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NEXT MEETING: Thurs., April 9, 1992

PROGRAM: At this writing unknown.

PLACE: Moline Township Hall
620 18 th Street
Moline, Illinois

TIME: Business Meeting 8 p.m.
BOURSE: 7-10 p.m.



COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

APRIL

SPECIALIZED U.S.

FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR

APRIL CERAPEX, IBEW Hall, Cedar Rapids April 4-5, 1992
APRIL COUNCIL BLUFFS STAMP SHOW, Holiday Inn Motel, Council Bluffs,
IA, April 25-26, 1992
MAY "CLOTHESLINE EXHIBITION/CONTEST" Thursday, May 14, 1992
MAY "WORLD COLUMBIAN STAMP EXPO" Chicago May 22-31, 1992
MAY Quad-City Stamp Club's BUS TRIP; Columbian Stamp Expo. May 23
JULY ALL IOWA STAMP POSTCARD & COIN SHOW, West Side, University
Ave. Travelodge, Des Moines July 11-12, 1992.

NOTICE

Back in September '91, Roland asked for someone to be the Editor of the PHILA-QUAD. I responded and have been putting it together since that time. I live in Iowa City and I was able to get all my issues, to date, out to the membership. However, my wife and I are moving to Madison, WI. This means that a new Editor of the PHILA-QUAD is needed. I expect to be able to provide the PHILA-QUAD through June. Therefore, at the least, the new Editor will be expected to publish the September '92 issue. (Continued next page)



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Please give this some serious thought as the Club is what you contribute to it. We all thank you. Thank you, George A. Cook.

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE

QCSC BUS TRIP TO WORLD COLUMBIAN STAMP EXPO

February was the first opportunity to sign-up for the bus trip to the WORLD COLUMBIAN EXPO. The response was good and the bus trip looks like a sure thing! However, if not enough seats are sold there will be NO bus trip. It will be a Bust-Trip! The Trip committee would be overjoyed to see at least 20 more people sign-up. As always first come, first served. The trip is planned for Saturday, May 23 rd. Cost \$25.00/person. \$15.00 deposit required at the next sign-up, the April 9 th meeting. The \$10.00 balance will be due at the May 14 th meeting. Come and join the fun! So if you are still deciding what to do please for your sake and the others who have signed-up, make that decision to go! Have a friend who used have an interest in collecting? Encourage them to join you on this trip and the bug may bite again. This COLUMBIAN EXPO. is a historic event and one you may not want to miss whether or not you are a collector. Tri-State Bus Lines, leaving from the Hampton Inn, Moline, 6:30 A.M. SATURDAY, MAY 23 rd.

Report on the:

STAMP-OUT CANCER AUCTION

For the fifth year in a row I was able to attend the Stamp-out Cancer Auction. Although the environs had changed, it was held at the Fort Armstrong Hotel in downtown Rock Island, the activity at the auction was still spirited. I personally have now seen a US #1 and a US #2, the highlight of this auction, at the S.O.C. Auction and slews of different lots. Although the total number of lots were down this year there was still good quantity and quality. Regrettably not as many collections to be broken into country or individual stamp lots as seen in the past. Attendance was very good with 75 registered bidders and a few observers, with the interest in the U.S. side just a tad more than the Foreign side. Choice seats in the middle of the room made for some interesting sights while watching the "swivel bidders". The US #1 realized \$290.00, a good value considering it had three very good margins, a light, red/orange cancel and a slight fault, a repaired, very small tear. There were 182 U.S. lots and 135 Foreign, the unofficial realization was \$2,590.00. For those of you who like numbers, each lot averaged \$8.17 with each bidder spending an average \$34.50. Of course some bidders won no lots and others won many and paid more. I would have to say the Auction ran smoothly, again was well organized and in trying times the bidders were again generous. My only complaint, the room seemed just too dark! Better than nothing though!



CALLING ALL JUNIORS

All Junior members who have been involved in the Space Stamp Contest should bring their Space and Space Exploration Stamps to this, the April meeting. The winners of the contest will be selected. And Adults don't forget to come and show your support for our Junior members.

CLOTHESLINE EXHIBITION

Not only does April showers bring May flowers it also brings out the clothesline! May will be the month of the Club's Clothesline Exhibition and here are the rules.

