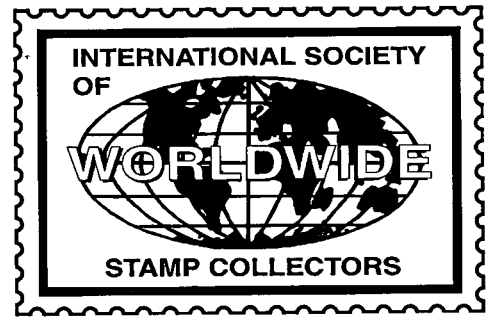


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## A Dream Come True (to Al Feinberg)

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### INTRODUCTION

**F**rom 1998 to 2001, I started and ran a junior stamp club in Loyola Jesuit College, Abuja - Nigeria, where I was a teacher of English language and Religion for the same duration. During this time, I lost communication with many people in ISWSC with whom I corresponded previously. After I left Nigeria in August 2001, I tried to re-establish communication with these people. In my letters, I promised to write in the ISWSC Circuit to share with everyone what I did with my three years of silence.

I think the year was 1995, when I wrote my first article in *The Circuit*. The title of the article was "Becoming a Philatelist." The article was an expression of my philatelic journey and dreams. I had two dreams. The first was, and is to own at least two stamps from every country in the world. The second was to start and run a junior stamp club in Nigeria.

Responses to the article came from members of ISWSC as a pleasant surprise. I never even expected a single response, and I could scarcely handle the responses that came from people like Jack Searles who got me into ISWSC, Carol Cervenka, George Sieman (RIP), Br. Joseph Gallagher, William Reynolds, Henry J. Wanagiell, Frank Ceraso, all from the USA, Phil Bence from Canada, George Matthew and Babul Das from India, Kari Mantysalo from Suriname, Jan Spyрка from Poland, and Thorsten Kubler from Germany. This is only to mention a few. These people sent and traded



At the June 2001 stamp exhibition, Augustine (right) chats with one of the visitors to the exhibition, who also runs a junior stamp club.

stamps with me. They wanted my dream to come true. If I remember correctly, by mid-1997 I had stamps from about 25 countries more to collect for my dream to come true. By the end of 1998, my second dream began to take shape, but not only did it eclipse my first dream, along with my responsibilities as a teacher in the school, it seriously affected my correspondence with most of the fine people I mentioned above.

I became a member of the teaching staff in Loyola Jesuit College, Abuja, Nigeria in August 1998. Not long after this, all the members of the teaching staff were asked to start and run a club of their choice and a club fair was organized by the school. Each teacher had a space to sell his or her club to the students. The clubs that were been advertized included Math club, Health and Recreation club, Brain Crackers club, Star Gazers, Geography club, Current Affairs club, Speech and Debate, etc. I had a desk and a sideboard on which I

mounted stamps, stamp magazines (including old editions of the *ISWSC Circuit*) and a large cardboard paper containing information about stamps, stamp collecting, and what the club will be about. These were accompanied with some music. It was like a mini stamp exhibition. At the top of the cardboard paper I

pasted a note which read "To Al Feinberg." Most of the kids around got curious and asked who Al was. I had written to Al Feinberg in early 1998 for ideas on how to run a junior stamp club, but rather than hear from Al, I heard from his wife, Mildred because Al had gone to the Hereafter, where I believe he is still an avid, orga-

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# President's Column

by Randy Smith (#1111)  
ISWSC President

As you have read many times in this newsletter, this organization exists only because of those who serve it. The ISWSC is truly blessed to have such a great bunch of dedicated members serving it: many of their names are listed on page 2. But volunteerism sometimes has its downfalls too – such as occasions when our desire and intent to fulfill a role isn't in synch with our ability to follow through and get the job done. Unfortunately, such was the case for me earlier this year in my role as Swap Circuit Coordinator and manager of one of the programs' circuits.

As participants in the Swap Circuit program know, an additional fee is charged to participate in the Swap Circuit program. (The fee is used to make the program self-sufficient, including purchasing additional stamps for the program and covering managers' expenses.) About the time these fees were coming in, one of the long-time managers (Jack Searles) informed me he needed to step down. Although I was disappointed to lose such a wonderful volunteer, I couldn't fault him – he was a great manager for well over 5 years!

