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There has been a change in the Treasurer's position. Michael McAuliffe will take over this office, due to the resignation of Jerry Stanfield. Jerry was an outstanding officer of N.S.S.S. Mike volunteered for this job, for which N.S.S.S. is mighty thankful and we will be looking forward to his help in the future.

The hobby show, coming up in November, has received an excellent positive response from the many hobby clubs in this area. Al Shay reported that there has been many hobbies will be represented at the show, plus there would be some dealers as well. We'll be looking forward to this new type of show. The show will run on Sunday, Nov. 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. It will be held at Boomtown.

The first meeting for the Junior Program seemed to be successful. At the Bernice Mathews school, 10 students and 3 parents attended. A showing of the Gary Burgoff video was partially run. After which the students had the opportunity to dig into a pile of stamps and pick twenty five of them. For those that attend the next meeting, an album and other stamp collecting material will be given to them. The meeting at the Anderson school was not as well attended, but this could improve at the next meeting. Volunteers are still needed for this program. It only takes a few hours of your time, once a month, to help develop this worthwhile program. Contact Jim Ringer or George Costello.

Auction Bucks Auction will be taking place at the first meeting in November. So plan to donate some of your better items, not necessarily philatelic. It makes for a fun meeting. Bring your auction bucks for some fun bidding.

*"To promote and enhance the hobby of Stamp Collecting"*

Our own Nadiah made the Cory Farley column this last Friday. She is appealing for books, magazines, etc. for the people of Mauritius. Here is the letter she sent to Cory Farley:

"I am really a Sparks resident living overseas for one year with my husband and children. We are in Mauritius and it is great.

Mauritius is a small island in the Indian Ocean.

"I am really enjoying the country," Beekun writes, "and surprise, there is no road rage here. Drivers... will stop flash you once with their lights to let you know it is OK to cross and then wait. There are no angry horn salutes, just a friendly wave, (the whole hand, not one finger). Not only that, even though it is winter, it feels like summer at Lake Tahoe."

But the reason she's writing, Beekun says, is this:

"Here in Mauritius, the official language is English. Unfortunately, reading material in the schools is hard to get."

"There is a great way to help these kids and to get rid of old books and magazines, especially old National Geographic: For the next six months, people can mail them to me here in Mauritius. It doesn't matter if there are duplicate titles, because there are a lot of schools.

"Please ask people not to send books that have pages missing. Also, no 'adult' stuff. Art books, craft books, even some sci-fi, mysteries, westerns or classics would be great. Series such as the Animorphs, Nancy Drew or the Hardy Boys, old copies of Good Housekeeping, Smithsonian and Sunset magazine are acceptable, too."

Beekun warns that the mail, which takes eight to 10 weeks, isn't cheap. She says the best way is "by 'M' bag at the post office: You get a box of books together, pack it up in lots that weigh no more than 50-60 pounds, and send it to me. The cost is 78 cents per pound, so if you did a 10 pound box it would cost \$7.50.

"In return, I will send a nice thank you letter or postcard from Mauritius with the really great stamps they have here."

Look, how hard will this be"? Sounds like a class project, a club activity, a good deed to do with the stuff in your garage. Think of it as a Christmas present to people you have never of.

The address:

Nadiah Beekun  
61 DePerre  
Quatre Bornes  
Mauritius Island  
Indian Ocean

So she'll know what to expect, Nadiah asks that you send a separate letter telling her stuff is on the way, or e-mail [nadiah@fan.com](mailto:nadiah@fan.com).

Auction Bucks Quiz is on stamps from Mauritius:



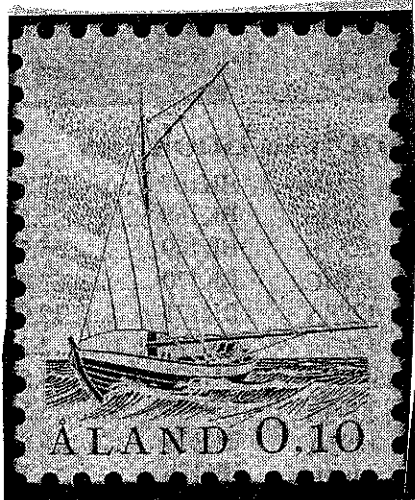
1. Where is Mauritius located?
2. It was granted self-government in 1967, but WHEN did it become an independent state?
3. What is special about the No., 1 stamp of this country?
4. Did Mauritius ever issue an air mail stamp?
5. On May 23rd, 1898 a stamp was issued by Mauritius. Why was it issued? That is, what did it commemorate?

