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Leadership Opportunities in the Club

Steve Endicott (LM# 2284)

There are several opportunities becoming available for members to assist in The Perfins Club. Depending on the position, getting involved doesn't take a lot of time. The benefits to the Club and to members who volunteer are enormous. It places you in regular contact with members of similar interests, gives you opportunities to deepen your knowledge of perfins and helps our Club grow and prosper. You learn so much about perfins and are regularly involved in the research about perfins – this is what our hobby is all about! Speaking personally, the best thing I have ever done for myself as a collector and for the Club is to serve as U.S. Catalog chair – I continue to learn, almost every day, new things about United States perfins.

Foreign Catalog Editor Needed: The first opportunity I would like to announce is that of the *Foreign Catalog Chair*. John Randall has done a wonderful job serving in this position. He would now like to hand off the opportunity to another member. John is willing to mentor with the new Chair to “learn the ropes” of the

position. If you are interested in perfins outside the United States, then please contact John Randall or me to learn more about this position.

Additional Volunteers Sought: The other opportunities are assistants to... positions. I would like member volunteers to be assistants to *the Bulletin Editor, the Revenue Perfin Chair and the U.S. Catalog Chair*. The three activities named here are very important for our Club. Continuity is important to cover an unplanned situation where the incumbent suddenly could not continue in the Editor or Chair position. Two of the three members currently leading these efforts are planning to continue in their roles, but it would be prudent to have back-up members well-versed in their activities and procedures. How much and what types of involvement would be something for you and the incumbent to work out. Being an assistant does not necessarily mean that you would “have” to assume the primary role in the future, unless you wanted to do so. Please contact Paul Mistretta, Art Mongan or me if you are interested. Thank you!

Amendment to Constitution Proposed

In this issue is a proposed amendment to the Club's Constitution. The issues addressed were surfaced at the Convention and are now being submitted for a vote by the membership.

See pages 107-108 for the discussion and page 108 for the ballot.

Please take the time to vote! Your opinion in the form of a vote is important to your Club.

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A Proposed Amendment to Our Club Constitution

Executive Board – The Perfins Club

As discussed at The Perfins Club annual meeting this year, the Executive Board is recommending an amendment to our Constitution. This requires a vote of the membership; a ballot is printed in this issue.

Two concerns are addressed in the proposed amendment.

1. Our Club needs to have language in the Constitution that allows for orderly continuity of business in the event that the President and Vice President are unable to serve on the Executive Board in any capacity, and
2. The term "Immediate Past President..." is too restrictive and can hinder continuity of business in our Club. There is the potential for incapacity or other forms of unavailability of the "...Immediate Past President..." and this wording, *if taken literally*, restricts the options of the President, with the approval of the Executive Board, to name a complete Board.

The recommended, revised text of Article III, Section I of our Constitution is printed in the next column.

Please vote, using the ballot provided. Please place your ballot in an envelope, mailing it to:

John Hart, Secretary
The Perfins Club
6500 Upper Applegate Road
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For your vote to be counted, you MUST include your name and return address on the outside of the envelope and you must be a member in good standing of the Club (dues paid for FY'2016-2017).

Ballots must be received by Monday, January 16, 2017.

Please contact anyone on the Executive Board if you have any questions about this amendment. Contact information is listed on page 2 of this issue.

The proposed Amendment (the current wording of this Section is available at our Club website) is:

Article III Executive Board. Section 1. Function and Composition

The management of the affairs of the Perfins Club shall be vested in an Executive Board. This Board shall be composed of a maximum of nine and a minimum of five persons. The membership of the Board shall consist of:

- (a) The four officers, with the Perfins Club President as Chairman;
- (b) Three Directors-at-Large; and,
- (c) Two appointed members, who will be:
 - (i) an Immediate Past Full Term Officer, and
 - (ii) the Editor of the Club's journal.

The latter two members shall be appointed to the Board by the President of the Club, with the approval of the Executive Board.

