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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

AUGUST 7* & 21*

SEPT. 4 TBA & 18** OCTOBER 2 & 16

**** MILLIKAN HIGH SCHOOL**

NOVEMBER 6 & 20 **DECEMBER 4- XMAS PARTY**

2013

JANUARY 8 & **22** **{22 IS ANNUAL DINNER}**

***THESE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ANAHEIM, 2219 W. ORANGE AVE, ANAHEIM, CA**



STEVE'S QUALITY STAMP SHOW

STEVE'S QUALITY STAMP SHOW this month will be held on August 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.

LOBEX STAMP EXPO

LOBEX Stamp Expo will be held September 6-8, 2012 at the Long Beach Convention Center located at 300 Pine Street, Long Beach, CA. Hours are Thursday and Friday 10:00 am to 7:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Admission is \$6.00 for all three days.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

ART LUTHER was the winner at our July 3rd meeting for \$15.00 and **CHUCK SOOTER** was the lucky winner at our July 17th meeting for \$15.00.

ANNUAL PICNIC



OUR Annual Picnic this year will be held at Evergreen Park in Cypress which is South of Lincoln/Carson on the east side of Moody Park. The Club has reserved Saturday, August 18, 2012 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00

p.m. Come one come all, bring the family and have a good time.

AMERICOVER 2012

THE American First Day Cover Society will hold their show at the Marriott Hotel, 18000 Von Karman, Irvine, CA from August 10-12, 2012. Hours are Friday 10:00 am to 6 pm, Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Sunday 10:00 am to 4 pm. Marriott's phone number is (949)553-0100.

STAMP QUIZ FOR AUGUST

THE number appearing on the tab of this Israeli stamp is a:



- A. date stamp
- B. control number
- C. bandalette
- D. plate number

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.}

ANSWER TO JULY'S STAMP QUIZ

THE stamp shown in the July stamp quiz is number 4, a revenue stamp from Venezuela.

STAMP OF THE MONTH

UNITED STATES — In June 2003, the U.S. Postal Service issued another version of the non-denominated (5¢) Sea Coast stamp service inscribed for the non-profit organization rate (Scott 3785). The stamps have the year date "2003" in black below the stamp design. They have gauge 9½ by 10 serpentine die cuts and are not tagged.

A much less common variety (Scott 3785b) was printed in error on tagged paper. The *Scott Specialized Catalog of United States Stamps and Covers* values a mint single at \$3.25 and a used single at \$2.00.

Covers bearing this stamp used during 2004-2005 are probably very scarce, since not much bulk rate mail is saved.

The Scott U.S. Specialized Catalog values a plate number strip of five (which exists only with number P2222) at \$40.00.

You generally cannot find one for sale for less than \$100.00. If you find one anywhere near Scott Catalog value, it would be a great bargain.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Caj Brejtus Roy Bezner Stan Conrad
Russ Mills Bob Chisholm
Robert Rothwell

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1861 to 1864 - PART ONE

IN 1860 and 1861, eleven states left the Union and formed the Confederate States of America. This radical action eventually led to the Civil War. On April 12, 1861 hostilities erupted at Fort Sumter, South Carolina. Less than two months later, the United States discontinued postal services to the South. Through the process of demonetizing, all U.S. stamps were then issued to prevent the South from using the old issues. The Confederates, concerned that the federal government would use the postal system to spread anti-Southern propaganda, quickly established their own postal service.

The South, however, lacked the economic and technological resources of the North. Up until this point, no postage stamp had ever been printed south of New York, and Confederate companies were not adequately equipped to produce the volume of stamps needed. Over the next several months, the Confederate Post Office desperately searched for a firm which could do the required work. In the meantime, postmaster's provisional's and various hand stamps were used. By the autumn of 1861, the recently formed Post Office was being severely criticized by the public for its lack of activity.



As a temporary solution, Postmaster General John Reagan reluctantly accepted the offer of Hoyer & Ludwig, a lithography firm located in Richmond, Virginia. On October 16, 1861, the first Confederate postage stamps were placed on sale at the Richmond, Post Office. These crudely designed and produced stamps were both the first to picture a living individual and the first to be printed outside the United States.



According to the U.S. regulations, postal tribute cannot be paid to a living individual. The Confederate stamps were the first and only American stamps to violate this rule, by picturing Jefferson Davis, who at the time was very much alive! Davis served as president of the Confederacy for the duration of the war. Shortly after Lee's surrender, Davis was captured and imprisoned on charges of treason. Other prominent Americans from the South were also pictured on the Confederate issues, including Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson, John C. Calhoun, and George Washington.