Packets, including worldwide ones, and large mixtures will always draw bids. However, the prices are lower as a percentage of catalog value. We have many members who would love to go over a packet of thousands of stamps hoping for valuable additions to their collection.

The highest lots sold were in the range of \$100.00 and I do not encourage consignors of lots with catalogue values above \$400.00 to \$500.00. Worldwide collectors are not likely to be bidding on \$5.00 Columbians or the like.

Regarding bidding strategy, it is best to bid early and to bid your maximum fair bid.

If your bid is way higher than the second bid, the selling price will be reduced to one bid increment over the second bid. For instance, in a recent sale, a collection of some 700 stamps was offered with a minimum bid of \$11.00. One bidder bid \$53.00 and the second high bid was \$18.00. I reduced the sale price to \$19.00, one bid increment over the second bid.

I do check the lots personally, updating catalogue value when appropriate but I am no expertizer. In addition, when someone sends in a lot of two pounds of stamps, approximately 12,000 stamps, I do not even open the package but I do weigh it. I have returned stamps I felt were not genuine and once returned a stamp with a catalogue value of over \$4,000.00 placed in a lot of used US damaged stamps, but obviously I cannot guarantee this will always occur.

I would encourage those of you who have not previously participated to do so. Every collector has duplicates and needs an outlet to dispose of those and acquire new material. If you have questions, you may write me at: 806 Overlook Drive, Beckley, West Virginia 25801-9234, or call me at home (304) 252-7427. • • • Wallace D. Johnson, M.D. (# 212), Auction/Mail Sale Chairman

UNUSUAL "CHEAPIES" by Tom Fortunato (#379)

Most collectors are aware of well known and expensive EFO's (errors, freaks, and oddities) like the inverted Jenny US Airmail stamp worth hundreds of thousands of dollars. These unusual stamps however are not all expensive. A quick look through the *1991 Scott's Catalogue* came up with these examples. Despite quality controls during the stamp printing process, EFO's have made their way into collections at very reasonable cost. Challenge yourself and see if you can find cheap examples of the following (all mint):

OVERPRINTS:

Romania # 2466	Inverted	\$1.75
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Public Relations Officer's Column

Many thanks to all members who attended the ISWSC meeting at the World Columbian Stamp Expo '92 in Chicago. The show was a great success with many ISWSC'ers in attendance. We had a good exchange of ideas and information. Future regional meetings are being planned. The next will be at STAMPSHOW '92 in Oakland, California, on Saturday, August 29th.

The new ISWSC one frame (16 page) exhibit was on display for the first time at the Chicago show. It is a poetic and fun look at worldwide stamp collecting with plenty of "plugs" explaining the benefits of ISWSC membership. The display is available for use at any local, regional or national stamp show. Show organizers or ISWSC members may contact me to borrow it. Due to scheduling and mailing, requests must arrive at least three weeks prior to the event. Membership applications will also be sent with the exhibit.

Our new membership brochure/applications are now available. Don't forget that current ISWSC'ers who recruit new members will receive one year free dues for every five people they sponsor in any twelve month period. Send me a SASE (at a rate of 5 brochures per ounce or 2 IRCs) for your copies.

As a kickoff to National Stamp Collecting Month in October, the ISWSC is planning a mailing to 850 US and Canadian stamp clubs. To defray our expenses, we are seeking dealers and stamp organizations interested in adding their insert with our information. Send me a SASE for details.

We have had many articles published recently about in several newspapers and philatelic journals. I would appreciate knowing of any publicity you may run across about the ISWSC. Best Wishes.

