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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:

2011

APRIL 19TH

MAY 3RD, 17TH

JUNE 7TH, 21ST

NEW MEMBER

THE members of the Long Beach Stamp Club would like to welcome Paul Tongay as our newest stamp Club member!

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

JUDY TOY was our March 1st winner for \$15. There was no drawing at our meeting on the 15th.

STEVE'S QUALITY STAMP SHOW

THERE is a change of venue for this stamp show starting April 17, 2011. Show will be held at the Anaheim Plaza Hotel, 1700 South Harbor Blvd., Anaheim, CA 92802. Hours are 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Parking is free.

WHITE ELEPHANT FUNDRAISER

WE had a good turnout for our second White Elephant Fundraiser.

DATE LOCATION CHANGE ON STAMPS

EFFECTIVE in 2010 the placement of each year's stamp date begins a rotation placement. For example in 2010 the date is located on the top right, and for 2011 on the top left. In 2012 the date will be placed in another corner of the stamp. This rotation will change every year for eight years and then start over again for another eight years.

STAMP OF THE MONTH

AUSTRIA — A 1918 unissued set of Emperor Karl I military stamps (Scott M69-82) is one of the most elusive sets from the period.

The set was produced in the closing days of World War I, but the stamps were not shipped to military post offices prior to Austro-Hungary's surrender and the signing of the armistice. They were placed on sale at the Vienna post office (where they were not valid for postage) for a few days prior to Nov. 11, 1918.

Scott Classic Specialized Catalogue of Stamps and Covers 1840-1940 values a set in unused hinged condition at \$434.65. The set is well worth that price if you see it offered.

ANSWERS TO MARCH STAMP QUIZ

1. (b) Robert E. Lee — Scott Catalog 1049
2. (b) August 2nd — Scott Catalog 120
3. (c) Breed's Hill — Scott Catalog 1564
4. (d) Benedict Arnold — no stamp

TAGGING

THE application of taggant to stamps began in the mid sixties. The purpose is to allow automatic cancelling machines to locate the stamp on the envelope and apply a cancel. The substance “glows” under the ultraviolet light of the cancelling machine.

Over the years many different types of tagging have been used. Now nearly all stamps have some form of taggant applied save a few one and two cent values. There is some difference in the value of stamps with various types of tagging. At the beginning of its use, taggant was not applied to all stamps of every issue, thus you can see that Scott 1276 untagged has a value of .40¢ while the tagged variety has a Scot value of \$5.50.

There are now many different methods of tagging. Large block tagging covers most of the surface of the stamp; small block might have just a spot on the stamp, overall usually covers the stamp the area between stamps and the selvage, and pre-phosphoric paper normally covers the entire stamp and margin.

There are significant differences in value of stamps with various different taggant applied but many albums do not provide a spot for the different varieties. For a collector to determine if he has a tagged stamp he would need an ultraviolet lamp.

STAMP QUIZ FOR APRIL

HERE is a short lesson on American history that all who participate should get all the answers correct.

- a. In what year was George Washington elected President?
- b. How many terms did George Washington serve?
- c. How many terms did people want him to serve?
- d. How many Supreme Court justices did George Washington approve?
- e. In what year was George Washington born?

If you think you know the answer; please send it to the Club's P.O. Box or you can email your answer to leb_dorbaumann1@verizon.net — (the answer must be received on the Saturday preceding the first meeting of the month.

THE PRINCIPALITY OF ANDORRA

ACCORDING to tradition, Charlemagne granted the Valleys of Andorra a charter in 778 A.D out of gratitude for the assistance the people had given him in his fight against the Moors.

Those temporal rights retained by Charlemagne were ceded to the Count of Castelbo, while the Bishop of Urgel was guardian of Andorra's religious welfare in a medieval paréage, or co-sovereignty arrangement. In later years, when the daughter of the Count married the Count de Foix of France, Andorra was included in her dowry. Concerned for the souls of his parishioners under their new French ruler, and perhaps anxious over the potential diminution of his diocese, the Bishop objected.

Nearly two centuries later, in 1278, a formal agreement finally resolved the dispute by making them “co-princes” of Andorra. In 1607 King Henry IV of France, who had inherited Andorra, agreed to retain the co-principality. Following the French Revolution (1789-99), the position of co-head of state of Andorra passed to the President of France — a position he shares with the Bishop of Urgel this day.



BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL

Steve Pattillo	Donald Peterson	
John Olsson	Ed Nelson	
Joe Miller	Steve Feig	Robert Bremer

A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

“I never before knew the full value of trees.
Under them I breakfast, dine, write, read
and receive my company.”

— Thomas Jefferson