



KINGDOM PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

Fulton, Missouri 65251

Kingdom of Callaway County—Mule Capitol of the World

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Meeting

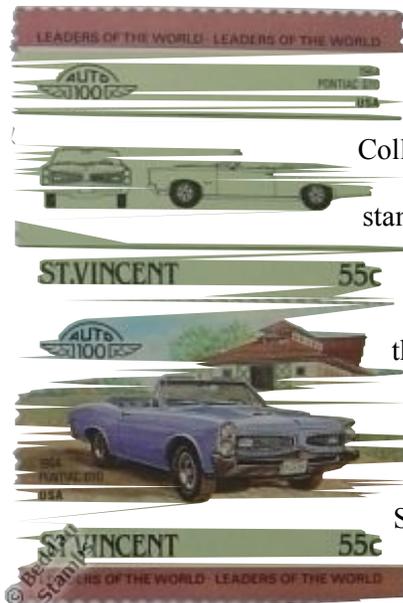
The next meeting of the Kingdom Philatelic Association will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, 2013 again, at the Callaway Electric Energy Center. I apologize again for the confusion on the time and place, and to Bill for the Tuesday; but, I have been left hanging at the last minute again.

In addition to the usual U.S. and British North American circuit books; there are two books of Finland stamps; one book of classical Europe (pre-1940); two books of Ships; and two books of BOB.

More Cars

At our last meeting we discussed the Muscle Car stamps I had mentioned in the last newsletter. We also watched the Jay Leno video with the Post Master General.

I got an email from Jon Hardgrove after the meeting noting the following.



Several years ago, an American company "Stamp Collectors Society of America" commissioned several of these "stamps for hire" countries to produce 100 different car stamps for a mail order series called "The World's Greatest Car Collection". One of these stamps was issued as a 1964 Pontiac GTO. One sharp-eyed subscriber, who, like me, reads the stamps, sent documentation to the company that the car pictured was not a 1964 GTO. The company had the country reissue the stamp with the caption "1967 Pontiac GTO". However, those of you that may be car buffs will note from the pictures that the car is actually a 1966 Pontiac GTO. So the set has an original error, a "corrected" error, and there is no correct stamp for the Pontiac GTO.

I believe the original stamp Jon is referring to was issued by St. Vincent and is on E-Bay for about \$3.08; if you want to add a design error to your collection of ERO, John. It is also interesting to note that this same stamp design was used for stamps produced for St. Lucia, Tuvalu, Nevis, and many other

stamp issuing entities, I suspect.

U.S. Post Office Tidbits

The number of post offices in the United States went from 75 in 1790 to a peak number of 76,945 in 1901. The number has steadily decreased since then, to 26,755 in 2012. The growth of rural free delivery which became permanent in 1902 contributed to the initial decline in the number of post offices.

First class mail volume peaked in 2001 with about 103,656 million pieces and has declined to about 68,696 million pieces in 2012.

It cost the USPS about \$40,000 to design and produce a commemorative stamp in 2009.

20.8 billion Postage stamps were printed in 2012. 21.8 billion were sold, 84% were forever stamps.

U.S. stamps scheduled for issued in May



Philatelic Dates

May 6, 1918	Congress passed a bill authorizing the first official air post service
May, 2007	U.S. first class postage increased from 39c to 41c for the first ounce
May, 2008	U.S. first class postage increased from 41c to 42c for the first ounce
May, 2009	U.S. first class postage increased from 42c to 44c for the first ounce
May 15, 2013	USPS issues 46c Lydia Mendoza (Music Icons Series) commemorative
May 23, 2013	USPS issues 46c forever Civil War commemorative
May 25 & 26, 2013	Regency Stamp auction
May 28, 2013	Kingdom Philatelic Association meeting, Fulton, MO

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