... Tom Fortunato (#379), Public Relations Officer

MEMBER CODES

- 360 Matous B(to 1972), F, X(7), DD, 7(Africa), 50, 80
- 533 Krivickas A, G, X(19), CC, 1, 2, 3, 4, 50
- 459 Crowe A, F, X(20), DD, 7(Br. Comwlth), 50, 80
- 657 Wollin A, C, X(15), CC, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 50, 60, 70, 83(German)
- 678 Humm A, F, X(60+), EE, 4a, 7(GG, Fr., Scand.), 50, 60, 80a, 83(French, German)
- 681 Kab Jin B(to 1930), F, H(Orchids, Energy, Animals), X(10), DD, 3, 4, 7(Africa, S. Amer), 50, 80
- 685 Miller G, X(25), CC, 1, 2, Dealer
- 687 Beneda A, F, X(23), CC, 7(Br. Comwlth, W. Eur.), 50, 80
- 688 Rice B(to 1949), F, X(31), DD, 7(BNA, Belg.), 60, 80
- 689 Allard D, X(24), EE, 3, 7(W. Eur., Br. Comwlth), 50, 83(French, Spanish)
- 690 Farrugia A, DD, 50 - Dealer has mint & used Malta to trade
- 691 Blankinship A, F, X(40), DD, 60, 70, 80
- 695 Bylen G, H(Cent. Amer., Caribbean, Br. Empire, E. Eur.), X(20), 2, 3, 7(Ukraine, Belize), 50, 60, 70, 83(Ukrainian)
- 696 Toole A, F, X(6), EE(67), 7(Br. Asia, Malay, Jap Occ., MidEast), 83(Portuguese & some French & Spanish)
- 697 Pendleton A, F, H(Ships, Scouts, Royalty, Lighthouses), X(30), DD, 2, 6, 7(W. Eur., Scand, Br. Comwlth, MidEast, Japan, Cz.), 50, 60, 83(German)
- 701 Clanner G, H(Austria, Czech., W. Ger., Canada, USA), EE, Needs Australia, NZ, other Br. Comwlth, 50, 83(German, French)
- 702 Bierman D, X(51), DD, 7(Br. Comwlth), 50, 80
- 704 Paltauf A, F, X(30), DD, 1, 7(US, UN, UK, Austria, Canada, Germ, Liecht.), 50, 80

WORLDWIDE AND INTERNATIONAL, FOR SURE !

I am a new and happy member of ISWSC. I was especially impressed by the list of members (*Printed 1/12/92 - 47 "pages"*).

There are members listed from 31 countries and all continents except Antarctica. When we need most are some penguin pals!

Old-timers probably know much of the following, but newcomers like me might enjoy this breakdown.

North America gives us 303 members from the USA, 25 from Canada, 1 each from Puerto Rico and Panama.

Sixteen European countries are represented by 7 from Great Britain, 3 from Scotland, (where is Ireland?), 3 from Bulgaria, 2 each from France and Romania, and 1 each from Czechoslovakia, Finland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland and the USSR.

Asia gives us 3 from Singapore and 1 each from Japan, Malaysia, Pakistan, and the Philippines.

The Australian continent is represented by 9 Australians and 1 from New Zealand.

South America contributes 1 each from Brazil and Chile.

Africa is represented by 1 each from Morocco and South Africa.

A total of 378 members from 31 countries. ... R. C. Toole (#696)

SOME THOUGHTS ON STAMP VALUES

Stamps values and prices are an enigma. They have a less stable foundation than almost any other commodity. Certain "classics" are relatively stable, such as U.S. and Great Britain number one. But rarity in itself is not a reliable contributor to value.

With the advent of the *Scott Catalogue* policy of listing the "retail" value of stamps, Pandora's proverbial box of stamp prices has been reopened.

As a commodity having a value or price, stamps of philatelic interest are almost unique. Stamps, individually, have no cost of production; they have no intrinsic value. Except for those with a specific franking value, they are fundamentally worthless little pieces of paper (or plastic or foil). At the same time, they are the *ne plus ultra* of the printer's and engraver's art in miniature. (To me, the most beautiful stamp is New Zealand # 256.)

In my opinion, all those stamp "retail" values in the 1992 *Scott Catalogue* based upon dealers' prices are partially false. The dealer's price and the Scott "retail" contain two elements: the price the dealer paid for the stamp and the cost to the dealer of selling the stamp. With most commodities, the combination of these two costs constitute a valid retail price. Not so with stamps.

