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Stamp of the Month



Not from an IPDA member I have to say. But listed on a well known auction site.

I spent 20 seconds looking at some GB Victoria and found this.

Listed as used. Well I guess it was used wasn't it! Need I say more.

EDITORS COLUMN

Welcome to the March edition. This page is devoted to the AGM next month which your Board of Directors ask you make time to attend or at least send a proxy (see page 8 please). We have a group of Members and Board Directors trying so hard to promote and grow this Association. Please think of helping. It will, I am sure, benefit you as a seller / dealer if more of the buying community recognise you as an IPDA member. It really is in your interest, I think, to support the IPDA. After all, that is why you joined, to promote that you were an IPDA member, right?

Agenda IPDA 2015 AGM

The IPDA Annual General Meeting will be held at

5:30 PM, 18th of March, 2015.

In the absence of a quorum the AGM will be reconvened 5:30 PM, 23rd of March, 2015.

All meeting times are US Eastern (New York) Meeting to be held in the IPDA Public Chat Room:

You will receive previous AGM material in advance.

Click the link, <http://ipdastamps.org/chat> 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. Your Membership number is on the Members Page [here](#)**

1. Verification of members present and of Proxies received.
2. The adoption or amendment and adoption of the minutes of the previous AGM p 3-4
3. Adoption of the Annual Report from the Chair Person p 5
4. Adoption of the Annual Report of the Treasurer p 6
5. Adoption of the Annual Audit p 7
6. Election/re-election of members to vacant positions on the Board of Directors Directors running for re-election, two year term
 - a) Larry Bailey, Australia, Asia-Pacific
 - b) Alan Oliver, UK, UK
 - c) Roger West, UK, UKNominees running for election, regional director, two year term
 - Alex Green, Tasmania, Asia-Pacific region, nominated by B Lehr & A Oliver
 - Ralph Philips, Israel, Europe, nominated R West and to Administrative positions, two year term except 1 yr for honorary auditor
 - General Secretary: Bill Lehr (standing for re-election)
 - Treasurer: Honorary auditor: Michael Dodd, nominated by B Lehr
7. To adopt, amend and adopt or reject changes to the IPDA Constitution as proposed by the board of directors.
 - Section 8.1 organization of the board of directors p 8
 - Section 10.7 holding of the AGM p 8
 - BL 009.03 confidential list-procedure p 9-10
 - BL009.05 listing and search procedures p 11

Close of meeting

Prepared by

Bill Lehr, General Secretary, IPDA, Inc.
17th February 2015

As for the rest of this issue I am grateful to the Members who contributed and who have made my life easier this month, and to the various sources I have used to provide some current philatelic news. This because apart from my work and travel schedule I too have been ill. Won't bore you with details but these things do set one back at times, but lets be positive and tell ourselves we will bounce back stronger.

Have a great sales month in March and I look forward to seeing you, online, at the AGM on 18th March. **Michael** michaelatipda@gmail.com



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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE PROJECT ON GIANT PANDA

Editors Note: When I read this I just had to show you a few pictures from my recent visit to Ocean World here in Hong Kong because I took my daughter to see the panda enclosure a few weeks ago. Bit of a small enclosure I have to admit but such wonderful creatures to see for real. Anyway this is the stamp version from Malaysia

Malaysian post issued a set of stamps featuring Giant Panda to commemorate International Cooperative Project On Giant Panda.

The giant panda is a rare and beloved animal that only inhabits the six major mountain ranges in Sichuan, Shaanxi and Gansu provinces of China. With a population of less than 2000, the species is included on the endangered list by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora and is protected by China's Wildlife Protective Law as the special-class protected animal.

Giant pandas are appreciated and cherished by humans the world over; their familiar black and white faces and rounded ears endearing them to children and adults alike. Because of its prominent scientific research value, endangered status, and delightful viewing value, the giant panda is considered a national treasure of China. Though small in number, giant pandas have visited many countries and served as envoys of friendship from China to the world.

With support from the Chinese government and guidance from national and provincial leaders, the Chengdu Panda Base has launched the "International Long-term Cooperative Project of Giant Panda Breeding." This collaborative research effort focuses on giant panda breeding, ethology, protection, and education jointly with Japan, the United States, Spain, and France. 15 successfully-bred giant pandas resulted from this work, the largest number of panda cubs produced through international cooperative projects in giant panda breeding to date.



