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**Fall 2014**

## Upcoming Events and Announcements

### Club Meetings

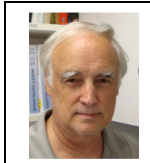
Location: Sandy Senior Center  
9310 So. 1300 East, Sandy  
First and third Thursdays of each month @ 6:30 pm  
Club Website: [www.utahphilatelic.org](http://www.utahphilatelic.org)

### Club Officers

President: Steve Baldrige  
Vice-President: John Alleman  
Secretary/Treasurer: Ed Blaney  
Board Members: George Cobabe, Judy Maxfield,  
Blaine Cox and Don Marr.  
Newsletter Editor: Ewald Kuefner

### Upcoming Events

The next stamp show will be on October 10-11 (Friday 10 - 6 pm, and Saturday 10 - 4 pm).  
At the Sons of the Utah Pioneers building at  
3361 East Louise Avenue (2920 South).



## The President's Corner

Steve Baldrige

Suddenly the end of the year is coming up fast, and the UPS board has had discussion about several items which should be passed on to the Club membership:

### Election:

The executive committee of the board is up for election, having completed a two-year term. This means that any club member in good standing can contact a board member about having his/her name added to the ballot for the position of president, vice-president or secretary/treasurer. Nominations will accepted through the first meeting of November (Nov. 6th), then ballots will be mailed to all club members later in the month. These ballots can be marked, then mailed back, or brought to the club meeting of December 4th, when the election will be held.

### Tables:

The tables purchased by the club, stored at the SUP building, will be made available to club members for a rental fee of \$4/each, or for \$150 for all of them. They can be removed from the building if necessary. The tables are currently offered rent-free to SUP functions, and are available for non-SUP functions for a fee of \$5/each. They are **not** to be removed from the building by anyone other than club members.

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## The President's Corner continued

### **Christmas party:**

We are having a Christmas party on December 18th, at the regular meeting place and time. There will be an auction. Drinks will be provided by the club but members are encouraged to bring hors d'oeuvres for everyone to snack on. Use your imagination, folks! We'd especially like to see those members who are not able to participate on a regular basis, so we can get to know you better.

### **Other matters:**

The newsletter hasn't been consistent in acknowledging the death of members when they occur, but we'll try to be better at that in the future. But it's worth mentioning that long-time club member Richard Blair passed away during the summer. Don Marr is fortunately still with us, but he's been dealing with some health issues of his own, including two surgeries. We wish him the best as he continues to recover.

The club recently sponsored the fall Stamp Show at the SUP building. Without getting precise numbers from show chairman Dave Blackhurst, it would seem the show is still recovering from the State Fairgrounds venue to the current location, and attendance numbers are not where we'd like them to be. We'd like to encourage club members to come to the shows, spend some bucks, and also encourage their collector friends to come. The vendors need to know that they'll be supported if they come to our shows. Thanks to Dave for his work in putting it together, to Judy Maxfield for ably handling the lunches, and to those who sat at the registration table.



"Mystery" from last issue

I apologize for highlighting a stamp from my personal collection, but can you imagine, to my surprise and pleasure when sorting through a collection, I came across this stamp. It was cancelled in 1931 (just two years before I was born) in Staaken, Berlin where I was born and raised. Such fun! Ewald

### **Reunion issues in CFA francs (1949-75)**

#### **Surcharged CFA stamps**



20-franc CFA on 75fr  
Mountain Climbing stamp  
Reunion Scott 321

#### **Inscribed CFA stamps**



25-franc CFA  
President Charles de Gaulle stamp  
Reunion Scott 380

Reunion is an island in the Indian Ocean about 400 miles east of Madagascar. Claimed by France in the 17th century, it has been a department of France since 1947. The first stamps for Reunion were issued in 1852, and for almost a century bore the name Reunion in inscriptions, or in overprints on stamps of French Colonies. A small number of French Colonies stamps surcharged for Reunion in the 19th century do not include the name.