That part of the price of a stamp that represents the dealer's cost of selling it is not part of the true value of the stamp. An informed collector can buy stamps in auctions, and sometimes from other sources, for the price a dealer pays or a price somewhere between what a dealer pays and what the dealer must charge for the stamp in order to stay in business. The auction price would seem to be the true value of the stamp (or stamps) and the auctioneer's service charge is a small part of it. When a collector buys from a dealer, he is buying a service he does not need, but a service he is glad to have. When you buy a stamp from a dealer you are paying the current retail value of the stamp plus a pro-rated cost of staying in business, his service charge, and that includes a salary for himself (and employees, if he has any), advertising, rent, insurance, and various other expenses. In other words, a dealer's price (and Scott's "retail" if based upon that) consists of the true value of the stamp plus a service charge. The lower the Scott "retail" value, the greater is the proportion of the dealer's service charge until it approaches (or actually is) 100%.

In establishing the minimum "retail" value of a stamp at fifteen cents, the Scott Catalogue is admitting that its "retail" is false. Stamps with a catalogue value of fifteen cents range in true value from zero to fifteen cents. This minimum has come about, apparently, because a majority of influential dealers have indicated that they must charge a minimum of fifteen cents per stamp as a service charge. That is reasonable, but the fifteen cents minimum is not a stamp value but dealer service charge. Many collectors are willing to pay that service charge to get the stamps they want, but only the naive believe that it represents the value of the stamp. The fifteen cent minimum renders the current catalogue useless as a source of relative values for those who trade stamps in this category. At present, the only solution for traders is to use the 1990 or 1991 catalogue for these.

The true value of a stamp is what someone will pay for it in competition with other buyers. The majority of stamps as singles or sets can be bought in auctions for one-third, one-fourth, even one-fifth the 1992 catalogue. Pig-in-a-poke lots can be bought for less than one-fifth, even one-tenth for less, depending upon the nature of

the lot. Some dealers sell at these prices. Thus it would appear that the Scott "retail" is the price that a dealer must charge when he sells stamps singly or a few at a time, and is much more than the true value of the stamp. For the same reason, *Linn's* "Trends" are equally fallacious. Dealers often sell for half the current Scott "retail" (or less), even when servicing the time-consuming, labor-intensive want lists. Indoeing so they repudiate the Scott "retail" claim just as Scott itself has done with the fifteen cent minimum.

Scott's pseudo-retail values create problems. Many collectors (or their heirs) take them seriously, and when they decide to sell their stamps they think they should get some reasonable percentage of Scott that seems to reasonable wholesale. However, for the less expensive stamps that dominate nearly all collections it is not much of an exaggeration to say that a dealer gives the collector the stamps and charges only a service fee, his cost of doing business. This is somewhat analagous to a non-collector saving stamps of philatelic interest from his mail and giving them to a collector. He gives them because they have no real value to him, and their value to the collector is not only unknown to him but highly arbitrary (like most catalogue values). Many collectors of modest means obtain a significant portion of their collection as gifts. But when it is time to sell, they seem to become would-be dealers and are unduly critical of a real dealer's reasonable offer. When a collector decides to sell, he is probably wise to ignore all this stamps with a catalogue value of fifteen cents, or maybe even twenty-five cents, and use the catalogue value of the rest in estimating what his collection is really worth. Perhaps only his auction-eligible items should be the basis for evaluation of a collection.

Another factor in the value of a stamp to a collector is whether or not he has it and whether or not that stamp is within the purview of his collection. He might bid \$1.00 in an auction for a stamp that catalogues \$4.00 and he might get it. The next time that stamp appears in an auction, he might not be willing to pay more than fifty cents for it, and then only if he trades stamps or has dealer leanings. In the case of a rarity, there might be someone willing to pay \$500.00 for a stamp. But the next time that stamp becomes available, there is no one willing to pay more than \$300.00 for it. What would you say its true value is?

So what is the bottom line? Scott should stop calling their catalogue values "retail".

