



Poway Stamp Club

Newsletter

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Poway Stamp Club

The Club goals are "to promote a closer social relationship among stamp collectors of Poway, San Diego and vicinity, and to assist in spreading the knowledge of stamps and the pleasures derived from stamp collecting to those interested in philately."

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Next Meeting:

The next Poway Stamp Club meeting will be held on **Wednesday January 9, 2019**. Please plan to attend and enjoy:



Circuit Books and Member Trading Extravaganza!

Meeting time: The meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 PM.
Meeting Place: 12675 Danielson Court, Suite #413 (in the back of the building), Poway, California 92064.

Please remember to bring your badge. The office phone number in case you need it is 1-858-748-5633.

This week's meeting will begin with our regular Club business followed by the distribution of APS Circuit Books. Club members who do not wish to participate in the Circuit books are encouraged to bring in stamps and other items for sale or trade with other club members.



PSC Club Officers:

President: Thor Strom
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 David Klauber
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APS Rep Trice Klauber

Stamp on Page 1

Stamp Image on page one is a U.S. SC #735 the 1934 National Stamp Exhibition Souvenir Sheet. The sheets design was based on the same design as the "Little America" stamp recommended by FDR for the Byrd Expedition. The original stamp was issued in 1933. On February 10, 1934 the souvenir sheet was then issued. The sheet was un gummed featuring six Byrd Antarctic Expedition II stamps. The original stamp was issued to raise funds for the Byrd expedition. The stamps primary audience was mainly stamp collectors.



January Available Circuit Books

Members,

January 9th will be our first meeting of the year as well as our first Circuit Book meeting. The Circuits received are as follows:

US
 US, back of book
 GUERNSEY
 WORLDWIDE AIRMAIL
 PORTUGUESE COLONIES (Nyassa, Mozambique, Punta Delgada, Mozambique Co., Port. India, Port Guinea, Port. Congo)
 LEBANON, back of book
 AUSTRALIA
 CHINA
 LUXEMBOURG
 FIGI
 LIECHTENSTEIN
 GREAT BRITAIN, Classic
 ICELAND
 GERMANY, Pre 1940
 SWITZERLAND
 IRAN
 DENMARK

Hopefully, you will find an area of interest to you. We will be holding regular club business and then moving into Circuits for the second half of the meeting. Feel free to bring in items to share, sell or trade with other members. Remember to bring your tongs, magnifiers, glasses, want lists and be sure to bring some cash or a checkbook to make purchases.

Trice Klauber
APS Circuit Manager

Club Meeting Presentations (2019)

The following is next year's proposed meeting schedule; all events are proposed and subject to change as necessary to accommodate other events such as Auctions etc.

2019 (Proposed) PSC Meeting Schedule

January	Jan 9, 2019 Jan 23, 2019	Circuit Book Meeting Bill Kolb - APS (Proposed Board Meeting)
February	Feb 13, 2019 Feb 27, 2019	Circuit Book Meeting Proposed Auction
March	Mar 13, 2019 Mar 27, 2019	Circuit Book Meeting Thor Strom – Printing Methods
April	Apr 10, 2019 Apr 24, 2019	Circuit Book Meeting David Klauber - EFOs
May	May 8, 2019 May 22, 2019	Circuit Book Meeting Bill O'Connor - TBD
June	Jun 12, 2019 Jun 26, 2019	Circuit Book Meeting Bill Kolb - APS Movie
July	Jul 10, 2019 Jul 24, 2019	Circuit Book Meeting Art Berg - TBD
August	Aug 14, 2019 Aug 28, 2019	Circuit Book Meeting Collin Fort - Tax & Transfer.
September	Sep 11, 2019 Sep 25, 2019	Circuit Book Meeting Morgan Christian (Creative Stamp Teaching)
October	Oct 9, 2019 Oct 23, 2019	Circuit Book Meeting Trice Klauber China Rev.
November	Nov 13, 2019	Circuit Book Meeting

Club Notes:

1. **SWAPEX** – Is held on the first Saturday of every month in the Philatelic Library. The next one will be on Saturday **January 5, 2019**. 9 AM to 1 PM. SWAPEX is a friendly and informal stamp exchange.
2. **SANDIPEX – Sunday Jan 20, 2018**

**San Diego Philatelic Expo SANDIPEX Stamp Show
Free Admission! – Free Parking!
Doors Open from 10am – 4pm**

The show is located just 4 blocks to the north of the Philatelic Library on Poway Road. The show is held at the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge #2543, 13219 Poway Road Poway, CA 92064 . The following is a list of the current 2019 **SANDIPEX** Monthly show dates.