1. No more than TWO album pages may be entered in any single category; page size 10" X 11" or smaller.
2. Exhibitors may enter as many different categories as desired.
3. Judging will be by popular vote or a judges panel, as needed.
4. An award will be given in each category.
5. Please put your name on the back of each sheet to aid in returning them.
6. You must enter your exhibit the evening of MAY 14 th prior to the start of the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

CATEGORIES

RATED BY 3 JUDGES

- A. United States Stamps - postal issues
- B. Foreign Stamps - postal issues
- C. Best coverage of any one stamp or set of stamps
- D. Best presentation of any country of Non-Postage items

RATED BY POPULAR VOTE

- AA. Most attractive commercial page and contents
- BB. Most attractive non-commercial page and contents
- CC. Best presentation of a topical subject
- DD. JUNIORS only -- any topic.



AUCTIONS AND MAIL BIDS

Last month I had an article about buying stamps from dealers and at shows. This month, auctions and mail bids. You may not have realized this but the monthly club auction can provide to you a wealth of knowledge concerning the purchase of stamps. During all the monthly club auctions I have attended I can't think of one lot that had a reserve placed on it. A reserve is the minimum price the seller will accept and the winning bid is, at the least, one advance over that reserve price. This means that the Club's auction provides stamps to collectors at bidder competitive prices. If you have no competition you could get a good stamp at a very low cost, if a few people want the same item, your chances at getting it could be much lower. Someone will be willing to spend a bit more than you for that lot and win it. Aside from being able to view the lots, the Club auction is an excellent reason to come to meetings and learn about the other aspects of collecting stamps which we enjoy. Also the club takes a 10 % commission from the "hammer" price so you also help your club. Many Stamp auction houses have suggested bids and a 10 % commission or "buyers premium" which is added to the final "hammer" price. One way of looking at a suggested bid is that it is a reserve price. The lot, usually, will not be sold for less than that amount. The 10 % "buyers premium" ultimately adds to your final cost while defraying the cost the auction house accrues. Mail bid auctions are fun but if mailing bids in, do it well before the deadline and make absolutely sure you understand all the rules and regulations of the auction, it is very easy to miss a rule and be unhappy when you find out you did not consider the "buyer premium" or realize you could not return a lot you realized you did not want. The Club auction also provides the prices realized on their lots, in the PHILAQUAD following the auction, which some auction houses never provide. These prices realized can be a good indication of a stamp price. This would be especially true in a large auction with many bidders who are dealers looking for new stock. Being at the Club's auction will tell you how many bidders chose to pursue a single lot. A popular and desirable lot will go for a good price that could easily be 50-75% or more of a catalog price. How do you use this information? If you can go to Stamp shows and bourses, find out what the dealers are asking for stamp prices. Compare this to an auction's lots, prices realized. Usually the auction prices are lower, but sometimes they are higher. Watch for trends and set your limits. I personally use a percentage of Scott's catalog prices when buying stamps and bidding in auctions. If you have the opportunity to go to shows quite often you may make your best purchases there. If you can only attend Club meetings and auctions, you can be the highest bidder and win many lots but over time you may pay more than what a dealer could offer you. As always if you find just the copy of a stamp you want, only you can decide what is a fair price or how high to bid. Participate and enjoy the hobby and if anything be informed and your hobby's finances and your fun will go a long way.

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Your OFFICERS

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Board Meeting Last Tuesday of each Month

PHILA-QUAD DEADLINE FOR MAY IS APRIL 25.

Nominating Committee Report:

The Nominating Committee for the next group of Club officers has been chosen. They are Herb Scheibler and Dale Walline.

Prices Realized March Auction

1)	\$ 2.50	12)	\$ 2.00	23)	\$ 5.00
2)	\$ 4.50	13)	\$ 3.50	24)	\$ 4.25
3)	\$ 3.50	14)	\$ 1.00	25)	\$ 5.50
4)	\$ 1.75	15)	\$ 1.00	26)	\$ 5.00
5)	\$ 9.50	16)	\$ 3.75	27)	\$ 8.00
6)	\$ 1.00	17)	\$ 3.00	28)	\$ 1.50
7)	\$ 8.00	18)	\$ 7.50	29)	-----
8)	\$ 9.00	19)	\$ 5.00	30)	\$ 2.00
9)	\$ 2.50	20)	\$65.00	31)	\$ 4.00
10)	\$ 2.00	21)	\$ 7.50	32)	\$ 4.00
11)	\$ 4.00	22)	\$20.00		

