



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, August 21, 2014 at the Court Street Methodist Church.

This month's circuits include 2 books of British North America, 2 books of France and 2 classical Europe. There are two topical books which include; 1 fancy cancels, and 1 Disney. The rest are an assortment of U.S. stamps.

Since we looked at ultraviolet last month, I thought we might revisit micro-printing and indicia this month. I'm curious, do you know of any other countries beside the US use this security feature?

Ultraviolet Tagging

At the last meeting we took a quick look at tagging on stamps. Bill had mentioned an article in the APS journal that suggested using a black light to detect watermarks. But, we didn't find the black light to be any better than other technique we use and I really couldn't see the watermarks at all with it.

While we didn't get much out of using the a black light for watermarks, we were able to use it to see the glow from ultraviolet (UV) ink that has been applied to many postage stamps in recent years. The ultraviolet tag is then used to automate canceling and sorting the mail.

We looked at using black lights that can be purchased from Walmart or any hardware store. Black lights that are regular incandescent light bulb painted over with black are essentially worthless to see either watermarks or tagging. But, the florescent black light is usefully in seeing the tagged images on postage stamps. So, if you are interested in seeing these tags you might want to invest in a simple florescent black light. While you can not see all tagants, you can see many, and a \$5 bulb is certainly cheaper than a blacklight you can purchase from a stamp dealer that can cost about \$70 and up.

Thoughts while reading Linn's and other stamp publications

Linn's reports that the most recent issue of the Civil War commemoratives are only available at premier post offices. I ran into this when I tried to purchase some of them from our local post office. I guess it is not a premier post office. I can understand why the USPS is having financial problems; it is hard to purchase the stamps they print.

Someone at the one of the recent meetings was asking about digital versions of Scott Catalogs. We thought digital versions of the catalog on disk were no longer available. But, I see that Scott now available as e-books with apps for mobile devices, including iPhones, and desk top computers. Someone is going to have to explain to me (being the novice that does not use any of those mobile devices and apps) what all of that means.

Stamp Shows and Auctions

Regency Stamp Auction	August 23-24, 2014	Hartford, Conn
Stratford Inn Stamp Bourse	September 13, 2014	Fenton, Missouri
Kansas City Stamp Show	September 12 -13	Gladstone, Missouri
International Coin Fair	September 20, 2014	St. Charles, Missouri
E & D Auction	September 21, 2014	Kansas City
St. Charles Fall Stamp Show	October 3 & 4, 2014	St. Charles, Missouri

New U.S. stamps scheduled For issue in August 2014



Philatelic Dates

August 1, 1843	Brazil issued its first postage stamp (the world's second)
August 7, 2014	USPS issues 49c forever, Farmer's Market commemorative
August 18, 1958	Great Britain begins issuing regional stamps
August 21, 2014	Kingdom Philatelic Association meeting, Fulton, MO
August 21, 2014	USPS issues 49c Forever Hudson River School commemorative
August 23-24, 2014	Regency Stamp Auction, Hartford, Conn
August 28, 1963	Christmas Island issues its own postage stamp
August 2014	USPS issues 49c Janis Joplin (Music Icon Series) commemorative

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