

Poway Stamp Club Newsletter is still being produced and sent electronically to our club members. We will continue to utilize this Newsletter and emails to communicate with our membership the status of our clubs activity.

Please contact the club Secretary at PSCPhilately@gmail.com with any information that you would like to have disseminated to the entire club during these uncertain times. Also, please keep us informed of yours or other club members' health situation as appropriate.

Please take advantage of this Newsletter to continue with your collecting. All members are allowed a free add in this newsletter, you could use the add to trade or swap stamps with other members via the USPS while we are all isolated. Our website www.powaystampclub.com has a page dedicated to things you can do with your collection while we are in quarantine.

Thankfully, we still do not have "confirmed" cases of Covid-19 within our membership. (knock on wood) Everyone please stay safe....



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Stamp on Page 1
On the page one header is a rare used Scott \#1 5c Franklin "Type E" Double Transfer Stamp. Other experts have subsequently decided that this type is not a true Double transfer but is rather the result of plate scratches. A pen cancel and 3 margins on this copy will lower the subject value by a minimum of $60 \%$.

## Club Meeting Presentations

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

## $\underline{2020}$ (Proposed) PSC Meeting Schedule

------ All future Meetings are Postponed for Now ------

May 27, 2020 Postponed/Cancelled
June Jun 10, 2019 Postponed/Cancelled
Jun 24, $2019 \quad$ Postponed/Cancelled

July Jul 8, 2019 Club Donations Voice Sale \& Circuit Book Meeting

Jul 22, $2019 \quad$ Bill W --- Holy Stamps
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { August } & \text { Aug 12, } 2019 & \text { Circuit Book Meeting } \\ & \text { Aug 26, 2019 } & \text { Bill Kolb --- Penny Black }\end{array}$

September Sep 09, 2019 Circuit Book Meeting
Sep 23, 2019 The 2 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ Annual "Ugly Stamp"
Contest. Honors and Prizes!

October $\quad$ Oct $142019 \quad$ Circuit Book Meeting
Oct 28, 2019 Poway Stamp Club Auction

November Nov 11, 2019 Circuit Book Meeting

December --- TBD --- $\mathscr{H}$ oliday $\mathscr{P}$ arty

## POWAY STAMP CLUB <br> APS \#1137-112097

Club meetings are held every second and fourth
Wednesday of each month except November \& December at: Philatelic Library 12675 Danielson Ct \#413, Poway, CA 92064

More info at
www-powaystampclub.com

## Participation

All Stamp Club and Library members are strongly encouraged to provide input for the bi-monthly Club newsletter. Your knowledge and expertise should really be shared. Please submit items to the Club Secretary at:

PSCphilately@gmail.com Club Website
Try our new website at:
PowayStampClub.com
You will find our activities and affiliations, interesting links, contact information including the current and previous versions of this Newsletter! Give it a try! You can use the Web
Presence to introduce others to our Club.

## Club Notes:

1. Poway Stamp Club - Now is a great time to develop a stamp presentation to support our new Program Coordinator who is requesting that all interested club members please advise him of any ideas/projects they may have for meeting programs. You may e-mail Bill Wacenske at: stampdude03@gmail.com or call 805-581-2923.
2. SWAPEX - The Philatelic Library is closed until further notice and as such SWAPEX is cancelled until further notice.
3. SANDIPEX 2020 - Sunday May 3rd (Cancelled)

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

The show in its $17^{\text {th }}$ year 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 2020 SANDIPEX Monthly show dates.

| JANUARY 19 |  | JULY 12 |
| :--- | :---: | :--- |
| FEBRUARY 9 | 2O2O | AUGUST 9 |
| MARCH 8 | OUR 17TH | SEPTEMBER 20 |
| APRIL 5 | YEAR | OCTOBER 11 |
| MAY 3 |  | NOVEMBER 8 |
| JUNE 14 |  | DECEMBER 13 |

