



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 Club Meeting October 24, 2018

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday October 24, 2018**. Please plan to attend and enjoy:

A presentation on French Revenues
By
Bill O'Connor

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.

On The Following Club Meeting: Wednesday Nov 14, 2018. The program will be:

A presentation
By
Bob Eygenhuysen

Club Meeting Presentations (2018)

Oct 24, 2018	Bill O'Connor	French Revenues
Nov 14, 2018	Bob Eygenhuysen	TBD

2018 PSC Club Officers:

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Stamp on Page 1

Stamp Image on page one is a U.S. #1470, 8¢ Tom Sawyer from the American Folklore Series.

Issue Date: October 13, 1972
City: Hannibal, MO
Quantity: 162,789,950
Printed By: BEP
Method: Litho, engraved
Perforations: 11
Color: Multicolored

This stamp salutes Tom Sawyer, who "lived" along the Mississippi River about 1845. Created by Mark Twain, Tom represented the typical adventurous American boy. Twain, who settled in Hannibal, Missouri, as a child, also wrote *Huckleberry Finn*.

Club Notes:

1. **SWAPEX** – Is held on the first Saturday of every month in the Philatelic Library. The next one will be on Saturday **November 3, 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

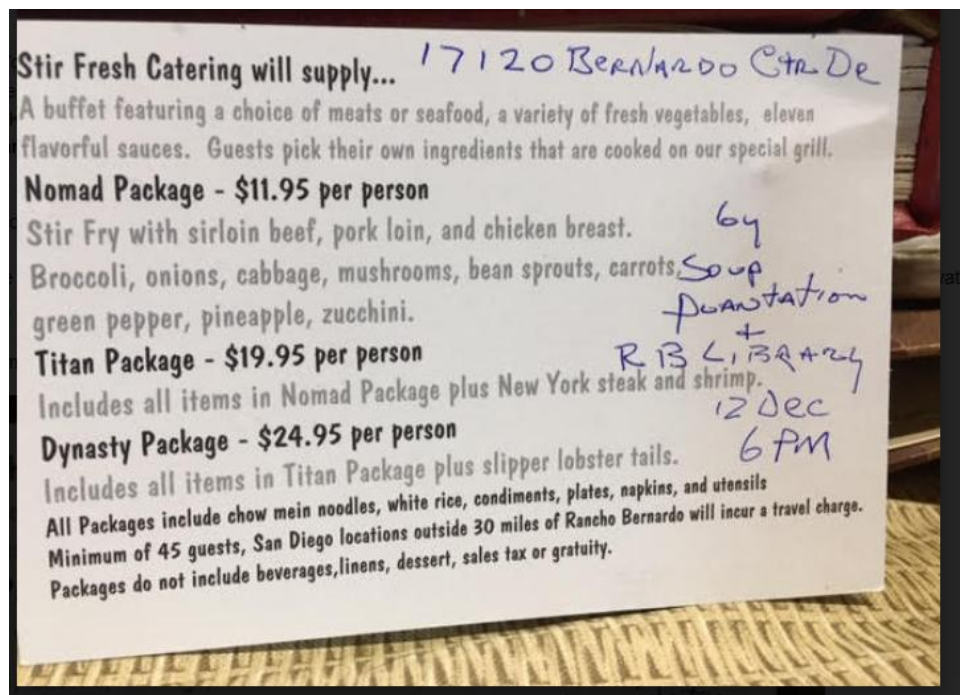
3. **Club Participation** – All Club and Library members are encouraged to provide input for the bi-monthly newsletter. Please submit items for consideration to the Club Secretary at Indysmama@gmail.com.
4. **Support your Club** – With **46 active members**, the PSC is San Diego County's most active 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** – 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. See Article on Christmas Party this issue.
6. **Preparations for Holiday Party** – You may begin donating items 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.

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 included in the next PSC Newsletter.

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

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.

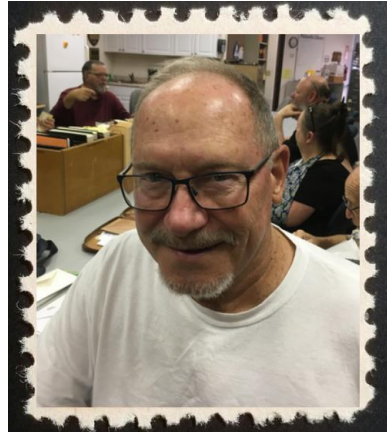
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Member Spotlight!

