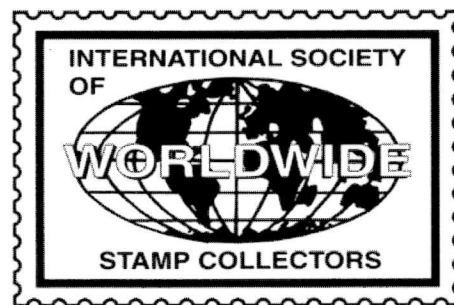


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Maejima Hisoka: Modern Japanese Postal System Founder

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In 1871, the Japanese Post Office began to move the mail, connecting Tokyo to Osaka, with 65 different offices in between. Maejima Hisoka (Figure 1), who was a governmental official, played a major part in founding the modern Japanese postal system.

Maejima was born in 1835 as Ueno Fusagoro in the Echigo Providence (present day Joetsu, Nigata Prefecture). When he was 31, he was adopted into the Maejima family. He went to Edo to study Rangaku, medical science and English.

During the Bakumatsu period, he was considered a radical reformer and proponent of westernization. In 1886 he submitted an unsolicited proposal to Shogun Tokugawa Yoshinobu that Japan should get rid of Kanji (Chinese Characters) in its writing system. Two years later, a little while after the Meiji Restoration, he also suggested to Okubo Toshimichi (a statesman) that the capital of Japan be move from Kyoto to Edo.

Okubo Toshimichi liked the attitude of the status seeking Maejima and appointed him to the new Ministry for Popular Affairs in the Meiji government. He went to Great Britain in 1870 to check out the general post office there. When he returned from his trip in 1871, he proposed that Japan have a similar system. It was readily approved. On April 20, 1871 Japan's first postage stamps were issued. The set



Figure 1—Maejima Hisoka. Photo courtesy National Diet Library.

consisted of four different denominations, covering the different postal rates.

In 1874, Maejima recruited a foreign adviser, Samuel M. Bryan, to negotiate a postal agreement with the United States and to help Japan join the UPU, (Universal Postal Union), in 1877. When he retired at 46 years old, the postal system that he had begun in Japan had grown to over 5,000 post offices throughout Japan and was still growing.

While still laying the foundation for the beginning postal system in 1872, he found time enough to start his own newspaper, *The Yubin Hochi Shimbun*. It was later renamed the *Hochi Shimbun* in 1894 and merged with *Yomiuri Shimbun* in 1942, 23 years after Maejima's death in 1919.

Maejima still was not satisfied with his two careers, and so he assisted Okuma Shigenobu in establishing the Tokyo Semmon Gakko school in 1882, in which he

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Executive Director's Report

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The *Refresher Course* article by Janet Klug in the February 14, 2011 issue of *Linn's Stamp News* resulted in a great deal of interest for our club.

I cannot thank Janet and *Linn's* enough for printing it. For those who do not subscribe, the *Refresher Course* articles are a series on the basics of stamp collecting. This article, titled *Cast a wider net to catch more stamps for your collection*, covered ways to add stamps without spending much or any money. Our club was heavily featured and contact information was listed. As a result of that article, we have 25 new members and a couple of returnees who were prior members. This is the most new members I have seen in this short a period of time and puts us at a higher number of members (332) than I've seen since I started managing the database.

I also wrote a letter to the Editor, thanking them for the article and reporting the results from it. The letter was published in late April and contact information was again printed. This is the kind of publicity that money can't buy! Welcome to all our new members—I hope you will take advantage of all the club has to offer.

I have just returned from Westpex in San Francisco. As usual, it was a great show. Along with the usual exhibits, talks and sales, the show offered a course for Boy Scouts who wished to get a Merit Badge in Stamp Collecting. At least a dozen Scouts participated. I was pleased to meet Marci Jarvis, the Editor of *Cat Mews*, the journal of the Cats on Stamps Study Unit. I had just enrolled my 9 year old niece in their group the prior week, as she is just starting a Cats on Stamps collection. I enjoyed picking out some lovely cat stamps for her to add to her new collection.

Seeing all the incredible exhibits, talking with other collectors and just getting away from all the obligations that await me at home makes for a wonderful weekend. I hope all of you have the opportunity to attend stamp shows in your area. For those of you going to Stampshow in Columbus, Ohio this August, we will have an ISWSC meeting. Even if you can't make the meeting, look for me there. I will be there from Thursday through Saturday. If you don't see me, feel free to call me on my cell phone (916-201-0573). I really enjoy putting a face to all the names.

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Whatzit: Colombian Christmas Seals

by Richard Barnes (#2425)

Whatzit Coordinator

As a result of last year's erratic publication of *The Circuit*, there is a backlog of member submissions. There is a broad and deep pool of philatelic knowledge among our members. The generous sharing of member time and knowledge is appreciated by every member of the ISWSC.

The following information on unknown Whatzits was received. Whatzit 29.1.3 is in the shape of the island of Singapore and the lion is the Singapore lion. The top of the label reads "Lifa Yiyuan xuanju" or, in English, "Legislative Assembly election". Just below that line on the left are two characters that mean "May" (the month) and then on the same line to the right three characters that mean "thirtieth" (although the last character is not very clear). The icon at the four corners is probably a ballot box. The bottom line on the label reads "Dajia bixiu toupiao" or "Everyone must vote". The Singapore Legislative Assembly existed from 1955 to 1965, so the label must have been issued in that period. It may have been issued for the first elections to the assembly when voting might have been a novel activity for Singaporeans. Since 1965, Singapore has had a parliament, called the Xinjiapo Guohul. If the label had been issued in recent decades, it would probably be in English.



Figure 2

Whatzit 29.1.4 is listed in the Edifil Catalog under Valencia. It is No. 4 issued in 1966. These local stamps were obligatory taxes for the "Plan Sur". From what I can gather, it is a plan to reroute or contain a riverbed in the south of the country. In the Michel catalogue, this "Valencia" stamp is part of a charity set ("Zwangszuschlagsmarkin" in German) issued between 1963 and 1985 at a rate of 1 stamp every 2, 3 or 4 years to help with the reconstruction of flooded areas around the city of Valencia in Spain. The stamp in question was issued on January 2, 1971



Figure 1



Figure 3

and represents a statue of St. Vicente Ferrer, patron saint of Valencia. The stamp is valued in the 2008 Michael catalogue of Southwest Europe at 2.50 Euro (mint) and 0.10 Euro (used).

Whatzit 29.1.5 is a Colombia Christmas seal. Colombia has a long history of issuing Christmas seals. The earliest example reported by a member is 1948 (Figure 1). The candle design was used at least twice in 1958 and 1959. By 1960 the design changed to a young girl with a bouquet of flowers and the LAC is spelled out Liga Antituberculosa Colombiana (Figure 2). Again the same design is reused in 1961, but surcharged \$1.00. The design continues to evolve to keep the cliental interested. A butterfly was used in 1971 (Figure 3). Not all Colombian Christmas seals are dated, such as the one in Figure 4.

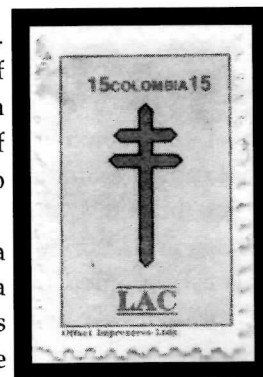


Figure 4



Whatzit 29.3.1

identifications. Whatzit 29.2.3 is a German occupation stamp prepared for use in Pernau (Estonia: Parnu), which is a city in southwestern Estonia. Located in an ice-free spot on the Baltic, Pernau was founded by the crusading Germanic Livonian knights and it became a member of the Hanseatic Baltic trading cities. Like the rest of Estonia and Latvia, it was occupied by the Russians in 1939 per the Molotov-Ribbentrop Agreement.

The date in the overprint (8. VII 1941) places the stamp in the early days of World War II, soon after the German invasion of Russia. Latvia, and then Estonia, were quickly occupied by the Germans. A comparable issue for Latvia, overprinted with the date 1. VII 1941, was in use in July-September 1941. It is mentioned in Scott in a note after Latvia



Whatzit 29.3.2

Ventures in Printing—Part 15

Relief-Printed CMP Stamps: Russian Semi-Postals, 1905—Part 1

by Sandy Stover (#2325)

Editor's Note: This is a continuation of the series of articles adapted from a book on classic multicolored postage stamps currently being written by the author.

During the Russo-Japanese War, 1904-05, Imperial Russia issued four multicolored semi-postal ("charity") stamps (Scott B1-4; Figures 1-4). Funds raised by sale of the stamps went to the aid of children whose fathers had been killed in combat. Each featuring a famous Russian monument as subject, the four relief-printed CMP (classic multicolored postage) stamps are among the earliest charity stamps ever issued, preceded only by the charity stamps of three Australian states: New South Wales (Scott B1-2, 1897), Queensland (Scott B1-2, 1900) and Victoria (Scott B1-2, 1897; B3-4, 1900). (Only one of the Australian stamps is multicolored: the lithograph of New South Wales, Scott B2, to be featured in a future article.)

Except for the numerals, the inscription on all four stamps is the same. Translated, it reads: *Postage Stamp : Sale Price *** Kopeks : For Benefit of Orphans of Soldiers of the Present Army*. The numerals indicate (1) postal value and (2) total value (postal value plus 3 kopeks charity value), i.e. 3 kopeks/6 kopeks, 5/8, 7/10, 10/13.

This article, Part 1, summarizes the Russian history that is conjured up by the stamps' four monumental icons. Part 2, a future article, will focus first on the iconic meaning of the monument-stamps, then second on the events that surrounded and followed the 1905 issuance of the stamps—events that dramatically negated the stamps' iconic meaning. Part 2 will also discuss, briefly, the color design of the four stamps.

Historical References of the Monuments

The persons and events memorialized by each monument are presented here in historical order. Much

of this section is based on Nicholas Riasanovsky's, *A History of Russia*.

