



# Post Boy



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## Editor's Byline

*Collecting, especially of the classifying sort epitomized by stamp collecting, offered a means to seem to gain control of the world and of the past. -Russell Belk*

### Casey Macken

Secretary/Editor

Happy New Year! I hope all have a great and prosperous new year. Since I have been on vacation I have been working on the penny boxes. There are new stamps from Japan and Great Britain in the

## Agreed! "Keep Those Seconds." by Jacques C. Schiff, Jr

Rarely do I elect to dispute opinions with a fellow writer. Alvin Gutttag gave his "Point of View" in the February 20, 2009 edition of Mekeel's & Stamps. I must first express my agreement with his opinions. Collectors (and stamp dealers) should retain flawed stamps not just throw them away. Mr. Gutttag chides me for stating, "If you have stamps with pieces missing, even if not accounted for, you are advertising that you have no concerns about condition. Better to remove them as they are worthless. In reality they probably belong in a waste basket."

I stand by my statement. He goes on to point out that flawed stamps have value especially valuable or rare stamps. Not only do I agree with his appraisal but I openly admit that as public auctioneers we offer flawed stamps in most every auction. There is a substantial difference between a stamp with a visual piece missing and a faulty example. When I am delivering a seminar devoted to doctored or altered stamps I usually cite a specific example. It is intriguing to observe the audience's reaction. I tell them about two of the same stamps we auctioned several years ago. The stamps involved were mint \$5 Columbians (Scott 245). At the time we sold these as two consecutively listed auction lots each had

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foreign box. Remember, if you are looking for stamps you may take one or two boxes home to go through at your leisure. Just let me know so that I can keep track. Also, if you like soaking the old stamps, I still have one box full. If you want to soak the newer stamps, let me know in advance and I will bring you a can of Pure Citrus. The other day, I did about two hundred of the Liberty Bell stamps in about twenty minutes. Of course, it took a couple of hours to put the talc on the backs so they would not stick to anything but now I have a baggie of Liberty stamps. Anyone have an art project in mind?

Read through the Post Boy this month and see how many people you recognize at the Christmas party in December. We had lots of fun and I want to thank Barbara Diedricksen, Barbara Stanfield, John and Marla Wetterling, and Gary for setting up the lodge and Dick Dreiling for cooking the turkey and roast beef. The food was delicious and the company a pleasure.

I liked the quote by Russell Belk as we are always trying to make sense of the world we live in and stamp collectors just like to do it with magnifiers. We are lucky to be here and lucky to have so many people interested in stamps so that we can review the past and understand the present.

There will be a board meeting after the meeting on Jan 12<sup>th</sup>, all are welcome to stay. If you have any concerns or questions please let one of the board members know. The first meeting will be an auction and the second meeting will be consignment and a presentation. Oh does anyone have current used US stamps that they would like to trade. Let me know. Have a great year and see you on Saturday.

a catalogue value of \$3,750. I tell those in attendance that the realizations for each stamp surprised me. One sold for a slightly disappointing price while the other stamp realized a great deal more than I anticipated. The example that brought less than I thought it might fetch sold for \$950. It had disturbed original gum enticing less bidders. Then I relate the price of the stamp that pleased me. The realization was \$125. My audience appears shocked. I am reasonably sure some wish they could have been present to compete for this great bargain.

After a momentary pause I reveal the description of the wonderful deal a bidder won. The \$3,750 catalogue valued stamp was described as having the entire upper right corner missing. I added that we pictured the stamp in the catalogue lest anyone failed to understand the degree of the fault. The expression of desire to acquire this lot changed very promptly. My personal concern is that the stamp may have eventually fallen into the hands of a repair artist. By adding a piece from another disabled \$5 Columbian the stamp might now appear to be in good condition. A sizable financial reward may be available to the party who now falsely describes the stamp as sound.

Every stamp collector is free to set their standards for what and how they choose to collect. If monetary or budget restrictions make it necessary to consider lesser quality stamps, even those that are flawed or repaired, these may be a philatelist's choice.

Enjoying one's collection is of primary concern. Many rarities or scarce stamps can rarely be found in faultless condition. A collector seeking a particular stamp may be forced to accept a lesser grade because the stamp at hand is the only one he or she can locate. If a 24¢ Jenny invert was available to you at a price you could afford would you refuse to accept a re-perforated or regummed genuine example? Repairs can extend from sealed tears to concealed thin spots, creases or just mint stamps without gum. Regummed stamps offered as having original gum are another form of alteration and possible deception. Whether you are considering faults of a minor or a serious nature or alterations the key point is the accuracy of description by a seller or trader; misrepresentations, whether by failure to recognize the condition or by deliberate intent to scam, are unacceptable. A classic example of a faulty stamp being of substantial value is the Scott



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### REGULAR MEETING

NNMC

JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>

10:00AM

Auction meeting

NNMC

JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>

10:00AM

Consignment Sales with Presentation

### Stamp Shows

#### GESSPEX 2013

January 26-27, 2013 Redmond, WA  
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#### SANDICAL

February 8-10, 2013 San Diego  
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#### NOVAPEX 2013

