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## St. Louis—A Place for Perfins

Clark Buchi (LM#4028)

The Annual Convention, held in St. Louis from August 4-9, 2014, was a large success. The minutes of the Annual Meeting begin on page 83.

In the Secretary's Report on page 99 you will find new members listed, some of whom joined during the Convention. Many thanks to the Missouri Perfins Club for their warm hospitality.

The Sheraton Hotel was a fine location. Thousands of perfins were available for sale and trade.

A photo of members of The Perfin Club and wives who attended the Convention is shown at right.



## David Lightle Wins 2014 Hallock Card Award

Jerry Hejduk (LM#3710)

Jerry Hejduk announced that the 2014 Hallock Card Award would be presented to David Lightle (#3480) for his many years of service to the club handling publication sales. David was not at the

meeting so President Hejduk will call him to inform him of the award. Members are also encouraged to call David to thank him for his service and to congratulate him.

## Robert Littrell Wins 2014 Floyd Walker Award

Clark Buchi (LM#4028)



The 2014 Floyd Walker Award has been won by Robert Littrell (#3992) for "scholarly research or time spent on article(s) and the presentation of new perfin information for the betterment of U.S. and worldwide perfin collecting."

Robert is pictured on left (in the yellow shirt) receiving his award from *The Perfins Bulletin* Editor Clark Buchi.

Rudy Roy (#1124) commented, concerning Robert's award, "Robert's various articles about Cuban perfins, many demonstrating much research, I thought were excellent. This is especially so when one notes that he is a very recent collector of Cuban perfins."

[Photo by John Foster (LM#120)]

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# The Perfins Club 2014 Annual Business Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2014

Jerry Hejduk (LM#3710) and Clark Buchi (LM#4028)

## Call to Order

The 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of The Perfins Club was called to order by President Jerry Hejduk at 1:00pm on August 7, 2014. A quorum was present consisting of more than one third of the members of the Executive Board including more than the required one officer.

Members introduced themselves stating their state of residence and their collecting interests.

The minutes of 2013 annual meeting were unanimously approved as published on page 95 of the September/October 2013 issue of *The Perfins Bulletin*.

## Treasurer's Report. Dan Baugher

At the end of The Perfins Club's fiscal year (December 31, 2013), the club's accounts totaled \$107,855. Other major activities were:

- Renewal of the insurance from Hugh Woods for the auction chairmen when the consignor stamps are in their possession.
- Renewal of our non-profit status with the state of Missouri.
- Submission of a quarterly treasurer's report to the Club President.

Our main expense is the bulletin. Ken Masters and Clark Buchi have done a great job of keeping the printing and other expenses down to only what we need. The treasurer has found a source for discount postage from a local stamp dealer.

Membership has declined from 486 to 471 decreasing the amount of income from dues. The Treasurer thanked those who donated extra during the yearly dues collections and to members working with Bob Szymanski on his private auction. They have made significant donations during the year. Other income is derived from Credit Union CD's that are now making a little more interest.

In summary, the club continues to be a good steward of its money but in order to keep the club alive, we need to keep trying to find new members and increase the number of volunteers for club functions.

## Committee Reports

### Club Auction. Joe Giampietro, Manager

The auction is doing quite well; however, there is always a need for more auction lots. Prepers are a good seller. Members were reminded to identify the

stamps that are included in lots sent to the auction; this increases the potential buyer market and thus a greater likelihood of sale as well as reducing the burden on the Club Auctioneer.

### Cover Sales – Bill Driscoll, Manager

During the past year cover sales generated gross receipts of \$1197.61 from covers sold by four members to nine different buyers. The club received \$238.49 as its share for this service.

Club members received \$964.60 for selling their covers. \$48.00 of this was paid by the club insurance fund. A loss of \$48.00 was as a result of oil or some other staining substance destroying a shipment. The covers were not salvageable.

The only expense to the Club is for postages. All other expenses were a gift in kind to the club.

There has been a consistent and significant drop in members wanting general perfin covers. This year two members requested that no more covers be sent. Requests for a single pattern or issue are received and, if the requested covers are on hand, they generate a small sale. A very large number of covers are available for sale, but most are common and will only sell to new buyers. A suggestion was made that the cover salesperson put a notice in the *Bulletin* when he gets a request for specific covers asking if any member has them and wants to sell them. This may generate more interest and increase sales.

If anyone is interested in taking over the cover sales or has ideas on how to increase sales, please contact Bill Driscoll.

### Foreign Catalog. John Randall, Chairman

In spite of the fact that this has been a year of mishaps, including computer crash and misplaced hard copy of the Catalog, most of the catalog is finished. A draft has been completed through Luxembourg.

### Librarian. Doug Cutler

Cash & postage on hand 06/06/2013: \$66.16  
Mailings to members - \$50.50  
Reimbursements from members - \$50.50

### Acquisitions 2013 – 2014:

Donated by The Perfin Society, Great Britain  
Perfins-Section W.

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Donated by Doug Cutler: 3 - 4 Drawer, 25" File Cabinets to house the library.

Update for the Cuban Perfin Listing.

For the coming year: activities will include

- Updating, obtaining and filing proofs of identification of worldwide perfins: Doug Cutler

- Printing of the *Austrian Perfin Catalog*: David Lightle

- Obtain *American Revenue Catalog of State Revenues*: Doug Cutler

- Obtain any new Perfin Catalogs or updates being printed for the Great Britain Sections

**The Perfins Bulletin.** E. Clark Buchi, Editor

*The Perfins Bulletin* has been published every two months, or six times per year. Volume 67 (the calendar year of 2013) of the *Bulletin* contained a total of 132 pages. Approximately 50% of those pages contained pictures and/or scans in color. In 2014 we have continued the bi-monthly schedule.

Many members of The Perfins Club have contributed valuable time and effort into crafting articles for the *Bulletin*. Their knowledge, curiosity and willingness to share have made the *Bulletin* an interesting and valuable organ for our member and non-member readers. Thanks to each and every one of these authors.

In addition to the writing, editing, printing and distribution of the *Bulletin*, some other important tasks were accomplished.

The officers, directors and other members of the Club were able to conduct a search and identify a member willing to assume the job of Editor to relieve Ken Masters. Ken has done a wonderful job as Editor of *The Perfins Bulletin*. In addition Ken has served as the perfect mentor to guide the new Editor in learning the necessary tasks of editing the *Bulletin*. Many thanks to Ken as he continues to be very active in writing and reviewing articles, as well as lending his considerable expertise to the ongoing publishing effort.

Clark Buchi, the new Editor, asks that each member look into his or her collection to find interesting perfins or covers. Your research and writing will make it possible to continue the high quality content of *The Perfins Bulletin*.

**Perfin Sales.** Bob Combs, Manager

The Perfins Club Stamp Sales Circuits are still alive and well. The number of buyers has decreased somewhat. New buyers have sent in want lists, and

are processed whenever matches can be made from over 1000 circuit packages available.

The sellers remain constant, although new material is NOT coming into the circuits at any rate that would be beneficial to both sellers and buyers alike. A suggestion was made from the floor that the committee chair put a notice in the *Bulletin* when specific requests come in for which he has no match; for example if buyers want a specific country, a specific issue, a specific perfin pattern.

