



## KINGDOM PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

Fulton, Missouri 65251

*Kingdom of Callaway County—Mule Capitol of the World*

### The Bulletin May 2015

#### Meeting

The next meeting of the Kingdom Philatelic Association will be 7:00 p.m. Thursday, May 21, 2015 at the **Callaway Electric Coop Energy Center**.

This month's circuits include 2 books of British North America, 1 books of France, 1 of Liechtenstein, 1 book of Austria, 1 book of Canal Zone and 1 book of Vatican stamps. The rest are an assortment of U.S. stamps, including 2 with revenues and one postal stationary. The topical book this month is fancy cancels.

At the last meeting Charlie gave us history and geography lesson on the Vatican along with some interesting tidbits. For instance, the Vatican Postal System was one of the most efficient in the world.

This month David is going to revisit Postal Stationary collecting with us. What is Postal Stationary anyway? I believe Postal Stationary is a broad category, which has what I would call smaller subcategories. Maybe David can set me straight on this. I know several of us collect U.S. postal stationary, but does anyone collect postal stationary from other countries?

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### Philately in May

In May every year we remember two significant events in philately; the issuance of the Penny Black, the World's first adhesive postage stamp and William Robey finding the sheet of inverted airmails in 1918.

Stanley Gibbon's currently has a 15% off sale for a copy of the 'Penny Black', if you don't already have one. Every collection should have one.



One of the 100, 24c Jenny Inverted Airmails will be auctioned May 20, 2015 by Stack's Bowers. This one is particularly interesting as it is known as the "Locket Copy". Robey promptly sold the sheet of 100 stamps to a stamp dealer, Eugene Klein for \$15,000. Klein advertised the stamps individually, but the collector Colonel Green purchased the entire sheet for \$20,000. He subsequently broke the sheet up, retaining some of the stamps and selling some.



One stamp, (from position 9) he put into a locket and gave to his wife. When Mabel Green died she left the locket to a friend, Dorothy Stickles. She kept the locket until she died at the age of 90 in 2001. The locket was then sold for the first time by her estate for \$90,000. It was also sold one more time, price and buyer unknown. The current on-line bid is \$85,000. The next increment is \$90,000 (with buyer's premium \$105,750). Seems like a bargain to me, but I haven't decided yet whether to bid or not. There is a nice article on the Stacks Bowers web site (<http://www.stacksbowers.com/>) if you are interested.

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In Linn's recent stamp popularity poll for 2014 voters picked the Circus Posters set as the best commemorative stamp design of the year.

The Civil War; 1864 stamps were picked as the most important stamps and the Batman stamps were picked as the least necessary.

## Stamp/Coin Shows and Auctions

E & D Auction	May 17, 2015	Kansas City
Stack's Bowers Rarity Auction	May 20, 2015	New York
Regency NAPEX Auction	June 5-7, 2015	Washington, DC
Stratford Inn Stamp Bourse	June 13, 2015	Fenton, MO

## New U.S. stamps scheduled For issue in May 2015



## Philatelic Dates

- May 1, 1840      The *Penny Black* went on sale although it was not valid for postage until May 6.
- May 6, 1840      First adhesive postage stamp, Penny Black, is issued
- May 9, 2015      USPS issues 49c forever Special Olympics World Games commemorative stamp
- May 16, 1971      U.S. postal rate went from 6c to 8c for 1<sup>st</sup> ounce of first class mail
- May 21, 2015      Kingdom Philatelic Association meeting, Fulton, MO
- May 18, 2015      USPS issues 49c forever Forget-Me-Not; Help Find Missing Children commemorative stamp
- May 25, 2015      USPS issues 49c forever Metal of Honor; Vietnam War commemorative stamps

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