Jan 20
Feb 10
Mar 10
Apr 7
May 26
Jun 9
Jul 14
Aug 11
Sep 8
Oct 6
Nov 10
Dec 8

3. **The next Library stamp auction** - Will be held on Saturday February 16. This date has changed to avoid other Philatelic activities
4. **The Poway Stamp Club auction** - Will be held on Wednesday February 27 as originally scheduled. **There is a greater time interval between the auctions** because the library would like to avoid conflicts within the philatelic community.
5. **Club Participation** – All Club and Library members are strongly encouraged to provide input into this bi-monthly newsletter. Your knowledge and expertise should really be shared. Please submit article items to the Club Secretary at Indysmama@gmail.com.
6. **Support your Club** – With over **50 active members**, the Poway Club is San Diego County's most active Stamp Club. Feel free to forward this Newsletter to anyone you think may find it interesting. You may also support the club by joining the APS. The club will receive a finder's fee for each member who joins the society. Let the stamp community know that we are an alive, vibrant and thriving club!

San Diego Philatelic Library

The San Diego County Philatelic Library is a not-for-profit philatelic library in Poway, San Diego County, California. Operated by friendly volunteers, your stamp library consists of approximately 16,000 volumes of books, monographs, catalogs, and periodicals.

Library Loose Stamps

The Philatelic library provides a large bucket of assorted stamps for visitor inspection. Please remember to always leave a suitable contribution for any stamp items removed from the bucket.

Library Hours:

The Library hours vary based upon who can take a shift, the hours usually are:

10 to 2:00	Monday
12 to 5:30	Tuesday
12 to 3:00	Wednesday
?	Thursday
?	Friday
1 to 5:00	Saturday

Plus additional hours by appointment only.

Before you visit please call to verify staffing is available.

1-858-748-5633.

Website:

Sandiegophilateliclibrary.org

7. **Next PSC Board meeting:** The next board meeting will be held January 23 at 4 p.m., prior to the regularly held club meeting. Please mark your calendars.
8. **Philatelic Library Etiquette** – As PSC members, it is important that we all continue to respect the rules and etiquette of the Philatelic Library. As appropriate it is important that we all tidy up before leaving, throw away our trash, replenish refreshments and be sure to always checkout any library materials before leaving the facility. Your vigilance and timely return of these materials allows the philatelic collection to remain complete and available for the research and reading pleasure of others.
9. **Club Membership Dues Are Due!** – Remember that annual dues are payable in January. Keep in good standing with the PSC and help to support your club.

Member Spotlight!

By: Jon Schrag



The Poway Stamp Club Newsletter highlights one of its members each issue. Today's spotlight is on

ROBERT McARTHUR.

Ask **ROBERT McARTHUR** if he is related to the famous WWII general and he will reply, "Oh, you mean Uncle Doug?" Ha ha!! Yes! Stamp collectors do appreciate fellow collectors like ROBERT who demonstrate a sense of humor.

Robert is a brand-new member thanks to a philatelic article (mentioning the Poway Stamp Club) in the International Society of Japanese Philately bulletin. The article about WWII Japanese Internee Mail was written by our own David Klauber. Robert, who lives in Poway, immediately decided to join our club after reading David's impressive article.

Robert McArthur specializes in JAPAN stamps, postal stationery and post cards. He started collecting JAPAN in 1969 while serving in the NAVY in Yokosuka, Japan. He now has a very impressive personal history of collecting stamps and serving in the U.S. NAVY. Ask him about his nuclear SUBMARINE adventures on the SS BARB and SS BLUEGILL.

Welcome **Robert McArthur** to the Poway Stamp Club!

Definitions

The following definition of EFO terms is here in support of the ongoing Editors Corner series on EFO's.

EFO is the shorthand for "Error, Freak, or Oddity". It's a term applied to philatelic items that were formed unintentionally abnormal. How do you decide what's an error versus a freak or oddity?

