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Stamp of the Month



Here is a question for you.

Is this worth £40?
Correctly described as damaged repaired because of lower left corner, and with cat for unused of £3000,

EDITORS COLUMN

Welcome to the April edition of the Newsletter. Quite a bit of IPDA News, including both the Agenda for the next AGM, votes for new Directors or reinstatement of directors, including me for Newsletter editor - now is your chance to get a new editor :-). Some Forgery news the IPDA has received, and, of course a reminder about our Membership Drive.

One topic I want to give prominent coverage to is the IPDA Membership Drive we have launched. You may have seen this mentioned on the IPDA Website.

We are holding this membership drive from March 1st through April 30th. It is open to all members.

The IPDA member who recruits the most new members will receive 2 years free membership in the IPDA. The member bringing in the second most new members will receive one year free membership in the IPDA.

To receive credit for each new member, ask them to place your name in "How did you hear about the IPDA?" on the application form.

All new member applications must, of course, be approved by the Board of Directors for you to receive credit.

Lost for words this month, perhaps because of this. I came across it on eBay a week ago. Just cannot resist showing it and asking, what is this all about. Am I that dumb I am missing something. Please help educate me. By the way, it was not sold!!!



EDITORS COLUMN

Ends at 28 Mar, 2014 05:37 AEDST

Robert Burns 250th anniversary stamps, No Reserve

Current bid: GBP 1,999.00

Shipping: No International Postage

[View Item](#)

So much more I want to include, thanks so much material sent to me, but already done 8 pages so perhaps enough from me for now. Michael michaelatipda@gmail.com

IPDA MEMBERSHIP NEWS

A special thank you to member Andrew McGavin. Andrew chose the four year option and donated an additional U\$40.00 to the general fund. Andrew operates Universal Philatelic Auctions out of the UK.

Welcome to additional new members Mark Robb (NZ), Richard Monteiro (UK), Roly Runciman (NZ), Ian Lasok-Smith (UK), Andrew Potts (UK), Ralph Phillips (Israel) and Mark Johnson from the UK.

Bill Lehr Membership Secretary



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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hello Members. I hope you had a great month and maybe you are even doing some Easter Sales for April, all other stores seem to have them, perhaps stamp dealers do as well? As you know we have the Membership drive in full swing and I do hope you have some time to contact your colleagues who you think would benefit from joining the IPDA, and, who I hope might help contribute to this Association.

If you need some material to help you promote us you can find it on the IPDA website, in the Members area when you log in, and also on the homepage particularly the comparison table with other Philatelic organisations. This, along with the other excellent material our web master Allan Oliver has made available on the IPDA website, will surely help you. Please refer your colleague dealers and let's work together to help grow the membership and the relevance of the IPDA in the global Philatelic community

All the best, Bob Bechtel, Chairman IPDA Inc

FORGERIES... FROM THE IPDA WEBSITE

If you read the IPDA website you will see a News item on Forgeries. This is potentially a serious issue as you might appreciate.

A manufacturer of forgeries is creating some extremely good but dangerous forgeries and is selling them on eBay. They are being listed for sale by eBay member [stampalbum2012](#). To be fair the seller clearly states in the listed items are forgeries BUT they only mark them as forgeries in pencil we are told. Thus creating the situation where the pencil marking could be easily removed. You can imagine the ramification.



How about this FDC of the 1/2d issued on the 24th May 1887 not yet recorded. This is a very convincing forgery - the seller has used a genuine postal stationery envelope, then added the stamp & postmarks. If it were genuine we are talking a market value of £2000 plus.

Or this with 5 already sold for £4.75, listed as follows: "A forgery of the Postal Union Congress £1.00 on un-watermarked paper, very fine CDS used, with a forged registered CDS at the bottom, leaving the King's portrait and value tablet clear. Useful space-filler. Please note that the cancellations are hand-struck"



Surely there is something very wrong here? Thoughts?

These Edward pieces are all forgeries - the stamps & the postmarks. The concern expressed by the writer to the IPDA is that the pencil word "forged" can be easily taken off and then the item could be sold as fine used to unsuspecting collectors.





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IPDA NOMINATIONS

IPDA Notice - nominations for Regional Directors and for Membership Secretary.

We have 4 regional directors whose term expires or require re-confirmation at the AGM. We have an opening for Regional Director, Canada. The position of Membership Secretary is also up for election as noted below. The following board members are required to step down at the AGM but may run for re-election:

Vonna Bechtel, as a regional director.
Michael Dodd, as a regional director, Australia.
Bill Lehr, as a regional director.

