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Hello everyone, how is your stamp world? Hopefully far better than mine, yes once again another month has somehow passed me by with little more than 1 sale and the soaking of some 1000 stamps. Pity not the other way around :-)

So this could be a short newsletter!

See I am making space already. But to the IPDA activities first. Your Board met and managed to get through some administrative matters in good order. It was good to welcome the new Directors as well to the team – Bill Lehr, Chris Stewart and Bill Mchon, and discuss many ideas for future activities including ways to continue to promote the IPDA. Some Directors have been active in this area as we have seen some 5 or 6, I think, new applications for membership over the past month.

One topic discussed was the 10th Anniversary of the IPDA, which although some time away in 2012 is a topic we do want to try to plan a celebration for. Not on the scale of London Festival 2010 but hey we might as well plan ahead, especially since everyone is sure to be as busy in the coming 18 months as they are today. So do you have any ideas what the Association could, or even should, do. Once again, I welcome your emails.

Thinking about the promotion of the IPDA is anyone going to The American Philatelic Society Stampshow 2010. in August. This is on at the Richmond Convention Centre in Richmond Virginia from August 12th to 15th. If you are going please have a look out for the IPDA entry in the Literature Competition. It should be interesting to see the Literature – Periodical entries – there are 32 entries including ours including materials covering a very wide range of topics. There is one entry I would dearly like to see – it is titled The China Clipper and I can only wish it is a magazine with material relating to the Pan Am flights of the Martin-M-130 flying boat, or perhaps the 1936 Bogart – O'Brian film called the China Clipper, but somehow I think it is a China stamps Newsletter. Someone please find out and let me know. It sounds so interesting. If you are interested in reading more, see my inside article – and look at <http://www.flyingclippers.com/M130.html> and this, copy write John McCoy. Just as an aside, the view around Hong Kong is extremely different to that now.

The APS show is billed as the Nations largest Annual Event for Stamp Collectors and you can read more at <http://www.stamps.org/stampshow/index.htm> If you do attend please write to me and tell me about the show so we can share with others who cannot get there. Any hints and tips for example that would be useful for others who attend shows, and how they can benefit from your experiences.

It seems hard to believe that our entry was submitted some 8 months ago and the time has come around when we hope many people get to see our Newsletter and, maybe, be encourage to find out more about the IPDA. Have I found a new collecting interest – both aviation and Hong Kong! Hope you enjoy seeing this and the inside article.

Best wishes to everyone from a very hot and sometimes very wet - it is cyclone season here! - but none the less lovely, Hong Kong .
.....Michael



Stamp of the Month



I was soaking stamps—just emptied my envelope of stamps into the sink of hot Hong Kong tap water—this soaked off like a dream. Come to Hong Kong and soak your security Machins?

SUCCESS OF THE IPDA?????

We cannot be a S_ccess without U

Please help promote the IPDA - what can you do? Are you willing to help promote the IPDA ? Please send me an email to michaelatipda@gmail.com

CHINA CLIPPER

The name “China Clipper” became synonymous with Pan American’s [Martin M-130](#) clipper, and even, to many people, shorthand for Pan Am flying boats in general. But the China Clipper was an individual aircraft, Construction number 558, Registration Number NC14716, known as “Sweet Sixteen” to Pan Am employees.



China Clipper at Pearl Harbor

The China Clipper was actually the third M-130 laid down by the Glenn L. Martin Aircraft Company (construction number 558), but it was the first M-130 delivered to Pan American. Although never formally “christened,” the ship was named “China Clipper” by Pan American chief Juan Trippe on October 9, 1935, with Charles Lindbergh at his side.



U.S. Air Mail stamp issued for China Clipper's first flight across the Pacific

China Clipper made its most famous flight just six weeks after its delivery to Pan American, when it inaugurated the first scheduled air mail service [across the Pacific](#).

On November 22, 1935, before a crowd of 25,000 people, the China Clipper lifted off the waters of San Francisco Bay to begin its flight to Manila. The aircraft carried 58 mailbags, weighing 1,837 lbs, containing 110,865 specially stamped letters.

