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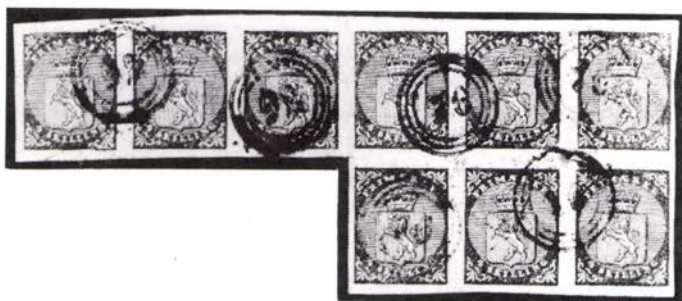
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The pre-addressed business reply on 1885 postal stationery with the 20p. rate also features two other classic issues, a horizontal pair of 2p of the 1889 issue and a single 2p of the 1882 issue. The rare combination of three different issues on the same cover would interest most serious collectors.

A Look Into Finland's Traditional Philately

A collector who becomes intrigued with the traditional theater of Classic Finland may well find the road difficult. Should the "intrigue" be carried to successful fruition, the reward is a complete and satisfying understanding of the philatelic subject. Moreover, you will have created a thorough, original picture and story for all to see and one from which others can learn.

The Classic Exhibit demands intensive study and absorption. It also requires a great deal of research material, far more than usually needed in building other collecting categories.

The final display must feature both mint and canceled stamps, and pairs along with a number of larger multiples. A goodly number of covers and mailing pieces must preside to show as many values possible, postally used in the manner for which issued. This is not easy since some items are very difficult to find in proper usage. Interesting combinations of stamps from the same (or mixed) postal periods are important to the complete philatelic picture. Both

domestic and foreign letters should grace the pages.

The mature collection must integrate unusual material and the more familiar rarities. The time honored emissions of 1856, 1860 and 1866 are to be treated as "royalty." An indifferent smattering of the 1860/5k. roulettes in all their cliché variations or the snubbing of the 1866/40p. consequential value is negative.

It should go without reminder that quality is expected. The rouletted stamps should be as unflawed as possible. Damaged stamps with missing "teeth" are not fit for display unless it is the only condition that they are known to exist in. A concise explanatory note should be included to explain this postally historic fact. The very late printings of both the 20 and 40p. stamps of 1866 are often quite flawed due to the worn-out condition of the rouletting devices. I usually include them because they do tell a story and in effect we are presenting Postal History.

Upon occasion, a truly beautiful (or

rare) cancellation may serve to override a few missing roulettes. We should add that the 8p. green issue of 1866 with the rare Roulette V is acceptable in almost any condition.

More New Discoveries

The successful exhibitor must never accept the possibility "that there is nothing new under the sun." The appearances of new discoveries or the unearthing of some long lost items, while not commonplace, do occur.

Within the last 10 months or so a new 1856/10 kop. tete-beche pair on cover appeared in Sweden. Just a few months later I was advised that another 10 kop. 1856 tete-beche pair on the back of a letter resides in the U.S. Regrettably, pictures of either are not available. The former is purported to be in the hands of a major Swiss auction facility and doubtless will come under the hammer in the future unless it's sold privately.

The latter is at present "under a stone of anonymity" with a half-promise the world will see it later on.

Unusual Items

We shall not concern our writings with these fabulous pieces because they will (or should) reach into the hundreds of thousands of dollars strata.

This "from time to time" series will introduce the unusual and attempt to help the collector who aspires to exhibit the Classic Periods. There is hope!

Mixed Postage Periods

The Postal Periods of Finland are sharply delineated although they follow closely on the heels of each other. Therefore, in theory, a substantial number of various "cross-over" kinds of postage should exist. The period dates that should provide the interesting and often very rare treasures are: 1856-1860; 1860-1866; 1866-1875; 1875-1885;

1885-1889; 1889-1891 etc.

It is even a bit perplexing that the 1875 stamps produced by the Senate Printers, perf. 11x11, are difficult to find in combination on mailing pieces with the Charta Sigillata stamps which for the most part are in perf 12½x12½. This is not to say that there aren't any, but there isn't a large amount.

One would think that the more modern periods with larger stamps production and more mail usage would have increased, by some number, these odd and welcome types to embellish our philately.

1882 + 1885 + 1889

The fine specimen (shown on page 67 with this article) emerged into the limelight a few years back. It turned up in a foreign bourse that surrounded a major exhibition.

Our subject is franked with the postal issues of three different periods. It may be observed that it is one penny over the correct postage fee of the time which was 25 p. The envelope is a Postal Stationery issue with the 1885/20p. value printed thereon in yellow, the color of its adhesive counterpart. A pair of 1889/2p. stamps from the 2nd printing emission, "brown-grey" perf. 12½, (N:55Ab).

The "cannon" item is, of course, the single 2p. stamp from the Charta Sigillata emission of 1887, light olive grey, N:22L oz. It is canceled with a 2-ring Helsingfors indicia in black ink dated 14.9.90 and back-stamped St. Petersburg and Hamburg.

This philatelic story substantiates that the unusual and rare may be found in any bourse, in any dealer's stock of in any auction sale. One must acquire the knowledge and then put in the effort!

As usual I would be interested in seeing any unusual mailing piece or stamps "tied-to-piece" from readers here or abroad.

Mike Hvidonov, AE — Finland

Daily Theme Cancels Announced

Officials of FINLANDIA 88 have revealed the daily exhibition theme cancels for the event scheduled June 1-12 in Helsinki. Each day has a theme marked by its own special cancellation at the Helsinki Fair Centre.

In addition, a general exhibition cancel with a varying date will be used throughout the show period.

The Philatelic Centre of the Finland P&T sells a pack of Finlandia 88 special cancels containing all 12 listed above, together with the general exhibition cancel, imprinted on Finlandia 88 postal stationery card #3, which depicts the site of the show. The pack costs FMk30 (\$7.25).

Final Mini Sheet

The fourth and last Finlandia 88 mini sheet will be issued during the exhibition on June 2. It depicts the history of air mail transportation and is priced at FMk11 (\$2.66). On the same day a first day cover with the final mini sheet goes on sale (or by advance order) for FMk13 (\$3.14) each.

Advance orders for the mini sheet pack, containing all four of the Finlandia 88 mini sheets, will remain on sale until the end of 1988. The pack sells for FMk39 (\$9.69). Orders will be sent beginning June 12.

It's also possible to order the Finlandia 88 admission tickets, a booklet for adults containing a "Faberge" stamp and a postal stationery card for children. Both items will be withdrawn after the final exhibition date, June 12. The adult ticket costs FMk30 (\$7.25) and the child's ticket costs FMk10 (\$2.42).

Send all orders to: The Philatelic Centre, PL 654, SF-0010 HELSINKI, Finland. (Payment in advance into the Philatelic Centre's postal giro account No. 2120-9 Helsinki, or international money orders are also acceptable.)

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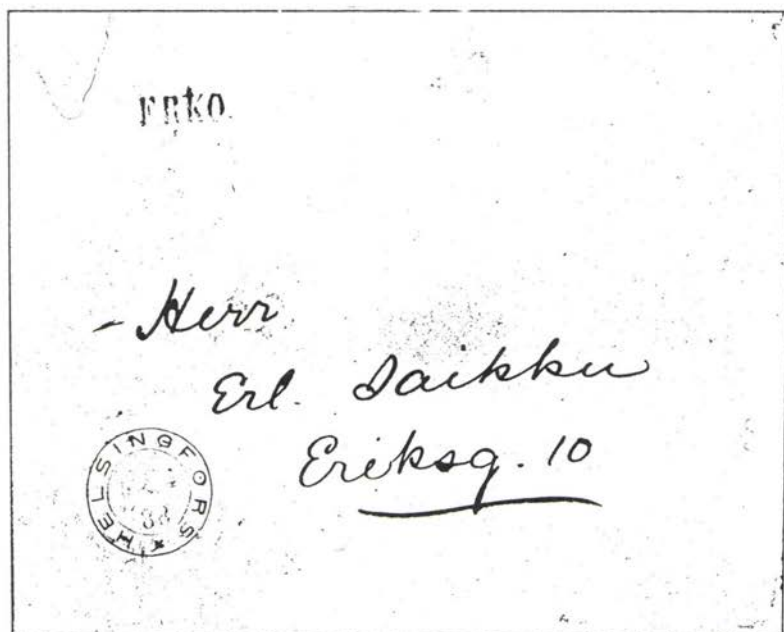


Figure 1

This stampless cover actually has no postal markings of the National Post, but instead has the very similar dated canceler "Helsingfors 5.4.88" and the "FRKO." handstamp of the Helsinki Local Post.