> Email: cbcstamp@aol.com \& Sandipex.stampexpo@gmail.com
4. (Potentially Postponed) The Philatelic Library will hold its Auctions on the previous Saturdays: June 20 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ and October $\mathbf{1 7}^{\text {th }}$ additionally a "Garage Sale" will be held at the Library on August $1^{\text {st }}$.
5. Support your Club - With over 57 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!
6. APS Circuits - Recently the Editor received a new lot of APS Circuits. To my surprise it would appear that they are back to shipping them out to members (5/21). Hizzah!
7. 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.
 The Poway Stamp Club invites you to share your philatelic passion by giving a presentation at one of our meetings or by writing a short article for our newsletter. If you are interested, or want to find out more, e-mail pscphilately@gmail.com or talk to one of our Club's officers.
9. Butterfield Overland Mail - 1857-69 Was an important stage route of the old west. It constituted the longest mail route in the world at that time, extending nearly three thousand miles.
10. Business School Stamps - Used by business colleges in their commercial courses to demonstrate business practices.
11. Hawaiian Missionary Stamps - Flower bordered

Numeral stamps, issued Oct. 1, 1851 and Nov 11, 1852. Printed in the Government Printing office, Honolulu.
12. First Postmaster - The first Postmaster was Benjamin Franklin of Philadelphia, PA in 1775. Franklin served as Postmaster of Philadelphia, PA from 1737-1753.
13. U.S Post Office - In the U.S. the first establishment of the Post Office is authorized by the U.S. Constitution in 1887.
14. FYI - Costco during the crisis is having special senior hours in Poway.

Senior Hours*: 9am - 10am, Daily

15. Post Cards - In the United States post cards were first introduced in 1873.
16. Perc-En-Arc - A roulette perforation consisting of small semi-circles turned alternately in opposite direction.
17. Eight-color Gravure/Intaglio Press - This type of press is capable of printing eight colors, five by gravure and three by intaglio in one pass through the press. This press can print regular, commemorative or book stamps on a web of pregummed coated paper. It can phosphor tag each, precancel and print on the back if desired. It also perforates cuts and delivers the stamps in stacks of 100 sheets. Importantly to variety collectors, the press can produce stamps by gravure alone, intaglio alone or by the two processes in combination.
18. Many Thanks - The Editor would again like to thank all of the club members who jumped in this month to help support this newsletter. So many new and interesting notes and articles were added this time making this issue a more rounded and interesting newsletter, Thanks Again!
19. Bid Board - The next session begins on May $26^{\text {th }}$ so get your items in by the $23{ }^{\text {rd }}$ to get them listed on the board. All you need to participate is to be a current member and submit a photo and short description that contains the minimum acceptable bid that includes the cost of shipping the item locally. Don't miss out on the fun!

"I swear it wasn't me, I didn't get anywhere near your stamps Dad"

## Member Spotlight!



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

Welcome again to a relatively new member of the Poway Stamp Club JACK WADLINGTON.

Jack is a resident of Scripps Ranch. He collects USA stamps (and will add covers infrequently) "only when the cover can highlight the stamp". Example. A Confederate cover can highlight a Confederate block of stamps by showing how the stamps were utilized.

Jack served two tours as a young lieutenant artillery officer near the famous DMZ (famous KHE SANH area) in Vietnam. And then he continued his patriotic military service as an Army Captain at Fort Sill and along the way married a Navy nurse. He has three grown sons. Ultimately he used military savvy and deep discipline to keep cool as he transitioned into being an accountant and then a high-pressure grain trader in the civilian world of commodity futures markets. He retired in 1998 but did not sit idle. He has done extensive community volunteer work especially at the Scripps Ranch Library and other local civic organizations. He brings a full resume of significant work, proven intelligence, and overall success to the PSC.

Welcome stamp collector and new member JACK WADLINGTON to the Poway Stamp Club!

If you want to see Jack smile (grin) The next time you see him, you should ask to see his (wife's) list of Taboo subjects. I am still trying to formulate a paragraph that would contain them all ;) - Editor -

## Definitions

The following definition of EFO and other terms is here in support of the ongoing Editors Corner series on Varieties, EFO's and Counterfeits.

EFO is the shorthand for "Error, Freak, or Oddity". It's a term applied to philatelic items that were formed unintentionally abnormal.