The post [International Cooperative Project On Giant Panda](#) appeared first on [Stamp News | Philately News | Postage Stamp | philately](#).

And a real one in Hong Kong!





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MEMBERS ARTICLE

Editors Note: My request for articles paid off - thanks everyone, your input has helped me enormously with this issue. I hope other members find the materials as interesting as I did. Always good to get another perspective I think.

The following from Don O'Neal – IPDA #150 - Thanks Don, great idea.

Every stamp dealer has them... massive amounts of duplicates of common stamps. These are stamps that, for the most part, you will probably never sell as singles in your lifetime. As dealers acquire more and more stock from old collections, accumulations, auction lots, and so on, they are left with sometimes thousands of these 'extras.'

I have many common issues in quantities of 100 to over 1000 of a single issue. Some typical examples may include United States 'Prexies' from the 1940s and Liberty's from the 50s and 60s (for American dealers), George VI, Wilding and Machin definitives from the UK, and the definitive/Christmas/pictorial issues from Australia, Western Europe, Africa, Eastern Europe (especially CTOs), the Middle East, and Asia.

A common way to dispose of these extras is to resell them in bulk lots.

But, there is an alternative that you may want to consider which can usually generate more revenue and profit than just selling them in bulk. Now many dealers and collectors may be taken aback by this, but selling your common duplicates to crafters can be a viable alternative. When you know that most of these stamps will never end up in a collector's album, why not put them to good use

I have been an on-line dealer for seven years now, but I only started selling to crafters about a year ago on Etsy.com.

This international site caters to crafters and lovers of hand-made items throughout the world. If you haven't already been there its worth checking out.

In the last 12 months I have received 66 orders totaling over US\$250 in sales on etsy.com from crafters all over the world. Now this may not be a king's ransom, but this is income generated by sales of material that would still be sitting in stock books, boxes and glassine envelopes otherwise.

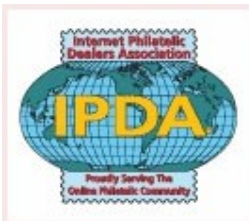
Of course, marketing to crafters is a bit different than marketing to collectors. They're usually not interested in things like centering, cancellation, absence of minor faults, etc. They are much more interested in a stamp's color, design, theme, and/or suitability for a particular project. They may want stamps with just birds or just purple stamps, etc. One should market to the craft community with this in mind. If you cannot bear the thought of used postage stamps being cut up and/or pasted onto picture frames or lamp bases or jewelry pieces, then you probably don't want to go this route.

I, personally, think this is a great way to help promote interest in stamps, and maybe get more people interested in our wonderful hobby. I hope you agree.



FEATURED ITEMS FROM JUSTOLDSTAMPS





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INVITATION TO ROCKY MOUNTAIN STAMP SHOW

For some of our US members maybe, or others ?

OMPEX will present our annual Rocky Mountain Stamp Show this May 15, 16, & 17, 2015 at the John Q Hammons Trade Center in the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Denver, Colorado.

Rocky Mountain Stamp Show is an APS "World Series of Philately" qualifying stamp show and features 40 national dealers, 10 specialty booths, and 340 frames of exhibits.

This year we are proud to host **The Philatelic Society For Greater Southern Africa**, the **West Africa Study Circle**, the **British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group**, **The Bermuda Collectors Society**, the **United States Possessions Philatelic Society**, and the International Cuban Philatelic Society. We also gladly welcome the **Colorado Postal History Society** and **Topical Philatelists In Colorado**.

In addition to philately, many of our show attendees are collectors of ephemera, including post cards, poster stamps, and cinderellas. We have a large contingent of folks interested in Western History and Railroading as well.

If You Would Like To Attend The Show: Please let me know if you would like a registration packet by mail.

Alternatively, all of the show information (including floor layout, booth pricing, and application forms) are available on our website: www.RockyMountainStampShow.com under the Bourse Information tab. Please contact me for a list of booths that are still available. Please send the application and deposit as soon as possible as booths are assigned by postmark date.

If You Can't Make It To The Show But Would Like To Place An Ad In The Program: Download the Advertising Packet from our website www.RockyMountainStampShow.com under the Bourse Information tab.

Please return the form with proper payment and provide ad copy in 300 dpi JPEG format via e-mail by April 17, 2015.