By: Jon Schrag



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

BILL WACENSKE.

The newest POWAY STAMP CLUB member # 464 has received "highest praise" from Dick Gunderson and Robert Eygenhuysen.

Why? Because BILL WACENSKE has been a fantastic volunteer worker for the San Diego Philatelic Library for almost three years. Even when he lived in Simi Valley he often drove to San Diego to do volunteer work for the Philatelic Library and our local BOY SCOUTS STAMP PROGRAMS.

Now BILL WACENSKE has moved to San Diego and has become an official member of the POWAY STAMP CLUB. As the former PRESIDENT of the Simi Valley stamp club he brings new ideas and fresh thinking to our club. Attracting new members has always been a fundamental goal of our club and BILL is proof we are achieving that goal.

For the record BILL collects USA, enjoys all PERFINs, and specializes in ANTARTICA stamps and covers.

Welcome new member #464 BILL WACENSKE!

October is National Stamp Collecting Month!

By David Klauber

NATIONAL STAMP COLLECTING MONTH

October is our National Stamp Collecting Month. National Stamp Collecting Month began in 1981 by the Council of Philatelic Organizations and the United States Postal Service.

Stamp collecting has long been a popular hobby ever since stamps were invented in 1837 as a means for people to pay for their mail. It didn't take long before people started collecting stamps. In the early days stamp collectors were also called philatelists... A term that has stuck for the more die hard stamp collectors. Today, many people collect stamps as families and pass them along to their children. Believe it or not, it's been so popular that some have called it "the world's most popular hobby" and "the hobby of a lifetime."

HOW TO OBSERVE STAMP COLLECTING MONTH

Add to your stamp collection or start one. Here are some fun places to go stamp-hunting this month.

1. **Your local post office.** If you let them know you want to get into stamp collecting for National Stamp Collecting Month, they may be more helpful than you expect!
2. **Your local public/philatelic library** is a great next step. They may have some great ideas or cool books for you to check out regarding stamp collecting.
3. **Local merchants/stamp shows** are always a good stop to make, too. Visit with your local show or retail shops and see if they have anything fun to offer you.

The PSC editor suggests attending club meetings which gives members learning opportunities, to share our collective knowledge. We can find out if a particular stamp is "good," something to be wary of, or an item that should be expertized. What might be the philatelic history or personal story behind a cover that caught our attention? We can also learn how to tell stories through stamps and covers. With club meetings there are always buying opportunities to build collections and selling opportunities for duplicates.

Bring a friend and support National Stamp Collecting Month!

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 IV



Color Freaks & Color Plate Shift Phenomena

In my last Column on EFO's (*EFO's Part III*), I focused on the occurrence of Double Transfers and plate positioning. Our EFO topic this time is on color plate shifting and other color printing phenomena.

A color shift (**Freak**) should never be confused with:

- A color missing (**Error**) which occurs when one or more of the stamps colors are completely missing from the impression
- A color (Error) where a stamp displays an alternate or different color(s).
- An Offset, which is another variety of (**Freak**) that occurs when a reversed image of a design is found on the back of a stamp, while not "errors" they are still collectable
- A Double impression (**Error**) where a second impression of the design has been applied on top of an existing impression. These errors are very rare and are more frequently found in 19th Century issues
- Chill Roller Doubling (**Freak**) where a cooling roller lifts the image from a previous stamp and applies it to the next typically found on the U.S. transportation issues.



Offset #1470

More frequently, stamp collectors mistakenly identify poorly registered ink stamps as multicolor missing errors, color errors or color shifts. The specialist will notice that on stamps with poorly registered inks, the design will remain correctly placed while the ink colors may lack some level of sharpness and/or clarity. There are also stamps with minor color shade differences that are identified by the collector, many times these stamps are a normal variation of the printed color or they may be a "changeling", which is a stamp where the color has faded due to extended exposure to light. But unless the stamp was created using an actual "wrong" color in the printing, then they must be classified as either freaks or oddities and not (**Errors**).

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."

For color shifts however, even the smallest shift of a plate or cylinder will give the stamps the impression of being blurred or doubled. The key to their identification is the color shifts. The 8¢ Tom Sawyer stamp of 1972, Scott 1470, provides multiple examples of this specific shifting problem.



