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Best Recruiting Year since 2008

#TogetherWeGrow

In 2021 we welcomed 1,756 new members, recording our best recruiting year since 2008!

A special thanks to the 217 members, dealers, clubs and societies who referred collectors to join our community. Of the new applications received, 758 were a direct result of their recruiting efforts – proof that together we can grow!

Our top ten recruiters during the 2021 Together We Grow Campaign are listed here as well as our top ten recruiting sources. While I feel it is important to give a special shout out to our recruiting champions, I also want to stress the importance of “ONE.” Of those 758 referred new members, 170 were the result of a single referral. This may not seem like much, but each one does make a difference. Just think how strong we could be if each of us recruited just ONE new member. **That’s my challenge to you.**

We want to continue our growth in 2022 and have introduced our new slogan “**Membership Matters,**” stressing that together we can make the hobby strong.

Introducing new members to the APS introduces them to our entire network, strengthening our connections and the hobby.

So make it a goal this year to recruit a friend, family member or colleague that you know has an interest in the hobby. We have recruiting tips and tools on our website at www.stamps.org/together-we-grow. Or, feel free to contact the membership team who can provide you with brochures and applications to share.

Let’s also take a moment to thank our membership team, Nora DeGeorge and Sarah Myers, who were instrumental to our success in 2021. They have spent countless hours prospecting group/dealer lists, mailing hundreds of membership invitations, and providing recruiting materials to members.

Thank you to everyone for a great 2021! Let’s work to make 2022 even better!

Wendy Masorti

Wendy Masorti is the Director of Membership and Shows at the American Philatelic Society.



Top Ten Recruiters

Donald J. Sundman	282
Alexander Haimann	117
Joseph Zec	20
William Athens	18
Matthew Liebson	16
Graham Beck	14
David Hoover	8
David Fordham, Jr.	7
Anthony Mancuso	7
Irving Miller	5

Top Ten Sources

Business Reply Cards	275
Member Recommended	175
Stamp Dealers	167
Social Media	150
Club Rosters	94
Collector Publications	94
Affiliate Rosters	58
USPS Credit Union	42
Stamp Show Attendees	40
eBay	38

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Club Blog & Website

Blog Updates No Activity

Website Updates

January 2022 newsletter uploaded

Remember the dates!

President's Message

I happened to discover that this month marks my 10 year anniversary of serving as the club's president. Wow! I hadn't realized it had been that long already.

Naturally, I had the inclination to think about the club's accomplishments and disappointments. What has been accomplished is done as a team. "I" cannot claim credit for anything. We can be proud of achieving the following together:

1. **Financial stability:** 10 years ago the club was broke. We now have a bank account of over \$8,000. This allows us to invest in building club resources.
2. **Member stability:** Our membership has stabilized after deaths of several long-time & beloved members.

3. **Activity:** While global pandemic has forced us to meet over Zoom, we do have regular meetings and other activities.
4. **Filatelie Fiesta:** Our club runs the show with club members serving in most important positions. We've even managed to make a small profit.
5. **Youth Programs:** We can be proud of our youth programs. While I lead them, the club's support of these is essential. Over the years, nearly 800 Scouts have earned their stamp collecting merit badge (now including young women). We host a stamp booth at Scout-O-Rama, a Christmas stamp program, and a youth table at our show.

Going Forward: It is essential that everyone contribute to club as they can. I cannot continue to do so much. It is just too much for one person to run both the club and the show. I desperately need club members to step up for aspects of club and show operations like organizing club meeting speakers and running the physical operations of Fiesta. There are many other jobs, so just get in touch with me and we'll find a niche that fits your interests and abilities. Let's have a chat.

Thank-you the opportunity to serve as club president and show chairman. It has mostly been a pleasure (except for the coup attempt by "you know who"). I count club members as many of my closest friends and enjoy working with you.

Regards,

Brian

Newsletter Bits!

Filatellic Fiesta 2022

After reviewing various options, the plan is to have FF on November 19 – 20th with set-up on the 18th. We will be back at Napredak Hall this year. Note the date is the 3rd weekend of the month instead of our usual 2nd. As a consequence of returning to this venue, we are unable to host exhibits this year. It our goal to hosting them in 2023.

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New Stamp Show! Dealer Tom Kinberg is hosting a show to replace those previously held by Chris Clemons. It will have many of the dealers we're accustom to seeing plus a few others.

February 26-27 in Napredak Hall

Saturday 10:00am to 6:00pm

Sunday 10:00am to 4:00pm

Club members are asked to help host the registration table like we have done before.

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Coin Expo San Jose: Rare Coin, Gold & Silver Bullion, Stamp & Collectibles Show

DoubleTree Hotel San Jose

2050 Gateway Place, San Jose, CA

Friday February 4, 2022 10:00am – 6:00pm

Saturday February 5, 2022 10:00am – 5:00pm

<https://griffincoin.com/coinexpo-san-jose>

Admission: \$6, \$2 off with coupon available at link above

San Jose Stamp Club dealer members Gary Morris and Doug Gary will be at the show.

