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EDITORIAL WELCOME

Hello. A short newsletter this month for two reasons. One I only published the last issue a few weeks ago and two I want to get this issued in a reasonable time.

One again I find time slipping away. Are we all full of ideas and time poor?

I have had an exciting time since I last wrote because I have - yes once again—been traveling. A short trip to Fiji on business — and believe me it was not as exciting as it sounds - then a wonderful trip to the USA for a holiday. Spent some real quality time in Yellowstone National Park—awesome place, if you have never visited, then time

with family in Idaho... yes lots of potato salads ha ha ha then New York. One of my favourite places.. So vibrant, so much to do and just so much to stand around and watch happening. As for stamps, well of course I managed to pick up a few newer US issues. Not that I collect them but the family get the occasional new issue sheet for me. I did get this cover while in Yellowstone.

Finally, please do read

about the competition sponsored by your Directors, Jack and Alan. I hope you participate. And, the prize donation from Jack is pretty generous me thinks. Go on, have a go when the competition questions are released to you (see next page)



Best wishes to all.

Michael — as in cddstamps—and Publicity Director

IPDA MEMBERS COMPETITION PRIZE



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SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW YOUR STAMPS IPDA MEMBER COMPETITION

The Board of Directors have announced that a Philatelic Competition for members (excluding the Board of Directors) will be held this month.

The competition is administered by IPDA Vice-Chairman, Jack Hesketh and IPDA Secretary, Alan Devine.

The competition is all about identifying various postage stamps using clues or partial images of well known stamps.

Members will receive by email the competition question paper and entry forms on 9th. or 10th. September 2007. Entries must be returned to Jack Hesketh by mid-

night on Sunday 23rd. September 2007.

The Prize is the complete GB Decimal Wildings in M/S format, collections 1 and 2 – see scan of these two miniature sheets on the previous page.

The winner will be announced in the October Newsletter due to be published on 7th October 2007.

If two or more entries qualifying as winners are received, a 'sudden death playoff', consisting of one additional question, will be held.

The winner will be the first correct answer received by Jack Hesketh (determined by the date and time notation which is shown at the top

right hand corner of all emails).

The competition questions will test your knowledge to some degree and where you have difficulty a good world stamp catalogue will help.

If you do not receive your competition entry form by 12th. September, please contact Jack Hesketh at mintgb@msn.com as soon as possible and he will send you another one right away.

We hope you enjoy the competition and wish you the best of luck.

Jack Hesketh and Alan Devine

TALKING WITH A MEMBER

The other day I got an email from a member who was pleased to know he had some business because of a link he had placed on my blog. Small event but it shows that the blog world does have a reach into the stamp community. I get some 15,000 page views a month, which might be trivial by some of your standards but all the same I am quite happy to know I am reaching out and spreading the philatelic word.

The reason for that intro is to ask what do you find a successful means of reaching out to promote your website, your eBay sales, or any auction sites you use?

Please do write to me and tell me what works. Maybe we can share from each others experiences, good or bad, for the benefit of us all.

Email michaelatipda@gmail.com

SPACE FILLER?



sold on an auction site as **used fine...** not by and IPDA member I might add

RARE MACHIN FIND!AND SOME EXCELLENT WEB SITES

I used the first part of the above title some months ago but thought I would use it again because of what I read on Roy's blog

[Machin Mania](#). If you don't yet read this and have any interest at all in GB Machins you should bookmark the site and read later.

A recent article (penned by Larry Rosenblum I should add and an excellent contribution he is making while Roy is hav-

ing fun getting settled in Spain), anyway a recent article talks about the fact that Royal Mail has announced, effective the beginning of next year, (2008), all panes in prestige booklets will be printed by lithography.

As you may know, for the past several years, panes containing Machins were printed by gravure, so this will create new Machin varieties for specialist collectors.

Also you have to read this [blog](#) if only to keep up to date on some GB news.. For example and I unashamedly copy this..."Linn's Stamp News

reports in its August 20, 2007 issue that Royal Mail took 340,000 advance orders for its recent [Harry Potter](#) issue. This breaks the record of 300,000 orders set earlier this year by the [Beatles](#) issue". Some calculations suggest this was a £2million advance order. Wow... now we know why the Royal has the stamp issuing policy it does. Do read Larry [GBStamps](#) and Roy at [Machin Mania](#)

Some of the best reading you will find.. Or send me your favourite sites and blogs :-)

Email me at michaelatipda@gmail.com

FEEDBACK ON THOSE OLD COVERS I SHOWED LAST MONTH

I was so pleased that the old Canada covers I showed in last months issue were of interest to some. I fact I got a very informative and educational text from Larry (yes another Larry) and in fact the Larry that is one of your Directors. What a source of knowledge he turned out to be. I hope you enjoy the following.

The following refers to this cover I am referring to the left cover that bears a 3 cents brown "Admiral" stamp. The cancellation used on this cover is an "International" machine cancel.

