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It's the month of spooks and spirits and leaves turning color and Nevada Day. And it's getting chilly.

Next month is the locally famous **Auction Bucks Auction**, so I will begin to educate the new members in this issue. Every year, in November, we, the members of the NSSS succumb to a bit of madness in the form of an "Auction Bucks" meeting. When you walk in the door that day you will find the tables covered with all manner of odds and ends, many but not all related to stamp collecting. You may bring a few items if you wish but don't expect to bring them home and don't expect to be compensated for them. Everything will be auctioned off in return for Auction Bucks. Then the "bucks" will be recirculated next year when you turn in a Post Boy quiz (1200+ Bucks a year) or volunteer to help at a club function. How much are your efforts worth? In reality, not a dime but your contributions to the club are greatly admired and rewarded with more buying power at this function. A list is posted on page 10 so take a look and see how you can earn "Bucks"!

SACAPEX is one of the larger shows of the year and its conveniently held just over the mountains in Sacramento, only about three hours from Reno. If you would like to go to the show, we are putting a group together to car pool. A share of the gas will be charged by the drivers. It's a lot cheaper than going by yourself.

The best part is, your not going by yourself! Contact Marla Wetterling. She has the sign-up sheet.

At the board meeting on Sept. 27th, it was proposed that we consider the Mosque as a permanent place to hold meetings in the future. It is of course possible the NNMC may not want us as a permanent fixture so it is also for their consideration. The cost of the room has been only \$20.00 per meeting and can quite easily handle 40 to 50 people. Your input on this is requested.

Stefan has now settled down in Bulgaria and is doing well. If you would like to send Stefan a message, his e-mail (in this issue only) is in the left hand column under Jean Johnson's.

Don't forget about Marla's book. She wants your recipes and a little information about yourself. Doesn't have to be your recipe, it can be Grandma's or one you got from the Internet but it does have to be your information!

SACAPEX will be held in Sacramento on Nov. 1 and 2 at the Scottish Rite Temple, 6151 8th St., from 10-6 and 10-4.

East Bay Collectors Club 63rd Annual Show on Oct. 25 & 26, 2008 at the Civic Center 1375 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek, CA.

WINEPEX 2008 will be held on Oct. 3, 4 & 5, 10 to 4 and 10 to 6 at the Marin Center (behind the Veterans Auditorium), 10 Avenue of the Flags (101 north or south, exit Civic Center - Terra Linda) San Rafael, Cal.

BITS AND PIECES

The latest issue of Linn's (Sept. 29) has another interesting advertisement. This time it comes from the Herrick Stamp Company. They give advice on "What is my Collection Worth". Here is some of what they had to say. – A well organized collection is worth more than a haphazard one. – US collections are in demand but prices are weakening. – World Wide mint sets are in demand and prices are good. – Specialized collections are hot but demand is thin. Most wanted stamps are; British Colonies (before 1935), French Colonies, China, Hong Kong and Asia, Independent India, Eastern Europe (1945–65), Russia and Imperforate France. The least wanted are damaged stamps, UN, DDR, Scandinavia, Israel, Europa topics and Caribbean Islands. And they will sell your collection for you at 10% of the selling price.



I have in my possession a piece of a newspaper from 1938. It is a column called "The Stamp Collector's Review". It pictures a couple of new issues from Turkey. One is #809, picturing Scout Buglers and #803, honoring the re-introduction of the Turkish alphabet. I also show the latest issues from Tripoli (#71–76) that advertised the Tripoli Fair. Then they mention the first issues of Greenland will appear soon. The \$5.00 Cooledge stamp had first day sales of 98 thousand dollars and there is to be an issue in 1940 in Great Britain to celebrate 100 years since the first penny black. My favorite is the mention that the Royal visit to Washington by King George VI won't be honored with a stamp bearing their likeness since it would be against American law to picture a living person on a stamp.



Also in my possession is a "Souvenir Program" from 1951. It is for the celebration of the first day of (July 14) of a centennial stamp depicting Nevada's first settlement, Genoa. During the ceremony a stamp album of the first commemorative stamp was presented to, and accepted by Governor Charles H. Russell and Senator Pat McCarran. On page four is an article about the Reno Stamp Club. They were organized on November 2, 1949 and held their first meeting on that "cold, icy night" at the Reno Recreation Center. This first meeting brought 22 collectors. By 1951 there were 67 regular members and 25 junior members. I wonder what became of the Reno Stamp Club?

