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Another year gone by. May the richness of the New Year bless your pocketbook and may your icebox never be empty.

Now that we have had fun at the Auction Bucks Auction and, unfortunately, passed on the Christmas Party, the next major even in our Philatelic future is the Greater Reno Stamp and Cover show, to be held on August 21 and 22. It will be at our usual venue, The Bowling Stadium in Reno. Be sure to let your friends know. There is much work to be done so start getting your exhibits ready and be ready to help where help is needed.

If you look at the upcoming shows at the bottom of this page you might notice that the **Easter Seals Show** is taking place in Sacramento on April 10. There is usually a group that goes to this show who would be happy to have you join them. Its four months away but now might be the time to consider becoming a part of that group. Its a fun trip and there are many stamp related bargains to be had including, albums, album covers, books, collections and covers at very good prices. And, don't forget, you will be making a contribution to Easter Seals too.

It is the third month since our last board meeting and we are due for one this month. If you

come to the regular meeting be prepared to stay a little longer. Maybe you can make a contribution. All members are welcomed and even encouraged to sit in on the board meetings. We hope you will be a participant.

This issue has a few things that may be of interest to you. for those of you who collect modern issues there is a list of the soakable US stamps from this year. The computer page has a nice page for you if you are interested in Persian stamps or even if you have a few you would like to know more about. The quiz is pretty easy this time. Its a good way to start your collection of auction bucks for the year. On page seven is a dynamite souvenir sheet from Spain featuring Carlos I who became the emperor of most of the world. Lastly, you have the opportunity to vote for your favorite American stamp issue of the year. The Linn's ballot is available there and pictures of the stamps on the next two pages.

NOVAPEX Mar 6-7, 2010 Senior Citizens Hall 2290 Benton Drive Redding, CA. Hrs are 10-6, 10-4.

FRESPEX 2010, March 13-14 10am - 6pm, 10am - 4pm Veteran's Memorial Building, 453 Hughes Avenue (block east of Clovis Ave at 5th Street) Clovis, California

Easter Seals Show April 10-11 Over a million .02-cent stamps, Easter Seal Center, at 3205 Hurley Way, Sacramento, CA.

There was an article in Linn's in August that listed the soakable stamps that were issued by the US in 2009. For those of you who collect modern US I am repeating that list here. It will be updated as soon as possible, hopefully, in this issue. They are;

Scott number	Description
4374	42 cent Alaska Statehood
4375	42 cent Year of the Ox
4376	42 cent Oregon Statehood
O163	1 cent Great Seal Official
4387	28 cent Polar Bear sheet
4399-4403	44 cent Simpsons
4392	44 cent American flag coil (Sennet Security Products)
4127m	44 Liberty Bell forever (Sennet Security Products)
4407	44 cent "Celebrate"

Keep in mind the the article by By Al Harris called "U.S. Stamp Soaking Method that WORKS!!!" from the January, 2009 issue. You can soak the "unsoakables", you just can't do it in water.

I found the update I was looking for in the November 23 issue of Linn's. I'm certain more will follow in coming issues of the stamp magazine.

Scott number	Description
4293-4302	42 cent Flags of our Nation
4425-28	44 cent Winter Holidays (convertible booklet)
44334407	44 cent Hanukkah

That's it for now.

FORGERIES



Here are two very different forgeries. The first (to your left) is Scott number B293, the last issue of the Third Reich. When it was issued the Allied armies were pouring into Germany. Hitler had committed suicide and the country was issuing it last gasp. The stamps were sent to Berlin and immediately after, Soviet force surrounded and started shelling the city. No one in their right mind was on the streets, let alone at the post office. This stamp was “liberated” and, after the war was over, canceled with a liberated canceler that was back dated. Note the date. According to Scott, this stamp was issued a day after it was canceled. Real stamp with a cancel that is a forgery.

The cover below bears post-war obliterations of Hitler-heads that were in use for a short time until regular issues could be made. These are from Swarzenberg, a town in the eastern part of Germany. There several forgeries made of the overprint by several different forgers. This is one of them. Apparently he had a friend in the local post office to have them canceled. Real cancels, forged overprints.



<http://www.persi.com/>



Persiphila

Nice looking stamp. It is Scott #910, issued in 1949 to celebrate Iran's part in the allied victory in WWII. However, this one may be a proof or a private printing since it has wide margins and no perforations. It also serves as the button used to gain entry to the rest of the site.

This is a commercial site (boo, hiss) which I don't usually offer here. But, this one is different. They deal in



Persian/Iranian stamps and go beyond the norm to give you a large dose of information about the stamps (Rah, Rah!). The first page is links to other pages on the site, the navigation page and the first link shown, as you may expect, takes you to the price list. They offer stamps of Persia and all Middle East countries except Israel. Guess they're not Middle East.

