



## 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. Thursday, September 19, 2013, at the Court Street Methodist Church.

In addition to the usual U.S. and British North American circuit books; there are two books of Italian stamps; one book of classical Europe (pre-1940); and two books of topical, Art and John Kennedy. One of the Canadian books has more recent issues. The revenue book has R & RB revenues.



Last month Jon Hardgrove took us on an interesting tour of his Philippine collection. Jon had said that there were a lot of EFO in Philippine stamps. One such error in 1932 was a design error that caused quite a mild sensation in the American philatelic world. In that year the Philippines issued an 18 centavo stamp depicting Pagsanjan Falls. An observant American newspaperman noticed the similarity between the falls shown on the stamp and that of another one in California. He therefore, communicated his suspicions to Lowell Thomas, the famous radio commentator. When the latter checked the matter at Washington D.C., he was informed by the authorities that what had been reproduced on the stamp and labeled Pagsanjan Falls was

in reality Vernal Falls, in Yosemite, California

This month Charlie Brown is going to bring his stamp ball. He says it is over a hundred pounds, which I find hard to believe; we'll see. His goal is to have the largest stamp ball and a Guinness record. If you have some extra stamps of little or no value that you would donate, bring them to the meeting and we will try to help him accomplish his goal. I believe damaged stamps can also be used.

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#### **First Issues of Sicily**

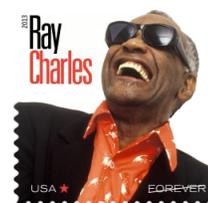
No doubt King Ferdinand II, of Sicily, regarded such public conveniences as postage stamps with indifference, but at last he was persuaded to issue them. And what a fuss there was about the design! Everybody agreed that the stamps should bear his Majesty's and numerous patterns were submitted, before a likeness thought to be suitable was adopted. Then there was the question of color. Colors after all are limited in number, and the House of Bourbon was extremely sensitive in this matter, and strong in its hatred to those hostile to it or its traditions. Red and green (both very serviceable for postage stamps) were wholly tabooed, as they formed component parts of the banner and cockade of the Italians. Some suggested one color for all values, as in the case of the first issue of Naples, but the drawbacks of such a plan were apparent; confusion and the possibility of lost revenue. So at last a compromise was reached; red and green were both employed, but of different shades to the red and the green in the Italian national colors. But there



arose another terrible dilemma. The stamps had to be obliterated as they passed through the post, and that would mean disfiguring the features of the great ruler of Sicily. On this point Ferdinand only gave way when it was pointed out to him that his exchequer would suffer materially, unless some indelible, cancelling process was used for the stamps and when being informed that by employing a postmark of novel design he would be spared the indignity of having his features rudely struck by a post-office employee. This postmark was in the nature of a three-sided ornamental picture frame, and when carefully applied would not in the least disfigure his Majesty's countenance.

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### U.S. stamps scheduled for issue in September 2013



### Philatelic Dates

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| September 1, 1851     | First postage stamps for Nova Scotia were issued                                |
| September 10, 2013    | U.S. Postal Service issues 'War of 1812, Lake Erie commemorative sheet          |
| September 11, 1968    | A 5c stamp honoring native Missourian, Walt Disney was issued in Marceline, MO  |
| September 13, 1886    | American Philatelic Society founded as the American Philatelic Association      |
| September 19, 2013    | Kingdom Philatelic Association meeting, Fulton, MO                              |
| September 21-22, 2013 | St. Louis Stamp Fest, Parkway Central High School                               |
| September 22, 2013    | Congress authorizes parcel post service and stamps for the service              |
| September 22, 2013    | U.S. Postal Service issues \$2 'Stamp Collecting; Inverted Jenny souvenir sheet |
| September 2013        | U.S. Postal Service issues 'Ray Charles (Music Icon)' commemorative sheet       |

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