NEW ZELAND WATERMARKS

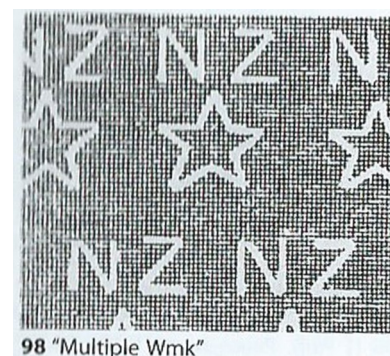
From your Editor.

Recently I started to get my New Zealand stock in some sort of order to list in my bidStart Store. Material I somehow accumulated while living in Australia, and some recent material I picked up at auction thinking it would make good stock material.

The difficulty for me is I am not well versed in the peculiarities of the watermark variations. On the face of it, it should be simple enough (no, not at all I think you may say?).

So here is a request. Anyone with knowledge and ability to show scans, able to write a piece helping me and perhaps others see the varieties easily? For example, how to correctly identify this when normal upright, inverted, inverted and reversed, sideways inverted, and the same for Single Watermark.

I look forward to hearing from you. Thanks... Michael





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FIRST DAY OF ISSUE: "70TH BIRTHDAY OF PRINCE HANS-ADAM II"



His Serene Highness Prince Hans-Adam II celebrated his 70th birthday on 14 February 2015 – an occasion to which tribute is being paid with a special sheetlet. This is, of course, not the first time that Liechtenstein's head of state is being immortalised on a postage stamp. Even his birth was celebrated with three stamps in 1945 and in the following decades the portrait of today's regent adorned Liechtenstein stamps on a regular basis. Below is a small selection of them with the New issue sheetlet shown bottom left.



AFDCS TAPS STARKWEATHER AS FIRST DAYS EDITOR

The American First Day Cover Society has chosen Albert W. Starkweather to be editor of *First Days*, its official journal, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. He begins with the March-April 2015 issue.

Starkweather is also the editor of the *Stamp Insider*, the free online journal of the Federation of New York Philatelic Societies, Inc., and *The Ceremonial*, journal of the American Ceremony Program Society (AFDCS Chapter 58). "I'm pleased a veteran philatelic editor like Al is joining us," said AFDCS President Lloyd de Vries. "I enjoyed working with him at *Stamps* magazine."

First Days is published six times a year, and is available to AFDCS members both online and printed. Its regular features include "First Cachets Update," "Question Box," and "Cover Exchange," free listings to facilitate trades, as well as feature articles.

Since the Editor is also an *ex officio* member of the AFDCS Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and Publications Committee, Starkweather becomes a member of those bodies.

The American First Day Cover Society is the world's largest not-for-profit organization dedicated to the collecting of FDCs.

For more information on the AFDCS, visit [Welcome to the American First Day Cover Society](http://www.afdcs.org) or write to the AFDCS, P.O. Box 16277, Tucson, Arizona 85732-6277, or e-mail afdcs@afdcs.org.



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THE CEYLON PROVISIONALS OF 1885

Editors Note: This lovely piece from Member Alex Green who replied to my request for articles. Thanks Alex, I hope we hear more from you as this is very interesting.

Alex Green is the southernmost member of the IPDA, he sells British Commonwealth stamps and covers on bidStart

The Ceylon Government Gazette of 20th February 1885 announced all obsolete stamps were to be de-monetized after 15th April 1885. Throughout 1885 some 36 different surcharges were released, not including watermark varieties, shades and errors. Prices range from a couple of dollars to well over \$10,000.

The volume of surcharges raised philatelic eyebrows at the time, and still raises questions today. Why were such a large number of surcharged stamps released over a short period of time?

In 1884 the Rupee was subject to depreciation in value. This further impacted on postal rates, which were rising anyway.

On 1st January 1885 the inland postage rate rose from 4 cents to 5 cents.

The postal authorities in Ceylon also evidently had difficulty forecasting future requirements for postage stamps, running low on current issues.

There was also a desire to use excess stocks of obsolete values. Furthermore, there were delays in the arrival of surcharged issues printed by De La Rue in London.

These were the factors combining to produce a dizzying array of surcharges, including some of the rarities of Ceylon philately.

As with most rare surcharges, the more valuable Ceylon Provisionals should not be bought without a certificate of one of the Expert Committees.

Stamps shown are top to bottom: SG 167; SG 186 and SG 190.



