

WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB NEWS

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MEETING DATES AND TIME FOR THIS MONTH: 2nd and 4th Sunday 9th & 23rd, 2011; 1PM until close of business meeting.

BESTINE NOT BEST

Bestine follow up. According to the APS Bestine has an adverse effect on a number of stamp inks; causing some inks to complete disappear or fading into a non-readable color. Also any stamps removed from paper using Bestine should not be mounding in stamp albums with any other mounted stamps, due to the fact that the Bestine will leech throughout the album pages on to the other mounted stamps; especially if albums are stored so that pages are pressed tightly together, which speeds up the leeching process. It should also be noted that Bestine is highly flammable and toxic. So don't store the stamps albums near space heaters or in unventilated areas. No tests as to the toxicity effect on the environment has been stated yet, although anyone with breathing or heart related illness should stay away from this method of removal or stamp storage.

Also... the talc added to the back of the stamp does indeed eliminate the stickiness, but when the stamps are hinges and pressed in the stamp album the acrylic adhesiveness does return and the stamp will be stuck on to the page or in the stock pocket. Try using a pencil eraser after the Bestine removes the stamp from paper, it works some what. Foremost... never store the same removed stamps in the same glassine, for next step is the trash can.

FROM THE PAGES OF LINN'S STAMP NEWS

CURACAO

LINN'S JAN 3, 2011

Curacao is the newest country in the world as of October 10, 2010.

The dissolution of the Netherlands Antilles has formed the autonomous country of Curacao within the Kingdom of the Netherlands, making it the 196th recognized country. Scott's # 241 a 15 cent stamp of Netherlands Antilles 1957 shows a map of the island listing Curacao.

WHO GOT WHAT & WHY?

LINN'S JAN 3, 2011

Out going Postmaster General John E. Potter was given a Scott's #1 as a retirement gift. Yes, that's right a non-stamp collector received a Scott's # 1 as a gift! Which has sparked a number editorial letters as to why one of two known copies of this stamp was given away to a non-collector. No one, whether government employee or private citizen, should be allowed to receive and profit from an asset of a government agency. Further information and comments can be addressed to Reader's Opinions, Linn's Stamp News Box 29, Sidney, OH 45365. (NOTE: LINN'S DEC 6, 2010) of the presentation.

ODD STAMPS & ERRORS

LINN'S DEC 13, 2010

Scott's # 4157 US non-denominated (10 cent) Patriotic Banner, Mint, plate # V333, Rare. First to turn up October 2009.

LINN'S DEC 27, 2010

Scott's # 4118 US Hanukkah pane missing all die cuts.

LINNS'S JAN 3, 2011

Scott's #4478-81 US Evergreens forever stamps, all die cuts missing. Issued October 21, 2010.

FOREVER STAMPS

The forever stamp to be the only kind of regular issue postage ever printed again. This way the postage rate will increase but the stamps will never change.

Ok. Regular...but does that mean that there will be no other dominations? How can that be when mail has different weights? Meter Postage only? Gee I hope not! Just what is happening to US Postal Service? Going out of business? I guess we'll just have wait and see.

CLUB NEWS

Christmas Party... great time and good turn out, plenty of food.

Club member John Rose received a honor for his untiring work with children and stamp collecting. John said, "Kids today... just don't collect stamps anymore. The internet has taken up all their extra time." How true, to bad, one can learn a lot from those little pieces of paper. I know, that's how I learned how to read and write Russian.

Not much more to report because of no meetings in December.

Although club member Tom Reiff has written another outstanding Christmas party game which is in this issue. Answers to follow in February 2011 issue.

For the next three months the Club will be planning WILPEX 2011. Details to follow.

**WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB
2010 CHRISTMAS PARTY
CONTEST.**

The following is a test of knowledge of 20th century stamps year of issues.

1. First Se-tenant pair issues (excluding souvenir sheets)

a. 1961 b. 1967 c. 1970

2. First self adhesive issue.

a. 1974 b. 1981 c. 1992

3. Only one commemorative issue.

a. 1941 b. 1951 c. 1961

4. Last special delivery issue.

a. 1969 b. 1970 c. 1971

5. 80 cent Hawaii Airmail issue.

a. 1948 b. 1952 c. 1956

6. First airmail issue.

a. 1917 b. 1918 c. 1919]

7. Only registration issue.

a. 1909 b. 1910 c. 1911

8. Only certified issue.

a. 1954 b. 1955 c. 1956

9. Last postage due issue.

a. 1959 b. 1963 c. 1965

10. First Duck Stamp issue.

a. 1933 b. 1934 c. 1936

11. The \$1.00 airlift issue.

a. 1966 b. 1967 c. 1968

12. Regular issues overprinted for commemorative issues.

a. 1923 b. 1927 c. 1928

Bonus question.

First or only regular issue (not a revenue), featuring a semi-nude (topless) woman/women.

a. 1900 b. 1902 c. 1909

Additional Bonus.

Name the stamp/Scott's # and denomination of the bonus question.

GOOD LUCK!

LOCAL STAMP SHOWS IN JAN.

Pittsburgh

JAN 23

Cranberry Stamp Show

Four Points Sheraton, Cranberry Room,
910 Sheraton Drive - Hours 10am-4pm

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