So, what are the specific wording changes that are being recommended by the Executive Board?

1. Change the minimum number of persons on the Board from six to five.
Why? This is important so that the Executive Board can work through difficult times if multiple members of the Executive Board are unable to serve for their full terms.

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2. Delete the adjective “elected” in (a) and in (b).

Why? The Bylaws have always permitted mid-term vacancies to be filled by appointment. Elections are held for positions on the Board when the terms of those positions expire.

3. Change the definition of the appointed Immediate Past President position to be an appointment of an Immediate Past Full Term Officer.

Why? As explained earlier, this is important in order to clarify the confusing situation when both the President and the

Vice President resign mid-term and neither is available to assume the position of Immediate Past President.

4. Finally, these appointments require the approval of a majority of the full Executive Board, not just the officers.

Why? This change formally precludes the possibility of a single elected Officer (in the event of a triple resignation) forming an Officer group of his or her liking, without any review by the remaining Directors on the Executive Board, to the potential detriment of the Club.

PLEASE VOTE

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

PLEASE VOTE

Ballot

Ballots must be received by Monday, January 16, 2017

Proposal: The wording of the Constitution of The Perfins Club, Inc. shall be amended at **Article III Executive Board. Section 1. Function and Composition** to read:

The management of the affairs of the Perfins Club shall be vested in an Executive Board. This Board shall be composed of a maximum of nine and a minimum of five persons. The membership of the Board shall consist of:

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(ii) the Editor of the Club’s journal.

The latter two members shall be appointed to the Board by the President of the Club, with the approval of the Executive Board.

Yes

No

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For your vote to count be sure to include your name and mailing address on the envelope (and include your check for dues payment if overdue.)

Distinguishing Check Cancel Patterns from Commercial Security Punches in U.S. Postage Stamps

Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

The *Catalog of United States Perfins* focuses primarily on punches in US postage stamps used commercially or by government agencies for security purposes. It is difficult at times to distinguish the difference as to when a pattern could have been produced by a check cancel device instead of what we shall call a “commercial perforator”.

For the purposes of our hobby, we have defined a commercial perfin as: “United States commercial perfins are those punched from a perforator device, permanently fixed in design, so as to be capable of producing only one pattern.” The perforator may be a single-die device or a multi-die device. It may punch various patterns amongst the dies of a multi-die device – but the key is that it must be fixed in its design and used to punch designs into commercial postage.

Early check cancel devices had mechanisms which allowed the user to change the patterns to be punched. More recently, some check cancel devices are electrically operated, with multiple and changing sets of numbers, codes and dates punched into documents and revenue stamps. Members John Lyding and John Welsch have done extensive research into these devices; their work is greatly appreciated.

Figure 1. One example (of many possible) of a strip perforated with numerals from a check perforator. Note that there are *many* varieties of perforator which show differences in character shape, pin size, numbers of pins per pattern, and overall size of the patterns.

The characters available in the early check cancel devices are the single digits 0 to 9, the dollar sign (\$) and the pound sign (#). John Lyding and John Welsch have provided strips of these characters from devices that they have acquired.

Commercial postage stamps have been seen with the following characters punched in them:

- 0 = perfin O1
- 1 = perfin No. 1
- 2 = perfin No. 11
- 3 = perfin No. 20
- \$ = perfin S144.5 (deleted in

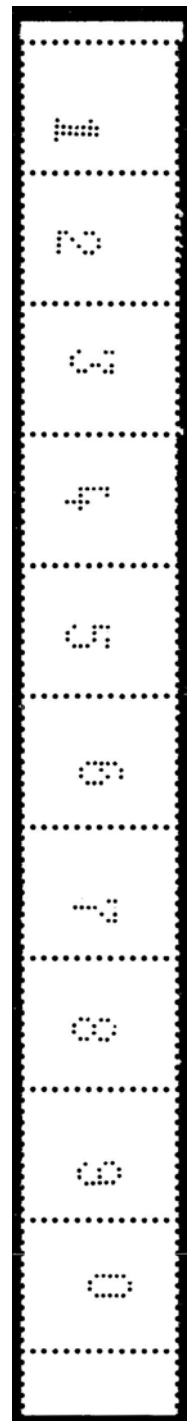
A&C#2 as

being from a check cancel device)

- # = perfin Design 16

These patterns are listed in our catalogs, classifying them as security punches applied to US postage stamps for commercial purposes.

