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The HPS doesn't send out an extra mailing to collect our annual dues. Instead, we use the opportunity to post this reminder notice in the First Quarter newsletter each year to ask you to pay your dues.

Dues are \$7 for an individual membership or \$10 for a family. You may pay by contacting secretary Larry Ballantyne at one of our January Monday night meetings or you can mail a check to him at:

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Sam Houston Philatelics has a Stamp Position Open

Sam Houston Philatelics has need of an individual or two to assist in their growing auctions, retail and mail sales. Applicants must be bondable. Interested individuals should call Bob Dumaine at 281-493-6386.



Rudolph Computer- Vended Postage Label

Shown above is a scan of the Rudolph computer-vended postage label made available at selected larger United States post offices starting Nov. 6. This label came in on a Christmas card posted in Atlanta.

The Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer postage complements the forever stamp issue that also debuted Nov. 6.

Linn's Stamp News reports that the Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer postage label is the fifth multicolor design created for use in the self-service kiosks. The first two color postage labels featured holiday designs and the third and fourth depicted Spider-Man and the American flag, respectively.

Since our brother-in-law Dan and his wife Michelle sent the card, this is a rare instance of the in-laws supporting our pursuit of the hobby.

**Houston Philatelic Web Site: [http://
www.houstonstampclub.org/](http://www.houstonstampclub.org/)**

Upcoming Philatelic Shows & Bourses

January 30-31, 2015

Houston TSDA Bourse. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 7611 Katy Freeway (I-10 West, south side feeder road.) Bourse hours are 10-5 on Friday and 9-4 on Saturday. Web site: www.tsdastamps.com.

Feb. 27 - March 1, 2015

TEXPEX 2015. The 3-day show is Texas' APS World Series of Philately show and will be held at The Hilton DFW Lakes Executive Conference Center hotel, 1800 Hwy. 26 E, Grapevine, TX 76051. The facility is next to the popular Grapevine Mills Mall and numerous restaurants and retail stores. It serves as the annual meeting for the Texas Philatelic Association. TEXPEX will also host a meeting of the Texas Postal History Society. Admission is free. There will be a full compliment of dealers and exhibits. HPS will have a frame in the Texas Shoot-Out club competition, where 15 of our members will each show a single exhibit page.

May 29-30, 2015

Houston TSDA Bourse. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 7611 Katy Freeway (I-10 West, south side feeder road.) Bourse hours are 10-5 on Friday and 9-4 on Saturday. Web site: www.tsdastamps.com.

June 19-20, 2015

Okpex 2015. Okpex is an APS World Series of Philately 2-day show. The venue is the Reed Conference Center, 5800 Will Rogers Road, Midwest City, Oklahoma. The zip code is 73110. Hours are Friday, 10-6 and Saturday 9-4.

July 31 — August 1, 2015

Houston TSDA Bourse. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 7611 Katy Freeway (I-10 West, south side feeder road.) Bourse hours are 10-5 on Friday and 9-4 on Saturday. Web site: www.tsdastamps.com.

September 18-20, 2015

Greater Houston Stamp Show. Humble Civic center, 8233 Will Clayton Pkwy, Humble, TX. Stay tuned for all the details on our own HPS show.

Upcoming Meetings

January 5 ...

Power Point Primer

Bryant Korn will lead a teaching session on how to make stamp slide shows as many of us have done for program nights using Microsoft's Office PowerPoint software. Anyone with experience is invited to add comments and suggestions.

January 19 ...

Review of HPS Texpex Shoot-out 1-Page Exhibits

Fifteen HPS members are scheduled to create single page exhibits to combine into the HPS single frame exhibit in the Shootout at the Texpex show in Grapevine. We will get a preview of these pages at this meeting.

February 2 ...

Quarterly Called Floor Auction

Members are invited to bring up to three lots for sale at the auction. Please see the web site for an auction page and prepare one for each of the lots you wish to sell. Come with some cash and plan on purchasing several bargains to enhance your collection.

February 16 ...

The 30¢ Buffalo Stamps of 1923-39

Jay Stotts will provide an in depth look at the 30¢ flat plate and rotary press printed Buffalo stamps of the Fourth Bureau Issue including archival material, production studies, plate varieties and commercial usages.

March 2 ...

Italian Social Republic

HPS member Tom Herbert will present a program on this interesting area of Italian philately.

March 16 ...

Indonesia's Indigenous Peoples

Bryant Korn, who spent several years overseas professionally in Indonesia will present details on the county's native population.

April 6 ...

Quarterly Called Floor Auction

Members are invited to bring up to three lots for sale at the auction.

HPS to Compete in Texpex Stamp Club Shoot-out.

The Texpex Foundation, hosts of Texpex, the APS World Series of Philately show held in Grapevine Feb 27 to March 1, has announced a single frame exhibit competition between Texas area clubs.