<http://www.stamps.org/CAC/artf003.htm>

Winick Snippets III- Worldwide

By Les Winick

As syndicated in 435 non-philatelic newspapers.

Post, as in "post office," comes from the Latin "Positiones," the inns where men and horses were housed at the end of a day's journey in ancient Rome. Today, restaurants that provide refreshments during or after a journey are named Post Houses.



A yachtsman recently visited the Tuvalu Islands in the South Pacific. The manager of the stamp bureau on the island reported that the boat owner did not have a map of the islands, but was able to navigate through the shallows using a Tuvalu postage stamp that pictured the islands in detail.

The article didn't say if the boat owner was able to get away from the rocks surrounding the island without another stamp.



A condominium state is one ruled by two or more countries, with each country having its own post office and stamps. This has no relation to a condo apartment, but may turn out to be a practical solution to the problems of the Middle East.

Israel and Jordan are quietly working together in the West Bank, and the two countries have recently established an Arab bank in Nablus to finance development projects in the area. The next step could be post offices and the issuance of postage stamps for the territory of the West Bank. The separate stamps could be in Hebrew and Arabic.

This move has precedence in the country of Andorra. In the 9th Century, Emperor Charles II named a Spanish bishop overlord of Andorra. The French protested. In 1278, an agreement was reached that provided for joint political control.

The country pays a nominal financial tribute to both France and Spain and the monetary units are in pesetas and francs. The Spanish Andorra stamps read "Correos". The French stamps read "Postes".

[_http://www.precancels.com/](http://www.precancels.com/)

The Precancel Stamp Society's Precancel Information Page



The Precancel Society has a member among us. That would be Mike McAuliffe and I feel confident he would recommend this site for your perusal. The society given us a site that will give you all the information you need to put together a collection of this much neglected area. They will even tell you where to buy the stamps.

Do you have a bunch of precancels in your collection? And do you know what to do with them Binky? Well I do and I didn't, then I took a look at this page and by golly, I know what to do now! The first thing was to go to <http://stamptags.com/precancels.html>, where I found the Precancel Society, and downloaded their album pages. I am now on the road to becoming a precancel collector.

All of the pictures on this page were stolen from the website just to show you what some of them may look like. We've all seen them but some are unfamiliar. I didn't know the green one (bottom left) was a precancel. Just thought it was a small cancel. Now I know!



Now this page may not affect you that much, but there is a lot of information available to you that you can take your time to read and study and maybe determine what you have in your possession and if its worth trading, selling, giving away or keeping and expanding on. This site has information for the beginner (broken down into several more pages), a history of precancels, even a glossary of terms and a style page



Of course, you don't have to take up collecting precancels to find out what you have or just to satisfy your curiosity to go to this site. Personally, I like this site. It is about stamp collecting and there is a wealth of information available to any who want to peek in. As usual, there's more to this site than I have mentioned here so go! Check it out.



This is an interesting group of questions that combine US stamps and the basics of stamp collecting. You should be able to locate the answers in the Scott. I found them in the back of Bill Olcheski's "100 trivia Quizzes for Stamp Collectors"..

1. What is the name applied to designs that are a part of the paper on which stamps are printed?

- A) Embossing B) watermarks C) Slubs

2. When printing added to a stamp after the stamp has been printed changes or restates the value of a stamp, what is it called?

- A) Surcharge B) Overprint C) Error correction

3. What is a pair of stamps called when one stamp is up-side-down in relationship to the other?

- A) Savoir Faire B) se-tenant C) Tete-Beche

4. What company manufactured the piano shown on the 8.4 cent bulk mail stamp?

- A) Schimmel (1741) B) Baldwin (1903) C) Steinway (1857)

5. What musical instrument appears on the US 7.7 cent stamp?

- A) Tympani B) Saxhorns C) Lute

6. What is the name given to the original engraved metal form from which plates are made for printing stamps?

- A) The die B) Proof plates C) Forms

7. What is the collector term for envelopes which have passed through the mail and bear postal markings?

- A) Covers B) Postal useage C) Damaged goods

8. In what year did the US first issue a five cent stamp honoring American Music?

- A) 1964 B) 1974 C) 1984

9. What is the denomination of the Will Rogers stamp issued in 1979?

- A) Ten cents B) Thirteen cents C) Fifteen cents

10. What musical instrument appears on the 3.1 cent stamp?

- A) Viola B) Guitar C) Banjo

Bonus question: Does our club have any members in the Precancel Society?

