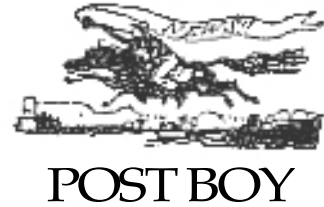


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The good weather is trying to get here. If it could break through all that rain we might have to go to the golf course. But then, stamps are more important. Aren't they?

This month's program came to us courtesy of **Arline and Ed Davies**. They taught me that King Kamehameha had his spittoon buried as it became necessary so it's contents wouldn't be used to cast spells against his people (powerful stuff). The program was called "**The History of Hawaii Through Stamps**", and a good one it was.

After this coming meeting there will be a meeting of the Show Committee. All are invited to attend and all contributions and ideas are welcome. A sign up sheet was passed around for volunteers to man **The Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show** as well as set-up and break-down.

FYI that show will be held from April 30 to May 1, 2005 at the National Bowling Stadium. The hours are 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturday and 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Sunday. Make sure your friend are aware. Send them

the club's website address; <http://home.earthlink.net/~renostamp/>

Now tell them to spread the word that the show is on it's way. We can make this show bigger and better and, at the same time, add to Reno's economy (a little bit).

Take a look inside for a story about the German railway by our president **Stan Cronwell**. The illustrations refer to colors that you won't see in the print edition so why not go to the club's website and them in full living color. Address is in the paragraph above.

There two stamp events coming up.

In Santa Clara , from March 31 to April 3rd is the **Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Expo** at the Santa Clara Convention Center on 5001 Great American Parkway. The hours will be; Thurs - 11:00 to 7:00 pm, Fri to Sat - 10:00 to 7:00 and Sun - 10:00 to 3:00. Admission is \$8.00.

WESTPEX 05 will be held in San Francisco at the Airport Marriot Hotel, 1800 Old Bayshore Hwy, Burlingame. Hours are 10:00 to 6:00 on Fri and Sat and 10:00 to 4:00 on Sun. No Admission

2005 – 170th Anniversary of the German Railway

By Stan Cronwell

Germany issued four postage stamps on July 10, 1935 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Germany Railway.

Der Alder depicted on the dark green 6 pfennig stamp was the first steam locomotive used in Germany. It was built by George Stephenson (his 118th engine), and ran on Ludwig's Railway between Nurnburg and Furth on a track three kilometers long.



This full-color illustrated postcard depicts an oil painting of "Der Alder" done in 1904. The card was issued for and sold at the German Railway Exhibition in Nurnberg July 10 – October 13, 1935.

Its first trip was on December 7, 1835 when it pulled nine coaches. It took fifteen minutes to travel the 3.7 miles of track. The locomotive remained in use until 1857.



It is also shown on the West Germany green 10 pfennig stamp issued December 7, 1960 to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the German Railway. The stamp is shown at the left:

The Modern Express was a 03 Class Pacific built from 1930 to 1939, and remained in service for many years. Its design was continuously modified and later versions were almost streamlined. The locomotive is shown on this red-brown (brown-lake) 12 pfennig stamp:



The Flying Hamburger was a diesel train of the VT 04 Class, and one of the fastest trains of its time traveling at 70 mph on the Hamburg – Munich route. It is shown here on this blue 25 pfennig stamp:

Competition from diesel and electric powered trains forced steam locomotives to be streamlined resulting in *The Streamlined Express*. This 05 Class was first built in 1934-35. In 1936, one reached a top speed of 118 mph.



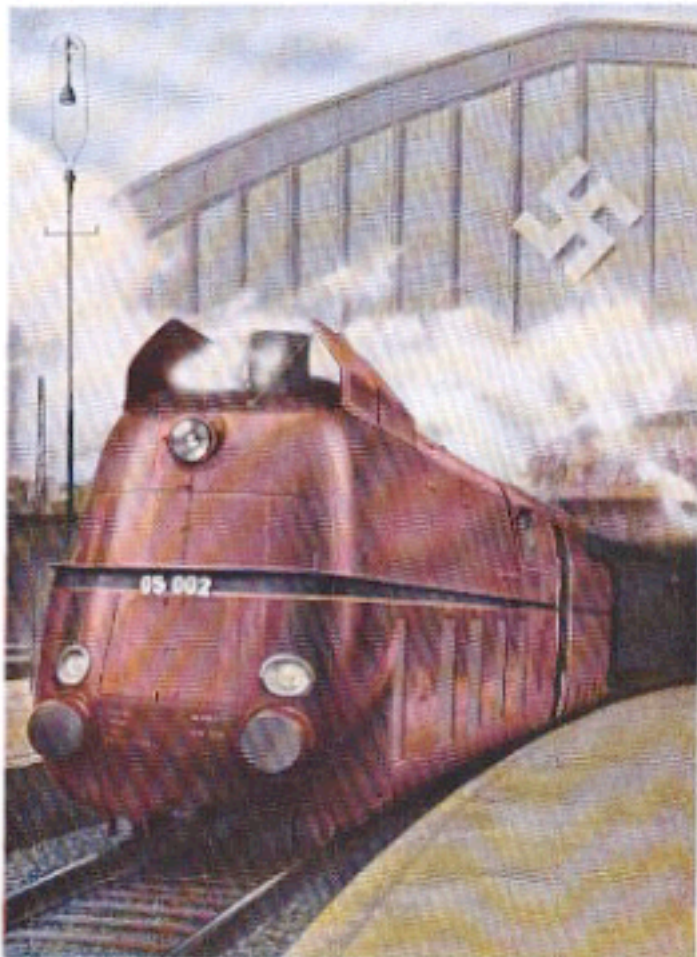
One of these locomotives (No. 05001) is depicted on this magenta 40 pfennig stamp:

In May, 1936, locomotive No 05002 established a world record of 124 mph. These locomotives were withdrawn from service in 1948.