Reunion began using the CFA franc as its currency in the 1940s, and its CFA stamps, beginning in 1949, are issues of France with a new value surcharged in CFA (or FCFA). Beginning in 1965, stamps inscribed "RF" or "Republique Francaise" with denominations in CFA were issued for Reunion. The name Reunion does not appear on most of the CFA stamps. In 1975, Reunion began using French currency and French postage stamps.

All in all, it's been a satisfying year for the Utah Philatelic Society. Our membership numbers are strong, weekly attendance is good, and members seem to be satisfied with the way things are going. As president, I'm always on the lookout for two things:

a) feedback from members how things are going, and b) active participation in all aspects (including serving on the board and in other staff positions). We can always use extra hands! See you at the Christmas party. #

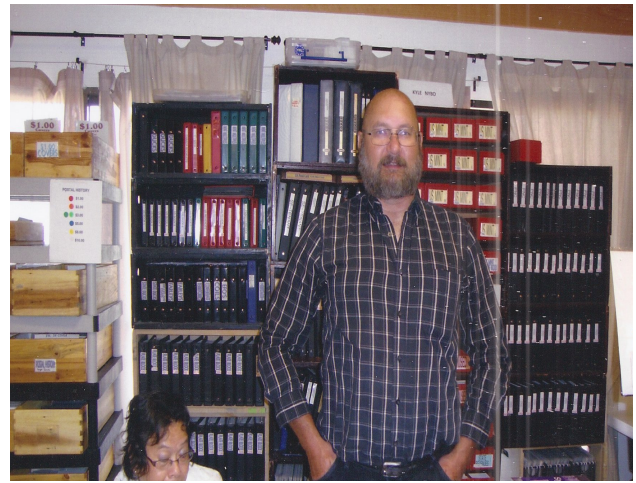
### **WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR NEWSLETTER IN COLOR?**

If you would send me an e-mail I could in turn send you a copy of every newsletter to you. My e-mail address is <akuefner@xmission.com>. Your email address would remain private and would not be shared with anyone else. This would be a benefit in two ways, you would be able to see the photos in color as well as other featured colored items, and secondly this would give you the opportunity to see the newsletters without having to wait for the mailed copy.





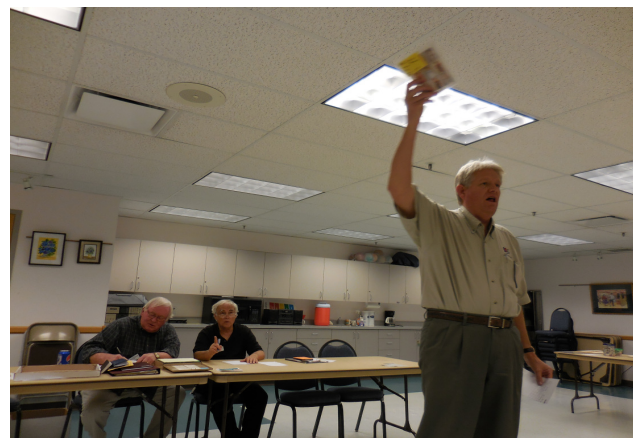
Sandi Locke



Kyle Nybo



Virginia Lee



Dave Blackhurst Ed Blaney and Steve Baldrich



**Deutsche Post, the German postal authority,** wasted no time in producing a new stamp to celebrate the German national team's world championship victory in soccer's 2014 FIFA World Cup. The German team defeated Argentina 1-0 in a fiercely fought extra-time final match July 13, 2014.

Within hours, Deutsche Post announced that on July 17 it would issue a new 0.60 euro commemorative marking the nation's fourth World Cup championship. Germany previously won the World up in 1954, 1974 and 1990.

The new stamp shows a photograph of two players on the pitch running toward a soccer ball: a member of the German team in the foreground, with an opponent mostly obscured behind him. The players' identities cannot be discerned from the design, as the image is cropped so it does not show faces, and no uniform numbers are visible.