Prince Dimitri Pozharski and Kuzma Minin

Pozharski and Minin (Figure 1) were seventeenth century heroes of the liberation of Moscow from a Polish occupying army. The 1612 military victory also brought an end to a period of Russian history called

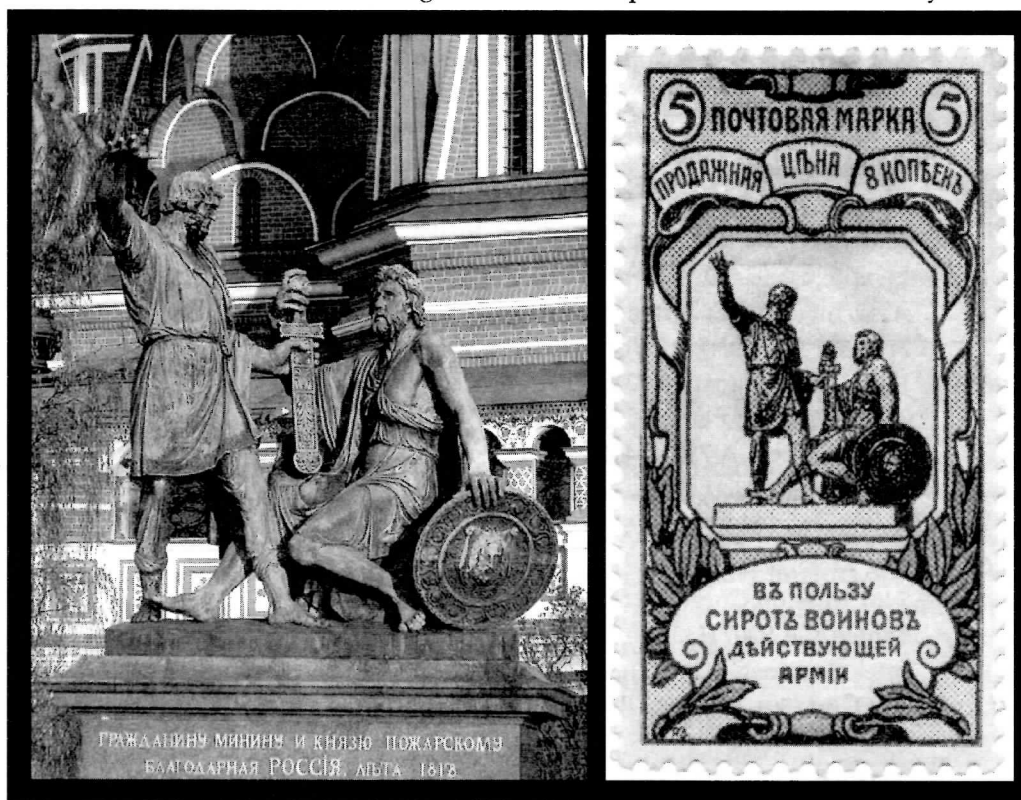


Figure 1—Left: Dimitri Pozharski and Kuzma Minin Monument in front of the Cathedral of St. Basil, Moscow. Right: Russia, Scott B2, 1905.

"The Time of Troubles" (1598-1613)—a time when there was considerable social unrest and a breakdown of the governing authority that had been achieved in the earlier autocracies of Ivan IV (the Terrible) (1533-84) and Theodore (1584-98). Stimulated in part by Orthodox Church leadership and its animosity toward Polish Catholic influence, the 1612-13 Russian national liberation movement was a volunteer peoples' army, an Orthodox religious revival and a temporary government all combined. Minin, a butcher from Nizhnii Novgorod, led his fellow townspeople in the initial formation of the movement. The aristocrat Pozharski was entrusted with the army's military leadership.

As a result of this successful liberation movement, Michael Romanov was selected by a special 1613

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President's Report: Mortality and Succession

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Mortality. A sober thought. It has been brought home to me recently by two events: a younger friend is dealing with pancreatic cancer and end of life preparations; and deaths of key members in a smaller stamp club. This other club had sales and trading circuits, an auction and a newsletter—just like the ISWSC.

The sudden death of two key volunteers in the similar club caused chaos and disruption. Their sales circuit program collapsed, auctions (and income) ended and the newsletter ceased. The Auction Manager and President were the same person (just like in the ISWSC today). Leadership had to be replaced and reorganized. After 10 months, their newsletter and auctions will resume, but the sales circuit has ended. Income and membership, always problems for philatelic clubs, are at a critical stage.

The lesson to the ISWSC, a larger and perhaps luckier organization, might be that some planning for succession is in order. Having prospective volunteers ready to step into key positions would be a real plus. We are fortunate to have experienced co-managers and circuit managers in the OMNI Exchange and Swap Circuit programs. Mostly I am concerned with singular positions like the Mail Bid Sale (auction) manager and the Executive Director. I hold the Mail Bid Sale manager's position and I am also the President (exactly like the person who suddenly died in the smaller club). The president in our club is replaceable and is not a major concern to me. The Executive Director is actually the more important position, having control of the day to day operations of the ISWSC and the club's finances. Carefully written job descriptions for every position are a necessity and should be held by multiple people so that, in the event that someone becomes incapacitated, someone else knows what to do.

While I have no immediate plans to retire, I would like anyone thinking of carrying on the Mail Bid Sales after I relinquish the job (or suddenly "depart" from this planet) to contact me to discuss the responsibilities

and rewards of being the manager. I would like to have a "manager-in-training" who could learn what to do and could step into the position when needed.

The Mail Bid Sale manager's job is not "brain surgery". It does require a certain commitment of time (sometimes substantial), space to operate and some doggedness to keep plugging away. The ability to organize material, keep some basic records and to meet deadlines is a plus. There is much room for improvement and streamlining of the process by someone with computer skills superior to mine. I'm willing to help a successor/trainee in any way I can. This responsible and profitable (for the club) position can be very rewarding in job satisfaction and in seeing lots of great stamps.

All of this comes down to volunteerism and the willingness to commit to the organization.

Think about it.

Maejima Hisoka

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served as principal from 1886-1890. The school was later renamed Waseda University in 1902.

Taking advantage of the potential for profit in the rapidly expanding railroad network in Japan, he created the Kansai Railroad Company in Osaka in 1886. Eight years later, he created a second railroad company, the Hokuetsu Railway, connecting Niigata to Naoetsu.

During all this, Maejima and Okuma were helping establish the Rikken Kaishinto political party. Maejima was appointed Vice Minister of Communications from 1888-1894, during which time he established Japan's state owned telephone service.

When he was 67, he was honored with the title of Baron under the Kazak Peerage system in 1902. He served as a member of the House of Peers from 1904-1910. Maejima died April 27, 1919 at his summer cottage in Yokosuka, Kanagawa Prefecture.

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1N13. Since Scott's listings for Estonia do not mention Pernau, it seems plausible that the Pernau stamps were not actually issued. My impression is that the Latvia



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(and Pernau stamps if issued) were replaced by the "Ostland" German occupation set issued later in 1941. Ostland included German-occupied Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Belarus. Ostland is listed in Scott under Russia: German Occupation.

The portrait stamp, Whatzit 29.2.4 is clearly Spanish (from the word "Peseta" which is not used for Latin American currencies). It is presumably a tax stamp because it is not inscribed "correos" or "comunicaciones". The picture looks like King Amadeo, who reigned during 1871-73. I have seen this stamp in Spanish revenue collections with a notation



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I wholesale all covers and United States material. And everything else (all foreign stamps) I have left [on pages, in glassines, on stock pages, and/or on dealer cards and dealer sheets] is randomly sorted into 12" x 11" x 2" boxes. These boxes sell fast at my shows.

This is the first time offered to ISWSC members. I will include a bonus of \$50 2011 SCV Foreign MNH Complete sets as a bonus for all who identify themselves as ISWSC members. And of course, satisfaction guaranteed!



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"unidentified revenue stamp". To me, this example looks to have been precancelled, not cancelled.

Whatzit 29.2.5 is the right half of Portuguese India, Scott #336.

I must thank all the members that submitted unknown stamps for consideration. I received a greater number of German(?) items than everything else. Whatzit 29.3.1 is a

red and white 50pf(?) stamp which may be a German private Post stamp. Need confirmation of the purpose for this stamp. Where and when was it used?

The next three items are probably patriotic labels and appear to be part of larger sets. All are unwatermarked. Whatzit 29.3.2 is perforated 14 x 14. The 2pf has a brown portrait surrounded by green oak leaves. Whatzit 29.3.3 is also 2pf, but with a black portrait within a scarlet design. This plain stamp



Whatzit 29.3.5

Whatzit 29.3.4



(Whatzit 29.3.4) is solely a reddish brown portrait. Who are the individuals depicted in the three stamps? Purpose of the stamps? Date of issue? What other stamps are found in each set of stamps?

The final unknown stamp (Whatzit 29.3.5) is a 5pf stamp with a black cameo style

portrait of a young woman surrounded by a green frame. What is the purpose of this stamp? Date of issue? Who is the young woman?

To make this column a success we need your participation to identify the unknown Whatzit stamps as well as submitting stamps for the column.

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For ease of future reference, Whatzits are numbered sequentially, using the volume and issue number of the newsletter (in which the illustration first appears) as a prefix (e.g. 29.3.1, 29.3.2, 29.3.3).

Mail Bid Sale ~ Summer Stock Up Sale

This Mail Bid Sale has plenty of interesting lots. USA classics, a crowd of plate number block's; mini-collections of the Azores (Lot 33), Bechuanaland (37), Bulgaria (41), Czechoslovakia (69), Ifni (92); France and French Colonies (71-77); PRC presentation folders; much Canada and Brazil higher values. Britain Classic Groups (83-85) and the 1937 Coronation Issue complete for the commonwealth (82)! Worldwide lots abound with Postcard Insanity (147), Worldwide Madness (148), the Kitchen Sink Special (149), 7 ounces off-paper and Higher Value Lots (154-160). Finally, a huge Bargain Bin Clearance of 57 previously run lots at great discounts: United Nations, Australia, Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, Norway, Sweden and more – look these over for some real steals.

Thanks for your patience with my slow billing. From this sale forward, an invoice will be included with lots sent to winners. You will have to add in the postage and insurance cost (if any). This will save postage and, more importantly, time and will allow me to wrap up the sales more efficiently. Have a great summer!

