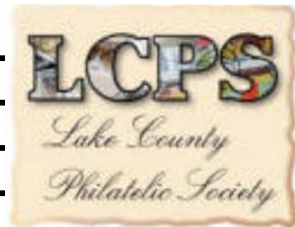


Perforations



The first meeting of the new year kicked off with a guest speaker – Jim Bardo of Bardo Stamps. His prepared talk covered the evolution of the stamp shop and stamp collecting in general over the past forty years. He then made the mistake of asking for questions – as his next ninety minutes was devoted to answering a wide range of questions from the general membership.

In all, it boiled down to “if you like it – collect it”.



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The philatelic world of Northern Illinois and LCPS in particular were rocked last month when Howard Shaughnessy suffered a series of serious health setbacks. As the long time witty editor of 'Perforations', contributor to multiple other stamp organizations, guiding spirit of our club, and our favorite ex-cartoonist, Howard has been an important person to our hobby in many ways.

Thankfully he is now home on the mend and can take calls. Cards can be mailed to 6834 Monticello, Gurnee, IL 60031. All LCPS members are sincerely encouraged to invest one of their stamps to tell Howard we miss him.



The theme of our February 28th meeting (7PM at the Warren-Newport library as usual) will be an open discussion of collection security. Beginning with a recent news account of the just re-surfaced stolen million dollar Lincoln 'Ice House' cover, we will discuss collection security precautions, experiences, and concerns. Bring your thoughts!

WEBSITE STATISTICS:

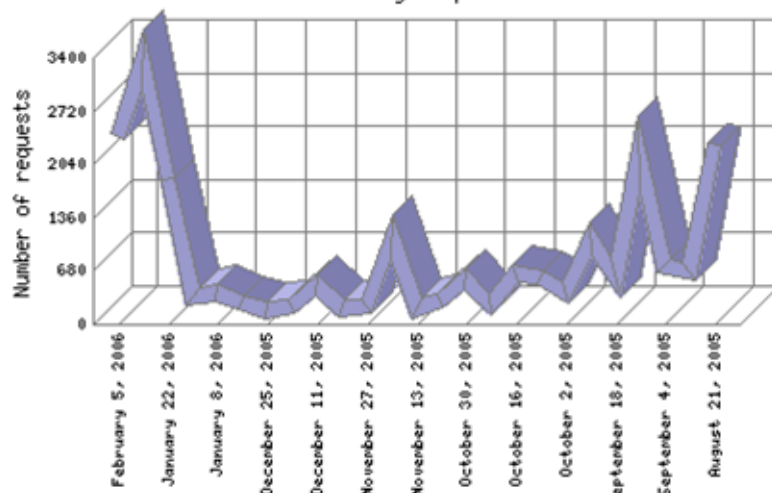
| Month | Number of requests |
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| August 2005 | 2,841 |
| September 2005 | 4,467 |
| October 2005 | 2,123 |
| November 2005 | 2,209 |
| December 2005 | 1,240 |
| January 2006 | 2,948 |
| February 2006 | 5,678 |



Latest addition to the website: A Ryukyu Islands Reference.

Any ideas, comments or contributions – contact Dave Sadler (dasadler@comcast.net – 847.548.5070)

Weekly Report



Week beginning

Meetings at 7PM on the fourth Tuesday of each month (except December) at the Warren-Newport Library 224 North O'Plaine Road, Gurnee IL



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