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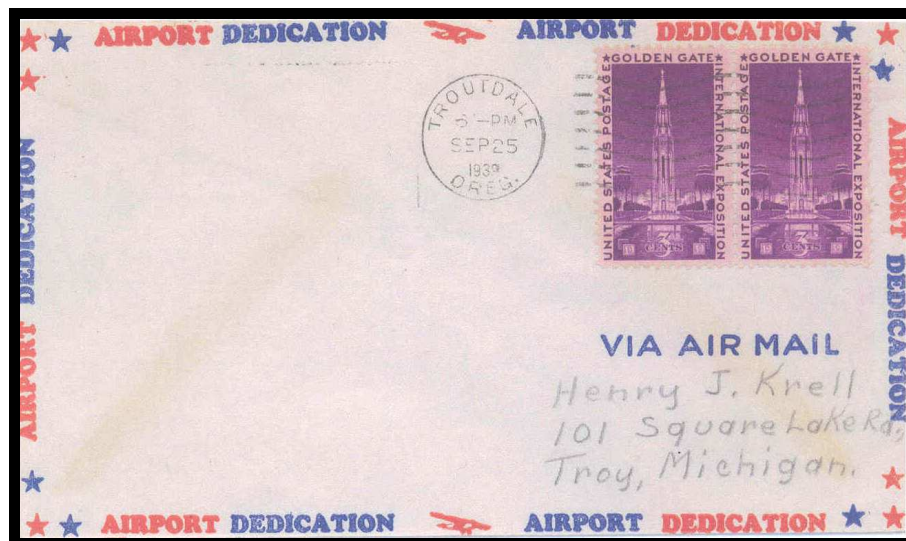
Our Annual Christmas Party

December 14, 2010

All Are Invited - Please Come and Join The Festivities

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The **Rose City Stamp Fair** is an official OSS function and is held at the OSS Building on the second Saturday of each month from 10 AM to 4 PM.

The **Stamp Collector's Corner** also is an official OSS Bourse, and is held on the fourth Saturday of each month from 10 AM to 4 PM.

Visitors Are Always Welcome

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Space Filler - A Holiday Precaution

There is apparently a very nasty bug or virus currently circulating. Our new OSS Treasury is now an Ex-OSS Treasurer. Rick Slaven resigned as of the end of October and submitted his last Treasurer's Report at the November Board Meeting.

At the 2nd Tuesday Regular Meeting our President Grant Babb announced his resignation, citing greatly expanded time requirements for his job at Intel. Albert Hanson will be our next President beginning in December. Grant was also the Collector's Corner Manager - his replacement has not been selected.

Though I am attempting to make light of the situation - we have opportunities available for members to become more active in the management of OSS activities. If you are interested in, or just want to know more about the VP, Treasurer or CC Manager positions, please speak with any Officer or Board Member.

Lundy Island Local Post

By Eric Hummel

The Lundy Island Local Post stamps are considered by many to be cinderellas. They do however have a long history of continuous use going back to 1929. In fact so does the Island. It is the largest island in the Bristol Channel, 12 miles west of Devon England. Lundy has evidence of visitation or occupation from the neolithic period onward. The name Lundy is believed to come from the Norse word for Puffin Island (Lundey - lundi=puffin and ey=island). Lundy was granted to the Knights Templar by King Henry II in 1160, but King John in 1199 reaffirmed an older grant of the Marisco Family. Over the centuries, the island has been owned or occupied by numerous interests, including Barbary Pirates in the 17th Century.

The first Post Office opened on the Island in 1887, though it may not have actually operated until 1892. In 1912 the MV



Complete set of 1962 Europa series

Lerina was put into service carrying mail between North Devon and the Island. In 1924/1925 the island along with the mail contract and the MV Lerina were sold to Martin Coles Harman, who proclaimed himself a king. The Island's Post Office was closed in 1927. Harman continued mail service to the Island via the MV Lerina free of charge for 2 years. The first Lundy stamps were issued November 1, 1929 to defray the cost of



4 Puffin (1954) MV Le-

incoming and outgoing mail service. A half million copies of each of the first stamps were printed; a half Puffin Pink and 1 Puffin Blue. The Lundy "Local Carriage Labels" continue to be issued, though the Island is no longer privately owned. It is now managed by the Landmark Trust.

