



# The Philatelic Prospector

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## A Note from the President

Greetings,

Summer vacation time has finally arrived. Temperatures are climbing into the unbearable highs. Most stamp collectors have an unfinished project that someday they will get around to doing. This is a good time to stay indoors away from the heat and catch up on those stamp projects.

The summer reminders:

- Fans should be kept away from piles of stamps.
- A cool refreshment should not be placed near any stamps.

Ernie Teays  
SPS President

## A New Trick for the "Unsoakables"

At Summer Seminar this year, I was shown a way to remove those irremovable self-stick stamps from the paper. It works like a charm, even on the Linn's list of stamps to leave on the paper. It sounds crazy but it's amazing!

You will need a can of Pure Citrus Orange Air Freshener. You can find it in almost any grocery store. Get the one that is 100% natural, non-aerosol (air-propelled). You cannot use regular air fresheners. Another option is a natural lemon freshener made by Zep and sold in Home Depot stores.

Place the stamp face down in a dish, spray the paper back side lightly, wait 5-6 seconds (yes, seconds) and then peel the stamp off the paper. It will come easily. Note that the adhesive will remain on the stamp, not on the paper. To remove the adhesive, re-wet the gum side with the spray, lay the stamp flat and use a credit card or similar flat plastic edged item at an angle to gently scrape it away-wipe card on a paper towel as you go. Afterwards, use a q-tip or paper towel to rub back for any remaining adhesive. Another option is to sprinkle the back with talc or corn starch to make it non-tacky. Let the stamp dry overnight before you hinge it into your album-pressed flat in a book if necessary. This does not work with "lick and stick" stamps. It is meant for self-adhesives.

I was told that a more expensive product called Bestine, sold in art supply stores, may work similarly but I have not had personal experience with it. I encourage you to give it a try. It wowed the Sacramento Philatelic Society at the Wednesday meeting.

- Joanne Berkowitz

## Prospector Distribution

At a recent Board of Directors meeting there was quite a lengthy discussion of ways to balance our budget.

One thing we are trying this month (July) is printing only hard copies of the Prospector for those who do not have computers and the ability to see it at our website.

If you are reading this from our website right now, you are one of those helping us to reduce our costs. It currently costs more than \$1 to produce the hard copies and mail them to each member or family.

If you have an email address we will send a notice when a new edition of the Prospector is ready for viewing.

To see the Prospector at our website:

1. Go to [www.sacramentophilatelicsociety.org](http://www.sacramentophilatelicsociety.org)
2. Look under the Prospector section for [Find the Prospector newsletter here.](#)
3. You will be able to read past issues as well as the current issue.

If you need help please ask Dean Carl, Doug Elliott or Al Williams about your problem.

## August 4<sup>th</sup> Silent Bid Sale

The next Silent Bid Sale is on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Material must be turned in on or before the week prior to the sale (July 28th for the August 4<sup>th</sup> sale).

Here are a few reminders about our sales:

- The minimum bid should be \$1 & start in increments of \$0.25
- Bidding should be in increments of \$0.25
- Lots you bid on must be picked up the night of the sale
- Lots not sold must be picked up the night of the sale.

In fairness to all, we appreciate you making access to the lotting cards to anyone interested (don't block the table so someone can't outbid you). The sale is done to be a **time of fun** as well as getting some of that excess out of your house & into someone else's collection.

Lotting cards can be picked up at any time in order for you to get ready ahead of time. Lotting sheets will be available at the Wednesday meeting **three weeks** prior to the sale.

## Notes from the Web



**FREESTAMPCATALOGUE.COM**

For those looking for a catalog of stamps that doesn't cost an arm and a leg, [FreeStampCatalogue.com](http://FreeStampCatalogue.com) does a great job. While this is a dealer site based in the Netherlands and has stamps available for sale via the "Available stamps by country" or "Available stamps by topic" links, what is very useful are the "Existing stamps by country" and "Existing stamps by topic" links.

Click the "Existing stamps by country" link and you then select the continent, then the country desired. While not all stamps are listed – for example, the listings for New Zealand start with 1920 and those for Bolivia start with 1923 – but most years include images along with the stamp issue information. More recent years are nearly complete with images. Also included are the Michel and Yvert catalog numbers.

A sample listing is shown below:

This image comes from our image database.

SNZ0310 - 1950 - Health 2v - NEW ZEALAND  
 metatags: HEALTH , KINGS & QUEENS  
 Michel: 310/1 Yvert: 305/6  
 Mint never-hinged

Click the "Existing stamps by topic" and you then select from nearly 300 topics!!! Once you select a topic you can choose to have the listing organized by country or year. By selecting "Fireworks" sorted by year listed stamps for years 1936 through 2010. The listing for 2001 alone included 13 different issues – one of which is included below:

This image comes from our image database.

SID1881 - 2001 - Greeting stamps 2v - INDIA  
 metatags: BUTTERFLIES , FIREWORKS  
 Michel: 1881/82  
 This item is not available in MHN quality, check our buying lists for our buying prices.