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UNITED STATES STAMPS

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LOT	COUNTRY	SCOTT #	DESCRIPTION AND CONDITION	CAT. VAL.
1.	UNITED NATIONS	63//243	1958-73 - 75 Different MOG F/VF	\$ 14.98
2.	FOREIGN	var.	55 covers 1940-60's mostly Fronts only G/VF	????
3.	UNITED STATES	1064-6	1955 Pa.Acad., Land Gr. & Rotary Fltwd P.Bk FDC	11.25
4.	UNITED STATES	1067-9	1955 3-3¢ Fleetwood Plt. Blk. FDC	U VF 9.00
5.	UNITED STATES	1070-2	1955 3/3¢ Fleetwood Plt. Blk. FDC	U VF 9.00
6.	UNITED STATES	E20, FAL	1954-5 20¢ Sp. Del. & 15¢ Certfd PBlkArtcFDC	UVF 18.75
7.	UNITED STATES	179	1875 - 5¢ Blue Taylor slight crease	U F 9.00
8.	UNITED STATES	184, 205, 7, 16	1879-88 2-3¢ & 2-5¢ Reg. (4) #216 thin	UF 11.30
9.	UNITED STATES	223, 6, 64, 5, 72, 3, 81	1890-8 7 Diff. Regular issue	UF/VF 5.65
10.	UNITED STATES	510, 12, 14-8	1917-19 6 Diff. Franklin Reg. Issue	UF/VF 3.46
11.	UNITED STATES	537//736	1919-34 24 Different 2-3-5¢ Commems	UF/VF 12.29
12.	GERMANY-Bav. Wurtbg.	1916-20	8 Bavaria & 1 Wurttemberg Officials	UF/VF 5.65
13.	BAVARIA	256-61, 263, 5, 7	1920 - 9 different overprints	UF/VF 2.26
14.	GERMANY	689	1952 - 10 pf Martin Luther	U VF 3.50
15.	GERMANY	693	1952 - 30 pf 30 years telephone service	U VF 11.00
16.	DENMARK	13, 38-40	1864-85 4 different regular issues	UF/VF 6.30
17.	FINLAND	102	1925 lm Red Orange regular high value	U VF 9.25
18.	ICELAND	86, 88-91	1911 Sigurdsson Issue (5)	UF/VF 26.60
19.	SWEDEN	012//22	1881-93 7 Different Officials 021 thin	UF/VF 12.85
20.	UNITED STATES	73	1861 - 2¢ Jackson	U F 22.50
21.	UNITED STATES	RW7	1940 \$1 Duck Stamp part Gum ctrd. L & B	MPG F 115.00
22.	UNITED STATES	RW12	1945 \$1 Duck Stamp s/e left thin	U F 10.00
23.	UNITED STATES	234	1893 5¢ Columbian centered low no gum	MNG F 67.50
24.	UNITED STATES	367, 370, 372	1909 Lincoln AYP, Fudson F. 370 noG	MOG F 21.25
25.	UNITED STATES	646-8	1928 2¢ 'Molly Pitcher' & 2, 5¢ 'Hawaii'	MOGF/VF 14.05
26.	UNITED STATES	C7-9	1926-7 10, 15, 20¢ Map Airmail set (3)	MOG VF 13.00
27.	UNITED STATES	C10	1927 - 10¢ Lindbergh airmail	MOG VF 6.75
28.	UNITED STATES	C25-31	1941-4 6-50¢ Transport Plane Airs (7)	U VF 5.20
29.	UNITED STATES	RW6	1939 - \$1 Duck Stamp	UF/VF 15.00
30.	UNITED STATES	E4	1894 10¢ Blue Spec. Dely. unwatermarked	U F 14.00
31.	OFFICES IN CHINA	K10	1919 20¢ on 10¢ 'Shanghai' ovpt. s/e 1 & b.	MOGVF 40.00
32.	GUAM	8	1899 10¢ brown Webster overprinted 'GUAM'	UVF 45.00

RAFFLE 3¢ #976 Ft. Bliss, Grenada #490, & Maldives Islands #489 panes

JUNIOR AUCTION - 5 lots U.S., U.N. & Foreign

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