So, I put together a transition plan – I'd take over the regular circuits and find a replacement to manage my super circuits. The plan was fine, but my follow-through stunk! The first part of the plan went well – Bill Silvester graciously stepped forward to take on managing the super circuits in addition to continuing to manage the CTO circuits. Jack dutifully sent me all of his materials and remaining stock. The last part of the plan (where I was to send out a bunch of regular and super circuits to all the participating members) didn't go well. As a result of my inability to follow through, the J-Z regular circuits and the super circuits came to a screeching halt.

I want to be very clear – I was solely responsible for the circuits stopping – not Jack or Bill. I simply took far too long in getting new circuits back out to returning and new members of the program.

So that's the bad news. The good news is that, as I am writing this column in late July, I'm finishing taking over the J-Z regular circuits and transitioning the super circuits to Bill. This means swap circuits (both J-Z regular circuits and super circuits) are finally back in the mail and are being routed between participants of the program. (FYI, the A-I regular circuits, small circuits, and CTO circuits were not impacted.) By the time you read this, the entire swap

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**Family membership (up to 4 persons in one residence): \$19.00\***

\*Plus 250 large commemoratives for the Youth Program or equiv. donation in US\$. Dues above are for one year and include six newsletters per year. You may sign up for three years at a time. For an application or further information send SASE or IRC to: ISWSC, P.O. Box 150407, Lufkin TX 75915-0407, USA. *There will be a \$2 per year discount if the renewal is received at least one month prior to the current expiration date.*

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### Display Rates (Camera Ready\*) per insertion:

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Six repeat insertions of the same ad for the cost of five ads (one free). We will also offer a two-sided insertion for \$125 per issue.

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*NOTE: State abbreviations = one word; "P.O. Box 1234" = two words; ZIP code = one word.*

**Make all checks payable to ISWSC in U.S. funds. Send text and payment for ads to the Editor. All addresses can be found on page 2.**

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# Next Roster Due in March 2003

We publish a new membership roster every two years, and the next one is due out as our March-April Circuit issue in 2003. But it takes quite a while to lay it out, and we also want to make sure it contains the most updated information about you!

We need to know your latest collecting interest codes by December 1, 2002, to guarantee it will

appear in the issue. Fill out the following information, sending it to Tom Fortunato by email at [stampmf@frontiernet.net](mailto:stampmf@frontiernet.net) or by mail to 42 Maynard St, Rochester, NY 14615-2022. Include your full address and ISWSC membership number, as well as APS and ATA number if applicable.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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ISWSC# \_\_\_\_\_ APS# \_\_\_\_\_ ATA# \_\_\_\_\_

I collect (chose A or B):

- A. all worldwide
- B. worldwide (from year \_\_\_\_ up to \_\_\_\_)

I also collect (chose only one, C-G):

- C. mint only
- D. postally used only
- E. postally used and CTO's only
- F. mint, postally used and CTO's
- G. mint and postally used only

Topical interests: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

I've collected stamps for \_\_\_\_\_ years

I am a (chose one) worldwide collector.

- Beg. beginner,
- Int. intermediate, or
- Adv. advanced

My age is:

- |              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| AA. under 15 | DD. 41-65   |
| BB. 15-21    | EE. Over 66 |
| CC. 22-40    |             |

Other Interests:

Mention USA, worldwide, or other

1. covers
2. postal stationery
3. postmarks, cancels
4. precancels
5. perfins
6. post cards
7. countries of interest
8. souvenir sheets
9. maximum cards
10. Other philatelic interests

Exchange Interests:

I will trade/exchange with members (Yes / No)

Language Background:

Other languages I read and write: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

I will act as a translator for the ISWSC: (Yes / No)

## ISWSC Meeting

by Tom Fortunato (#379)  
 VP Public Relations

It's America's largest annual philatelic event, eclipsing in size even some shows with international credentials — STAMPSHOW, sponsored by the APS. This year it was in Atlantic City, NJ, home to the world-famous Boardwalk, Miss America pageants, and of course, gambling casinos. Once again, ISWSC volunteers hosted a meeting at this mega-event. Thanks to everyone who turned out. We discussed our membership, services, the recent sales circuit insurance settlement, and of course, our own interests and specialties! We'll let you know when we have a meeting coming your way!