FINLAND —

The Unusual Helsinki Local Post Bulk-Rate Covers!

By Ed Fraser

As outlined in the November 1987 *Posthorn*, the *FINLANDIA 88: Bulletin 2* is an important reference for information about the Helsinki Local Post, which operated for 25 years from 1866 to 1891. It also conveniently provides an opportunity to properly describe the cover shown here in Figures 1 and 2, which has been a long pending "Cover of the Month" candidate.

The explanation of such a cover can be found on page 57 of the *Bulletin 2* article by Harri Sihtola. When the Helsinki Local Post started in March 1866, all items needed to be franked with their 10 penni adhesive stamps. As an inducement to larger uses, lots of at least

100 stamps were sold at a 20 percent discount. This effectively made the rate 8 penni. Yet it could be argued that this still was not competitive with the Finnish Government Post Office — or National Post — 5 penni rate for printed matter.

Hence, apparently as a result of this, the Helsinki Local Post introduced a new "bulk-mail" rate at the end of 1867 whereby it would deliver 200 invitations, advertisements, programs, or the like, for only 5 Marks; and for every 100 more of the same it would charge 50 penni additional! Another plus was the Local Post's lack of the strict format requirements mandated by the National Post. Local Post stamps were not re-



Figure 2

The back of the cover shown in Figure 1, depicts a very striking English Coventry Co. tandem tricycle advertisement!

quired on this bulk mail, but the covers were postmarked in the same manner as the stamped mail.

Later, a "FRKO." handstamp (for "Franco") was applied for the purpose of showing that postage was paid. (Although newspapers came to be distributed via the Helsinki Local Post — probably at separately negotiated rates — they were evidently neither stamped nor postmarked.)

It's interesting to compare this probable bulk-rate cover with a regular Finnish postal card shown in the November *Posthorn* on page 9. The postal card was delivered by the National post, but it was then forwarded to the addressee's home via the Local Post without the Local Post franking being applied. At the time, use of Local Post stamps had been abandoned for bulk mail, and also seems that it may have an arrangement for handling unstamped items handed-in directly at the Local Post's office. However, the study of known unstamped items very often show the senders to be a business or forwarding agent. Perhaps it can be speculated that these were frequent users who may have had arrangements to deposit unstamped items at Local Post letter boxes and pay the postage at special rates without having to go to the Local Post's office for

each daily mailing. When the "FRKO." handstamp was introduced, it occurs as an additional postmark on this unfranked mail.

One unfortunate conclusion must be that there will usually by some uncertainty as to why a particular cover was unfranked. It could be that it was "bulk-mailed," or ordinary local mail paid for in cash at the Local Post office, or it might even be mail from a frequent-user who had a special arrangement for a running account which allowed mail to simply be put into one of the Local Post mail boxes when the "user's" name was obvious on the item.

Although bulk mail covers might be expected to display one of the three "klock times" — "K1 8," "K1, 12," or "L1 4" — this cover does not. The markings are in black ink which agrees with Sihtola's reference in *Bulletin 2*. Lastly, note that the Local Post used only one "FRKO." handstamp, which should not be confused with the somewhat similar octagonal framed "FR.KO" handstamps used by perhaps several dozen National Post Offices, especially during the 1860's and 1870's.

Comments appreciated. Nice photocopies of other bulk rate Finnish Local Post covers are sought for a follow-up article. Ed Fraser, 2 Broadway - 9th Floor, c/o Shearson, New York, N.Y. 10004.

Copies of the 104-page *Finlandia 88: Bulletin 2* will be sent free by the FINLANDIA 88 Office, PL 990, SF-00101 Helsinki, Finland, as long as supplies last.

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Joint Auction Slated

A joint Finland-Sweden auction will be conducted by each nation's biggest houses at FINLANDIA 88 in Helsinki, June 1-12. The venture teams Postiljon AB of Malmö and Suomen Postimerkkeily OY of Helsinki, respectively.

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What's Happening in Finland

By Mike Hvidonov

Abophil has announced a sharp rise in its subscription rates for 1988. The nine month rate follows: for Finland, FM75 (\$18.75); foreign via boat mail, FM120 (\$30); and foreign via airmail, FM210 (\$53). Auction enthusiasts will need to subscribe by airmail which brings each issue to about \$6. The U.S. dollar — riddled by our economic juggling — sure is sinking, so it's advisable to check current exchange rates before remitting. Remember to include about \$3.50 more for personal checks to cover the exchange and bank handling penalty.

Here are a few tidbit tips garnered from *Abophil* these past months:

4 Mark Olive — 1945 (Town Postage)

In 1945 a definitive stamp was issued to cover local postage rates in the denomination of 4 Marks. It was used only briefly until Jan. 15, 1946, when the town rate was raised, thus eliminating the need for the 4 Mark stamp. If you have any of these on cover please send photocopies?

1930 Imperforates

Another interesting bit of news for modern collectors from *Abophil* is that quite a few Lion type 1930 stamps are completely without perforations. Most are in unused, mint condition and in the hands of collectors. Mikko Ossa ventures that all are legitimate, but doesn't understand why they were not used postally to establish their validity. It's a poser? Ossa has seen only one on mail canceled in the late 1950's, far too late to be proper usage. Does anyone possess one of these imperforates on cover, canceled during the proper time frame? Send us a photocopy, please?

Czechs Co-op in Stamp Sales

A December press release announced that Christian Sundman, chairman of FINLANDIA 88, had negotiated a reciprocal agreement with PRAHA 88 president Mr. Brejha, which among other arrangements will for the first time permit the citizens of eastern countries to freely purchase western stamps using their own currencies at PRAHA 88 in Czechoslovakia, August 28 to September 4. This initial experiment will be limited to sales of postal items by the Finnish P&T. This may lead the way to future reciprocal FIP exchanges, to which I say "Great Going!"

See you all in Helsinki!



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All That Glistens Isn't Vintage Gum If the Stamp Visited This Backroom

By Gene Lesney

Lined up on shelves like any kitchen spice rack were dozens of bottles of stamp gum — all labeled by country and year. On one side of the workroom was a series of small ovens, including a microwave unit.

This shop in Hamburg, West Germany, was located no more than ten minutes from the new post-WWII hauptbahnhof where a white Mercedes picked me up. In the back seat with my host, my eyes were blindfolded as he explained the necessity for confidentiality. At Hafnia 87, I had requested this visit after meeting my host who shall remain — as promised — unidentified. Both of us had agreed that too much emphasis and money was being paid for pristine, "original" gum.

Here I was inside a real working gum factory. Despite initial promises, however, I was not permitted to photograph the process. The business owner flatly refused any photo documentation, stating that his operation could be compromised and copied too easily. The whole idea of this visit was to prove by photographs what occurs in a gum factory for the benefit of all collectors who purchase gum rather than the printed side of stamps.

An Actual Demonstration

To show me the process, a technician wearing a lab coat picked up a rather clean copy of an old U.S. stamp with tongs. It was a mint 1869 pictorial, 10¢ yellow *Scott* 116, selected because I was American, they said. While I scrambled to recall my once easy command of German, the host translated this technician's explanation of the cleansing process already given to prepare the stamp for regumming. It had been treated first with hydrogen peroxide to refreshen the slightly oxidizing color before using a mild pure soap and soft

bristle brush to cleanse it.

By the stamp's appearance of F-VF centering and full perfs, I would rate it worth approximately \$150 to \$250 on the auction market without gum. But easily worth more than twice that amount if with full O.G. NH!

Preparation took longer than the regumming process, they said. Now the stamp was placed face down on a tiny rectangular plastic pallet sized to fit just within the perf indentations. From an organized tray holding an assortment of thin, ruler-like strips of plastic with short perf pegs on both edges, the technician selected four pieces of perf 12 which he gently fitted on each side of the stamp. The pegs filled in the perf grooves to prevent gum intrusion. He added a small rubberband to hold the strips in place.

While the stamp was being mounted on a spindle, an apprentice mixed a solution of gum from a bottle marked "USA 1869/gewöhnlich gummi/#0023." This solution went into an air brush, and a pair of heat lamps were switched on, he said, to hasten the drying process.

New Gum in Two Minutes

With everyone watching, the regumming began. As sample bursts of the air brush were tested on scrap paper before each of five applications covered the stamp to the precise thickness desired. When finished, the new gum appeared too wet and shiny — but it dulled somewhat as it dried. At this point it was removed from the processing jig and placed in my open hand. It curled slightly, and was removed for a special curing procedure. (The oven control had numbers 1-6, instead of temperature settings, so it was anybody's guess.)

