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Hello from Hong Kong. Yes I am working here for a few months and pleasantly for me I am back in the airline industry. Like a duck to water :-). First off I have to tell you — if you have been reading the newspapers and saw any articles about the recent Cathay Pacific flight that had an emergency landing here, it did not fly from Indonesia on one engine. How the newspapers can write such rubbish, such false information, is beyond me. And somehow they seem to be immune to any repercussions. If Cathay say anything they are accused of “covering up”. Well for the record to all those interested in aviation it was not true. What is true was that the pilots did a fantastic job getting the plane down safely when engine problems occurred during descent and the cabin crew did a great job evacuating everyone, and the various ground support people for the way they handled everything when passengers were on the ground. And no I am not biased I just want to see the press report the facts, not some drama that will sell newspapers!

Of course I have had absolutely no time for stamps this past month. Haven't seen a stamp for weeks. Have read some of the philatelic news around the various websites but that is it. I even missed the April Board meeting — shame on me — due sleeping through the time difference, ie 5:30 in the morning. But I am pleased to say there was a good Board meeting with many administrative topics discussed. Much of it to do with the upcoming Annual General Meeting, see agenda shown below, and which I hope many of you will attend. I'll make sure my wake up call is properly timed for this.

One sad item to report, is the death of member Alan McEachern. He will be sadly missed by many of us who knew him and worked with him, and I for one will miss having his materials to use in the Newsletter, as I am sure you will.

I look forward to hearing you at the AGM in May.Michael

INTERNET PHILATELIC DEALERS ASSOCIATION, INC. NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In accordance with Rule 10.9 of the Constitution I give notice that the 2010 Annual General Meeting of the Association will be on Monday, 24th. May 2010, commencing promptly at 5.30pm (US- New York time). The Meeting Room will be open from 5.00pm for member's to register.

The Meeting will take place in the IPDA Private Chat Meeting Room at http://ipdaonline.org/html/private_chat.html

Alan Devine Membership Secretary. 30 March 2010

AGENDA

1. Verification of members present/proxies received/Quorum present.
2. Welcome Message from the Chair
3. To adopt Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18th. May, 2009.
4. To adopt the Chairman's Report for 2009/10.
5. To adopt (i) Secretarial Report; and (ii) Audited Accounts for 2010/11.
6. To adopt, amend or reject proposals to change the Constitution of the Association
 - Motion to change Rule 3.01 of the Constitution.
7. Election of members to fill vacant Positions:
 - i) Director and/or Membership Secretary
 - ii) Director and/or Treasurer
8. To Appoint an Honorary Auditor for 2010/12.
9. In accordance with Rule 4.2 of the Constitution the Board of Directors wishes to announce that the Membership Fee for 2011/11 will remain unchanged at US\$20.00 per annum. .
10. Close of Meeting.

FYI if you cannot attend please can you send Proxy vote to Alan Oliver at allanoliver1937@msn.com

INVITATION

Following the Annual General Meeting Members are invited to stay on and join with the Directors in an informal meeting. We would like to hear your views, comments and ideas about the IPDA and will be pleased to answer your questions. The chat meeting should start at about 6.30pm (US-New York time).

ANDREW MCEACHERN

As you may have read, I It is with much regret that I have to advise that member Andrew McEachern passed away on Thursday, 4 March, 2010 after a short illness.

Andrew, who lived in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia was a long standing member of the IPDA, joining in 2003. He was a lifelong stamp collector who enjoyed a varied career including holding senior positions in Medibank Australia, the credit industry and the funeral industry.

In 1997 Andrew started a stamp dealing business. He organised a number of stamp fairs and postal auctions and he developed and conducted the world's only stamp dealing correspondence course. He was past National President of the Australian Stamp Promotion Council (now known as the APF) and was founder and President of the Collectors Club of Queensland and a member of the APTA.

For several years Andrew wrote the series of articles under the heading "Demystifying the Detail" for Stamp News Australia and he was always happy for his material to be used in the IPDA Newsletter.

He is survived by his wife Valerie and two sons Craig and Scot. The IPDA have lost a very close friend who will be missed.