ISWSC MAIL BID SALE #45—Closing August 31, 2011

Lot #	Description	Minimum Bid
1	USA. MNH Bklt Panes. #498e, pane of 6; 804b pane of 6; 1948a, pane of 10. CV \$9.	\$2
2	USA. Washington Bicentennial Issue, cpl, MNH, #704-715. Good looking set, 714 missing some gum. '11 CV \$22.20. A deal!	\$5
3	USA. Coil, MNH, #723, th spot from hinge. '11 CV \$11.	\$2
4	USA. MNH Bklt Panes: #1393b, pane of 5 + label; 2409a, pane of 5 (partial separation); 2443, pane of 10; 2484, pane of 10; 2486, pane of 10; 2519a, pane of 10. CV \$25.50.	\$8
5	USA. \$1 Eagle, Olympic Rings. #2539, MNH, blk of 4 (some paper adherence on one stamp). '11 CV \$8 (face value \$4).	\$3
6	USA. Classics. Some of these used veterans have seen better days, but here is a real deal on a group of key expensive (if perfect) issues. #11A, close-cut; 147; 185, slight th; 209, slight th; 216, th; 226, small tear; 260, repaired tear, rough perfs; 294, slight th, corner perfs. '11 CV \$225. Space filler bargains!	\$2
7	USA. Grab Bag. No gems, but a good price on this lot: #752, blk of 4, U, rough perfs; 948 S/S, MNH, rough left side; 1054A, MNH, coil pair; 1229, U, coil pair; 1613, MNH, strip of 3; 1844, MNH, blk of 4; C16, U, blk of 4, couple of face scuffs; C44, MNH; J81, M pair, some gum loss; O154, blk of 4, MNH, on backing. CV – not much – but a good price!	NMB
8	USA. Mostly U Classics, some w/defects described here: #236, U, tear; 239, small piece torn from top (CV \$100 if perfect); 253, U, Chicago cancel; 328, U; 400, U, pin hole; 400A, U, repaired tear; 548, MH. CV (if perfect) \$177. Go for it!	NMB
9	USA. Singles, MNH, from the 1992 Columbus S/S: #2624a, 2624b, 2625a & b, 2626a, 2627a & b, 2628a. Bklt pane of 5, MNH 2362-2366; partial bklt pane of 6 (2 removed), 2113; Bklt pane of 5, 2355-2359, MNH. CV \$15.25.	\$4
10	USA. Odd Lot. #279Bc, U, (ID correct?); 456, U, th, close-clipped; 1304, MH, pair, NG; 1305E, MH, pair; 1434, MNH; 1435, MNH; 1615, MNH, pair; 1811, MNH, pair; 2609, MNH, strip of 5. Value unknown.	NMB
11	USA. Nine Plate Number Blks of 4. MNH: #938, 941, 943, 944; MH: 935, 936, 937, 939, 941.	\$1.50
12	USA. Ten Plate Number Blks of 4. MNH: #975; MH: 953, 962, 963, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972.	\$2
13	USA. Ten Plate Number Blks of 4. MNH: #985, 987, 989, 991, 994, 999, 1001; MH: 986, 993, 1000.	\$2
14	USA. Ten Plate Number Blks of 4. MNH: #982; MH: 973, 974, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 983, 984.	\$2
15	USA. Nine Plate Number Blks of 4. MNH: #871, 946, 950, 951, 952; MH: 949, 950, 951, 952.	\$1.50
16	USA. Ten Plate Number Blks of 4. MNH: #957, 959, 961; MH: 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960.	\$2
17	USA. How about 100 (MH & MNH), assorted plate number blks from the 1950-60's (mostly #900-1100's). 400 stamps for filling holes, trading, postage, etc. Minimum of \$12 face value.	\$15
18	USA. Space Exploration. #1912-1919, blk of 8, MNH, VF. CV \$3.25.	\$1

Lot #	Description	Minimum Bid
19	USA. 12 copies of #1311 S/S, MNH, Sixth International Philatelic Exhibition, Washington, D.C., 1966. CV \$4.	NMB
20	USA. White Ace pages for 1977 Commem w/some stamps in mounts (pages 365-385). Blks, S/S, strips. Some stamps incl, MNH: #1705, Plate number blk of 4; 1706-1709, blk of 12; 1710, blk of 12; 1711, blk of 12; 1716, plate number blk of 4; 1717-1720 blk of 12; 1721, plate number blk of 4; 1722, blk of 12; 1723-1723, blk of 12 (x2); 1725, plate number blk of 4; 1726, plate number blk of 4; 1728, blk of 10; 1729, blk of 20; 1730, blk of 10. Face value alone is \$18.46.	\$18
21	USA. U High Values: #2122b, 3261, 3262. '09 CV \$19.	\$6.50
22	USA. U High Values: #2122b, 3261, 3262, 3647. CV \$21.	\$7
23	USA. Same as Lot 22, above.	\$7
24	USA. Special Delivery. #E5, U, LC. '09 CV \$10.	\$3.50
25	USA. Same as Lot 24, above.	\$3.50
26	United Nations. Early MH stamps, #19//184, group of approx 24. CV \$20+.	\$5
27	United Nations. 242 MNH stamps, ID'd, mostly diff, in good red Lighthouse stock book, #1//309 + some airs. S/S's 179, 212. CV \$69.15.	\$15
28	"A" Countries. Mounted & ID'd on album pages: Allenstein: #1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 15-17, 19-21, 24 (U). Alaouites: 27, 34, 39, 44 (U); 29, 31 (MH); C5-C8 (MNH); Angra: 14, 24 (U); 15 (MH); Annam & Tonking: 2 (U). '10 CV \$94+. You won't see these again here!	\$35
29	Australia. Gold Rush. #780-783, cpl, MNH. CV \$1.60.	NMB
30	Australia. Cpl Bklt, Special Occasions, Baby's Feet. Contains 5 panes (#2963a, 20 stamps). Pristine & gorgeous. '11 CV \$19.	\$10
31	Australia. Prestige Bklt: "Long Weekend, Through the Years". Contains 20 stamps & 6 postcards celebrating the Aussie love for leisure time at the beach. Too new for '11 Scott catalog.	\$10
32	Australia. Prestige Bklt: "Burke & Wills, 150 Years". Too new for '11 Scott catalog. They were Explorers - bklt contains 12 stamps & detailed narrative.	\$8
32A	Austria. Club Owned. #653, 678, B321 (all MNH); J31, J32 (U). CV \$2.50.	NMB
32B	Austria. Club Owned. MNH Group: #1286, 1288A, 1293, 1297, 1298, 1329-1333. CV \$7.05.	NMB
32C	Austria. Club Owned. #C56, U, LC. CV \$5.75. Wow!	NMB
33	Azores. Mini-collection, mounted & ID'd on album pages. 30+ stamps, about 50% MH, 50% U. #62//311, RA3, RA5, RA8, Q1, Q2, J15-J17, J32. CV \$38.	\$18
34	Bahamas. #29, U, VF, LC. CV \$5.	\$2
35	Bahrain. Coronation Issue. #92-95, MNH, cpl, XF, perfect centering. '11 CV \$16.25.	\$10
36	Barbuda. #170-173, 175, 178-181, all MNH. CV \$3.20.	\$1
37	Bechuanaland. Some good values in this mounted & ID'd mini-collection. British Bechuanaland: #11, 37, 40 (MH). Bechuanaland Protectorate: 72//211. A few U but mostly MH & MNH. Approx 34 stamps. '10 CV \$125.	\$50
38	Brazil. HBO. 100 MNH better value sets & S/S from 1971-2005, w/values between \$1 - \$25. Incl #425, 1233 (\$7), 1262-1271, 1275, 1360, 2835, others. CV about \$115.	\$17
39	Brazil. HBO. 70+ MNH better values, sets from 1971-2005, w/values between \$5 - \$32. (#1441-1457) & S/S up to \$20 (1308). Incl 1342, 1362-1365, 2042, 2130, 2154. CV \$126.	\$19
40	Brazil. HBO. 50+ MNH higher value S/S (#1301 - \$20) & sets from 1971-2005 w/values up to \$35. Incl sets like 1239-1241, 1242-1246 (\$23), 1248-1261 (\$35), 1262-1265 (\$6), 1281-1282 (\$5), 1315-1319, 1328-1331 (\$16), 2344-2348 (\$15). Total CV \$185.	\$28
41	Bulgaria. 340 M & U stamps (251 diff), early to 1940. Most pre-1930. Many M, on album pages & stock sheets. Est CV \$75. Wow!	\$7
42	Cambodia. Fire Engines. #823-829, cpl, MNH. '11 CV \$6.50.	\$4
43	Cameroun. #282-295, M & U (higher values are U). 293 is missing. CV \$6.80.	\$1
44	Canada. #15, U, medium cancel. '11 CV \$37.50.	\$15
45	Canada. Classic Group 1. U. #37 (orange red); 37b (copper red); 66 (space filler, not incl in CV); 77 type 1, HC; 87; 97. Most CV is 37b (\$60). Total CV is \$74.35.	\$15