It was explained that normally a dozen or so stamps would be heat cured as a batch for better cost efficiency,

however today's demonstration was special. What was the price for this procedure? The cost for a job just witnessed would be \$6 to \$10 depending on the numbers of items in the order. As we waited, our host invited me into an office where a bottle of snaps was served.

Looking for a clue to identify where we were, I saw a few file binders (something like looseleaf binders used for auction lot pages) containing work orders and stamps. Apparently this was a busy shop with plenty of customers. As we sipped our drinks, an obvious stamp sales person entered (with perf gauge and tongs in his shirt pocket). As he departed I caught a glimpse of a philatelic retail store front through the doorway. But which one?

No Big Revelation

A brief glance at some mail with foreign stamps didn't help much. All were addressed to at least four different Hamburg post office box numbers. But the readable return addresses proved this lab was doing business with some pretty big names in the stamp world.

As poked around for more data, my host startled me with laughter at my obvious inquisitive behavior. He chuckled, "Look all you want, some clients are surely familiar to you." Then, he handed me a brochure printed in English.

The promotional mailer outlined various services; including cleaning, patching or replacing damaged papers, repairs to stamps and covers, removal of unwanted markings such as cancellations, replacing gum, and other improvements as requested. It said, "State of the art techniques are used for all work, but not all items submitted can be accepted nor the work guaranteed because of problems encountered in working with old paper objects." It added, "All gums and papers used in improvements are precise duplicates of original formulas prepared with organic substances of the 19th century. Most work cannot be detected using conven-

tional inspection procedures."

What It Didn't Say

Judging from what was seen in Hamburg, this has to be a fulltime production operation. The supplies, equipment and personnel (technician and apprentice) signify an ongoing profitable business. So long as the demand for better gum and exhibition quality covers exists, such establishments (and how many others?) will continue in operation.

Moments later, our technician interrupted to announce that the demonstration stamp was ready for inspection. It was placed on the desk face down. The gum appeared genuine. It didn't curl in the warmth of my hand when tested.

One can only wonder when it will appear at auction with a new description and realize a better price for its former owner.

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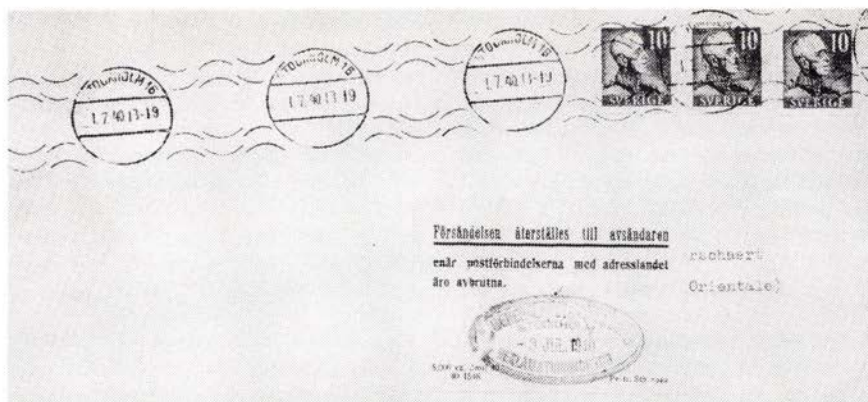
Scandinavian Area Awards

In the Junior section of ARIPEX, Emily Zammetti won a vermeil, the Arizona Topical Society youth award, the Mountain States Coin and Stamp Supply Co. award, and the Western Postal History Museum award for "Denmark Town Cancels." Two Scandinavian entries won awards at SARAPEX 88. A gold medal and the Grand Award went to Gene Scott for "Denmark, the Skilling Issue." Alan Warren took a gold for "Sweden, Stampless Covers" at the same show.

At FILATELIC FIESTA a vermeil went to Dan Laursen for his "Danish Typographed Wavy-Line Issue of 1905-33," a silver to Arnold Fleming along with the Maurice Apfelbaum award for "Postal History of the Faroe Islands Prior to 1975," and a silver-bronze to Alan Warren for "Censored First Day Covers of the Nordic Countries."

—Alan Warren

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This 1940 cover from Sweden to Belgium never left Stockholm. It was returned to sender because postal service was interrupted by the worsening situation of World War II in Europe. Note the label pasted over the address!

Postscript to Wartime Peregrinations; Or, a Message That Never Left Stockholm

By Sven Åhman

(Reprinted from FH-NYTT as a finale to this series on meandering letters.)

Among the most rewarding violations we stamp collectors often commit is the moral rule not to read other people's mail. Our common excuse in the name of philately is that we only open old letters, not current ones. Perhaps this nominal offense should be subject to the same "statute of limitations" exercised by archaeologists who open sealed tombs and study ruins.

My most recent involvement concerned a letter written almost 50 years ago, during the first two months that World War II affected Sweden. For Danes and Norwegians the date April 9th, when Hitler's Nazi hordes invaded, holds dire meanings without adding the year 1940!

For Neutral Sweden in July

The letter written less than three months after this somber event, came in to my possession much later. Yet it posed a dilemma because the envelope had remained sealed. Its postal cancel dates held expectations.

The legal-size letter was stamped and posted July 1, 1940, in Stockholm. A typewritten address to a family in the Belgian city of Renaix (Ronse in Flemish) in East Flanders appeared on the front. It had the appearance of a routine business communication with a printed return post office box address in Stockholm of the Swedish Federation of Industries as the sender.

The unopened letter reached my hands in 1982 — some 45 years after it had been mailed. It couldn't have traveled to Belgium because on May 10, 1940, that country suffered the same fate experienced by Denmark and Norway. Nazi invasion and occupation! Its back postal markings indicated a departure from Stockholm on July 3, but it never left the capitol. That fact was proven by the printed label on its front also dated July 3.

This was the work of the Swedish Adjustment Bureau of the Postal Administration whose label said, "This letter is returned to the sender, since postal

connections with the country of destination are interrupted." On July 7, the sealed envelope was apparently returned to sender. German occupation of the Low Countries achieved what the invasion of Denmark and Norway had not. Sweden faced the shocking reality that it had become physically cut-off, a neutral "island" in the sea of World War II.

Contents of the Letter

And what was written in this returned, never-opened letter which remained secret for decades until this stamp collector could no longer resist temptation to open it? The text consisted of a few

lines written in French by a certified public accountant at SFI on the organization's letterhead. It bore an urgent message to the family in Belgium, and said, "In a letter from Monsieur F. Goosen, I have been requested to inform you that he is in good health, and his present address is [street address edited out] in Toulouse, France," then unoccupied and from where it had been evidently possible to send mail to Sweden.

p.s. We can only hope that the family at Renaix, Belgium, eventually was reunited; or at least received the information via another means.

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Phony Schalburgkorps Cancels Discovered

By Dan Laursen

A warning about a forged cancel has reached us from Copenhagen — and we forward this to our readers. Every capitol city had a flea market and Copenhagen's is situated at Israels Plads, site of the old vegetable market. It's open every Saturday morning for business.

Not too long ago a well-known Danish philatelist was strolling through the place just browsing when suddenly he caught sight of some stamps on piece with a cancellation which really attracted his attention. "SCHALBURGKOPSET" was the inscription of the rubber stamp cancel. On one stamp it was used as a canceler. The asking price was only DKr10 (\$1.53). That was too good a price and he was unable to resist such an offer. He purchased the whole lot!

For collectors who don't know what "Schalburgkorps" stands for: It was the name taken by a bunch of Danish Nazis who joined the German wehrmacht during World War II. Even the Germans looked upon them as traitors and shipped the unit off to the Eastern Front where they soon were almost annihilated. Any postal history connected

with this unit is rare, generally because most Danes destroyed almost everything connected with the Schalburgkorps. Yet it's sought by collectors and usually found with names and addresses obliterated to conceal the embarrassment.

Well, the "lucky finder" took his bits of postal history home and attempted to research the history behind the cancellation. The words "Arbeitskommando Wien" (Fatigue or Work Party Vienna) also appeared on the pieces of covers, which helped identify their worth.

It should be mentioned that the "finder" is also a stamp dealer who soon discovered that the stamps used on the alleged postal history were issued long after the Third Reich was kaput. He suggests the following explanation on how this counterfeit junk came into circulation: One of the Schalburgkorps' rubber stamp cancelers ended up in a junk shop where someone got the idea of producing philatelic "curios." He estimated that approximately 500 such items were manufactured for the tourist trade. Collectors should beware, he added.