They were in use from 1902 to 1919. You can tell the two cancellations apart on the covers in the bulletin by the location of the dates. The International styles all had the year dates on the bottom of the dater hub; whereas, the cover you display on the right, has the year date above the name of the province, which tells us that the right cover has a "Universal" machine cancellation. (see scan of cover to the right) Both types of cancellations are studied by many postal historians. Your cover shown bears a London, Ontario "International" machine cancellation # 1 / D There are generally 4 types of 'initials' to look for. These are as follows: C = Collect (mail picked up at the post office), D = Drop (mailed at the post office), R = Received (Miscellaneous letters) and T = Transit (mail passing through the post office from an outside point). The cover shown in the newsletter is an example of a 'drop' letter, which was mailed at the post office. It is also interest-



ing to note that there were 5 different types of obliterating designs, which were as follows:

Type 1 = Seven (7) wavy lines with 1/C, 1 / R etc,

Type 2 = Seven (7) wavy lines - no indicia

Type 3 = Seven (7) straight lines with "CANADA" / R incorporated into the 'killer' portion of the cancellation. The killer portion is the wavy or straight line portion of the cancellation

Type 4 = Seven (7) straight lines - no indicia

Type 5 = The word "FREE" in the killer portion of the cancellation. (Used mostly by government offices and on official mail.)

Note that one has to bear in mind that there are also sub types as well for these cancellations. They are as follows: Type A = City name only Type B = City name and "CANADA" Type C = City name, abbreviated Province and Can. Type D = City name, initials of province and Can.

Type E = City name and "CANADA" Type Ea = City name, Can. and "Rec'd". Type Eb = City name, Can. and "Sta." with letter Type F = City name and province in full (i.e. ONTARIO) etc

etc. Type G = City name and abbreviated province Type Ga = City name, abbreviated province and "Rec'd" Type Gb = City name, abbreviated province and "Sta." with letter Type H = City name and initials of province Type Ha = City name, province initials and "Sta." with letter

These cancellations are popular among a lot of Canadian postal historians and they are collected in a variety of ways. Some collectors



try to get a representation for every year the cancel was in use; whereas, others try to get every month and every initial used as well.

For more information contact Larry at muskokapost@sympatico.ca

NEGATIVE EBAY FEEDBACK

How depressing when someone gives you negative feedback. What do you do, .. How do you feel when you know you have been honest and genuine.???

Well get over it, is my humble view. Sounds harsh but if you are sincere in your integrity to yourself you will have many very positive feedbacks and prospective buyers will go by the majority not the one off.

Easy for me to say you may be thinking. Well I have not sold the volume you have so have not got the odds stacked against me

yet when the day comes that some objectionable person just wants to be objectionable and not reasonable... sadly that is life.

It has happened to one of our members and I am showing part of the correspondence... you will get the drift I am sure.. What are your thoughts.. Please email me.. And I'll share advice and thoughts.....

...the buyer .."he left it for 3 weeks than gave negative ..shall see. I am not going to pay the fee to Ebay to get feedback monitored and alerted as I am an honest person and I think this under-

mines the whole concept. I will live with it and soldier on paying them probably half what I make The really annoying thing is that I just got rid of the last one over 12 months and now I have a new one. I suppose in retail if you had 1500 customer comments saying really good and 2 saying bad it is not a bad thing. Perhaps this would make a good newsletter debate"

I checked out the sale.. It was accurately described.. The buyer was unreasonable.

One word of advice from me.. Oops run out of space.. Next issue

STAMP INSURANCE

This is a topic your Board of Directors have spent a considerable time researching. I especially acknowledge the work Alan Devine has put into this. He wrote to me recently with the following :

I have received a reply from the APS which answers some of my questions about the APS Insurance Scheme available from H Woods. This provides some impor-

tant information particularly for members living outside the USA. I used to have my philatelic insurance with H. Woods but this was cancelled without more than a couple of weeks notice last year. The consequence of this info is that an important and valuable membership service is no longer available worldwide. Another problem is

that although H Woods has world wide offices, their officers outside the USA cannot negotiate insurance rates similar to those the US members enjoy, as I have found here in Australia.

(Editors Footnote: I can provide more details on request ; if members wish to see further details email me at

Michaelatipda@gmail.com

READERS EMAIL

Well this is meant to be my favourite section but I have no emails.. Other than what I have already referred to. So I will show the latest stamp from Australia.



Another work of art, another philatelic masterpiece to rank alongside the stamps, each of you in your own countries are so proud of.. :-)

Well two things to sayat least it puts Australia on the world stage and, we didn't produce a set of 6 as the Royal Mail would have done.. or a MS of 20 as could have been the USA is-

sue. :-) And finally since I have the stage, how good to see the audience we have on the [IPDA Blog](#), South Africa, Bangladesh, Germany, Czech Republic, Moscow (Russian Federation), yes and even a few places in the US, Canada, Great Britain and Australia. Apologies for not writing to it more often . So hey.. Send me some articles.. Enjoy your stamps..

Michael

I would really like to get more reader feedback..

Yes you can send me free stamps for my

CDDStamps Childrens Corner and bottles of Shiraz in

appreciation for my

efforts .. But of far more

value to me would be your feedback, and if that is words of advice, well I am old enough and ugly enough to take it all :-) so go on..

Write to me at

michaelatipda@gmail.com

Best wishes, **Michael**