



KINGDOM PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

Fulton, Missouri 65251

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Meeting

The next meeting of the Kingdom Philatelic Association will be 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 21, 2013 at the Court Street Methodist Church. There will be circuit books, U.S. and worldwide stamps to look through. In addition to the usual U.S. and British North American circuit books; there are two books of Finland stamps, one Finland revenues; two books of classical Europe (pre-1940); and one book of topicals; and one book of Duck stamps.

Vatican Stamps



The Vatican post office issued a special set of stamps on March 1, 2013 to mark the papal vacancy created by the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI. The design for the series of four stamps includes the Vatican See symbol, a striped umbrella under crossed keys and the words “Sede Vacante” or Vacant See. The stamps were to be available just until a new pope was elected. The tradition of commemorative stamps for the “Sede Vacante” dates back to 1939 with the death of Pius XI



Vatican City, probably the smallest country in the world, began issuing stamps in 1939. The first stamps depicted the heraldic arms. These were

overprinted with SEDE VACANTE / MCMXXXIX when Pope Pius XI died.

Vatican stamps can be an interesting topical if you are looking for something new to collect.

Commemorating the Elderly

In 1956 the Soviet Union issued a stamp to commemorate the birthday of the Soviet Union’s oldest man, an Azerbaian collective farmer M.B. Eyvazov. Mr. Eyvazov was purported to be 148 years old at the time. (148?) Actually two stamps were issued since the first stamp incorrectly gave his name as Muhamed. The second gave his correct name; Mahmud.



Not to be outdone though, Columbia also issued a stamp commemorating its oldest citizen in 1956. He was Xavier Pereira and was reported to be 167. (167?)

St. Louis Stamp Expo

Don't forget the St. Louis Stamp Expo March 23-24, 2013. This is always a great show. There is something for everyone. It is at the Renaissance Hotel on Natural Bridge Road near the airport, easy to get to. There are plenty of dealers with anything philatelic you would be interested in. I always enjoy the exhibits. I believe Scott will have his display on Parcel Post usage there. And, of course there will be the Regency Superior stamp auction. Their catalog is on line at <http://www.regencystamps.com>. There are a lot of interesting things there also.



U.S. stamps scheduled for issued in February



Philatelic Dates

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| March 1, 1856 | Finland issues its first postage stamp |
| March 7, 2013 | USPS issues 46c forever Modern Art commemorative sheet |
| March 19, 2013 | USPS issues 46c forever Patriotic Star coils |
| March 21, 2013 | Kingdom Philatelic Association meeting, Fulton, MO |
| March 23-24, 2013 | St. Louis Stamp Expo |
| March 27, 1926 | Canada's first official airmail flight took place |
| April 7, 2013 | E & D Auction, Kansas City |

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