The "Expertization page gives a price list for expertization and has their catalogs for sale. You also get a free peek at a few pages of one of the catalogs. Then comes the auction page, their contact page, a piece of literature for sale, the Iranian National Anthem gave me a file not found error (you may do better on your newer computer) and, finally Images from Iran. Here he invites you to send picture from Iran if you have some.

Then we get into the information about the stamps with Iran Philatelic Galleries. Good pictures and information about each issue they show (up to 1968). My favorite is the next page, "Study of Fake, Forgeries, & Reprints". Then "Imperial Seals and Stationeries" where you will see some beautiful seals printed in genuine gold. And, "Aerogrammes".

While this is a commercial site, they manage to educate the potential buyer of Middle Eastern philately. This is what all commercial sites should look like. Stamp collecting is a hobby. Its not like buying groceries. When you show me why I will enjoy collecting, I am more likely to buy. This is my kind of site.

Guess the December quiz was harder than it seemed. I haven't received many answers to it over the Internet. Hope they show up at the meeting. This quiz is about Ireland. I was there once. I've never seen greener countryside.

1. What poet is shown on a 1952 stamp?
A) Thomas Moore B) W. B. Yeats C) Patrick Kavanagh
2. What saint is featured on the Holy Year stamp of 1950?
A) Saint Thomas B) Saint Peter C) Saint Patrick
3. What musical instrument is on the 1952 stamp honoring the poet Thomas Moore?
A) Flute B) Harp C) Mandolin
4. What building appears on the 1964 stamps issued to honor the New York World's Fair?
A) Trylon and Perisphere B) Unisphere C) Irish Pavilion
5. A What is the central design feature of the 1968 Europa stamps?
A) The Golden Key B) The Golden Hine C) The Golden Opportunity
6. What religious leader appears on a 1979 commemorative?
A) Pope John Paul II B) Mohandas Gandhi C) Pope Pius XII
7. The founder of the Sisters of Mercy hospital is honored on a 1978 stamp. Who is she?
A) Catherine the Great B) Catherine McDougal C) Catherine McAulley
8. What youth group is honored on a 1977 set of two stamps?
A) Boy Scouts B) Girl Guides C) YMCA
9. Maple leaves appear on a 1967 stamp. What was the occasion?
A) US Bicentennial B) Vermont maple syrup C) Canadian Confederation
10. Birds appear on a set of four stamps issued in 1979. Which is on the 11p?
A) Wren B) Goose C) Falcon

Bonus question: Scot #910 (Iran) was issued in 1949. True or False?

If you're curious, I spent 4 hours in the Shannon airport in 1952. My experience was very limited but I was impressed with the green at the time. This quiz should be pretty easy. I am hoping some of the new members give it a shot and start amassing Auction Bucks for the coming year's auction in November.

These are the answers to the November quiz. It was a tough one that required more than selecting A, B or C.

1. In March of 1866 a stamp was issued to commemorate the death of Abraham Lincoln less than a year before. This was a 15 cent stamp used to pay some foreign rates. Some would call this a “mourning” stamp but there is little difference between that and the commemoration of a death.

2. A cancelation is used to obliterate a stamp to prevent re-use. A postmark is any mark used on mail by the post office. That would include forwarding, return to sender and the obliteration of a stamp, even those nasty pen cancels.

3. In engraving the design is actually carved, or deeply etched, into a metal plate. Then, in the printing process, ink flows into the crevices of the plate. When the plate is applied under pressure to dampened paper, the ink creates raised lines on the paper, which after drying, can be felt when a fingernail is lightly passed over it. In photogravure, designs are etched with acid into a metal plate, but the etching is very shallow. The printed design is smooth.

4. Provisional stamps are created when no regular issues are available. During the Civil war the North demonitized all issues prior to 1861 and issued new stamps. The South had to use provisionals until the government could issue stamps.

5. Tete-beche is French for “head to foot”. One stamp will be up-side-down in relation to the other. Sometimes they’re rare, sometimes they’re made that way.

6. Brazil issued the second stamps in August, 1843. The Swiss stamps, issued a few months earlier were locals, not issued by Switzerland.

7. John Wesley Powell lost his arm at the battle of Shiloh during the Civil War. The stamp, #1374 shows him pointing out a hazard in the river with his stump. He was a noted geologist who explored the Colorado River basin in 1869.

8. “Franklin taking electricity from the sky”, as painted by Benjamin West. The stamp was issued January 17, 1956, on the 250th anniversary of Franklin’s birth.