Point of Historical Interest:

The railroads of Germany operated under clauses of the Treaty of Versailles until the winter of 1936.

At that point, Germany enacted a new law which defied these Treaty obligations, and began a program for railroad development which served to both create employment and ensure a future rail infrastructure system for war.



This full-color illustrated card shows the record setting locomotive, 05002, leaving the station.

http://dir.groups.yahoo.com/dir/Hobbies__Crafts/Collecting/Stamps?show_groups=1

This time, a group of sites. While practicing my internet skills, I ran across a site called Yahoo groups. Basically, these are clubs representing every kind of interest there is or might be. There are thousands of groups so I decided to narrow the field to just "stamps". Guess what? There are hundreds. Six hundred and nine to be exact. Here are a few you just might want to see.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dodgystampdealers/>

This is a group dedicated to the proposition that not all dealers are honest. In their words, "for the discussion of those who would like to pull the wool over the eyes of the collector."

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BritCols/>

There are several collectors of Great Britain and their Colonies in our club. Join this club and learn more about your subject, swap stamps and see other collections or show yours.

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/old_stamps/

Some clubs seem to be created for the owner's own purposes. I think this one wants help in identifying and evaluating his own collection. He may have gotten past this by now. It was started in 2002.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sociedadfilatelicaelsalvador/>

Some clubs have lofty aims. "The aims of the El Salvador Philatelic Society are to bring together the collectors of the world and to strengthen the relations of collectors of El Salvador with members of all other countries."

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/stampsforkids/>

Even a club for kids. Maybe you can send your kids, grandkids or the neighbor's kids to take a look.

Here you have seen only the smallest part of what's out there. With over six hundred clubs available they can satisfy whatever philatelic quirk you may suffer from. I belong to three of the clubs and can say with some authority, that they are enjoyable as well as educational. You must join in order to have access to the inner workings, such as files, messages, writing messages and trading stamps, so your email isn't posted all over the internet. These clubs are an enjoyable way to spend a few hours on the net. I recommend that you find a club in your area of interest and join.

The weather isn't quite perfect yet, but it's a lot better than being up to our pockets in snow. You should be able to take this one out on the front porch to do it as long as those March winds don't blow it away.

1. What flower appears on the Alabama statehood stamp?
A) Camellia B) Magnolia C) Peach blossom
2. Who is on the 1938 eight cent definitive?
A) Andrew Jackson B) Martin Van Buren C) William Henry Harrison
3. What was the denomination of the airlift stamp of 1968?
A) Five cents B) One dollar C) Three twenty five
4. Who appears on the five cent stamp of the first issue of 1847?
A) George Washington B) Benjamin Franklin C) Thomas Jefferson
5. The U.S. issued a six cent stamp for the Philippines in 1934. What sport did it show?
A) Jai Alai B) Baseball C) Tennis
6. Two people are shown on the 1969 football stamp. One is a player. What is the other one?
A) Coach B) Fan C) Referee
7. Who is on the fifty cent value of the 1938 definitive?
A) Benjamin Harrison B) Theodore Roosevelt C) William Howard Taft
8. In what year did the U.S. honor Susan B Anthony by issuing a stamp showing her portrait?
A) 1926 B) 1936 C) 1985
9. Cyrus Hall McCormick invented the reaper. What is the color of the stamp issued in his honor?
A) Purple B) Green C) Bright red violet
10. In what year were encased postage introduced?
A) 1861 B) 1862 C) 1863

This one might be a mite harder (and a small mite at that) than the usual run of questions. I notice you have to answer the ninth one without the benefit of a day or year. Oh well. Sometimes you must actually earn your rewards. Enjoy the quiz and may you earn your hundred bucks.

Hope you enjoyed this quiz and that it didn't tax you too much. The first answer looks like an interesting subject for further investigation. You may see the more complete story on these pages in the near future.

1. - B) National parks is the answer, but the truth is that there were several subjects in these issues. James A. Farley was appointed to the office of Postmaster General by Roosevelt. In gratitude, Farley gave uncut imperforate sheets of each new issue to Roosevelt for his collection. When this was discovered, it became "Farley's Follies".
2. - B) with the exception of the 1965 to 1978 definitives, Herbert Hoover, who presided over the Wall Street crash of 1929, is the only president on a regular issue stamp that year. #1269.
3. - A) #1775 to 1778 show Toleware from Pennsylvania on a nice setenant block of four.
4. - A) Cordell Hull was our secretary of state for president Roosevelt from 1933-44. He is seen on #1235.
5. - C) #1409 was issued for the 150th anniversary of Fort Snelling, originally named Fort St. Anthony, which is found in Minnesota.
6. - B) James A. Garfield was the last of the "log cabin" presidents. He took office on March 4, 1881 and was assassinated on July 2nd of that same year. He continued as president until he died on September 19th. His picture is on #825.
7. - B) Part of the definitives of 1954 to 1968, # 1031A was issue on June 17, 1960 and sold for one and one quarter cent.
8. - .A) Q5 shows a mail train approaching a mail bag that is hanging a rack designed for pick-up by a moving train. Hope he didn't miss it.
9. - A) Horace Mann played a leading role in establishing state-supervised public education in the US. He is on # 869, a one cent stamp which is blue green.
10. - C) The "Plant for a More Beautiful America " issue was a block of four setenant stamps to publicize the beautification of our cities, streets, parks and highways. They are #'s 1365 to 1368 and were issued on January 16, 1969.

Got through another quiz and, hopefully, with another hundred bucks in your pocket. This weeks quiz is a bit harder. If you haven't looked yet, go to the previous page and try it out.