The goal is to send 4-6 circuits to each buyer per year, depending on material on hand.

Our current checking balance is \$4269, of which so far this year, total income (fiscal 2014 only) is \$868, with a total outlay (sellers, post office, etc.) of \$455. Payments to sellers will deplete the difference and drop the total balance in the account by whatever is owed to them during payout periods.

**Publication Sales.** David Lightle, Manager

Catalog sales have been slow so far this year. \$1,657.80 in catalog's were sold from January through June in 2013, and in 2014, through June, only \$1,008.00 has been sold. Maybe with A&C4 and the Addendum, Version 4, coming out, sales will pick up.

**Sunshine.** Francis Stunzi, Manager

Upon information received from members, seven get well cards have been sent to sick members and ten condolence cards to members' families.

Please continue to inform the committee chair of any member of his/her family who should get a card.

**U.S. Catalog.** Steve Endicott, Chairman

A&C4 was released at the Convention this year. It is available in three forms: (1) a stand-alone set of information as has been published in the past, (2) the Addendum, Version 4, which consolidates all A&C information into one document, and (3) the eCatalog which is an electronic .pdf version of the *Catalog of U.S. Perfins* in which the A&C information is linked to the Catalog in appropriate locations. The postmark database continues to grow; members are encouraged to report postmarks that they see on stamps and covers.

Members are encouraged to participate in the A/B+ survey. Copies of the input form are available from U.S. Catalog Committee Chairman Steve Endicott.

**U.S. Revenue Catalog.** Art Mongan, Chairman

Current plans are to have a new edition ready by late summer 2017. Depending on the number of

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changes, it may be limited to the third volume with additional sheets for the first and second volumes.

When the committee chair turns 90, a new editor may be needed.

### **Website.** Mike Hynes, Webmaster

Nothing much has changed this year regarding the website; members are encouraged to submit ideas to the committee chair on what they would like to see added to the website. Suggestions made at the meeting included a section for Exhibitors, including pdf copies of members' exhibits; and chat forums/study groups on specific topics.

Some things being explored for the upcoming year include:

- Automating the membership form and tying it to our Paypal account for those new members who wish to use it.
- Updating the list of perfin publications and making it more readable.
- Adding another year of *The Perfins Bulletin*.

### **Old Business.**

**Recruitment.** There was a discussion of recruiting members for officer positions, volunteers for committee assignments and suggestions for attracting new members. Suggestions included forming geographically based small groups to meet periodically, reenergizing the mentor program for new members linking a current member with the new member, having the VP (who sends out welcome letters to new members) send the information to the appropriate Director at Large who would personally contact the new member, and publishing a list in the *Bulletin* of individuals with specific interests so that new members could reach out to them based on their special interest(s).

Staffing Society booth at APS meetings. Members agreed that APS meetings are a necessary exposure for

the Club and result in acquisition of new members. A general discussion ensued about the need for a set stipend for the Club member who would attend the APS meeting and agree to staff the booth and deliver a session on perfins collecting.

**Catalog.** The President reminded the members of the continuing need for a current comprehensive hard copy edition of the *Catalog of U.S. Perfins*.

**New Business.** Bob Szymanski, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, announced that:

· **Doug Turner**, current **Director at Large** from the West agreed to be nominated for another term. Additional nominations were requested from the floor. There being none, Doug Turner was unanimously elected.

· **Joe Coulbourne** has agreed to be nominated for the office of **President**. Additional nominations were requested from the floor. There being none, Joe Coulbourne was unanimously elected.

**Closed Albums.** Members stood and observed a moment of silence for those who Closed Albums since the 2013 Annual Meeting: Erling Dehli, Kevin D. Kienlein, Edwin A. Locke, John Henry McNeilly, Robert McQuown, Leona Mehwinney, Betty Mertl, Allan M. Oleksyn, Paul Stein, and Stephen Teets.

**Adjournment.** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.

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Following adjournment of The Perfins Club Annual Business Meeting, Robert Littrell presented his exhibit of *Perfins on the Postage Stamps of Cuba* which received a Gold from the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors and a Vermeil from the single frame entries in Denver's Rocky Mountain Stamp Show.

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## Preview of Coming Events

Clark Buchi (LM#4028)

### **September 21, 2014**

The New England Perfin and Precancel Clubs will be holding a "get together" swap on Saturday, September 21st at the Milford (Massachusetts) Town Library. The swap will be in progress from 9:30am to 3:00pm on that date.

If you plan to attend, please contact Bob Szymanski for more information and directions to the site. (Bob's contact information is on Page 82.)

### **February 11-14, 2015**

The Florida Precancel Club will present the "Southeast's largest precancel and perfins exchange" February 11-14, 2015. The location will be the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Tampa, Florida.

More information will be available later OR you can contact Jerry Hejduk for room rates and other information. (Jerry's contact information is on Page 82.)

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## Plan Now for a Perfin Halloween

Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

Our family gets quite creative at Halloween, everyone carving their own pumpkin and trying to make one that is better than all the others. Last year, my wife Gerri decided to spell words on a set of pumpkins. She outlined the letters and then asked me to drill the holes.

As I started on the first letter "B", I suddenly realized that I was acting like a perforator on pumpkins!

As U.S. Catalog Chairman, I wonder if I should include these as new patterns?

Don't worry; I won't do that!



My traditional annual personal favorite is to carve the Greek symbol  $\pi$  into a pumpkin, hence generating "Pumpkin Pie"!!! Usually only a few high school students "get it." They always receive extra candy from me.

It is a little early, yet, to start carving pumpkins, but it's never too early to start planning. There are many ways to promote our hobby of perfin collecting.

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## Boxpers, the Next Perfin Collecting Craze

Dan Baugher (#3825)

Like a lot of perfin collectors, I also collect precancels. While trying to figure out a perfin that I had, I noticed that the stamp had a post cancel referred to as a "roller cancel." The devices were used by the post office when they received parcels and oversized envelopes or when something needed to be registered. This allowed the post office to hand cancel the package/oversized envelope. There were two main types of post cancels that had the name of the city and

state on it. The main difference between a precancel and a roller or box post cancel is that the roller/box usually did not fit on one stamp and it usually has a vertical line.

I reached out to an experienced roller and box cancel expert (Bruce Chisholm, a PSS member) and here is what I learned from him.

"As for box and roller cancel history, my grass roots research has found box cancels on the 1894/5

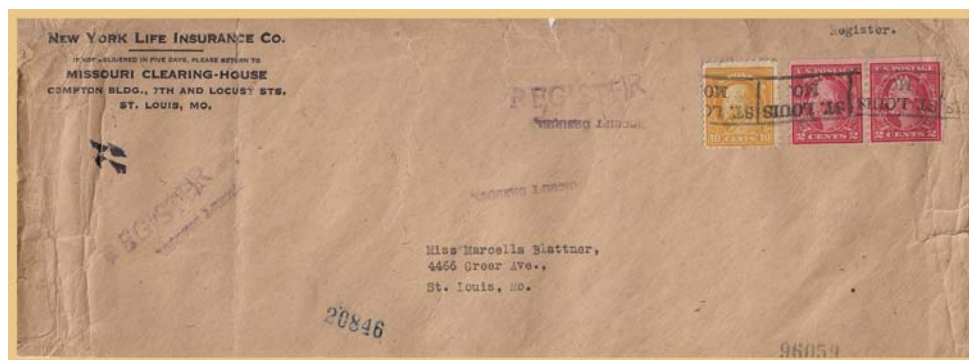


Figure 1

N113Aa-12 stamps with roller cancel boxpers on registered cover

(Approximately 50% of actual size)

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## Boxpers (cont.)

issue, and spreading into use on the 1902 issue. Turn of the century would be the best generality, since there is no proof of when the cancels were used on the 1894/5 stamps.

