

The PhilateliKid

The newsletter for Stamp Collecting Clubs for Kids (SCCFK)

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Thought for the day:

I thought growing old would take longer.

Happy New Year!

NY 2016 stamps currently on sale

Hawaii

If you have never been to Hawaii, well you should have. It is by far the most unique of all the states. Here are a few pieces of trivia.

Ever see the show Hawaii 50 (Five OH)? Ever wonder what the Five OH stands for? I've asked about 100 people this question in the past year. The most common answer is that it stands for some type of police radio call. Two people had the correct answer. Hawaii was the last state admitted to the Union. It was the 50th state admitted to the Union, and it occurred officially on August 21, 1959.

Ever since the US became a country in 1776, what is the longest period of time that elapsed since a new state has been added? Answer: The record changes every day because that longest period of time is right now. Hawaii was added in 1959, over 55 years ago.

What is the only state that has a real palace where royal Kings and Queens actually lived? Answer: Hawaii. The palace is in Honolulu, and has tours open to the public.

What is the only state that has its own language? Answer: Hawaii.

T or F. In the Hawaiian language "Mele Kalikimaka" means "Merry Christmas." Answer: True.

Where is Waikiki Beach? Answer: Honolulu, Hawaii.

What are the Sandwich Islands now called? Answer: Hawaii.

What state has the highest percent Asian population? Answer: Hawaii (38.3% Asian)

The War of 1812 ended in 1815. Since then, only two places in the United States have been bombed by a foreign government. Part of Alaska Territory was attacked and invaded by Japan in WWII. What other part of the United States was attacked? Answer: Pearl Harbor, located at Oahu, Hawaii, was attacked on December 7, 1941.

Since the invention of postage stamps, where is the only place on earth that has had five different forms of government, each with distinctive stamps and cancelations? Answer: Hawaii.

What state has its own Philatelic Society that expertizes stamps issued there? Answer: Hawaii has the Hawaiian Philatelic Society (HPS) which expertizes stamps and covers of Hawaii. Interested in

joining? Phone 808-521-5721 for an application form. Why join? There are many reasons, but one to consider is that there is a monthly auction, open to members only. Members may buy as well as sell stamps, postal stationery, and postcards in the auction. Items are Hawaiian, US, and worldwide.

What are the five different forms of government that Hawaii has had since postage stamps were invented? Now here is the entire point of this trivia test. If you are a stamp collector, you may know the answer. Otherwise, you probably do not know. Answer: First, Hawaii was a sovereign nation, a kingdom, and issued its own stamps from 1851 to 1893. That nation was overthrown by the United States and then a Provisional Government was installed – second type of stamps. For a brief time, Hawaii was a republic – a third type of stamp. Then the fourth type of government started in 1899 when Hawaii became a territory of the United States and began using the stamps currently in use in the United States. The cancelations were “T.H.” That stood for Territory of Hawaii. Finally the fifth type of government began on August 21, 1959 when Hawaii became a state. Cancelations became “Hawaii” and then the two letter designation became “HI”.



Kingdom of Hawaii



Provisional Government



Republic of Hawaii

Stamp Collections

Have you ever asked yourself, “What are the different ways to collect stamps?”

If there even exists such a thing, the “traditional” way to collect stamps is to get a stamp album and some hinges and start putting the stamps where they correspond with the stamps pictured in the album. That is the way I started, and the way millions of others got started. Because there are thousands of different albums available, there are thousands of ways to collect stamps just based on the album chosen. Add to that all the personalized albums, and the number increases geometrically.

I want to briefly write about an unusual collection I inherited 15 years ago from a friend of the family who gently passed away at age 96. His collection was arranged in about 4,000 small envelopes, approximately 2 inches high by 3 inches wide. They were arranged by Scott catalogue number, and were mostly US, but also included about 40 foreign countries – one envelope for each country. He carefully wrote the Scott catalogue number lightly in pencil on the reverse side of each stamp, even the mint ones. There were several hundred mint plate number blocks, some carefully folded (so the selvedge could not be seen) to fit into the envelopes. He never used an album for his collection, nor did he ever use a hinge. Those stamps have been given out over many years to children, often with

an emphasis on a certain subject, like Christmas, Black History, or “Love” stamps for Valentines Day. Sometimes an envelope contained a single stamp, but often there were many stamps, occasionally 50 or more of the same stamp. What a collection!

Summary of Donations in 2015 to Stamp Collecting Clubs for Kids:

SCCFK was fortunate to receive many donations of stamps, philatelic supplies, and covers. Cash donations totaled \$3,445.00

Donations were received from the following:

Nevada, Hawaii, California, Florida, Virginia, Puerto Rico, Colorado, Kansas, Texas, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Mississippi, Kuwait, India, Malaysia, Canada, and Anonymous. (“Anonymous” includes donations of stamps that came from unidentified sources.) Numerous small donations valued at less than \$10 also were received.

A big THANK YOU to all who helped out in 2015.

Stamp Collecting Clubs for Kids also expanded in 2015 to offering free beginner albums and stamps to adults. Approximately 65 albums were given to adults (some for their kids or grandkids) and 338 albums were given to children. Most of the children were in Hawaii, but one is attending a PS in Manhattan, and two children were from Florida. Albums were given to two other children who spoke Chinese only. I believe they live in Hong Kong. (My Chinese is not so good.) Albums, stamps, tongs, and hinges were also mailed to children and teachers in several states.

NY 2016. If you have not yet made plans to go, you should seriously think about it. This will probably be the most interesting stamp show ever. Maybe for all time. Those stamp collecting folks located in the NY area have really outdone themselves to put together a really spectacular show. There will be exhibits from all over the world, societies, countries, and stamp dealers and collectors of every stripe. Plus there will be 5 (five !!) auctions. Plus, it is in New York City. Lots of stuff to do for non-stamp collecting spouses and family members, too. Even if you have been to NYC before, you cannot have seen it all. May 28 to June 4, 2016 – Jacob Javits Center.

Additional new domain names : yummystampcollecting.org, yummystampcollecting.com, and stampcollectingclubsforkids.com. Each of those redirects you to our main website at stampcollectingclubsforkids.org.

If you have something relating to stamp collecting that you think might be appropriate for this newsletter, please feel free to send it to Robert W. Martin at the address listed below.

Comments? Write Robert W. Martin, P.O. Box 1809, Kihei, HI 96753 (Try to use a nice stamp on your letter.) Stamp Collecting Clubs for Kids is a 501 C (3) organization. All donations of \$10 or more are provided written receipts.
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