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46	Canada. Classic Group 2. U. #146, SE, LC; 194 (good "Coppermine, NWT" cancel); 197, 200, 201, 202, 204, 205, 209, 210, 215, 226, 311. '11 CV \$46+. Nice deal!	\$9
47	Canada. #51, 86, U; 216, MH. '08 CV \$23.50.	\$4
48	Canada. #66, MNH, F/VF. '11 CV \$32.50.	\$20
49	Canada. #178, MNH, F/VF – some gum disturbance. '11 CV \$15.	\$6
50	Canada. #194, MH, F/VF. CV \$10.	\$2
51	Canada. #311-314, U, cpl set; 415, MH; 454c, bklt pane of 10, MNH; 511a, blk of 4, MNH (508-511); 513, MNH; 514, MNH; 544a, MNH, bklt w/pane of 6; 601, U; 606-609, MH, cpl set; C1, U. '11 CV \$25.90.	\$5
52	Canada. #955-966, cpl U set, VF. CV \$8.40.	\$3
53	Canada. Two cpl U sets: #983-992, 1016-1027. CV \$11.80.	\$5
54	Canada. Locomotives. All U: #1036, 1037, 1039, 1074, 1118-1120. CV \$4.50.	NMB
55	Canada. Three cpl U sets: #1050-1059, 1206-1209, 1210-1213. CV \$12.50.	\$5
56	Canada. Three cpl U sets: #1233-1236, 1245-1248, 1252-1255. CV \$7.20.	\$3
57	Canada. Three cpl U sets: #1266-1269, 1279-1282, 1302-1305. CV \$8.	\$4
58	Canada. Three cpl U sets: #1306-1309, 1311-1315, 1321-1325. CV \$10.25.	\$5
59	Canada. Two cpl U sets: #1326-1329, 1399-1403. CV \$6.50.	\$3
60	Canada. Three cpl U sets: #1408-1412, 1414-1418, 1432-1435. CV \$8.40.	\$4
61	Canada. Four cpl U sets: #1436-1440, 1485-1489, 1739-1742, 1921a-d. CV \$8.34.	\$4
62	Canada. FDCs. Four copies of First Flight cacheted cover (Great Falls, Manitoba to Bissett, Manitoba), 02/15/33. All addr, franked w/nice copies of #C3. CV \$20.	\$6
63	New Brunswick. #8, U. '08 CV \$18.	\$4
64	China (PRC). PRC is hot! Presentation Folder, #3603 (MNH sheet of 2), All China Philatelic Federation, 6 th Congress.	\$5
65	China (PRC). Two Presentation Folders, each containing a sheet of 8 stamps from 2010 (not in 2011 Scott catalog). Both MNH sheets of stamps are identical but the folders are different. CV unknown.	\$10
66	China (PRC). Presentation Folder. Gorgeous sheet of 16 stamps, #3375 w/labels. Labels not as pictured in Scott, this sheet item not mentioned. Sure is pretty. Minor "dings" to folder – it's come a long way.	\$5
67	Costa Rica. Farm & Family. #C539-C542, cpl, MNH. CV \$3.30.	\$1
67A	Costa Rica. Club Owned. Two MNH blks of 4, #C531-C532, Soccer. '11 CV \$2.40.	NMB
68	Crete. #2, 3, MH. '07 CV \$22.	\$4
69	Czechoslovakia. 386 M & U stamps, to 1962. Mostly pre-1940. Incl many BOB. Est CV \$85.	\$9
70	Epirus. 26 stamps, MH, a few U. #3 & 4 (Michel says no genuine exist), 6, 7, 8, 12, 15-21, 26, 34-37, N17, N23, N24-N28, N30, N32. Highest Offer!	NMB

MAIL BID SALE RULES AND INFORMATION

1. Bid increments: \$1-10 = \$0.50, \$10-30 = \$1.00, \$30-100 = \$2.00, Over \$100 = \$5.00. Bid in these increments only. Odd amounts will be lowered to the next increment. All bids are in US dollars.
2. High bidder wins at one advance over second-highest bidder.
3. If there are tie bids, the earliest postmark wins.
4. If only one bid is received, lot goes at the minimum bid listed by the owner.
5. State the highest you are willing to pay. Your high bid will be used only if necessary. No "buy" bids or requests for percentage increases will be accepted.
6. Lots are returnable for items misdescribed or misidentified. No returns on large lots or collections, etc.
7. The Mail Bid Sale Manager reserves the right to decline unreasonably low bids.
8. Lot information will be sent to successful bidders with invoice. Invoice will include postage (and insurance, where appropriate). Payment is expected in US funds within 10 days of being invoiced.
9. Lots totaling \$100 or more and shipped in one package will be insured. To request insurance on shipments totaling less than \$100, contact the Mail Bid Sale Manager.
10. Lots will be shipped and billed by the Mail Bid Sale Manager and payment should be sent to the address on the invoice. PayPal can be used: ExecutiveDirector@iswsc.org. There will be an additional 10% fee to cover the PayPal transaction. PayPal users should notify the Mail Bid Sale Manager by e-mail when payment has been made.

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70A	Finland. Club Owned. #B60-B63, MNH. (B62 has nicked corner). '11 CV \$2.40.	NMB
71	France & Colonies. France: #99, U; Benin: 34, MH; Anjouan: 1, 3, MH, ths; Martinique: 38, U. Total CV \$15.65.	\$4
72	France. Art. Liberation. Attractive lot: #2156, U; 2379, 2435, 3030 (all MNH). '11 CV \$6.40.	NMB
73	France. "Officials" Counsel of Europe (#27, 28, 30, 33, 34, 41, 44, MH); UNESCO (30, 33, 34, 36, MH). '11 CV \$11.05. Surprise bonus!	\$3
74	French Colonies. French Equatorial Africa (67 stamps), others (4). Mostly MH on old album pages, ID'd. '08 CV \$41+.	\$10
75	French Colonies. French Guiana (37 stamps), French Guinea (27), French India (21). 85 stamps total, more MH than U, on old album pages, ID'd. Best: French Guiana: #32, 33, 54, 56, 59, 61; French Guinea: 1, 33, 76, 78, 92; French India: 59, 70, 157, 158, 198, B5. '08 CV \$40.	\$10
76	French Colonies. French Sudan, French West Africa. 19 & 40 stamps respectively, hinged on album pages & ID'd. Largely MH, some postally U. Best: French Sudan #29, 50; French West Africa #25, 27, 33, 41, 57, C19, C25-C27, B2. '08 CV \$29.75.	\$10
77	French Southern & Antarctic Territories. #3, MH; 12, 13, MNH. CV \$1.45.	NMB
78	Gambia. 27 M & U stamps on old album pages, ID'd. Best: #135A, 215, 218, 223-226. '08 CV \$17.90.	\$5
79	Germany. Michel catalog #K21, tete-beche pair, U; W90, VF pair, U w/margin slogan. Michel CV \$5.50.	\$3
80	Germany. Cpl MNH set: 9NB115-9NB118. CV \$5.25.	\$2.50
81	Wurttemberg. M & U. #O59, U (CV \$8.75); 12 others. Total CV \$14.75.	\$2
81A	Gibraltar. Europa. Club Owned. Two blks of 4, #400-401, MNH. Hercules on Rock of Gibraltar; Hercules separating continents.	NMB
82	Great Britain. British Coronation Issue. Cpl set 1937 common design, MH, many HR. Plus Cook Islands, Great Britain offices, New Zealand, Niue, Papua, pairs of South Africa, South West Africa. CV \$114.50. Are you kidding me!!	\$25
83	Great Britain. Classics Group 1. HBO. M & U stamps w/values to \$225 (#140). Incl 79, 82, 134, 138, 199, 289, 308 & several phosphor sets in F & F/VF. CV over \$500.	\$50
84	Great Britain. Classics Group 2. HBO. U stamps, values to \$550 (#115a) in F condition. Incl 34, 64 (plate 13), 100, 133, 205 (\$200) & others. CV over \$700.	\$60
85	Great Britain. U Value Group: #114, 115, 119, 130, 288, O54. CV \$87.25. Whoa!	\$12
86	Great Britain. #179, U, London cancel. CV \$75.	\$12
87	Great Britain. #180, U, "Registered" cancel, perfin. CV \$125.	\$20
88	Great Britain. Machin Head. #MH323, U but uncanceled. CV \$10.	\$3
89	Greece. High Values. #1786-1788, MH; 1760, 1898, 1917, 1943, 1975, U. '11 CV \$16.85.	\$4
90	Grenada, Guyana. Club Owned. Grenada: 45 MNH; Guyana: 10 CTO. Bonus set: Guyana #663-664.	NMB
91	Iceland. #11, 172, U. '09 CV \$24.50.	\$6
92	Ifni. Mini collection, mounted & ID'd on album pages. Approx 80 stamps (80% MH, 20% MNH), #19//148, B7//B58 – about half are semi-postals. '08 CV \$23.	\$10
93	Iran. #O19-O35, MH, cpl set. CV \$16.	\$8
94	Iran. #O41-O57, MH, cpl set. CV \$17.50.	\$9
95	Ireland. Irish Railways/Locomotives. MNH, cpl: #581-584. CV \$6.50.	\$3
96	Israel. Presentation Bklt: "Tel Aviv, A City Is Born". Spectacular & unusual. Contains #1703-1704 w/tabs (x2); 1713 w/tabs (x2); 1714 w/tab; 1717 w/tabs (x2); 1733 sheet of 3, etc. All MNH & pristine colorful bklt. More than \$32 in CV for stamps alone. Wow!	\$13
97	Israel. Presentation Bklt: "Noah's Ark: The Flood & the Stamp". Contains #1712a-f, sheet of 6 self-adhesives (not listed in self-adhesive form in Scott catalog).	\$5
98	Italy. U, #25 (type 2), 53, 70, E10. '09 CV \$54.50.	\$10
99	Italy. Prices rising fast! #484, 493, 1216-1217 (MH); 571, 1419, 1651 (U). '11 CV \$6.65.	NMB

