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Fall 2015

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

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 9th & 10th, 2015. (Friday, at 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

Where has the time gone? It seems like we just barely got started with our summer plans, and now we're entering fall and getting ready for winter. Well, if things continue to progress at this rate we may as well get started making plans for next summer.

But let's finish off this year first. We had an enjoyable summer banquet at Red Lobster, thanks in large part to Don Marr's hard work in setting it up and coming up with door prizes.

We're trying to be fairly conservative with club funds, but our bank balance lately has been adequate to the point where we thought another banquet wouldn't hurt us. We hope that those who were able to attend enjoyed the time, and to those who were absent, we hope to see you next time.

We have two events coming up soon. Our Fall Stamp Show will be held October 9th – 10th at the usual place, the Sons of Utah Pioneers building. We think we've ironed out the kinks of having our show there, but we haven't ruled out the idea of moving somewhere else if we can find something better. So far, however, nothing better has surfaced. After spending a lot of money on tables, we'd like to continue to use them, but finding storage space for them has been problematic and has often been a sticking point in finding another location.

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The President's Corner *continued*

Just as importantly, once again we have elections coming up in December. This time around we are electing the general board, and we need volunteers to step up with a willingness to serve a two-year term.

Our constitution requires a minimum of four general board members, but we can handle more than that if we get the numbers. However, several of the current members have indicated they will not be running for reelection, so we need new faces to step up.

Serving on the board not only helps the club, but allows members to have a greater say in decisions on how the club operates. I hope each member will take a serious look at running for a seat; please contact me if you would like to do so.

Overall, things are running pretty smoothly for the Utah Philatelic Society, and I am grateful to those who do contribute to make this so. We are pleased to have you as members and hope your membership has been satisfying to you as well.

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Discovered in 2005, this block of 20 unissued yellow Hat postcard-rate stamps was broken into 10 singles, a pair and two blocks of four. The 20 stamps sold for \$59,400 in October 2005.

Unissued "Yellow Hat" Stamps From Block of 20 sell for \$59,400

Twenty of the previously discovered United States unissued Hat postcard-rate stamps sold for a combined \$59,400 in October of 2005. The total realization includes a 5 percent buyer's premium. The unissued stamp is the non-denominated (20 cents) H-rate Hat stamp with a yellow background that is inscribed "Postcard Rate."

The stamp was to have been issued November 19, 1998, in lick-and-stick panes of 20, but it was held back. The 20 stamps originally came from a block of 20 that was affixed to a Priority Mail envelope that was mailed in October 2001. Only a piece of the envelope remained when the block was found.

Linn's reported the discovery of the block on page one of the October 19, 2005 issue. The block as it appeared after being removed from the envelope piece and before being broken up is pictured with this story.

Stamp dealer Michael E. Aldrich of Carefree, Arizona, told Linn's that the block had been broken into 10 singles (six with perforation faults, the remaining four being sound) one sound pair and two sound blocks of four.

Aldrich stated that all 20 stamps from the original block were submitted to Professional Stamp Experts of Newport Beach, California for authentication.

Four of the singles received graded PSE certificates. One is graded "95" (extra fine to superb) out of 100, and three are graded "90" (extra fine).

After the certificates were issued, Aldrich offered the stamps for sale on his Rare Stamp Exchange web site on behalf of their anonymous owner. According to an article published in the winter issue of Aldrich's house organ and price list, the Carefree Times, all 29 stamps "took approximately two weeks to sell out."

The Carefree times article also lists the realizations of the singles and multiples. All prices quoted in this story include a 5% buyer's premium.

The two blocks of four sold for \$15,000 and \$13,000 respectively. The pair realized \$8,500. The PSE-graded "95" sound, single sold for \$3,750, while the three PSE-graded "90" sound, singles sold for \$4,000, \$3,000 and \$2,500, \$1,500, \$1,1500, \$1,000 and \$850.

