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Winter 2013

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Club Meetings

Location: Sandy Senior Center
9310 So. 1300 East, Sandy
First and third Thursdays of each month @ 7:00 pm
Club Website: www.utahphilatelic.org

Club Officers

President: Steve Baldrige
Vice-President: John Alleman
Secretary/Treasurer: Ed Blaney
Board Members: Virginia Lee, Sandi Locke,
George Cobabe, Judy Maxfield
Newsletter Editor: Jack Paradise

Upcoming Events

The next stamp show will be on May 3 and 4.

2013 Stamp Show Dates

May 3 and 4

October 18 and 19

The shows will be at the Sons of the Utah Pioneers building at 3301 East Louise Avenue (2920 South)

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The President's Corner

Steve Baldrige

Well, from the frying pan and into the fire. I guess I should have known that if I stuck around long enough, I'd wind up in this position. I just take comfort in knowing that I can only serve a maximum of two years, and then someone else can take a shot at it....

I've been a collector for over 50 years—I started when I was living in New Zealand, at the age of 9. At the time stamp collecting was all the rage among kids, so it wasn't hard to maintain the interest. A bunch of us kids would get together at school and just swap stamps, one-to-one. I kind of miss that carefree approach to the hobby. I've continued with it throughout my life, not falling to the temptation to abandon it when I became a young man. I did a lot of traveling throughout my twenties and thirties, and always managed to find a post office somewhere so I could pick up the latest issues from whatever country I happened to be visiting.

My collection received a considerable boost when I inherited my great-uncle's collection upon his death. He was a pretty serious collector, and going through his many albums opened up another dimension to philately I hadn't seen before. Learning from his style of collecting helped me to turn my collection from a kid's to an adult's, and among the volume of stamps I picked up some pretty good material. It will take me the rest of my life to completely organize and catalog what he left behind, but I'm looking forward to the challenge.

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However, another great boon to my hobby was joining the Utah Philatelic Society. I had never belonged to a stamp club before, and what I have learned since becoming a member has been of tremendous value to me. The auctions, the presentations, the circuit books, the camaraderie among members, the shows—most, if not all of these facets of the club were new to me and they have taught me a great deal about philately. I also appreciate the fact that so many members with more experience are willing to share their expertise with the rest of us. That is why I'm grateful to be a member of this club, and why I am happy to take my turn as an officer.

Speaking of which, I should take this opportunity to express heartfelt thanks on behalf of myself, the board and the club for the work of the preceding board, especially for president Don Marr. He worked really hard to keep the club running smoothly, and to maintain the principles upon which it was founded. Thanks also goes to past secretary/treasurer Michael Poe, who will continue to function as show chairman—Thanks to both of you!

2013 United States Stamp Issues

For those of us who have not yet had the chance (or finances) to acquire a copy of the famed *Inverted Curtiss Jenny* stamp, we are in luck. For \$12, we can buy - not one - but six *Inverted Jennys*. The United States Postal Service announced the forthcoming issue, in September, of a souvenir sheet containing six Jennys - each with a denomination of \$2.

The original *Curtiss Jenny* stamp (Scott #3) was a 24-cent stamp issued on May 14, 1918. One sheet of 100 stamps that mistakenly showed the biplane upside down (Scott #3a) was sold on the first day of issue in Washington, D.C. The design of the new stamp is essentially the same as #3a with the exception of the denomination.



On January 28 a new *Global Forever* international rate stamp was issued. The 2013 price of this stamp is \$1.10. The *Global Forever* stamp offers a single price for any *First-Class International* one-ounce letter mailed to any country in the world. The stamp may also be used to mail a 2-ounce letter to Canada.

The first-class domestic U.S. stamp rate increased to 46 cents on January 27 for letters up to one ounce in weight. The 2-ounce rate is 66¢; the 3-ounce rate is 86¢; the post card rate is 33¢. New stamps were issued for the new rates: *46¢ Kaleidoscope Flowers* (strip of 4), *66¢ Spicebush Swallowtail Butterfly*, *66¢ Wedding Cake*, *86¢ Tufted Puffin*, *33¢ Apples* (block of 4).

A *Sealed With Love* forever stamp was issued in January. A *46¢ Patriotic Star* stamp will be issued in March. Four *forever Flags for all Seasons* will be issued on Flag Day, June 14.

Other 2013 stamps issued and announced commemorate the *Year of the Snake Lunar New Year*, *Emancipation Proclamation*, *Rosa Parks*, five *Muscle Cars*, *Lydia Mendoza*, *West Virginia Statehood*, *Modern Art in America 1913 - 1931*, *Johnny Cash*, *Civil War - 1863* and a *Just Move* sheet of 15 different physical activities.

The new \$5.60 Priority Mail stamp pictures the *Arlington Green Bridge*. The new \$19.95 Express Mail stamp pictures *Grand Central Terminal*.

A *Deer* stamped card and a *Bank Swallow* stamped envelope will be issued in March.



Scott 74



FALKLAND ISLANDS

December 29, 2012

That is yours truly (Jack Paradise) in the photo at the Falkland Islands post office. I have a pretty decent collection of Falkland Islands stamps which, unfortunately, does not include Scott #74 with a value of \$1,000.

It came as a total surprise when the captain of the good ship Veendam announced on Christmas Day that we were going ashore in four more days at Port Stanley in the Falkland Islands. That was not part of the scheduled route of our cruise going from Rio de Janeiro to Antarctica, around Cape Horn and on to Santiago, Chile.

The Philatelic Bureau in Stanley was open. The post office right next to the Philatelic Bureau had not opened for a full week. The obligatory visit to the Philatelic Bureau resulted in my purchase of the pictured set of postage due stamps issued in 2005. Evidently they did not exhaust their supply of these stamps on parcels with insufficient postage.

The Falkland Islands (4,700 square miles) are somewhat smaller in land mass than the Hawaiian Islands (6,425 square miles). Most of the 2,850 Falkland Islanders live in and around Stanley. The value of the Falkland Islands pound is equal to the Great Britain pound.

And, yes, we saw a lot of penguins on our excursion across East Falkland Island.



UPS Stamp Show, February 1 & 2, 2013