EPHERERAL TREASURES

Another piece from one of our Members who thought you might find this non member site interesting reading.

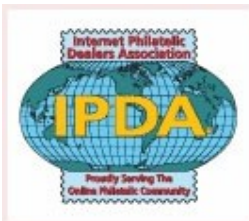


I collect stamps, postcards, and old envelopes (aka covers), postcards, baggage labels, and photographs. I've been a teacher, a journalist, a hospital corpsman, and a professional photographer. I've lived in 12 communities, four states, two Canadian provinces, and three countries (four if you count my tour of duty in South Vietnam).

In [Ephemeral Treasures](#), items from my collections illustrate stories about some of my experiences and some of my safer interests, including astronomy, military history, propeller-driven airliners, and chickens - yes, chickens! Often, the collectibles themselves are the story.

Please join me on my journey, and feel free to contact me by email.

Bob Ingraham at b.ingraham@me.com



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REQUEST FOR ARTICLES

Editors Note: Some of you may have read I regularly ask for members ideas for articles, or articles themselves. I did a promo on a few web sites early in February and here is one reply I received. Interesting group and certainly appears to be well supported by the membership. Just saying



Michael,

Saw your post on the StampCentral Yahooogroup. I am the editor of the 10-page monthly Mid-Cities Stamp Club "Stamping Around" newsletter. In addition to club related news, we usually have several philatelic articles (ranging from full page to just a paragraph or two). We generally don't mind if these articles are republished in another newsletter, as long as credit is given to the source (ie: Stamping Around).

So while I can't write anything new or specific for the IPDA at this point, feel free to use philatelic articles that I or other members of our club have written in the past.

You can find about 2 -3 years worth of Stamping Around issues as PDF files at my newsletter site at <http://mid-citiesstampclub.webs.com/newsletter.htm>, so you should easily be able to extract text and images. The images are of course compressed within the PDF file; I usually have the original image floating around my computer somewhere...

Regards,
Peter

And, in reply I offered Peter some IPDA articles – trying to promote IPDA to their members and this was his reply.

Michael,

Thanks for the offer for articles. **At this point, we receive enough articles from our members, but should I need some additional ones, I'll check into it.** What we try to do in the club is get members more involved in exhibiting or just writing about something that pertains to stamps. I started a series called "Been There – Done That" a few years ago, talking about places I've been to that were depicted on stamps and then a brief talk about what got me, why, anything interesting that happened etc. We show a scan of the stamp, and if possible, a picture taken at the time of the visit, preferably with the author in it. The way I look at it, this helps "personalize" collecting a bit more!



Stamping Around

Newsletter of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club

Arlington Meetings: First Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m.

Bob Duncan Community Center, Vandergriff Park

Irving Meetings: Third Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m.

Garden & Arts Center, 906 Senter

Lake Granbury Meetings: 4th Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.

Bentwater Activities Center (adjacent to Bentwater Marina)



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TRIVIA - DID YOU MISS THIS?

According to a Fengshui Master in HK

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This February won't come in our lifetime again. Because this February had 4 Sundays, 4 Mondays, 4 Tuesdays, 4 Wednesdays, 4 Thursdays, 4 Fridays and 4 Saturdays. This only happens once every 823 years. This is called money bags. . Based on Chinese Feng Shui. What were your sales like in February?

2015						FEBRUARY
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

AGM PROXY DETAILS

You may complete a proxy ballot on line or you may assign your proxy to someone who will be attending the AGM. A proxy assigned to someone who does not attend will not be counted.

Note on assigning a proxy, please be sure to inform the person holding your proxy of your voting preferences. Be sure to inform the secretary that you have assigned your proxy and to whom it was assigned. The proxy ballot will be available online at www.ipdastamps.org in the members' area. If you have lost your user id and/ or password, please contact either the webmaster or the membership secretary. I will send more details on how to access the Proxy online in the coming days or just visit the website [here](#)

CLOSING REMARKS

Do you like the new GB Bridge issue. Some lovely pictures as I see them. But ye gods! how many Bridges are there in the UK, (see [here](#) for details) and therefore new stamps, will we be seeing.

As always, I do welcome ideas for articles, or write ups from any of the exhibitions or philatelic events you attend, Apology for again repeating myself but it seems to be paying off!!!!

Best wishes.. Michael michaelatipda@gmail.com