“Roller cancelling devices appear later, perhaps about 1915, as the post office began to deal more seriously with parcel post, to quickly cancel multiple stamps on a package. Without being too specific, first class mail was required to be canceled with a dated canceler. Second, third and fourth class mail was to be canceled with a device that did not include a date. Box and double oval hand stamps, and roller cancelers, with and without vertical box-lines, all without dates, were designed to do the job. They were ordered from catalogs from enterprising companies which mailed them to postmasters, perhaps locally at first, then regionally, to eventually include post offices across the country.

“Again, around 1915, the post office department began to take control, and devices were to be ordered only from companies contracted by the department to produce them. It seems one company ‘won’ the contract each year, often for years in a row, and then another company would win the contract. You can see the changes of thinking in the devices, both for precancel and post cancel devices. As evidenced by

precancel ‘L-types,’ conditions sometimes did ‘force’ postmasters to have a device made locally, usually by print shops who did other sorts of printing in town, thus ‘typesets,’ etc.

“As mailing companies perfined their stamps to prevent theft, and the post office authorized precancel devices to expedite cancelling bulk mailings, we got ‘perfinned precancels.’ When the post office couldn’t provide bulk mailing stamps prepared with an approved precancel device, they improvised, and often used the versatile roller cancelers to make up sheets of cancelled stamps. So, we get perfinned roller cancels, if you will. Some unprecanceled perfins were used on parcels, and hand cancelled with either handstamp box or double oval devices, yielding box or double oval cancels readable on perfins.”

So far, I have found two roller cancelled perfins on cover. Figure 1 (previous page) shows perfin pattern **N113Aa-12** (NL(Y)) and Figure 2 (below) shows **N130** (NP), both as listed in the *Catalog of United States Perfins*.

My plans are to make a list of boxpers that I have identified. If anyone is interested in a copy of the list (or any other comments or suggestions), my contact information is shown on the Page 82.

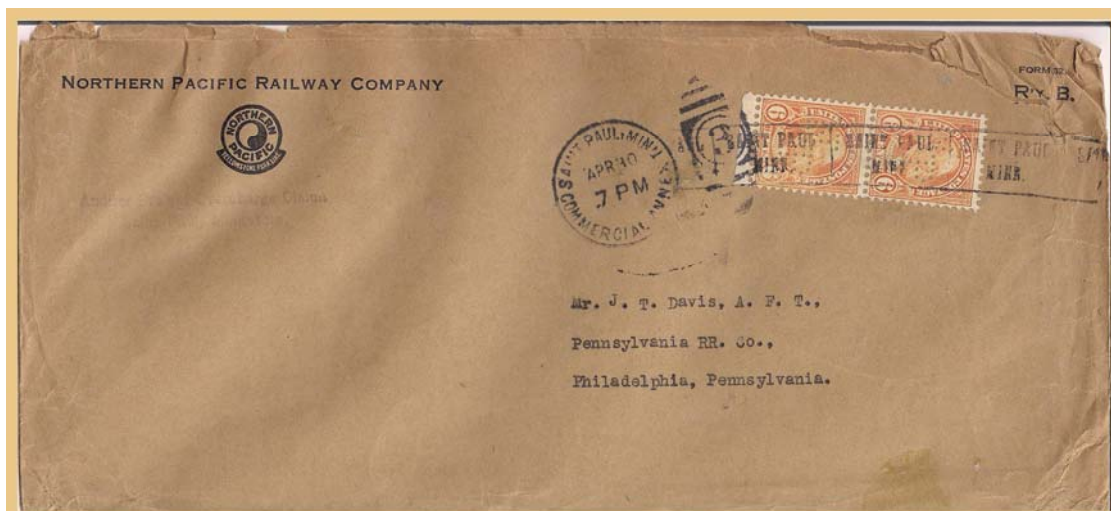


Figure 2

**N130 stamps with roller cancel boxpers  
on cover**

**(Approximately 70%  
of actual size)**

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## Politics and the M12 Perfin Pattern

Dave Smith (#1514)

The cover (shown below) illustrates the use of pattern **M12** (Circle(M)) by The Helena Independent, a daily newspaper. Since the user is shown as the State of Montana as listed in the *Catalog of United States Perfins* (U.S. Perfin Catalog), this usage looks suspicious. Yet the U.S. Perfin Catalog states that the pattern "can be found from various state offices and affiliated companies."

How then was the newspaper affiliated with the government?

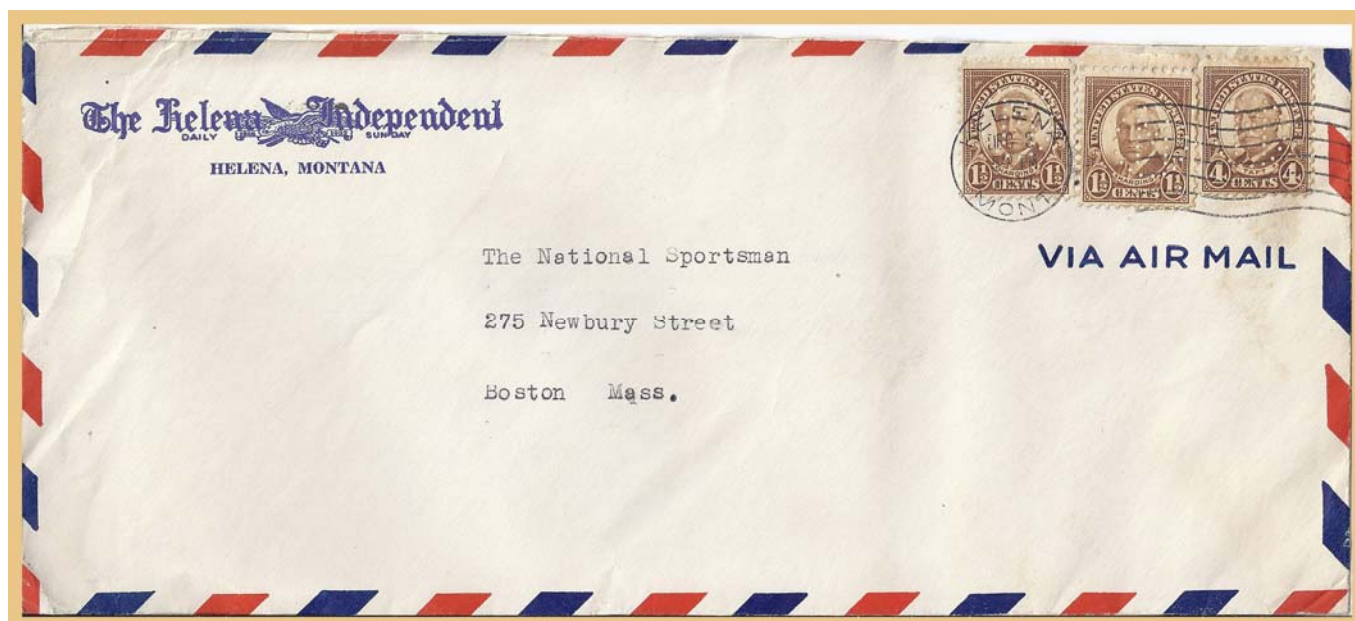
The Helena Independent was published from November 25, 1875, to November 21, 1943, when it merged with the Montana Record-Herald to form the Independent Record. The paper was anything but independent. Its editorial policy was controlled by the Anaconda Copper Company. It backed Democrat Grover Cleveland for President in the 1890's and

helped another Democrat, William A. Clark, become a Senator from Montana.