9. The first US Christmas stamp appeared on November 1, 1962, and depicted a Christmas wreath with candles. (#1205)

10. The first identifiable African American shown on a US stamp was Booker T. Washington in the Famous American Educators series, of 1940. (#873)

Bonus question. True! On page 7 of that issue is an article that tells you all about the activation of the Pony Express in 1983.

Spain, Scott #3028. Issued on February 24, 2000 to celebrate the birth of their former king, Carlos I in 1500, who also became the Holy Roman Emperor, Charles V.



Charles was born in Ghent, Belgium, the son of Philip of Burgundy and Joanna of Spain. He succeeded to the Spanish throne when he was six years old on the death of his father but did not rule Spain until he was fifteen. He gained the title of Holy Roman Emperor at the age of nineteen. With the Spanish conquests in the Americas and the Hapsburg throne under his control, it was said that “The sun never set on his Empire.”

He ruled over an empire beset with small wars and rebellions from 1506 until he abdicated in 1555 to retire in a monastery in Yuste, Spain. He died three years later at the age of 58. When he retired he divided the empire between his son, Philip II of Spain and his brother, Ferdinand. During his rule Cortez sacked the Aztec empire while back at home he sacked Rome and imprisoned the Pope. He attempted to revive the medieval “Universal Empire” but failed.

More information at; http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_V,_Holy_Roman_Emperor

Linn's 2009 U.S. Stamp Popularity Poll

Select from the following list the 2009 commemorative stamps, 2009 definitive, airmail and special stamps; and 2009 postal stationery that have the best and worst designs in your opinion, as well as those you feel are the most important and least necessary in subject.

VOTE BY THE NUMBER PRECEDING THE ISSUE NAME ONLY.

Commemorative stamps	
1. Alaska Statehood	10. Anna Julia Cooper
2. Year of the Ox	11. Gulf Coast Lighthouses
3. Oregon Statehood	12. Flags of Our Nation
4. Edgar Allan Poe	13. Early Television Memories
5. Abraham Lincoln	14. Hawaii Statehood
6. Civil Rights Pioneers	15. Thanksgiving Day Parade
7. Richard Wright	16. Gary Cooper
8. The Simpsons	17. Supreme Court Justices
9. Bob Hope	18. Kelp Forest
BEST DESIGN _____	MOST IMPORTANT _____
WORST DESIGN _____	LEAST NECESSARY _____
Definitive, Airmail and Special stamps	
19. Redwood Forest	27. Dolphin
20. Old Faithful	28. Zion National Park
21. Polar Bear	29. Grand Teton National Park
22. American Flag	30. Winter Holidays
23. Love: King and Queen of Hearts	31. Madonna and Child
24. Wedding Rings	32. Hanukkah
25. Wedding Cake	33. Kwanzaa
26. Mary Lasker	
BEST DESIGN _____	MOST IMPORTANT _____
WORST DESIGN _____	LEAST NECESSARY _____
Postal Stationery	
34. Redwood Forest envelope	40. Gulf Coast Lighthouses picture postal cards
35. Miami University postal card	41. Gulf Coast Lighthouses letter sheets
36. Koi Fish postal card	42. Early Television Memories picture postal cards
37. The Simpsons picture postal cards	43. Kelp Forest picture postal cards
38. Seabiscuit stamped envelope	
39. Liberty Bell stamped envelope	
BEST DESIGN _____	MOST IMPORTANT _____
WORST DESIGN _____	LEAST NECESSARY _____
<p>Now vote for your single personal favorite stamp issue of 2009. Your choice can be from the commemorative, definitive-special or postal stationery categories. Set-tenant issues (different designs in one pane) are counted as one issue.</p> <p>MY FAVORITE 2009 STAMP (please write in number and issue name):</p> <p>No. _____ Issue _____</p> <p>SEND BALLOT TO: Linn's Stamp Poll, Box 29, Sidney, OH 45365.</p> <p>- All ballots must be postmarked by Feb. 27, 2010.</p> <p>Stamps are pictured in color in this issue on pages 32-33.</p> <p>Photocopied ballots are acceptable.</p>	

The Poll

To the left is the ballot for Linn's "Stamp Popularity Poll". I hope Linn's doesn't mind me borrowing it. The address to file your vote is at the bottom and the stamps are pictured on the next two pages. If this one is too small for you to read, I will bring the Linn's that it is in and you can use that as a reference.

The poll ends by the beginning of March so all entries must be postmarked by the 27th of February.

Last year (or was it the year before?) I attempted to have the club vote as a unit but when it came time to send them in I found I didn't know if they wanted them tabulated as a single vote or they wanted me to send the individual votes. I sent them in as one vote. I never saw any mention of the club nor any explanation of how to cast the ballot. I assume others faced the same dilemma. There hasn't been a mention of club voting since that year (in Linn's)

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