There is a stamp faire coming up soon in the Reno area, Edward Rosen is putting on a show at the Airport Plaza Hotel on Sept. 25 and 26th. This is for stamp and coin collectors.

On Nov. 6th and 7th SACAPEX will be held at the Scottish Rites Temple in Sacramento. This is a show that has been going for 40 years and it is a great one for us, who live close to it. For further information, call Ken Mitchell, 916-331-551.

Did you know if you decided to collect all the stamps issued by every country, each year, it would cost you about \$25,000? So how do you try to collect every countries' stamps? You can't. Just providing space for the stamps would be horrendous task. It would take all your time and work just to catalog and place them in some sort of assemblage.

A possible answer would be to collect on the number one stamp of each country. There are a few that would be impossible to purchase, but for the most part the number one issue is reasonable in price and easily obtained. Another suggestion would be to collect similar subjects or topics from each country. Almost every country issues stamps referring to birds, planes, ships, authors, mountains, occupations, etc. Or how about cancels from each city in each country. There are many ways to collect stamps from all of the stamp issuing countries in the world, you just have to decide what interests you the most. Good Luck Here is a start.



**Aland No. 1**  
**1985 10-pennia**  
**Fishing Boat**

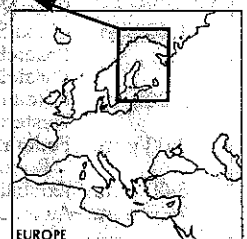
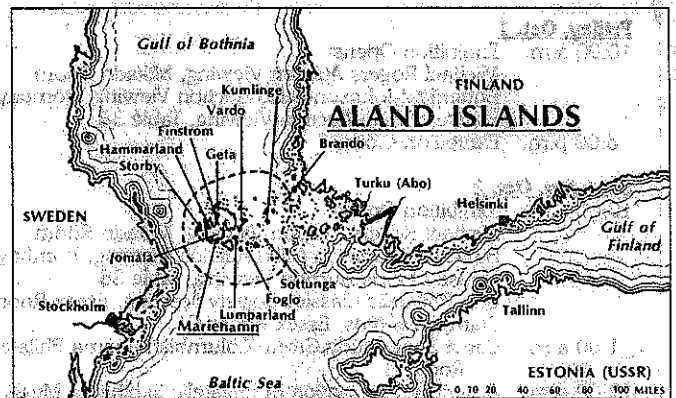
## Aland

Aland's first stamps may be only 15 years old, but the history of this group of more than 6,500 islands with a combined area of less than 600 square miles dates to at least the 12th century, when they were colonized by Sweden.

Because of their strategic location relative to the Baltic Sea, Sweden and Russia vied for control of the islands for centuries. Even after Sweden ceded the island along with Finland to Russia in 1809, Aland still provoked heated international disputes, and was the subject of numerous treaties.

Aland was recognized as part of independent Finland in 1917, and was finally demilitarized by treaty in the early 1920s.

In keeping with the rest of Scandinavia, during its decade and a half as a stamp-issuing entity, Aland has issued about 15 to 17 stamps a year — virtually all of them attractively designed and reflecting the themes, motifs and history of these proud little islands and their people. Aland's reputation is a good one, and likely to remain so.



The following article was cut from a recent issue of Linn' Stamp News. The subject is a cover from a prisoner of war, in Florence S.C., to his wife in Pennsylvania. The information stated on the Civil War, in regards to the treatment the prisoners of war, makes one feel totally disillusioned about mankind. I read the book "Andersonville" and the atrocities that occurred there. This article brought out some figures about the men in prisons on both sides. The totals were almost unbelievable. Read on.

## Confederate Corner

by Trish Kaufmann



A tiny southern prisoner of war cover bearing both U.S. and Confederate postage. Not only is this cover rare because of its being 1 of only 8 known POW covers from the Florence, SC, it also bears a 20¢ Green #13c bisect to pay the 10¢ Confederate rate. While this bisect was technically illegal and postage of both sides was not supposed to be on the same envelope, POW covers frequently do not conform to postal regulations.