Cover of The Month

A TROUTDALE AIRPORT DEDICATION??

By Len Lukens

The envelope pictured on the Front Page appears to be an airport dedication cover for the Troutdale, Oregon Airport for Sept. 25, 1939. I bought this cover in a lot at an auction from the Howard Mader collection. Besides collecting Oregon cancels, I also collect air mail. So after going through the Oregon material, I turned my attention to the Oregon air mail covers.

I went to my American Air Mail Catalogues and looked under airport dedications, but no Troutdale was listed for this 1939 cover. Next, I looked in my Airpost Journals for 1939 and found in the August issue a notice of upcoming airport dedications in Oregon. Listed were: Astoria Naval Base, St. Helens, Madras, & Troutdale. I then checked the Sept. 1939 issue but no news. Then in the Oct. issue, p. 11, there was a small write up: "Troutdale Ore. covers of Sept. 25 (or other dates) mean nothing. Mayor says no C. of C. [Chamber of Commerce] there and they are at a loss to know how an airport dedication rumor started. Could not answer all and mailed covers to get rid of them." So there's the story of an un-official airport dedication. Someday this will go into an Oregon airport exhibit.

There are two historic events that have happened at the Troutdale Airport. In 1948, when the Vanport flood (the Columbia River flooded) took place, it washed out the Portland Airport for six months. Salem's airport was used for a few months, and then Troutdale's airport was used before the Portland Airport could be used again. Another event happened at Troutdale that was noteworthy, a jet airliner landed. The pilot, thinking he was landing at Portland International, landed prematurely. The runway was a little short! Of course the pilot did not fly after that. To get the airplane over to the correct airport, it was drained of almost all its fuel, and everything that could be removed was, and then it was a short hop to Portland International, or PDX.

[Reprinted with permission from: Air Mail Northwest, vol. 28, no. 3, Sept. 2010, p. 2].

Steamship Andalusia

By Bob Burger

(as told to and augmented by the Editor)

First Issue US Revenue stamps provide an opportunity to collect unusual usages. A close look at the cancellations on these stamps can result in very interesting stories.



This R15 has a double ring date stamp from the "Steamship Andalusia" - March 3 1866. The use of a date stamp from an identifiable source greatly enhances the value of this otherwise minimum value stamp. Date stamps from merchant vessels are scarce, if not just outright rare. According to one source, the very small number of previously known types of cancels from Ships are "straight-line" rubber stamps of the vessels' name. This particular ship was formerly a US Navy vessel during the

Civil War - The USS Iuka. US Navy ships did not have on-board post offices until 1908, so this is a very collectible item from several view points.

The following narrative is a compilation from several on-line resources (US Department of the Navy - Naval Historical Center, the Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships - DANFS and The New York Times).

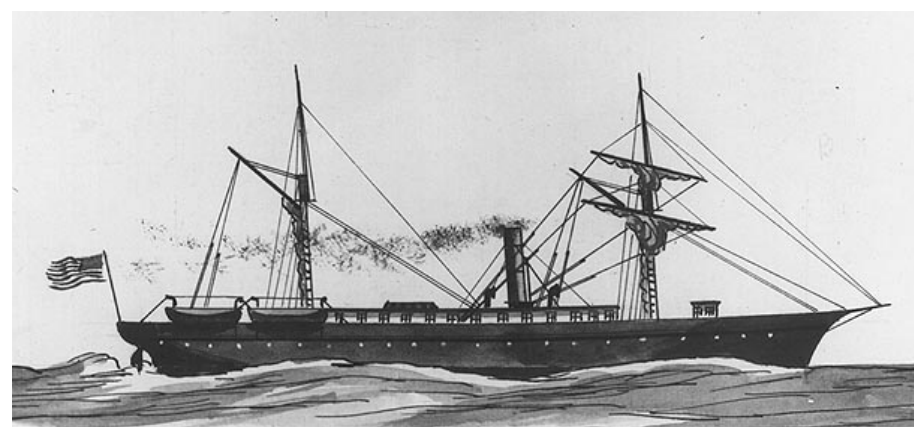
The Andalusia, a 944-ton (burden) wooden screw steamship, was built in 1864 at Fairhaven, Connecticut, as the commercial steamer Commodore. Purchased by the U.S. Navy upon completion, 8 March 1864 from George Griswold of New York, she was placed in commission as USS Iuka 23 May 1864. For the rest of the Civil War she was part of the East Gulf Blockading Squadron and operated in the Gulf of Mexico off Western Florida.

