



KINGDOM PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

Fulton, Missouri 65251

Kingdom of Callaway County—Mule Capitol of the World

The Bulletin December 2015

Meeting

The next meeting of the Kingdom Philatelic Association will be 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 17, 2015 at the **Callaway Electric Coop Energy Center**.

This month's circuits include 3 books of British North America, 2 books of France, 3 books of European and 1 book of Vatican stamps. Topical stamps this month are sports and airplanes. There is one book of Canal Zone stamps. The rest are an assortment of U.S. stamps, including one with fancy cancels. Scott is also bringing some mint U.S. postage. It would be a good time to fill in some of those holes.

Last month we took a look at the different geometric shapes of stamps. We usually think of them as being rectangular or square in shape, but in the past few years stamps have been issued in a number of geometric shapes. The first triangular stamp was issued by Cape Hope in 1861, the first triangular stamps issued by the U.S. was in 1997. And in more recent years stamps of all shapes have been issued worldwide.



This month Scott is going to bring his unusual and fun collection, and it should be fun.

Can you tell the difference?



Can you tell the difference between these two stamps? They look like common stamps that most of us have seen hundreds of. But one is worth about 20c and the other \$625, recently sold on eBay. The common one is a 2c Jefferson Scott #1033, the other is #1033a.



In 1954 the Bureau of Engraving and Printing experimented with a new paper called "Silktote." This paper was more expensive than regular paper and the Bureau decided any advantage of "Silktote" could not be cost justified. Only 50,000 of the #1033a stamps were issued. They were all sent to Westbrook Maine post office where they were sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

Only plates 25061 and 25062 were used to print #1033a, and these plates were also used to print #1033 on normal paper as well. It would have been better for collectors if this experiment was done with special plates. The #1033a stamps are brighter in color than those printed on regular paper. Expertizing is really needed to distinguish the two varieties.

Tidbits

The 1934 Century of Progress was the first souvenir sheet issued

A 1974 Christmas stamp was the first U.S. self-sticking stamp

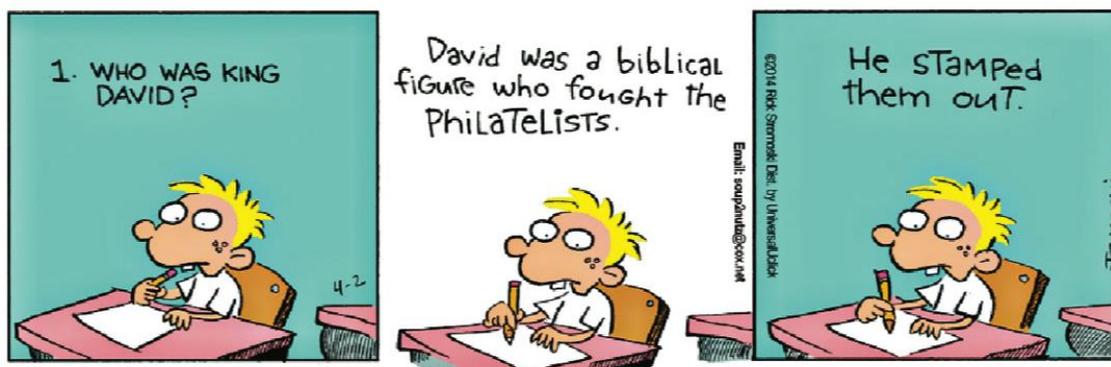
Stamp/Coin Shows and Auctions

Orcoexpo stamp show & Regency Auction
Fenton Stamp Bourse

Jan 8-10, 2016
Jan 9, 2016

Fullerton, CA
Fenton, MO

No New U.S. stamps scheduled For issue in December 2015



Philatelic Dates

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| December 7, 1898 | Canada issues the world's first Christmas stamp |
| December 7, 1907 | First Christmas seals sold in the United States |
| December 17, 2015 | Kingdom Philatelic Association meeting, Fulton, MO |
| December 20, 1861 | World's first stamp catalog created in Paris by Alfred Potiquet |

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