

# **Poway Stamp Club**



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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 Club Meeting November 14, 2018

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday November 14**, **2018.** Please plan to attend and enjoy:

A presentation By Bob Eygenhuysen

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.

Bob's Presentation will conclude the presentations for 2018. Your PSC Editor would like to thank all those who have participated in this year's club presentations, 'show & tell" sessions and thank you to all those who have signed up for future presentations in 2019. This is the final PSC Newsletter for 2018 and will therefore be our "Holiday Issue".

# **Club Meeting Presentations (2018)**

Nov 14, 2018 Bob Eygenhuysen TBD



#### 2018 PSC Club Officers:

President: Thor Strom V President Bob Schappelle Secretary: Trice Klauber Treasurer: Bill Kolb **Roster: Diane Maisonneuve** Librarian: Bill O'Connor/ Scott Boyd Board (AL): **David Nourok** Board (AL): Ray Hacecky Prev. President Tom Young Auctioneer: Duane Pryhoda Director at Large: Colin Fort Phil. Library Manager:

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Anne Wood

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#### **Stamp on Page 1**

Stamp Image on page one is a U.S. #113 1869 2¢ Pony Express Rider Pictorial G Grill

Earliest Use: Mar. 20, 1869
Quantity issued: 72,109,050
Printed by: National Bank Note
Perforation: 12
Color: Brown

At the time it was issued, the Pony Express Rider stamp was severely criticized for its design. The horse appears to be leaping rather than galloping. (Some say the horse's position is nearly impossible.) However, it captures our nation's infatuation with the romance of the Pony Express.

# **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 unplanned 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	Feb13, 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



- SWAPEX Is held on the first Saturday of every month in the Philatelic Library. The next one will be on Saturday December 1, 2018. 9 AM to 1 PM. SWAPEX is a friendly and informal stamp exchange.
- 2. SANDIPEX Sunday Nov 11, 2018

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

The show is now 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 the current list of 2018 Sandipex Monthly show dates.

Nov/11/2018 Dec/09/2018

- 3. **Club Participation** Club and Library members are <u>strongly</u> encouraged to provide input for the bi-monthly newsletter. Your participation is critical to our successes as a Club. Please submit items to the Club Secretary at <u>Indysmama@gmail.com</u>.
- 4. **Support your Club** With <u>47 active members</u>, 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.
- 5. **Holiday Party** –We will celebrate the holidays on December 12, 2018, at 6 p.m. See Article on our Holidays/Christmas Party this issue.
- 6. **Preparations for Holiday Party** Next PSC meeting is the last chance to provide Holiday party donations that will be used as prizes for the festivities to Thor Strom. Items may be either Philatelic or other and have a value greater than \$10. Your support is greatly appreciated.



# San Diego Philatelic Library

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 <u>Library hours</u> 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:

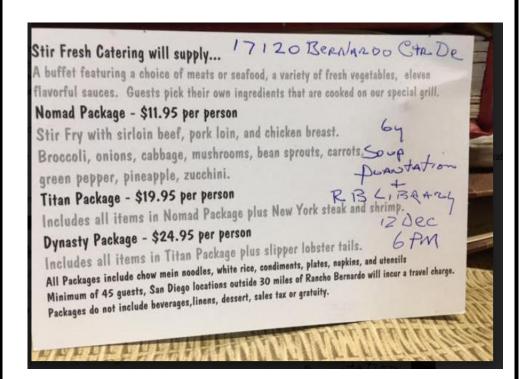
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## **Holiday/Christmas Party**

By: Tom Young

**Holiday Party** – The Club has confirmed that we will be celebrating the holiday this year with a dinner/gathering. We will celebrate the holidays on December 12, 2018, at 6 p.m. A Map to the Grill will be emailed out by the PSC Secretary the first week of December.

Location: Stir Fresh Mongolian Grill
17120 Bernardo Center Drive
Rancho Bernardo



For each paid member the dinner will be comparable to the Nomad package, which is one large bowl. The Club will pay for that meal, which comes with water, rice, and bread). Also will include tax and tip. Guest meals, all other drinks, as well as other menu items are the responsibility of the Club member.

Regards, Tom





# Member Spotlight!

By: Jon Schrag



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

Nat Ward.

In 1959 **NAT WARD** was a young teenager serving in Vietnam. He went to the local post office to mail a letter home. He noticed the colorful stamps on sale. Ever since that date in 1959 he has been an avid collector of Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, and other Indochina stamps. (Plus he added Japan and China stamps a few years later).

Our fellow stamp collector NAT WARD is a retired lawyer and a retired US ARMY CAPTAIN. Ask him about his fantastic years of active duty in the US ARMY. Hint, he was the first amputee retained on active duty in the Vietnam War!

