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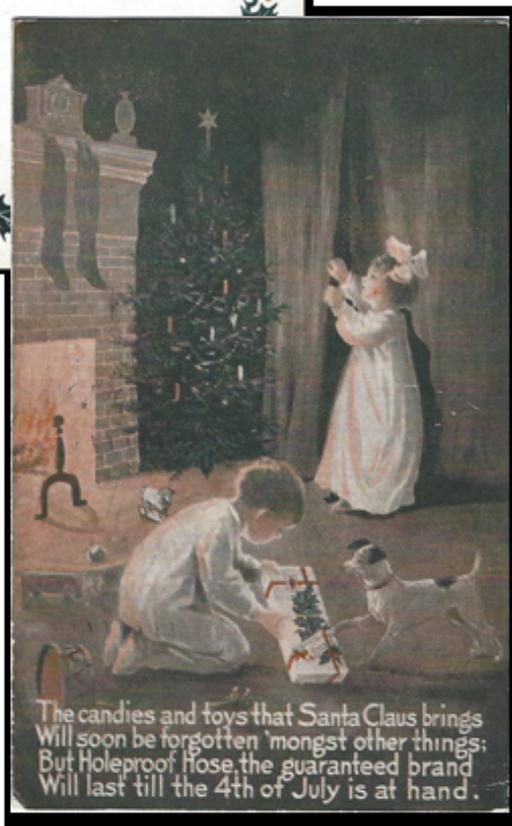
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*Season's
Greetings*



The Bulletin Has a New Publisher

Beginning with this issue Susan Kolze (#4175) becomes the thirteenth publisher of *the Perfins Bulletin*. Welcome aboard!

More about Susan and her interests will be found on page 103 in this issue.

and a Giant THANK YOU to Ken Masters

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Meet Our New Publisher in Her Own Words

Susan Kolze (#4175)

I'm a retired Systems Engineer. In 2017, I retired after 38 years in the computer field. I started my career in the manufacturing sector booting computers with paper card decks. My career concluded with a more powerful computer on my wrist; working for a healthcare insurer/provider working with mobile device security systems. A great ride in technology.

The day after retirement we, my husband of 41 years and our cats, moved from Minneapolis, Minnesota to Dayton, Ohio. We are near our two kids and their families, six grand kids plus their significant others. We are enjoying relating to them as young adults. We live in a renovated Delco Lofts building in a fun industrial loft, 2 floors directly above a brewery/restaurant, adjacent to the Dragons minor league baseball stadium and kitty-corner from the Riverscape MetroPark where all the summer festival action happens. The Dayton downtown is small, making it easy to walk most places including the downtown main library, orchestra hall, theaters, five breweries and many fine restaurants. We pack in as much as the small affordable city has to offer, although, I do miss the beautiful Minnesota winters.

As for my stamp collecting interests, I feel I spent my working years preparing for retirement

by accumulating enough material to keep me busy for years to come. I started collecting stamps as an adult after becoming fascinated by my husband's collection. He and I collect together, USA and UN plus we both have our own interests as well. I try to focus collecting my interests on the 1.5¢ Martha Washington Prexy (805-840-849-CZ119) including perfins and precancels; Machins including perfins; Santa on stamps and labels especially Santa Claus Post and 1930 Christmas seals; as well as postal history from Kolze, Illinois (1891-1922); and, socked-on-the nose cancels worldwide. My collection of perfins is focused on the 1.5c Martha Washington Prexy and British Machins on and off cover. My preretirement accumulating is bringing many hours of joyful organizing and inventorying in my retirement. You can find me selling my extras from time to time on eBay, HipStamp, and various FaceBook groups (as KoolAkkumulator).

The rest of my spare time I fill with knitting/crochet, drawing Zentangles, watching football and hanging out in Chautauqua, New York and Fort Myers Beach, Florida. I continue to dabble in technology in retirement and I'm glad to be able to use my skills to help the Perfin Club as Publisher of *the Perfins Bulletin*.

And a Giant THANK YOU to Ken Masters (cont.)

Paul Mistretta (LM#111)

I first met Ken at the end of 2008 when he drove from Kansas City to Atlanta to sit with me at my dining room table to learn what I did as Editor of the *Bulletin*.