U.S. #1470 8¢ Tom Sawyer
Typical Printing



Figure 1: Color Shift
(Freak)



Figure 2: Color Missing
(Error Red/Black) \$1450



Figure 2: Color Missing
(Error TAN)

Figure 1 above is an example of a stamp with some colors shifted only slightly. Notice the name "Tom Sawyer" is moved to the right, the lines of the fence slats expand into the left, and the two boys in the design appear to be doubled. Even though the stamps look very unusual, it is **not** considered an (Error) because all of the colors are present. Since the stamp is not missing any colors, nor is it a double impression. It is clear that the stamp shows evidence of poor color plate alignment (Freak). Even though they are considered freaks rather than errors, misaligned colors are of importance to collectors of errors, freaks and oddities, or to those collectors of Mark Twain or the Tom Sawyer commemorative stamp itself. Figure 2 and 3 are examples of a true (Error), in these cases the stamps are missing Black and Tan completely.



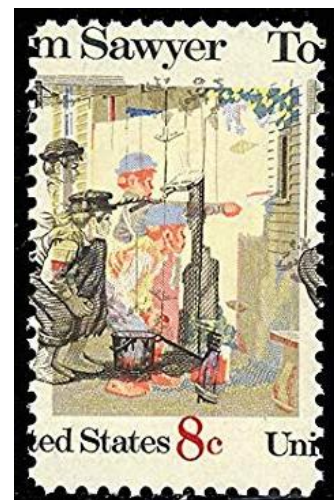
Scott Stamp #1470 salutes Tom Sawyer, who "lived" along the Mississippi River about 1845. Created by Mark Twain, Tom represented the typical adventurous American boy.

Twain, who settled in Hannibal, Missouri, as a child, also wrote *Huckleberry Finn*.

Mark Twain was the *nom de plume* of Samuel L. Clemens, one of the greatest American fiction writers and generally considered one of America's best humorists. He took the name "Mark Twain" from a riverboat term meaning "two fathoms." Twain was born in Florida, Missouri, but his family soon settled in the town of Hannibal. In Hannibal, Twain developed his love of the Mississippi River. He eventually became a riverboat captain. Twain was known for developing a distinctly American style of writing.

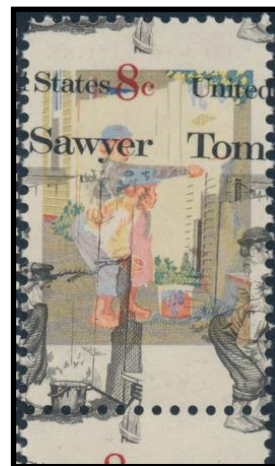
For nearly every type of stamp error that exists, there is some kind of variety that may mistakenly be believed to be an error. Do not be discouraged by your "NON-ERROR" finds as some of these varieties are still quite collectible and may have a premium value. Also, *Caveat emptor*, "Let the buyer beware" for in some cases your EFO may turn out to be a normal stamp that some unscrupulous person has altered.

It is possible that the block of 4 stamps listed below as an error, may have been mistakenly sold as an error, if one looks above the vignette and in proper position; a faint amount of the "Tom Sawyer" ink appears to be present. In the editors opinion this may have actually been an example of poorly registered ink, making the stamp a freak rather than a "true" color(s) omitted error.



#1470 8¢ Tom Sawyer Block of 4 Error
Sold for \$3,900.00 (Error)?
At a Regency-Superior auction

Ebay listing Major Black Shift
February 17, 2015 (Freak)



SC #1470 8¢ Tom Sawyer Major Black Shift
Hipstamp (Freak)
Listed 375.00

Below are examples of a complete sheet with multiple color shift issues. The Black and Red plate is shifted over the vignette. Notice the name "Tom Sawyer" is moved down and to the left. Again even though the stamps look very unusual, this sheet is considered an (Freak) because all of the colors are present.



Full Sheet of Black and Red Color shift (Courtesy D. Klauber)



Everyone who finds an error, freak or oddity wonders about its monetary value. The value of any EFO is usually tied to its scarcity. The values of freaks and oddities are generally less than most common errors. Collectors are often drawn to varieties that show any dramatic or unusual change in the stamps design, and the attractiveness of a freak may increase its value.

In any event, EFO's can make an interesting addition to any stamp collection for they speak to us about how stamps are produced and how mistakes can be made during stamp production.



Member Classifieds

If you would like to have a Free advertisement in the PSC Newsletter, please email:
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Wanted: Puerto Rico Town cancels. Bring to meeting. Will trade or buy. See member M. Marti PSC # 410.

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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#California> visit

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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 27th 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.

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