

Perforations



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Last month we were treated to presentation on "**United States First and Other Fascinating Stories**" by Marty Cain. During the talk, we learned about air post first, Christmas stamps, stamps with printing on the back and several other interesting firsts.



This month you will be able to nap through a presentation by Dave Sadler on the "**Stamps of Newfoundland**".



We also made \$155.03 on the stamp sale of other items left over from last years auction.

Treasures' Report: ABSENT



It is that time of year to verify we have at least five members in good standing with the American Philatelic Society. This is required so we can avoid any fees for our APS Chapter 423 renewal.

If you are a paid up member of the APS bring your number to the next meeting, e-mail it to me at dasadler@lcpshome.org or call me at 847-548-5094 (note: no voice mail or answering machine).

United States Occupation and Territorial Issues

Since the United States began issuing stamps in 1847, it has through military occupation, annexation, or outright purchase produced several more interesting areas of stamp collecting.

The territorial specialties include:

Hawaii (1851 - 1900) – Our first overseas possession annexed outright in 1898 after years of missionary and pineapple farmer intervention. The key area of interest is that the previous Hawaiian national issues were legal until 1900. This group also includes the Kingdom, Republic Transitional, Republic – along with a wide variety of BoB issues.

Our next four territories were acquired as a result of the Spanish-American War. The **Philippines (1898 - 1946)**, **Puerto Rico (1898 - 1934)**, **Cuba (1899 - 1902)** and **Guam (1899 - 1901)**.

Local Stamp Shows	COMPEX 2009 District 214 Field House 2121 S Goebbert Rd Arlington Heights IL May 22-24	MSDA Show Wingate Inn 600 Milwaukee Ave Prospect Heights IL July 25-26	MSDA Show Wingate Inn 600 Milwaukee Ave Prospect Heights IL October 3-4	CHICAGOPEX 2009 Sheraton Northwest 3400 West Euclid Ave Arlington Heights IL November 20-22	MSDA Show Wingate Inn 600 Milwaukee Ave Prospect Heights IL December 12-13

Next meeting:
7-PM on Tuesday 26 May 2009
at the Warren-Newport Library
224 North O'Plaine Road, Gurnee IL



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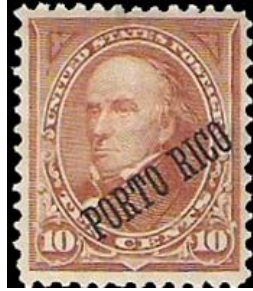
On occupation, the US government overprinted current BEP designs with the names of the territories. This method of localization ended in Cuba (1902) when it became an independent nation, Guam, in 1901, when the island became a federal territory (though local guard mail stamps were issued in 1930) and Puerto Rico in 1934 when it was granted Commonwealth status and used general US postage issues.



Hawaii Scott 32



Hawaii Scott 82



PR Scott 214



Cuba Scott 225



Guam Scott 11



PI Scott 225



Philippine Islands Under Japanese Occupation



Ryukyu Provisional

The Philippines Islands present the largest pool and most varied challenge to the stamp collector. Areas of specialization include provisional overprints of Spanish stamps, overprints of then current US issues, stamps produced by the BEP for the territory and the later Commonwealth of the Philippines (1935), Japanese occupational issues, and after July 4, 1946, another overprint phase when the Republic of Philippines overprinted Commonwealth stamps a few a short period until it could produce their own.

The United States issued and overprinted stamps for three additional areas: **Canal Zone (1904 - 1979), Danish West Indies (1917) and Ryukyu Islands (1945 - 1972).**

The Danish West Indies [now the American Virgin Islands] stamps and overprints were only valid for a six month period March and September 1917. Though a short period of time, this is a widely varied group because it includes all valid Danish issues from 1858-1917.



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The Ryukyu Island Issues cover a 26 year period the US occupied Okinawa after WWII. There are two distinct periods: the provisional period (1945-1946) where overprinted Japanese stamps were used for local post and the occupation issues from 1947 – 1972.

The 228 designs issued during this last period were well executed and cover a wide range of interests by exploring the local island culture and the environment.



The longest occupational issues were for the Panama Canal Zone that we acquired by treaty after Panama 'won' independence from Columbia in 1903. The first issues were overprints of Republic of Panama issues. This practice continued until 1939. From 1939 to 1979 the CZ issued its own stamps.