In January 2009 he took over the editing and publishing tasks. Then in 2010, Ken changed printers and introduced color to the *Bulletin*. When family commitments forced him to give up the editing task, he remained the Publisher - right up to the previous issue. Along with his

publisher role, Ken has been Vice-President of the Club for the past 3 years.

Thank you, Ken for being a pleasure to work with; and for making the Club look good in print!

We'll miss your help and encouragement.

Please, enjoy your retirement from Club responsibilities

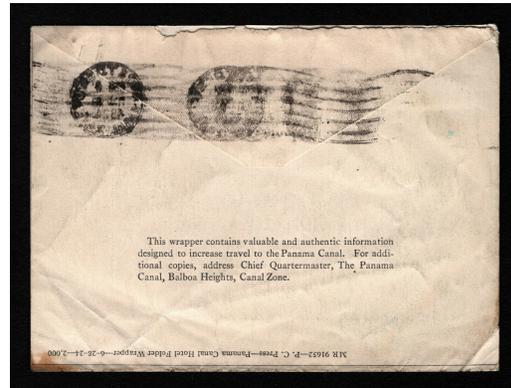
Canal Zone Perfins Prices Continue Unbelievable

Edited from notes from Doug Cutler (LM#126) & Rudy Roy (#1124)

Over the past several issues I have featured several items from the Canal Zone noting that, even with a limited supply of these items, prices seemed skewed to the high side. Well, this month there are two

offerings which continue (or in one case attempt to continue) this trend.

The first, noted by Rudy Roy is a rather nondescript cover with a very notable sale price.



Mailed from Cristobal, C.Z. to Cincinnati, OH on Oct. 4, 1924, this cover has an illegible receipt backstamp. The back of the envelope identifies it as a “wrapper” containing “...valuable and authentic information designed to increase travel to the Canal Zone.” The stamp is Sc#71 (US Type A155 overprinted for use in the Canal Zone) a common stamp; it is perfined “P” (Schwerdt pattern C1). Nothing obviously remarkable but this cover sold for \$788.79 to the person placing the 23rd bid on it.

Zone stamps with a ridiculous price tag. The stamps shown below are described as: “:Scott #405 & 406 Var "PRR" Canal Zone Official 'P' PERFIN Precursor RARE Stamps”. Included with the illustrations is a copy of a page (p. 215 from a book describing “Canal Zone Stamps”) which describes the creation of C.Z.’s “P” perfin. These perfins were punched using the modified Cummins perforator which had previously punched the “RPR” pattern of the Panama Railroad Commissary Department (“R” removed to create the new “P” pattern).

And the second item, submitted for your viewing displeasure by Doug Cutler is a couple of “Canal

All well and good, but what do we really have here?



The description accepted at face value - we have one copy each of US Sc#40 and 406. In US stamps the RPR pattern is R116 a B rated pattern; uncommon but not “RARE”. A liberal value placed on B rated stamps is \$20 for a total value of \$40. What makes

this eBay item so crazy is the asking price of \$1,299.99; conservatively, a markup of 3250%.

Not all “Canal Zone” material is worth anywhere near the offering price! This is definitely a “Let the buyer beware” situation.

New Publications

Canada:

A very brief note received from Jim Graham, Editor of the BNA Perforator, announced the web publication of the 6th edition of the Canadian perfins catalog:

Johnson, Jon; Tomasson, Gary. 2019.
Canadian stamps with perforated initials:

positions. 6th edition prepared by the
BNAPS Perfin Study Group.

This excellent reference work can be accessed on the web at: <http://www.bnaps.prg/PerfinHandbook/PerfinHandbook.htm>

Latin and South America & the Caribbean Islands:

Robert Littrell has revised and updated the Americas section of Robert Schwerdt's 1992-1996 World Perfins Catalog.

While essentially retaining the organization of the previous edition he has done significant updating: expanded coverage of most major countries; better, clearer and straighter pattern illustrations; and, newly added pattern descriptions stating the pattern's initials or symbol. Cuba has grown from 2 to 7 pages; Mexico from 8 to 12 pages, Uruguay from 12 to 32 patterns; Chile fiscals from 96 to 186 patterns. The overall work is now 100 pages long.

We need to know of any interest in purchasing this work in either hard copy or electronic format. Please email Robert at: Robert.littrell@comcast.net, or mail him at: 8150 Chipita Park Rd., Cascade, CO 80809-1105, stating which version you are interested in purchasing.