Superimposed over the horizontal design are four lines of text in large upper case letters: (continued on page 5)

## Korean War Medal of Honor Forever Stamp

*On July 26, 1914, at Arlington National Cemetery, the U.S. Postal Service issued the Korean War Medal of Honor Forever Stamp to commemorate the war's 145 recipients. Pictured clockwise on the front of the stamp sheet are 13 awardees. At the time the stamp was proposed, the following recipient were still living:*

*Hector A. Cafferata, Jr.,*

*William R. Charette,*

*Duane E. Dewy,*

*Rodolfo P. Hernandez,*

*Thomas J. Hudner, Jr.,*

*Einar Ingman, Jr.,*

*Hiroshi H. Miyamura,*

*Ola L. Mize,*

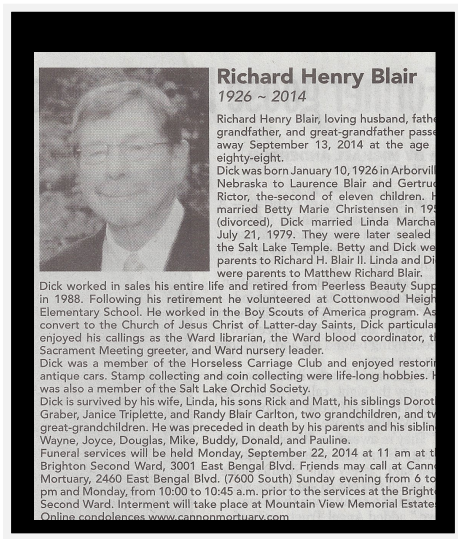
*Ronald E. Rosser,*

*Tibor Rubin,*

*Robert E. Simanek,*

*James L. Stone and Ernest E. West*

*But by July 26, however, four had died, Charette, Hernandez, Mize and Stone.*



The United States 39 cents Purple Heart stamp will be issued May 26 at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial in Washington, DC. a first-day-of-issue ceremony. The memorial is located near Arlington National Cemetery. A Metro stop is located two city blocks from the memorial. The announcement of the 39 cent Purple Heart stamp came Jan. 20. The U.S. Postal Service said, "At a time when our military service members continue to serve in Afghanistan and Iraq, it is appropriate that the Purple Heart stamp be reissued at the new First-Class rate."

The May 26 event will make three collectible stamps for what is essentially a single-stamp design. The Purple Heart design was originally issued as a 37 cent stamp May 30, 2003, in Mount Vernon, VA. That stamp, printed by Banknote Corporation of America (Scott 3784, is die cut 1 1/4 by 10 3/4. This 37 cent Purple Heart stamp (con't on page 5)

Marianne Levine August 11, 2014

## ***Postal Service criticized for favoring pop culture on recent stamps***

***Washington - Harry Potter, Elvis and Bugs Bunny share one thing in common: Traditional stamp collectors are no fans.***

Some philatelists say the committee that helps the postmaster general pick new stamps is favoring pop celebrities and fictional characters over cultural sites and historical figures, undermining a long tradition.

"Harry Potter" is a perfect example," Ken Martin, executive director of the American Philatelic Society, a nonprofit stamp-collecting foundation that claims 44,000 members. He, at least, doesn't approve of the fictional boy wizard or his British creator, J.K. Rowling.

"Why do you honor a British author's book?" Martin asked, "Wouldn't it be much more appropriate to honor something that reflects our country's heritage, not the product of another country?"

The answer, by all accounts, is money. "Spider-Man" and "Star Wars" stamps vastly outsell those commemorating the Civil War, insects and spiders, and Pacific Coast lighthouses.

The cash-strapped U.S. Postal Service released its "Harry Potter" stamps last November in 20-stamp booklets, and found another hit.

The stamps display images from some of the eight wildly popular films, including Harry reading his acceptance letter to Hogwarts, the school for young witches and wizards, and firing his wand in battle. Magical creatures like Dobby the house elf and Hedwig the owl are also featured.

The postal service issued its latest limited-edition commemorative stamp Friday. It honors legendary blues rocker Janis Joplin, the hard-drinking lead singer of Big Brother and the Holding Company, who died at 27.

