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Gathering Being Planned For Worldwidors

A meeting for Worldwide Collector Club members is being planned for late March and will coincide with SANDICAL '86, which will be held in San Diego, California, on Saturday and Sunday, March 22 and 23.

If you are planning on attending the greater San Diego stamp show, or you will be in the area at this time, please write or phone Aubrey Dunne for details on the time and place of the Worldwidors meeting and social.

You may contact Aubrey by phone at (619) 460-4364 or write him at 9355 Monona Drive, La Mesa, CA 92041. Hope to hear from you.

Vice President Reports on the Youth Stamp Program

The response of the membership to the request for additional stamps for the youth clubs project has really been super. Those extra ones combined with the membership renewals have really put us in good shape. I now have approximately ten pounds again and am ready for another media blitz to get us back in the collector limelight. In the past six months I have sent out about nine pounds to twelve different parties including about one-half of that amount to Jim Wolfard who is the San Diego area coordinator for the Ben Franklin Clubs. He reports they have over 300 clubs with 10,000 members. It would appear that collectors in southern California are doing their share of promoting stamp collecting among our youth!

Another person who is certainly doing more than her share is Ariel Poling (#76) of Bedford, Indiana. She reports she is currently working with four groups of youngsters and in addition she has written an article on how to start a stamp club. I now have copies of this article available for anyone requesting such information from me. Isn't it great having such an active group of collectors who don't concentrate on flyspecks.

Now if we could just get someone to come forward and get an auction and/or sales circuit going. I believe that we have many members who would like to just buy or just sell stamps and do not necessarily have sufficient duplicates of a quality to enable them to participate in our Omni Exchange. Kudos must also go to Hal Clarke and Tom Allison for the job they are doing. The quality of the exchange material is constantly increasing. I am quite pleased with the books that Hal is mailing me on a regular basis.

There are a number of the "Freebie" circuits going around. I have received several and found a few stamps that I needed. If we all would include a short informal note as we send it on, it will help with getting members acquainted.

Lastly, this issue, I must extend thanks to Dick Edwards for the outstanding job he has done as our editor the last year, and let's hope he returns for another "tour".

Here's hoping you all had a very nice holiday season, and whether it was Happy Hanukkah, Feliz Navidad, or Merry Christmas the meaning was the same!
**** Ken Jenkins #15

President Urges Members to Vote

It was nearly eight years ago that the first news article pertaining to the formation of a society for general collectors appeared. It has been slow --- but, I think solid. Officially, we have been an organization for only two years, although many have been "quasi" members for over five years. I sincerely hope you Charter members will continue your membership which runs out this month (January '86).

The enclosed white-ballot may seem innocuous, but please take the time to exercise your franchise. If you feel that your officers have been remiss, then register a NO vote (with your name underneath as a write-in, of course).

Now a few words --- the commercial --- in regards to the two questions on the ballot: The organization's name and the dues change. The original, and subsequently approved, bylaws omitted any organizational name. The words, *to be decided*, were written into Article I in place of a name. The name "Worldwide Collector's Club" was used as a provisional moniker until a name could be selected by the members in accordance with the bylaws. There are two other organizations currently using the present name. Additionally, we have had a recent influx of members representing every continent of the world! I would like to personally support "International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors" as our organization's name.

Briefly, the dues change reflects organizational costs. Officers have been paying costs of communications from their own pockets, which even with a dues increase, will continue. Postal costs for the newsletter subscriptions sent outside the U.S., Canada and Mexico require a divided dues structure as in other organizations.

YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED. In compliance with Article VII, **60% (or more)** of the FULL membership is required for approval of any bylaw change. Please, regardless of how you vote, **VOTE TODAY.** Thank you.
***** Aubrey Dunne #1

Worldwide Collectors Focus of New Column

The weekly philatelic publication *Stamp Collector* has initiated a new series of columns devoted to collecting stamps worldwide. The column, entitled "Round the World with Stamps", which made its debut in the 11 January 1986 issue, is being written by WWCC member, Micheal G. Morrill (#90).