**P**RISONER OF WAR usages are among the most fascinating areas of Civil War postal history. Frequently, the contents are kept with the covers or, due to the scarcity of paper, the covers were actually folded letters, as is this tiny bit of history.

The prison at Florence was built primarily to ease the crowded facility at the infamous Andersonville. The death rate at Florence was high, primarily due to the physical condition in which most of the prisoners arrived from Andersonville. Prisoners had no shelter except what they could provide themselves. Many built shabangs or burrowed into the ground. The

Federal government sent clothing, shoes and hats to the prisoners by flag of truce, but a great deal of suffering was caused by a lack of medical supplies, cooking utensils and fresh vegetables. In all, 2802 prisoners died at Florence including 1 female prisoner, Florena Budwin, the wife of a Union soldier who had disguised her appearance in order to accompany her husband when he went to war.

As the war escalated, more and more prisoners were incarcerated, both Union and Confederate. By the time the war ended, 2,313,000 men had served in the Union combined armed services. Just over 1,000,000 men had served in the Confederate armed services. The 1869 report #69 of the U.S. House of Representatives states that the Confederates captured 476,179 prisoners. Of these, 227,570 were actually imprisoned. The Union captured 188,145 prisoners. The number of those actually confined was 94,145. Of those confined, 36,401 Union prisoners died in Confederate hands while 30,152 Confederate prisoners died in Union hands.

Many of these deaths could have been avoided. Medical supplies were in short supply, having been tagged as contraband of war. They were not allowed to cross the lines, even to be used to treat the Union prisoners. In the North, prisoners' needs were mostly neglected. Camp Douglas, in the Chicago area, had the highest death rate of any prison camp on either side, including Andersonville. Prison locations in the north were hard on the thinly clad Confederate soldiers and the harsh winters took their toll.

In Sunday's Reno Gazette J, Mr Dewayne Wickham wrote an article recommending a stamp to be issued for Audie Murphy. He compared the issuance of a stamp about Daffy Duck and other great Hollywood figures. Audie was a real true life hero, having earned every combat medal, including the Medal of Honor. He also won major awards from Belgium and France. At the very least what Audie Murphy did for this country made him as deserving of a commemorative stamp as the 20 insects and spiders the U.S. Postal Service bestowed such recognition upon just this year.

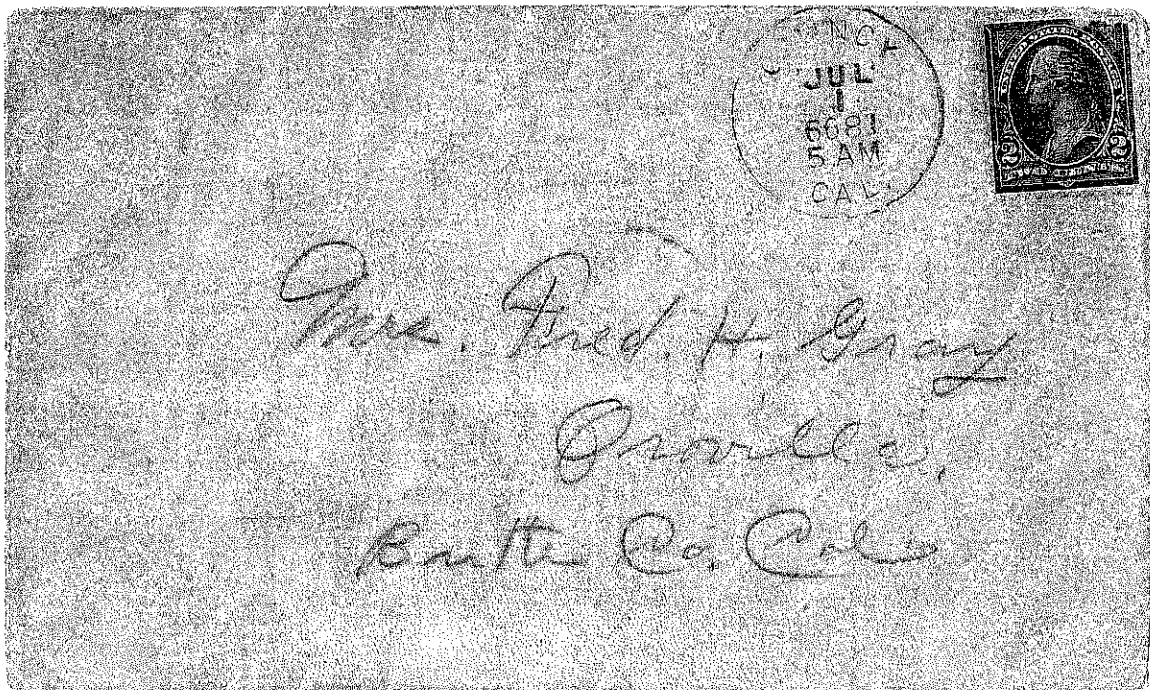
If you think this is a good stamp to be issued, then write to the U.S. Postal Service, as shown: Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee,  
c/o Stamp Development Branch,  
U. S. Postal Service,  
Washington, D.C.;  
20260

