

Last month's meeting was a "**round-table**" discussion on '*what* we are currently hunting for our collections' but soon drifted off topic into talking about: a) how much are you willing to spend (or sacrifice quality) to fill up that space in your album, discussion; b) where to get these elusive stamps and c) information about these stamps.

The first item was interesting in that the members appear to have firmly set the boundaries of their main collecting goals but can be tempted into exploring new areas of collecting.

The second - where to get these elusive stamps - offered the usual venues in addition to other (primarily web based) that have been given new emphasis due to the pandemic limiting the search activities.



One new venue mentioned - **The International Society of World Wide Stamp Collectors (ISWSC)** website: <u>http://www.iswsc.org/</u>. This group was formed to "serve the interests of all worldwide collectors. It strives to promote the fun and fascination of worldwide stamp collecting to young and old alike, and has an active outreach program serving youth, their leaders and stamp collectors of all ages and experience levels".

To this end the group offers the following collecting tools: Sales Circuit; Swap Circuits; Large Online Swap Circuit; Omni Exchange; a Premium Circuit, and Mail Bid Sales see page 2).

The last item, getting information about wanted stamps opened but not pursued as much due to the time limit of the meeting – maybe some more discussion on resources is in the offing.

This month the topic is " <i>WWII Stationery</i> " by Ed Pieklo.	Live Meetings: The two libraries (Grayslake Area Public Library and the Warren-Newport Library) that we use				
S T A M 	for meetings are in the process of reopening. The Grayslake Library on 21 June and Warren-Newport sometime in July. As soon as they will accept reservations we'll see about a real live meeting – hopefully, 27 July.				
June Meeting Info: Given the negative status of both our libraries opening their meeting rooms, Dave Schenkel has scheduled the following ZOOM meeting for 22 June 2021. Use the Computer Join URL (Web Address): https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89233039093? pwd=R0hvRmYxeEZQbHc0bDIwekp4T3dZUT09 just prior to 7pm on the meeting date. This will connect device to view the presentation, and if you have speakers and microphone listen to and comment.	<b>Now</b> — One thing that has occurred because of the "Lock Down" was the increased use of the internet as a tool to acquire stamps. This has led to a significant increase in prices, number of sellers and buyers using the <b>ebay</b> and <b>Hipstamp</b> websites to pursue their hobby and business. In the past, at a stamp show, the number of interactions between a dealer and a collector were limited by time, space and items. The internet has changed this — here we have a larger selection of items being offered by more dealers and seen and bid upon by many more collectors.				
For Those who do not have a microphone or only wish to join just on audio, you can <b>Dial In</b> <i>(fees may apply depending on</i> <i>your phone contract)</i> <b>+1 312 626 6799</b> (Chicago) and when asked to enter your meeting ID, enter: <b>892 3303 9093 #.</b>	This has also affected the auction houses. Many have starting to use web services to host their auctions without having to go through the time and expense of developing a website. What is happening now, is that the auction catalog is being produce in both hardcopy				
Next meeting:	Dave Schenkel – President				

7-PM on Tuesday 22 June 2021 Virtual Via ZOOM Any Changes will be posted on: lcpshome.org



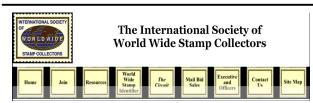
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In the United States, Stamp Auction Network (URL: https://stampauctionnetwork.com/auctions.cfm) has become the largest – catering to all size auction houses. In a sense they are the next step up from ebay/Hipstamp operations – in tune with stamp collectors who now have the capability to look at and participate in real auctions.

Currently, Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, LLC The Crimson Collection - June 15-17, 2021, Dutch Country Auctions/The Stamp Center Coin & Currency Sale 17 - June 17, 2021, H.R. Harmer GPN, Inc. United States, British Commonwealth, and Worldwide Stamps, Covers, and Collections - June 21, 2021, Sparks Auctions Public Auction No. 37 - June 22-24, 2021, H.R. Harmer GPN, Inc. The "ERIVAN" Collection of United and Confederate States Postal History Part V - June 24, 2021, Paradise Valley Stamp Company "Paradise Live" Auction No S113 - June 26, 2021, Modern Stamps, Inc. Public Auction #493 - No Buyer's Fee - June 26, 2021 and Cherrystone Auctions Rare Stamps and Postal History of the World - June 29-30, 2021 are conducting live internet bidding.

For example: The items offered are constantly changing – and the information available on the stamps proves interesting in depth - the Crimson sale presented by Daniel F. Kelleher is a great example of the insights Provenance and Census information at StampAuctionNetwork can provide. For this sale, Daniel F. Kelleher has been gracious to allow all users (normally a \$39.95/month fee) access to this analytical tool.



**ISWSC Sales Circuit** - Members of ISWSC can participate in the sales circuit program as a buyer, a seller, or both. Buyers receive a set of approx.. 9 sales books every few weeks. Each book contains up to 100 stamps. Buyers can specify what areas of the world they are most interested in. They can elect to receive all sales books or only those with a total net value of over \$150. Stamps are generally priced at around 1/3 Cat value.

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Sellers mount their stamps for sale in blank sales books which are available from the Sales Manager. The organization charges a 15% commission. Books normally are circulated 3 times. Upon retirement the books with the remaining stamps plus a check are sent to the seller.

Swap Circuits — The swap circuits are for ISWSC members and are a great way to fill spaces in your albums and add to your worldwide collection.

The 2020-21 program applies to the following circuits. We will charge \$4 for the Large Size (100 Foreign Stamps), Cancelled to Order (100 CTO Stamps), Small Size (150 Foreign Stamps - 4 times per year), and USA (100 USA Stamps), We will charge \$9 for the Large Size (200 Foreign Stamps) and Small Size (150 Foreign Stamps - 9 times per year). The income received will be used by the Swap Circuit Mangers to buy quality stamp inventory.

**Online Swap** — Are you are interested in exchanging stamps 1 for 1 with your only other cost is paying for postage both directions? The exchange is only for large used worldwide stamps (no USA, no CTO's, no smalls, no damaged) — The website is only for ISWSC members.

**Exchange** — Exchange your duplicate stamps for those you need based on Scott's catalog value. Once you enroll, purchase blank Omni books, mount your stamps entering Scott's catalog value and current value, and send them off to the appropriate Omni manager. Your Omni account will be credited in the amount of material you send in. In return, you can choose stamps submitted from other members. When your books are retired, they'll be returned to you minus return postage costs and a 10% exchange fee. Your account balance is always updated as needed.

**Premium Circuit** — This circuit is one-on-one for 50 stamps cataloguing at least 50c with the benefit that members never see the same stamp twice.

Mail Bid Sales — It is here that you can view current auctions and get all the forms required to bid and submit items for auction. The mail bid sale is for ISWSC members only.



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