Final pricing will be determined based on printing orders and will follow in a later *Bulletin*.

[Ed.: I saw a draft of this work at the Convention last August, and it is worthy successor to Bob Schwerdt's effort.]

Compendium of U. S. Topical perfins:

A new compendium of U. S. perfins by business or service provided by the users of the pattern is almost completed. This work, edited by Paul Mistretta (LM#111), lists perfin patterns in approximately 110 topics, and lists users by Scott catalog number in which the patterns are punched another 100 plus lists.)

Among the topics discussed are all of the 25 previously documented by Swenson in the mid 1979s and Walker in the late 1970s and early 1980s. These include patterns used by: newspaper and magazine producers and vendors; oil and gas refining and vending companies; steamship lines; chemical companies; clothing manufacturers and sales companies; hotels; insurance related companies; tire and rubber companies; jewelry manufacturers and sales companies; etc. In addition topics such as patterns used by: food processing and sales companies; electronics manufacture and sales

companies; music and entertainment related companies; forestry and lumber related companies; agriculture, farming and animal husbandry related companies; governmental service agencies; etc. are documented. Records in most of the lists include: catalog # of the pattern; description of the pattern; frequency rating; user's name, city and state; reference(s) documenting the topical placement in the list; and a number representing the topic for use in record sorting.

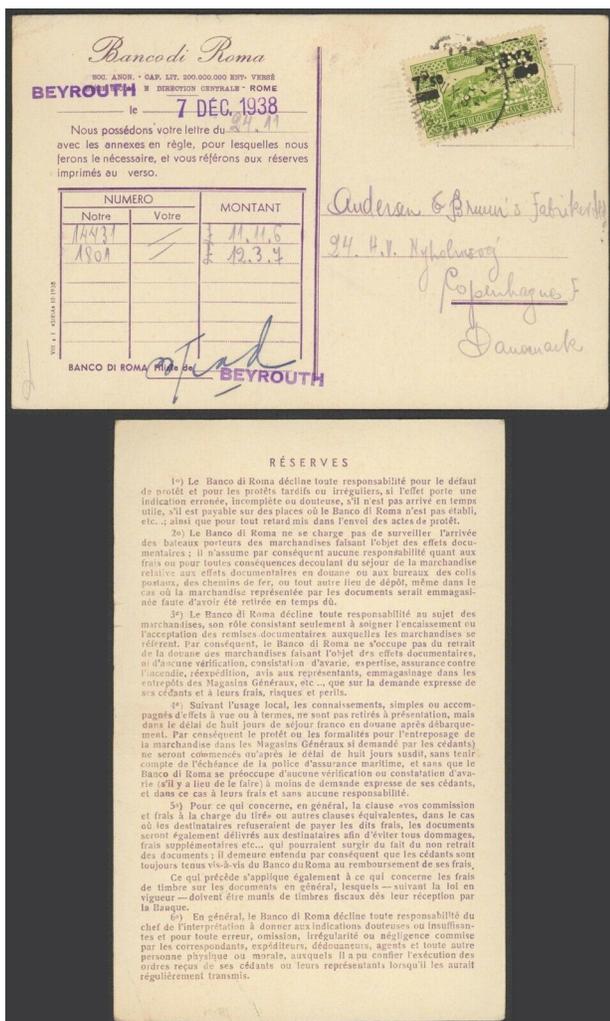
Based on a complete review of the full run of *The Perfins Bulletin* to the end of fiscal year 2016 (June 2017), several collections and a few dealer's stock, The final book will run to 700+ pages. It is anticipated that this work will be available complete; by topic; or as an excel spreadsheet of all records published in the basic format.

Expect a formal announcement in the next *Bulletin*.

A Cover from Lebanon Franked with a Perfin

Edited from a note from Rudy Roy (#1124)

Below is illustrated a cover franked with a perfin. Rudy's comment when sending the eBay address for this offering "I have it on good authority that this may be the first Lebanon perfins cover seen. Garnered a nice price, too.



Described as: "Lebanon 1938- Perfin BR on postcard Beruit to Copenhagen Denmark 34697/14". It sold for US \$89.87.

The stamp, Scott's Lebanon 148, is punctured with Schwerdt's perfin pattern Lebanon A2 which is actually "B.R."