March 2-3, 2013 Redding, CA  
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#### Freshpex 2013

March 9-10, 2013 Clovis, CA  
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C11, 5¢ Beacon stamps my firm auctioned more than a quarter century ago. The vertical pair in a strip of three was imperforate between. This rare major error realized \$7,000, though properly described as torn. You might think this was an exorbitant sum for a visually defective error. I would be reasonably sure this strip would realize a good deal more if we had the privilege of auctioning the piece again. No additional examples of this error have ever been reported. United States as well as worldwide Airmails are eagerly sought by collectors. The current catalogue value is based upon the only unreserved public sale of the 5¢ Beacon error. Another example of poor condition is a truly ugly strip of three of this same stamp. As an official auctioneer for the 1986 AMERIPEX stamp exhibition in Chicago we auctioned this horribly centered plate number strip, which was in sound condition. The horizontal strip had two plate numbers and the word "Top". Of significance was the only known existence of plate number 19639. Each edition of the Durland plate number catalogue refers to this number as unique. Centering did not matter. The strip realized \$4,000. You can choose highly graded or lesser appealing stamps. You may accept or decline hinged or never hinged stamps. The variations of centering are among your choices. First and foremost is your pleasure of enjoying philately as a hobby.





**Chad's** regular mail service began soon after the French occupation of the area, with a post office established at Fort-Lamy in 1905. Additional offices were opened at across the country in the next ten years.

Mail used stamps of French Congo until 1915, then stamps of Ubangi Shari, whose overprints read "OUBANGUI-CHARI-TCHAD".

Chad came under civil administration in the twenties and received its own stamps, consisting of the issues of Middle Congo overprinted "TCHAD". And the overprint "AFRIQUE EQUATORIALE FRANCAISE".

In 1959, approaching independence, the country issued its first stamps omitting the letters RF (standing for "République française", French Republic). These included a 15-franc issue depicting a cotton flower, fishers on Lake Chad and the head of an antelope.

Independence in 1960 was not reflected in postage stamps until 1961, when three stamps were issued to celebrate admission to the UN.



## Philatelic Biography

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?



# ADVERTISEMENTS

**For Sale;** Stamps and Covers at my online store at **Wensy.com**. Type "**artfulputz**" in the search box click on "user" then "go". You'll have to join but it's easier than eBay. Most prices start at 1/3 of Scott. Contact Howard at [artfulputz@aol.com](mailto:artfulputz@aol.com)

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**Wanted;** the 1949 Silver Wedding issue. Have you seen this stamp? There are several like it from other British colonies. I need about half of them to complete my collection. Contact Howard at (775) 677-7143 or [artfulputz@aol.com](mailto:artfulputz@aol.com)



**WANTED:** Germany Third Reich postcards from the **Carl Werner Studios- B/W** or color, photo, or illustrated mint or used. Paying \$35.00 and up depending on subject matter and condition. Call Stan Cronwall 849-7850 or [stlaine@aol.com](mailto:stlaine@aol.com)

**WANTED:** Germany Third Reich "**Kinder Cards**" mint or used-these are cards showing children "playing at war" usually with some junior sized weapon, helmet and/or uniform. Most are color but some can be B/W. Most are illustrated, but some are photography. Paying \$35.00 and up depending on subject matter and condition Stan Cronwall 849-7850 or [stlaine@aol.com](mailto:stlaine@aol.com).

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# Post Boy Quiz-Cronwall

January-\_\_\_\_\_

Your Name

1. Which is the only country that doesn't put its name on its stamps?  
a. Bulgaria      b. Switzerland      c. Great Britain
2. How many different kinds of stamps are issued by the United States Postal Service?  
a. 9      b. 11      c. 7
3. Which of these is an existent postal entity not a fantasy country?  
a. Torres Straits      b. Yambo      c. Nagaland
4. Approximately how many different Patriotic cachet cover designs are from the U.S. Civil War period (both Union and CSA combined)?  
a. 3,500      b. 500      c. 10,000
5. Which of these types of paper are used in the production of stamps?  
a. Goldbeater's Skin      b. China      c. Granular
6. During World War II, Germany did not invade the British mainland, but did occupy and issued stamps for some of its islands. Which were these islands?  
a. The Orkneys      b. Isle of Man      c. Channel Islands
7. Which of these was not a U.S. railroad postmark?  
a. HPO      b. RMS      c. RPO
8. CTOs (Canceled-To-Order) stamps have been used for years as a method of raising money. Which is the year generally recognized as the first time CTOs appeared?  
a. 1946      b. 1885      c. 1919
9. Which of these jazz greats has been honored on a U.S. stamp?  
a. Peanuts Hucko      b. Jack Teagarden      c. Dinah Washington
10. Which was the first country to show an airplane on a Government issued stamp?  
a. France      b. USA      c. Germany

Bonus Question:

Who was the first U.S. Postmaster General:

Answers December

1. Burl Ives
2. Magician's hat
3. Bing Crosby
4. The Grinch
5. Chestnuts
6. North Pole
7. Holiday Inn
8. Charlie Brown
9. Home
10. Crystal

BQ: No, Charlie Brown did not buy the aluminum Xmas tree.



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