Errors: Are usually "major" errors having catalog status where something in the process has gone entirely wrong. Examples of "errors" are consistent, unintentional deviations from the normal and typically 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. Printing plate cracks, wear and other flaws such as repairs or re-entries are freaks and not typically considered to be errors.
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## Editors Corner

By D. Klauber

## Collecting Proofs and Reprints ——":\% The American Letter Mail Company



With printed "Proof" back stamps (Courtesy D. Klauber)
So what is a plate proof? -- A proof is a impression either from a printing plate before actual stamp production or from the original plate sometime after the issue(s) has been discontinued.
Importantly: They are extremely useful for you the collector who wishes to examine the original vs. a potential defect or to be used as a reference stamp. I have enjoyed the collecting of proofs for several decades now, originally because the cost of $19^{\text {th }}$ century originals is often prohibitive but also to better understand and help me to identify genuine stamps vs. the plethora of forgeries out there.

The availability of low cost card stock copies that are well centered with razor sharp impressions in a multitude of color images makes the collecting of P4 (Card) proofs quite desirable . Besides, when compared with the genuine article there are very few originals that can compare with the Image intensity, impression or color. Hint: Since proofs are never issued with gum, a heavily hinged proof copy can be easily soaked and nicely pressed to bring it back to its original state. You must be very careful not to soak proofs for too long as there is the real possibility with the deep color issues for their inks to run. Just be careful not to let any stay in the water for very long because the colors will and do run. Here is the good news; more than 90 percent of the card proofs from the first issue through the newspaper issues typically run between $\$ 10-\$ 75$ each. ${ }^{1}$

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

There continues to be a debate about the definition of freaks vs oddities. This is one area where a classification can be a matter of personal opinion.
Frequently the debate is over pre-printing paper folds and centers on how minor (oddity) or how major (freak) a fold is. As it turns out, one mans freak, is a another mans oddity.
Counterfeit, Forgery, or Fake.
Counterfeit: Fraudulent
reproduction of a stamp
meant to defraud the issuing authority. (Typically used as postage)
Forgery: Fraudulent reproduction or alteration of a stamp meant to defraud (not the issuing authority), In philately, forged stamps are altered to defraud the buyer-

Fakes An imitation stamp, or reprint. There are many fakes on the market, typically sold as fakes they are rarely sold as genuine. In philately, fakes are an expression of art are not offered as genuine to defraud. (reprints may be considered fakes)

Specifically this article is targeted at the proofs associated with the American Letter Mail Company (ALM) whose issues featured the image of a small eagle with a decorative border. It is believed that these 20 for a Dollar issues were most likely engraved by Rawdon, Wright, Hatch and Edson using a stock die purchased by RWH\&E from Durand, Perkins \& Co. after the firm went out of business in 1832. ${ }^{2}$ The American Letter mail Company, was established in 1844 by Lysander Spooner his mail company was in direct competition with the government creating havoc with the price of stamps for US postal system. Spooner was involved in a great deal of litigation regarding the legality of a US postal system (government). Apparently the Post Office had tried to establish routes and "Post Roads" that would make it illegal for anyone other than government to deliver letters. Spooner was successful in taking advantage of the rules delivering mail for 7 years as a local carrier before being forced to close shop in 1851. Spooner was so successful at driving down letter prices that he is sometimes referred to as the "Father of the Three-cent stamp".

The American Letter Mail Company stamps were originally printed in sheets of 20 black ink stamps printed on both thick and thin papers. This stamp is identified by Scott today as issue 5L1 "small eagle stamp". After Spooner was forced to close, he kept his original printing plates and the remainder of any unsold eagle stamps. He sold these stamp slowly to collectors, and had flooded the market by 1880. It is for this reason that the 5L1 issues that are cancelled have a significant premium of price over the unused issues. Luckily most of the issues printed after he closed were on thin paper making the thick paper issues that much rarer. On cover copies of the eagle issue can be found including use of bisects for partial route delivery.

While the original plate of 20 remained with Spooner the original dies used to make the plate finally ended up with the American Bank Note (ABN) Co. Because of this, alternate "Die" proof(s) exist that were produced by ABN co. They are of single issue and can be identified by their very large margins and unique vertical scratches most visible on the left side and at the top through the "E" of "Letter".


ABN "Die" Proof 5L1P1 Variety
ABN Co. Trial proofs from 1888 exist in six colors on India paper. A set of 4 color proofs also exist on bond paper, however their printing date is unknown.