The card is a transaction acknowledgement from the Bank of Rome, Beruit (Banco di Roma, Beyrouth). It is addressed to Andersen & Bruun's Fabriker Ltd. [Fabriker => Fabrikker = factories].

Text on the stamped side of the card reads: "We have your letter of 24.11 with the proper schedules, for which we will do what is necessary, and you refer to the conditions printed on the reverse" [of the card].

Below the text the table reflects two transactions numbered by the bank as 14431 and 1801; no self numbering (votre = your [number]); in the amounts of £11,11,6 and £12,3,? (£ pounds, shillings, pence). My best guess is that it is an acknowledgement of an international transfer of money to be used in Beruit to fulfill the requirements laid out in the "schedules" under the terms and conditions on the reverse of the card.

The reverse of the card is what we call the "fine print" on a contract. Three of the six disclaimers begin with "The Bank of Rome declines responsibility for..."

This is a very interesting cover which almost tells its own story. Wish I knew what was bought with the £23+ .

Dues still unpaid - this is your last issue

Advertisements are published without charge for members on a space-available basis. Members are entitled to one free ad per year. Additional ads will be accepted at the following rates: one insertion at 10¢ per word (do not count membership number and heading); three consecutive insertions of the same ad at 20¢ per word; six insertions of the same ad at 40¢ per word. Paid ads relating to perfins are accepted from non-members. Non-member rates are 15¢ per word for a single insertion, 30¢ per word for three consecutive insertions, and 60¢ per word for six consecutive insertions of the same ad. Neither the Perfins Club nor the editor accepts responsibility for the validity of the advertisements. Payment for the ads should be made payable to 'The Perfins Club' and sent to the editor with the request for insertion

Perfins Club Library Update

Clark Buchi (#4028)

You may remember that last year the Club Library changed locations from being housed in a the home of a member of the Club to a new resting place in the American Philatelic Society Research Library (the APRL) in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania (Masters 2018b).

To highlight that new placement, Scott Tiffney, APRL's Director of Information Services/Librarian, presented a seminar at the Columbus Convention detailing the Library's resources in general and made available handouts listing materials of interest to collectors/researchers of perfins and precancels.

If Club members with a particular philatelic interest in perfins would like to explore the holdings of the APRL but are unsure of where to begin, I happily offer my assistance. I can be contacted as follows:

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If we find in your initial searches that there is little material available in your particular area of interest, but you know of a recent publication that would be of value, we may be able to purchase the publication to be included in the APRL's permanent collection. As highlighted in Masters (2018a) there is a Perfins Catalog/Literature Acquisition Fund at the APRL that can accommodate such acquisitions. As a member of the Perfins Club (and not necessarily a member of the American Philatelic Society), you may request the APRL mail you the item for use in your research, after which you would return it to the APRL. [Check with Clark on this process.]

If you have any questions about the above information, or any other Library related questions, contact me at your convenience.

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Perfins Literature at the APRL

Paul Mistretta (LM#111; based on titles found in the APRL's online catalog)

It has been several years since we published a listing of materials available from the Perfins Club Library. And, the listing previously maintained on the Club's website is no longer there. So, in conjunction with Clark's article I felt it was time to publish the holdings relating

to perfins found in the APRL, new home of the Club's library materials. The following list of available catalogs is derived from the APRL's online catalog. Citations have been reformatted and abbreviated.

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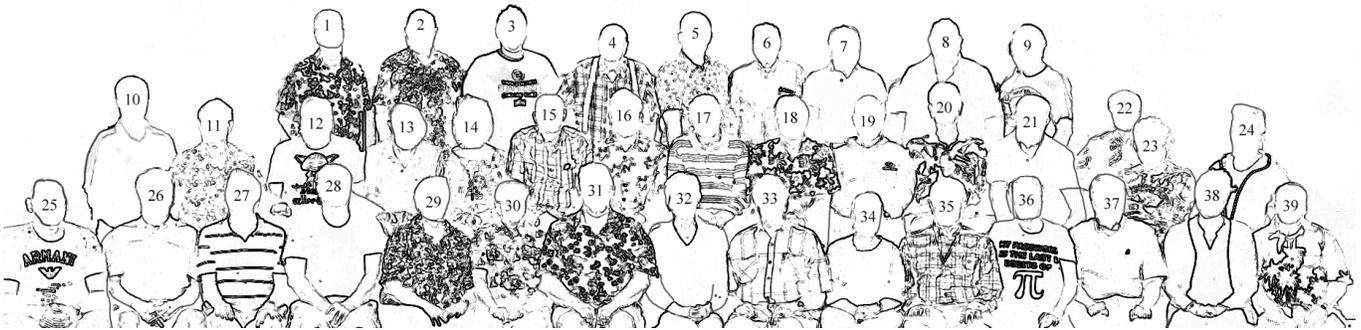
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The Perfins Club 76th Annual Convention August 5-10, 2019 Omaha, Nebraska



