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How time flies. Its March already and winter's almost over. March 20 will be the first day of Spring. Lets hope the snow is gone by then.

The office of President and Treasurer are up for grabs. There will also be three slots for Board Members. Some of these positions will need new faces to fill the spots while others will be up for reelection. If you feel you can challenge the incumbents or would like to try for one of the open spots, please step forward. We could use some new blood and new ideas to run the club. The election will be held in June but the politicking begins now. The nomination form, to be returned to the chairman of the Election Committee can be found in the February issue of the Post Boy.

This month My Favorite Things is brought to us by **Harvey Edwards**. It would be worth your while to take a peek at it as it's Harvey's take on exhibiting. Nice one pager!

The program this month was about South Africa. Again we watched a DVD. Interesting DVD but, we really need someone we can talk to after the presentation. We would like to ask some questions about the subject matter. We would like to see a living, breathing person talking about a subject he or she loves and it doesn't matter if we love it or not. We will be interested because its new to us. Can you come to the front of the class and tell us something about the stamps you love to collect?

As long as I'm asking for

volunteers, we need someone to help with the membership committee. All that needs to be done is to talk to new members and to old members whose attendance may be slipping. Some of these people may just need a ride or a bit of encouragement. Its not a hard task. Can you do it?

The time and place for the **picnic** hasn't been decided yet but we would like to find ways to increase attendance. With prices for the venue rising it is no longer worthwhile to have it while so few of the membership wants to be there. We are considering combining the picnic with a meeting. Any other thoughts on the matter?

Below, the **Easter Seals Benefit** show is mentioned and each year a small group of us travel to Sacramento to partake. Its an opportunity to give to people who need help ("Helping people with disabilities gain greater independence.") while enjoying your hobby. Won't you come with us this year?

Easter Seals Benefit Show April 2-3 at the Easter Seals Society Center, 3205 Hurley Way in Sacramento. Opens at 10.

FRESPEX March 12-13, 2011 at the Veterans Memorial Building. 453 Hughes Avenue (1 block east of Clovis Avenue at Fifth Street) Clovis, California

WESTPEX Apr 29-May 1 at the Marriot Airport Hotel on 1800 Old Bayshore Hwy, south of San Francisco. 10-6pm & 10- 4.



Can You Identify These Stamps?

Looks pretty easy, doesn't it? Go ahead, see if you can tell me where they're from. I'll give you a hint. They're both from the African continent!



First, the green stamp on the left. Its a twenty cent (or centime) stamp with the inscription "Cameroon" at the top. At the bottom it says "RF Postes." That would indicate France but we know its African and France is in Europe so it must be one of the African Colonies. I'll bet your guess will be Cameroon. Hmmm. You're right. It was issued in 1926. That was easy. Why such a simple question? Lets take a look at the second stamp

The stamp on the right has "Afrique Occidentale Francais" printed at the bottom so we know its French West Africa. "Dahomey" is imprinted at the top so, it should be Dahomey, but wait! Its not Dahomey.

I was in Roger Lauderdale's store one day when I saw that stamp in one of the boxes. I ask him about it because it wasn't listed under Dahomey but rather Togo. I thought maybe he had it listed wrong. "No", he said, "it is from Togo but with the overprint omitted." The price was right, as it usually was in his store so I bought and took it home. I was now the proud owner of an error. A minor error, but an error never-the-less.

After admiring the stamp then giving it a little thought I wondered "why not take any stamp from Dahomey and say its "overprint omitted" from Togo or any other country? So I checked further and went to each of the French African countries and discovered that this particular combination of colors were only used in Togo and that's how you can tell the overprint was missing. Now this brings up another possibility. I wonder how many stamps we have in our collections that have an overprint omitted. Now when I see a stamp that I can't find a place for in my album, I run to the Scott to check the colors. I'll bet there's more out there from Dahomey just like this one. By the way, the overprint is a single line with a single word in a very heavy font that says **"TOGO"**

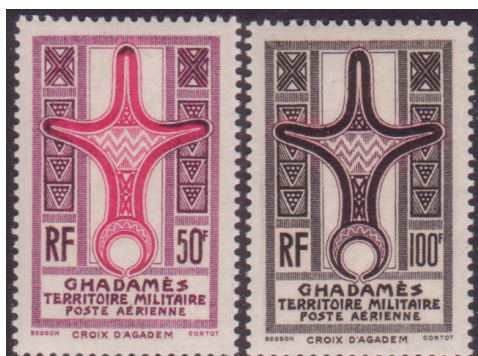
The French Occupation of Fezzan

By Ray McGarrity

This paper provides an overview of the little-known territory of Fezzan during its occupation by French troops from 1943-44. In 1946, the region became a French military territory. The United Nations declared that Fezzan, at the end of December 1951, would be part of the new Kingdom of Libya. However, Libya was not prepared to take control of the territory and the stamps of Fezzan continued to be used until 15 April 1952. A single exception occurred on 31 March 1952 when First Day ceremonies took place for a set of stamps, denominated in French francs, that were issued by the Kingdom of Libya. The French finally withdrew their troops in 1955.



Fezzan
airpost



Ghadames
airpost



Fezzan-Ghadames
regular issue

The above article comes from the Sandyfaire website. The Fezzan occupation, being very short, produced only thirty-five stamps consisting of regular issues, semipostals, airpost, officials and postage due. They are relatively inexpensive at \$109.00 for mint and the same for used, according to my old 2007 catalog. Great looking stamps, well worth the price. But the collection doesn't end with the stamps of Fezzan. There are also the stamps of Ghadames and the stamps of Fezzan-Ghadames. All are occupation stamps. Now, Ghadafi owns it all!

<http://adminware.ca/machin.htm>



GREAT BRITAIN MACHINS *by The 'Machin Nut'*

I have a question for you. Do you like Machins? If you're not quite sure what they are, Arnold Machin created the first one way back in the sixties. It was a bas relief sculpture that looked very much like the picture of the queen you see to your right. The first stamp was issued in the summer of 1967. It has become the largest definitive issue....ever. The Scott catalog has even created a special section for them. And, nuts, like the writer of this Internet site, collect them. By the way, I mean no insult to the writer, I'm just using his word.



This site has many pages to peruse, so anything you want to know, or need to know, is probably there. The first three pages are, "Introduction to this site", "Navigating this site" and "Why this Machin site?" Only then does it go on to tell you all you will ever want to know about Machins, starting with a timeline that starts with the first one and takes you through to 2009. On this page alone you will have acquired more knowledge than most people have. The next page deals with varieties of color, paper, perforations, printing methods, tagging, regionals, etcetera, etcetera, etcetera. Twenty different aspects of the stamps are mentioned.

Now what you have seen so far only scratches the surface of what is on this site. We've only dealt with the first six pages. There are twenty-two more pages and that's not counting the links within each page or the side links with new information or the link to his e-mail (his name is Robin Harris).



There is one more link I would like to tell you about. If you are a Machine collector or a wannabe, he will provide you with a very basic first album. Careful though, once you're hooked the more advanced aren't free.

Wow. What can I say. This site is complete, full of information and you can even get an album. He leaves a link for feedback in case you see some wrong information or want to add something new. If you don't collect Machins now, this site may peak your interest in a new (to you) collecting area. Consider this site highly recommended.

Monaco is a small (less than 1 Sq. mile) principality located on the northern Mediterranean coast of France near Italy. A little known fact about the country is that if the prince fails to produce a male heir Monaco reverts to rule under the French government. Nice place to visit. Bring lots of money. They have a casino.....and James Bond!

1. What is the shape of the ten centime stamp in the Franklin D. Roosevelt series of 1946?
A) Rectangle B) Triangle C) Octangle
2. In what year were stamps issued marking the enthronement of Prince Rainier III?
A) 1949 B) 1950 C) 1951
3. What medical missionary is honored on a commemorative issued in 1955?
A) Dr. Schweitzer B) Dr. Livingston C) Robert Morrison
4. What American president appears on a 1956 stamp?
A) Franklin D. Roosevelt B) Harry S Truman C) Herbert Hoover
5. In what year were Princess Grace and Prince Rainier married?
A) 1954 B) 1956 C) 1958
6. Two popes are shown on a 1958 issue. Who are they?
A) Pius I & Pius XI B) Pius I & Pius XII C) Pius XI & XII
7. What American car maker appears on a 1963 issue?
A) William Durant B) Henry Ford C) Ransom Olds
8. What two American presidents appear on a 1970 stamp?
A) Nixon & Kennedy B) Roosevelt & Hoover C) Eisenhower & Truman
9. What breed of dog is shown on the 1976 issue for the International Dog Show?
A) Salukis B) Collie C) Dachshund
10. The stamps of three countries appear on the 1960 issue honoring the 60th anniversary of Monaco stamps. They are Monaco, France and;
A) Sardinia B) Great Britain C) United States

Bonus question: You will get ten extra bucks for getting the first question right. By the way, that question is not number one!