Postal officials make no apologies for embracing pop culture given its snail mail image in the digital age. It especially hopes to lure young people into collecting stamps.

"We need to change and improve to serve the changing needs of the American public," said Toni DeLancey, a postal service spokeswoman. "Those current Americans that we want interested in stamps, these are probably the images they want to see." #

submitted by Allen J. Anderson

A stamp dealer stood at the Pearly Gate. His face was worn and old; He meekly asked the man of Fate. Admission to the fold. "What have you done?" St. Peter asked, "To seek admission here?" "I ran a stamp shop down on earth. For many many, a year." The gates swung open sharply, as Peter touched a bell. "Come in," he said, "and take a harp, You have had enough of Hell."





Pedro VanHorsen



Jerrv Pitstick

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DEUTSCHLAND FUSSBALL WELT-MEISTER 2014. (which translates as "Germany Football World Champions 2014") The denomination "60" is printed in large black numerals on the right side of the stamp. The "Wall Street Journal" reported July 14 that five million stamps were printed before the final match was played. The article by Harriet Torry quoted German Finance Ministry spokeswoman Marianne Kothe as saying, "We always firmly believed in a success of the German team."

The multicolor offset-printed stamps are manufactured by Giesecke & Devrient in panes of 10 (two across and five down) with a dozen match scores printed in both the left and right margins (as 2:0, 4:3, 3:1 and so on). The stamp was designed by Lutz Menze, using an image by sports photographer Clive Mason for Getty Images.

The 0.60 euro value on the new stamp fulfills the rate for a domestic letter weighing up to 20 grams (about 0.7 ounces) Information about new German stamps is available online at [www.efiliale.de](http://www.efiliale.de).

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printed by Ashton Potter (Scott 3784A) was issued Aug. 1, 2003, in Somerset, NJ. It is die cut 10 #/4 by 10 1/4. This version of the stamp was issued at the annual stamp show of the American First Day Cover Society.

For the 39 cent Purple Heart stamp, The Postal Service contracted with Ashton Potter to produce 50 million stamps in panes of 20.

On Aug. 6, 1982, the United States Postal Service issued a 20 cent Purple Heart stamped envelope (Scott U 603). This envelope was issued at a first-day ceremony in Washington, DC. Technical specifications and first-day cancel ordering information for the 39 cent Purple Heart stamp are presented in the nearby box.



Figure 2. A pink rose is featured on this Australian Love stamp issued Feb. 4. Another stamp shows hearts.

Australia Post conveys romance through a rose and hearts on its two Love stamps issued February 4.

Figure 2 shows the 60 cents stamp depicting a pink . The other stamp also denominated 60 cents, shows hearts in different shades of pink.

Australia Post printed the Rose stamp in booklets of 20 and the Hearts stamp in booklets of 10. In addition, a sheet of 10 has the two stamps se-tenant (side-by-side).

Another product combines the Heart stamp and a 2013 Love stamp showing a heart-shaped rose petal with labels picturing characters from the popular mobile phone game Angry Birds.

Australia Post calls this an "Angry Birds Valentine's Day stamp pack." In the press announcement, no mention is made of the connection between Angry Birds and Valentine's Day.

#### Tip of the week

**United States** — The 1895 2¢ carmine George Washington stamp on paper watermarked double-line "USPS" (Scott 265) is an inexpensive stamp that is often missing in many collections. Examples in collections identified as this stamp frequently turn out to be misidentified examples of its twin on unwatermarked paper (Scott 250).

This stamp is very undervalued in the 2014 Scott *Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps and Covers* in both mint never-hinged condition and original gum condition. It is valued at just \$27.50 in original gum condition and \$82.50 in mint never-hinged condition.

Available stock often comes from old-time plate number strip collections that are broken up for sale as singles if some of the stamps in the strip are hinged and others are not.

This stamp is well worth buying at full Scott catalog value in either mint never-hinged condition or original gum condition in the grade of very fine. Fine-very fine examples are a good buy at two-thirds of Scott catalog value. — H.G.



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