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100	Japan. #500, MLH. CV \$3.	\$1
101	Japan. #636, MLH. CV \$14.	\$6
102	Japan. Water Bird Series. #2103-2114, 2152-2155, U. "Best Bird Set Ever", hand-picked, LC. '11 CV \$5.60.	\$2
103	Karelia. Well, that's what is on this blk of 6 MNH diff Polar Bears. Owner says value is \$3. Nice Bears!	\$1
104	Kyrgyzstan. #131, S/S of 2 stamps, World Philatelic Exhibition, China '99, CV \$2.25.	\$1
105	Liberia. George Washington Crossing the Delaware, #911 S/S, Monrovia CTO. Very pretty. Also, C218, Queen Elizabeth. Silver Jubilee S/S, Monrovia CTO. CV \$4.75.	NMB
106	Martinique. #C4, C5, C7, C8, U, short set, VF, good cancels. '11 CV \$43.35.	NMB
107	Mexico. Colonial Monument type of 1980, #1306a, vertical strip of 4, #1303-1306 + label, MNH. '11 CV \$15.	\$7
108	Micronesia. MNH group: #154, 194, 211 (blk of 4, a-d), Dogs; 238 (blk of 8, a-h), Pioneers of Flight; 239 (blk of 4, a-d), Tourism in Yap; 250 (blk of 4, a-d), Fish types. '11 CV \$16.15.	\$6
109	Nicaragua. LA Olympics, 1984 Baseball Championship, #1373, S/S, MNH. '11 CV \$2.25.	NMB
110	Pakistan. #20-23, MNH, cpl set. CV \$5.	\$1.50
111	Pakistan. #44-46, U, cpl set. CV \$5.20.	\$1
112	Pakistan. #72, MLH; 76 & 111m MNH. CV \$8.75.	\$2
113	Panama. #487-487H, U; 495-495H, U; RA21-RA23, MNH; F1, U. CV \$12.	\$4
114	Philippines. #516-518, 621-623, all MNH. CV \$13.	\$5
115	Pitcairn Islands. #52-53, MNH, cpl set. CV \$15.	\$6
116	Pitcairn Islands. #54-55, MNH, cpl set. CV \$14.	\$6
117	Pitcairn Islands. #62-63, MNH, cpl set. CV \$14.50.	\$6
118	Pitcairn Islands. #64-66, MNH, cpl set. CV \$14.35.	\$6
119	Poland. 220 stamps, mostly postally U, to 1959. CV \$44+.	\$5
120	Portugal. King Carlos. #67, 68, 71, U. '10 CV \$9.25.	NMB
121	Portugal. 1910 Overprints, U. #172-175, 179. '10 CV \$4.60.	NMB
122	Portugal. 58 U stamps from "Ceres Long Set" (#209-298). Ten are CV \$1 or more. CV for this partial set \$25+. Surprise Bonus!	\$3
123	Portuguese Guinea. #99-101, 103, 106-107, MLH. CV \$12.35.	\$7
124	Reunion. Good Group: #169-172, MH; C2-C5, MNH, cpl; C18-C24, MNH, cpl set. Wow! \$22+.	\$11
125	Rhodesia. #59-61, U. CV \$3.80.	NMB
126	Romania. 100 CTO's from 1960's-1970's, all commems.	\$4
127	Romania. Quite a group: #77, U; 101, U; 104, 121, 131, 132, U; 642-645, MNH; 678, 807, B354, B381-B383, MNH. CV \$32.90.	\$8
128	Russia. Better U Group, 1938-1953. Incl: #628, 876, 1340, 1430, 1440-1441, 1684-1686, 1709. CV \$32.75.	\$7
129	Russia. WWII Occupation. Two cpl MH sets, Ostland & Ukraine, N9-N48. CV \$15.40. Gee whiz!	\$2
130	St Pierre & Miquelon. CB1-CB3, MNH. CV \$14.25.	\$6.50
131	St Vincent. MNH: #886, 887, 890, 893. CV \$17.15.	\$8
132	Saudi Arabia. #178, 179, MH. CV \$22.80.	\$9
133	Surinam. Club Owned. MNH: #269-270, 282-283, B116-B119 (cpl), B127-B131 (cpl), B132-B136 (cpl), B142-B146 (cpl). '11 CV \$6.10.	NMB
134	Surinam. MNH sets: #306-309, 310-314, cpl. CV \$3.50.	\$1
135	Tanzania. MNH: #266a, S/S of 4, Rolls Royce Autos; 267-269, 269a, S/S of 2, Queen Mother; 270, 270b S/S of 2 (also Queen Mother); 304-305, 305a S/S, Chess. Very attractive stamps. CV \$6.90.	\$2
136	Tanzania. Reptiles. #1128-1135, MNH. Incl S/S; cpl set. '11 CV \$12.	\$6
137	Timor. Island Map issue, #280-287, MH, cpl set (8). Mounted on partial album page. '11 CV \$8.40.	\$3

Lot #	Description	Minimum Bid
138	Tonga. Unusual Group: #158-174, MNH, cpl; C259-C263, CO158, MNH, cpl; C68-C72, MNH, cpl. Attractive & unusual shapes, gold foil, etc. '11 CV \$28.85.	\$14
139	Turkey. #214-217, MNH, cpl. CV \$2.10.	NMB
140	Tuvalu. #361, MNH, QE II S/S; 442, MNH, Ferns, S/S; Nintao-Tuvalu #48, MNH, QE II, S/S; Vaitupu-Tuvalu #62, MNH, QE II. A must for British Royalty collectors. '11 CV \$19.	\$7
141A	Umm al Qiwain. Club Owned. Dogs in 3D! Three airmail "labels" (?), (not in Scott), MNH. Very cute puppies. Great topicals & the price is right!	NMB
141	Vatican City. 40 U stamps, dups. Est CV \$12.	NMB
142	Venezuela. #137-141, MLH, cpl set. '11 CV \$103.50.	\$45
143	Yemen. Cpl 1940 set, #31-43, MH, mounted on partial page. '11 CV \$9.60.	\$3
144	Zambia. #127, 129, 130; 419-421, all MNH. Two short sets incl the high values. '11 CV \$3.80.	\$1.50
145	Worldwide. Locomotives/Railway Equipment. Guyana #2006A-C, 2291-2294; St Tome & Principe, 884-887; Vietnam, 1551-1554. Beautiful, colorful, CTO. '11 CV \$38.85.	\$14
146	Worldwide. Club Owned. Small misc group w/small price. French Equatorial Africa #J12, MNH; French India J19, MNH; Nauru 206, 208, 209, 224-226, MNH; Nicaragua 1821-1822, 1825-1826, CTO; Sri Lanka 793-794, MNH; Vatican City C1-C4, MNH; Zambia 426, 441-443, MNH. Have fun with these!	NMB
147	Worldwide. Postcard Insanity! Mysterious Accumulation! Forgotten storeroom cleaned out after 35 years revealing shoebox full (650+) mainly European postcards, most unused (small number actually mailed). Some dup. Italy, France, England, Greece, Spain, heavy on the cathedrals, religious art, frescoes, paintings. Appear to be from the 1970's. Colorful, historical. Take your own kitchen table tour of the European cathedrals! Hyperbole? You betcha'! Best offer.	NMB
148	Worldwide Madness. This Club Owned lot just might drive you mad! A real mish-mash: Belgium, Canada, DDR, Great Britain, Luxembourg, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Philippines, Portugal, Portugese New Guinea, Reunion, Romania, St Vincent – gasp!! Approx 70, mostly U stamps in glassines/dealer sheets, ID. CV approx \$45. Nice Price!	NMB
149	Worldwide Kitchen Sink Mystery Lot. Approx ONE POUND on-paper. Sealed envelope. What is this stuff? OK... I couldn't resist... I opened it. Holy cow! All kinds of on-paper, large & colorful, many dups. Pull out the soaking pan – I see China, Nigeria, India, Iran, Albania, Thailand, Honduras, Ukraine, Japan, Hong Kong, Ghana, Romania, Spain, Poland, Malawi – you get the picture. An awful lot of fun here, days of soaking, sorting & cataloging. GET THIS!	NMB
150	Worldwide Grab Bag. 13 glassines w/mostly mint better value stamps. I see Ryukyus #55, 139, 145, 147, 150; Denmark, Vatican City, France, Venezuela, Afghanistan, Japan, Saar. Some dup. Lots of fun & value for a small investment.	\$5
151	Worldwide. Approx 7 ounces of U, off-paper, mostly common, for your sorting pleasure. Hours of fun!	NMB
152	Worldwide. 125 stamps, ID'd, on sheets, 25 per country, mostly U. Austria, Canada, Germany, Great Britain, Greece. All stamps above Scott minimum value. More large than small. CV \$100+.	\$12
153	Worldwide Mish-Mash. Club Owned. Maybe 100 mostly U from all over the place. I see Canada #2122-2123, MNH; Grenada 716-717, MNH; Netherlands Antilles, Russia, USA, etc. CV unknown but the price is right!	NMB
154	Worldwide. HBO. Higher Value Mixture #1. 55 M & U stamps w/values to \$75 (Brazil #1222). Includes Gold Coast 18, 32, 87, 108, 159; Austria J5, J156, J158, J193, 243a, B17-B21; DDR 414-417p; Great Britain, others. CV \$350+.	\$50
155	Worldwide. HBO. M & U stamps from Austria, Brazil, Cyprus, Malaya, New Zealand, Turks & Caicos, USA, others. CV approx \$235.	\$30
156	Worldwide. HBO. Higher Value Mixture #2. 40 M & U stamps w/values to \$55. (British Guiana #154). Incl Gold Coast 20, 125; British Guiana 153, 155, 156 (\$35); New Zealand 182 (\$35); Trinidad 53, 84, 144-159, others. CV \$350+.	\$50

Lot #	Description	Minimum Bid
157	Worldwide. HBO. Higher Value Mixture #3. 20+ M & U stamps w/values to \$80 (Virgin Islands #4). Incl Bermuda 2, 23, 43; New Zealand 165-170 (\$62), 244, 494; St Vincent 5 (\$37) & others. CV \$400+.	\$55
158	Worldwide. HBO. Higher Value Mixture #4. 34 M & U stamps w/values to \$60. Incl Queensland #12, 30, 35; New Zealand 197, others. CV \$400+.	\$55
159	Worldwide. HBO. Higher Value Mixture #5. 40 M & U stamps w/values to \$80 (Virgin Islands #4). Incl New Zealand 197; Greece C1-C4; stamps from St Kitts, Belgium, Barbados, Japan, St Vincent, in F & F/VF condition. CV \$500+.	\$50
160	Worldwide. HBO. 100 more valuable M & U stamps, values \$1 to \$22. Incl stamps of Austria, Brazil, Fiji (#133, \$12.50), Virgin Islands 14, Venezuela 227 (\$22.50), & others. CV \$230.	\$22

Bargain Bin Clear-out! 57 lots to clear off my desk before I move (again). Last time for most of these – great deals, final reductions! United Nations, Australia, Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, Norway, Sweden and others. Look these over for some great bargains!