In 1913 the paper was sold to a group of Democrat investors. It was solidly aligned with the Democrat Party in Montana. Its editorials during WW I were vindictive towards all Germans and Union members. One might suspect perfin stamps were provided by the state as a reward for its solid support of Montana's Democrat Government.

U.S. Catalog Chairman Steve Endicott had the following comment concerning the cover: "Your suspicions about philatelic favors may be correct. I am not sure if we will ever know. I think the current supplemental note in the U.S. Perfins Catalog adequately explains that the perfin was used by government agencies and by various companies."

Ah, the mysteries of perfins!



**Cover showing M12 perfins  
with The Helena Independent  
as user**

**(Approximately 75%  
of actual size)**



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## Meet a Member

Joe Coulbourne (#2574)

Joseph (Joe) Coulbourne. Turned 59 years old at the Convention in St. Louis. Married, 3 boys, all grown. My wife is French so could be a difficult phone call if you get her instead of me!

Present status: Employed. Work for the Department of the Navy, Naval Sea Systems Command in Crystal City VA, where I am the "Mission Assurance, Evolved Seasparrow Missile (ESSM) production and In-Service Support Director". I am in an international program office supporting the 12 member nations of the NATO Seasparrow Consortium. Retired from BAE Systems in 2011 after 16 years, and retired from the US Navy in 1996 after 22 years. I figure, the third time must be a charm.

The stamp bug hit me early, at about 7 years old, when I found an old trunk of covers in the attic of the house my parents had just bought. To this day, those airmail stamps on the old letters from WWII seemed like gold. I promptly peeled those stamps off and glued them on school paper. Seemed good to me at the time.

I got serious around 1980 when I started having more time for myself and more income to play around with. I was stationed in Gaeta, Italy at the time and living there with my wife and children. I am a general worldwide collector and, yes, I know that I will never get all the world in an album, but it doesn't stop me from trying. I tend to collect what I like and it seems that I like a lot. France and Colonies are a main focus due to the French wife, but Great Britain is high on the list. I am a Machin Maniac for certain and collecting that series has been a focus for a couple of decades now. I must admit that the modern stamps are much easier to sort with all the new overprints.

Perfins hit me in 1983 when I moved back to the United States from Italy and joined the Virginia Beach and Norfolk Stamp Clubs. There I met Rudy Roy and Richard Dufresne. Rudy became my mentor and teacher and with Richard, my eyes were opened to the world of perfins. I collect the world (Why change now?) and am pretty serious about the US and Great Britain collections. I collect them on and off cover, and create my own album pages. I have a large philatelic library and think I am up to date on perfin catalogues. I have written a number of articles about perfins and love to tell the stories of perfins which I do as often as I can at the local stamp club, the Springfield (Virginia) Stamp Club. I had a website for quite a while (perfins.com) which I had to shut down as my life got pretty hectic after retiring from the US



Navy. At the same time I ran The Perfins Club Auction where I worked with, and got to know, quite a few of our perfin collectors. I am a member of the Canadian, Australian and Great Britain perfin societies and enjoy my membership with those groups as well.

I especially enjoy linking my perfins to my other collections. Crash covers for example fascinate me, and it doesn't get much better than finding a perfined crash cover with a story to tell. Unusual markings and rates can certainly lead me down the rabbit hole as well but the ride is wonderful. I recently gave a talk to the Graebner Chapter of the American First Day Cover Society and linked first day covers with perfins to put a twist on that collecting specialty.

I think the one thing that we perfin collectors have in common is the chance to make that discovery, either a new pattern no one has seen or an envelope with a user's identification on it that can add to the catalogs and to the knowledge base for all. There is nothing quite like that initial feeling of "Ah Ha!" when you find that treasure among recent purchases and get that warm satisfying feeling that you have something no one else does. Add to that the fact that perfin collecting, for the most part, is relatively affordable, and it is not hard to see why we have a solid group of dedicated collectors in The Perfins Club.

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Editor's Note: Congratulations to Joe as our new Perfins Club President-elect. Joe will take office in January, 2015.

# From American Radiator to American-Standard, A221-24

Dave Smith (#1314)

Who would imagine a rather mundane Special Delivery cover that I acquired several months ago, shown below in Figure 1, would lead us to an interesting story about a Detroit, MI, company formed in the late 1880s?

Before discussing the cover's return address and postmark, let's look at the perfin used to frank the cover. I could clearly see the diagonal "AR" in each stamp - the basic design for the **A221-XX** perfins used by the "American Radiator Company." Pages A-36 through A-39 of the *Catalog of United States Perfins* (Catalog) lists 57 different varieties of this basic pattern that were used at various American Radiator Company's offices. The primary difference between these varieties is the specific placement of the control hole(s) in each individual **A221-XX** patterns as defined on page A-45 of the Catalog.

Because of the double punch, I could not determine the location of the control hole in the 3-cent stamp on the cover. However, when looking closely at the 20-cent stamp, it is clear there are control holes at both positions "6" and "11," or pattern **A221-24** which was used at their Washington, DC, office. (Figure 2.)

Now, let's consider the cover's corner card and postmark. Two major differences with the Catalog listing for **A221-24** are noticed. First is the user - "American-Standard." The second is the "Silver Springs, MD," return

address and postmark. As Silver Springs, MD, is a suburb of Washington, DC, perhaps this office was relocated at some point in time.

I forwarded a scan of this cover along with my identification of the perfin to Steve Endicott, the U.S. Catalog Chairman for his review and possible addition of this information to the Catalog. I also forwarded the results of some Internet research that indicated there was some relationship between American Radiator Company and American-Standard. The Catalog Chairman agreed that Silver Springs, MD, is a supplemental postmark for **A221-24** and included that information in A&C#4 that was released in August, 2014. The cover's June 24, 1953, postmark was also added to the Earliest/Latest Know Usages (EKU/LKU) database being compiled by the Catalog Chairman.

However, as he was not clear about the relationship between the two companies, he did not include American-Standard as a supplemental user in A&C#4. With the Internet research information that was recently completed by the retired *Perfins Bulletin* Editor, Ken Masters, and presented later in this article, it seems clear that "American-Standard" was commonly used brand name for "American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corporation," the 1929 successor of American Radiator Company. Thus, "American-Standard" will be included as a supplemental user for pattern **A221-24** in A&C#5.