The bonus question might be tough but I'm sure you will find the right answer. Enjoy!

This one shouldn't have been too difficult. These, for the most part, things we deal with every day, depending on how often we pay attention to our stamps. I don't have a large collection of proofs but I do see Correos all the time and I like many of my se-tenant stamps. Some of the answers may have been a little tricky but careful reading should take care of that.

1. A. Correos is the Spanish term for "postage".
2. C. Stamps with different designs that are connected together are called "Se-tenant", a French word meaning "Joined".
3. B. Stamps issued in rolls for use in a stamp-dispenser are called coils. Many other countries issue coils but with perforations on all sides.
4. A. Cut squares come from envelopes issued by the post office with stamps printed on them or, "Postal stationary".
5. C. There may be some argument on this one if you have a copy of Bill Olcheskis' book but the first grills were issued in 1867 (#79) and the last in 1875 (#179c).
6. A. In 1954 the post office started experimenting with tagging by applying a phosphorescent coating that could be read by machines to sort and postmark the mail.
7. A. While no date is certain precancels began circa 1887 in order to reduce the amount of labor involved in handling a growing amount of business mail.
8. C. Some Disney stamps are cinderellas and some are not. Fantasy issues are always cinderellas but the reverse is not so. Cinderellas are non-postal issues
9. C. "Bi" usually means half and a sect is a religious variant but, in stamp collecting bi-sect refers to a stamp cut in half to be used at half the face value.
10. B. Trial printings are usually the finest printing of a stamp you can get as the plate or die has not yet been worn. These trial printings are called proofs.

Bonus question. Lawrence Block wrote over one hundred books but "Hit Man" is the one mentioned in the last Post Boy. Actually, if you put down two words you had a very good chance it would be the name of one of his books.

I hope this one reminded you of some of the things you forgot about stamp collecting. I know it brought up some memories for me.

Prussia #22

You gotta love stamp collecting. There's always something new in this hobby, even when its old. Actually, this is just something new to me. The stamp to the right of this paragraph is from Prussia, a former German state. I am writing about this stamp because it possesses a couple of interesting qualities.



The stamp you see here is approximately at its original size, unless you are looking at this in PDF and at an enlarged size. Reduce it to 100%. There That's better. Small isn't it? You probably noticed that it is printed backwards. An error? Worth maybe a million dollars? I wish! No, it was printed that way on purpose. That's the backside of the stamp. It was printed on the gum side on a somewhat clear paper so that it would show through to the other side when it was licked and put on the envelope. It was probably made that way for security reasons.

Ah, but I said there were a *couple* of unusual qualities. Remember "microprinting?" If I recall, the US started using micro printing sometime in the late eighties (1980's) or early nineties and all this time I thought it was new in the world. See the zero just to the left of the three? Pretty small isn't it? When I enlarged the stamp on my scanner for closer study, I noticed some small marks on the numbers. Couldn't quite see what they were though so I blew them up a little further. They looked like letters but I couldn't read them. Remembering that I was looking at backwards printing I flipped the picture in a horizontal direction and read "POSTMARKE". It is written as one word on each side of the zero and as two separate words on the number three. Look at the picture below and you'll see what I saw. So much for micro printing being the latest rage in stamp security. This stamp was printed in 1866.

I like my scanner. I can enlarge stamps to my heart's content. There is a whole new world when you see these miniature works of the engraver's art up close. When you blow stamps up you may find new things to see that you've never knew was there.