In early February, Aldrich said that the block of four

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Unissued "Yellow Hat" stamps (continued)

that had sold for \$15,000 was subsequently broken into four singles that subsequently were submitted to PSE for graded certificates. Two of the singles were graded "95", and two were graded "90" Aldrich said that one of the PSE-graded "95" singles from the block of four recently sold for \$8,400.

Of the 63 known yellow Hat stamps, 45 bear Greencastle, Ind., postmarks. In fact, most of the known stamps originated in Indiana. Two stamps on a cover tied by an August 17, 1999, wavy-line machine cancel of Indianapolis represent the earliest-known use in Linn's census. The first two yellow Hat stamps were found on a business-reply envelope in late 1999.

Overall, the 63 known yellow Hat stamps break down as follows as of early February; six on three covers, two on a single piece, one on a single piece (pictured in Linn's November 28, 2005), one block of 20, two blocks of four, one strip of five, one strip of three, one pair and 16 singles. All stamps are used.

Forty-one of the stamps are known to be sound: the 2 blocks of 4, single pair and 4 singles from the block of 20 pictured in the October 10, 2005 (p. 37), issue of Linn's; the block of 20 Linn's reported July 25, 2005; the strip of 5 that sold for \$15,750 in February 2005; one off-cover single; and the on-piece single illustrated in Linn's November 28, 2005.

The unissued yellow Hat stamp is noted but not listed in the Scott Specialized Catalogue of U. S. Stamps and Covers: "Used examples of an 'H' non-denominated stamp inscribed 'Postcard Rate' exist in the market place. There is no evidence that these stamps were ever issued."

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WISDOM FROM GEORGE CARLIN

George Carlin, a stand-up comedian 10-20 years ago, said it best about Martha Stewart... "Boy I feel a lot safer now that she's behind bars. O.J. Simpson and Kobe Bryant are still walking around: Osama Bin Laden, too, but they take the one woman in America willing to cook, clean, and work in the yard, and haul her butt off to jail."

THE CONSTITUTION

They keep talking about drafting a Constitution for Iraq. Why don't we just give them ours? It was written by a lot of really smart guys, it's worked for over 200 years and we're not using it anymore."

Pre-cancel police collected 10% penalty on first-class mail

An auxiliary marking reading, "10% of Pre-canceled Stamp Value Collected" is lightly struck in purple below the stamps affixed to the 1938 cover, shown below.



Figure 1. Six ½¢ precancels pay the 3¢ first-class rate on this cover mailed in 1938. Why is the cover handstamped with a marking reading "10% of Precanceled Stamp Value Collected"?

Its ½ cent Nathan Hale stamps are pre-canceled Minneapolis, Min. This cover was pictured in the June 4, 2001, "U.S. Notes" column by John M. Hotchner when he asked readers what the hand-stamped message might mean. Given that 10% of 3 cents is pretty hard to collect, he was stumped. A number of people responded and he filed it away. Recently he found it, and can now to clear up the mystery. Arnold Selengut, past president of the Pre-cancel Stamp Society, sent a page from his gold-medal exhibit of U.S. pre-cancels, which contains an example of this marking, "When authorized users of pre-cancels on 2nd, 3rd, or 4th class mailings inadvertently used their pre-canceled stamps to mail first class matter, they were subject to a 10% penalty. The Post Office Department's logic was that first-class mailings had to be date-canceled, which involved performance that use of pre-cancels was designed to avoid. Therefore the 10% penalty 'paid' for the work of date-stamping the envelope. The explanation seems logical on the surface, but it makes no sense when analyzed. The stamps cost the user the face value, whether pre-canceled or not. Thus if the rate for the letter was 2 cents, and a 2 cent stamp was applied, the rate was paid. There should have been no penalty requirement on the books. My cover contained an invitation to a Christmas party, which was clearly a first-class use. The office secretary apparently did not know that the pre-canceled stamps was not to be used on first-class mail."

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Stamp-collecting meeting windfalls



Studying a collection about 2009



All enjoyed the Summer Banquet this September



Jack Paradise Longtime member



The Summer Banquet this September



Excellent turnout at the meeting