Errors: Are usually "major" errors having catalog status where something in the process has gone entirely wrong. Examples of "errors" are stamps that are wrongly perforated, both between or completely imperforated, FULL color(s) omitted, inverts, multiple impressions, missing watermarks or tagging and FULL stamps on either side of an interpane gutter, etc.

Freaks: Also called "varieties", are generally defined as a lesser degree of production problem. Typically freaks have flaws that are not consistent or do not have catalog status. Examples of freaks include ink smudges, off center perforation shifts, partially missing colors or color shifts, pre-printing paper folds, paper creases, over or under inked stamps, and so forth. Freaks often sell for less than their "error" counterparts.

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Editors Corner

By D. Klauber

EFOs Part VI



Perforation Errors & Gutters (Pairs, Snipes and Selvage)

In my last Column on EFO's (*EFO's Part V*), I focused on the occurrence of *Perforation Errors & other Perforation Phenomena*. Our EFO topic this time is on Perforation Phenomena surrounding **Gutter Pairs, Snipes and Selvage**. After the release of the last issue's topic, it was brought to my attention by several club members that the editor had intolerably left out some of our member's favorite perforation EFO's (The Guttersnipe).

As stated last issue, Stamps with Perforation Phenomena are among the most common types of Errors, Freaks and Oddities. Mis-Perfs over the past century have become popular among stamp collectors.

The term "Guttersnipe" was originally used to describe a young hoodlum or street urchin. Many historians attribute its earliest usage to the author with the *nom de plume* "Mark Twain" aka Samuel Clemens. However, in the Philatelic realm, a guttersnipe has a totally different meaning.

So what are philatelic Guttersnipes?

A philatelic guttersnipe is defined as one or more stamps to which is attached the full gutter from between panes, plus any amount of an adjoining stamp(s). This term is typically used in reference to U.S. stamps. Guttersnipes can be caused by a production process mis-registration of the cutting device or a paper foldover. Another definition for Guttersnipes (EFO), is a stamp or stamps to which is attached a gutter, including perforations and sometimes including portions of the stamp(s) on the other side of a margin or gutter. A guttersnipe should be regarded as an **ERROR**. So what is a gutter? A gutter is formed because stamps are printed on a sheet of paper and on each sheet are usually printed four or more panes of stamps. Panes typically contain from 1 to 100 or more individual stamps. What collectors today call a sheet of stamps is actually a single pane of stamps from the original "sheet". A gutter is that area, with or without printing which is located between the stamps of one pane and the stamps of an adjacent pane.

Oddities: The catch-all category for anything that is left. Oddities are often very subtle problems and do not have catalog status. Examples of oddities can be cancel and plate varieties, inverted USPS cancellations, very minor perforation shifts, minor color shifts, and so forth. Most oddities are a curiosity and have lower EFO values.

There will continue to be a debate about the definition of freaks and oddities. This is one area where a classification can be a matter of personal opinion. A frequent area of debate is over pre-printing paper folds. The debate centers on how minor (oddy) or how major (freak) a fold is. As it turns out, one mans freak, is a another mans oddity.

For more information on definitions of and values for many EFOs. Please see the Stephen R. Dazt book, "Catalogues of Errors on US Postage Stamps."

Guttersnipe & Gutter Selvage

Technically a guttersnipe is classified as an EFO. As can be seen from the image below, the gutter exists between the stamps of each pane but a small amount of the stamp on the adjacent pane is still attached to the clear gutter. This is simply a miss-registration of the full sheet of stamps on the cutter machine.



634 Guttersnipe block of 4 (Courtesy D. Klauber)

Gutter selvage is simply the selvage left attached to a stamp that has perforations on the outside of the selvage indicating that the stamp was attached to another pane of stamps at some time. Because they are considered a production anomaly rather than intentional they fall under the EFO Category.



Perforated Gutter on Right stamp is a Selvage "guttersnipe"¹

The format in which they are collected will depend on the type of selvage gutter. For the example above the stamps on this sheet consisted of 4 stamp panes. The Selvage markings that are parallel to the edge come from the gutter between the panes and are not seen with a plate number which is associated with the outer edge of a press sheet. When the press sheet was cut, the cut would normally split the gutter markings. However, when the cutting process is off, it cuts into the stamp instead of through the gutter which is how a guttersnipe is created.

What was Farley's Folly?