Mr. Morrill indicated in the column that he hopes to address some of the problems unique to the worldwide collector. He wants to dispel the negative attitude sometimes directed toward worldwide collectors as somehow inferior to the specialized collector. He gave a good account of the average worldwide collector as very knowledgeable, much involved in philatelic clubs, and a

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Sec'y-Treasurer Reports on Membership and Their Views

To all members I wish a Happy and Prosperous New Year. My heartfelt thanks to all who sent in their dues and especially for the nice letters and kind comments. Our club continues to grow. As of 12 January we had 185 members and thanks to the incoming dues, our treasury balance has grown to \$489.05.

The club acknowledges with thanks the following donations:

Njelson #29	\$10.00
Dawson #130	1.94
A non-member	1.00
Cleveland #66	15.00
Poling #76	6.04

With regret the members are notified of the death last September of Herbert Tishfield #6.

Of the present 76 Charter members, 33 have renewed their membership. Many of our most active members are among those who have not renewed so far undoubtedly because of busy holidays. In fairness, however, those Charter members (#1-78) who have not renewed by the time the next newsletter goes to press will have to be dropped. The next dues notice will appear in the April newsletter.

The promised ballot covering a change to the bylaws (dues), election of officers, and change of the club name is provided with this newsletter. Kindly note the instructions thereon.

Now to pass on a few comments and requests received in the mail:

Nancy Bryant #22 wants to trade stamp booklets. She has recent British booklets to trade.

Michael Hinkel #69 wishes more members would get involved in the Omni Exchange and not get diverted to other trading plans. He also favors affiliating with APS.

Herb Holland #31 hopes that if we vote a dues increase we can go to six issues a year for our newsletter instead of the current four.

Jo Ellen Lee #104 thinks a sales circuit and mail auction, as proposed by the President in the last newsletter, would be great.

Adolph Kubon #8 would like to hear from members who collect U.N. and would like to sell or trade used.

Charles Sweet #10 would like to see the club coordinate among various members who purchase from philatelic bureaus of the more interesting countries in the hope that perhaps they would act as agents for other members.

Ron Rummel #9 has volunteered to operate the sales circuit if started by the club. (Aubrey and Ken please note and yours for action). Ron also suggests the club have a one shot lifetime membership dues. Any comment from you folks?

Gilbert Smith #41 likes the proposed sales and auction plans. He says reviews of philatelic computer software in future newsletters would be great. (Okay, members, send to editor Rita #26.)

You will find the various changes to the Membership Roster listed on the new member roster in this issue.

Any of you interested in working with young collectors by sponsoring a Junior club can receive lots of good guidance from Ariel Poling #76.

And, lastly, I am submitting the Annual Financial Report for 1985. (See the following article.) *****Herb Holland #31

The opinions expressed are those of the individual writer and do not necessarily represent those of the Worldwide Collectors Club, its officers or any other member.

WORLDWIDE COLLECTORS CLUB FINANCIAL STATEMENT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1985

Balance fwd'd from 31 Dec 1984 \$275.25

Income:

Dues from new members (#140-180)	\$249.05	
Renewal dues	192.00	
Donations	67.15	
Interest	14.94	
Advertising	111.00	
Rosters	3.00	
Total Income		637.14

Expense:

Postage	\$ 37.72	
Printing & copying	42.35	
Newsletter - 4 issues	314.36	
Envelopes	10.50	
Telephone	2.52	
President's expenses	7.47	
Vice President's expens	60.42	
Total Expense		475.34

Balance 31 December 1985 * \$437.05

* On deposit First Federal Savings & Loan of New Braunfels, Texas

MY COLLECTION

by Della Burmeister (#97)

My stamp collection got started in 1938 when I was ten. I sent away for stamps with Planter's Peanuts wrappers. I got my first album at a store in Dubuque, Iowa, that was giving them away free with a purchase of some kind of dairy product. I collected stamps through high school and college, finally working up to a Scott's International Junior Album. Marriage and four children left me too busy for much else, but I kept my stamps and Scott's International Jr. Album through our many moves.