However, as discussed here, each could have been the result of check cancel devices. These all occur in old stamps, most often in the 1908 issue.



They have been recorded in editions of the US Perfin Catalog for decades. Document cancelation was often physically located near the mailroom. Perhaps the mailroom used the check cancel device, instead of the mailroom's perforator with postage stamps for a short period of time – we will probably never know for certain.

Two of these patterns, however, have well-documented commercial usage, and are perfins that make sense given the company names:

Pattern O1 was used by Owen Equipment Manufacturing Company in New Haven, CT; and,

Pattern No. 1 was used by First National Bank in Indianapolis, IN

This is where our classification questions begin. Should the remaining four patterns be delisted, even though they have been in our catalogs for decades? If patterns with other digits are found, should they be listed as new patterns? Was it appropriate to delist pattern S144.5?

The answers to these questions by the current Catalog Chair are:

- 1) Do not delist the four numeric patterns, but include supplemental notes in the next edition of the U.S. Catalog explaining the questionable production;
- 2) Do not list newly found numeric patterns, especially if they are found in modern stamps; and
- 3) Yes, it was appropriate to delist pattern S144.5 in A&C#2.

The convincing evidence for the third question, involving pattern S144.5, is a stamp that Bob Szymanski showed to me. It is the 1908 ONE cent stamp with patterns S144.5 [\$] and the number "1" both in the stamp but offset at angles, therefore not positioned as would be produced by a commercial perforator. Although we can never be absolutely certain, this example appears to be the result of a check cancel device punching two characters into the stamp by changing the punch selection with subsequent passes. Seeing this stamp was appreciated and added to our perfins knowledge base.

Reno in March

Ken Masters (LM#3589)

The next American Philatelic Society (APS) stamp show, AmeriStamp 2017, at which The Perfins Club plans to staff an Affiliate Booth will be in Reno, NV, March 3-5, 2017. If you plan to attend AmeriStamp 2017 and have a couple of hours to volunteer staffing The Perfins Club Booth, please contact Ken Masters at 111 NW 94th Street, Apt. 102, Kansas City, MO 64155-

2993, or by email at krmasters@aol.com, or by telephone at (816) 835-5907. You are guaranteed to meet many philatelists who are eager to learn about perfins and the fun we all have while collecting them. You might even recruit a new Perfins Club member in the process.

Help Still Needed

Bob Szymanski (LM145)

My appeal for help (Perfins Bulletin 2016 (July/August): 79-80) resulted in a little information – but not enough to draw any

conclusions. If you have any help to offer especially multiples of these patterns – please do so. See article for contact info.

Reminiscences; My First Club Convention

John Hart

I had the pleasure of attending my first Perfins Club Convention in early August of this year. There I am, #14 in the group picture published in the Sept./Oct. *Bulletin*. I didn't know what to expect but I had recently been appointed Acting Secretary to the Club and the convention was practically in my own backyard, just a 5 hour drive to Portland, Oregon, and I was curious, so I went.

What a wonderful experience!! At nearly 70 years of age I've made my peace with the reality that family and friends see me as something of a nerd for collecting stamps; I even embrace that. I expected to find more of the same at the convention, but, what a great group of nerds! There were former marines, teachers, a computer genius or two, sales people, and even another retired cop like me. Everyone I engaged was more than willing to share time and opinions and give a relative rookie perfin collector feedback on any topic I brought up.



The convention itself was quite an eye-opener too. If you didn't know, we hold our conventions in conjunction with the Precancel Stamp Society and many of the attendees are members of both groups. Collectors of

precanceled perfins are a subspecies of our little nerdy cult, which blurs the lines.

Anyway, two things really struck me about the format of the Convention. First was the daily opening and closing times. In contrast to any other stamp show I've attended, the doors opened at 8 a.m. and closed officially at 10 p.m. (but more often at midnight). That is a potential for 16 hours to play with (other peoples') stamps every day! The second thing that struck me was the activity between those hours. The various dealers/vendors would occasionally wander off from their tables for meals, smoke breaks, or heaven only knows what. During those times the attendees (like me) were free to get up from the many tables we were using around the room and go behind the dealers tables, grab a drawer, binder or whatever the dealer used to carry his/her stock, bring it back to our table, and peruse more of the stock. When dealers returned (or when we were through working his/her stock) the buyer and dealer would settle up. The trust was remarkable and gladdened my heart like nothing I've seen in quite a while.

My spouse didn't attend but many spouses did; and those with whom I had contact were just as delightful as the members of Club, even if they weren't interested in stamps per se. Jerry Hejduk's wife Jean was particularly welcoming and even invited me to join them at dinner a couple times.

All in all, I had a very wonderful time, spent too much money on stamps (but filled a lot of "wants"), learned a lot, had great conversations, met many new "friends" and other folks.

Based on my experience, I'd encourage you each to consider attending a Convention when you possibly can. Come up and say "hi" if you see me next August in Louisville, Kentucky, but beware I keep an up-to-date list of who has renewed their dues and I harassed people unmercifully in Portland.

Auction 151

Closes November 30, 2016

Guidelines: Lots will be sold to the highest bidder at the following advances over the next highest bidder: \$1-\$5 - a \$0.25 advance; \$5.01-\$20- a \$0.50 advance; \$20.01-\$100 - a \$1.00 advance; \$101 or higher - a \$5.00 advance. No 'Unlimited' bids. No bids under \$1.00. In case of tie bids, the earlier postmark or e-mail will prevail. All single perfins are complete and in good condition, unless noted, and straight edges are not considered to be defects, just

sheet positions. In larger lots, you should expect some faults. All lots are returnable if mis-described; this does not apply to larger lots or mixes, with the exception of gross miscounts. Lots to be prepaid before shipping. **Bid by Lot #.** Please put your address on your bid sheet as this makes it easier for me to notify you after the close of the auction.

Send all bids to: Joe Giampietro, 6478 State Rd., G-10, Parma, OH 44134-4166

Email: mo13jo@aol.com

Abbreviations used:

(cc) creased corner (?h) number of missing holes (hc) heavy cancel (kn) known (mc) missing corner	(mnh) – mint never hinged (oe) on edge (pp) pulled perf(s) (sb) shaved at bottom (se) straight edge	(sp) short or shaved perf(s) (ss) shaved side (st) shaved top
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Scott #s are used and die #s from most recent catalogues when available.

	Description	Rate	Note		Description	Rate	Note		Description	Rate	Note
1	A112/504	C	pp	18	D95	C	pp	35	H75	C	
2	A202/638	B		19	D128/333	B		36	H80/595	C	
3	A253/504	B		20	E9	C	mc	37	H97.5	C	
4	A292/698	C		21	E46/807	C	cc	38	H130	C	
5	B104	C		22	E61	C		39	H138	C	se
6	B289/554	C		23	E97/832	C		40	H149	C	
7	C9/668	C	Kans.	24	F14/558	C	pp	41	H150	C	
8	C46	C	3h	25	F185/714	C		42	H162/708	C	mc
9	C163	C	oe	26	F200/706	C	oe	43	H164	C	mc
10	C265.5/637	C		27	F203/811	C		44	H172/720	C	
11	C267	C	pp	28	G9/414	C	sp	45	H189?573	E	\$5
12	C318/714	C		29	G28/888	C		46	H214.5	C+	
13	C391	C	sb	30	G109/570	C	oe	47	H252	C	
14	C410	C	mc	31	G166.5/1031	C	st	48	I43.7C1/635	B	5h
15	C427	C	se	32	G191/510	C		49	I43.7G11/635	B	cc
16	D16	C	ss	33	H47/684	C		50	I43.7B11/424	B	cc
17	D71/557	C		34	H59	C		51	I69	C	

Description	Rate	Note
52	I70	C
53	I73	C
54	I94/714	C
55	I97	C
56	I98/705	B mc
57	I105	C
58	J23	B se pp
59	J28/636	B 1h hc
60	J50/705	B pp
61	J85/640	B pp
62	J101/375	B pp
63	J125	C
64	J136.5/1038	C
65	J147/585	B+ pp
66	K37/634	B pp
67	K54.5/406	B
68	L55.2/375	B
69	L80A/464	B pp
70	L95/807	C
71	L106/720	C
72	L117	C se
73	L119/376	B pp cc
74	L179	C

Description	Rate	Note
75	L190/561	C
76	M35/463	B pp
77	M36	C
78	M37	C
79	M54	C
80	M55	C se
81	M101	C
82	M146	C
83	M170/335	B 2sp
84	M185	C
85	M194A	C
86	M195	C
87	M198	C
88	N54/Q8	C se 2h
89	N82/504	B pp
90	N82/499	B pp
91	N89I/554	B cc pp
92	N94/554	B pp
93	N159/554	B
94	N181/425	B 1h
95	N89I/581	B pp
96	P8/696	B
97	P35	B

Description	Rate	Note
98	P39A	B+
99	P90.5	A 12kn
100	P119A	A pp
101	P221.5/815	B
102	P241	B
103	R3.7	C
104	R30	C
105	R52	C
106	R69	C
107	R86A/1036	C
108	R107	B
109	R109	C
110	R117	C
111	R136	C
112	R154	C
113	S2.1A/807	B
114	S114A/634	B
115	S128.1P/1581	B mnh
116	S169/499	B 1h pp
117	S222/508	B
118	S257/554	B 1h pp
119	T96/698	C
120	W32	B+

Results of Auction 150

Lot	Amount	Lot	Amount	Lot	Amount	Lot	Amount	Lot	Amount
1	NB	15	\$11.00	29	NB	43	NB	57	NB
2	NB	16	NB	30	\$4.00	44	NB	58	NB
3	NB	17	NB	31	\$4.00	45	\$8.00	59	\$4.00
4	\$2.00	18	\$4.00	32	NB	46	NB	60	NB
5	\$2.00	19	\$16.00	33	NB	47	\$8.00	61	NB
6	\$8.00	20	\$4.00	34	NB	48	\$4.00	62	\$9.50
7	\$4.00	21	\$4.25	35	NB	49	NB	63	\$5.00
8	\$2.00	22	\$5.25	36	\$8.00	50	\$5.25	64	\$8.00
9	\$5.25	23	\$9.50	37	NB	51	NB	65	\$16.00
10	\$2.00	24	NB	38	NB	52	NB	66	\$3.00
11	\$4.00	25	\$4.00	39	\$8.00	53	NB	67	\$21.00
12	\$8.00	26	NB	40	NB	54	NB	68	\$20.00
13	NB	27	NB	41	\$4.00	55	NB	69	\$11.00
14	\$11.00	28	\$8.00	42	NB	56	NB	70	\$2.50

Extended Use of Territory of Hawaii T47 Perfin – After Statehood

George A. Miura (3906)

After Statehood was achieved on 21 August 1959 offices in the Hawaii State Government prolonged the use of the Territory of Hawaii perfin (T47) disregarding how incongruous the T.H. initials appeared. This study is focused on the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Division of Highways located on different islands and is based on covers with the T47 perfin purchased as an accumulation from a stamp dealer in Honolulu. With these covers I was given an opportunity of a novel examination of a single State entity and using it as a model for the extended use of this perfin.