The following office is due for re-election: Membership Secretary

The following additional director position is open: Regional Director, Canada

Please advise nominations to the General Secretary at jobi@collector.org


Bill Lehr General Secretary, IPDA, Inc

NEW MEMEBRS SITES

At the time of writing we welcome three new members. Andrew Potts from Nottingham in the UK, Ralph Phillips from Tel Aviv, Israel. Our first member from Israel I think from memory. And Mark Johnson from the UK. Welcome.

I showcase Andrew's website as I found it very interesting and for me, given my interest in Aviation on stamps, another site I have bookmarked. Andrew runs Thematics4u and from his website I read he has the largest thematic collection in Europe with a catalogue which you can search using their search tool, or alternatively, you can browse by theme. Simply select the theme you wish to browse through on the theme page. You can buy stamps online individually or in complete philatelic collections.

Thematics4u have been satisfying stamp collectors for well over half a century, so they are sure you will find their service and stock second to none. As the Largest Thematic Stamp Dealer in Europe, they state they have an extensive online stamp catalogue based on themes and topics. Their shop is 100% secure, and accepts all major credit cards.



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LABEL - Mali 2013
Classic Motorcycles
perf sheetlet containing
two values & two labels
unmounted mint



IPDA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Agenda IPDA 2014 AGM - 21st of April, 2014

The IPDA Annual General Meeting will be held at 5:30 PM, 21st of April, 2014.

All meeting times are US Eastern (New York)

Meeting to be held in the IPDA Public Chat Room: <http://ipdastamps.org/chat>

Click the link, or copy and paste the link into your browser, or follow the link to the chat room from the home page of IPDA. Please use your first name and IPDA member number for your nickname when logging in for this meeting.

1. Verification of members present and of Proxies received.
2. The adoption or amendment and adoption of the minutes of the previous AGM p 3-6
3. Adoption of the Annual Report from the Chair Person p 7
4. Adoption of the Annual Report of the Treasurer p 8
5. Adoption of the Annual Audit p 9
6. Election/re-election of members to vacant positions on the Board of Directors
Directors running for re-election, two year term
Vonna Bechtel, Michael Dodd, Bill Lehr, Ken Sanford
7. Election/re-election of members to Administrative positions
Membership secretary: Bill Lehr, proposed by A Devine
Honorary auditor: Michael Dodd, proposed by B Lehr
8. To adopt, amend and adopt or reject changes to the IPDA Constitution as proposed by the board of directors.
NOTE: Changes and/or additions are in red in the material that will be sent to you in due course
 - a) Section 10.11 use of proxy votes at board meetings p 10
 - b) Section 3.5 resignation of members p 10
 - c) Section 8.1 composition of the board of directors p 11
 - d) BL009.02 revisions to the confidential list policy and to the confidential list codes p 12

Close of meeting

ROYAL COLLECTION

I came across [this link](#) the other day and thought I would share it with you. Really great read and some excellent pictures. It tells about the history of the Royal Philatelic Collection. I think you will enjoy reading this.

And [this link](#) will show you some interesting images, not only of stamps in the collection but also some of the history of their design, including this watercolour sketch created in February 1840 to show how the first stamps would look in their chosen colors. Rowland Hill presented it to Francis Baring, Chancellor of the Exchequer.





NEW ZEALAND NOSTALGIA GUEST ARTICLE BY COLLECTOR ALLEN TEAL

New Zealand Nostalgia

By Allen Teal



From the very beginning of flight, New Zealand has had a strong interest and involvement in designing and flying aircraft. Richard Pearse is the most well-known of early pioneers in the country and, although not authenticated, is purported to have flown before the Wright Brothers.

An Avro 504 was the first aircraft to be used for mail flights in NZ. The initial attempts at carrying mail proved uneconomic but it was not long before it became a daily schedule to get mail delivered quickly around the country.



As aircraft became more reliable, regular air services were started which catered for both passengers and mail

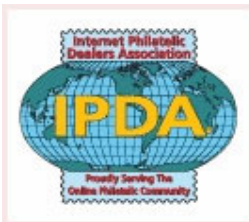
De Havilland had established themselves as builders of fine aircraft and, with NZ being part of the Commonwealth, many of this company's aircraft were brought into New Zealand. Some of the aircraft purchased were the Rapide, Dragonfly, and of course, the well liked and very popular Tiger Moth used for both private and aero club flying as well as the NZ Air Force as a trainer.