In developing this article, we noticed that "American Radiator and Standard Sanitary



**Figure 2**  
**20¢ stamp rotated to show pattern A221-24.**  
**(Actual size.)**



**Figure 1**  
**American-Standard, Plumbing and Heating Division, Silver Springs, MD, cover with A221-24 perfins.**  
**New Supplemental user and postmark for A221-24.**  
**(70% of actual size.)**

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## American-Standard (cont.)

Corporation” are confirmed supplemental users for two of the American Radiator Company’s patterns, **A221-26** and **A221-36**. Thus, it seems reasonable unreported covers exist with one of the **A221-XX** patterns with “American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corporation” and/or “American-Standard.” Here is where you can help. Please check your collections to determine if you have one of these unreported covers. If so, please forward a scan or photocopy of this to the U.S. Catalog Chairman. (His contact information is on Page 82 of this *Bulletin*.) He will report this new information in a future *Bulletin* and include it in A&C#5.

### American Radiator to American-Standard

The history of the American Radiator Company begins in 1886 when Clarence Mott Woolley and his partner formed the Michigan Radiator & Iron Company, Detroit, MI. They would become makers of cast iron (rather than the more expensive steel) radiators. The business blossomed, introducing the world to radiant heat. In 1891 the company merged with two other leading manufacturers of cast iron radiators, the Detroit Radiator Company, Detroit, MI, and the Pierce Steam Heating Company, Buffalo NY, and became a continent-wide company. American Radiator began replacing the small pot belly stoves and the like with the safer and more esthetically pleasing radiator.<sup>(1, 2, 3)</sup>

In 1929 Standard Manufacturing Company consolidated with the American Radiator Company to form the “American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corporation.” The new company’s plumbing division would sell their products under the “American-Standard” label until 1967.<sup>(2, 3)</sup>



**Figure 3**  
An example bathroom using American-Standard fixtures from a 1947 American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corporation brochure.<sup>(6)</sup>

as World War II cut into its European profits and new “direct-to-you” stores sold products directly to the consumer. But the storms were weathered aided by

a building boom that began after World War II. The company's survival also meant diversification into new markets such as industrial controls, plastics, heat-transfer equipment, and nuclear reactor construction. To reflect this, in 1967 the company changed its name to “American Standard.”<sup>(4)</sup>

By the 1970s, the company was now moving away from its original heating business concentrating more on its railroad, truck brake, and mining equipment operations. Finally during the 1980s, the company returned to its plumbing and air conditioning roots by selling off most of its unrelated businesses. In 1983, it completed a merger with the Trane Company the largest commercial air conditioning products company in the United States.<sup>(4)</sup>

In 2007, American Standard announced plans to break up its three divisions – plumbing, air conditioning and automotive products – keeping only The Trane Company. American Standard’s plumbing products – and its name – were sold to Bain Capital Partners, LLC, and the original American Standard changed its name to Trane.<sup>(4)</sup>

Bain Capital created “American Standard Americas” from the North American units of the “Global Bath and Kitchen business of American Standard Companies.” In February 2008, American Standard Americas merged with two other plumbing fixture companies, Crane Plumbing and Eljer to create “American Standard Brands.” In June 2013, the Japanese firm Lixil agreed to purchase American Standard Brands, thus positioning Lixil to benefit from an anticipated recovery in the American housing market.<sup>(4)</sup>

Quite an amazing story for a small Detroit radiator company that began in 1880s.

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# Perfins—A Thinker's Endeavor

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

Many truths are often difficult to discern without a lot of thoughtful reflection. This is true in life; this is true in perfin collecting. The greater the number of collectors thinking about the same truths, the more likely that the truths are to be found.

Our *Catalog of United States Perfins* (U.S. Perfins Catalog) is a wonderfully crafted compendium of 50 plus years of labor by several editors and hundreds of collectors. To all we owe a great debt of gratitude. With that said, we must understand that this catalog always has been, still is and will continue to be a work in progress. If you think this is an easy project just ask Steve Endicott, our current U.S. Catalog Chairman. If, as a member collector, you have not taken the time to submit earliest and latest dates of usage from covers or bulls eye cancels for the next catalog edition, please do so as soon as you can. You may possess the only pertinent information that exists! This information is necessary to give a truer reflection of the real periods of usage. Although a new catalog is an ambitious undertaking, it is well worth the effort. Our Catalog Chairman has one of the most time consuming positions in our club, and he can always use our help.

There are many anomalies in the U.S. Perfins Catalog - perfins that are causes for further study. If the spirit moves, write an article about something that you don't feel is correct or needs additional attention

in the next edition of the catalog. If you don't feel up to writing an article, let me know and I will help you. In future articles, I hope to present several of these conundrums. I ask for and need your help. Here is the first in a series --- "The Mystery of Pattern **O26.5!**"

Several months ago, not having any U.S. perfin material for the private auctions, I decided that since I had not increased my U.S. perfin collection in several years that I would auction off all the "A" and "B+" perfins in my collection and sell the rest by filling want lists. (Note: I still have quite a bit to offer, so send your want lists!)

While checking my perfins, I discovered that my pattern **O26.5**, an A" rated perfin, did not exactly match the pattern in the catalog! Did I have a new pattern?

Something bothered me about this pattern. It was the poor quality shown in the catalog picture. Could it be the poor quality control of the perforator manufacturer? Multiple head perforators have punches that did not always perfectly match. Certainly the perfin looks poorly made. But this is not all. Look at the holes as punched in both letters in both the **O26.5** catalog picture (Figure 1, obverse and reverse shown below) and in my similar copy (Figure 2, also shown below). They just don't look right. I reflected on these for some time and finally realized what bothered

Obverse



Figure 1 (Catalog Cut) Figure 2 (O26.5?) Figure 3 (C182) Figure 4 (C182) Figure 5 (C182)

Reverse



Figure 1 (Catalog Cut) Figure 2 (O26.5?) Figure 3 (C182) Figure 4 (C182) Figure 5 (C182)

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## Thinker's Endeavor (cont.)

me. First of all, my stamp had an extra hole! Should it be used for a new catalog picture? Maybe not. Maybe a new pattern? But I was still bothered with something.

Finally, I thought that I could see a "CL" in both the **O26.5** catalog picture and in my perfin. Checking **C182** (Figure 3 on Page 92), of which I have many copies, I could easily match up any of these with both **O26.5** and my similar perfin - excepting that all of the "poorly" lined up "extra" holes were there. It was the same result with my similar but unknown perfin pattern. It matched perfectly to pattern **C182** excepting, of course, for the additional holes.

Look again at Figures 1, 2 & 3, on the previous page—pattern **O26.5**, my unlisted perfin, and pattern **C182**. Can you see what I see? If you own a copy with pattern **C182**, place it on the **O26.5** pattern in your catalog and discover for yourself how perfectly it matches excepting for all the "funny" looking holes.

What are my thoughts? Pattern **C182** is a "D" rated perfin from the Clyde Mallory Lines found in issues until the 1914 Washington-Franklins. Pattern **O26.5** is unidentified as to user and found on a 1912 issue and my copy is also found on a 1912 2¢ Washington-Franklin perf 12 - again, with one extra hole and one hole missing but different from the one missing in the catalog! In the 2000 "A" rate census, conducted while I was President, **O26.5** is unique and naturally my perfin is different, unknown and, then, maybe also unique. Unique these may be but, I believe, also rather poorly produced fakes.