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+++ Dues Time +++

It's that time of year again for your annual club dues. Please pay them in a timely manner so the treasurer doesn't have to harass you for months on end for you to pay them. Thanks

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The Bottom of the Box: Old Magazines

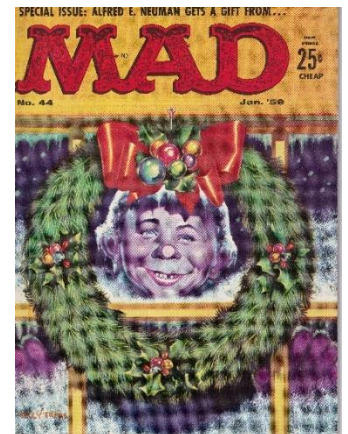
Submitted by Brian Jones

People who collect stamps tend to be “savers”. So, it is typical to find other materials at the bottom of the box when digging into a donated stamp collection. A recent donation included a stack of old magazines from the late 1950’s and early 1960’s. It was fun to see how magazines have changed over a lifetime. The first thing one might notice is advertisements for alcohol and cigarettes. Also, magazines had a lot more text per story than today and with the print being in a smaller font seen today, it is imagined lots of people read them the magnifying devices. After a courser reading of the older magazines, they often give views of a controversial topic with belittling either. Leafing through a 50 to 60 year old magazine is a fun combination of history and nostalgia. All the magazines featured smaller typeface and expect a LOT more reading than today’s magazine customers.



LIFE Magazine, October 21, 1957. The first thing one might notice is that while many advertisements are in color, only a few feature stories are in color. Regarding the cover story, little did we know when Russia was first to launch a satellite into orbit, they had WON the space race. Partisan politics was in evidence in a survey of opinions on why. WOW, what a bunch of pure political crap. Of course, we know now that America’s commitment to make space exploration done by a civilian (non-military) branch of government coupled with a greater sense of caution, it gave the Soviet Union an early lead, but far from the “win”.

MAD Magazine was created in 1952 so this January 1959 issue is fairly early in life of the magazine. The last issue was published in April 2018. An immediate observation was that the older magazine required a LOT more reading than late issues as jokes took on a more visual approach. Many favorite cartoons (like Spy vs Spy) and features hadn’t premiered yet.

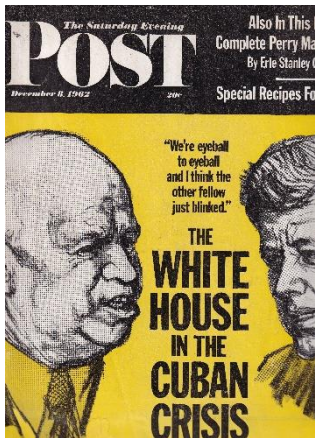


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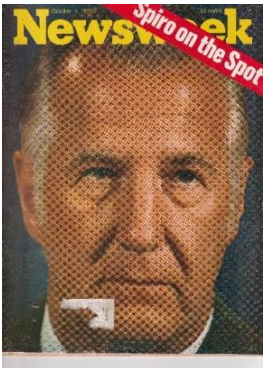
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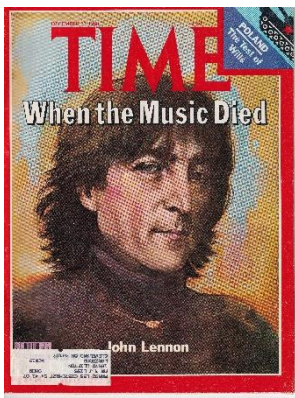


Saturday Evening Post, December 1962 WOW! What an amazing publication. It was first printed in August 1821 and has an incredible history. As the name suggests, it was published weekly for many years and is now only published 6 times a year. It has a nice mix of current events, politics, fiction from top writers and lite fare like recipes. Writers competed hard to get their submissions published in the “Post”, so the competition meant very fine articles got run.



Newsweek in October 1971 reminds us about the controversies surrounding then Vice-President Spiro Agnew. However, the more interesting story was about the famous tennis “Battle of the Sexes” between well past his prime Bobby Riggs and then reigning Queen of the Court, Billie Jean King. It seemed the more insults and protests people put over the obvious chauvinism, the more Riggs enjoyed it. While Riggs took a lead in the first set, King settled down and won easily. Turning the page on this story, were photos of baseball legend Willie Mays who had just

announced his retirement due to strains professional sport puts on his 42 year old body.



Time, December 13, 1980: While one might have motivated someone to save some of these particular issues of magazines, there is no mystery about saving the issue about John Lennon. His death is one of those things that many remember where they where when they heard the news.