The infamous "Farley's Follies" hullabaloo began in 1933 when James A. Farley (1888-1976), took several stamp sheets from the presses before they were gummed and/or perforated. He signed these sheets which were not made available to the public and gave them to his friends and family. In doing so he had created some very prized stamp rarities. Many collectors were livid when they discovered what he had done. Eventually, the Post Office came up with a solution to the issue by reissuing in sheet form all the stamps issued since March 4, 1933. These Reissued sheets were all in ungummed format, and in sufficient numbers to devalue the original sheets and also satisfy public's demand.

Marginal markings that are at right angles to the selvage edge appear at the edges of the press sheet and not between the panes. So on US stamps of the era, you will in general NOT find gutter with perpendicular markings. However, if those markings exist, they will be on the same side as the sheets plate number. **Warning:** Many guttersnipe collectors want the entire gutter intact. If there are no marginal markings, then most want part or the entire adjacent stamp to show that it is not just a selvage with fake perforations added.

Gutter Pairs and Various Combinations

These are probably the most common form of collecting gutter issues. If you are a U.S. Gutter collector then you most likely have gutter combinations from the United States Parks issue in your collection. These are known as part of "**Farley's Follies**", (*see column left for explanation of Farley's Follies*) or the Farley issues and are the **most** intricate gutter varieties in modern US gutter stamp collecting. This is because there are manifold combinations of gutter pairs, blocks, line blocks cross gutter blocks, and the full gutter panes. Some collectors also collect these combinations in both the vertical and horizontal formats.



U.S. 752 Horz. & Vert. Gutter Pair(s) MNH (Courtesy D. Klauber)



U.S. 769-770 Farley National Cross Gutter Blocks(Courtesy D. Klauber)



Horizontal and Vertical gutter Pairs(Courtesy D. Klauber)



Horizontal Center Line with small gutters on imperf sheet (Courtesy D. Klauber)



Partial imperf sheet (Courtesy D. Klauber)

Again, EFO's make an exciting and educational addition to any stamp collection for they speak to us about how stamps are produced and how mistakes can be made during the production of stamps.

For more details on perforation EFO's See Dr. Stanley B. Segal's Errors, Freaks, and Oddities on U.S. Stamps, Question Marks in Philately (Bureau Issues Assoc., 1979), and 1992 Errors, Inverts, Imperforates, Colors Omitted On United States Postage Stamps, by Stephen R. Datz.

¹ *Salvage information and photo from <http://thestampforum.boards.net/thread/2084>*

Our Poway Stamp Club

By D. Klauber



The Poway Stamp Club (PSC) welcomes anybody with an interest in stamps, from the beginner to the seasoned collector. The club meets twice a month. At the meetings we have club business, presentations, Show and Tell, APS Circuits, raffles and/or planned social activities. The club presentations are typically given by either a Club member or other interesting person telling the rest of us about a particular aspect of stamp collecting that interests them. We also occasionally have "Show and Tell" sessions where members can share new acquisitions to their collections. Club-owned copies of current Scott catalogs are always available for members to peruse and check out (See Club Librarian Scott Boyd).

Several times each year as scheduled the Library and Poway Stamp Club hold 2 synchronized Stamp Auctions. Both Auctions contain a mixture of both library and member-submitted lots. Our Auctions are presided over by Auctioneer *De jour*, Duane Pryhoda. The Auctions generally contain 50 to 200 lots consisting of a great variety of stamps, albums, covers, etc. Items range in price from a minimum of \$1.00 to several hundreds of dollars; normally most all of the provided lots will sell at one or the other auctions. The first of the 2 auctions is typically held on a prior Saturday on a week containing a Stamp Club meeting; volunteers at the Library location graciously do the setup, with lot viewing starting at 10 am the day of auction. Bidders view the lots, and if interested are offered/sign up for a bidding paddle. At or around noon the bidding battle royal (fun) begins.

Free U.S. Stamp Album:

Did you know that you can go online and print a complete **U.S. Stamp Album for free!** (Well the cost of paper and Ink are on you). Nearly 800 of them, in fact. **The Philosateleian** includes spaces for all but the rarest U.S. postage stamps. You can customize them however you like, and best of all, they're free. Use the following URL to obtain yours: <https://www.philosateleia.com/>

The Precision U.S. Specialty Multi-Gauge

A while back, I introduced at a Show n Tell, The New and Improved U.S. Specialized Multi-Gauge. It is an essential tool for any collector interested in U.S. stamps from the Classics through the Liberty Issue of 1954. It has become one of my most indispensable philatelic tools.