Although I had several imperfect copies of **C182**, I wanted to see if any copies were lacking the same holes as these two were. Knowing that President Jerry Hejduk (LM#3710) has quite a large number of duplicates, I called him to see if he could help me and could he ever! Note the last two perfins (Figure 4 & Figure 5 on Page 92) that Jerry sent me - each just happen to have one of the same holes missing as do the **O26.5** catalog picture and my perfin! It certainly seems that **C182** copies with a hole missing were used to fake both **O26.5** and my perfin. My thoughts are that the **O26.5** pattern should be removed from the U.S. Perfins Catalog as a fake! Alas, my perfin copy would then not be listed but clearly marked as a fake as well!

But these are only my thoughts, what do you believe should be done? I would ask every member to submit their thoughts and reasons about what to do with these perfins. Are they good patterns worthy of inclusion in the catalog? Are they all different patterns Or are these faked copies? See if you can pick out some other anomalies in these copies and the *Bulletin* pictures. Again, please send your thoughts to this writer, who will then summarize the (hopefully) great number of comments in an article for a following *Bulletin* issue. We will then await input from the U.S. Catalog Chairman. My contact information is on Page 82. The more answers, the better! I can hardly wait to read them. Thank you!

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## Answer—Why Perfins?

Jason A. Dorn (#3880)

I read your "Why Perfins?" article. (See Page 45, May/June, 2014, issue of *The Perfins Bulletin*.) Very interesting and a good question to ask as I have thought about it myself also. The only thoughts I have on it are not verified fact but just some things to consider. In 1938 the Fair Labor Act was instituted. At that time the minimum wage was \$0.25 per hour in the United States. Take into the consideration that all US stamps were considered the same as having US currency, and you can see that it would be very simple for an employee with a folder to walk out with, say, \$10 in 2c stamps; that is only 10 sheets, and very easy to hide. So at that time \$10 dollars would be about one weeks pay. Image today someone walking out of your business with a whole weeks pay that could become very costly. Also to consider is that all companies communicated exclusively with the use of the postal service. There was no electronic media like there is today. So, large companies like insurance companies,

banks, and companies like General Electric may have had hundreds of dollars worth of stamps on hand for all employees to use to communicate with, this of course being before the time of metered mail.

The other thought I had on this was from the security issue, just like today all companies are pressured to keep their assets secure. The threat of losing even private information today makes companies spend hundreds of dollars on security items like Norton or Avast or any other number of computer security programs. So if you were a good salesman you could no doubt talk companies into purchasing a perfin punch machine to keep their assets secure. No doubt some of those companies may have not really needed one but they may of felt the fear of loss and decided to protect what they had.

The good news of this whole thing, it gives something for you and me to do—collect perfins!

## Two Unusual Cuban Perfin Covers

by Robert Littrell (#3992)

I have recently acquired two unusual Cuban perfin covers. With the first one (shown at right), you would expect that on an envelope FROM Remington Rand TO Remington Rand you would find a Remington Rand perfin. Except in this case you'd be wrong! Sent from Cuba, it has a 10 centavos Cuban stamp of 1942 "Democracy in America" series, and the perfin RV&Co. This pattern belonged to Ricardo Veloso y Cia, d/b/a Cultural, S.A. which was the producer of many perfined stamps from 1917 to 1949.

Veloso edited and published books and ran a large bookstore.

I bought this particular cover from a friend, Jose Gonzales. Jose speculated that the stamp had been stolen or it was otherwise illegally used.

However, you do not see most illegal uses on the letterhead of a reputable company.

I have a more benign explanation. I think that since it was mailed from Cuba, a Remington Rand salesman merely asked for a Cuban stamp so he could write back to his company. A salesman from an American typewriter company would have plenty of reason to pay a business call on this prosperous Cuban firm.

My next cover (shown below) that I share with you was originally a legal use. It is what happened next



that makes it a FRAUD. May 2, 1935 was the opening of the Zona Franca (Free Port) of Matanzas, Cuba. To publicize this event, the port authority issued many first day covers on that day in Asunto Oficial (Official Mail) envelopes, some with nice labels like you see here. It also has a nice machine cancel in heavy thick san-serif lettering that was only used in 1935. Enrique Marcet was an engineer in Matanzas and a prominent stamp collector to whom this envelope was addressed.

But then it took a turn for the worse. It wasn't until a year later on May 11, 1936 that the Matanzas series of stamps were issued. A 1936 two centavos Matanzas stamp, perforated "Z.F." presumably for Zona Franca, now appears despite a 1935 postmark! The perpetrator of this fraud even used two colors of

ink to try to make it appear as if it were on the envelope at the time of the postmark and seal. Unfortunately, the second giveaway is that the purple ink bled on the stamp. The third clue to this fraud was that when the stamp came out in 1936, a much thinner, partial serif, machine cancel was in use in Matanzas. So, no, there was never any official or legitimate Z.F. perfin. Only in the mind of the creator of this fraud.



Above—Remington Rand Cover

Left—Zona Franca Cover

(Both covers approx. 50%)

# Identification of Pattern G211 User

by Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

I requested that members check their collections for covers with pattern **G211** (G&H) in the January/February 2014 issue of *The Perfins Bulletin*. The reason for this request was that although *The Catalog of United States Perfins* (US Perfins Catalog) identifies the user as Gerhard & Hey of Chicago, IL (with the verification asterisk symbol) – no further documentation or cover exists in the US Catalog Chairman's files, and now member Rudy Roy had provided me a cover with the corner card information of G. & H. Transport Co., Inc., New York, NY.

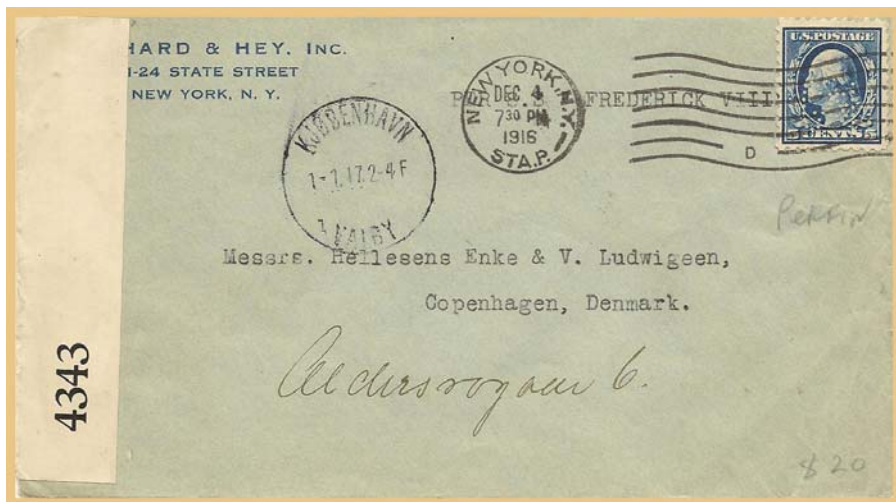
So who is the user? Gerhard & Hey of Chicago or G. & H. Transport Co., Inc. of New York?