After unexpectedly passing underneath the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, which was then still under construction – the plane was too heavy to fly over the bridge as planned – the China Clipper headed west to Honolulu on its five leg trip across the Pacific:

San Francisco – Honolulu (Depart 3:46 PM, November 22 – Arrive 10:19 AM, November 23)

Honolulu – Midway (Depart 6:35 AM, November 24 – Arrive 2:00 PM, November 24)

Midway – Wake (Depart 6:12 AM, November 25 – Arrive 1:38 PM, November 26)

Wake – Guam (Depart 6:01 AM, November 27 – Arrive 3:05 PM, November 27)

Guam – Manila (Depart 6:12 AM, November 29 – Arrive 3:32 PM, November 29)

The Clipper crossed the International Date Line between Midway and Wake.

Pan Am pilot Edwin Musick was command of the flight and its seven man crew: Captain: Edwin Music; First Officer: R.O.D. Sullivan
Second Officer: George King; Navigator: Fred Noonan; First Engineer: C.D. Wright; Second Engineer: Victor Wright; Radio Officer: William Jarboe.

The China Clipper continued to fly the Pacific for the next eight years, until she was transferred to Florida in June, 1943 to begin service on the less glamorous route between Miami and Leopoldville in the Belgian Congo.

On the evening of January 8, 1945, the China Clipper struck an object in the water and sank at Port of Spain in Trinidad; the crash killed 14 of the 18 passengers, and 9 of the 12 members of the crew.

Source and copy write acknowledgement to <http://www.clipperflyingboats.com/pan-am-planes/china-clipper>

IPDA IN THE NEWS

Good to see the IPDA get a write up.

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The Internet Philatelic Dealers Association

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Established in February 2002, the Internet Philatelic Traders Association (IPDA) was formed by a group of like minded individuals who wanted to help stamp collectors interact with each other and online stamp dealers with an increased degree of confidence and safety. Following five years of growth, the IPDA was incorporated in the US state of Florida during February 2007.

At the [IPDA Website](#) it's claimed that, by becoming a member of the Association and adopting their [code of ethics](#), the bonds between Internet stamp collectors and the online philatelic dealer community are strengthening and members are gaining increased respect.

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Thanks for visiting [GB Stamp.co.uk](#). We're just getting things up and running and hope you will submit relevant links to the philatelic directory, help build our new British Postmark Database, email with news, contribute with articles, and visit the links to various philatelic auctions.

We also want to get a GB Stamp collector's forum running shortly so please check back soon and join in.

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HOW TO PROMOTE THE IPDA

Just one example — shown below— and a good one you may agree, of how to promote the IPDA.

Peter Walters Stamp Dealer Brisbane, Australia

Australia & World Stamps Catalogues, Albums & Accessories



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FAQ

Welcome!

I am an internet and mail order stamp dealer located in Brisbane, Australia.

I deal mainly in stamps from Australia, Christmas Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Norfolk Island, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand & Great Britain. I also sell catalogues, albums and accessories from Lighthouse, Stanley Gibbons, Seven Seas and various other publishers.

MEMBER OF



Nice website as well. I noted that Peter offers a New Issues service for Australian, New Zealand and GB issues with free postage for orders over \$25. Given the volume of the stamps issued these days that seems like a very attractive offer. Well done Peter and thanks for prominently showing your IPDA credential.

AND IPDA STANDS FOR ??????????

Ok, while browsing the net for idea for this issue I came across something that rather surprised me. Not going to tell you what it was but I am sure you can guess when you read on. And there I was thinking IPDA meant Internet Philatelic Dealers Association. A little competition — oh and a quick digression; Roger West won the last competition and I have still not got to a Post Office to buy his winning stamps but I will do that one day.. Am not near a Post Office that sells Philatelic issues is my only excuse - don't fret Roger they will arrive eventually. OK Competition — How many, and you must name them, IPDA organizations are there, winner will be first entry with most listed. It might surprise you. Of course the good news is that anyone searching IPDA for something other than stamps might find us. Entries to michaelatipda@gmail.com.. Closing date...sometime just before I publish the September issue . Enjoy the research. Michael

ROGUES

WATCH OUT FOR ROGUES AND OTHERS WHO CHEAT US “

At the IPDA we now keep a list of Rogues etc who have been reported by members as dishonest and or unethical persons to do business with. This list is only available to members of the IPDA.