Large Numbers

Small Numbers



Large Numbers



Small Numbers

Mighty 'M' Holds Key to Number Sizes

By Dr. W. E. Melberg

One of the fringe benefits of the SCC Librarian is having at one's finger tips a great source of reference material. Among some older journals recently received was the solution to a perennial problem of separating the large and small corner numbers on Danish Coat of Arms Issues.

In the Question and Answer section of the *Norsk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift (NFT)*, June 1984, edited by Erling Sjøng, an inquirer claimed that all the corner numbers look small to him and wondered if there was a good method to identify them. The editor described what appears to be the best quick-check system to date.

He suggested the basic step of checking the clefts in the "M" in DENMARK. If the upper cleft and the two bottom clefts fail to meet horizontally, the stamp has large corner numbers. On stamps with the clefts of the "M" meeting almost halfway the numbers are

the small variety. This method works for the 5, 10 and 20 Øre denominations.

The point to keep in mind is that the smaller numbers on perforated stamps come from misplaced postal card cliches, not from mistakes in original Coat of Arms engravings. The latest editions of the *AFA Denmark Catalogs* feature a version of this quick-check step.

Any Other Good Tips?

If anyone else knows of a quick-check method for separating the minor similarities between varieties of other stamps, the details would be welcome. These tips can save a lot of hours for beginning and intermediate collectors. Such tips, however, should be well-illustrated like the Mighty M (above) because written descriptions lack functional visual approach when comparing a possible variety with a normal stamp.

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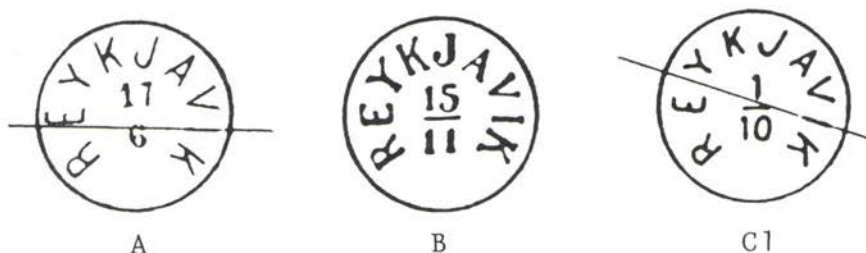


Fig. 1 — The correct REYKJAVIC cancels are illustrated (as above) in Facit Special 1976. Note that the straight lines drawn across each of the similar cancels in line with the "I" reaches different points in REYKJAVIC.

Reykjavic Cancel Correctly Identified Between Almost Identical Look Alike

By Walther Fenger

(Translated from the Nordisk Filateltittisk Tidsskrift)

While studying the impressive Iceland Skilling Issue exhibit of Holger Craaford at a recent show, I was especially interested in several covers with stamps canceled with the last Danish REYKJAVIC postmark used on the island. It is listed by Facit as Cancel A. (See Figure 1.)

This particular CDS cancel should have been properly used as a side marking on the lower left of a letter in combination with the Danish three-ring 236

town numeral cancel on the franking; or as an arrival marking on the back of a letter. Nonetheless, here was the elusive REKJAVIC Cancel A pressed into service perhaps in an emergency and used as a stamp canceler on outbound letters.

What makes this situation so interesting for collectors is that this last Danish state cancel was seldom used at Reykjavic or the other 15 post offices before 1873, when Iceland received her own stamps and the first Icelandic



Fig. 2 — The correct Cancel A.



Fig. 3 — The C1 Cancel on stamp.

cancels (listed as Cancel B and Cancel C1 by Facit). Add to this the problem of having two almost identical cancels available in the same time period. The handstamps in question are Facit types "A" and "C1." (Other catalogs list them as Type 1 and Type 3.)

Making precise identification even more confusing was the fact that virtually every catalog and reference printed prior to 1980 showed the *wrong* cancel in illustrating Cancel A. It was difficult, at best, to separate the "A" from the "C1" — especially if the C1 cancel had been smeared slightly when applied to the stamp.

The C1 cancel was used only at Reykjavic to cancel skilling stamps from 1880-82, after the termination of their validity in 1876. This alone is cause for concern, because these post-canceled skilling stamps do not rate the 75 percent premium given to genuine pre-1876 usage items.

A clear difference between the two cancels is relatively easy to establish despite their look-alike qualities. The genuine Iceland Cancel A consists of a 22mm circle with the city name inside the ring, spelled in thin, Egyptian sanserif capital letters and a fractional date in unmatched demi-bold, Roman typeface numbers. Other than this unmatched typeface combination, its most distinguished and identifying characteristic is the angle or slant of the letter "I" in REYKJAVIC. By drawing a straight line along the "I" across the date to the left arc, the line will hit just beneath the "E" in REYKJAVIC — proving it a genuine Facit Type A. If the line hits just between the "E" and "Y" the cancel is a Type C1. Simple!

Because of the similarities it is important to determine both the correct cancel and date of usage. This has been a headache for decades prior to the revelation and description presented by the author to a member of the Facit Catalog Committee, using the examples in the Holger Craaford Collection to demonstrate this new, accurate method for separating the two different cancels.

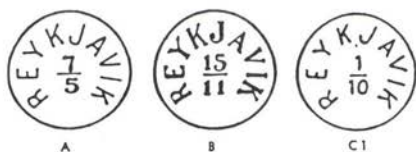


Fig. 4 — Wrong cancel shown in pre-1980 Facit catalogs.

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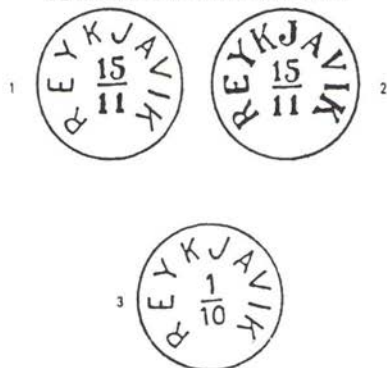


Fig. 5 — AFA also had an incorrect example, listed as Type 1.

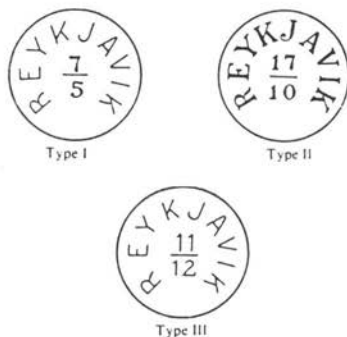


Fig. 6 — Not to be alone, Kohls Handbook (Michel Catalog) used the same erroneous example for Type I as did Facit.

[Perhaps the best lesson learned here is to keep up with current catalogs and references. Ongoing research into all aspects of philately continually produces new information and corrections to "established" data.]

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Cancel Clinic

Questionable 'VL' Cancel Get Definite Answer

High hopes for verification of a rare find went down the drain earlier this year when Denmark's leading cancel expertization trio of H. E. Jessen, H. Kaaber and H. Eis declared this unusual apparition "a fabrication. Closer examination show that certain parts of the VL are not original. The cancel is a numeral, maybe 18 (Type 2), but we are not sure," their letter explained.

Thus ended another possible golden discovery. The "VL" cancel was on an off-cover 20 øre stamp (AFA 28 issue of 1875). Among the best probable explanations was serious speculation that the VL might be a rare Roman numeral forerunner version of the Faroe Islands' Valdemar Lutzen Petroleum Company's VL perfin which first appeared in 1925.

This particular fantasy had to be fabricated by some "meticulous" nut. It looked real enough to pose the question of authenticity.



Unfortunately, the final outcome puts the VL cancel in the twilight zone of philatelic fantasy. It makes a nice conversation piece and joins an odd collection of similar junk to be avoided by serious collectors.

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Q. 8 — Can anybody explain this boxed "LIVRE" on a Danish 1934 AFA 218 airmail stamp? It's a bit unusual in two respects. 1.) It appears to be the French word LIVRE which means book and as such would normally be imprinted on a parcel, not a stamp — note the partial CDS already canceling the stamp. 2.) There is another word printed below the boxed LIVRE which cannot be deciphered and might be a portion of a slogan cancel. Considering that not too many books are posted via airmail, why the airmail stamp? The clinic awaits your speculations!

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Esrom, Taarbæk, Star & UDS Cancels Marked Letters from Suburban Areas

The purpose for establishing Denmark's small letter "collection cancels" was primarily as a control arrangement to determine at large post offices where the mail originated. More often than not, it was an innkeeper who for the payment of one skilling per item would collect the mail until it was forwarded to a large post office — where the mail would receive yet another cancellation.