The new gauge contains 11 precision measuring devices beginning with a Specialty Perf Gauge based on the Kiusalas Specialist Gauge. For collectors of the Grilled Issues, there are two useful gauges: the Grill Pattern Gauge, used to determine the grill type of a stamp, and the Grill Size Gauge, which is used to determine the size of the grill. The Parallel Line Millimeter Gauge is used to measure the width or height of coil stamps, as well as the parallel accuracy of coil cuts and edges. For collectors of Flat Press/Rotary Press issues, the Design Size Millimeter Gauge will quickly measure the size of the frame design of these stamps, while the Rotary/Flat Press Gauge is the quickest way to determine what press was used to print a stamp. The Schermack Private Perforation Gauge accurately reflects the vertical height of Schermack Type III perforations. The Large and Small Hole Perf 10 issues of the Liberty Series can easily be distinguished using this measuring device. A Standard Perf Gauge, which measures to the nearest tenth of a perforation; a Cancellation Diameter Gauge and an enlarged 240mm long Millimeter Scale are the final three devices on the gauge.

The grill points in the Grill Pattern Gauge have been lightened, to allow users to better see through the gauge. Includes a protective slipcover shown and a colored "contrasting background card" to aid in measurements. The back of the slip cover has a summary of the instructions and feature description shown below

**Information from "slingshotvenus.com"*



Precision U.S. Specialty Multi-Gauge

Can be purchased at:

<http://www.slingshotvenus.com/stamps/USSpecialtyPerf5.html>

Member Classifieds

If you would like to have a Free advertisement in the PSC Newsletter, please email: PSCphilately@gmail.com

For Sale: First Day of Issue Ceremony Programs. Marilyn Monroe \$25. 2000 Space Issue \$15, Many more at \$10. Some at \$5. Premium Thirties and Forties Cachet FDCS - Will consider trades for U.S. Material Call Duane at 858-735-3800

For Sale: Stamps at Bargain Prices, Come and see my Stock. By appointment so please call to set up a time. Home Phone: 858-271-0262 Mobile Phone: 858-449-3047 **Al Kish**

Wanted: Puerto Rico Town cancels. Bring to meeting. Will trade or buy. See member M. Marti PSC # 410.

Wanted: Imperial China, PRC, Manchukuo, Mongolia, Classic Mexico, U.S. 19th Century Proofs and Essays. U.S. 19th Century. See D & T Klauber at Wednesday PSC meeting or contact us at Indysmama@gmail.com.



Thanks to Chris Diaz at Stamp Paraphernalia for updating their PSC site information on the net.

Check out their online store for all your Philatelic supply

needs.

Also StampNewsNow has updated their web information associated with the Poway Stamp Club

<http://www.stampnewsnow.com/clubmeetingguide.html#Californiavisit>

Visit <http://stampnewsnow.com/>. *Stamp News Online (SNO) Magazine* is an *online only* monthly magazine for collectors of U.S. and Worldwide stamps and covers. Full of compelling articles with U.S. and Worldwide editorial content.

Stamp News:



There are new USPS Stamps to be issued in 2019*

New Lineup of 2019 Forever stamps from the United States Postal Service

On November 20, 2018, the Postal Service announced in its article “National News” the subjects for its 2019 stamps. From Washington, the U.S. Postal service revealed a lineup of new stamps and other items to be issued in 2019.

The new lineup has people, events and cultural events related to the history of the U.S. The following descriptions from the U.S.P.S. can be found at : https://about.usps.com/newsroom/national-releases/2018/pr18_095.htm

The first 2019 Stamp is already available online at USPS.COM it's the new Hearts Blossom Forever stamp below is the Advertisement for the stamp at the Postal Service site.

Hearts Blossom

Forever 50¢ ⓘ

Available On: 01/10/2019

SKU: 565004

Issue Date: 1/10/2019

Celebrate the joys of love with the latest stamp from the U.S. Postal Service® in the ever-popular *Love* series.

On the stamp, 12 colorful hearts visually express love's joyful, bountiful nature. The color palette—red, purple, orange, and pink—is intended to create a happy and positive feeling.