It is great to read the history of how the Beatles came together and with a brief biography of everyone.

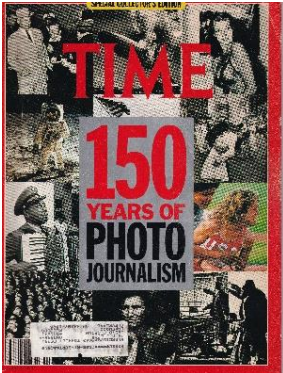


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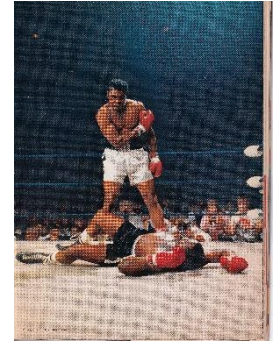
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Fall 1989: It is also obvious why the next issue was preserved. The issue is chock full of history making photos. The earliest date back to Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War. Photos from the early days of industrialization age are especially interesting as they have rarely been seen. In just a few page turns, one goes from the horrors of World War I, the excesses of the roaring twenties, to the wide spread strife of the depression.

Famous moments in sports sometimes transcend more than the world of athletics. No one did that more than the “Greatest” Mohamad Ali.



Yes, this is a philatelic newsletter, and there is nothing philatelic about old magazines, but this is submitted as many of us enjoy history and walk down memory lane. So, it is hoped you enjoyed this article. If anybody else has found something interesting in the bottom of a collection you acquired, you are encouraged to contribute to this column.

Brian

Milena Smirnova



My name is Milena and I moved to the US only three months ago. I'm from Belarus. My husband got a new job here in Bay Area. We are based in Fremont right now.

I started to collect stamps in 2020 when this pandemic has started. Just because I had to move to my parents' house and needed to find a new hobby to spend my free time on. I found the stamp collection that I had in my childhood but found that there wasn't something interesting. There were mostly old USSR stamps. I like my country so I decided to start collecting Belarussian mint stamps. Now I have all Belarussian stamps 1992 - 2020 in my collection. But just because of our moving from Belarus was so spontaneous, and it was not safe there, I was not able to get this collection with me here. I found a way to rebuild my collection - I asked my mother to send it partially to me in small letters. So I suppose only several stamps are on their way to me to complete this collection.

I decided to choose a new theme for collecting because I complete all the Belarussian collection. I started to collect mint Europa CEPT stamps and WWF stamps. And also the stamps with the BirdLife logo. But I don't have much. I can help to get many stamps from Belarus if someone is interested in particular ones. And also I would be very glad to communicate and find new friends (I don't have any friends or relatives except my husband here). I'm so happy I found this club and I can continue to do my hobby here.

Collecting #1s

by Steve Swain

3rd of November 2012

Are “#1s” the first regular issue stamp of each country? Or are #1s the first airmail issues or the first revenue issues or the first stamped envelopes or the first semi-postals? The decision and collecting choices are left to the individual collector since there are many avenues to take when collecting #1s.

First Regular Issues

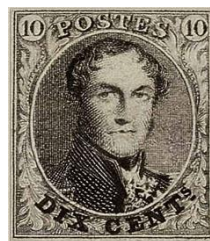
As all philatelists know, the 1840 British Penny Black was the first official adhesive stamp. The stamp cost 1 pence and was darkly colored, hence the name Penny Black. A few years later, many countries followed suit and produced their own first regular issue stamp. Notice that all of the earliest first issues, examples below, are imperforate. Perforation for postage stamps was not widely adopted until the latter half of 1850.



Great Britain 1840



United States 1847



Belgium 1849



France 1850



Canada 1851



Chile 1853



Luxembourg 1854



Cuba 1855



Mexico 1856



St. Helena 1856



Peru 1857



Russia 1857

First Air Mail Issues

Orville and Wilber Wright built the world's first successful airplane and made the first controlled, powered and sustained heavier-than-air human flight on December 17, 1903. However, it took another 20+ years for the refinement of aircraft to be sufficient not only for air travel but the transportation of mail. Below are images of some of the first issue airmail stamps.



Denmark 1925



Costa Rica 1926



Egypt 1926



French Morocco 1927



Cuba 1927



Canada 1928

“First Issue” Overprints

One of the purposes of overprints on stamps is to signify the sanctioned use of the stamp by a country or territory that has been recently occupied or conquered by another country. It could be argued, however, that until the occupied country can issue its own stamps, using an existing stamp with an overprint really isn't the first issue of the original stamp. But that's what makes collecting #1s so intriguing! Below are images of some “first issue” overprints.



Cyprus 1880



Martinique 1886



French Morocco 1891



Danzig 1920



Latakia 1931

First Issue “Stamps on Stamps”

Many countries have commemorated their first issues on other stamps either signifying the anniversary of the first issue date or promoting stamp collecting. Below are examples of these first issue “stamps on stamps.”