## President's Message

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circuit program should be back in full swing and running on all cylinders.

I wish to apologize to all Swap Circuit members who were impacted by this transition and any ISWSC member who may have inquired about the program and did not receive a timely response. In the coming months, I will be finalizing a plan to compensate you for this lack of service - most likely in the form of reduced or eliminated swap circuit fees for 2003.

I hope, through excellent service now and into the future, I will regain your trust in me and your confidence in the program.

Happy stamping (and swapping)!!



**ISWSC AUCTION #25****Closing October 12, 2002**

Lot No.	Lot Description	Cat. Value	Min. Bid
1	<b>USA.</b> 425 diff postally U plate # singles and Multiples. Est Value \$25		
2	<b>USA.</b> 80 covers, incl airmail from 30's & 40's, some Farleys, 19th Century, + mish-mash, some nice postmarks. Est Value \$20		
3	<b>USA.</b> 30 oz of Christmas & Love stamps on paper, Heavy dupe and wide variety, 4¢-34¢. Est Value \$10		
4	<b>USA.</b> 160 diff PNC's, plus 10+ service imprinted PNC's on cover. Est Value \$25		
5	<b>USA.</b> Impressive precancel collection in 6 blank albums; 2500 diff bureaus w/some surprises; 2500 locals incl 2¢ reds, Parcel Post, Special Delivery; est 1000 diff Boston dated, mostly SRC, originally accum. by Don Bordeaux. HBO. Est Value \$300		50
6	<b>USA.</b> 280 1¢ official penalty stamps, color variations, all MNH in sheets.		5
7	<b>USA.</b> 196 war related covers, 25 WWI, 121 WWII, returned by censor, POW mail, Hubba Hubba imprint, 1945 Navy Day, CPS camps, Est value \$100.		25
8	<b>Africa.</b> 782+ M&U stamps from over 30 countries. HBO	250+	
9	<b>South &amp; South West Africa.</b> 213+ U stamps, includes a few dupes. HBO	45+	
10	<b>Algeria.</b> 15 M&U stamps, 6 FDC (1992-97), 1 postcard. HBO		
11	<b>Asia.</b> 206 U stamps. (Mongolia, Nepal, Bangladeshi, Burma, Indo-China, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand). HBO	55+	
12	<b>Asian Area.</b> 1000+ M&U stamps from the pacific rim. Hong Kong, Philippines, Ceylon, India, PNG, China, etc. lite dupes.		15
13	<b>Australia.</b> 7 oz of MUH (a few MH) 2d-\$2 denominations, many 100's, tons of variety, gutter pairs, blocks, sets, strips, part sheets, S/Ss. Est face value A\$200±, est CV \$400+. Great builder or trading lot. ...		125
14	<b>Australia.</b> 260+ diff postal stationary, aerogrames, letter cards, newspaper wrappers; M & FDC, FDI, few special postmarks. to 1990's. Great collection starter. Hi CV.		30
15	<b>Australia &amp; Pacific Islands.</b> 122 diff recent to 2001 U stamps, CV \$35++, some better values.	35+	
16	<b>Australian States.</b> 225 M&U stamps from NSW, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, Western Australia. Mounted on Scott pages (complete set of pages). 2000 cat \$570.	570	60
17	<b>British Commonwealth.</b> 230+ stamps in OMNI books, CV to \$4.		
18	<b>Bulgaria.</b> 636 M&U stamps. HBO	102+	
19	<b>Canada.</b> 1000+ MUH stamps Def, Commems, Semi, officials, heavy dupes, incl 38 copies #270 CV \$3.50@. C\$ Face \$80. Good trading lot.		55
20	<b>Canada.</b> 6oz M&U off paper mix, many 100's. All eras and types. Lots of good pickings. Good CV.		20
21	<b>Central &amp; South America.</b> 476 M&U stamps from Honduras, Costa Rica, Panama, Haiti, Dom. Rep., Guadeloupe, Venezuela, Brazil, Equador, Peru, Paraguay, Uruguay, Chile, and Argentina, plus some dupes for Brazil and Argentina. HBO	148+	
22	<b>China.</b> 146 U stamps. HBO	54+	
23	<b>Cuba.</b> 172 diff U stamps. 95 CV \$34+.	34+	9
24	<b>Cuba.</b> 77 MNH w/dupes, some in sets, 12 CTO on card, 9 diff SS MNH.		
25	<b>Czech.</b> 383 M&U stamps plus several 100 unchecked, contains dupes. Also Solvenslo & Slovenija. HBO	56+	
26	<b>Egypt.</b> 236 U stamps, plus some dupes. HBO.	41+	
27	<b>Europe.</b> 330+ stamps in OMNI books, CV to 6.75. France, Germany, Greece, more.		
28	<b>Germany.</b> \$100 CV all different U stamps, many \$1-4 commems & semi-postals.	100	11
29	<b>Germany.</b> \$50 CV all diff U stamps. Many \$1-4 values, commems & semi-postals.	50	6
30	<b>Germany.</b> 1977 issues of Germany & Berlin MUH. Commems & Semi-postals 9N405-14, 9NB133-141, 9N338-46, 1229-64, 52 MUH stamps, 3 S/S.	37	19
31	<b>Germany.</b> 1984 issues, commems & Semi-postals all MUH. 1409-31, B616-27.	44	22
32	<b>Germany.</b> 1978 issues commems & Semi-postals all MUH. 1266-85, B547-56, 9NB148-56. 47 stamps, 3 S/S all MUH.	46	23
33	<b>Germany.</b> 21 W. Germany & Berlin booklet pane booklets, accident & castle series complete, variety of advertisements.	65	32.50
34	<b>Germany.</b> W. Germany & Berlin 1971-74 accident series complete 5pf-150pf coil strips of 5 w/control numbers, #1074 (12) all MUH, 59DM face value.	154+	76
35	<b>Germany.</b> W. Germany & Berlin 1977-79 castle series in coil strips of 5 w/control numbers all MUH, 251.25 DM face value.	361	180
36	<b>Germany.</b> Unlisted German 1971 accident series M sheet of 40 stamps, margins 3 sides, 5, 25, 30, 40pf rows of 5 tete beche.		35

