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OUR NEXT MEETING

From the individual postal cards sent to Quad City area members, our next meeting, AND ALL FOLLOWING MEETINGS will be held on the FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, at the VIKING CLUB, 1514 - 4th Avenue, in Moline. There is ample parking on each side of the building and our meetings will be held on the first floor. Enter the building on the EAST SIDE, under the SENIOR CITIZENS sign.

The many different kinds of paper used in stamp manufacture has always been one of the problems of identification of a large number of foreign stamps, as well as some of our own United States issues.

The feature of our next meeting will be a presentation of our Program Chairman, Dale Cady on the methods of manufacture, use and the identification of the different papers. Dale will have examples of the papers, mounted in such a way they can be felt as well as seen, as some papers are a matter of about 75% feel and only 25% sight. Following the presentation, there will be a question and answer period by our Chairman with the help of some of our more advanced collector-members, if required.

The Meeting will be rounded out with our Quickie Auction with Col. Gale doing the honors; the regular club Raffle; announcements of coming events and new projects. Our usual Bourse Dealers should have their stocks of new issues up to date as well as new stocks of material, added during the Summer.

As this issue is written, it is also important to state our new quarters are air-conditioned, but it could be that a little heat would be in order in late September.

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the mail box.. The first collection box was placed into use by the Prussian State Post. It was not an immediate success and postal patrons were reluctant to use them. The second postal system to use post boxes was Bavaria in 1845. Today they are found in every stamp-issuing country of the world. Time marches on!

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ANY ORGANIZATION DEPENDS TO SOME DEGREE ON THE LOCATION AND ACCESSIBILITY OF ITS MEETINGS. ITS GROWTH AND BENEFITS TO ITS MEMBERS DEPENDS ON THE WORK OF ITS OFFICERS - BUT OF MUCH MORE IMPORTANCE IS THE INFORMING THOSE OFFICERS WHAT YOU WISH AND WHAT YOU FEEL WOULD BE OF HELP TO YOU AND OTHER MEMBERS. ARE YOU DOING YOUR PART?

OUR SUMMER MEETINGS:

We were forced to find a new location for our meetings. The information on the new location was obtained too late to make up an issue of the News Bulletin, and we resorted to informing the area members by postal card. This same method of information was used for the August meeting.

Every year, our July and August meetings are a large question mark as far as attendance is concerned, due to summer activities, vacations, and just hot weather. The Club officers were most pleased to note a larger attendance at these meetings than the average of the regular meetings of the rest of the year. These meetings brought out some of the older members we have not seen for some time, and even for some years.

In a special meeting of the Officers and Directors, a full year's agreement was arranged that will insure that our meetings will be moved to the FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH. On questioning, those attending these meetings expressed pleasure on the size and arrangement of our new quarters, its more-central location in the Illinois Quad Cities, and the ample parking area on each side of the building. The Bourse Dealers were happy with the ample supply of good tables.

The June meeting featured our annual White Elephant Auction of donated items. The Club treasury got a nice boost when the figures were totaled and it was noted that well over one hundred dollars was realized.

As has been the practice for many years, both the July and the August meetings did not feature a planned program, but at each a different type of philatelic quiz was presented, and we did note a lot of red faces from those that realized they had made the wrong answer on a question they should have scored points.

If the attendance at the July and the August meetings is any kind of a barometer, it does give a strong indication that the large number of members and guests we used to expect will again be with us. Dale Cady, our Program Chairman, has been working on a diversified Program of subjects for the coming meetings. These will be covered in future issues.

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S P E C I A L N O T E - A N N U A L D U E S A N D D U E S N O T I C E S :

After considerable study, the Board approved the pre-rating of all dues that are due and payable during the different months of the year. This will mean for a while, members will receive the prorated amount for 1973 and the full 1974 dues notices. This plan will have to be carried on into 1974 and by the end of next year, every member's dues will be due and payable at the end of each year.