The competition will allow each participating stamp club to put together a single frame, 16 page exhibit consisting of individual one page exhibits. In the best scenario each page will be prepared by a different club member and that is what HPS will do. We will have 15 different members create a single page exhibit and we will have a title page as well.

The winning club will get a substantial prize, their choice of a full set of 2015 Scott Catalogs, Volumes 1-6 or a fine copy of U.S. Scott number 1, the 1847 5¢ stamp.

Judging will follow the following criteria:

- 35% Philatelic Fun
- 35% Philatelic Enjoyment
- 30% Philatelic Excitement
- 0% APS Judging Rules

The judges will not be the APS judges that are evaluating the Texpex open exhibiting competition.

John Germann, President of the Texas Philatelic Association and Vice President of the HPS is the contest coordinator for Texpex. He has also served as the coordinator of our HPS entry in the contest, soliciting our participation, etc.

At last report, there will be at least 8 different Texas area clubs participating in the contest, but a complete list was not available prior to our publication date.

The page at the right is the one Bryant Korn has prepared for our entry. The list of HPS entries is also provided at the right.

During our January 19 club meeting program, we will review the various pages members have prepared for the competition.

Good Luck HPS.

The 1894 Waterlow Postage Due Stamps of Liberia The First Liberian Definitive Postage Due Stamps



Die Proof #1711. Thick Paper (.0043 in.)
Engraved by Bain. Given out 16-11-93.

Only two small black die proofs were made, one for reference and one as the printer's working set. The small black die proof above is from the printer's working set, damaged by water in WW2.

A complete set of Die Proof Color Trials are known, consisting of two colors per value on a variety of colored paper.

Postage Due inverts are rare. Only one stamp is known of the 2c invert, making this the only documented complete set.



Die Proof Color Trial. Perf 15, Gummed.
Embossed 1711 on reverse.



Issued Stamps, Perf 15, Gummed.



2c ex-Cunliffe Inverted, Perf 15, Gummed. 4c-40c ex-Shoemaker



Imperforate, Gummed.

Single page that Bryant Korn has prepared for the HPS entry.

HPS Exhibitors in the Texpex Shootout Competition.

John Germann – "Private Frank Farrell, Where Are You?"

Jonathan Topper – "Bigfoot Exists: Right Here in Texas"

Stan Katz – "Venezuela – What Were They Thinking?"

Rich Bajenski – "Russian Zemstvo Key-Plates – Changeable Elements"

Mort Levy – "Synagogues of the Western Hemisphere"

Bryant Korn – "The 1894 Waterlow Postage Due Stamps of Liberia"

Brad Horton – "The First U.S. Postal Money Orders"

Ron Strawser – "Belgian Congo View Cards"

Ralph Chaiet – "The Ireland – United States Philatelic Connection"

Denise Stotts – "The U.S. Lace Stamp of 1987 – Going, Going, Gone"

Ardy Callender – "The First Crash Cover"

David Willig – "Green Postal Markings of the Large Bank Note Period (1870-1890)"

Clayton Finney – Something Arkansas-ish (final title not available at press time)

Jay Stotts – "Buck, Our Great White Hunter"

Gerald Klingbeil – "Harding Memorial Issue"

Spanish Shipping Cancellation on a Liberian Cover

By Bryant E Korn

The following cover is interesting, and not very common. It is an oversized envelope sent to a “Court Attorney and Professor of Public Instruction” on the Island of Fernando Po (now known as Bioko) off the coast of Cameroon, West Africa. It has 25c postage franked with a 1906 1c, two 1909 2c, and a 1912 10c definitive and 10c official stamp. But, it is cancelled by the Spanish shipping company with a hand stamp “COMPANIA TRASATLANTICA VAPOR CIUDAD DE CADIZ” (Transatlantic Steam Company City of Cadiz). The cover is not dated, but was probably sent between 1912 and the start of WW1 in West Africa. The Spanish ship likely stopped in Liberia and picked up the letter on its way to Fernando Po.

Cadiz is a large Atlantic port in south-western Spain. Cádiz is the oldest continuously-inhabited city in Spain, one of the oldest in south-western Europe and has been the principal home port of the Spanish Navy. Fernando Po was discovered by the Portuguese navigator in 1472 and was colonized the Portuguese, Spanish, British and finally the Spanish (again) in 1843 (Wikipedia). Fernando Po was instrumental in helping stop the slave trade during British rule at the time Liberia was being settled.



This Whole 'Pershing Thing'

By Jay Stotts

If you are a general U.S. collector and were active just three years ago, you probably had a copy of the 1961 General John J. Pershing 8¢ residing “where it belonged” smack in the middle of an album page featuring the 1954 Liberty Series definitives.

And we'll bet that today, that page is still intact because, as former Scott Catalogue editor Jim Kloetzel says “You have no idea how much the general collector hates catalogue number changes.”