He says VIETNAM STAMP prices are down now and are terribly depressed but that VIETNAM stamps will someday be priced like CHINA stamps. NAT says, "There is huge potential!"

In recent years he has been the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR of the Mekong Educational Foundation. His organization has worked diligently and recovered human remains of US PILOTS who crashed in North Vietnam.

Thank you NAT WARD for being a terrific citizen and an impressive stamp collector!





#### **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 V

# Perforation Errors & Perforation Phenomena

In my last Column on EFO's (*EFO's Part IV*), I focused on the occurrence of color plate shifting and other color printing phenomena. Our EFO topic this time is on *Perforation Errors & other Perforation Phenomena*.

#### **Mis-Perforated EFO's**

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. Misperforations are found on stamps from the very first perforated issues up to the present. Misperforations are also known as a perforation shifts or misregistrations. A misperf relates to any inappropriate puncturing of a stamp sheet, caused because the sheet is not properly aligned with the perforating equipment, it can result in the perforation holes disfiguring the design of a stamp.



SC #113 Freak Perf (Courtesy D. Klauber)

Perforation shifts occur when a stamp requires multiple press passes to be exactly aligned. The impact on value depends on the severity of the perforation shift, and as a general rule, the more dramatic the error, the more it will be worth.



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 (oddity) or how major (freak) a fold is. As it turns out, one mans freak, is a another mans oddity.

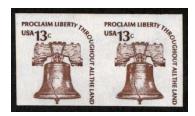
For more information on definitions of and values for many EFOs. Please see the Stephen R. Dazt book, "Catalogues of Errors on US Postage Stamps."



SC #113 Rare Freak Perf w/Imprint (courtesy D. Klauber)

What are the most popular misperforation stamps? The most desired of the perforated stamp variations are those where the stamps are shifted to the point that the design becomes misplaced in relation to the remainder of the stamp. These Mis-Perfs (**Freaks**) are eye-catching, affordable and look impressive especially when you see them in your collection! Dr. Stanley B. Segal's *Errors, Freaks, and Oddities on U.S. Stamps, Question Marks in Philately* (Bureau Issues Assoc., 1979), describe these variations as "Change-of-Design" misperforations. Because of their rarity and popularity with collectors, sheets of stamps with Mis-perforations are worth considerably more in value.

Imperforate errors: Sometimes referred to as a "perforation error", occurs when perforations are missing from one or several sides of a stamp. These errors should not be confused with imperforate proofs that are printed on India or stamp paper or the early U.S. stamps which were deliberately issued



1618b Brown 13¢ Imperf Pair

in imperforate form. Perforations are a series of small holes which are designed to enable the easier separation of the stamps from a coil, booklet or sheet.

Collector Warnings: Because perforations can be trimmed and thus removed, collectors should only collect imperforate EFO's in pairs, blocks or sheets. Single stamps with missing perforations should only be considered as a reference or a simple curiosity. Note: For any complete or between imperforate specimens, even a single pin impression, no matter how light it may be, wherever it may be displaced from its normal location, will disqualify an item from being classified as an imperforate error.

**Coil Imperforate EFOs:** Imperforate errors in large segments occur most frequently in coil stamps than in any other imperf error. This is due in part to the fact that the perforation of coils is not performed on the press and tends to be far more automated. With coils there is little opportunity in the process to check for faults. The automated coiling hardware perforates, slices, counts, rolls and packages the stamps. Imperfs are much less common in sheets of stamps where a far more stringent quality control standard applies.

Sheet Imperforate EFOs: There are many variations of Imperforate (**Errors**) are found in sheets of stamps:

- **Complete Imperforate: (Error)** these errors are rare in fact they were rarely sold over the post office counter i.e. the 1893 Columbian series Imperforates are examples of this error. Poor quality Columbian issues are found but it is believed that they are scavenged issues from printers waste.
- Horizontally imperforate (Error): A stamp sheet which doesn't have any horizontal perforations, but does display its vertical ones. The first known example of this error is the 8c Trans-Mississippi stamp sheet of 50 that was later separated to increase its collectability.



1917 3c Washington (502c)

- **Vertically imperforate (Error)**: A stamp sheet which has no vertical perforations, but does have its horizontal ones as normal.
- Blind Perfs: This (Freak) is caused by the poor functioning of the perf wheel. With blind perforations the paper may be indented or may even cut the paper but not completely through. Blind Perf varieties are always considered freaks. These



imperforates are most commonly mistaken for an Imperforate between pair which is a "true" error.

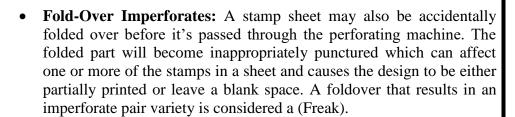
**Imperforate Combinations:** (Error + Freak) some sheets exhibit a combination of either horizontal or vertical imperforations in conjunction with blind perfs. An example of this phenomenon variety is found on the Grandma Mosses stamps where blind and complete imperforations are found on the same sheet. The individuality of

combination errors can add enthusiasm to the collecting of EFO's.