FreeStampCatalogue.com also purchases stamps and has buying lists available with buying prices. Once you have a country or topic selected and displayed, click the "Buying Lists" link at the top of the page and a customized buying list and instructions for this specific group of stamps will be displayed. Very handy if you're looking to sell stamps.



There is a lot of great detail on the Small Queens of Canada at the "[The Small Queens Issue: 1870-1897](http://TheSmallQueensIssue:1870-1897)" website. The illustration at the left is of the One Cent die proof. It was the first Small Queen to be designed, proofed and plated.

The Small Queens were produced in reduced size to speed up production because more stamps could be engraved on the printing plates.

There are explanations of the various paper types, perforations, gums and colors used as well as detail on the plates, imperforates, imprints and varieties.

The website is found at [http://www.rpsc.org/Library/SmallQueen/Small\\_Queens.htm](http://www.rpsc.org/Library/SmallQueen/Small_Queens.htm).

The three printing periods – "First Ottawa Period", "Montreal Period" and the "Second Ottawa Period" are explained in some detail. The apparent cause of printing being moved to Montreal from Ottawa in 1870 or 1871 was a fire that occurred in the pressroom of the British American Bank Note Company. Apparently Montreal was the preferred location of the printing company but the Post Office Department required printing in Ottawa to facilitate supervision and monitoring of production.

Subtle differences in stamp colors between Ottawa and Montreal printings were caused by different ink lots made up by different staff at the two locations. Examples of these differences are illustrated below:



## Stamp Shows in Our Area

AUG	7	<b>Strait Stamp Show</b> Strait Stamp Society Sequim Masonic Lodge Sequim, WA <a href="mailto:rickcath@wavecable.com">rickcath@wavecable.com</a>
AUG	21-22	<b>Greater Reno Stamp &amp; Cover Show</b> Nevada Stamp Study Society National Bowling Stadium Reno, NV <a href="http://home.earthlink.net/~renostamp">http://home.earthlink.net/~renostamp</a>
SEP	3-5	<b>BNAPEX 2010</b> British North America Philatelic Society Fairmont Empress Hotel Victoria, B.C. <a href="http://www.bnaps.org">www.bnaps.org</a>
OCT	1-3	<b>WINEPEX 2010</b> Redwood Empire Collectors Club Marin Center San Rafael, CA <a href="mailto:info@harmerschau.com">info@harmerschau.com</a>
OCT	16-17	<b>Stampfest 2010</b> Umpqua Valley Stamp Club Seven Feathers Casino & Resort Canyonville, OR <a href="http://www.virtualstampclub.com/apschap_umpqua.html">www.virtualstampclub.com/apschap_umpqua.html</a>
OCT	23-24	<b>East Bay Collectors Club 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Show</b> East Bay Collectors Club Walnut Creek Community Center Walnut Creek, CA <a href="mailto:tuurifam@comcast.net">tuurifam@comcast.net</a>
NOV	6-7	<b>SACAPEX 2010</b> Sacramento Philatelic Society Scottish Rite Temple Sacramento, CA <a href="http://www.sacramentophilatelicssociety.org">www.sacramentophilatelicssociety.org</a>
NOV	12-13	<b>POWPEX 2010</b> Poway Stamp Club Al Bahr Shrine Center San Diego, CA <a href="mailto:jands.twenge@gmail.com">jands.twenge@gmail.com</a>
DEC	4-5	<b>PENPEX</b> Sequoia Stamp Club Redwood City Community Activities Bldg. Redwood City, CA <a href="http://www.penpex.org">www.penpex.org</a>

## Member Presentations

Aug	18	<b>Fred Rickert</b> – Modern Pictorial Cancels and How I Make Them Special
Sept	15	<b>Harry Muegenburg</b> – The \$3.20 Space Shuttle Stamp on Cover

Let's try for a member presentation the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month!!! If you have a topic or area of interest that you would like to give a short presentation on, please contact Fred Rickert.