If you have had a “rogue” experience like this, please report it to the undersigned so that we can alert all our members of the dangers of doing business with such people.

For more information read the relevant By Law in the Constitution on the IPDA web site.

Alan Devine, IPDA Confidential List Officer. Special email address for this is - Aldev78@gmail.com

APS

You may recall the APS Dealer Member topic regarding the APS requirement for dealer members to have a tax/VAT/GST number. This is a topic the Board of Directors has discussed and has written to the APS objecting to the position proposed.

One of our member, Chris Jones from the UK who runs eStampShop at www.estampshop.biz sent me some thoughts I would like to share with you. Thanks Chris, and if other members have views please share them.

Chris writes, I have had some thoughts on the VAT / APS Dealer Member issue which I would be grateful if you could pass on to the relevant people in the IPDA. This is from a UK perspective, just in case others haven't confirmed the situation here. It has been written as though it were going to the APS which of course it hasn't.

In the UK, businesses/individuals are only required to register for VAT if their annual turnover exceeds (or is likely to exceed) £70,000 p.a. Furthermore, for businesses also trading outside of the UK this qualification only extends to turnover WITHIN the UK. It is possible to voluntarily register below this threshold but as someone whose main business is VAT registered, it is not something that you would do unless you had to. The extra record keeping and red tape make it too onerous. Furthermore, once registered all prices would have to increase by 20% (the new rate from Jan 2011) for European customers (or the seller would have to absorb the costs) - in the current economic climate, neither is an option. This therefore completely rules out VAT registration unless you legally have to.

With 80% of my sales outside of the UK, clearly I am unlikely ever to meet the mandatory registration threshold. I am therefore not required by UK law to register for VAT which is a pity because I was considering applying to be a Dealer Member to provide additional re-assurance to my US based customers. It looks like I will not be able to do that now, if the new ruling is implemented.

Chris Jones, eStampShop - IPDA Member; www.estampshop.biz

ACE AUCTION AUGUST 15TH

One of our members, Ian Boulton from Western Australia, runs ACE Stamp Auctions - one very compelling feature being they are still one of the very few auction houses with NO BUYER'S Premium or any other costs involved in the bidding process

Their sixth Public Stamp Auction, the largest yet with 1000 lots including 74 "box lots" and 240 One Country collections is schedule for August 15th Other star items include a 1913 KGV 1d Engraved First Day Cover and an imperforate pair, a 1941 WWII Harvey POW Camp 11 cover and a striking range of errors and varieties including the recently discovered 2000 Women's Hockey Gold Medallist Team sheetlet with inverted printing. This is only the third sheet discovered and the first with this design. The Western Australian section has the 1854 4d swan in the three shades of pale blue, deep blue and the scarce slate-blue. There are also some unusual covers. One vendor has provided a superb selection of Great Britain including a wonderful array of plated Penny Blacks with a gorgeous mint 1840 1d black and 2d blue. Other highlights include a newspaper reporting the Titanic disaster, a JFK mourning card from Jacqueline Kennedy, an unusual US Revenue collection and an attractive array of Cigarette cards. There is also a varied Airmail section with some better signed covers. Please visit our new and improved website at; www.cestampauctions.com The website contains the catalogue in full, 340+ illustrations, a bid form, terms & conditions and a "search" facility allowing you to find relevant material more efficiently. If you have clients with a request you cannot fill but maybe available at this auction do pass on the details of another IPDA members offerings.

CLOSING REMARKS

Well I hope you found something of interest in this issue and if you didn't then please write to me to tell me what you would like to see, or better still, you write a piece for me to include in the next issue. I welcome all feedback, as I have said many times. I am too young to be offended by criticism and too old to be thinking I know it all. Hahahahahahah. I have a busy schedule, yes again, this coming month with a trip to Houston in 5 days, then back to Hong Kong and then off to Sydney two weeks later and then London a few weeks after that. One day I do plan to find time to visit some stamp dealers here, and even a Post Office But I don't know when that could possibly be. In between I occasionally check my email :-)) so if you write and I do not reply straightaway please accept my slow response in advance. Always happy to hear from you

Best wishes.....**MICHAEL**