It takes lots letters to get the attention of the committee, but they may overcome their set ideas of what or whom is entitle to be shown on the U.S. Postage stamps, these days.

In a recent issue of Stamp Collector there was some information about the new Canadian issue. This 95cent issue, released on Oct. 12th has some hidden printing in it's design. The engraver's name 'Peral' is located on the branch the bird is perched upon. In the lower right hand corner, just to the left of the maple leaf and just above the bottom of the design is the year 2000 inscribed. So, get out the magnifying glasses and try to locate them. Just like the old days.

So what U.S. stamp do you think was the best all around issue during the last 100 years? Personally, I prefer the engraved stamps, which cuts out a lot of the latest issues. Stamp Collector is having a poll of the stamps of the 1900's I suspect most of the philatelic publications will be having an similar poll. It's only natural. The results will be interesting.

This is an interesting cover I picked up awhile back. Notice the cancel year is upside down. This was due to a person assembling the cancel, that is, he put in the month, year and time in those days and the year, somehow, was inserted incorrectly.



The following article is from Stamp Collector. For those collectors that are interested in railroad covers and stamps you might want to contact them.

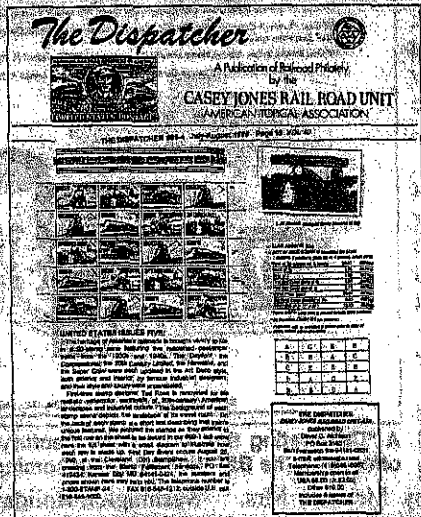
# SOCIETY SPOTLIGHT Casey Jones Rail Road Unit

Collectors who specialize in railroads on stamps have their own branch of the American Topical Association: the Casey Jones Rail Road Unit.

The principal benefit of membership is the group's bimonthly journal, *The Dispatcher*, published for years by Oliver C. Atchison. The July-August issue shown here has eight pages of listings from some 57 countries around the world, of recent issues with a railroad-related theme — steam locomotives, electric railways, cog railways, streetcars, tunnels and men associated with railroads.

Featured is the U.S. 'All Aboard' pane issued Aug. 26, but *The Dispatcher* also pictures a sheet of six from Guyana and four recent stamps from Kazakhstan.

On a lighter note, the issue pictures a



*The Dispatcher*, bimonthly journal of the Casey Jones Rail Road Unit of the ATA.

handstamped cancel on a railroad cover, a British Railways ticket and illustration of the sign from a train station in the Welsh town of Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogoch!

Study unit members also receive a discount on the ATA handbook *Railways of the World on Stamps*, listing nearly 15,000 railway-related stamps.

Membership in the study unit is \$8 a year in the United States, \$10 elsewhere. Junior memberships also are available, with annual dues of only \$2.50.

For a free copy of *The Dispatcher*, send your name and address to the Casey Jones Rail Road Unit, c/o the Editor, Oliver C. Atchison, Box 31631, San Francisco, CA 94131-0631.

### The answers to the Auction Bucks Quiz:

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- 2:
- 3:
- 4:
- 5: