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Editor's Byline

"The world's favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May."
- Edwin Way Teale

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Another month has flown by and the weather is getting warm. I am afraid to say anything for fear that another drop in temperature will happen. My front porch is beautiful in color. I have to start making better notes to myself. I am supposed to put in the following information but at this moment I do not

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1794 Letter from Prisoner-of-War in Cuba

Geoffrey Lewis

Wednesday, April 18th, 2012

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Since 2002, Guantanamo Bay in Cuba has been the location of various combatants captured in Afghanistan.

When was the start of Cuba's association with prisoners-of-war? Go back 104 years to 1898. Cuba was the scene of the Spanish-American War. A few items of mail from prisoners-of-war in this conflict have survived, and have been described by Yamil Kouri.

Go back another 104 years. The year is 1794. France and Spain were at war. The letter described in this article was written on behalf of French prisoners-of-war at Havana.

The Contents of the Letter

This letter gives a list of 300 French military prisoners in Havana. There are 232 soldiers, and the letter lists the number of men of each rank in each Regiment. There are also 68 sailors aboard a French ship. The writer says that there could be 130 to 140 further prisoners in the prison. No individual names are given. Not even the writer's

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remember why. So here it is:

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It looks like we are not returning to the Sparks Heritage Museum so we are now looking for another location where we can have a closet for the penny boxes and for the library. Oh, and tables, chairs, warmth and good acoustics. Not too much to ask! We have asked Nadiah to check with the mosque to see if they would be willing to let us build a cabinet or something to store some of the items there.

We are still looking for volunteers to run for Program Chair, Vice-President, Secretary, and one director. It does not take a lot of time and you learn a lot about the club itself and really know your fellow stamp collectors. Let Mike Potter know if you are interested.

We all had fun creating our one page exhibit with only nine stamps. Teri Edwards did a great job making us feel like we could do this. Did it give anyone ideas??? Remember to put in a title, write in telegraph writing and put your stamps in mounts than hinge the mounts to the page. Do not forget to send in your synopsis of your exhibit so it can be given to the judges. We really would like to have them here this year. And keep working on your exhibits.

Jackie Bloomquist has volunteered to send out greeting cards to our members so contact Stan, myself, or Jackie with updates on what is happening in health and welfare. Has anyone heard from Laura Beck? Do we have a new address for her?

On page 6 of the Post Boy is the Philatelic Biography

Phila-Trivia: Wacky Recent Issues



Over the last few decades, technological advances in printing technology have made possible the

production of philatelic items with interesting formats, including stamps and souvenir sheets printed on metal, as phonograph records, as holograms and 3-D images, and imbued with various odors.

In 2008, several countries issued stamps utilizing unconventional formats or methods of production.



Austria produced a number of novel issues, including:

- the first embroidered stamp, picturing a flower, the Clusius gentian;
- a stamp made of the same original material as the UEFA European Championship ball



– a synthetic mix with polyurethane

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

REGULAR MEETING

NNMC

MAY 12TH

10:00AM

Auction meeting

NNMC

MAY 26TH 10:00AM

Consignment Sales with Presentation

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name appears – however it appears that the letter may have been trimmed, removing the signature.



The letter is written to the senior representatives of the French Government in the United States of America. These representatives were situated in Philadelphia, then the capital.

I have translated from French the first few sentences, which convey the mood of the whole letter.

Being the representative of 25 million people, let us make leave.

We represent to you, the prisoners held in Havana, who are without doubt being ignored. You should demand their exchange, or you should act for their interest s to the General of these places to obtain their release.

1793-95 War Between Spain and France

Spain and France declared war on each other in 1793, shortly after the execution of French King Louis XVI. Initially, Spain seized territory in France near the two countries' Mediterranean border. In 1794, the French Armies regained its territory and invaded Spain taking Bilbao, San Sebastian and parts of Catalonia. The War ended in 1795.

Both Spain and France had colonies in the Caribbean. I have so far been unable to find any reference that there was any fighting in the Caribbean as part of this war. Possibly the Spanish authorities in Cuba took into custody any French service personnel as a precaution. The large number detained could be due to the fact that the uprising in St Domingue (Haiti) began in August 1791.

The writer of the letter fears that their plight has been



- a revolutionary lenticular stamp to celebrate the UEFA EURO 2008. 48 images of a TV recording are superposed on the stamp. To the viewer, the optical effect is that of a film sequence of approx. 3 seconds.



Iceland released a series of stamps depicting the Imagine Peace Tower, which is dedicated to the memory of Beatle John Lennon. The stamp is printed in a traditional offset format and then overprinted with phosphorus in silk screen which causes the picture to accumulate light and then glow in the dark. When exposed to ultraviolet light, a picture of John Lennon appears on the stamp.



Åland issued a stamp that has red granite burnt into it. The stamp illustrates a winding red gravel road - a common sight in Åland.

Lithuania issued the first drop-shaped postage stamp for the EXPO Zaragoza 2008 Exhibition, the theme of which was "Water and Sustainable



Development".



Finland issued a miniature sheet dedicated to Alpine skiing. The sheet has an illusion of movement thanks to the imaging and printing technology used.

Hong Kong issued a set of special stamps featuring jellyfish. For the first time in Hong Kong philatelic history, the stamps are being printed with a glow-in-



the-dark effect.

Certainly such exciting innovations should attract new collectors to the hobby. Perhaps one day there will be a stamp on which the sender can write the receiver's address and record a message, thereby rendering letters obsolete.



ignored, even at the time. It is little wonder that this detention has not found its way into the history books.

Sending the Letter

The writer was obviously desperate to get this message to any representative of the French Government. The ship that carried this letter was sailing to Philadelphia, the capital of the United States.

In Philadelphia the letter was rated as a ship letter addressed to the port of arrival. Under the U.S. Act of 1792, the addressee was charged 4 cents.

Note the hand-struck 4, which is struck horizontally. I describe the color as blackish-brown. This is the earliest ship letter handstamp from the United States, although earlier examples of this marking are known.

Action

This letter appears to have generated a favourable response. At the top the letter, someone has written

a notation in French. It translates to:

Send this to the Consul-General, with a plea to follow up the demands of these citizens with the Spanish.

Address

The address is typical for an educated Frenchman in the Revolution.

To the Citizen.

Citizen Jean Fauchet,

*Officer General of the French Republic,
at the United States of North America,
At Philadelphia.*

Dateline

La Avanne, le 26 8bre 1794

I have not seen this French spelling of Havana.

The date is interesting for two reasons.

In letters of this age from France, Spain or Italy, 8bre refers to October. Similarly Xbre refers to December. Secondly, the writer has failed to express the date using the new French revolutionary calendar. The start date for this new system was 24 October 1793. This gives some indication as to when the writer left France.

(This article first appeared in *The Cuban Philatelist*, First Third, 2004.)

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Philatelic Biography

Here is the biography I mentioned in April's Post Boy. Remember answer in complete sentences; add why even though I did not ask. Send to me by email, snail mail (use a nice stamp) or hand it to me and wait to see it in the PB.

1. Name
2. What do you collect?
3. How long have you been collecting?
4. What item are you most proud to have?
5. How do you organize your stamps? Albums boxes etc.
6. How many containers of stamps do you have?
7. What do you want to sell the most?
8. Where do you get most of your stamps?
9. Have you ever exhibited? Would you?
10. What is your biggest pet peeve about the post office and collecting stamps?



1. Casey Macken
2. US, used all of them but I am beginning to slide into Canada, Ireland and Spanish speaking countries.
3. Depends on how you count, but continually 12 years
4. That is so hard to decide, I think it might be my Black binder with US commemoratives.
5. I usually have binders and I think I lost count- 12-20 ???
6. Without the penny boxes, I am getting close to 40 but some are small and some sizes go all the way up to the tote boxes. Too many!!
7. The FDCs that I have accumulated?
8. NSSS, Bidstart mystic (shish) don't tell Stan?
9. No, I have never exhibited. I am going to this time.
10. There are too many Liberty Bells or Flag over the Porch stamps and the clerks do not know how to cancel an envelope.



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Post Boy Quiz-Chile

May-_____

Your Name

1. What Pope is honored on a 1979 issue?
A. Pope Pious X B. Pope Paul VI C. Pope Benedict XVI
2. What vehicle is shown on the Red Cross commemorative of 1979?
A. Blood Van B. Motorcycle C. horse drawn ambulance
3. What industry is the subject of a 1978 issue of two stamps?
A. Timber B. Farming C. Mining
4. What bird is shown on the Letter Writing Week Stamp of 1972?
A. Carrier pigeon B. Flamingo C. Owl
5. A dove and a world map appear on a 1970 stamp. What organization does it honor?
A. League of Nations B. United Way C. United Nations
6. The world championship of what sport held in Chile is honored on a 1966 stamp?
A. Horseback riding B. Skiing C. Swimming
7. What Indian leader appears on a 1970 commemorative?
A. Jesus B. Gandhi C. Dalai Lama
8. A block of four stamps issued in 1975 combines to form a single picture. What group does it honor?
A. United Planet B. Valparaiso Volunteer Lifeboat Service C. Peace Corp
9. What fruit is shown on the 1973 stamps promoting exports?
A. Apples B. Cherries C. Grapes
10. Chile's claim to what territory is shown on a 1974 set?
A. Antarctic B. Easter Island C. Salas and Gomez

Answers to April's Post Boy Quiz

1. 1999
2. Pius XI
3. St. Paul of the Cross
4. Praying Woman
5. 1933
6. St. Peter
7. Postage Due
8. Astronomer
9. Four
10. Papal Arms

Hi all,

I have an idea for an exhibit but I need stamps. Yes, I have the penny boxes and I am going through them but would some of you like to sell your duplicates really cheap to me.

In my exhibit I need stamps with landmarks, place, items, or famous people. In other words, things you would see if you went to these countries. I am looking for the following countries: England, Germany, France, Texas, Nebraska, (yes, I know they are not countries), Ethiopia, Sweden, Mexico, Ireland, Japan, Canada, China, Italy, Belize, and Greece. I need about 20 stamps each. Contact me at stampsarefun@yahoo.com

Thanks Casey

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