All covers were business size (#10) airmail envelopes mailed after Statehood, routed inter-

island to the Division of Highways located in Honolulu, Oahu from the Division of Highways offices located in Lihue, Kauai; Hilo, Hawaii; and Wailuku, Maui. In his 1961 article Pickop stated that the T47 pattern was used as late as 12 December 1960. New information obtained from these covers show that it was used continuously on official State envelopes for over two years after Statehood, or nearly a year longer than previously reported (Figure 1 & Table 1). Despite the small sample size the last known postmarks on covers from the three districts remarkably converge with the narrow span of three weeks in November 1961 (Table 1).

Origin of Cover	Number of covers with Perfin T47 Cancelled after Statehood				Last Known Date of Cancellation
	Total	1959	1960	1961	
Lihue, Kauai	25	14	10	1	3 November 1961
Hilo, Hawaii	28	0	7	21	16 November 1961
Wailuku, Maui	8	0	2	6	24 November 1961

Table 1. Post Statehood use of the Territory of Hawaii perfin (T47) by Highway Department District of origin, year of use and last known use.



Figure 1. Last known use of perfin H47; cover from Wailuku, HI cancelled Nov 24 1961.
(Illustration of cover and pattern reduced)

The 7¢ airmail rate was rarely paid with the 7¢ blue airmail stamp (Sc# C51; only 2 examples noted). Roughly one third of the covers were franked with the older 6¢ carmine airmail stamp (Sc# 39) plus a 1¢ Liberty stamp (Sc #1031). Heavier envelopes show the same pattern with multiples of lower value Liberty stamps used. The older Presidential issues (Sc# 810 and Sc#

C39) were used only in Lihue, although, before 1958 all of Divisions used the Presidential series stamps. Commemorative stamps with perfin were not seen. Mixed use of stamps with and those without perfin was also absent. The overall pattern of perfin use on these covers after Statehood may best be described as the depletion of a dwindling inventory.



Figure 2, Cancellation on the last known use of T47.

In my collection I have an unremarkable cover whose key attribute is a non-perfin stamp which I found useful as a marker for the State's transition away from the T47 perfin. This cover is pertinent because it was mailed over three years after Statehood within the same model discussed in this article, and because information from it can be used to assign an upper limit for the protracted life span of pattern T47. The cover was franked with a 7¢ carmine airmail stamp (Sc# C60) without perfin, canceled on 25 October 1962 (designated as the upper limit for T47 use), and mailed to the Hawaii Department of Transportation, Division of Highways in Honolulu from the Division of Highways in Wailuku. Until non-perfin cover(s) specifically

related to this study with earlier dates of cancellation become available, the last day of T47 usage can be documented only within the broad range of the last documented perfin use (24 November 1961) and the date assigned as the upper bound of use (25 October 1962).

If you have any further information bearing on this study, please contact me at geormiur@aol.com.

Reference

Pickop, E. M. 1961. The perfin of Hawaii. *The Perfins Bull.* 41(5): 9-10.

Complaint to the American Philatelic Society is Closed

Steve Endicott (LM2284)

Closure for those of you who have been following the course of the complaint filed by a member of the Club to the APS regarding the actions taken by the Executive Committee of the Club last Fall (2016) and Winter (2015-2016). The complaint was adjudicated by the Ethics Committee of the APS during the APS Convention in August (on the Friday immediately preceding the Perfins Club's Annual Convention). As reported in the previous

issue of *the Bulletin* the situation was surfaced at our annual meeting, but at the time no resolution had been reported to the Club by the APS.

The APS report was received by the Club after the publication of the Sept/Oct *Bulletin*. The APS found that the Executive Board acted properly and dismissed the case subject to a 30 day appeal period. No appeal was received during that time and the case is closed.

"A" Rated Discovery!

By Robert Littrell (#3992)

It is not just every day that you find an "A" rated perfin on an online auction. Not that it was advertised as such. The description was merely, "Uprated stationery with Perfin: MGE. Sent to Denmark". The seller was in Denmark.