Among her activities were escorting a captured steamer north in October 1864 and participation in an expedition to St. Mark's, Florida, in February and March 1865. On 31 March 1865 she captured the English schooner *Comus* sailing from Saint Mark's, Fla., to Havana with a cargo of contraband cotton.

In June 1865 the USS Iuka was sent to Boston, Massachusetts. She decommissioned there June 22nd and was sold at public auction to Arthur Leary August 1, 1865. She was renamed Andalusia by her new civilian owners. She was employed in merchant service until being destroyed by fire off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, on 3 March 1867.

The Steamship Manhattan rescued 35 of the Crew and Passengers and delivered them to Charleston SC. Four passengers and 8 crewmen were lost. The ship was carrying a full cargo, partially insured. Among the items was a hose carriage "'Presented by the New-York Firemen's Association to Independence Engine Company of Columbia, S.C., February 1867.' The carriage was silver-plated, beautifully painted, polished and decorated. Forward of the hose reel was a chime of silver bells" The carriage was built by Siceles of New York City and cost \$3000. According to the Chief Engineer of the Andalusia the fire started in the "thantship coal bunker" just forward of the ship's boiler.

Photo #NH 63863 SS Andalusia
which was the US Navy Warship USS Iuka in 1864-5.
Artwork by Erik Heyl



1864 Harpers Ill. Wkly.

ANDALUSIA

A. Leary

Program Notes

By Caroline and Steve Brandt

OSS Tuesday Night Meeting Program 11/09/2010

Oregon Postal History

by Bill White

Bill White has a passion for Oregon Postal History, specifically of Clackamas County, photography, and artistic cover designs. He has photographed sites to complement covers with Photostamps and commissioned a special artist, Judith Fogt to design cachets that allow him to have one-of-a-kind covers. Bill encouraged his children to buy post cards of places they visited on vacation; then go to the area post offices for the postmark. He also prepares covers for the children when he goes on special event treks. In 1993, Bill traveled from The Dalles to Oregon City following the historic Barlow Road to get cancellations of the Oregon Trail stamp from post offices along the route. Calling ahead, Bill even convinced the last Post Office on the route to stay open a little past closing time to allow him to complete the project.



Handpainted FDC by Judith Fogt. Sc. #3854 (Sheet stamp) with FDOI hand stamp cancellation and Sc. #3855-6 (2 stamps from the 32 page prestige booklet) with Fort Clatsop Station Pictorial Handstamp cancellation and an Astoria CDS.

During the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial 2004-6, Bill followed their route along the Columbia River obtaining cancellations at several Post Offices, & attended ceremonies at Fort Clatsop and Cape Disappointment. Even traveling to St. Louis, Missouri for the last cancellation.



Handpainted cover by Judith Fogt with Photostamp showing Pillar Rock in the Columbia River. November 7, 2005 Rosburg WA pictorial cancellation.

Bill photographed Pillar Rock to use with the cachets for some of the 15 designs for Astoria and Seaside by the artist, Judith Fogt. She completed the final 2006 cover art in 2010. Her designs were thoroughly researched and beautifully composed. Bill's presentation included a 40 page display with 52 covers (21 with photostamps) all with Special Pictorial Cancellations for Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Celebrations from May 14 2004 to September 23 2006. He also distributed several pages of information on the artist Judith Fogt; an August 2007 article in the East County Gazette about him as the Brightwood historian; the November 17th U.S. Mint issue of the Mount Hood National Forest quarter dollar coin at the World Forestry Center; special Bulls-eye cancel at the downtown Portland P.O. & other cancellations at the Mount Hood P.O. for the coin's First Day.