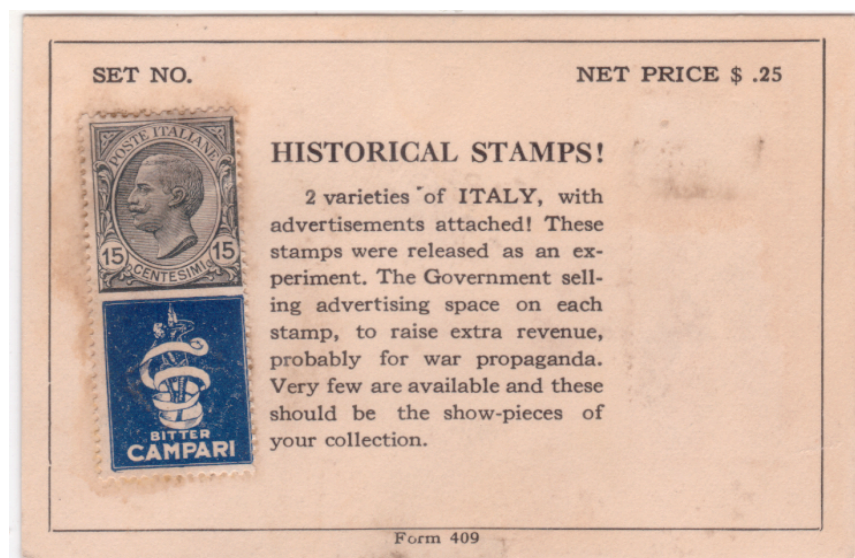


THE “PUBLICITY” ISSUE OF ITALY



You may have seen these stamps before. You may even have one in your collection. But what are they? The stamps were issued in 1924 as an experiment to try to generate extra cash, possibly for propaganda purposes.

The stamps were produced with small advertisements attached at the bottom. There are no perforations between stamp and ad. Note that the colors were not made to coordinate. The only one that made any sense at all (color-wise) was the 60 cent express mail where the stamp was red and the ad blue. This lack of thought may have contributed to the demise of the issue.



There were at least 20 different stamps produced and issued and the figure is probably higher (22 or 24). Catalog value, given from the Sassone is fairly high at €12,982.00 for the set, MNH, in 2006. I would imagine postally used are even higher.

The used stamp above left belongs to Mike Johnson and the card with a stamp on it is mine (HG). The rest were images from an auction catalog. If you have one, we'd like to see it. Maybe we can get a set together.





The Picnic at the **LAZY FIVE**

We chatted and ate the
good food.....

That Dick cooked for us.....



While the new officers
installed.....

And gave the prize to Kay
Williams for all the good
deeds she has done for the
club over the years



AUCTION BUCKS 2008

The purpose of the Auctions Bucks Program is to involve NSSS members in the club's activities.

The 2008 Auction Bucks Auction (Philatelic and "White Elephant") will be held on 8 Nov, 2008.

You may earn extra Bucks by following these rules ammended for the 1999 year based on member input.

1. Providing a new member----- 200 Bucks
2. New member ("Jump Start" bonus)----- 250 Bucks
3. Providing a program ----- 150 Bucks per subject
4. Providing refreshments ----- 100 Bucks
5. Selling door prize tickets ----- 25 Bucks
6. Donating door prizes ----- 5 Bucks each (limit 5)
7. Providing Auction item----- 5 Bucks each (limit 5)
8. Donated items for the good of the club -----Same # of Bucks as Auction yields
or equal to value of the item
9. Officer's Board meeting----- 50 Bucks
10. Comittee Chair attending meeting----- 25 Bucks
11. Club Member attending meeting----- 10 Bucks
12. Meeting room set up or down----- 5 Bucks each
13. Helping on the youth programs----- 10 Bucks per hour
14. Helping on an organized show----- 10 Bucks per hour
15. Any club activity (except meetings)----- 10 Bucks per hour
16. Providing original Post Boy articles----- 100 Bucks - 1/2 page
(may be edited) One page limit----- 200 Bucks - 1 page
17. Correct Post Boy answers----- Bucks vary per issue
18. Penny box donations----- .02 Bucks per stamp

- Members (that's you) You will be responsible for turning in "outside" meeting activities hour values to a "Buck" chairperson. Please count your Penny Box donations too.
- Auction Bucks will be distributed monthly.
- You may carry Auction Bucks over from a previous year's earnings.
- Bucks may be used to buy or sell philatelic items between members.
- Bucks may be purchased: 500 Bucks for \$10.00 (real Money).

GETTING INVOLVED IN NSSS ACTIVITIES IS THE BEST WAY TO EARN BUCKS !!!

GET INVOLVED !!