Hope you had a good time with this one and didn't strain your brain (too much).

Not too difficult so you probably got all of them right. Hope you enjoyed your trip south of the border.

1. A. #C568 was issued on June 5th, 1978 on the event of the 100th anniversary of the birth Pancho Villa. President Wilson supported Villa at first but when he turned his support to a rival, Villa took to shooting Americans and even crossed into New Mexico to do so. Wilson sent General Pershing after him. The Mexican people saw that as an encroachment on Mexican territory and Wilson withdrew the expedition.

2. B. According to the writer of these quizzes, Bill Olcheski, the answer is B., a Mayan dancer is pictured on the 1,60p of 1977. I couldn't find the stamp in question so all answers are good.

3. C. You might think it was Vespucci for whom the Americas were named or Cortez, a Spanish explorer but no, it was Marco Polo for the International Tourism Year. Well, I guess he was an international tourist!

4. B. A tricky one. An airmail stamp (C262) was issued in 1962 to mark the visit of John F. Kennedy in June 29-30 of that year.

5. A. Mexico has a large number of volcanos you can visit. This one is called Paracutin which appeared in a cornfield in 1943 and grew to 1000 feet in two months (C235).

6. B. #1036, issued on November 6 pictures a piano keyboard and Lara's signature.

7. A. The penny black is pictured to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the postage stamp on #s754-758. The stamps is shown in yellow, violet, carmine, orange and, finally, dark blue.

8. C. C316 was issued to honor the visit of the third Secretary General of the United Nations. U Thant.

9. C. The 200th anniversary of the birth of Ludwig Van Beethoven was celebrated with #C375 bearing a bit of the musical notes from the "Ode to Joy." While Beethoven used it in the last movement of his 9th symphony, it was actually written by Fredrick Schiller.

10. A. The 74th Assembly of the International Tourist Alliance took place in Mexico City from May 8 to 11, 1972. The stamp issued to honor that meeting featured a tire tread running across the stamp (#C402).

Bonus question. This summer, in July, we will be voting for a president.

Not too bad. One tricky answer and one non-answer. Hope everyone did well!

Nevada Stamp Study Society

Resume for Stan Cronwall

I am retired and therefore can spend as much time as it takes to carry out the duties of the office.

Shortly after moving to Reno in 2000, I joined NSSS and have been an active member since that time.

My NSSS experience includes a term as President 2004-2006. After having two heart attacks in April, 2006, I decided not to run for re-election. I'm currently serving a 2nd term as President 2009-2011, and hope to be re-elected for the 2011-2013 period.

Other service to NSSS include being Vice President one full term and filling out a another, Program Chair for about 18 months, and being on the Board of Directors for a number of years until mid-year 2008.

I was the Annual Show Chairman in 2002, the Co-Bourse Chair in 2002, Bourse Chair for 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006, and the Show Security Chair for 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.

Beginning in 2002, I have developed 14 different multi-frame exhibits shown both at our Annual Shows and at the Nevada State Fair.

I have also contributed articles, serve as a proofreader, and suggested subjects for the Post Boy.

Work for other non-profit organizations includes three terms (and currently Vice President) on the Board of Trustees for the Nevada State Railroad Museum (Carson City), heading up their annual Membership Drives for 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, heading up the direct mail marketing program for the annual Railroad Symposium in 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007, and heading up Symposium Security for 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006.

If elected, I pledge to do the following:

1. Attend and run most if not all of the regularly scheduled NSSS meetings.
2. If I am unable to attend a regularly scheduled meeting, I will advise the other officers and Board Members by phone and/or e-mail as to my absence and any issues that have to be addressed in that meeting.
3. The NSSS By-Laws call for Board Meetings to be held on a quarterly basis. I will make sure we are in compliance with the By Laws. I will schedule Board Meetings well in advance so that other officers and Board Members as well as members at large can plan to attend. An advance agenda will be provided to the officers and Board Members.