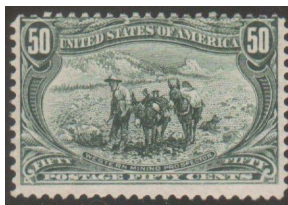
Bill has a wish list for the last two of the 126 Post Offices of Clackamas County (now 26 exist). He is looking for cancellations from Pompeii (now Government Camp) and Univilla (near Corbett).

OSS Auction Preview

In addition to a dizzying array of US and Foreign covers from almost every country a person could mention, the auction will include a number of large and small country collections. World Wide collections of more than 10,000 stamps will also be available.



US Sc. #2468 Strip of 5, Plate #1, MNH, FVF+



Sc. #291, Unused, No Gum, Average centering, no faults.



#238 - 15c Columbian F-VF, Sound Example

There will also be a selection of better US and Foreign singles and sets. A few of which are illustrated here. Since we are still working on the lotting of consignments, other items are certain to surface.



Canada Sc. #C2 Blok of 4, FVF, Top 2 - LH, Bottom 2 MNH

Great Britain
Sc. #173a De La Rue Prtg.
Sc. #222 Waterlow Prtg.
Both VF, used.



DDR Sc. #144a Perf AND Imperf
Souvenir Sheets
MNH (Image reduced about 50%)

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Striking First Issue Revenue Coincidence

By Paul Malan

The First Issue of U.S. revenue stamps is my specialty. I've collected it intensively for more than 30 years. Thus, I have the major varieties almost complete (major varieties being defined as ending with a lower case "c", which refers to those stamps which are printed on old paper and perforated all around), as well as considerable depth of material, particularly cancellations.

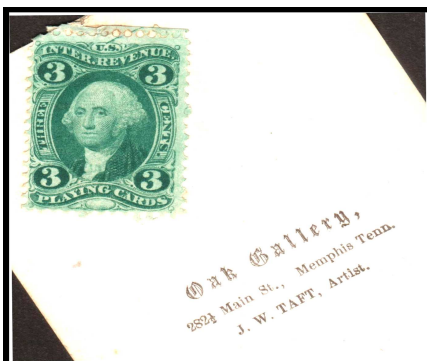
Approximately 15-25 years ago I somehow acquired 2 examples of R17c, the 3 cent green stamp originally intended to facilitate paying the tax on playing cards. Both stamps are illustrated. One has been



R17c with MS cancel:
B B 8/13/64

soaked and the other is still affixed to the back of a photograph. Since this is a rather scarce stamp, currently cataloging \$150, its a little surprising that I bought two of them. I suppose that, as often happens, I had forgotten about the first one when the opportunity to purchase the second one came along. Or maybe the second one was priced so low that I couldn't say no.

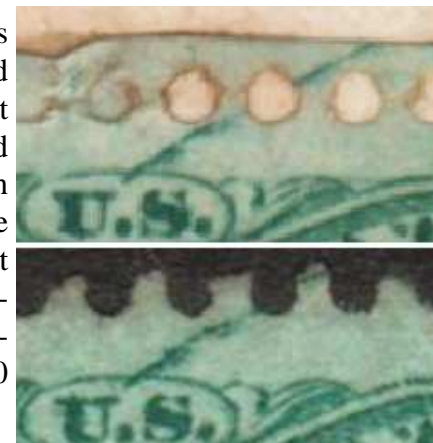
What's odd about these stamps is



R17c on the reverse of a cabinet card photograph of an unidentified Southern Gentleman in the photographer J. W. Taft's Oak Gallery. Memphis Tennessee.

that each of them has an extraneous line starting at the top center and extending up and to the right for at least 4-5 mm. This extra line could only come from a crack or scratch in the printing plate. And since the lines are almost identical, they must have come from the same plate position. This represents quite a coincidence, since the plate contained 170 subjects.