IPDA WESITE—ACCESS TO MEMBERS AREA

Just a reminder, or for new members who are perhaps not very familiar with this topic. The following outlines the settings you will need to log-in to the IPDA web site,

There are two things they should do.

1. Download from Java (FREE) the following software – Java Runtime Environment (JRE); they may also need the Java Plug-in (see both at www.java.com/an). When downloaded the JRE file on their computer's C: drive Programs File should appear as 'jre6'.
2. Adjust the internet settings in Internet Explorer (or its equivalent) by clicking the TOOLS tab and then other tabs as they appear as follows – 'TOOLS –INTERNET OPTIONS – SECURITY – ALLOW ACTIVE CONTENT TO RUN ON MY COMPUTER' and then click the TOOLS tab again - 'TOOLS – INTERNET OPTIONS – SECURITY – INTERNET – CUSTOM LEVEL – ALLOW WEB SITES TO PROMPT FOR INFORMATION USING SCRIPTED WINDOWS – ENABLE'

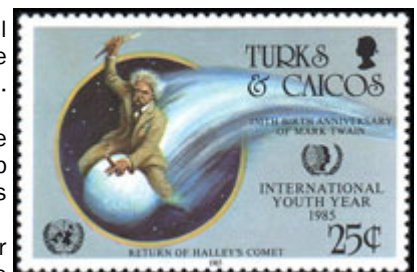
If any member still has difficulty entering the IPDA web site please contact Roy Simpson, our Web Master at gbmachins@lineone.net Roy can provide further guidance and the password for access to the members area. Or alternatively just send me an email to michaelatipda@gmail.com and I'll send you the members password.

SORT OF USA STAMP NEWS

While the Royal Mail will be (are already) issuing stamps by the truck load for London Festival 2010 the USA is releasing just 3 stamps in May. Maybe they know collectors will have no spare cash!! But then again I read there were 39 USA issues in April. Smart those people at USPS... get in early :-)

But one stamp, and not from the US that I like is this one from Turks & Caicos. Not that I have any idea what Mark Twain has to do with that lovely island but hey any excuse to issue a stamp I guess. It was issued in 1985 (150th anniversary of his birth) as you might know. And this year on April 21, marks the 100th anniversary of the death Mark Twain.

Twain was born Samuel L. Clemens on Nov. 30, 1835, in Florida, Mo., just two weeks after Halley's Comet's closest Earth approach in recorded history. Coincidentally, the year of his death in 1910 saw the comet's return on its 75-year orbit around the sun. Thus the design of the stamp.



APS STAMP SHOW AUGUST 2010

The APS Stamp Show 2010 will be held in Richmond, Virginia, USA from 12 to 15 August. For more information you can visit the APS website at <http://www.stamps.org/StampShow/intro.htm>

We received material inviting us to participate in the 43rd National Literature Exhibition. We have submitted an entry – that being to the Periodicals Section of the Exhibition using the 2009 Newsletter. 12 issues were produced in 2009, being Volume 7.

If any of you are attending the Show please look out for our entry. Hopefully some good publicity for the IPDA. And by all means write a review about the Show for inclusion in the Newsletter.

CUSTOMS ARRESTS MAN FOR FLYING WITH POSTAGE STAMPS

Customs officers are generally our friends. They keep people from boarding the plane with stolen antiquities or live reptiles but occasionally innocent people get caught in their net.

Stamp collector Markand Dave of India seems to be one of those people. Mr. Dave tried to board a flight from Sardar Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad, to Frankfurt, Germany, on his way to attend a stamp collecting exhibition in London.

In his luggage he had a collection of rare, early Indian stamps. While Mr Dave is a well known philatelist and had an invitation to participate in the exhibition, he had forgotten to ask permission from the government to take the stamps out of India and ran afoul of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, which considers rare stamps to be antiquities. He's due to appear in court on charges of antiquities smuggling.

Mr. Dave is probably not an antiquities smuggler, but as a leading philatelist he should have known better. Collectors should understand the laws that cover their collections and fill out the proper paperwork before they travel.

Besides, he should be thankful he didn't have his rare stamps stolen by a baggage thief.