BB161	USA. #698, MNH, F/VF, some gum disturbance. '09 CV \$12. Was \$3 earlier. Now! Only!	\$1
BB162	USA. #3472, U, LC, Capital Dome \$3.50 issue. '11 CV \$2.	NMB
BB163	United Nations. New York M Singles. 150 stamps, few dups. Retail value \$150. Ran previously at \$70. Now drastically reduced!	\$20
BB164	United Nations. New York M Singles (same as BB163).	\$20
BB165	Australia. #197-199, 434, 435, 437-439, all MLH. CV \$11.50. Ran previously at minimum bid of \$5.50. Reduced now!	\$2
BB166	Australia. 1977 Centenary of Test Cricket, Australia vs. England, 1877-1977, FDC, Post Office cachet, unaddr. Stamps: #661-666. Est value \$4.50. Was \$2 in MBS #42. A deal!	NMB
BB167	Australia. Packet of approx 100 diff, U, large stamps. Looks like 1970's. Was \$10 in MBS #42. Now reduced!	\$7
BB168	Australia. 192 U stamps, F/VF to VF, LC. In sales book, all ID'd. Most after 1980. #507//2735. Fill a lot of spaces! '09 CV \$156. Ran in MBS #42 at \$29. Now only!	\$21
BB169	Austria. #110a-126 (missing 127), U, F/VF. CV \$11.70. Ran earlier at \$3. Now only!	NMB
BB170	Austria. Club Owned. Stamp-on-stamp, Vienna International Stamp Expo, #B368, MNH, blk of 4 w/selva. '09 CV \$24. Ran in MBS #41 at \$12, then donated to the club. A steal!	NMB

Abbreviations:

& = And

+ = Plus

// = Incomplete

ADDR = Address (ed)

ANN = Anniversary

APPROX = Approximate (ly)

APS = American Philatelic Society

BKLT = Booklet

BLK = Block

BOB = Back of Book

CAT = Catalogue (d)

COMMEM = Commemorative (s)

CPL = Complete

CTO = Cancelled to Order

CV = Latest Scott Catalog Value
(or year listed)

DEFIN = Definitive (s)

DIFF = Different

DUP = Duplicate (s)

EST = Estimate (d)

F = Fine, off center, but perfs
don't touch design

FD(C) = First Day (Cover)

G = Good, perfs cut into design

HBO = Held by Owner

HC = Heavy Cancel

HR = Hinge Remnant

ID'd = Identified

INCL = Include (s) (ed)

LC = Light Cancel

LH = Light Hinge

M or * = Mint

MH = Mint Hinged

MLH = Mint Light Hinge

MNH or ** = Mint Never Hinged

NG = No Gum

NMB = No Minimum Bid

OG = Original Gum

RET = Retired, Returned

SE = Straight Edge

SON = Socked on the Nose
cancel

S/S = Souvenir Sheet (s)

TH = Thin

U = Used

UNADDR = Unaddressed

VF = Very Fine, wide margins

VG = Very Good, perfs touch
design

W/(O) = With (out)

WMK = Watermark

XF = Extra Fine

Lot #	Description	Minimum Bid
BB171	Bahamas. #MR11-MR13, MH, F/VF. Pricey set (most value in MR13). MR13 appears to be OG, H, but has small production ink smear. '09 CV \$29.80. Ran previously at \$6. Look! Reduced!	\$2
BB172	Barbuda. 1980 Moscow Olympics. #449-454, 455 S/S, all MNH. CV \$8.50. Previously \$4. Reduced!	\$2
BB173	Canada. #87, 2¢ on 3¢ carmine surcharge, U, F, SON. '09 CV \$7.50. Last time!	NMB
BB174	Canada. #97, Quebec Tercentenary, MNH, F/VF, spot of crackled gum, light crease. '09 CV \$47.50. Was \$5, now reduced!	NMB
BB175	Canada. #110, MH, HR, F. '09 CV \$45. Was \$5.	NMB
BB176	Canada. #135, MH, HR, F. '09 CV \$47.50. Was \$5. Final try!	NMB
BB177	Canada. #144, MLH, F. '09 CV \$4.50.	NMB
BB178	Canada. #145, MH, HR, F/VF. CV \$25. Was \$3. Now!	NMB
BB179	Costa Rica. 1986 World Cup. #369-373, MNH. CV \$7.35. Was \$3. Reduced now!	\$1
BB180	Cyprus. International Ski Federation, #394-395, blk of 4 each; 465-467, 1976 Montreal Olympics, blk of 4 + 3 singles; 705-708, 1988 Seoul Olympics. All MNH. CV \$10.10. Was \$3.	\$1
BB181	Denmark. 191 U stamps, large, recent, excellent! Mounted & ID'd in sales book. #765//1401 + a few semi-postals. '09 CV \$114. Ran in MBS #42 at \$20. Reduced!	\$15
BB182	Falkland Island & Dependencies. MH & MNH. #107, 121, 128, 232-234, 398; intact MNH bklt w/3 panes of 4 stamps each, 254a, 255a, 256a; partial bklt containing 389 (x4), 393 (x2), 397 (x2), 398 (x2); Dependencies: 1L1, 1L18. '09 CV \$35+. Ran previously at \$12, now 50% off!	\$6
BB183	Falkland Island/South Georgia Dependency. #41-43, U (CTO?); 3L1-3L8, MLH. CV \$19.25. Was \$6 previously, slashed now!	\$3
BB184	Fiji. Group of 4 stamps. #133, U, nice cancel; 145, MNH; 146 (x2), one MH, one MNH. CV \$23+. Ran once at \$7.	\$3
BB185	Finland. Eight FDCs, sports related, Post Office cachets. Excellent, clean. #542, 592, 602, 649, 652, 682-683, 752-753. Previous minimum bid of \$3. Final Reduction!	NMB
BB186	Finland. 1978 World Ski Championship. #B213-B214 on FDC, unaddr, Post Office cachet. Ran previously at \$1.	NMB
BB187	Germany. 97 U stamps, large recent, #1752//2467, B499//B983 (about 60 semi-postals). A great lot (few faulty), mounted & ID'd in sales book. '09 CV \$158. Ran in MBS #42 at \$29.	\$23
BB188	Great Britain. U: #153, 161, 164, 167, 169. '09 CV \$29. Ran earlier at \$9. Now reduced!	\$5
BB189	Great Britain. U, F/VF: #250, 251A, 288. '09 CV \$17.75. Was \$5. Reduced!	\$2
BB190	Great Britain. U, F/VF: #311, 315, 371-374. '09 CV \$33.80. Was \$9. Now only!	\$5
BB191	Great Britain. 100+ U stamps, mostly large, mostly 1970's-80's, some dup, common. Was \$7 in MBS #42. Reduced.	\$5
BB192	Isle of Man. Club Owned. Ret sales sheet, 58 MH stamps, #35//213. Value approx \$13. Ran earlier at \$6, then donated to the club.	NMB
BB193	Heligoland. #14, MH, perfs cut design one side. CV \$14.50. Earlier ran at \$5. Now reduced!	\$2
BB194	Hungary. #3804, bklt pane of 5, self adhesives, nicely trimmed on-paper w/hand cancels. CV \$2. Last call!	NMB
BB195	India. 375 U stamps, defs, heavy dup, common. Sorting fun!	NMB
BB196	Indonesia. #457-459, 517-519, 608-615, 550//573 (missing 567, 569), all MNH. CV \$13.95. Was \$4. Reduced 50%!	\$2
BB197	Iran. #237, Unused, H. Scott says counterfeits abound. CV is \$300. Ran once at \$50. Last try – reasonable bid accepted.	NMB
BB198	Ireland. U. #71-74, 76. (Space filler 70 incl but not in CV). '09 CV \$47.50. Ran earlier at \$17. Reduced!	\$8
BB199	Ireland. U. #117, 121, 124, 125, 131, 132, 137, 138, 142, 143, 144. Total CV \$50.10. Ran at \$17 earlier. Now only!	\$8

Lot #	Description	Minimum Bid
BB200	Ireland. #149, 150, MH, F/VF. '09 CV \$55.75. Was \$17.	\$8
BB201	Ireland. U: #167-170, 173, 174, 182, 183, 186, 187, 190, 191 (crease), 217, 242, 243, 260, 262, 298, 299A, 302b, 303. '09 CV \$41+. Was \$13 earlier. Reduced!	\$6
BB202	Ireland. 70+ U stamps: #305//585. Many better values. CV approx \$34. Earlier shown at MB \$7. Slashed!	\$2
BB203	Israel. Soccer Tournament. #361, corner blk of 4 w/margin & numbers; also, single w/tab, MNH. CV 95¢. Last call!	NMB
BB204	Jamaica. 1968 Cricket sheet of 9, intact, MNH. #266-268 (x3). CV \$5.25. Ran once at \$2.50. Final reduction!	NMB
BB205	Jamaica. 1968 Cricket, #268a, horizontal strip of 3, #266-268, MNH. '09 CV \$1.75. Last try!	NMB
BB206	Japan. 192 U stamps, mounted & ID'd in sales book. Large & recent, #1548//2700's. Wow! Fill a lot of spaces or trade 'em. '09 CV \$85. Now reduced!	\$14
BB207	Malta. 1984 Summer Olympics. One FDC (#647-649); 1 maximum card, unstamped; Presentation Folder (set, MNH, cpl). Est value \$5.70. Previously ran at \$2. Only!	NMB
BB208	Mexico. Mexfil '85, #1385 imperf S/S, MNH, 10 copies. Total CV \$35. Earlier was \$15. 50% reduction!	\$7.50
BB209	Montserrat. Club Owned. Queen Elizabeth II 75 th Birthday. #1031-1034, MNH set of 4 + 1035 S/S, MNH. '09 CV \$17.25. Was \$5.	NMB
BB210	Niue. Three MH S/S: #202a, S/S of 4, Christmas 1977; 220a, S/S of 2, Easter; 221d, S/S of 3, Coronation. CV \$6.25. Was \$3. Now!	NMB
BB211	Norway. 167 mostly large recent U stamps, mounted & ID'd in sales book. You'll fill a lot of spaces w/this lot. '09 CV \$142. Ran earlier at \$24. Drastically reduced!	\$14
BB212	Norway. 168 U stamps, F/VF or better, mostly large, recent. You will not be disappointed. #310//1569. '09 CV \$163. Was \$30.	\$20
BB213	Sharjah & Dependencies. Human Rights Day, 1964. As noted in Scott, imperf S/S (one 3r carmine rose stamp). Valued at \$3.50.	NMB
BB214	Sweden. Bklt #1495a, MNH, BUT – only 4 each 1492-1495. Cpl bklt would be CV \$30. This partial bklt valued at \$24. Bonus: 2427, U, nice cancel. Total CV \$25. Previous minimum bid was \$9. Now slashed!	\$4
BB215	Tanzania. Flowers. #318a, MNH, S/S of 4 (315-318). CV \$1.25.	NMB
BB216	Trinidad & Tobago. 1980 Olympics FDC, unaddr, #329-331. Also, 333 S/S on large cover, unaddr. '09 CV \$2.95. Reduced!	NMB
BB217	United Arab Emirates. Birds. #475, S/S, MNH. CV \$8. Earlier ran at \$3. Can't go lower!	NMB

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Moscow *zemskii sobor* (assembly of aristocrats, townspeople and even some peasants) to be the next tsar; thus the Romanov family began its 300-year rule of Russia, from 1613 to the 1917 abdication of Nicholas II. With the ascendancy of Michael came other changes: "centralizing autocracy" and the diminution of local self-government; increased authority and prestige for the Orthodox Church; and the strengthening of a "service gentry" (i.e. a class of landowners whose ownership derived from military or governmental service to the tsar). Finally, the rise of the Romanov autocracy was, in a sense, a defeat for the common people. "The decades which followed the Time of

under Josef Stalin) to the front of St. Basil Cathedral in order to allow greater space for military parades (en.wikipedia.org).