John Walter
Nomination Statement

I am running for the elected position of Director. I am a member of NSSS since the spring of 2007 and serve as a Director since 2008. My involvement in NSSS consists of: Keep track of donation items and list Blue Sheet auction/consignment items; Chaired the Nomination and Election Committee in 2009 and 2010; Chaired the Audit Committee in 2009 and prepared the first audit statement and recommendations for the NSSS board; Assisted with the club Christmas Tree/decorations at the Sparks Heritage Museum for the past 3 years; Approved as a Boy Scout merit badge counselor for Stamp Collecting and assisted with awarding of merit badges in 2008 and 2009; Assisted with set-up and take-down of show frames for Greater Reno Stamp Show and the Nevada State Fair in 2008 and 2009 - with many volunteer hours at both shows; Help to provide stamp exhibits every 2 months at the Vassar Post Office since 2010; Participated in the first day celebration at Cabela's for the duck stamp issue in July 2010; Gave a presentation at our stamp club on early Japanese postal cards in 2008; plus, the many assorted duties at our club meetings.

My stamp collecting addiction started when I was a teenager, close to 50 years ago. While living in Japan in the early 1970s my interest in Japanese stamps started along with the Ryukyu Islands. When I returned to the states in 1975, and after attending graduate school, my interest turned to collecting the People's Republic of China and Imperial China. The last few years my interest has turned toward U.S. postal stationery.

My civic volunteer time is spent with coordinating speakers for the Reno-Sparks Investment Education Group for members of the American Association of Individual Investors and the many hours spent educating board members of homeowner associations through my membership on the Education Committee of the Nevada Chapter of the Community Associations Institute (CAI). In January I was awarded the Dedicated Community Association Leader (DCAL) volunteer of the year for 2010 for northern Nevada by the Executive Board of CAI in Las Vegas.

My one big goal for our stamp group would be to get every member interested, and to help, in at least one club project. It's all about having fun, learning new skills and meeting some interesting folks.

My philatelic memberships include: American Philatelic Society (since 1975), International Society of Japanese Philatelists (since 1976), and the United Postal Stationery Society (since 2009).

What you see before you is largely a blank page . I have an idea of how to fill it. You, the members, may put an ad here (for free) telling the other members what you need for your collection or what you have to sell or trade. Each ad can run for three months (three issues) or until the need is fulfilled. Non-members may run an ad also, if there is room, for a nominal fee to help defray the cost of this publication. The number of ads per person will be limited by the space available. While there is plenty of space, you may place all the ads you want. I'll put the first one in, lets see if the rest of you can fill the page.



For sale: [Inselpost](#), Mi #8BII, used on piece. This is a feldpost mail stamp for use in Rhodes with a good feldpost cancel. It has been expertized by the APS and assigned a value of \$190.00 in 2003. \$100.00. Contact Howard @ 677-7143

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Exhibiting

My first stamps were "pretty" US stamps. That was in the late 1990s. I then found submarines on stamps. Being a submariner, I began my topical collection. With complete ignorance, I created my first exhibit, of course on submarines, in 2003. I entered it in our club's show and earned a silver.



On April 27, 1915 the submarine U-5, under the command of George Ritter von Trapp, attacked and sank the 12,500 ton French Cruiser Leon Gambetta. Six hundred forty eight lives were lost. Von Trappe became Austria's leading submarine ace. Von Trappe's crew had a 90% success rate in 79 torpedo attacks.

I like the challenge of creating a story and then finding material to illustrate it. The research leaves me with a greater knowledge of the subject and piques my interest in other areas. For example, my research of submarine philatelic material provided information on the Free French submarine Surcouf which led me to collect and develop an exhibit on St. Pierre et Miquelon.



On Christmas Eve, 1941, a Free French naval squadron, led by Vice Admiral Emile Henri Muselier, invaded St. Pierre. To raise funds and help legitimize the government, Vice Admiral Muselier ordered that seized stamps be overprinted. The F.N.F.L. overprint represents "Forces Navales Françaises Libres" (Free French Naval Forces). The 90c stamp surcharged F 20.00 was available the afternoon of January 3 and all day January 4. 1500 stamps were issued.

The actions of the Mason (DE-549) while on convoy duty to protect shipping from enemy submarines led me to develop an exhibit on integrating the US Navy and heightened my interest in learning more about black military history.

Addressed to Mrs. Benjamin Grierson at Fort Concho. General Grierson organized the 10th Cavalry, better known as the Buffalo Soldiers.