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Minutes of the Perfins Club's Annual Business Meeting Held during the Omaha Club Convention

John Hart (#3411), Club Secretary

Call to Order

The Perfins Club annual meeting was called to order on August 8th at 1 p.m. by Pres. Steve Endicott. A quorum was present consisting of all 9 members of the Executive Board.

Steve thanked everyone for coming, then asked for self introductions. Members introduced themselves by name, State of residence and collecting interests.

The minutes of the 2018 annual meeting, as published in the November/December 2018 issue of *The Perfins Bulletin*, were unanimously approved.

Officer and Committee Chair Reports

Treasurer - Dan Baugher

Here is the financial status of The Perfins Club.

The total financial assets for the Club are \$105,649 down slightly (5.6%) from December 2017. The Club auctions, approvals and covers reported increases for the year. We also had a few chairmen changes which caused some extra expenses (such as transferring (shipping) materials on hand.

While having these financial assets looks like we are healthy, it is important to note four reserve categories in that total: life memberships, escrow for member's personal credit accounts, self-insurance transit fund, and donations reserved for special projects. After subtracting for these, the Club has a remaining operational balance of \$32,279, which would cover about 2 to 3 year's expenses.

If anyone has a question, I have the 2018 balance sheet and would be happy to explain it.

Annual dues have been \$15 for over 20 years.

We look forward to seeing you at the National Convention in Charleston, South Carolina next summer.

Auctions – Joe Coulbourne

Auction 160 is in the books. Nineteen bidders from three countries fought over material from 8 sellers. Total sales were \$815.75. All winnings have been mailed and almost all payments have been received. There was very spirited bidding on the foreign perfins. By the time this report is read at the convention, checks will have been mailed to the sellers. The next auction, Number 161 is scheduled to run in the September/October Perfins Bulletin and will close 30 November 2019. [Ed. Note: Timing of Auction 161 is uncertain at this time.] The Auction Chairman was rusty and learned quite a bit from this (my) first auction in many years. Improvements will be made and organizational lessons learned applied. I expect to try to run 3-4 auctions in 2020, material permitting. Many thanks to our Editor for his help correcting my mistakes and making me look smarter than I am. The Perfins Club has received a donation of perfins, mostly from the United States, but I did notice foreign perfins that must total in the tens of thousands. These perfins will make their way into the auctions as well. Most have not seen the light of day for almost two decades and the owner never checked or sorted them - literally left them as received.

Sales Circuit – Bob Combs

Seller material continues to pour into the Sales Department, which makes the circuit buyers happy! Have you considered joining the Perfins Club Sales Circuits? You should!

Cover Sales – Robert Littrell

Sales lagged in 2018-2019 due to the fact that less new materials came in for resale by the Club. In that regard, we do have a number of willing buyers, so if you have extra material lying around or you wish to

sell an entire collection, by all means send them to me. I promise a good effort will be made to sell them. The Club will receive 20% of the sale price of the covers and the balance is remitted to the consignor.

Publication Sales – Steven Sherman

I accepted the position of Publication Sales Manager shortly after the beginning of this year. For the period of January 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019 there have been 14 orders received and paid for comprising 24 various catalogs. The gross sales income from this activity is \$1,035.00 and due to all shipping/printing costs being covered by an anonymous grant, the net income from catalog sales is also \$1,035.00. My experience level for the execution of this position continues to grow but there are still many things to learn over the coming months. Thank you to our previous PSM, Dan Fellows, with his support and knowledge providing a smooth transition in the transfer of the job. Also, thank you to everyone else involved for their support and assistance during this period. I look forward to increasing my knowledge of the job and experiencing the expansion of our offerings with new publications in the future.