Tsar Peter I (the Great)

Peter the Great (Figure 2), co-tsar with Ivan V 1682-96, sole-tsar 1696-1725, was fourth ruler in the Romanov line. He is the most renowned of all of the tsars of Russia, partly because of his military success and, also, because of the many reforms that he championed.

Peter I travelled extensively throughout Europe, borrowing ideas and recruiting personnel in order to initiate the westernizing changes he planned for Russia. In 1697-98, he spent eighteen months abroad, even while a rebellion of the *streltsy* (career guardsmen) had broken out at home. Returning to Russia, "the tsar

acted with exceptional violence and severity. After investigation and torture of more than a thousand *streltsy* were executed, and their mangled bodies were exposed to the public as a salutary lesson."

In 1709, during the Great Northern War, Peter I achieved his greatest military victory in the defeat of invading Swedish forces at Poltava (the Ukraine). A military strategist in his own right, he engaged personally in battle at Poltava and proved "lucky to survive the day." Indeed, it was probably in his reforms of the Army and Navy that Peter I had his most significant impact on the Russian nation, including

(1) general conscription

among the lower classes, (2) systematic enforcement of military service among the gentry, (3) the use of military manuals, (4) advancement in rank only by merit (for both serfs and aristocrats), (5) creation of elite regiments, (6) innovations in weaponry and artillery, and (7) development of a fledgling Russian shipbuilding industry. With respect to the last item, "the British considered the Russian vessels comparable to the best British ships in the same class, and the British government became so worried by the sudden rise of the Russian Navy that in 1719 it recalled its men



Figure 2—Left: Tsar Peter the Great Monument ("The Bronze Horseman"), St. Petersburg. Right: Russia, Scott B3, 1905.

Troubles saw a final and complete establishment of serfdom in Russia and in general a further subjugation of the working masses to the interests of the victorious service gentry" (Riasanovsky, pp. 170-174).

The Pozharski-Minin monument was unveiled in 1818 and is reported to be the oldest civilian monument in Moscow (www.geo.tu-freiburg.de). Although originally in the center of Red Square, it was moved (by the Soviet government

from the Russian service.”

Reforms were attempted in other areas of Russian society: restructuring and westernizing of the central government, restructuring of local and provincial governments, reorganization and increased central government control over the Orthodox Church, etc. Much of this was less successful than the reform of the military. In the area of education, Peter I attempted to install compulsory education for the gentry, although this also failed to occur during his reign. Attempts to create the Russian Academy of Sciences, another of his efforts, bore fruit several months after his death.

But in two other aspects of Russian society—*autocracy* and *serfdom*—there was no change, perhaps even deterioration. Peter I subscribed to the principal of “enlightened despotism”. He believed earnestly in the rule of law, but the laws were to be created only with his consent. He instituted a Governing Senate, “but without his signature no Senate decision could go into effect.” Autocracy, therefore, remained in full force throughout his reign.

And the condition of Russian serfs (the majority of the Russian people) probably worsened under Peter I. He put into force certain changes, including a head tax, which in effect “made Russian serfdom differ little from slavery. After the revision the serfs were allowed to leave the estate only with their master’s written permission, a measure which marked the beginning of a passport system.”

In sum, the “greatness” of Peter I stems primarily from his innovative military leadership and only secondarily from his attempts to westernize Russian society—all of which was in the context of social inequalities and economic oppressions that he did little to change (Riasanovsky, pp. 218-21; 228-37).

The equestrian statue of Peter I, located in Senate Square, St. Petersburg, was created by order of Empress Catherine II (the Great) and unveiled in 1782, 57 years after the death of Peter the Great. The monument’s Latin/Russian inscription is translated: “Catherine the Second to Peter the First, 1782”. Catherine, a German

princess who married into the Romanov line (Peter III), had no legal claim to the throne, yet landed there through a palace coup. She was eager, therefore, to

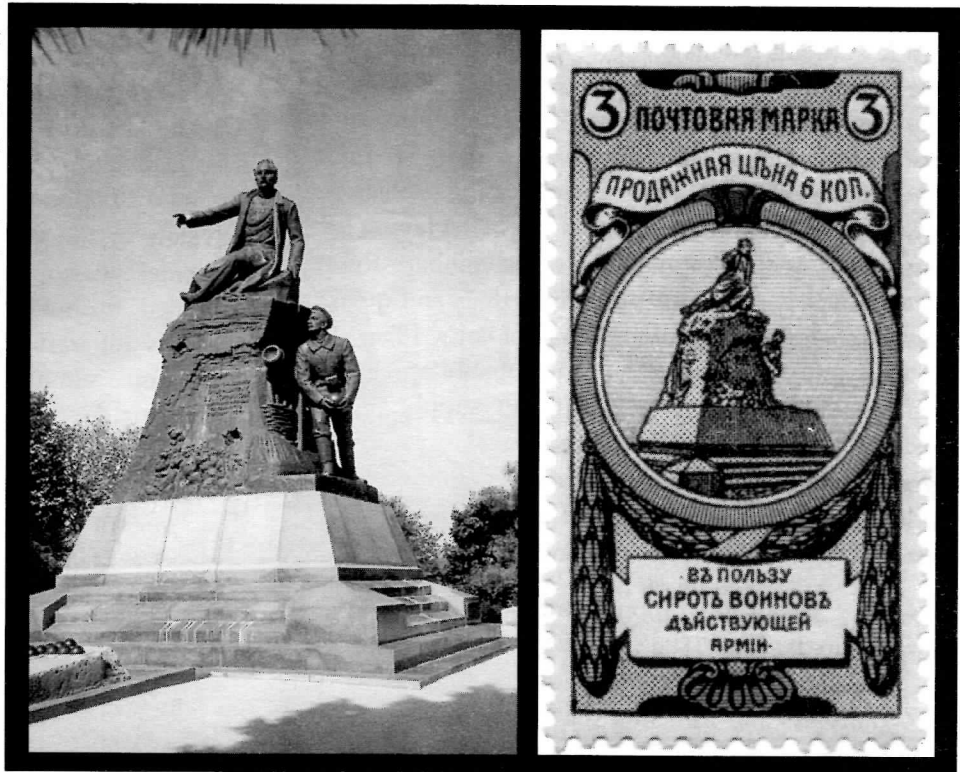


Figure 3—Left: Admiral V. A. Kornilov Monument, Malakhov Hill, Sevastopol, Ukraine. Right: Russia, Scott B1, 1905.

represent herself as Peter's rightful heir. The statue came to be known as “The Bronze Horseman” after it was the subject of an 1833 Alexander Pushkin poem of the same title. The statue’s pedestal, a sculpted boulder known as “the Thunder Stone”, took two years to move from its location near the Gulf of Finland and is claimed to be the largest “moved monolith” in the world (en.wikipedia.org).

Admiral Vladimir Alexeyevich Kornilov

Like Pozharski, Minin and Peter the Great, V. A. Kornilov (Figure 3) became a Russian military hero, except that in his case the heroism included the sacrifice of his own life.

The battle for Sevastopol, a Russian naval base on the Black Sea, was the most significant encounter of the Crimean War, 1854-55. British, French, Turkish and Sardinian forces (the Allies) began a blockade of the port in October of 1854. After the Russians repulsed the initial attack, the Allies bombarded the fortress for

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several days, "claiming the life of Vice-Admiral Kornilov among other defenders." Amazingly, Russian forces (mainly seamen) holed up and held out for almost a year, while the Allied forces "continued to besiege and bombard the town, making periodic attempts to invade the fortress. The defenders answered with counterattacks at night". Having lost nearly 4000 men (to typhus as well as combat), Russia abandoned Sevastopol in September, 1855, and quickly agreed to negotiate for peace (Treaty of Paris, 1856).

Most military scholars would probably agree with Riasanovsky that "while the Russian supply service broke down and the high command [outside of Sevastopol] showed little initiative, the soldiers and the sailors of the Black Sea fleet . . . fought desperately for their city" (Riasanovsky, p. 338; www.neva.ru).

The Sevastopol monument, completed originally in 1886, shows a mortally wounded Kornilov sitting on the fortress ramparts and directing his sailors (one of whom is waiting at his side) in their

of the Ukraine, although the Russian Navy's Black Sea fleet is still headquartered there (en.wikipedia.org).

Tsar Alexander II ("Tsar-Liberator")

In the midst of the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation (1862), freeing approximately 4 million African-American slaves. A year earlier, Tsar Alexander II (Figure 5) signed an emancipation manifesto that liberated 23 million Russian serfs (who had been owned privately by the gentry), plus another 23 million "state peasants" (who had been "personally free" but restricted in movement), plus several million other peasants (of various categories) whose freedom had been in some way restricted. All together, approximately 50 million peasants were affected—out of a total population of about 60 million Russians.