Russia 2008



United States 1972



Great Britain 1970



Canada 1951



Canada 1982



Canada 2001

First Issue Forgeries

One of the more esoteric paths to take regarding #1s is to collect forgeries of first issue stamps. Granted, this could be a very challenging, and potentially expensive, undertaking. Below is an example of a genuine first issue, a forgery of that issue and an explanation of how the forged stamp can be identified.



Angola 1870: Genuine



Forgery

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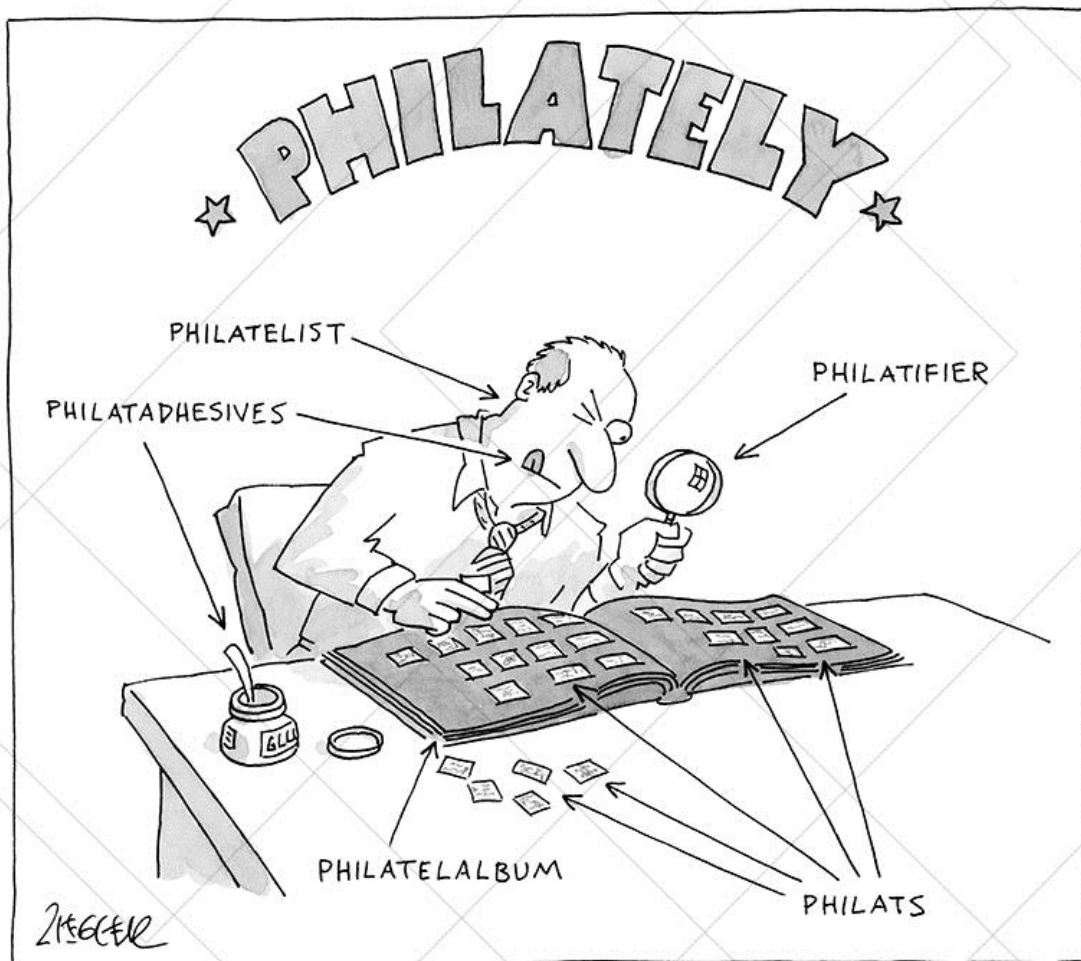
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Genuine: (1.) There are 121 dots around the central circle. (2.) The cross over the orb is .75 mm wide. (3.) The orb is .8 mm wide. (4.) The number of dots on the arches, starting from the right arch is 9-10-5-10-9.

Forgery: (1.) There are only 108 dots in the central circle. (2.) The cross on top of the orb is 1.2 mm wide. (3.) The orb is .8 mm wide. (4.) The number of dots on the arches, starting from the right arch is 8-9-5-10-8.

End Note

The numerous types and variations of #1s provide many intriguing collecting themes. For additional information about first issues, visit the First Issues Collectors Club at <http://www.firstissues.org>. The club promotes the collection of the first postage stamp issued by any nation, province, city, army or other entity that has, at any time, issued postage stamps, and facilitates the exchange of information about these issues among stamp collectors.



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