**Booklet pane imperforates (Error)**: Panes start as large sheets that are then perforated. Horizontal and vertical omitted varieties both exist. Pane imperforates most frequently occur when a sheet is folded prior to the guillotine cutting of sheets through the imperforate spaces. Pane errors are very rare and collectable and are considered (Major Errors).



**Imperf Booklet Pane** 





**Example Fold Over Perf and Imperf** 

• **Perforations of the Wrong Gauge Applied:** There are three known examples of this error; all of them in the Washington-Franklin period into the early 1922 series. See **John Hotchners** Guide to EFOs in 3 parts at <a href="http://www.nalbandstamp.com/hotchner.htm">http://www.nalbandstamp.com/hotchner.htm</a> for more information.

**Double Perf EFOs:** It has been reported that back in the 1890's, double perforations were all the rage. Unfortunately, the old perforating wheels had

been sold off as scrap around that time, and were bought by some unscrupulous stamp dealers. Some of them went to work supplying double perforations. As a result, some issues became common and in some cases, were worth less than normally perforated stamps. There were some genuine errors created, but even used on a document it takes an expert to decide if it is even possibly genuine (i.e. get a cert).



Double Perf SC#188 (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.





# Pigeongram Airmail

By Tom Young



Did you know that there were airmail stamps before the invention of the airplane in 1903? In New Zealand, they were used on notes carried by pigeons from Auckland to a mining area on Great Barrier Island, sixty five miles away. Issued between 1898 and 1899, eight "local" stamps were produced for the original Great Barrier Pigeongram Service and the Great Barrier Pigeongram Agency. Show Above is VP7, which my stamp collecting brothers sent me back in the 1970's. It is my collection favorite



The New Zealand cover with cachet shown above was produced in 1958. It features likenesses of some of the "local" stamps and celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of pigeongram mail service.

Finally, in 1997, pieongram post was acknowledged with tow centenary issues. Shown above is S1436.







# USPS and Israel Post Released a joint issue for 2018 Hanukkah stamp

By David Klauber



U.S. 32¢ Hanukkah Menorah stamp (Scott 3118)

For the second year in a row, the USPS engaged in a joint issue with another foreign postal authority. This year, the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah has been celebrated with a (50¢) forever stamp from the U.S. as well as a companion 8.30-shekel issue from Israel. Hanukkah is a family-centered holiday, with celebrations taking place in people's homes. Games, songs, gifts and food all contribute to making the holiday festive and fun for family and friends. Hanukkah begins on the 25th of Kislev in the Hebrew calendar, a date that falls in late November or December. In 2018, Hanukkah begins at sundown Dec 2.

The U.S. stamp was issued Oct. 16 in a pane of 20. The U.S.P.S. described the design of its new stamp as "The new Hanukkah stamp artwork features a menorah created using the techniques of the traditional Jewish folk art of paper cutting". Behind the menorah is a shape suggestive of an oil jug that represents the heart of Hanukkah. Additional design elements include dreidels — spinning tops used to play a children's game during the holiday — and a pomegranate plant with fruit and flowers." Art director Ethel Kessler was the designer. Tamar Fishman created the original art for the stamp.

On Israel's version of the stamp "ISRAEL-USA" appears in the upper left. The value and "ISRAEL" are found at lower left. The Israeli stamp was issued in a pane of 15 stamps. This is the second joint issue from the United States and Israel to celebrate Hanukkah, the wintertime "Festival of Lights" that commemorates the rededication of the holy temple in Jerusalem after it had been desecrated by oppressors in the second century B.C.





## **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

<u>For Sale</u>: 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** 

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

<u>Wanted:</u> Imperial China, PRC, Manchukuo, Mongolia, Classic Mexico, U.S. 19<sup>th</sup> Century Proofs and Essays. U.S. 19<sup>th</sup> 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

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## **Stamp News:**



There are new USPS Stamps to be issued in September/October 2018 \*

Reminder to all club members, effective January 27<sup>th</sup> the new postage rate will rise to .55 cents. Be sure to get your forever stamps now!

## 2018 USPS Stamp Releases

Details and Images to follow in future PSC Newsletters

Oct. 10, Kwanzaa. One (50¢) forever stamp; Raleigh, NC; Linn's, Aug. 13, page 1.

**Oct. 11, Sparkling Holidays Santa.** Four (50¢) forever stamps; Pigeon Forge, TN; *Linn's*, July 23, page 8.

**Oct. 16, Hanukkah.** One (50¢) forever stamp; Newport, RI; *Linn's*, Aug. 13, page 1.