The first "collection" cancels were the Esrom Type issued from Jan. 1, 1860, through Nov. 1, 1866. Postal Inspector H. G. Petersen is attributed for originating the series of cancels in a post office message dated Nov. 11, 1859.



Esrom Type

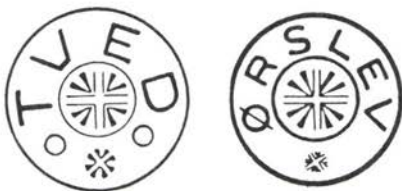
However, the Esrom Type was limited because of the restricted space within the three rings; and already in an official message of June 14, 1867, Postmaster M. Kall suggested small changes resulting in what is now known as Taarbæk Type cancels. The first of these, the Guldborg cancellation, was issued June 22, 1867. The last of this type was issued on Sept. 22, 1973.



Taarbæk Type

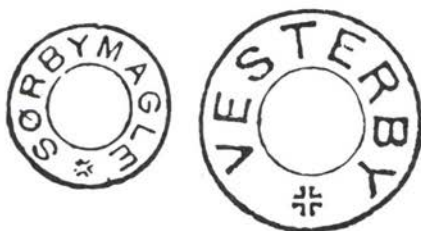
As the postal service grew, more and more collection places were established; and these slowly evolved into small post offices that could handle routine postal business. Some even established a rural postal carrier for pick-up and delivery. Yet every "collection" place was attached to a specific large post office, usually the closest one.

On Jan. 28, 1870, the first cancellations featuring a star-shaped ornamentation in the center were issued. These were the Faareveile Type and about 1,100 different ones were used extensively until 1929, when the star was removed because it was the first area to wear out



Faareveile Type

and often resulted in black blotches in the center. The new star-less center cancels were called the Taarnby Type, however they quickly assumed the more popular name of "de udslebne stjernestempler" or "UDS" [which translates into "without star cancels"].



Udslebne (Taarnby Type)

In 1946, the Denmark P&T decided to discontinue secondary canceling of letters that had already been canceled at "collection" points; and at the same time replace the "collection" cancels with the so-called brotystempler (or bridge type). These had the name of the "collection place" in the top oval and the "PR" address in lower oval. Due to a lack of resources the first "PR" cancels were not issued until Nov. 15, 1947. The last known UDS or star-less cancels were not recalled until 1964.

—Kirsten Ehlers-Lorentzen



Transfers & Reentries

By Alan Warren

Philatelic writing is vital to communicating news and research findings to collectors. This journal depends on writing talents, and we have sought recognition of the collected efforts of writers and our editor by entering *The Posthorn* in national and international literature competitions.

However, many of these competitions are opening categories for individual writers to submit articles and columns. I encourage those authors who have columns and feature articles in *The Posthorn* to write to these organizing committees for a copy of the prospectus and to enter their materials. One of the benefits in some cases is to obtain comments from the jury which will help improve writing efforts.

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I also encourage authors to join the American Philatelic Society's Writers Unit, which publishes a quarterly journal, *The Philatelic Communicator*, which mentions these competitions and, more importantly, provides helpful hints to writers. Information on the WU and a membership application can be obtained from the Secretary-Treasurer George B. Griffenhagen, 2501 Drexel St., Vienna, VA 22180.

Susan Worsley, secretary of the Scandinavian Philatelic Society of Great Britain, has recently taken a position with the firm of Argyll Etkin in London, after many years with Robson Lowe. She is also active with the Society of Postal Historians and the Norwegian Postal History Society. Another SPS stalwart is founding member No. 1 Herbert T. Pritchett. After running 75 auctions for the society over the last 35 years, Herb is stepping down as auctioneer.

During HAFNIA 87 a round table was held with the International Association of Philatelic Journalists (AIJP), the Organization of Catalog Publishers (ASCAT), and International Federation of Aerophilatelic Societies (FISA), the FIP, and the International Federation of Stamp Dealers Associations (IFSDA). One topic which proved thorny and therefore tabled was standardization of album page and frame sizes. The subject of modern philately brought out the fact that 90 percent of collectors seek modern material, but only 10 percent of the frames in international exhibitions have modern material.

Participation by youth collectors was shown is also a problem discussed by the group. It was agreed that special awards might attract more exhibitors in both categories.

The yearbook of the British Philatelic Federation lists those honored over the years to appear on the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists. A number from Scandinavian countries have been so honored including Justice Anderssen (Norway), Nils Strandell (Sweden), J. Schmidt-Andersen (Denmark) Abraham Odfjell (Norway), Gunnar Hagemann (Denmark), Georg M. Menzinsky (Sweden), Leo Linder (Finland), Sven Gronlund (Denmark), B. Einar Zimmerman (Finland), D.A. Dromberg (Finland), Sigge Ringström (Sweden), Tomas Bjäringer (Sweden), and Stig Andersen (Denmark).

FINLANDIA 88 has named each day of the exhibition to honor some aspect of philately with a special pictorial cancel to commemorate each topic. August 28 - September 4 are the dates for PRAGA 88 in Czechoslovakia. Commissioners include Henrik Eis (Denmark), Juhani Pietilä (Finland), Gudmundur Arnason (Iceland), Arne Thune Larsen (Norway), and Per-Anders Erixon (Sweden).

Mike Hvidonov advises that NORDIA 1989 will be held June 7-11 next year in Fredrikstad, Norway. He is the US representative and the general commissioner for Norway is Efren Rebolledo. Other commissioners are Erik Hvidberg Hansen (Denmark), Risto-Matti Kauhanen (Finland), Sigurdur H. Torsteinsson (Iceland), and Hasse Brockenhuus von Løvenhielm (Sweden).

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Scandinavian Philatelic Foundation Update

After considerable deliberation and effort the decision has been made not to publish the English translation of the Iceland section of the Kohl handbook. This project has been worked on for nearly four years, off and on. The conclusion reached is that Kohl has so many errors that it would be a disservice to Iceland philately to publish the material.

Most of the errors have been corrected in the English language writings of Sir Athelstan Caroe and others. Iceland study groups abroad also advise against translating the Kohl material. Hence the difficult decision to abandon this project has not been made easily. On the bright side are some other ideas for Icelandic material which will be announced later.

In the meantime the wonderful monograph by Henry Tester and Glenn Hansen on *Denmark's Numeral Cancellations 1852-1884* has been published. This work is not just a translation of Denmark's JKE Group study of three-ring cancels but an

original book based on the research of the late Henry Tester, expanded and edited by Glenn Hansen. The 165-page book is softbound in 8½ by 11 format. Copies are \$25 from the Scandinavian Philatelic Foundation, Box 6716, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359. Members receive a discount so why not obtain a membership application first?

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Fig. 1 — Mail posted at sea with a purser's straight-line handstamp, **CHERUSKIA**, and manuscript 14/1/1898, dash-line cancellation of the postage and Type Ia **AUS WESTINDIEN/HAMBURG DAMPFER/UBER CÖLN** marking.

‘AUS WESTINDIEN’ German Sorter Markings on DWI Mail — A Classification —

By Dr. Roger G. Schnell, M.D.

The presence of transit and sorter markings on Danish West Indies postal stationery items offer a unique opportunity to study the transport, mail-handling procedures and history of a particular routing. These ancillary markings make the covers “come alive.” But as fascinating as they may be, their study frequently raises additional questions. This proves to be the case with the circular “AUS WESTINDIEN — P. HAMBURG DAMPFER — UBER CÖLN” sorter handstamp (Fig. 1).

Mail from DWI in the UPU period was typically placed in sealed mail bags or tied bundles by local postal authorities, usually in St. Thomas and delivered to the ships in this case those of the Hamburg American Packet Company (HAPAG). It was then transported across the Atlantic Ocean, and some of

it unloaded at LeHavre or Cherbourg, France. There the mail was placed aboard railroad mail cars for transit through Paris, Erquelines, Namur, Verviers to Cologne. This routing saved at least two days (565 miles by sea) off the English Channel route to Hamburg. By rail it was only 220 miles to Cologne. No French or Belgian transit marks are noted since the mail was not opened or sorted until received by German postal employees on the Verviers-Cologne mail cars or at Cologne itself. Occasionally they would apply a railway sorter mark which included the train number (Fig. 2). Upon arrival at the Cologne Post Office railway sorting section #10, the circular AUS WESTINDIEN handstamp was applied either to the front or back of some of the mail. In those cases where postage stamps or postal stationery im-



Fig. 2 — Card showing both Railroad Sorters' markings from train #1 of the CÖLN (RHEIN)—VERVIERS BAHNPOST as well as Type III AUS WESTINDIEN DAMPFER UBER CÖLN marking. Of interest is the absence of any pursers mark or St. Thomas town cancellation.

prints had arrived uncanceled, the "AUS" marking was used as a canceling device (see Fig. 2 and 6). This handstamp, it appears, was intended solely to indicate West Indies origin of the mail.