This change is being done for two reasons. It will simplify the work of our Secretary, and most important, it will allow the annual dues notices to be included in issues of the Phila-Quad. With the recent announcement from the Postmaster General stating that first-class mail rates will be increased to 10¢ and the strong possibility that the 15¢ figure will be made official during 1974, cost saving steps must be taken if we are to continue on our present dues structure..

Keeping within our income is not a matter of action on the part of the Board, but will require that every member do his small part by sending his dues payment promptly to the Secretary and eliminate the cost of second and third dues notices. It will further mean that non-payment of dues by members will result in a much faster dropping of their names from our mailing list for the Phila-Quad.

ERRORS - ERRORS - ERRORS!

Since the advent of the use of more than one color on our stamps, and in particular, the multi-color work on the Giori, and its combination with the increasing use of lithography, it is a rare issue that does not produce some kind of error. Missing color or colors, complete or part-imperf sheets, and well off-center perforations have been found. It has reached the point of who will find the error of any issue.

Other errors have been found, but they are errors of design. The latest to catch the sharp eye of the collector is the recently issued block-of-four of the Boston Tea Party. The upper right stamp shows something that is rather hard to accept. In the upper right of this stamp, is pictured a crescent-shaped moon with the yard-arm shown in front of the thin crescent.. The designer goofed a bit when he added the frontmast rigging line and placed it BEHIND the moon, along with two other, near-vertical trim lines. This is an error and at the moment we do not know if all plates used for this issue are the same, but we would give an educated guess that they are. It does allow evergone to have boni-fide error at a cost of only eight cents!

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Are you one of the huge number of General Collectors that have been experiencing some trouble in your attempt to keep up with the changes in the names of the stamp-issuing countries of the world.. If you are, think nothing about it - you join the thousands that are in the same predicament!

In noting the steady changes in the names of the countries, we have wondered if about 20 of the new names were listed in one column and their previous identification in another, but in a scattered arrangement, how many could come up with a score of 100?

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COLLECTING PLATE BLOCKS

We can remember back when plate-number blocks were collected in flocks of four or six stamps - depending on their printing by Totary or Flatbed presses. We reached a point where two or more colors were used, and in some cases it meant another case of blocks of either four or six stamps, depending on the use of one or two plate numbers. From this a rule-of thumb was established - add two more stamps to the number of plate numbers used. From the pages of recent Scott's Monthly Stamp Journal, the old rule has been tossed out of the window and we now get the impression the new supplements for the plate blocks will allow space for only two stamps per plate number.

The Postal People issue came out and though it uses five plate numbers, Scott says this issue can be mounted in its forthcoming supplement in two, horizontal blocks of ten stamps. The Love issue required three numbers, but we have note different ads for matched sets of blocks, each having eight stamps. Then the Gerswin issue came along with six plate numbers, but to add to the confusion, the "Mail Early in the Day" and the "Use ZIP Code" appear in the two remaining sections of the selvage which brings the question - "What do we do now?" The same format is used on the Robinson Jeffers issue. Again, another question! The recently issued Lyndon B. Johnson stamp also has six plate numbers, but there are two blank selvage sections. Will the supplements show this as a block of 12, or more??

The best answer we have heard on this problem came during a chat with an avid plate-block collector.. He said he was going to obtain full strips of 20, hold them, and after he obtained his supplement, he would then know how to mount the block. He added, if any remained from any issue, they could always be used as postage. Has anyone a better idea?

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NEW MEMBERS:

We are pleased to welcome the following new members that have joined since the June Phila-Quad was issued:

- #945 Jim Lorenz of Moline. Collects Worldwide
- 946 Sherry Wesolowski of Silvis. Collects U.S. & Poland
- 947 Steve Palmer of Silvis. Collects Worldwide
- 948 Walt Hart of Carbon Cliff. Collects U.S.
- 949 Janis Vozikis of East Moline. Collects Worldwide
- 950 Fred Turnbaugh of Moline. Collects U.S. & General
- 951 Charles Peters of Davenport. Collects U.S.

It was a pleasure to see one of our older members and receive the Reinstatement of Rex W. Brown, #492, of Davenport. Tex still collects only U.S.

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MAYBE THE A. P. S. "BLACK BLOT" PROGRAM DOES HAVE SOME VALUE:

When the A.P.S. "Black-Blot" Program was announced many years ago, the Editor's office was flooded with letters from both members and non-members exercising their right of free speech to voice their opinion of the program. The letters supporting the program ran about three to one over those that opposed it, for one reason or the other. Most of the opposition were bitter in their statements the A.P.S. had no right to tell them what to buy and what to collect; the program would only bring higher prices at a later date; it was unthinkable to include U.S. stamps, to name a few. The Society's action against the Postal People started the kettle boiling again. As your Editor has been a member of the A.P.S. New Issues "Watchdog" Committee for years, he can assure you here and now that not a single member of the Committee that had any idea a collector would not buy the Postal People issue, but it was across to the Postal Service that such issues were the Committee's unanimous concensus that additional issues would not make the majority of the nation's collectors too fast.

Concern over the Program was brought home to your Editor when he made up a formal appraisal of a philatelic collection based just about everything the A.P.S. "Black-Blot" had been on the glassine envelopes. A check of the sad story - about half are still not in the majority carry such a present, low-catalog value - is a real loss on the collection. On the other hand, many of the "good" issues have risen in price and sold, at wholesale, well over the original price. In my opinion that this shows what the Program has done. I tell you that you cannot buy what you want, you should not be disappointed if after some time you find something well below what you paid for it.!!

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Lot No.						Cat. Value
1	Minkus Master Global Album (no stamps) 1951 Edition,	Used, Very fine	Cost New	\$15.00		
2	Afghanistan 471b 1960 WRY Souv. Sheet	M VF				4.00
3	" 517a 1961 Natl. Assembly Souv Sht	M VF				1.00
4	" B51a 9162 Unesco Souv. Sheet Imp.	M VF				1.50
5	Australia 402, U.N. 187 Slogan Cancellations	U VF				?
6	Canada 330 Queen Eliz II Coronation Maxim Card	VF				?
7	Foreign, 320 Mixed, Good Variety Some Commems	U VF-VF	Est	Cat		12.00
8	U.S. 520 Mixed, Many Commems	U VG-VF	"	"		17.00
9	" Approx 100 mixed on paper, mostly commems	U VG-VF	"	"		5.00
10	" 30 Cut Squares	U VG-VF	"	"		1.00
11	" 18 Covers	Poor-Fine				?
12	" 8 Sheets, Xmas, Boy Scout, Easter Seals (Stuck Together)	VF				??
13	Congo Republic 174-8, C 67-9 Cpl. 1968 Antique Car Issue	M VF				9.74
14	Japan 685, 734, 794 Cpl. Commems	M VF				1.48
15	" 806-7, 808-9 Cpl. 3 diff Park Issues	M VF				.64
16	" 937, 941-3 Cpl. Commems	M VF				1.14
17	" 810-11, 819, 843 Cpl. Commems	M VF				.82
18	" 949, 951-2, 1965 Stamp Week & Natl Treas.	M VF				1.35
19	Germany 40 diff (Mostly Mint incl. some commems)	U F VF	Est			2.00
20	Sweden 50 diff. Including many commems	U VF				2.82
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22	" & Soc Africa Group of 5 interesting Covers	F VF				?
23	" 125 mixed Postal Cards	U F VF				?
24	Foreign 630 Argentina to Hungary mounted on pages		Est.			30.00
	(Almost all different)					
25	Foreign Approval book remainders, 1170 stamps (Strong in China)	M & U VG-VF				?
26	8 Used Approval Books (no stamps)	-U Good				??

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