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IPDA WEBSITE VIEWING STATISTICS

Something for you to think about perhaps. We are seeing an average of over 200 pages view per day on the IPDA website. This looking at the statistics for March / April this year. Now why think about this? Well are your details up-to-date, your email address, your website link?. Please check and if you want to update your details get in touch with our webmaster at gbmachins@lineone.net

Maybe prospective customers are using the IPDA site to get to your website. We all hope so don't we.

SPAMMING YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

This past month we had a member resign — hopefully we have reverted the situation — because they believed they were getting spam email as a result of their email id being available on the IPDA website.

After discussion with our webmaster we have confirmed that this members email address — or any of us for that matter — had not been “farmed” from our web site.

Some years back we took precautions to ensure this “farming” of email address could not happen. It was decided to link email addresses via the members name (not the actual email address) and use the mailto method. We believe this prevents “farming” of our email membership list.

All email accounts will get a certain amount of spam, unfortunately it is unavoidable in this day and age. However our Webmaster assures all members it is not through spammers copying addresses from our site. Spammers buy lists from certain individuals, and once you are on a bought list somewhere the list gets circulated throughout the web many times over.

If anyone is still not satisfied and any member wants his / her email address (and or any links to their websites) removed from the site (for any reason) our Webmaster will do that for you. Just drop him an email at gbmachins@lineone.net

Of course you might like to check how you advertise your email address on your own website. I suspect you will find you have not masked your email address. And , therefore it can be “farmed” extremely easily.

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**

HAWAIIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY COVER

The following was sent in by Member Tony Kassel.

This is a cover that was created by the Hawaiian Philatelic Society, the club had thousands of them created. The members were allowed to apply first day cancellations to some of the covers, the proceeds from the sales were used to support the group.

The stamps on the cover were designed by a Herb Kane a Hawaiian Artist and Historian, he designed the first Hawaiian statehood stamp in 1959 and the 50th anniversary of statehood stamp issued in 2009.

Tony is using these colorful and historic covers to deliver stamps purchases to his clients. He pays a little premium for the cover that benefits the Hawaiian Philatelic Society and his customers receive a colorful color to add to their collection.

Excellent idea and what a way to add something extra to the satisfaction you give your customers. Do any other Members do that bit extra for their customers. Please write and share your ideas. Many thanks Tony.



MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE

By now I am hoping you have all received (and paid of course) your annual membership renewal. If you have not, or are unsure, please send an email to Alan Devine at secretary@ipdaonline.org Alan will check and help you.

CHILDREN`S BOOKS LONDON 2010 INTERNATIONAL

No, nothing about Royal Mail issues for London Festival 2010. That would take about 16 pages! And probably bore you all to death! I saw this and thought I would share with you. Maybe you have collectors who have this topic as a thematic interest.

Israel post will issue a souvenir sheet for the London 2010 International Stamp Exhibition that also features the event logo. With stamps depicting the following three authors / books.

Alice in Wonderland – Lewis Carroll, 1865 The stamp depicts the familiar scene in which Alice meets the hookah-smoking caterpillar seated atop a mushroom.

Gulliver`s Travels – Jonathan Swift, 1726

Peter Pan – J.M. Barrie, 1906 Part of the tale of Peter Pan takes place in London, thus Peter`s character is integrated into the souvenir sheet`s city background.



CLOSING REMARKS

I look forward to joining you at the AGM in May (Monday, 24th. May 2010, 5.30pm (US- New York time). Access is via the IPDA Chat Room http://ipdaonline.org/html/private_chat.html Please try to participate. Your Board of Directors welcomes your comments and ideas. Negative is good as we then know what to take action on. No comment is no good!!

I am off downtown Hong Kong soon. Anyone recommend any stamp dealers here worth a visit? I am here for three months. Email me michaelatipda@gmail.com Since I cannot be in London to meet those of you who will be there for Festival 2010 I may as well try to do something Philatelic while here. And Please, write a review of the Festival, or the events that you attended. I am sure other members would enjoying your perspectives, I will, and better to get your informed view than that of some uninformed journalist !

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