

# 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](http://www.LongBeachStampClub.com).

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## SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

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

### 2011

FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 15<sup>TH</sup>                      MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>, 15<sup>TH</sup>  
 APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>, 19<sup>TH</sup>  
 MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 17<sup>TH</sup>  
 JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>, 21<sup>ST</sup>

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ben Berry	George Franzen	Janet D'Agostino
Lee Jensen	Fred Kuntz	Steve Radell
Roger Dubbs	George Zimmerman, Jr.	

## RAFFLE WINNERS

**T**HE winners of our annual raffle drawing at this year's Installation Dinner were as follows:

First Prize:	\$200.00	Dorothea Kuntz
Second Prize:	\$100.00	Mike Contreras
Third Prize:	\$ 50.00	Alexis Lalli

Congratulations to all our winners!

## STAMP QUIZ WINNERS FOR 2010

**O**UR winners for answering the most correct stamp quizzes for 2010 are as follows:

First Prize:	Martin Jodus
Second Prize:	Beryl Norris
Third Prize:	Ed Nelson

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

## LONG BEACH EXPO

**L**OBEX will be held the weekend of February 3-5, 2011 at the Long Beach Convention Center located at 300 Pine Street, Long Beach, CA. Hours are Thursday and Friday 10:00 am – 7:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Admission is \$6.00 for all three days.

## STEVE'S QUALITY STAMP SHOW

**T**HERE is a change of venue for this stamp show starting February 20, 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.

## GIFT

**T**HE Club is the recipient of a generous gift of 5-volumes of German stamps from BILL ESTES, a past member of the Long Beach Stamp Club. Bill intends this donation be used to benefit the Club and also for donations to the Junior Philatelic. Thank you, Bill.

## RATE INCREASE

ACCORDING to a spokesman from the USPS the first class rate will be increased sometime in February, 2011.

## ANSWER TO JANUARY'S STAMP QUIZ

THIS envelope has 15¢ in postage affixed – two 4¢ Pony Express commemoratives from 1960 (Scott 1154) and a 1958 7¢ Airplane airmail booklet stamp (C51) – which pays the airmail rate. Nothing is wrong here.

The airmail postage rate was fulfilled, and a regular postage stamp was allowed to pay the airmail charges.

Give up? Count the horses. How can you have two stamps and three horses? Someone used a razor blade to cut around a horse from a third Pony Express stamp and pasted it onto the first stamp.

## STAMP OF THE MONTH

UNITED STATES — In 1930, the United States issued a set of eight postage due stamps denominated 1/2¢ to 50¢ (J69-76) with new designs.

These stamps, printed by flat plate press, were replaced in 1931 with a set with the same design but printed by rotary press.

With such a short time of use some of the values are surprisingly difficult to find in used condition. The Scott U.S. specialized values the set at \$18.35. Putting together a used set in the grade of very fine or better is not as easy as it might seem.

## NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL

FOR those members of the Long Beach Stamp Club who would like to receive their newsletter via E-mail, please send your e-mail address to Lloyd Baumann c/o Long Beach Stamp Club's Post Office Box. Please be sure to let the Club know by March 1, 2011.

## FEBRUARY STAMP QUIZ

THEY participated in cross-country cattle drives, escorted wagon trains and stagecoaches through often volatile territories of the Wild West and fought in the Spanish American War and both World Wars.

Who were they?

Give us their name and the Scott number of the stamp printed for them.

## CORAL REEF OF MONSERRAT



### Staghorn Coral –

A branching coral with cylindrical branches, it is the fastest growing Western Atlantic coral. It grows in back reef and fore reef environments.

The Staghorn Coral has been one of the three most important Caribbean corals for reef growth and fishery habitat.

### Zoanthid Coral –

These animals come in a variety of different colonizing formations and in numerous colors. They can be found as individual polyps attached by a fleshy stolon, or a mat that can be created from small pieces of sediment, sand and rock.



### Blade Fire Coral –

This coral is easily identified by a mustard-to-brown color with white edges. Its shape can vary.

Contact with bare skin can produce intense, but short-lived sting.



### Brain Coral –

Found in warm water coral reefs in all the world's oceans. Their tentacles catch food at night, and they also receive nutrients from the algae which live in their tissues. The life span

of the largest coral is 200 years.

This souvenir sheet (not shown) pictures Orange Tube Coral, which does not grow in areas of dense coral development, but thrives on the sides of boulders, under-hangs and drop-offs.

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BEST WISHES AND CONGRATULATIONS. Have a prosperous and good year.

Chinese New Year marks the end of winter and the beginning of spring.