Bob Szymanski answered the call for more information and provided the cover shown below. Although partially obscured by a censor's tag, it is clear that this cover with pattern **G211** and postmarked December 4, 1916 originated from the offices of Gerhard & Hey, Inc at 21-24 State Street, New York, NY. If one goes back and checks the cover shown in the January/February 2014 issue of

*The Perfins Bulletin*, you will see that pattern **G211** was used on a cover by G. & H. Transport Co., Inc. from the address: 21-24 State Street, New York, NY!

This enabled me to tighten the internet research. The Transport Company was a subsidiary of Gerhard & Hey. Gerhard & Hey was in the import/export business and had over 100 offices throughout the world.

In A&C#4, the primary user remains Gerhard & Hey, but the primary location has been revised to New York City. G. & H. Transport Company, Incorporated, has been added as a supplemental user. The postmarks have been added to the growing postmark database. At the convention in St. Louis this past August, A&C#4 and The Addendum version #4 (a consolidation of all four A&C sets to the 1998 US Perfins Catalog) was released. Copies are now available from David Lightle, Publications Sales Manager. His contact information is shown on Page 82.



Gerhard & Hey, Inc.  
cover  
with G211 perfin and  
corner card

(Cover approximately 50%)

## Member Want Ads

Want ads are published for members on a space-available basis at the following rates: one insertion - 10 cents per word; three consecutive insertions of the same ad - 20 cents per word. **Members are entitled to one free ad per year.** Neither the Perfins Club nor the Editor accepts responsibility for the validity of the ads. Payment for the ads should be sent to the Editor or by PayPal to [perfin@charter.net](mailto:perfin@charter.net) with prior notification to the Treasurer and Editor.

**Wanted: 1950 California Statehood Issue** (Scott #997) with perfins (on or off cover).  
**Contact:** Hideo Yokota, 10 Anita Court, Belmont, CA 94002-2012. **Email:** [hryokota@hotmail.com](mailto:hryokota@hotmail.com)

**Seeking: Perfins from German occupied territories WWII,** highest prices paid.

**Contact:** W. David Ripley, Box 854, Beltsville, MD 20704  
**Email:** [wdrp3@gmail.com](mailto:wdrp3@gmail.com)

**Let's Make a Deal:** I would like to obtain the following "B" rated perfins: **F105, G110, H043, M141, O87.5 & P236.5** by sale or trade with a significant financial advantage to the seller.

**Contact:** Jerry Hejduk, PO Box 490450, Leesburg FL 34748-0450. **Email:** [flprepers@comcast.net](mailto:flprepers@comcast.net)

## Prices Realized—Auction #138

(June, 2014)

Joe Giampietro (#2968)

Lot #	Price	Lot #	Price	Lot #	Price	Lot #	Price	Lot #	Price	Lot #	Price
1	\$ 2.25	26	\$ 1.25	51	\$ 18.00	76	\$ 3.00	101	\$ 4.25	126	\$ 3.25
2	NB	27	\$ 1.00	52	WD	77	\$ 1.25	102	\$ 4.50	127	\$ 3.25
3	\$ 27.00	28	NB	53	WD	78	\$ 2.25	103	\$ 3.25	128	\$ 12.50
4	\$ 1.00	29	\$ 1.00	54	\$ 2.00	79	\$ 3.00	104	NB	129	\$ 8.25
5	\$ 1.00	30	\$ 2.00	55	\$ 1.00	80	NB	105	\$ 12.50	130	\$ 36.00
6	\$ 1.00	31	NB	56	NB	81	\$ 27.00	106	NB	131	\$ 3.25
7	\$ 1.00	32	\$ 2.00	57	NB	82	NB	107	NB	132	\$ 4.25
8	\$ 1.00	33	NB	58	\$ 4.00	83	\$ 6.00	108	\$ 8.25	133	\$ 5.50
9	\$ 1.00	34	\$ 4.00	59	NB	84	\$ 2.25	109	\$ 3.00	134	\$ 7.75
10	\$ 2.00	35	NB	60	\$ 48.00	85	NB	110	\$ 8.25	135	\$ 10.50
11	\$ 6.00	36	\$ 6.00	61	\$ 4.00	86	\$ 1.00	111	\$ 4.75	136	\$ 10.50
12	NB	37	\$ 2.75	62	\$ 16.75	87	\$ 6.00	112	\$ 3.25	137	\$ 4.50
13	\$ 1.00	38	NB	63	NB	88	\$ 18.00	113	\$ 5.25	138	\$ 3.00
14	\$ 1.00	39	NB	64	\$ 2.00	89	NB	114	\$ 3.25	139	\$ 3.25
15	NB	40	\$ 2.00	65	NB	90	NB	115	\$ 7.50	140	\$ 3.25
16	\$ 1.00	41	NB	66	\$ 1.00	91	\$ 2.25	116	\$ 3.25	141	\$ 21.00
17	\$ 1.00	42	\$ 2.00	67	NB	92	\$ 1.00	117	\$ 5.25	142	\$ 5.50
18	NB	43	NB	68	\$ 1.00	93	\$ 18.00	118	\$ 7.50	143	\$ 10.50
19	NB	44	NB	69	NB	94	\$ 1.00	119	NB	144	\$ 3.25
20	NB	45	NB	70	\$ 1.00	95	\$ 6.00	120	\$ 5.00	145	\$ 3.25
21	NB	46	\$ 6.00	71	NB	96	\$ 3.50	121	\$ 7.50	146	\$ 5.25
22	NB	47	\$ 11.50	72	NB	97	\$ 1.00	122	\$ 11.50	147	\$ 8.25
23	\$ 1.00	48	\$ 4.00	73	\$ 1.00	98	NB	123	\$ 33.00	148	\$ 15.00
24	NB	49	\$ 2.00	74	\$ 10.50	99	\$ 4.00	124	\$ 3.25	149	\$ 8.25
25	NB	50	NB	75	\$ 2.25	100	\$ 2.25	125	\$ 3.00	150	\$ 4.25

### Important Reminder: Survey of A & B+ U.S. Perfins

Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

It has been a decade since we conducted a census of U.S. A rated perfins and almost as long since we surveyed the B+ rated perfins. A current survey will help in furthering our knowledge about these often elusive perfins.

Some members have already responded to this survey request in the July/August issue of *The Bulletin*; Thank you! This is a reminder to all members to please gather and submit their lists. I would appreciate hearing from everyone by the end of October, 2014.

With this survey we shall ignore the Schermack patterns as they have been extensively studied. Please only include perfins that are in U.S. postage stamps; do not include perfins found in revenue stamps. Count attached pairs as two perfins, etc. In your counts, please distinguish between

(a) complete patterns and (b) incomplete patterns that are missing holes or are split.

I have a checklist form for the A and B+ perfins; please send an email message or letter if you would like a copy to use this form to submit your list of items owned. I prefer submissions in electronic form but I can send a paper form if necessary. My contact information is on Page 82.

The results will be consolidated and used to verify and update information in our *Catalog of United States Perfins*.

Summarized results will be made available to those members who participate in the survey. Submissions from individual members will be kept strictly confidential forever. Thank you for your assistance with this important survey.



