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Hello everyone, August, wow! is it really August. Where does time go. Apart from travelling (and thoroughly enjoying a wonderful long weekend in Sanya, Hainan Island in China — highly recommended but could not find any stamps) and working long hours, I have had no time for stamps this past month. I am still looking for those GB Kiloware lots on eBay but seems so are many others and all seem to go at ridiculous prices, even if the content is not well described. Even I won't throw 50 quid plus lots of postage at something that is poorly described. And seems that is the way these days for so many eBay sellers, excluding IPDA members of course.

One letter we received this past month told us about a Czech stamp that catalogs for USD\$0.35 and which was listed in the Ham Radio section of eBay. This dealer(?) was offering it at USD\$5.99 plus postage. Deerrgghh but just goes to show what people can try to get away with even if the topic is thematic. And the seller was not an IPDA member. See stamp of the month below.

To IPDA matters. We held the AGM and had a good turn out for a change, that is we got a quorum at first sitting.

Stamp of the Month



Last month I showed an example of the damaged and very poor quality of stamp I am seeing from one particular seller on eBay - and they also sell on Bidstart I might add.

This month — see editorial — a stamp listed at opening bid of US\$5.99, when it has a cat value of US\$0.35.

What more can I do to suggest we promote the IPDA to Buyers, and therefore get IPDA member sales increased.

You will no doubt be aware of the Board changes and importantly to welcome Alan Devine as our new Chairman. Past Chairman Ken has been in the role for quite a few years now and we all owe him a vote of thanks. He has done so much for the IPDA especially with his work talking to eBay about philatelic matters and representing the IPDA at many forums. He remains on the Board having accepted the role of Treasurer and Confidential List Officer

Now we say thanks to Alan for taking on the role. We are all confident he will step into the shoes and do a great.

Other new appointments are Bill Lehr as Secretary and with a big welcome to a new director, Larry Bailey, from Australia.

Other Directors were re-elected, namely Newsletter Editor & Publicity Officer/Director: Michael Dodd; whether that is because you like my work or because no one else wants to do it I don't know (hahahahah) but thanks anyway.

Roy Simpson our Webmaster and Regional representative for Europe, Larry Matthews regional representative from Canada, and both Bob Bechtel and Dick Keiser representing the USA.

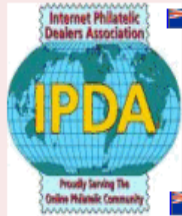
Finally in my last Editorial I asked about ways to promote the IPDA and ways you may use social media to get your web sites and businesses out there to the online community.

The emails I got took me 1 nano second to read, yes that is right I got none. Surely you have views?

Do you use just emails? Or Blogs? Twitter? (You can find me at cddstamps and I am getting a following—it would help if I wrote more I guess!!), Facebook? Stamp Board Groups? Anything else? I see a fair bit of activity on Twitter, Do you have an account? Do you read other philatelic accounts?

Please write to me. I would enjoy hearing your views and experiences, as I am sure would other members. And, as I always say, if you have ideas for Newsletter articles, please write to me, michaelatipda@gmail.com

Best wishes, . Michael



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PHILATELIC MARKET TRACKER

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The UPA Philatelic Market Index Tracker (PMIT®), the key marketing index for growth in stamp auction realisations issued by UPA Stamp auctions, has again confirmed that the appetite for quality philatelic material has continued and confirmed that the stamp market has been largely unaffected by the recession, furthermore it has continued to outperform both auction estimations and growth in many of the major economies while giving an early indicator of the end of the recession.

First published at the height of the recession in 2009, the PMIT® was developed by Andrew McGavin MD of UPA auctions, as an indicator to the strength of the economy and also as an indicator to track the recession offering an early indication of it coming to an end.

Where the PMIT® really shows its significance is in its simplicity, it uses real people bidding in auctions and as stamp collecting is regarded by many as a luxury, bidders will only spend what they can afford; with their confidence in bidding it shows in a realistic index how other 'spends' may be affecting the wider economies.

Pre-recession the index was averaging 5% over estimate, during the recession the index was par and by early January 2010 it had climbed back to 3% over estimation. Now running for the past 18 months the PMIT® has continued to make significant growth and by the end of April 2011, this tracker had rebounded to an impressive 5.6%.

Sourced from and with acknowledgement of Universal Postal Auctions at <http://upastampauctions.co.uk/contents/en-uk/d41.html>

NEW IPDA CHATROOM

The old one closed down through no fault of the IPDA - come join us in the new room
the URL for the new chat room. <http://www.chatzy.com/74062515118>

NEWSPAPER STAMPS

Anyone know about these or collect them? Something different. A newspaper stamp is a special type of postage stamp used to pay the cost of mailing newspapers and other periodicals. Although many types were issued in the 19th century, typically representing rates reduced from regular mail, they generally fell out of use in the mid-20th century, as mail services began to arrange bulk handling directly with publishers. The exact use of newspaper stamps varied; small-value stamps were generally intended to be affixed to newspaper wrappers, in much the fashion of regular mail, but with values usually less than regular stamps. The first newspaper stamp was issued by Austria in 1851, and a number of nations soon followed suit. The newspaper stamps of the United States, in use from 1865 to 1898, were always intended for bulk shipments, and with face values ranging up to US\$100, are the highest-value newspaper stamps.

CLOSING REMARKS

Short but sweet maybe :-)) Hope you are all well and business is good. As always I welcome your emails and feedback. email me at michaelatipda@gmail.com Best Wishes**Michael**