Now I'm always a sucker for postal stationery. That's where I got my start in Cuba collecting. So I looked up **MGE** in the U.S. Catalog and to my surprise I saw that it was an "A" rated perfin! What's more, the Catalog listed neither company nor city of use.

My luck multiplied. The seller obviously did not know what he had because he had it for sale at a fixed price – buy it now – for **\$2!!** I could not press the "Buy It Now" button fast enough.

The envelope had a single line through the still readable company name and a probable unauthorized user substituted his name and return



address. It was uprated with the 2¢ perfin stamp and a 1¢ Franklin to be sent overseas.

So now I am the proud owner of an "A" rated discovery cover: **Pattern M123.7, MGE, Minneapolis General Electric Company, Minneapolis, MN.**

U.S. Perfin Ratings – An Update

Two errors have been noted in the list of rating changes that were published in the July-August issue of *the Bulletin* this year. Thank you to Doug Turner for catching these errors and reporting them.

First, I reported that pattern C346.06 had a changed rating from B+ to B. The pattern should have been listed as C356.06 – there is no C346.06 pattern.

Secondly, I reported that pattern O087.5 was changed from a rating of A to a rating of B+. This was wrong. The rating for pattern O087.5 remains B. The rating for pattern O087 has been revised from A to B+.

I apologize for any confusion that this may caused.

Inter-Club Representation

Steve Endicott (LM2284)

Just a quick note to inform members that Vice President Ken Master has assumed the positions of official Club representative to the American Philatelic Society and the American Topical Association. While the primary responsibility of the job is to generate an annual report which indicates

the numbers of Club members who are also members of the APS or ATA, other official notices from those organizations will now have a formal point of contact for dissemination to the Club.

Thanks Ken! .

Clubmember Ads

Buying/Selling/Trading: Swiss perfins. Dr. John Barrett (not yet a Club member – met at Club table at the APS Show in Portland OR). Contact: jstrubelboy@aol.com.

Wanted: PERFINs OF ST. JOSEPH, MO, for a future APS one-frame exhibit. See list of patterns and users below. I particularly need a single of B+ rated pattern **S195-29** and any covers you might wish to sell. Please advise if you can help and your pricing. Thanks. Ken Masters, 111 NW 94th St., Apt., 102, Kansas City, MO 64155-2993; email: krmasters@aol.com; phone: 816-835-5907.

Pattern	Rating	User
E23.5	B+	Unknown
G20	D	German American Bank or American National Bank

G41	B+	M.K. Goetz Brewing Co.
H158	E	Armour Packing Co.
I43.7A-12	D	International Harvester Co.
N113D-7	E	New York Life Insurance Co.
N115	C+	Unknown
S195-24	D+	Standard Oil Co.
S195-29	B+	Standard Oil Co.
S282	C+	St. Joseph Life Insurance Co.
S283	C+	St. Joseph Lead Co.
S338.2	D	Swift & Co.
S344	D	W.S. Aldrich ???
T64	D+	Tootle-Lacy National Bank
Num. 4	C+	1st National Bank

Wanted: 2c BLACK HARDING PREPERS (PRECANCELLED PERFINs). I am looking for the following prepers. I will pay very aggressive prices of any of these little “Black Beauties” Multiples and on cover examples are really desirable and will have commensurate prices.

