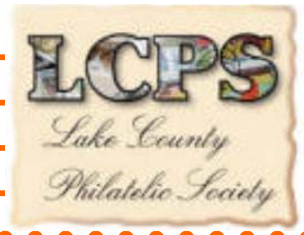


Perforations



Last month was an evening of wide ranging discussion -- from selling the stamp collection, stamp show schedules, Linn's Stamp News subscription, the program for this month and November to what needs to be completed this year.

For the October meeting, we are reminded to bring funds for the annual Linn's Stamp News renewal. The presentation will be on the topic of the **Modernization of the USPS** by Bill Schultz. The topic for Novembers will be **Parcel Post Stamps** by Marty Cain.

We also need to decide when and where the Holiday Brunch will be in December (In-laws, Country Buffet, Golden Grill ...) – and as always, bring stamps to trade/show or sell.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking:	\$ 782.19
Savings:	\$1474.54
Total:	\$2256.73

Dennis W. Swanson, 72, of Antioch, IL passed away Thursday, 7 Sept 2006 at his home. He was born 7 July 1934 in Chicago moving to Antioch in 1947. He served in the US Air Force during the Korean Conflict. Dennis Worked as a machine set-up man for Chrysler Corporation, in Kenosha, WI retiring in 1998 after 40 years of service, and was a member of the UAW.

Along with stamp collecting, his interests included fishing, hunting, bowling, softball and collecting WWII memorabilia.

Survivors include his wife of 34 years, Diane; his son Stephen; daughter Denise Welch, and granddaughter Brianna Swanson.

His outgoing, good-nature attitude and friendliness towards others will be missed by all.

Professional Stamp Experts (PSE) Grading Criteria (Part III)

Thus far we have covered Gum Condition and Centering. This month we will start looking at Stamp Faults. **PSE** has divided this area into two segments -- those that occur in production (this months topic) and those that which arise as a result of improper handling, improper storage, paper tears, creases, thins, stains, re-perforations or repairs/intentional alteration.

PRODUCTION FAULTS are some of the most perplexing, and sometimes contentious, issues faced in the expertizing and grading of U.S. stamps. These faults include:

1. Natural gum skips or short gumming on never hinged stamps
2. Natural gum bends, creases or wrinkles
3. Natural paper inclusions
4. Natural paper folds
5. Natural straight edges
6. Perforation disc indent thins
7. Natural paper transparencies
8. Blind perforations
9. Guidelines on perforated stamps
10. Scissor blunted perforations on Scott No. 167-177 stamps

Natural Gum Skips - The gum on US stamps has not always been applied with perfect uniformity. It is not extremely uncommon to find unused, original gum, never hinged stamps, particularly pre-1925 issues, which have one or several tiny spots, less than 1mm in size, where there is no gum. (Cont Page 2)

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