... Harold J. Humm (# 678)

LAST YEARS BRING RETURN TO BASIC WORLDWIDE COLLECTING

It is not unusual for a collector to begin a worldwide collection and, for one reason or another, move to a more specialized endeavor. At least one well-known British collector, however, did the reverse. Peter Collins, whose death last year was reported by the *British Philatelic Bulletin*, was a distinguished stamp collector, writer, editor, judge and stamp firm employee. His best-known collection was of Thailand.

However, the editor of the Bulletin said: "In recent years he derived great pleasure from going back to basics and building up on old-fashioned 'All World Used' collection."

... Chad Neighbor (# 510), UK Secretary

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FRANCE. Scott #N8-N13, VF, VLH, the so-called "official imitations" per Scott. The originals catalog \$2,505 in 1992. Six values, \$40.

U.S., two C-23 FDC's, both Scott varieties (St. Petersburg AAMS and Dayton cancels, 5/14/38). Very clean, typed address, no cachet, cv \$15 each. The pair, \$12.

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ABBREVIATIONS USED: NH or MNH = Mint, Never Hinged; MH = Mint, Hinged; LH = Lightly Hinged; HH = Heavy Hinged; HR = Hinge Remnant; XF = Extra Fine - wide equal margins; VF = Very Fine - wide ample margins; F = Fine - perfs touch design; Avg = Average - perfs cut d
FDC = First Day Cover; HBO = Held By Owner; DON = Donation - all proceeds go to ISWSC; S/S = Souvenir Sheet; S.S. = Short set; SCV = Scott
Catalog Value - 1992 unless stated otherwise; M.B. = Minimum Bid; U = Used; CTO = Cancelled To Order; LC = Light Cancel; HC = Heavy Ca
GD = Gum Disturbance; HV = High Values; MRGNS = Margins (Imperforate stamps); NG = No Gum; NGAI = No Gum As Issued; S.G. = Stan
Gibbons; btw = between; P.B. = Plate Block; M + U = Mint and Used; SE = Straight Edge; PM = Pen or Pencil Mark; PNC = Plate Number Coil

CATEGORY A - UNITED STATES

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| 2. USA 549-50 - F/VF, no gum, CV \$37.75 | MB \$10.00 |
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C2 - no gum, C3 - VF, no gum, CV \$237.50 | MB \$50.00 |
| 4. USA btw714-892 - 10 stamps MNH, 5 Famous Americans
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| 8. CANADA 454-658 - MNH, 14 stamps, CV \$20.00 | MB \$ 10.00 |
| 8A. CANADA 508-11 - Setenant, Blk 4, MNH, 91 Scott
Specialized Canada \$12.50 | MB \$ 6.00 |
| 9. CANADA 582-5 - Setenant short of 16, MNH, 91 Scott
Specialized Canada \$45.00 | MB \$20.00 |
| 9A. CANADA 629-32, 644-7, 634a, 1059a - CV \$11.65 | MB \$5.75 |
| 10. CANADA 681-9 - MNH CV \$ 13.25 | MB \$6.25 |
| 11. GIBRALTOR 100-3 - MH, CV \$14.60 | MB \$ 7.50 |
| 12. IRELAND 74, 76 - Used, F/VF, CV \$10.50 | MB \$ 3.00 |
| 12A. MALAYSIA 66-73, 137A-B, 175-82 - U, CV \$21.45 | MB \$ 9.50 |
| 13. MALAYSIA 250-8 - U, 1991 Stanley Gibbons CV
approx. \$17.50, at least two stamps are 13-1/2x14,
variety not Scott listed, SCV \$1.87 | MB \$ 7.00 |
| 14. MALTA 184-7 - MH, F/VF Cpl Set, CV \$13.43 | MB \$ 6.00 |
| 15. PAPUA NEW GUINEA - FDC10/30/92, #122-31, CV
of used stamps \$8.62 | MB \$ 4.50 |
| 16. SINGAPORE 336-48 Cpl,U, CV \$17.55 | MB \$ 8.00 |
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