What makes the situation even odder is the fact that the Scott Catalogue doesn't list a cracked plate or a scratched plate for R17. It seems incredible that such an obvious printing variety could have existed for almost 150 years without being brought to the attention of the editors at Scott. Could it be that the two copies which I possess are the only ones which still exist? I doubt it. I suppose that eventually I will need to do my philatelic duty and submit both stamps for expertising.



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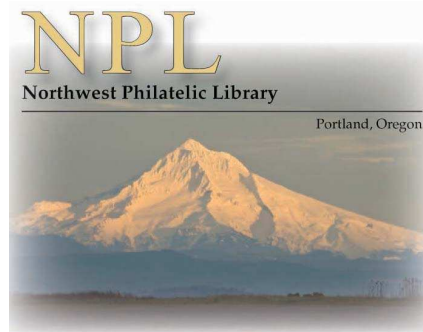
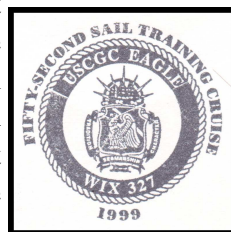
The US Coast Guard Cutter Eagle, Aquarium Fish FDC and The Portland Rose Festival

By Eric Hummel

In the late 1990s I produced a limited number of First Day Covers for National Release Issues (ie. stamps that were sold nation-wide on the First Day of Issue). First Day Covers are *philatelic contrivances* by just about any definition, but nation-wide releases provide an opportunity to create colorful modern postal history.



On June 24th 1999 the USCGC Eagle on its 52nd Sail Training Cruise visited Portland during the Rose Festival. The Post Office also had the national release of the Aquarium Fish se-tenent issue (Sc. #3317-20) on that day. With a little advance planning I was able to take a tour of the ship and have the ship's crest applied to the reverse of 10 covers. Then to the Portland Postique to purchase the new Aquarium Fish stamps, affixing a strip of 4 to each cover and having them postmarked with the Portland Paquebot cancel. Technically perhaps not a 100% correct use of the cancel - but close enough since the cover did actually come from the ship. The text, ship's crest and drawing of the ship were added by computer. Philatelic souvenir to be sure, but a nice result to a sunny day on a Tall Ship during Rose Festival.



BOOK REPORTS

November-December 2010
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POSTAL HISTORY FOUNDATION SWAP

NPL and the Postal History Foundation of Tucson, Arizona have recently completed a swap of duplicate book titles, whereby NPL acquired 27 new titles for its Collection. **Charlotte Cushman**, Librarian/Archivist at the PHF was most helpful in getting this transaction done. The two philatelic libraries had previously, on several occasions, sent each other duplicate issues of periodicals in exchange for reimbursed postage and this naturally led to bigger scale transactions.

By virtue of this exchange, NPL acquired a number of items that fit nicely into its existing holdings, particularly filling in serialized publications like early ATA handbooks and AAMS air mail catalogs.

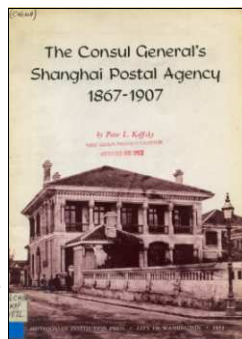
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The November-December issue of Northwest Philatelic Library's *Book Reports* is available on the NPL website www.nwpl.org. Be sure to read "Seal Collecting as Part of the Philatelic Hobby" by noted seal specialist George Painter, and much more. You may sign up for personal electronic delivery of future issues of Book Reports. Just email a request to us at nwpl@qwestoffice.net.

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Upcoming OSS Events

2nd Tuesday - December 14th Christmas Party. Pot Luck Affair. Set up begins at 5 PM. Dinner at 6:30. OSS will provide Coffee and other beverages. Everyone is encouraged to bring a "dish" of their choice. Family and friends are invited - ***The More The Merrier!!!***

4th Tuesday - December 28th NO MEETING THIS MONTH

**Just in case you were wondering =>
 there will be no Collector's Corner in December**

Events Around Town

Westside Stamp Club: First Monday of each month - 1 PM @ Tigard Senior Center. —**December 6th**

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