## National Stamp Shows

AUG	6-8	<b>AMERICOVER</b> American First Day Cover Society <a href="http://www.afdcs.org">www.afdcs.org</a> Oak Brook, IL
AUG	12-15	<b>APS Stampshow</b> American Philatelic Society <a href="http://www.stamps.org">www.stamps.org</a> Richmond, VA
SEP	3-5	<b>BALPEX</b> Baltimore Philatelic Society <a href="http://www.balpex.org">www.balpex.org</a> Hunt Valley, MD
SEP	11-12	<b>Omaha Stamp Show</b> Omaha Philatelic Society <a href="http://www.omahaphilatelicssociety.org">www.omahaphilatelicssociety.org</a> Omaha, NE
SEP	24-26	<b>Southeastern Stamp Show</b> Southeast Fed. of Stamp Clubs <a href="http://www.stampclubs.com">www.stampclubs.com</a> Marietta, GA
SEP	24-26	<b>MILCOPEX</b> Milwaukee Philatelic Society <a href="http://www.milwaukeephilatelic.org">www.milwaukeephilatelic.org</a> Milwaukee, MN
OCT	1-3	<b>INDYPEX</b> Indiana Stamp Club <a href="http://indianastampclub.org">http://indianastampclub.org</a> Indianapolis, IN
OCT	1-3	<b>SESCAL</b> Federated Phil. Clubs of Southern California Los Angeles, CA <a href="http://www.sescal.org">www.sescal.org</a>
OCT	22-23	<b>OKPEX</b> Oklahoma City Stamp Club <a href="mailto:joecrosby@cox.net">joecrosby@cox.net</a> Oklahoma City, OK
NOV	12-14	<b>Filatelic Fiesta 2010</b> San Jose Stamp Club <a href="http://filatelicfiesta.org">http://filatelicfiesta.org</a> San Jose, CA
NOV	12-14	<b>VAPEX</b> Virginia Philatelic Federation, Inc. <a href="http://vaphilatelic.org">http://vaphilatelic.org</a> Williamsburg, VA
NOV	19-21	<b>CHICAGOPEX</b> Chicago Philatelic Society <a href="http://www.chicagopex.com">www.chicagopex.com</a> Itasca, IL
DEC	3-5	<b>FLOREX</b> FSDA & Central Florida Stamp Club <a href="http://www.florexstampshow.com">www.florexstampshow.com</a> Orlando, FL

Only World Series of Philately (WSP) shows are included

For more shows and contact details go to:

[http://www.stamps.org/directories/dir\\_ShowCalendar.htm](http://www.stamps.org/directories/dir_ShowCalendar.htm)

## New Members

Sacramento Philatelic Society membership now totals 246.

New members since the last newsletter mention are:

1946 **Lena Greenman**

## SPS Calendar

**Regular meetings are held every Wednesday evening from 7–9PM at the Easter Seal Center, 3205 Hurley Way.**

Jul	21	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
	28	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
Aug	4	Silent Bid Sale, <b>no club circuit.</b>
	11	Regular plus <b>BOD meeting (8:45)</b>
	18	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
	25	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
Sep	1	Silent Bid Sale, <b>no club circuit</b>
	8	Regular plus <b>BOD meeting (8:45)</b>
	15	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
	22	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
	29	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
Oct	6	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
	13	Regular plus <b>BOD meeting (8:45)</b>
	20	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
	27	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
Nov	3	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
	<b>6-7</b>	<b>SACAPEX 2010</b>
	10	Regular plus <b>BOD meeting (8:45)</b>
	17	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
	24	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
Dec	1	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
	8	Regular plus <b>BOD meeting (8:45)</b>
	15	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
	22	<b>SPS Christmas Party</b>
	29	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.

We normally have our club circuit and penny boxes available for your shopping pleasure at each meeting. There are also members who enjoy just talking about their collections or helping you with yours. You might even find a member with a similar interest as you have and you can initiate a stamp swap. Come see us – it's a lot of fun. 'Shoe Boxes' of 2¢ stamps can be taken home to search through during the week.

## First Day Cancellation Information

All **first day cancellations** may be received after affixing stamps and sending to:

**Customer Affixed Envelopes**  
**Postmaster**  
\_\_\_\_\_ (*first day city*)  
\_\_\_\_\_ - **9991** (**5 digit ZIP + 9991**)

Up to 50 FDCs may be submitted for cancellation at no cost, additional covers are charged 5¢ each. If you want them returned without addresses, you must enclose a self addressed envelope, with sufficient postage applied, to insure their return. There is no charge for this service.

## Officers & Board of Directors

<b>President</b>	Ernie Teays
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Ken Hilmer	(thru 5/2011)
Jim Stewart	(thru 5/2011)
Dean Carl	(thru 5/2012)
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Katie Pavalasky	(thru 5/2013)

### Committee Chairmen

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SACAPEX	Dean Carl
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Website	Dean Carl

## Call for Articles

If you have a collecting interest that you would like to share with the club or feel more comfortable doing so in written form, please send it to me via email at **nzstampsinca 'at' gmail.com**. You can also get a printed version to me at one of the Wednesday meetings – I can scan and/or retype it as necessary. Or mail a copy to me at PO Box 1547, Oroville CA 95965. Typical articles will run from ½ to a full page (or two) of text and images.

## Visit the SPS Website

**Can't find your prospector?  
Can't remember what is when?**

**Dean Carl** continues to amaze those of us who are computer challenged. Updates get done so quickly that we wonder how he does it. The SPS website at [sacramentophilatelicsociety.org](http://sacramentophilatelicsociety.org) is where you can keep up with current activities, future events, see copies of the Prospector from the last twelve months, and explore links to other websites of interest.

## Current USPS Rates

### **Domestic:**

First-Class Mail Letter (1 oz) - 44¢
First-Class Mail Letter (2 oz) – 61¢
Rigid Envelope Surcharge - 20¢
Postcard - 28¢
Large Envelope (2 oz) - \$1.05
Certified Mail - \$2.80

### **International:**

First-Class Mail Int'l Letter (1 oz)
to Canada - 75¢, Mexico - 79¢, other countries - 98¢