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Its November and, like a good fudge brownie, it will be a little nutty this month.

This month, at the first meeting, those newer member will walk in the door and find the tables are full of odds and ends and things they never knew had anything to do with stamp collecting. The fact is, most of this stuff doesn't have anything to do with stamp collecting. Here's what's going to happen. We, that's all of us, will bring in things we have around the house that we don't want to throw away because someone else might be able to use it. All of the somebody else's, that's all of us too, will bid on the stuff as it is presented for auction. To pay for the items we have won, you can use the auction bucks you've worked so hard to earn. You won't get anything for the items you bring in and you've already paid for the items you win with your sweat and toil for the club. Enjoy it. Its really kind of fun.

Wait a minute. You didn't earn any Bucks this year? That's all right. The club will sell you five hundred auction bucks for the small sum of ten dollars. So, come on in anyway. If you see something you want, you can buy bucks.

Next month is the Christmas party, and, for our Muslim, Jewish and atheist friends, a "Holiday" party. We hope you all come. The address is the Masonic Temple, 601 W. Peckham. A map is on page 7. Sign up for a side dish at the meeting and when you arrive

at the party, bring enough utensils, plates and cups for you and your guests to use and one for the side dish. Presents will be traded, and fought over, so bring one for each guest too, so they can join in the fun. There is a price limit of \$10.00 for the gifts. We don't expect you to spend a lot and, at ten bucks, you will have to put some thought into it. Just make it something that will be fun

My Favorite Things this month is from **Don Garrett**. The theme is "200 years of RPO", 1775 to 1975. You will find it on page eight.

Speaking of My Favorite things, that was the program in October. Several of us brought in some of our own collection, that we admired and told the rest of the club about it. It was a fun program.

This is a good spot to mention a new program director is needed to replace Charles.

The **SACAPEX** show is coming up shortly and had the promise of a class on how to exhibit. That promise has been dashed. If you planned on attending, it as been canceled.

**SACAPEX** will be held on Nov. 6-7 at the Scottish Rite Temple in Sacramento, 6151 "H" Street. Hours are 10-6 and 10-4.

**FILATELIC FIESTA** November 12-14 at the Santa Clara Fairgrounds Gateway Hall, 344 Tully Road. [Fillatelicfiesta.org](http://Fillatelicfiesta.org).

**PENPEX** Saturday, Dec 4 - 5, 10:00 - 5:30 at Redwood City Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave Redwood City, CA

## Pure Citrus

John Walter brought us a method of removing those impossible to remove stamps that the USPS has saddled us with in recent years. Its really quite simple. The title of this story is the name of a brand of air freshener. The ingredients are as simple as this method of removing new stamps from the envelopes. They are, "100% natural, delightfully fragrant oils found in fresh oranges." Yep! That's what it says on the label. Nothing else in the can. Here's how it works.

1. Spray some of the air freshener on the back of the stamp where the paper to be removed is. Let it set for a few seconds, about as long as it takes to reach for your stamp tongs. Work the tongs under the stamp and carefully slide the stamp away from the paper. The glue side will be sticky because the glue is still there. Remove the glue with a credit card or a similar flat piece of plastic with a straight edge. Be careful in doing this so as not to damage the stamp. Now wash the stamp to remove the air freshener and dry it. You're done..... Put it in your album.

This isn't the only method available to you. As John pointed out there is an article in the latest issue of the American Philatelist that give us a different way of removing these stubborn stamps. The method is quite similar to the method mentioned above. The difference is this second option uses Bestine, a chemical you can find in art supply stores to use to thin rubber cement. It is also known as heptane. The drawback to this method is Bestine is a chemical and highly flammable at that! I would rather have my stamps smell like oranges. It probably cost more too.

Now, there is a third method that was described in this newsletter on January 10, 2009. This one involves the use of commercial alcohol, the type you can put in your orange juice or favorite Bloody Mary mix. Absolut was suggested but will work just as well with a cheaper brand and it was later found that denatured alcohol works too. Only problem is, you can't drink it. The basic method is, you soak the stamp and paper its attached to in the alcohol. The alcohol softens the glue and allows you to strip it from the paper. Then you rub the stamp on the glue side which causes it to come off on your fingers. You then rinse your fingers in the alcohol and dry them on a paper towel. Don't do this around an open flame. An alcohol fire is difficult to see. It would be easy to burn yourself. Then, of course, you should wash the stamp. Don't use rubbing alcohol, it won't work. And don't drink the used alcohol. It will work but, it will taste nasty!

It seems the "unsoakables" aren't as unsoakable as we once thought. They're coming off the envelopes left and right, and now you have three ways to do it.

We were at  
*The Nevada State Fair*  
this year



Admittedly, it was a bit slow in the beginning.

But it got better once they opened the doors.



Both young and old came to see what we had to offer and many gathered to see the exhibits.

Perhaps the best of all was seeing new eyes light up and a new collector coming into existence right in front of us.





<http://www.collectorsclub.org/index.shtml>

# *The Collectors Club*

22 E. 35th Street, New York, NY 10016

This is the Collectors Club of New York. The site doesn't have much to offer us in the way of stamp information or pictures of rare stamps. They won't even tell us how to make a page for our stamp album. So why am I showing you this? Well, just so you'll know what a stamp club could be. Take a gander to the right of this paragraph. Now, how's that for a clubhouse? It's in Manhattan, in "the shadow of the Empire State building!" Mercy me!