Librarian – Clark Buchi

Our official Library of perfin-related material has been donated to the American Philatelic Research Library (APRL). There we have a permanent, climate controlled section to house our material. The APRL staff is friendly and anxious to supply any of our information that you may need. You can reach the APRL by email at Library@stamps.org or by phone at 1 (814) 933-3803, ext. 240. As Librarian, I am available to help as needed.

Bulletin Editor – Paul Mistretta

During the past year, six twenty-page issues of the *Bulletin* were published. The subject matter continues to be varied, keeping the fun in editing (and I hope in reading it). At the present time, there is less material in the queue than at this time last year.

Please put your ideas in writing - either finished drafts or simple suggestions of what you would like to see! Send them to me for editing and for use in the Bulletin. I will help you.

I want to shout out a huge thank you to the many contributors of articles. One special thank you goes to **Joe Chinnici** who continues as Assistant Editor of the *Bulletin*; his review of “ready to publish” material keeps my so-so typing honest.

Publisher – Ken Masters

The Publisher continued to arrange for printing and mailing of the *Bulletin* to the members. Beginning with the January/February 2019 issue, the company that prints the *Bulletin* also assumed mailing activities. As announced at last year’s annual meeting, electronic delivery of the *Bulletin* was offered to all members living outside the U.S. Currently 28 (43%) of these members have chosen this method of delivery. We encourage the other non-U.S. members to seriously consider this method of delivery to save them the postage cost of delivery by regular mail.

Sunshine – Francis Stunzi

I sent sympathy cards to families of members who have passed (11 during this last year) and get-well cards to members who have health issues (10 during this last year). Please let me know if you are aware of a member who would appreciate a card from our Club.

U.S. Revenue Chair – Art Mongan

Since 2010 only 2 or 3 new patterns have shown up for Volume 1, a dozen or more for Volume 2 including those from a recently purchased Tax Paid cigar & tobacco collection to be processed, and a couple dozen patterns for Volume 3 yet to be processed.

Transiting the catalogue from File Maker Pro 10 to current File Maker Pro 18 will be time consuming and eventually moving to Excel by 2027 will be difficult. Assistance with this project would be appreciated. Please contact me if you are interested.

Foreign Catalog Chair – Brian Freeman

Throughout the past year I have received several inquiries with questions about foreign perfins. For the most part the primary question has been "what's it worth?" But, as expected, I have also been receiving inquiries asking if particular patterns have been reported yet.

Last year I mentioned that I was thinking about the possibility of a catalog for perfins from German affiliated entities. That idea is now in the planning stage, and it is looking like this could very well be a feasible project. As for expressions of interest from our members for future publications, one subject that has been discussed are some improvements that could be included when we create an updated version of our *World Perfins Catalog*. Robert Littrell is completing a new, updated edition of the *World Perfins Catalog - American Section* which will soon be available. I am still looking for ideas for additional project proposals, so members should feel free to contact me with their suggestions

U.S. Catalog Chair – Steve Endicott

Sales of the 2018 edition of the *Catalog of United States Perfins* have been robust. Members have been submitting new postmarks and other information for consideration to be included in a future Additions & Corrections document. Thank you and keep sending in information -- your observations are greatly appreciated.

Webmaster – Mike Hynes

The website has been kept up to date the past year; no major changes have been made.

Old Business

None

New Business

Electronic Delivery of *TPB* will be available to all members beginning 7/1/2020. Further details will be in *TPB* once a system to provide them is in place.

Membership Roster - The Board has decided to make the June 30th version of the membership roster available upon request to the Secretary. Members will be given the opportunity to "opt out" of having ANY of their info posted in the public roster; otherwise the info will be member name and #, mailing address and email address. Members will advise the Secretary of their interest in receiving the electronic version OR request a printed version. They will get one or the other; otherwise, the default position will be NO membership roster.

Secretaries note: This change is being made for several reasons: (1) it will save the Club printing cost and postage, (2) quite a few members do not need nor desire to receive a roster every other year and (3) roster changes during the year are published in every issue of the Bulletin. Contact me now if you desire a roster.

Publisher - Susan Kolze will be the new publisher taking Ken Master's spot.