Lot No.	Lot Description	Cat. Value	Min. Bid
37	<b>Germany &amp; Isreal.</b> \$225 CV Germany, many \$1-4 commems & Semi-postals. \$42 CV Isreal. In never circ APS Circuit book. ....	267	30
38	<b>Great Britain.</b> 20 complete U sets on GK cards, 1980-2000 (most in 1990's), CV \$48+, all F-VF, lite cancels. ....	48	12
39	<b>GB &amp; Channel Islands.</b> 400 all diff GB, w/ CV's to \$6, mostly from the 1990's. 195 all diff from Guernsey (40), Jersey (90), and Isle of Man (65). Est CV \$240+. ....		25
40	<b>Hong Kong.</b> 137 U stamps. HBO .....	44+	
41	<b>Iceland.</b> \$100 CV U on paper from P O sealed box, plenty of high values. ....	100	10
42	<b>India.</b> 182+ U stamps, plus some dupes. HBO .....	28+	
43	<b>Indonesia &amp; Area.</b> 194 U stamps. HBO .....	23+	
44	<b>Ireland.</b> 200 all diff U stamps. Most from 1990's est CV \$100 ±. ....		5
45	<b>Israel.</b> 108 M&U stamps. HBO .....	25+	
46	<b>Italy.</b> 214 M&U stamps plus some dupes. 50-100 Italian are unchecked. Includes 64 San Marino and 27 Vatican City. HBO .....	56+	
47	<b>Italy.</b> 495-506 MNH, VF set. ....	375	100
48	<b>Italy.</b> 505 MH, VF. ....	30	10
49	<b>Italy.</b> 506 MH, F-VF. ....	37.50	12
50	<b>Italy.</b> 60 MH, F, close margins 3 sides, slight gum stain on back, still nice stamp. ....	35	11
51	<b>Italy.</b> 566 (perf 13.5x14?), 574 MH, F-VF. ....	30+	10
52	<b>Italy.</b> All U F-VF: 30, 32, 38, 50 (2), 53, 65, 133, 134, 140, 327, 506, 546, 596 (2), 600 (2), 601A. ....	130	38
53	<b>Italy.</b> MH F-VF: 183, 272, 285, 300, 302, 567, 673A, D12. ....	35	10
54	<b>Italy.</b> 12 souvenir cards of 2nd hobbies & collections exhibition, 2/13/93, unaddressed, w/complete set of 1993 Europa stamps. ....		13
55	<b>Italy.</b> 30 diff blocks of 4, (120 stamps), all MNH, from Republica period. ....		21
56	<b>Italy.</b> 3 FDCs with complete 67 cathedrals; 6 FDCs w/blocks of 4 stamps, complete set of 67 Mushrooms. ....		7
57	<b>Italy.</b> 20 diff U commem stamps from Turistia, Art, Cars, Airplanes, Ships series, F-VF .....		5
58	<b>Italy.</b> 2 sheets of 50 stamps of "Posta Pneumatica" series 1945, 60¢ & 1,40L, Sassone CV \$30. ....		12
59	<b>Italy.</b> 34 prephilatelic letters of 18th Century from Papal State, documents in very good cond., HBO from Italy. Est value \$5 each. ....		80
60	<b>Italy.</b> 50 diff used phone cards from recent years, all very goo cond., many series in lot. HBO .....		15