It should be noted that not all mail between the West Indies and Germany was landed at French ports for overland transport via Verviers to Cologne. Presumably the bulk was delivered by sea to Hamburg where it was separated and some of it bagged for final destinations without receiving any sorter markings, the rest sorted with Hamburg transit or arrival postmarks.

A small amount of DWI mail via HAPAG ships was not processed through the DWI P.O., but posted at dockside or aboard ship at sea with the purser. This mail from DWI characteristically has a straight-line handstamp (occasionally a manuscript mark) with the name of the steamship. Such handstamps were intended primarily for waybills and other shipping documents. Although international conventions (UPU) after 1894 did not obligate pursers to cancel postage stamps on these letters, HAPAG encouraged the use of the handstamp ship-name cancel as it advertised the company's service.

During the years 1870-1914 HAPAG operated over 400 ships and purser's marks have been recorded on about a fourth of the ship letters they processed, two-thirds from the Caribbean. (See Fig. 1, 8, 9, 11).

UPU rules after 1897 required that loose ship letters be processed in the post office at the last port of call and a "paquebot" marking applied. This did not occur with the mail from DWI, because of special arrangements with the French and Belgian governments allowing the pursers at the end of the journey to "bag" these items and transport them to mail cars from Havre/Cherbourg for passage to Cologne in the same manner as closed mail. Like the mail from the sealed bags, there may or may not be a sorters mark from the Verviers-Cöln mail car (Fig. 8, 9, 11).

Three distinct AUS WESTINDIEN sorter markings can be identified as shown in Fig. 7. Type I demonstrates two minor variations, Ia and Ib, while Type II has one, IIa. The frequency of each has been elicited from a review of illustrated articles, auction catalogs and the DWI Record, plus the author's collection.

Type I — 8 examples, See Fig. 5.



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of Rhein-Verviers
Bahnpost. Train 1.

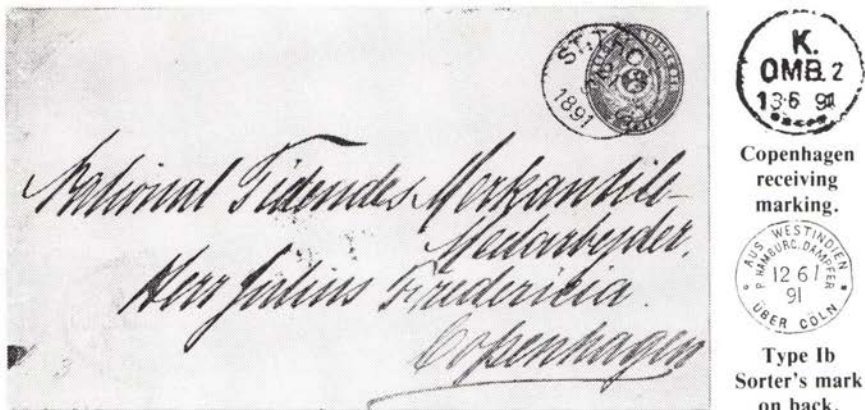


Fig. 3 — Postal envelope unsealed at printed matter rate with a St. Thomas town cancel, no pursers marking, Type Ib AUS WESTINDIEN sorters mark and Copenhagen receiving back cancel.

- Type Ia — 1 example, See Fig. 1
- Type Ib — 2 examples, See Fig. 3, 4
- Type II — 3 examples, See Fig. 6
- Type IIa — 1 example, See Fig. 11.
- Type III — 18 examples, See Fig. 2, 8 and 9.

The examples shown in Figures 3, 4 and 5 illustrate the normal St. Thomas town cancel and the AUS WESTINDIEN

marking on the front or back as expected on items placed in sealed mail bags. A closer look at Fig. 3 and 4 show identical Type Ib circular markings. Figures, 1, 6, 8, 9 are examples of purser mail with the AUS WESTINDIEN marking.

The earliest recorded usage of the circular AUS WESTINDIEN marking is 2



Fig. 4 — Card to Denmark with St. Thomas town cancel, AUS WESTINDIEN Type Ib sorter marking and Denmark receiving cancel.



Fig. 5 — Card to Germany with appropriate St. Thomas town cancel and pursers marking, plus the AUS WESTINDIEN Type I with a German receiving cancel.

August 1875, a Type I mark. No further examples occur until 1 September 1891, still a Type I. Type Ia is first recorded on 6 December 1891 and represented the misplacement of a slug or typeset error. Apparently it was noted and deleted, as no other examples are recorded. Type Ib shows either the uneven inking of the handstamp when applied or an impaired slug. The usage dates of Type II, IIa and III can be based only on information taken from the receiving sorter markings or stamp cancellations of the "AUS" handstamp.

Type II occurred in 1898 and all examples of Type III, except one, were date after 1898. By associating the physical evolution of the markings with a chronology of dates a cause relationship can be suggested. The conclusion is that progressive wear and damage caused by repeated hand-strikes of the "AUS" markers — as well as losses, errors or damage to the type slugs — produced three major types and three minor varieties.

Collectors should note that the use of

the AUS WESTINDIEN sorter mark was not limited to DWI mail. The author has seen examples of this mark on mail from Jamaica, Columbia, Curacao, Mexico, Venezuela, the U.S.A. and used with German stamps on ship's mail posted at sea. An illustration of such usage shown in Fig. 9, a post card mailed on the high seas aboard the HAPAG Steamer GRAECIA which is franked with a Dominican Republic stamp (pen canceled) and marked by a Type III "AUS" sorter handstamp at Cologne.

The various situations in which the AUS WESTINDIEN sorter marking appeared suggests a lack of standard policy for handling arriving DWI mail. Clearly a small percentage of the mail received the "AUS" mark. German postal directives are known for handling mail from the Far East, Australia and the North Atlantic mail routes to Germany. None exist for West Indies mail. German philatelist Arno Gottspenn remembers that a ship's officer once reported that he was given verbal orders by the com-



Fig. 6 — Card to Germany with HAPAG pursers mark GALICIA. The AUS WESTINDIEN sorter mark Type III was used to cancel the stamp imprint.

pany agent when he brought the mail on board. Perhaps the volumn of DWI mail was too small to required specific directives. Thus the German postal employees used common practices when dealing with it. However, many of these questions remain unanswered. Why didn't all mail from the West Indies received the AUS WESTINDIEN marking? Why did some items get both the Cöln-Verviers Railroad marking and the AUS WESTINDIEN sorting mark? Hopefully this report will provoke further interest and study which could provide the answers.

Of some interest to today's jet travelers is a review of the number of days it took for mail ships from St. Thomas to reach European postal facilities more than 3,500 miles away. The postal card in Fig. 1 took 16 days to reach Cologne where it received a sorter mark dated 30.1.98. The Fig. 2 item got there in 18 days, using the dispatch date from the sender's message because no DWI or ship's purser marks appear. The envelope in Fig. 3 and the post card in Fig. 4 traveled 22 days from St. Thomas to Cologne, plus the usual one-day to Copenhagen via boat train. The three

German Sorter's Markings
on DWI Postal Stationery



Fig. 7 — These handstamps represented arrival markings applied to mail from DWI by the German sorters at Railroad Postoffice 10 in Cologne.



Fig. 8 — Card to Germany with pursers RHENANIA used to cancel imprint stamp. Also illustrated are sorters marking of the Cöln-Verviers Railroad car, as well as the Type III “Empty Center” AUS WESTINDIEN mark of the Cologne RR P.O. 10.



Fig. 9 — This card with a Type III sorter mark to Germany originated in the Dominican Republic and was posted aboard the HAPAG Steamship Graecia. It has a purser’s manuscript “X” cancel and “14.XI.10” date annotation.



