

DRIFTWOOD



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Newsletters of the Long Beach Stamp Club published almost every month throughout the year. Meetings are usually on the first, third, and sometimes fifth Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of **MILLIKAN HIGH SCHOOL, 2800 SNOWDEN AVENUE, IN LONG BEACH, CA**. Visitors are always welcome. Address dues, payments, and correspondence to the Club at Box 90042, Long Beach, CA 90809-0042 or our website www.LongBeachStampClub.com.

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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

ALL meeting dates include a combination auction and bid board. Scheduled meetings are as follows:

2012

FEBRUARY 7 & 21	MARCH 6 & 20
APRIL 3 & 17	MAY 1 & 15
JUNE 5	

MEETING SCHEDULES FOR:
JULY, AUGUST, AND
SEPTEMBER, TBA.

STEVE'S QUALITY STAMP SHOW

STEVE'S QUALITY STAMP SHOW this month will be held on February 26, 2012 at the Anaheim Plaza Hotel, 1700 South Harbor Blvd., Anaheim, CA 92802. Hours are 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Parking is free.

ORCOEXPO

ORCOEXPO stamp show will be held on February 3-5, 2012 at the Embassy Suites-South, located at 11767 Harbor Blvd, In Garden Grove, CA.

LOBEX STAMP EXPO

LOBEX STAMP EXPO will be held on February 2-4, 2012 at the Long Beach Convention Center.

Due to the conflicting dates of both the ORCOEXPO stamp show and LOBEX [WE NEED VOLUNTEERS](#) to help at ORCOEXPO in February 2012. All those willing to help please contact: Joe Miller and Lloyd Baumann.

INSTALLATION DINNER

THIS year's dinner was a great success and all who attended had a wonderful time. We all sang Happy Birthday to Beryl along with the Song Works quartet.

The Club would like to thank A.J. Manker for making it possible for the Song Works Quartet to honor us with songs and humor during the evening.

Raffle prizes for this year's Installation Dinner are as follows:

- 1st Prize – Doreen Baumann
- 2nd Prize – Ed Nelson
- 3rd Prize – Nicholas Braun

Gift certificates can be redeemed from Coast Philatelics, 1113 Baker Street, Costa Mesa, CA 92626. Phone: (714) 545-1791. When calling, ask for Bob Chisholm.

Congratulations to all our winners!

STAMP QUIZ WINNERS FOR 2011

OUR winners for answering the most correct stamp quizzes for 2011 are as follows:

- 1st Prize: Martin Jadus
- 2nd Prize: Paul Tongsy
- 3rd Prize: Beryl Norris & Ed Nelson

We would like to congratulate the winners on participating in these quizzes and answering the questions correctly.

STAMP QUIZ FOR FEBRUARY

CAN you name the CITY that grew to become the cornerstone of America's heartland? Who is the person who created this city? What year was it created? What is the Scott number of the stamp honoring this person.

If you think you know the answer; please send it to the Club's P.O. Box or you can e-mail your answer to leb_dorbaumann1@verizon.net. {Answers must be received on the Saturday preceding the first meeting of the month.}

STAMP OF THE MONTH

UNITED STATES — On March 26, 1952 the U.S. issued an attractive 80¢ airmail stamp showing Diamond Head in Honolulu (Scott C46). The design shows the extinct volcano framed by palm trees with a multi-engine airplane flying low over the water.

Collecting full mint panes of modern U.S. stamps is growing in popularity. The full pane of 50, 80¢ Diamond Head airmail stamp is in strong demand.

The Scott *Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps and Covers* values a mint single at \$5, so the catalog value for the 50 stamps in a pane is \$250. Panes are currently selling for up to \$300.

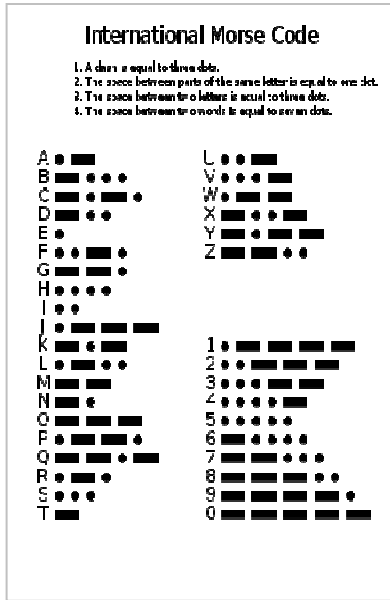
Grade and condition are just as important when buying full panes as when buying a single stamp. Make sure that all of the stamps in the pane have full undisturbed gum and all stamps are at least very fine.

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'WHAT HATH GOD WROUGHT?'

FROM the Supreme Court's chamber in Washington D.C., Samuel F.B. Morse sends the biblical message, "What hath God wrought?" over an experimental telegraph line. Albert Vail, Morse's assistant stationed at Baltimore's Mt. Clare Depot, receives the historic message and deciphers toe code of dots and dashes. By 1861 Western Union had completed its transcontinental telegraph line and the instant-communication technology that is Morse Code becomes crucial in the American Civil War.



ANSWERS TO JANUARY'S STAMP QUIZ

OKAY, we admit to a bit of a trick question, but HESSE was in fact a state at the time, albeit in Germany rather than the U.S.A.

Hessian soldiers were mercenaries hired by the British government to help dampen the enthusiasm of American revolutionaries. The horseman of Washington Irving's supernatural tale was reputed to be "the ghost of a Hessian trooper, whose head had been carried away by a cannon-ball, in some nameless battle during the Revolutionary War, and who is ever and anon seen by the country folk hurrying along in the gloom of night, as if on the wings of the wind."

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

BEN BERRY GEORGE FRANZEN JANET D'AGOSTINO
GEORGE RINDFLEISCH LEE JENSEN RODGER DUBBS
FRED KUNTZ STEVE RADELL GEORGE ZIMMERMAN, JR.

ANNUAL DUES

JUST a friendly reminder – membership dues of \$10 are DUE AND PAYABLE by the end of January. Members will be delinquent after January, and will be dropped from the newsletter mailing list.