The building is a five story brownstone with a part of the library on each floor except one and another part of it is in the basement. Eight different clubs meet here including the American Topical Association and the American Revenue collectors. If you visit the site you can see some of the library and the meeting rooms. The building went through a one million dollar renovation in 2001. I wonder if they have menservants bringing gin and tonics to the members? Mercy, mercy!

The club was started in 1896 and now has 750 members, some of whom are the most prestigious and well known in stamp collecting. The clubhouse was donated by one of the past members in 1938. Members come from the tri-state area and some are from other countries. Oh, my!

This isn't us but.....maybe some day. In the meantime, its fun poking around and seeing what the other half lives like. You might fins something of interest here if, say, you're looking for a book on the postal history of Costa Rica. They have one for sale. And there are a few other things available here. But, the best part of this site is to look around their clubhouse and dream about having one here in Reno. I guess we can dream about having 750 members too.



22 E. 35th St., NY, NY

Luxembourg is bordered on the east by Germany, the west by Belgium and the south by France. They were founded in 963 and is a constitutional monarchy. The largest city (and capitol) is Luxembourg. The country has been controlled by the Romans, France, Spain, Germany and the Netherlands. Just about anyone who crossed their borders. You could probably do it. They don't have a strong army.

1. What Roman coin appears on the five franc value of the coin stamps of 1979?  
A) Caesar on Denarius    B) Helena on Folis    C) Valens on Solidus
2. What sport is the subject of a single stamp issued in 1972?  
A) Soccer    B) Archery    C) Basketball
3. What bird appears on the lowest value of the animal protection set of 1961?  
A) Eagle    B) Dove    C) Woodpecker
4. What kind of fish is shown on the 1963 stamp for the World Fly-fishing Championship?  
A) Brown trout    B) Golden trout    C) Lake trout
5. In what year were stamps first issued in Luxembourg?  
A) 1840    B) 1852    C) 1881
6. What is the subject of the 1975 semi-postal set?  
A) Flowers    B) Fish    C) Flies
7. What river is shown on the one franc airmail stamp of 1946?  
A) Mersch    B) Luxembourg (city)    C) Moselle
8. What is shown on the watermark of the 1928 official stamps?  
A) Airplanes    B) A "W"    C) Multiple letters
9. What British hero appears on a 1974 stamp  
A) Paul McCartney    B) Winston Churchill    C) William Shakespeare
10. What kind of stamps are covered by listing numbers NB1-NB9?  
A) Semi-postals (occupied)    B) Officials (occupied)    C) Regular issue (occupied)

Bonus question: Unsoakable stamps can be "soaked" using air freshener. T or F?

Luxembourg is a beautiful country with rolling hills, mountains and a friendly people. Their social systems take care of the local. About a third of the population is immigrants looking for work. Great place to live.

This one was not a tough quiz. Just look up the stamp and you have the answer. I fell confident all did well on it.

1. A. The first president of Liberia was Joseph Roberts. Scott numbers 397 and 398 show a picture of him with his monument in Monrovia and with the old and new presidential mansions.

2. B. The stamp shows a map of Africa with Liberia outlined on the Atlantic coast. It was issued for the 10th anniversary of "Technical Cooperation of Africa South of the Sahara", #C125.

3. B. Number 532 celebrates the 75th birthday of William Tubman who died a year later. He was determined to advance the economy of Liberia and integrate the "Americo-Liberians" (Freed American slave ancestors) into the society. He was president from 1944 to 1971.

4. Actually, the two American presidents appeared on a 1965 stamp. They were Lincoln and Kennedy who were pictured on #423, though Kennedy was shown on #414 and Lincoln on at least one earlier issue, #385-386 for the 150th anniversary of his birth.

5. A. Dag Hammarskjold is pictured on #402, C137 and C138. All were issued in the same year to celebrate his life. He had died the year before. He was Secretary-General of the United Nations from 10 April 1953 until 18 September 1961 when he died in a plane crash.

6. B. Number 359 shows us a discus thrower. The Olympic Games were held in Melbourne in Australia that year.

7. C. Numbers 271-76 were all in the shape of a triangle and pictured a pigmy hippopotamus, a dwarf buffalo, the lesser egret, the hornbill, a bushbuck and the president, E. J. Barclay.

8. B. The low value stamp issued for FIPEX shows the Statue of Liberty (#355).

9. A. Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK, jr.) was given three stamps, #478-79 and C179 to celebrate the International Human Rights Year.

10. C. Number C190 shows the Japanese Royal family to support the 1972 Winter Olympic games to be held in Sapporo.

Bonus question. True. According to Roger Boneham's article the Eiffel Tower was the entrance to the fair that year and was the tallest structure in the world at the time.

# The Christmas Party



While this map isn't perfect it is pretty accurate as far as where the streets end. For instance, Clover Way comes up short of Peckham and Peckham doesn't go all the way to Plumus. North is the top of the map and south is the bottom.

The easiest route is Virginia to Peckham to Grant, park the car and have a good time at the party. You can also take Grant, Lakeside or Warren from Moana but not Clover. Baker also reaches all the way to Peckham. If you're on Plumus, go to Moana then Grant and turn right. The party is where the big red X is. Don't get lost in the streets south of Peckham.

Have fun at the party and drive safely.



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