STATE	TOWN	PERF	PATTERN	T&T	LETTERS	USER
California	San Francisco	11	G072.26	L-3 E	GE	General Electric Co.
California	San Francisco	11	S080	L-3 E	S/CO	Shreve & Co.
Connecticut	New Britain	11	DES:003	205	ANCHOR*	North & Judd
Illinois	Moline	11	V014	203	VELIE	Velie Motor Co.
Massachusetts	Gardner	11	C239	549	COC	Central Oil & Gas Stove Co.
Michigan	Detroit	11	S-25	204	SAI	Standard Accident Insurance Co.
Michigan	Grand Rapids	11	S-195-33	205	SO	Standard Oil Co.
Michigan	Kalamazoo	11	U014	204	U/CO	Upjohn Co.
Minnesota	Minneapolis	11	M096	205	MD/CO	<i>unknown</i>
North Dakota	Grand Forks	11	I043.7B-16	462	((I)H)C	International Harvester Co.
North Dakota	Minot	11	S195-21	L-1 HS	SO	Standard Oil Co.
Oregon	Bend	11	O094	PROV*	OW/RN	Oregon Washington RR & Navigation Co.
Pennsylvania	Altoona	11	T081	404**	TRAV	Traveler's Ins. Co.
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	11	G036	L-10	GB	Gimbel Brothers
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	11	Q005	205	QLC	Quaker Lace Co.

Larry Cohen (LM 3724) P.O. Box 356, Plymouth, NH, 03264-0356. PLEASE E-MAIL ME: reb.cohen@roadrunner.com.

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Thinking ahead to our next two Conventions (2018 will be our Club's 75th anniversary!), I would like to have the assistance of a member with creative skills to help design some attractive marketing materials. This won't take much time – we just need help with the designs. Please contact me if you are interested and would like to help. Thank you.

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Membership: 449

A Final Reminder....

Please remit your dues for the current fiscal year. If you have not yet sent payment you are in arrears. THANKS!

A Final Request for Help

It has been a year since I again became Editor of the *Bulletin* -- and I have exhausted all of the manuscripts which I have received during that time.

At the present time there is *nothing* in the queue!
Please join our several regulars in contributing

material for publication – or send me ideas for further work.

Without your help the next issue will be very slim!!

And a Couple of Additional Convention Photos

Thanks to Diane Eastman



John Randall (blue shirt) explaining something for all to hear.
Ken Masters and Jerry Hejduk (partial) in foreground



John Randall and Dilmond Postlewait (PSS) at their 50th consecutive Conventions

A couple of eBay Items – Caveat Emptor

Two members were struck this recently by eBay ads which suggest caution on the [part of bidders. Unlike the 42 A rated user identification cover reported by Robert Littrell elsewhere in this issue, the reserve bids on these two items raise red flags for the average collector.

Ken Masters spotted a full mint sheet of Scott#1031 (the common 1¢ green Washington in the [regular] Series of 1954) perforated P198 (the Pennsylvania Railroad). The pattern is E rated, so valued at 5¢. The simple math suggests 5¢ x 100 stamps = a value of \$5.00. The starting bid required was, wait for it... \$80.00! This item (<http://www.ebay.com/SCOTT-1031-FULL-SHEET-100-1-CENT-1954-PERFIN-PRR-GEORGE-WASHINGTON-UNUSED->

[/262617229701?hash=item3d2534e985:g:db5AAOSwimdXo-xN](http://www.ebay.com/262617229701?hash=item3d2534e985:g:db5AAOSwimdXo-xN)) closed on Sept. 17 with 0 bids. Fancy that.

And Steve Endicott noted a perforator being offered for sale. Speculatively (from the illustration) this is the 10-die perforator (Cummins No. 53) used to punch pattern G129 (Gulf Mobile & Ohio RR) . This offering, (<http://www.ebay.com/itm/CUMMINS-NO-53-POSTAGE-STAMP-PERFORATOR-GM-O-RAILROAD-GULF-MOBILE-OHIO-PERFINS-/302060964936?hash=item46543c8c48:g:XL0AAOSwGtRXyuVW>) was last updated on Sept. 7, 2016 and has “14 watching – possibly hoping that the \$450.00 “Buy it Now” price tag will be reduced. As of October 4 it has yet to sell.

Upcoming Events of interest Mark Your Calendars Now

August 7 – 12, 2017 – **PSS Convention (Perfins Club annual meeting)**; Ramada Plaza, 90700 Bluegrass Parkway, Louisville, KY 40299. PSS Convention room rate is \$82.00 + tax per night. Tele: (502)-491-4830 (make reservations by July 23, 2017).