## More Important Definitions

Reissues
(a reprint of a currently available stamp)

Reprints
(copies of the obsolete originals)

Special Printings
(original plate stamps for non-postal use, while originals are still valid for postage)

Government issued
Reproductions
(Not printed from the original plates, not valid postage, considered likenesses. Examples US Scott 3-4

For more information on definitions of and values for many EFOs. See the S.R. Dazt book, "Catalogues of Errors on US Postage Stamps; "

ALM Co. Plate Proofs: Original plate proofs have been reprinted several times by different printers. The first know printing was produced By E.A. Holton, of Boston who had purchased the plate from Spooners Estate in 1887. While the original plate was significantly corroded, he eventually was able to have it cleaned enough to produce a supply of reprints. These first reprints were created on bond paper with a watermark reading "Old Hampshire Bond, USA". Many of the positions are easily identified by residual plate corrosion, but other positions are difficult to differentiate from the originals.

Holton further cleaned the plate before printing the next set of sheets. These second reprints were printed on bright white $81 / 2$ inch glazed cards. The Plate changed hands several time before the next series of reprints was made in 1934. These proofs were produced by Frank P. Brown in six bright colors and advertised as "trial color proofs" The first sets of these proofs have a small hand stamp on the back side reading "proof" on each stamp. Although they are advertised as and listed as "proofs" they are in reality, reprints. They were sold as singles and as sheets to dealers as stock.


ALM Reprints (photo Courtesy D. Klauber)
With and Without "Proof" Back stamps

One dealer, T.K. Barker \& Company of San Francisco, purchased a supply of the reprint stamps and sold them as sets of singles, hinge mounted on card. These cards designed with the text "American Letter Mail" above and "Trial Color Proofs" below and were originally sold to collectors for $25 \phi$.


With "Proof" Back stamps
Sets in a nearly identical style to T.K. Barker's cards are known printed on paper. These sets have text slightly larger and less sharp than the Barker cards, although the borders around the hinged stamps are the same size.


Without Proof back stamps (Courtesy D. Pryhoda)

1. "Collecting plate proofs on a budget is not as tough as you might thin" Essays and Proofs - By James E. Lee, Mar 9, 2017, Us-stamps-postal-history, Linns Stamp News.
2. "The Mike Farrrell Collection of independent Mails", American Letter Mail, Amos Media Company, 2018.

## We Got Framed Project

## By Scott Boyd

The "We Got Framed" group was planning to make an exhibit for the county fair. That project has been placed on hold for now. But, if enough members show interest, It might be fun to start a new little participatory project for our members.

Here is what I envision-

The Purpose- Endeavor to help each other to learn about, and construct, an interesting display of stamps.

- Any person interested could create a one page project (or more if desired) with an exhibit of stamp related items, showing a stamp or cover that you find interesting, and explaining what makes it interesting to you will be a manageable challenge. It will be much like a written show and tell.
- Then I (Scott) will construct a panel of esteemed members to judge the final products (maybe all of the members that read the newsletter could vote).
- As an incentive to participate, the winner(s) will be provided a $\$ 25$ voucher to a restaurant of their choosing, which will be provided by an anonymous donor.

If you have an interest in participating is this or a similar type project during our time in quarantine then please contact me via scooterb@sbcglobal.net

If there is enough member interest I will move forward with constructing a schedule for the projects. I envision that they should take approximately 4 to 6 weeks to complete.

Hope you want to join in!!
Club Librarian;
Scott Boyd

## Local Interest

## By Bill O'Connor

Old Postmarks of San Diego County; Del Mar by the Sea


Del Mar By the SEa, Image Courtesy Bill O'Connor
Del Mar by the Sea.
Col. J. S. Taylor was a land surveyor in the 1880's and organized the purchase of land by the sea, north of the city of San Diego in 1882. The area was planned for an exclusive development. The original name of the area was Weed, and as that was not an exclusive enough name, Del Mar by the Sea emerged. The first post office for Del Mar was established Oct. 22, 1885. This wonderful cover depicted was given to me by Dave Klauber. The back stamp on this cover is from San Diego, November 7, 1894.
. -- Bill O'Connor

## Soapbox

## By Bill O'Connor

## Specimen Stamps

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Czechoslovakia

For quite some time I have had a series of stamps from Czechoslovakia which have a curious overprint. The stamps are the first issue of the new republic of Czechoslovakia, created out of the chaos of World War I. The stamps are the Hradcany at Prague series, 1918, which includes Scott numbers 1-53, (the cathedral on the hill looks over the river). The overprint in black is VZOREC, which means specimen. The illustration includes examples of Scott $1-3$, and 5-6. I know have a few more stamps to add to my limited collection of specimen stamps of the world.