In 1969 our house had a fire and my album was badly damaged but I was able to salvage many of the stamps. About this time I found myself with a family and myself to support. Luckily I was able to get hired as a clerk in the post office and later became Postmaster here in Gratiot, Wisconsin. Working with stamps all day soon made me remember the stamps stored away long ago.

It wasn't long before I was collecting full steam ahead. I collect U.S. stamps, Russian and related areas (up to 1940) and worldwide, of course. I tried to concentrate on U.S. and the Russian area but missed the fun of general collecting. When I read in Linn's about WWCC starting up, I knew this was for me.

I wish I had more time for my collection and for WWCC. Therefore I look forward to retirement in five years when I will have lots of time (I hope). I have a large backlog of stamps to mount and boxes to sort and soak. I do miss my old Scott's International Jr. Album but it's out of print now. It is difficult to find an album that is comprehensive enough without being so costly.

I have done some trading through the mail and just now I have a nice trading partner from Vancouver, Canada. Trading stamp for stamp is the most fun I think. However, time is my problem at present.

I belong to the APS and get sales circuits. They are great for

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Officers and Chairpersons:

President: Aubrey Dunne (# 1)
 Vice President: Ken Jenkins (# 15)
 Sec'y/Treasurer: Herb Holland (# 31)
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 Membership: Herb Holland (# 31)
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 and Tom Allison (# 42)

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Bürmeister Collection

getting that single stamp to finish out a set. Four years ago I went to State College, Pa., to attend the APS Summer Seminar at Penn State University. I found this very worthwhile and really great fun. I recommend it for any collector who is able to spare a week and able to sleep on a thin dormitory mattress.

As a suggestion, I would encourage WWCC members to get a simple loose-leaf notebook and punch holes in the WWCC newsletters. This keeps them in order and in one place.

Letters to the Editor:

This is my first input to the WWCC other than my initial joining. I apologize for the long delay, but I'm afraid I'm also a member of the procrastinator's club. I figure it had better be now or never, because I changed my address more than a year ago and while the USPS has been good about forwarding my mail, they won't do it forever.

I am a member of a number of "Circuit Clubs" all over the world and have through them found a lot of foreign trading partners. These clubs operate in the following manner: To join, you send your name, address, your trading preferences, and a small membership fee (From \$1 to \$5, which may usually be paid in mint stamps or often a couple hundred large used stamps). In return, they send you names and addresses of other collectors with your interests and your name to still others, and the exchanges go from there. After the initial trades are completed, you return a report to the club, along with a minimum renewal fee (as low as 10 used commmeratives in one case, rarely more than \$1 in mint stamps) for more.

I have membership applications for many of these circuit clubs and would be willing to furnish them to any WWCC member interested in joining for a SASE. The clubs are headquartered in various countries, among them Finland, Sweden, Turkey, Argentina, Chile, Italy, Spain, Malta, Iraq, Japan, Brazil and others, but all use English as the basic language.

Some time ago, there was a question about changing our organization's name to avoid conflict with a similarly yclept (look that up in your Funk & Wagnall!) club in England. Well, I was a member of that club and I am sorry to report that it expired about the same time ours was starting up. The driving force behind that club from its inception was a young lady in Manchester named Sheila Morecroft. When she was

forced by illness and the demands on her time by returning to university for an advanced degree, she turned the administrative responsibility, including the club funds, records and even the duplicating machine over to a man named Arthur Dingley. Although he was highly recommended and promised to carry on the work promptly, as far as I know he has not been heard from since. So I would surmise that we would not have any difficulty by retaining our present name.

***Ray Compton #73

Enclosed you will find two printouts. The first is a cross-index of WWCC members listed alphabetically, showing their membership number and state. The second is another list arranged by states (in the right-hand column).

Playing with a home computer is one of my hobbies. As I have wondered how many members were in each state (on a trip it helps locating them), and the alphabet list makes it easier to find the address when the membership number isn't known. I have the lists on tape for reproduction. If any member wants them, they should send a SASE with a \$.22 stamp for the thermal paper.