Three years ago the Pershing stamp was assigned catalogue number 1042A, sandwiched in the middle of the Liberty series number block. But now (as of a front page article in the October 1, 2012 *Linn's Stamp News*) it is Scott number 1214 and belongs on a page with the 1¢ Andrew Jackson sheet stamp of 1963 (Scott no. 1209) and the 5¢ George Washington sheet stamp of 1962 (Scott no. 1213).

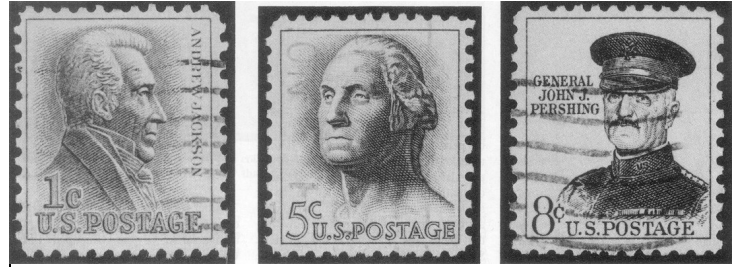
The 50 year story of the Pershing stamp as a Liberty Series mainstay and its recent move to the so-called “Sixth-and-a-Half Bureau Issue” is an interesting one and we hope you will enjoy it.

The Liberty Issue specialists have never accepted the Pershing stamp as a part of their issue. And they have pushed the editors of the Scott Specialized Catalogue since the 1970's and 1980's to remove the Pershing from the Liberty grouping.

Bill Dunn of Colorado, a former president of the Bureau Issues Association and an stalwart of the BIA's Liberty Series Study Group was very vocal about removing the Pershing stamp from the listing in Scott.

In the November, 1991 issue of the APS' journal, *The American Philatelist*, author Ken Lawrence could a similar stand and offered a very convincing argument for grouping the Pershing, Jackson and Washington stamps.

He titled his article “The Sixth-and-a Half Bureau Issued” based on the fact that the Liberty Series was the Bureau of Engraving and Printing's Sixth definitive issue, occasionally referred to as The Sixth Bu-



reau Issue and the 1965 regular issue which is referred to as The Prominent Americans Issue or The Seventh Bureau Issue.

The photograph at the top of this article is the same photograph that Lawrence led his article off with. He used it to illustrate the similar design style - the single lined frame and simplified vignette that characterizes all three.

In a December 13, 1999 *Linn's Stamp News* article, Rob Haeseler, a staff member, shared correspondence between Dunn and Kloetzel on the subject.

Kloetzel referred to the issue as “this whole ‘Pershing Thing’”, thus the title of this article. He went on to say: “On the issue of Scott 1042A, it is likely that you are correct, but at this point it would probably be easier for specialists in the Liberty issue simply to ignore this stamp if they want to, rather than to try to convince generations of general collectors that they have to remount two pages of their collection due to another Scott number change.

Linn's editor Michael Schreiber, in his Open Album column in the paper's November 5, 2007 issue, addressed the issue again. Beginning with the 2008 edition of the Scott Specialized Catalogue, he reported that Scott would add the note “Many collectors do not consider No. 1042A to be part of the Liberty issue. Instead, they prefer to group it with Nos. 1209 and 1213.”

He goes on to discuss the issue at length, but concludes “The inclusion of this new note should satisfy most grumblings about where Scott places the Pershing stamp. According to Kloetzel, however, Scott will not be renumbering the Pershing Stamp.”

Five years later, the headline of the October 1, 2012 *Linn's*, under the byline of Charles 'Chad' Snee, announced, finally, a change of heart by the editor of the Scott Specialized Catalogue. The headlines, shown in the illustration on page 6, and the

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ensuing article admit “However, there are times when changing a Scott number is the correct and logical course of action.”

He goes on to explain that the Pershing stamp was being changed from No. 1042A to No. 1214 and the stamp was finally to be grouped with the Jackson and Washington stamps starting with the 2013 edition of the catalogue.”

Snee concludes his article: “Five years later, the Scott editors revisited this bone of contention. After some discussions with Liberty-series specialists, it became evermore clear that continuing to list the 8¢ Pershing stamp with the

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Pershing stamp moved out of Liberty series, assigned catalog number within 1961 series

By Charles Snee
Once a stamp is assigned a Scott catalog number, it is rare for that number to be changed. Among other things, doing so means having to make changes to other listings, along with changes to album pages. Such changes do not sit well with most collectors.

GENERAL JOHN J. PERSHING

merly No. 1042A, is now included with the regular issue of 1961-66. See No. 1214.”
For many years, a vocal group of collectors and specialists argued that the Pershing stamp did not belong with the Liberty series. Its design characteristics did not fit those of the other Liberty

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Buy/Sell/Trade: Texas Postal History. Email John Germann at jghist@comcast.net or phone 281-493-3938.

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