Fig. 10 — The mysterious two-line “Aus Westindien/via Hamburg” sorter mark appears on this letter that carries an Havana, Cuba, forwarding agent’s oval handstamp at the lower left, a blurred St. Thomas CDS on the right and a Hamburg CDS on the postage stamp.

cent post card shown in Fig. 5 made the crossing in 20 days. Another post card in Fig. 6 with a purser’s GALICIA handstamp and no other ship marks made the trip in 18 days. The post card shown in Fig. 8 with a bold RHENANIA strike voiding the stamp imprint was carried over in 15 days the best record of any item illustrated in this article. In all probability it was delivered the next day to Altona, not too far from Cologne. The 1872 letter in Fig. 10 handstamped by a forwarding agent in Havana, Cuba, apparently traveled 24 days to Hamburg where its postage stamp was canceled before it was forwarded to Copenhagen. Again note the two-line “Aus Westindien/via Hamburg” sorter mark of which little is known.

Considering the distance involved and the varying weather conditions at sea, the mail made pretty good time. The average good weather crossing took less than 20 days, just about the same number of days it takes for today’s surface mail — going either way between the U.S. and Europe.

[The author of this article, Dr. Roger Schnell, is the new coordinator of the SCC DWI Study Unit. Members are invited to join the research group by contacting Mike Crandall, 1818 Foxbay Dr., Melbourne, FL 32935. Annual membership fee is \$10.]

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Fig. 11 — A good example of the Type IIa inverted center date is shown on this DWI postal card mailed at sea aboard the HAPAG Steamship Australia. It features the purser's manuscript cancel of the 3-cent rate, the ship name stamp and a notation of 10 August 1898. Other markings are the Cöln-Verviers Zug 1 RR cancel and a Hamburg 25.8.98 receiving mark. Of interest is the second RR cancel applied to the back (shown at right).



Fig. 12 — The above card illustrates the usual mail practice. It went from Christiansted to St. Thomas, then via sea mail to Le Harve, France, where it got the port's receiving marking, and was forwarded to Berne, Switzerland. This is a direct contrast to DWI mail that received the "AUS" markings and skipped the routine port of landing markings.

NORDIA 89 Scheduled for Fredrikstad, June 7-11

The southern Norwegian city of Fredrikstad, centrally-located in relation to Scandinavian capitols, has been selected for NORDIA 89. The Nordic exhibition is a joint venture between the local collectors club, the Federation of Norwegian Philatelists and the Norway Post Office. The Fredrikstad Filatelistklubb, however, will be responsible for the actual organizing.

The event will be held at Kongstenhallen, which is part of a modern sports and leisure center situated near Old Fredrikstad.

Main source of income in support of the show will be from sales of a mini sheet of stamps to be issued in the autumn of 1988. Other special stamp issues have been suggested, but no decisions have been reached to date.

Mike Hvidonov, our Associate Editor for Finland, is the U.S. Commissioner for the exhibition and has preliminary entry forms available. He notes that an



Voted Top Stamp in '87

Finnish postal patrons chose the 100th birthday of Prof. Arvo Ylppö issue as the nation's most beautiful stamp in 1987. It portrays Prof. Ylppö and a motif including the Lastenlinna Children's Hospital in Helsinki and a child playing with a ball. It was issued Oct. 27.

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Scandinavian Literature Notes

By Alan Warren

The November issue of *Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift* carries news of the HAFNIA 87 show and another installment on fake covers. This time the subject is covers of the Landstorm overprint issues of Sweden and over a dozen items are illustrated and described by co-authors Roland Frahm, Bo Stavenow, and Karl-Erik Stenberg. This same issue also contains the third installment of the *SFF* monograph on the Normal Cancel 10 by Robert Mattson, illustrating the towns beginning with the letters K and L.

The November issue of *Frimærkesamleren* from Denmark also highlights HAFNIA and provides another in the series on the Danish Red Cross stamps by Mogens Lethrabort. The December issue of the same journal has an item about the 1987 Christmas seals by Hanne Jensen, and an article about post cards illustrating stamps, such as the well known Ottmar Zieher cards, by "Mr. Postkort." The English collector Herbert Pritchett has a good article in the January 2 issue of *Stamp Collector* on mails resulting from the U.S. occupation in Iceland during WWII.

Much of the December issue of *Dansk Filatelistisk Tidskrift* is devoted to

reporting on HAFNIA 87, and SCC member Dan Laursen has an article on the catastrophic loss of the Club's Library due to the flood. In the December issue of the same journal, Thorolf Björklund writes about the postal history of Åland.

Posthistorisk Tidsskrift is published quarterly in Denmark, and the December 1987 issue leads off with an article by Ole Maintz on the private *landpost* of that country during the mid-19th century. Ole Steen Jacobsen discusses the Copenhagen Footpost, and J. E. Tanggaard writes about early conveyance of Danish mails by rail.

In the December issue of *Scandinavian Contact*, Andrew Riddell writes about his collection of Basarpost cards of Sweden, and E. Falck-Christensen discusses Finnish postal rates during the period 1891-1921. In the December issue of "Philatelic Reports" from the FG Nordische Staaten in Germany, Gunter Tölcke writes about the Danish Kugelpost and Diligencepost; and Manfred Stadlmann records some recent paquebot markings on covers to and from the Faroes. Harri Sihtola discusses the city post of Helsinki during the period 1866-1891, and Jurgen Tiemer has an ex-

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tended and well-illustrated article on polar mail of Norway during the Zepelin area. Wolfgang Löhrich writes about the rectangular arrival cancels of Stockholm.

The January-February issue of the Maritime Postmark Society's *Seaposter* continues the series on Swedish ship mail markings by Ingemar Wägerman and Bert Steiner with the "Postad Ombord" marks. The December *Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift* carries an article describing the Normal cancels 59 through 66 as part of the new cancellation handbook project. Specialists in this area are asked to contribute to the new edition by writing to Sveriges Filatelistförbund, Projekt Ny Stämpelhandbok, Vasavägen 86, 18141 Lidingö, Sweden.

The February issue of *Frimærkesamleren* has an article by Hanne Jensen illustrating some of the 1987 Christmas seals of Kolding, Brønderslev,

Frederikssund and elsewhere in Denmark. In the January *Het Noorderlicht* from Holland, G. L. van Welie writes about postage due on Danish mails to foreign destinations in the 19th and early 20th centuries. In the same issue J. L. Jvangean has another installment of the series on Spitzbergen mails.

The January *Dansk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift* has a short item by Torben Hjørne about an unusual Greenland handstamp of 1938 marked "Kolonien Holsteinsborg," and Niels Klotttrup illustrates some postal cards of the Danish skilling type used during the øre period. The December issue of *Bältespännaren* brings the first part of a series by Mats Edström on transportation of goods on Stockholm's tramways, and Alfred Weiner writes about Sweden's international reply coupons. Stamps issued for Sweden's Flag Day are discussed in the second part of a series by Åke Torkelstam.

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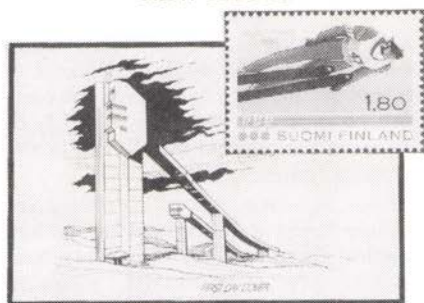
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NEW ISSUES



Triple Gold Medalist on Stamp

FINLAND has issued a special stamp honoring triple gold medal winner Matti Nykänen for his feat at the 1988 Winter Olympic Games in Calgary. It was released April 6th and depicts Nykänen by artist Pentti Rahikainen, who used a photo as a model. Printed in four-color offset on coated, non-luminescent paper by the Bank of Finland Security Printing House. First Day Covers (as shown above) available for FM1.80 + 2.00 (.95¢) by certified check, international reply coupon or international postal money order. Remember to include bank charges. Address: Postimerkkikeskus, PL 654, 00101 Helsinki, Finland.



FINLANDIA 88 Offers FDC

Also newly announced by the Finland P&T is the FINLANDIA 88 FDC featuring the Faberge mini souvenir sheet (issued in a one-stamp booklet, otherwise) on the official exhibition cachet cover offered from FM30.00 + 2.00 (\$7.95) each. Date of issue is June 2nd. Follow instructions above or send a friend to FINLANDIA 88 at slightly higher carrying charges.

DENMARK'S P&T released illustrations of its recent issues and new rates.

One March 10 release marked the 1000th anniversary of the city of Odense. Subject of the DKr3.00 stamp was St. Knud's Church and the stature of Hans Christian Andersen in Odense. Another noting the

Folkekirkens Nødhjælp Fund (for single mothers) was a multicolored, steel engraved stamp designed by Finn R. Jørgensen. It depicts a woman carrying a child on her back; the rate is DKr3.00 + 0.50 — the surcharge to benefit the charity.