As new names are added, I will update the lists. Hope this will help WWCC.

***Tom Ginsberg #70

Postal Trivia**Banking By Mail 1916 Style:**

Forty tons of bricks were shipped by Parcel Post from Salt Lake City to Vernal, Utah, for construction of a bank. Parcel Post was cheaper than shipping by conventional wagon freight. Needless to say, the post office was prompted to change its regulations to ban the mailing of buildings!

US China Offices: Shanghai overprints were initiated in 1919 and withdrawn in December 1922 when the office was closed.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER UPDATE:

164 Bob Schappelle 25 Jul 85 WTB
4638 Berwick Dr.
San Deigo, California 92117

165 Vernon R. Thiel 2 Aug 85 WTB
1820 Western Ave.
Fort Worth, Texas 76107

166 Dorothy Smith 31 Aug 85 WTB
102 Tristan Rd.
Louisville, Kentucky 40222

167 Charles Macaluso 19 Sep 85 WTB
3525 Anza St. Apt. #3
San Fransisco, California 94121

168 Eduardo R. Jacinto 21 Sep 85 WTB
14 Santander St.
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169 James Miles 27 Sep 85 B
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West Lafayette, Indiana 47906

170 Dave L. Creson 30 Sep 85 WTB
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El Centro, California 92243

171 David H. Duncan 1 Oct 85 WTB
24740 Oriole
Taylor, Michigan 48180

172 Walter J. Johannsen 3 Oct 85 WTB
3230 N. 51st Blvd.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53216

173 Harold H.J. Erickson 12 Oct 85 WTB
217 Redstone
Las Vegas, Nevada 89128

174 Julia Dailey 7 Nov 85 WTB
21807 Rodax St.
Canoga Park, California 91304

175 Nick Sanchez 12 Nov 85 WTB
10 A Amesbury Rd.
Whiting, New Jersey 08759

176 William Schumaker 19 Dec 85 WTB
3315 S. Clinton St.
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177 Edward Syatik 19 Dec 85 B
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178 John R. Stork 24 Dec 85 WTU
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179 Glen P. Ellwood 24 Dec 85 WTB
4748 17th St.
San Fransisco, California 94117

180 Joseph J. Senesac 31 Dec 85 B
RR 9 Box 267
Canyon Lake, Texas 78130

181 Jim Sandholdt 2 Jan 86 WTB
2268 Tiffany Dr.
Grand Junction, Colorado 81503

182 Robert W. Gesell 2 Jan 86 WTB
P.O. Box 8248
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107

183 Arthur G. Norris 7 Jan 86 WTB
530 Ashford Rd.
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

184 Joseph Greene 9 Jan 86 WTB
64 B Overlook Way
Manalapan, New Jersey 07726

185 William Cox 11 Jan 86 WTB
35 Pleasant St.
So. Natick, Massachusetts 01760

ROSTER CHANGES:

13 Robert Smith: change zip code to 63021

21 Termini: change to 903 Wright St., Suite 101, Arlington, TX 76012

59 Paul: change to 2 Heritage Dr., Belchertown, Mass. 01007

81 Harris: change to 407 Locust St. N.E., Salem, Ore 97303 (Note this answers the Secy's inquiry in the Oct. newsletter)

161. Timanus: change to 55 Meadow Wood Dr., Covington, GA 30209

75 Fraats: change WINTER address to 655 Logan Blvd., Naples, Fla 33999

58 Sherwood: change to 1280 N.E. Kane Rd, Gresham, Ore 97030

73 Compton: change to Box 1772, Manassas, VA 22110 and add: WTB

Soaker's Tip

Mike Sivak (#123) sent along this tip for the collector with just a few stamps to dry. They can be quickly dried in your microwave oven. Mike recommended drying them on high for about 3 minutes. *** However, I found that in my microwave, using the high setting the stamps were completely dry in just about a minute. So experiment using a shorter time or lower temperature setting until you know how your microwave performs. I suspect it has something to do with the wattage (or power) of your particular oven. *** Editor