From the floor - Treasurer Dan Baugher suggested that members reading *TPB*, seeing new members listed, might take the time to send a greeting to a "newbie" and include a glassine of perfins and an offer to help if desired.

Elections

Paul Mistretta reported on nominations Vice President (Bob Hodges), Secretary (John Hart) & Director (Mike Hynes). The three non-contested nominations were approved by voice vote.

Awards

Floyd Walker Memorial - Presented to Roger Brody for original writing in *The Perfins Bulletin*. President Endicott will call Roger after the meeting adjourns.

Hallock Card Award - The Committee decided to make no award this year.

Closed Albums

The list of members who past away this year was read and a moment of silence was observed for the following:

Dieter Beutner
Ray Coughlin
Charles Hanson
John Lyding

Derek Pocock
Alan Sandy
Derick Van Schoonhoven
Arthur Taylor
James Winder
Otto Wolke
John Chase

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Floyd Walker Memorial Award

Announced by Steve Endicott (LM#2284), President

I am pleased to announce that Roger Brody is the recipient of the Floyd Walker Memorial Award for 2018, for his research and publication of articles in the *Bulletin*.



Roger is the author of a series of articles published in the *United States Specialist* with the theme of “And the B@nd Played On”. These articles combine philatelic and postal history with the history of well-known companies in the early 1900s. One of the articles published in our *Bulletin* is about the

Ford Motor Company, which also features the perfin used by Ford [F145] from (approximately) 1908 to 1917. Roger also wrote two articles in 2018 for the *Bulletin* discussing the Jamestown 1907 Exposition issue, the history of the Exposition, the history of Jamestown, and the perfins featured in the issue.

Roger is a very accomplished philatelist, who very recently received the Neinken Medal for distinguished service to philately, awarded by the Philatelic Foundation. Roger is the author to quite a few philatelic journals, has served on many philatelic committees and has exhibited at philatelic shows.

Mr. Robert Rose, Chairman of The Philatelic Foundation, summarized it very well in his announcement of the choice of Roger as the recipient of the Neinken Medal: “Roger has selflessly devoted himself to the advancement of our wonderful hobby as an active participant and devoted leader. The PF is especially pleased to honor him for his many years of service to organized philately, and especially for his dignity and the respect as a leader that he has shown to all participants in the hobby.”

Congratulations Roger!

And yet Another “Mea Culpa”

John Matthews emailed me pointing out that I had done it again (blundered that is). On page 98 of the last *Bulletin* I ended the article on precancelled stamps with zip codes with the wrong illustration. The appropriate illustration where the (duplicated) Garrett, PA 15542 precancel is shown should have been the picture at the right.



Candid Views of the Convention



The bourse
-- constantly busy



Annual Business Meeting



Thanks to Doug Turner
for pix # 2,3 & 5

M141.1 – Identified!

Joe Coulbourn (#2574)



According to the 1908 Beeson's Marine Directory of the Northwestern Lakes, the Marine Iron Works of Chicago was located at Clybourne and Southport, which is actually on the North Branch of the Chicago River, between Fullerton and Armitage Avenues. The following description of the company is from Manufacturing and Wholesale Industries of Chicago, Volume 3, by Josiah Seymour Currey, 1918.

“Since the dawn of its history as a civilized community Chicago has found appreciation of its splendid water-transportation advantages and in connection with the development of marine commerce on the Great Lakes there has been offered a great opportunity for the establishing in Chicago of important industrial enterprise for direct relevance to the lake-marine service. One of the foremost productive enterprises of this order is that of the extensive and well-ordered Marine Iron Works, designers and builders of marine engines, boilers and machinery, ranging from ten to two thousand horse power, and attention is given also, under the most favorable of conditions and auspices, to other special marine work. The offices and manufacturing plant of this representative Chicago institution are situated at 2036-44 Dominick Street.