After the war ended, many Tiger Moth aircraft were surplus and these were snapped up by eager buyers and transformed into top dressing aircraft. Most hill country farms throughout New Zealand would have had a Tiger Moth at one point dropping the fertiliser on the land. Later other, more specialised aircraft were developed as the aging Tiger Moths were being phased out.



Other significant events recorded in the history of New Zealand aviation are the first crossing of the Tasman in 1928, celebrated with a joint stamp issue between New Zealand and Australia. The National Airways Corporation was established in 1945 using the Lockheed Electra and the Douglas DC-3.



UPRIGHT OR INVERTED JENNY

The United States Postal Service issued the Jenny Invert pane of six \$2 stamps Sept. 22, 2013. In October the Postal Service revealed that just 100 panes of six showing the airplane flying right side up were randomly seeded into the entire print run of the normal stamps.

More of the intentionally created upright variety of the \$2 Jenny Invert panes have surfaced, and one of the previously reported panes has been sold. *Linn's* tally of the upright Jenny Invert finds has reached 15, leaving collectors 85 more panes to track down.

Eight of the 15 panes found have been reported to the United States Postal Service, with the remainder reported by different grading firms that have examined examples outside of the USPS tally.



Collector Michael Generali contacted *Linn's* March 13 to report his find. He said the sheet he obtained was the last one available from the McNeil post office in Austin, Texas. He first bought two panes, went to his car, opened the sealed packages and found he had the standard variety showing the plane flying upside down.

He went back into the post office and asked how many panes were left. The clerk counted out 20 panes, and Generali bought them all. He then went home and began opening the packets. "It was not until I opened the last packet that I pulled out the upright Jenny," he said. "A wonderful surprise!" Generali told *Linn's* he has been collecting stamps since 1962. "This is the most exciting find I have ever had buying stamps," he said. He contacted Postal Service headquarters using the phone number provided on the cardboard insert and was told his find was the eighth reported to the USPS. The pane-position diagram on Generali's find identifies it as coming from position 4, in a sheet layout that is three panes across by two down.

USPS stamp services executive director Susan McGowan told *Linn's* on March 13 that three additional panes had been reported recently, not including the eighth discovered by Generali. The fifth and sixth finds were at separate post offices in New Hampshire, and the seventh find was obtained by mail with an order placed through the Postal Service's *USA Philatelic* catalog.

A second upright Jenny Invert pane has sold, but the amount paid for it was not disclosed. Sam Malamud of Ideal Stamp and Coin in New York City contacted *Linn's* to share that his company has purchased a second pane. Ideal Stamp and Coin also purchased the first pane that was sold by a finder, paying \$25,000, the amount the firm has been offering for the variety in advertisements.

The odds of finding one of the 100 panes printed with the intentional variety is estimated by *Linn's* to be 1 in 19,000.

STAMPS COLLECTOR – THE MODERN JOY OF PHILATELIST

Really????????? Anyone got it loaded to their phone. I don't have enough time to do real philately, let alone pretend.

This is a game, a simulation of the collector-philatelist with real images of actual postage stamps. You have the opportunity to buy digital copies of rare stamps (wow!!!) and their real series, share them with other users of the "*Stamps collector*" game and, so it seems, much more.

[iPhone click here](#) [Android click here](#)





NEW ISSUES

Good to see a stamp in the Guinness Book of records don't you think. This stamp, released by bpost (a business unit of the national postal service of Belgium) to celebrate the International Women's Day, holds a world record. The stamp with 606 words was recognized "stamp with the largest number of readable words" by **Guinness World Records**.



The stamp depicts a woman's face that is composed of integral sentences coming from the "**Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women**".

The background of the image entirely consists of text. The stamp designer Ann Bessemans used the Big Vesta font for the text to make it perfectly readable in very small size.

It is the first time bpost is issuing a stamp dedicated to the International Women's Day. "Bpost already released stamps with women in the lead role, but this is the first one for the International Women's Day", said Fred Lens, spokesman for bpost.

As a bonus, the stamp entered the philatelic world history: "We've sent our design to **Guinness World Records**, and it has immediately won in the category "stamp with the largest number of readable words", says Lens. "The category didn't exist before, but with 606 words, our record will hopefully just hold out".

I did not know 2014 was the International Year of Crystallography but reading about new issues I now do.