61	<b>Italy.</b> 10 Papal State officially stamped paper documents 1813-1860, generally in fine cond. ....		20
62	<b>Italy.</b> Accum of 500 stamps, all eras, many series. ....		10
63	<b>Italy.</b> MNH in PO booklet, Souvenir sheet from 1985 Inter. Exposition in Milan. ....		5
64	<b>Italy.</b> 20 diff new Postal Cards, all mint condition. ....		20
65	<b>Italy.</b> 500 U stamps of the 60's & 70's, commems, lite dupe, lite cancels. ....		20
66	<b>Italy.</b> 23 covers & advertising cards from 60's to 90's, w/commem stamps. ....		7
67	<b>Italy.</b> 66 U & MNH blocks of 4-6 stamps, to 1980's, lite dupes, nice grouping. ....		21
68	<b>Italy.</b> 23 covers, letters & Postal stationary U & M 50's to 70's, nice lot. ....		15
69	<b>Italy.</b> Propaganda series 12 diff stamps w/propaganda tabs, F-VF. Sassone CV \$30. ....		10
70	<b>Italy.</b> 5 glassines of 20 stamps from Michetti, Floreale, Leoni etc series, some dupe. Sassone CV \$30 .....		10
71	<b>Japan.</b> 1300 diff U stamps from 1800's - 2002, CV \$590+, great collection starter or builder. ....		30
72	<b>Korea.</b> 345 M&U stamps and S/S, 1946-73, mounted on album pages and in glassine. Nice start. ....		20
73	<b>Korea &amp; Pacific.</b> 43 M&U stamps (incl. New Caledonia (3), New Hebrides (1), Fr. Ploynesia (6). HBO ...	25+	
74	<b>Liberia.</b> 81 diff in Elbe #252 stock book. 95 CV \$16+. ....	16	4
75	<b>Marshall Islands.</b> 181 MUH stamps & SS, 1996-97 issues, full sheets, strips, & blocks. Face \$80+, CV 150+. ....	150	60
76	<b>Mexico.</b> 125 M&U stamps. HBO .....	35+	
77	<b>Middle East.</b> 66 U stamps. Cyprus (30), Syria (10), Iran (17), Iraq (3). HBO .....	35+	
78	<b>Middle East.</b> 504+ stamps incl Aden, Bahrain, Pakistan, Afganistan, Jordan and lots of the CTO's such as Oman, Yemen, Fujera, etc. HBO .....		
79	<b>Netherlands.</b> 14 diff MUH semi-postal mini sheets B529a/B661b, CV \$38 plus 190 old to recent U stamps and 25 Dutch Indies stamps. ....	45+	20
80	<b>New Russian States.</b> All are MUH and most are s/s and strips of more than 1. Uzbekistan (39), Azerbaijan (27), Belarus (50), Kazakhstan (18), Tadjikistan (35), Turkmenistan (29), Aihchibi (6), Dagestan (1), Jewish Rep. (1), Karjalei (4), Buriata (1), Tatarstan (1), Pechybjirka Tbiba (9), Kyrgystan (44), + some Armenia and Lithuania U stamps. HBO .....		