Here are produced the largest and finest types of triple-expansion marine engines, the output including various sizes and types and representing the maximum of excellence. The heavy-service and Triple Expansion fore and aft compound marine engines manufactured by the company are built for hard service and high steam pressure, and all, from the smallest to the largest, are of the substantial open-front "bar" guide design. The output includes also vertical tandem compound marine engines for small and medium steam craft, and these are especially applicable to hard-working boats operating on salt water or wherever economy of space is of paramount importance. In short, the company manufactures the ultimate types of engines for use in navigation on both fresh and salt water, and the business has developed to large volume in connection with vessels plying salt water as well as the Great Lakes and other mediums of inland navigation. Stern paddle-wheel engines are manufactured in both high-pressure and compound condensing types; the line of boilers includes the Clyde, the Scotch, the locomotive-firebox, the Westriver, the submerged-tube vertical and other marine types, and the concern also produces a great variety of special marine machinery and appurtenances, including condensing apparatus,

machinery for South American countries, steel-frame boat hulls. Propeller wheels, cargo hoists, steam capstans, tow-posts, test and centrifugal pumps, throttle valves, steering wheels, etc. Ample details concerning the multifarious output are given in the catalogues and bulletins issued by the company and such data demand no reproduction in a publication of the province of the one here offered. The Marine Iron Works of Chicago constitute an industrial institution that was founded in the year 1895, when the title appeared on the corporate charter obtained under the laws of Illinois, the original capital stock of twenty-five thousand dollars having since been increased to seventy-five thousand. At the time of incorporation the following executive officers were chosen: Adlai T. Ewing, President; William G. Nourse, Secretary and General Manager and James T. Hall, Treasurer. The original functions of the company were designated as the manufacturing of small marine engines and small steamboats. The new company purchased the plant, stock and business of C. P. Willard & Company, at 2036-44 Dominick Street, the buildings of this plant affording about fifty thousand square feet of floor space. In September, 1901 the institution was destroyed by fire, with a loss of fifty-five thousand dollars. In the following year the company completed and took possession of two modern industrial buildings of mill construction the same having twenty-six thousand square feet of floor space and the best of mechanical equipment

being installed throughout, the new plant having facilities for the manufacturing: of marine engines varying from twenty-five to fifteen hundred horse power and weighing as high as seventy thousand pounds. The concern now manufactures on large scale marine engines more specially adapted to deep-sea navigation, and much of the output is used in vessels engaged in ocean traffic. The engines manufactured by this Chicago Corporation represent the maximum of simplicity in construction, and efficiency and economy of operation, the splendid service given through their installation constituting the most effective advertising for the manufacturers. The company has its plant especially well equipped for the construction of knockdown steel bottoms for light-draft vessels, including tugs, and the concern has gained prestige for the production of sternwheel vessels of the lightest draft known in marine trade. Boats, engines and boilers manufactured by the company are now to be found in commission in virtually every important country in the world, and the average annual business is about two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, while the output capacity of the plant makes provision for an appreciable increase of the business. An ample force of skilled workmen and assistant mechanics is employed and so great are the demands placed upon the factory that provisions are being made for the addition of twenty thousand additional floor space within the year 1918."



The Marine Iron Works of Chicago was a shipyard located in Chicago, Illinois. The company was incorporated in 1895 and sold ship machinery and complete vessels, ranging from screw-propeller to side-wheel and stern-wheel vessels. The yard specialized in small shallow-draft steamers and built a large range of stern-wheelers, from 50 feet to 125 feet in length, powered with a selection of 27 different sizes of stern-wheel engines. Because

Marine Iron Works was able to deliver vessels both fully assembled or in pieces to be reassembled upon delivery, the firm did considerable business with South American companies. The firm closed around 1925.

I did confirm with our Catalog Editor that my ID of the pattern was correct and he confirmed it was the M141.1 pattern. The one cent stamp is Scott #331.

Secretary's Report

John Hart (#3411)

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Retiring:

#3508 Rollo Sternaman - no
longer interested in perfins
#3902 Ben Adams - lack of
time to pursue stamps
#4024 Andrew Held -
retiring from perfin
collecting
#4207 Larry Anderson -
decided not to renew
#4092 William Schultz - too
busy pursuing other
interests
#4086 Charles Burton -
taking a break from
collecting
#4188 Pam Sivwright -
cutting back on
memberships
#3649 James Estes - age and
health concerns

Closed Albums:

#4143 Arvid Anderson
#3940 James Sands
#3719 William Stalder

Current membership 448

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August 24-29, 2020 - PSS/ Perfin Club Convention - North Charleston, SC. North Charleston Marriott Hotel, 4770 Goier Dr., North Charleston, SC 29406. Room Rate - \$119/night plus taxes good for 3 days before and after the Convention. Free airport shuttle. More soon.

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