This was not the end of economic and social disadvantage for the peasantry. Moreover, it was all within the context of continuing autocratic rule by the tsar. And while Alexander II initiated other important "great reforms" (reorganization and democratization of local government, reforms of the judiciary and military, etc.), he later began attempting "to restrict and limit the effectiveness of the changes", as also did the two remaining tsars who followed him: Alexander III and



Figure 4—Left: Original Tsar Alexander II Memorial Monument, Moscow, 1898. (View in front of monument, looking away from the Kremlin.) Right: Russia, Scott B4, 1905.

cannon response to the Allied bombardment. The original monument was destroyed by the German military in World II but was exactly replicated by the Soviet government and unveiled in 1983 (crimea4all.com). Sevastopol today is part

Nicholas II. The remainder of the century was a complicated political contest between liberalizing forces and reactionary forces (especially the gentry in the latter case). At the same time, a Russian multi-faceted revolutionary movement developed, including groups

dedicated to terrorism. Peasant uprisings and student disturbances were on the increase. Riasanovsky summarizes the failures of the last three tsars: "Possibly the granting of a constitutional monarchy and certain other concessions would have satisfied most of the demand and provided stability for the empire. But neither Alexander II nor certainly his successors were willing to go that far. Instead they turned against the proponents of more change and fought to preserve the established order."

Although given rigorous military training as a youth, and having held several military commands, Alexander II is the only one of the five monumental personalities on the 1905 charity stamps who was not celebrated as a military leader or hero. Indeed, it is reported that "he took little personal interest in military affairs. To the disappointment of his father, in whom the military instinct was ever predominant, he showed no love of soldiering, and gave evidence of a kindliness of disposition and a tender-heartedness which were considered out of place in one destined to become a military autocrat." Still, his reign was not without war. He became tsar in 1855 during the Crimean War, which Russia lost, while two decades later there was a "difficult, bitter and costly war" with Turkey, 1877-78, which Russia won. There was also an enormous expansion of Russia into Asia, including numerous colonizing military encounters in the Caucasus and Central Asia.

Attempts at the assassination of Alexander II had begun as early as 1866, other terrorist revolutionary attempts followed in the 1870's, and in 1881, twenty years after his liberation of the serfs, Alexander II was killed by members of the revolutionary group, "Will of the People" (Riasanovsky, pp. 376-90; "Serfdom in Russia", en.wikipedia.org; www.1911encyclopedia.org).

The 1898 Alexander II memorial monument (Figure 4), located along the side of the Kremlin and next to the Moscow River, was demolished twenty years later (1918) during the Bolshevik take-over of the Russian revolution. In 2005, the Russian Federation installed a

new Alexander II monument (Figure 5) in the surroundings of the rebuilt Christ the Savior Cathedral. (The tsar had dedicated the foundations of the original cathedral, which was itself destroyed by Josef Stalin in 1931.) (en.wikipedia.org)



Figure 5—Left: Rebuilt Tsar Alexander II Memorial Monument, Moscow, 2005.

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Swap Circuit Update

by Randy Smith (#1111)
Swap Circuit Coordinator

It has taken me much longer than anticipated to process the Swap Circuit membership fees this year. All fees have now been processed and checks have been sent to the bank.

Updated rosters have now been prepared and sent to the circuit managers. If you are a new Swap Circuit participant or if you added a new circuit type, your first circuits should be arriving soon. My apologies for the delay!

If you have yet to try the Swap Circuit program, contact me (see page 2) for program details.

Mystery Boxes: An Initial Venture

by John Rollo (#2604)

When I read Dr. Joanne Berkowitz's (#98) comments on mystery boxes in the Jan/Feb 2011 issue of *The Circuit*, it started me thinking. As a worldwide collector who stopped buying supplements for my Scott International albums in 1975, I've never considered myself a candidate for mystery boxes. I'm mostly a mixture person. However, recently I've expanded my collection to include up to date issues for 6 countries and I've been thinking about box lots. In the next issue, Bob Voss wrote of the joy of mystery boxes and as a dealer, he also sells them. When I saw his advertisement in the same issue, my \$50 check was in the mail. The box arrived 2 weeks later with a personal note apologizing for the delay occasioned by the death of his 92 year-old mother.

Although there was a certain organization within the box which was filled with country collection remainders on album pages, stock cards with stamps identified by catalogue numbers, glassines separated by country, along with some general mixtures, I quickly found out why worldwide stamp collectors become excellent organizers. I first dove right in and grabbed some stamps from favorite countries, but after several hours decided that a more organized approach would keep me from going endlessly back and forth between albums. I'm not quite finished with the lot, but after more than 50 hours spent with the box, I've reached some conclusions and some observations:

- Voss's box represented excellent value. My initial thought was that the purchase would be successful if the contents of the box added \$200 catalogue value to my collection. Although I didn't keep a detailed account with current values, yesterday, two sets from Vatican City and one from British Honduras made me confident that the goal had been reached.
- The entertainment value alone was worth the purchase price.
- The variety of countries kept me opening all of my 18 albums and turning the pages of my collection. This is a separate and often over-looked joy - to see stamps and countries unseen for many months.
- Although many of the stamps were from the larger stamp-issuing countries, I filled spaces from Albania, Ajman,

Alaouites, Azores, Cook Islands, Singapore and the previously mentioned Vatican City.

- To be sure, many of the stamps had modest catalogue values, but I counted at least 10 stamps which I added to my collection worth \$5 or more and 3-4 complete sets with values close to \$20. To me, though, one of the benefits of world-wide collecting is the joy of filling spaces which I've been doing happily for more than 60 years. Through this purchase, I was able to fill a lot of spaces.
- There was even a glassine envelope filled with stamps with Socked on the Nose (SOTN) cancels from a variety of counties. I am a cancel "freak" and collect these regardless of year. Not only was I able to "improve the breed" within my collection, but some went into my calendar collection and the rest into my cancel stockbook.
- To be sure, I now have many more duplicates. But I have developed many outlets over the years for those. I swap with just about anyone who advertises in *Linn's* Trading Posthorn column, belong to a local stamp club that has bi-monthly auctions, donate stamps as part of my ISWSC membership and have recently signed up for the Swap Circuit program.

This venture into mystery boxes also gave me a new way to look at my collection. There was a set from Czechoslovakia (unfortunately printed in the 1980's) depicting coats of arms from various cities. I have always been a sucker for coats of arms, particularly representing families or duchies. After all, we humans are basically tribal in nature and have developed through strong central family roots. This governs our mores, our security, and our system of laws. So much of this is now playing out in the Middle East. Anyway, this set got me thinking. Why not add it to my collection on a blank page and break my dependency on my rigid time rules of the past. Even better, why not start a topical collection?

Thank you Joanne for a terrific suggestion and thank you Bob Voss for making my first venture into mystery boxes a happy and successful one. I'll be back!

American Circus Clown First Day Covers

by Randy Smith (#1111)

Several years ago, while between IT jobs, I worked part time at Golden Valley Stamps & Coins, a local stamp, coin and supply dealer. One co-worker, Ross Olsen, was especially helpful in teaching me the ropes of the business.

During the time I worked there, I got to know Ross better, learning that, at one time or another, he had held just about every volunteer position possible with the Minnesota Stamp Expo, an APS World Series of Philately show held every July in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota. Among other things, he also was the long-time president of the local chapter of the Scandinavian Collector's Club (SCC) and an accomplished national and international exhibitor. Within a short time, he had convinced me to join the Minnesota Stamp Expo organizing committee, assisting with exhibits and awards.

Over the years, Ross has also quietly encouraged me to consider exhibiting. My stock reply usually has been "I don't have any material to exhibit", but secretly

I was thinking I didn't have the knowledge necessary and certainly couldn't afford anything that would be worth exhibiting.

Working with the Minnesota Stamp Expo exhibits committee has given me the opportunity to see a number of exhibits and eventually I learned that exhibiting was really about telling a story, not just displaying expensive philatelic items.

Armed with this knowledge, I did what any good parent would do—instead of trying exhibitin'g myself, I encouraged my kids to try it! While helping them gather material (one went for dinosaurs, the other dogs), I did, however,

start thinking about what I could exhibit.

One day it finally hit me. I have always loved USA Scott 1309, the 5¢ American Circus Clown stamp. I can't help but smile every time I see it! Because my origins as a stamp collector are in First Day Covers, I decided I could combine these two interests and form a collection



Figure 2—First cachet of the Park Forest Stamp Club, Mellone M-36.

(and perhaps an eventual exhibit) of material related to the First Day of Issue of the American Circus Clown stamp. A quick search of eBay gave me even better news—not only was material available, it wasn't (usually) very expensive!

Through a series of periodic articles, I intend to share the story of the American Circus Clown stamp (illustrating the articles with some of the material I have obtained); discuss some of the resources I've used to learn about the cachets and cachet makers; and provide a glimpse into my journey into the world of exhibiting.



Figure 1—A Jaffe maximum card, Mellone M-25.



Letter to the Editor

I joined the OMNI Exchange about a month ago and have loved every minute of it. I have been able to get rid of a lot of unwanted stamps and acquire lots of stamps that I have wanted. The manager, David Paul (#59), has been very kind and very quick in helping me and answering all my questions. It is very simple and inexpensive. I would recommend the OMNI Exchange to any collector that wishes to get rid of duplicates, and get stamps that he or she wants.

~Caleb Andresen (#2659Y)

Post Scriptum

by Alfred Consiglio (#2656)

Today I look at an Indian state. Jind is often grouped with Nabha and Patiala as the Phulkian states, a name derived from their



common ancestral ruler. All three are in the huge area of the former Punjab province, but no longer exist independently, having been incorporated within other states.

The stamps of Jind have unusual designs based on local script and ornaments, with a prominent letter "R". This is simply the initial of Raghbir Singh, the Rajah or ruler. They first appeared in 1874 and were printed in lithography at the Jind State Rajah's Press in Sungroor, the capital. Various shades and paper exist, some printings being used for fiscal purposes and Jind entered into convention with India.

Jind had been founded in 1763, was loyal to the British in the 1857 Mutiny and continued to render service to the British government in other wars.



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