## Perfins Club Auction #140 Closes October 31, 2014

**Guidelines:** A minimum bid of \$2.00 applies to every individual lot except as follows: U.S. "B", "B+", and "A" rated patterns, minimum bids for which will be \$6.00, \$18.00, and \$30.00, respectively, and single U.S. "C" rated perfins, minimum bids for which will be \$1.00. Lots will be sold to the highest bidder at the following advances over the next highest bidder \$2-\$5 – a \$0.25 advance; \$5-\$20 – a \$0.50 advance; a \$20-\$100 – a \$1.00 advance; \$101 or higher a \$5.00 advance. No

unlimited bids accepted. The earlier postmark or email date, will prevail in tie bids All single perfins are complete and in good condition, unless otherwise noted. Straight edges are not considered to be defects. All lots except large lots or mixtures with the exception of gross miscounts.

**Bid by lot #.** Please put your mailing address and email address {if have} on your bid sheet.

Thanks to Bob Schwerdt, Doug Turner, and James Weiland for their donations. **Good Luck!**

**Send all bids to: Joe Giampietro, 6478 State Road, G-10, Parma, OH 44134-4166 – USA**  
**Email: [mo13jo@aol.com](mailto:mo13jo@aol.com)**

### Abbreviations used:

ADD – All Different Designs  
DDF – Design Different Face  
MDF - Mostly Different Face

PREPER – Precancelled Perfin  
SE – Straight edge(s)  
(?h) - Number of missing pins

Scott #s are used. The pattern numbers and ratings for U.S. perfins are from the 1998 *Catalog of United States Perfins*, including A&C#1, #2, and #3.

Lot	Country	Description	Rate	Lot	Country	Description	Rate	Lot	Country	Description	Rate
1	US	A105/406	B+	16	US	C188.5	B	34	US	I26.5	C+
		(7h-split)				(11h-split)		35	US	I56/462	B+
2	US	A112 (1h)	B	17	US	C214.5/510	C+			(sm.scrape)	
3	US	A140A/427	B+	18	US	C296/610 (se)	B	36	US	I84/707 (3h)	C+
4	US	A190/560	C+	19	US	C412 (rr)	B	37	US	I126.5/499	C+
		(3h-onedge)		20	US	F19	C+	38	US	J6/333	C+
5	US	A221-1C	B+	21	US	G35/406	C+			(small cut-left)	
		(2h-onedge)		22	US	G53/319 (se)	C+	39	US	J10/332	C+
6	US	A221-39.5/503	B+	23	US	G86/554	C+			(on edge)	
7	US	A248.5/611	B+	24	US	G104/499	C+	40	US	J57/375	C+
8	US	A253	B	25	US	G141/406	C+	41	US	J66/707	C+
9	US	B100A/333	B+	26	US	G188/427	B+	42	US	J79/491 (3h)	C+
10	US	B137.5/503	B+			( bad perfs)		43	US	J96/901	C+
11	US	B163.5/501	B+	27	US	G188/378	B+			(block of 4)	
		(crease)		28	US	G198/560	C+	44	US	J133/462	C+
12	US	B204/465	C+	29	US	G201/811	C+	45	US	J140/332	C=
13	US	C48	B	30	US	G205/583	B			(stamp damage)	
14	US	C72-1B/307	B+	31	US	H52/433	B	46	US	J147/499	B+
		(thin)		32	US	H116/300	C+			(pulled perfs)	
15	US	C120/536	C+	33	US	H214.5/560	C+	47	US	J152/556	B+

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## Perfins Club Auction #140 (cont.)

Lot	Country	Description	Rate	Lot	Country	Description	Rate	Lot	Country	Description	Rate
48	US	J178/425	A	84	US	T9	C+	116	US	N42,N49,N143	
		(crease)		85	US	T20	C+	117	US	O89,O100,O102	
49	US	K22/610	C+	86	US	T79	C+	118	US	P12,P83,P144	
50	US	K40/463	C+			(se-on edge)		<b>Prepers</b>			
51	US	K47/319	C+	87	US	T99	C+	119	US	B116/41/636	B+W
52	US	K54.5	B	88	US	U38/508	C+			Dallas	
53	US	L13.5/425	B+	89	US	U46/558	C+	120	US	G72.5/582	DV
		(pulled perfs)		90	US	U66/899	C+			St. Louis	
54	US	L21A/405	C+	91	US	U82-7/698	C+	121	US	NY-Mass.	D-F
55	US	L54/555 (1h)	C+			(on edge)				24 & 17 dups & flaws	
56	US	L59/499	C+	92	US	U82-11/638	C+	122	US	Midwest	D-F
		(on edge)				(L Left corner missing)				21 & 15 dups & flaws	
57	US	L81/510	C+	93	US	W7.2 (2se)	C+	123	US	West Coast	D-F
58	US	M75/583	C+	94	US	W57.7	C+			11 & 20 dups & flaws	
59	US	M89/375	C+	95	US	W72.51A/811	C+	124	US	Revenues -1500+	
60	US	M92	C+			(tear)				mostly stock transfers	
61	US	M127/499	B+	96	US	W167	B	<b>Literature</b>			
		(pulled perf)				(on edge)		125	US	Check List of US	
62	US	M181/707	C+	97	US	W185/638	C+			Perfins- 1999	
63	US	M183/583	C+	98	US	W218/319	C+	126	US	Catalog of US Perfins	
64	US	M183.5	B	99	US	No. 4	C+			by Location-1999	
65	US	M248.5/638	C+	100	US	N0. 24/510	C+	127	Great	Britain-The Tomkins	
66	US	M271/332 (3h)	C+			C -Rates		Cata logue		of Identified G.B.	
67	US	M282/499	C+	101	US	C31.5AP/1581	C			Perfiins	
68	US	M311/562	C+			mint		128	World	Perfin-Asian Section	
69	US	N95/634 (1h)	B	102	US	H11.5P	C			150+Perfins	
70	US	N104.3/707	B+	103	US	O69	C	129	A Catal ogue	of G.B. Perfins	
		(1h-on edge)				RR-scrape				1986 with 1500+ Perfins	
71	US	N114/567	C+	104	US	S109.51P/1581	C	<b>End of Auction #139. Good Luck with Your Bids!!</b>			
72	US	P71/634 (se)	C+			mint					
73	US	P186	B	105	US	V25/556	C				
		(1 h-on edge)		106	US	W22/Q2	C				
74	US	R12 (se)	B	107	US	W72.50A/C32	C				
75	US	R32 (1h)	B	108	US	No.7/641	C				
76	US	R118.5	B	109	US	Des.8	C				
		on edge		110	US	Des.29	C				
77	US	S2.1A/585	B	<b>Multiple C- Rates</b>							
						Mini- mum Bid-\$2.00					
78	US	S2.10A/641	C+	111	US	F56,F84,F85					
79	US	S2.19/634	C+	112	US	G123,G166.5,G 175					
80	US	S48/806	C+			H206/815-					
81	US	S116/642	C+	113	US	Block of 4					
82	US	S298	C+	114	US	M31,M36,M72					
83	US	S306	C+	115	US	M42,M67,M19					

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# Secretary's Report

Ken Rehfeld (#3394)

## Resigning members:

#3987 Arthur Cole  
#3943 Edward Dorey  
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#4004 Peter Petrusis  
#3600 Albert Aldam  
#3952 Allen Schultz  
#2948 Bill Julian

## Address Changes:

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