To commemorate this Swiss Post has issued two special stamps. Crystallography is the science of crystals, their structure and symmetries, formation or creation and their properties and potential applications. It is the only discipline which answers the question: what is the atomic structure of materials? Crystallography looks at the inner symmetries of materials, which are also outwardly visible on the cleavage surface. It is a subject that even fascinated the ancients.



To complete this month's showcased new issue how can I not include an aviation issue. Again from Switzerland this set of two stamps celebrates 100 years of the Swiss Air Force.



The Swiss air force was founded in 1914 with nine pilots. By the 1940s it was well capable of defending its neutral airspace. But in recent years military spending has decreased. Fewer jets have been bought and many of its pilots have become reservists. Now the country relies on its neighbours' military capabilities. While the stamps are quite remarkable the same cannot be said of the current Swiss air force I believe, based on reports related to the 17th February 2014 Ethiopian 767 hijacking and landing in Geneva. From one of the press releases: "Swiss fighter jets could not be scrambled when a hijacked Ethiopian passenger plane entered the country's airspace as its air force only works day time hours".



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AUCTION SITE NEWS

Paypal : An update from Roger West. He has had a challenging time and I am wondering if others have similar experiences or suggestions as to how to resolve them quickly with Paypal.

Roger writes: In the February Newsletter, I mentioned that my Paypal account had been closed and that my money would remain frozen for 30 days. That 30 days came and went but my account limitations still hadn't been lifted. When I rang them I was told the funds would remain frozen for 180 days. I can't mention what my initial reaction was but I was advised to put in a formal complaint which I did. The acknowledgement I got was almost as unbelievable - it could take 4 weeks to get a reply but if an investigation was required, it could take 8 weeks.

It's just a shame that Paypal are so big and so convenient but with a back-up service like that, I welcome the day when Skrill or another competitor comes along and shows them how it could and should be done

Delcampe : Roger has also some insights into what he has seen on Delcampe. What are other members experiences and how best to navigate the challenges sometime faced by a large dealer

Roger writes: I recently had my Delcampe account closed for major violations of their policies – I was offering so-called 'illegals' but had placed them under the wrong category! I still look over their listings and it amazes me just how many other people have had their accounts closed. The interesting thing for me is these closures frequently show a 100% feedback so while they did something to upset Delcampe, their buyers and/or sellers were more than happy with them. I wonder if any of our members have stories to tell about their Delcampe experiences. Please send any details, no matter how small, to our editor.

ACE Auctions:

I thought I would include this piece because it is always nice to hear of the success of one of our members. Ian Boulton from Perth. I met Ian in Melbourne back at Melbourne Expo 2013. Lovely guy.

Ian writes: Due to the overwhelming amount of material for our next Ace Auction number 15 and the fact we pride ourselves on our detailed descriptions, we have pushed the May auction out to the 28th and 29th June. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience but this is the first time we have changed the date and we have done this to benefit the vendors and buyers with our usual service and quality. The venue will be the same and we are holding firm on our 1st and 2nd November sale date for Auction number 16. Further information is available [here](#) including vendor terms and a full archive of our past sales. Scans of lots and lot descriptions can be used freely without permission so please take advantage of this when researching a particular field.

Ian also reminds us that if anyone is contemplating their holidays later in the year, to consider a trip over to Perth to coincide with the annual Perth Stamp and Coin Show on 16th and 17th August. This event now has the popular support of 22 interstate and local dealers with another 20 "collectors" tables already booked upstairs. This area has become increasingly popular with bargain hunters as collectors dispose of their excess stamps and coins at very competitive prices especially when viewing the \$1 and \$2 cover tubs! Please visit the website [here](#) for further information and if travelling from further afield please be guaranteed of a warm Perth welcome with a multitude of other activities available in this lovely part of the world.

Editors Note: I saw an impressive list of dealers attending the Perth show, click [here](#). A few potential recruits for the IPDA perhaps? Sorry Ian but I am planning to attend Korea Stamp Expo 2014 (August 7th to 12th) in Seoul so will have to pass on the Perth show.

CLOSING REMARKS

More articles than usual in this issue and I hope you found something of interest. My thanks as always to contributors, especially my guest writer Allen Teal from New Zealand who I met through my aviation blog. Thank you Allen for allowing me to publish your excellent New Zealand Nostalgia article.

April will be a busy month, I am flying again back to Sydney for Easter, so any ideas or articles would be most welcomed as I have no idea when I am going to make time to write the May issue. **And please, don't forget the AGM. If you cannot join online please do send a proxy. Easy to do. You will be sent details soon.**

Have a great Easter. Best wishes Michael michaelatipda@gmail.com