Czech Specimens stamps Scott 1-3,5,6
Note 1. Specimen stamps have been issued for various reasons. The official reason was to have an example of every stamp issued to be on file at the Universal Postal Union headquarters in Switzerland. Others were given out during the development period for artists, designers, postal officials, special friends, and eventually collectors. The value of specimen stamps varies, and in many cases may be less valuable than the issued stamp.

Note 2. The original UPU was founded in 1874 in Berne Switzerland with 22 members. The number of members today approaches 200.

## San Diego

## Philatelic Library

The San Diego Philatelic Library is Currently Closed due to the Pandemic.

The San Diego County Philatelic Library is a not-forprofit 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 |
| 10 to 2:00 | Thursday |
| 12 to 6:00 | Friday |
| 1 to 5:00 | Saturday |
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10 to 2:00 Monday
12 to 5:30 Tuesday
12 to 3:00 Wednesday
10 to 2:00 Thursday
12 to 6:00 Friday 1 to 5:00 Saturday
Plus additional hours by appointment only.

## Member Classifieds

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

For Sale: Want lists serviced for stamps of Puerto Rico. Fill holes in your collection with mostly lower catalog value stamps. See Bob at a PSC meeting or call 858-278-7873

## Bob Schappelle

For Sale: Worldwide sets, Singles and Souvenir sheets. 60\% off Catalog to all Club Members. Offer valid anywhere you see me.
Phone: 714-476-3698 Email:CBCSTAMP@ AOL.com.
Chuck Bigler.
For Sale: $\$ 525$. Cat of worldwide souvenir sheets, some high Cat machins. \$100. Call Duane at 858-735-3800

## Duane Pryhoda

For Sale: Stamps at Bargain Prices, Come and see my Stock. By appointment so please call to set up a time. Home Phone: 858-2710262 Mobile Phone: 858-449-3047 Al Kish

Wanted: Topicals on the following subjects: spiders, trilobites, Shih Tzu dogs, lunar new year [year of, etc.], paintings by Manet, Delacroix, Gericault, David, Brueghel. U.S. 1893 Columbian issue errors, freaks and oddities. Top dollar paid for Columbian plate varieties especially double transfers. For Sale: large selection of used and mint Australia, Great Britain, and Japan including single stamps and souvenir sheets at a fraction of catalog value. Email your want list to Bob McArthur (rmcarthur@cox.net) or bring to a PSC meeting." Bob McArthur

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

Wanted: Imperial China, PRC, Manchukuo, Mongolia, U.S. Double Transfers/Re-entries, U.S. 19thCentury Proofs and Essays. U.S. $19^{\text {th }}$ Century. See D \& T Klauber at Wednesday PSC meeting or contact us at Indysmama@ gmail.com.

## Stamp News:



## New Stamps 2020 United States Postal Service Stamps

The following Issue dates, stamp subjects and formats are tentative and subject to change. They are based on Linn's listing of projected 2020 releases.


May 21, Voices of the Harlem Renaissance. Four (55ф) forever commemorative stamps, pane of 20; Nella Larsen, Arturo Alfonso Schomburg, Anne Spencer, Alain Locke; BCA; New York, NY 10199; USPS item No. 476404 (pane), 476416 (FDC set of four at \$3.96), 476421 (color postmark FDC set of four at $\$ 6.80$ ).


June 13, Enjoy the Great Outdoors. Five (55申) forever commemorative stamps, pane of 20; building a sand castle, canoeing, hiking, biking and cross-country skiing; AP; Incline Village, NV; USPS item No. 572804 (pane), 572816 (FDC set of five at \$4.95), 572821 (color postmark FDC set of five at $\$ 8.50$ ).

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