Odense 1000 Years — Danchurchaid

In April the P&T issued two stamps; one on the occasion of the WHO 40th anniversary, a DKr4.10 multicolored symbolic heart motif designed by Boye Willumsen. The other marks 50 years of Civil Defense Administration with a DKr2.70 stamp. Subject shows civil defense symbols and two environmental workers in orange and blue.



WHO Design — Civil Defense



Norway — Just in from this nation's PFT are more details on new issues released on April 26. The new mushroom series continued in a 10-stamp booklet format. Featured are two edible varieties, the Wood blewits (*Lepista nuda*) and Saffron milk-cap (*Lactarius deterrimus*), shown above. The Nkr29 per booklet stamps were designed by Hedvig Wright Østern with lettering by Ottar H. Johannessen. Stamps are perf. 13 on phosphorescent paper and printed multicolor offset from Emil Moestrue A/S.



Construction of a fortress, Nkr 2.50 green



Army signal corps in action, Nkr2.90 red



Construction of pontoon bridge, Nkr4.60 blue

Three military jubilee stamps marking the 100 year anniversaries of both the Army Signal Corps and the Engineer Corps, plus the 300th year for the Construction Service of Defense were also issued April 26. All are perf 13 in sheets of 50 on yellowish-white phosphorescent paper and printed taille-douce by Norges Banks Seddeltrykkeri. Designs for the trio by Frederik Mattheson. Engravings by Arild Yttri (Nkr2.50), Knut Løkke-Sørensen (Nkr2.90), and Sverre Morken (Nkr4.60).



Stylized symbol North-South, Nkr25 multicolor

The final April 26 issue was the Council of Europe Nkr25 high value which covers both the need for this denomination and serves as this nation's symbol of the council's campaign for interdependence and solidarity between North and South in social, cultural and ecological matters. Design by Leif F. Anisdahl, printed on sheets of 50 stamps on

phosphorescent paper by multicolor offset from Emil Moestrue A/S.

The Norway PFT also announced a revised schedule for 1988 issues. Due July 1 is the DEPT Transportation and Communication pair featuring the steamer Prinds Gustav (NKR2.90), and Road Construction (NKR3.80); plus the miniature sheet illustrating the life of King Olav on his 85th birthday with three Nkr2.90 stamps of different designs. PFT officials also noted the denominations of Nkr2.50 and Nkr10 have been set for the Christian IV, Danish-Norwegian King 400 years anniversary issue on Oct. 7.



Series of 16 Pictorial Postcards To be Issued by Norge Museum

The Archaeological Museum in Stavanger in cooperation with the Norway Post Office and local authorities, will stage a traveling exhibition to 15 post offices in southwestern region during 1988-89. At each stop they will release a special pre-stamped, tinted pictorial postcard illustrating a well-known ancient monument in the vicinity of that post office, along with the place's coat of arms in color.

The stamp imprint is a Nkr2.90 new definitive depicting a capercaillie (large grouse with dark plumage and a fanlike tail), first issued Feb. 18, 1988. The set of cards will be available mint or canceled at the various post offices being visited. Each will be canceled with the pictorial canceler of the traveling exhibition and the date canceler of the host post office.

Sold in sets only by mail, the 16th card will mark the opening of a seasonal post office at the museum's reconstructed Iron Age farm at Ullandhaug in Stavanger. Price of a set of 16, mint or canceled, is Nkr240. Cards will be delivered in two installments, December 1988 and December 1989.

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N-4001 Stavanger
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The museum's postal giro account number in Oslo is: 3 78 24 71. International money orders in Norwegian kroner or dollar equivalent cost about the same. Compare prices at local banks and post offices.

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1	** Revenues, 10 Bit & 2 Fr. in cplt sheets of 25 each, Fine NH	\$ 60.00
2	** Same as above but in blocks of 4	9.00
3	U #14-18 (16-20), 1¢ - 10¢ fine used Cat. \$176.50	45.00
4	* #32-37 (31-36) King Christian, F-VF LH. Cat. \$75.50	25.00
5	** #31 (42) 5¢ on 8¢ VF NH Cat. 200SKR	9.00
DENMARK		
6	U #28 (25) 3 øre XF, Socked on nose cancel Cat. \$13.00	7.00
7	U #30 (27) 5 øre VF, Socked on nose cancel Cat. \$74.00	25.00
8	** #184-5 (145-6) 27 on 1 & 27 on 5 both VF NH Cat. \$17.00	7.00
9	** #191 (152) 27 on 38 øre VF NH Cat. \$51.00	17.00
10	** H11 Windmill booklet complete unexploded Cat. \$204.00	100.00
11	* #256-61 (239-43) King Christian X VF LH Cat. \$29.00	10.00
12	** #262-66 (C6-10) 2nd Airs, VF NH Cat. \$38.25	16.00
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14	* #(252a) Pane of 4 VF Cat. \$30.00	10.00
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17	** HS14 (530a) 1973 Christmas booklet, unexploded Cat. \$42.50	18.00
18	U T1 1-10 (P1-10) Newspaper set F-VF Cat. \$88.70	23.00
19	U T1 18 (P18) 38 øre Newspaper, wmk cross VF Cat. \$136.00	70.00
20	** PF19 (Q16) 10 øre yellow orange VF NH Cat. \$59.50	15.00
FAROE ISLANDS		
21	88 #4-8 (2-6) complete surcharge set on wavy line and ship designs of Denmark. VF NH set with Wovern photo certificate. Cat. approximately \$1,100.00	550.00
22	** #9-22 (7-20) First Definitive VF NH Cat. \$23.00	10.00
23	C #23-25 (21-23) Postal Service set on cacheted F.D.C. VF	6.00
24	** #47-49 (45-47) I.Y.C. Sheets of 20 Cat. \$27.20	8.00
FINLAND — Five lots of books		
25	Laitinen catalog, Like new, PB 247 pgs. "The Figure Cancellations of Finland"	15.00
26	Linder, 1856 oval issues PB 160 pgs in Swedish	9.00

27	Poutvaara — Finland in the Russian period. HB 154 pgs	14.00
28	Hellman, "Die Figurenstempel Finnlands" HB 413 pgs with cancel supplement and railroad routes in 1885. Map supplement. Like new.	145.00
29	Alonius, 1918 Fieldpost PB 122 pgs. New	25.00

FINLAND — Postcards, Imperfs

30	C Ship cancel on postal card (Aug. 1900)	17.00
31	C Unused postcard with a 1900 protest theme showing demonetized stamps, Poutvaara #14 II	12.00
32	C Norma #38B, 20 pen yellow with violet carrier cancel #33b	10.00
33	C Like lot 31, unused and facimile stamp franking (Poutvaara #12 Type)	23.00
34	C Like lot 31, unused with map of Finland and demonetized stamp theme	10.00
35	** #50 (65) 5 pen green imperf. pair. Interesting argument (proofs or printer's waste?) some creases	10.00
36	** Same as lot 35 but VF block of 4, fresh, no creases	25.00
37	C Poutvaara type 3a. Postcard demonetized stamp theme by Lilivs & Hertzberg	20.00
38	** #53 (68) 1 MK trial colors imperf. pair VF	15.00
39	C Eight WWII Field Post covers with various cancels F-VF	24.00
40	C Two WWII Field Post package cards unused 2 punch holes, creases	6.00
41	C Same as lot 40 but three cards	9.00
42	* #80 (115) 50 pen, WASA, imperf. no gum VF	13.00
43	* #82 (117) 1 MK WASA, imperf. no gum VF	14.00

FINLAND — Stamps

44	U #9 (10b) 40 pen, roulette 2, all teeth plus socked on nose cancel Facit \$110.00 plus cancel ..	31.00
45	U #18 S (23) 32 pen, VF Socked on nose cancel Cat. \$47.00	16.00
46	** #492 (C4) 1958 300MK Air VF NH Cat. \$55.00	13.00
47	** #F81 (M8) 1963 Military VF NH Cat. \$204.00	125.00
47A	** (38-45) 8 stamps, 1889, 2 pen — 10 MK overprinted "specimen" VF NH	38.00
47B	** As 47A except magnificent blocks of 4	140.00

FINLAND — Covers

48	C #F81 (M8) Regular size cover backstamped TURKU 6 slight ink smear not affecting stamp Cat. \$204.00	65.00
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56	C Ten, 7 KOP stamps on cover	15.00
57	C Unused mourning stamp postal card Circa 1900	27.00
58	** KARALIA #1-5, 7, 8 seven values of the 1922 set VF NH rare as such	63.00
59	C NORTH INGERMANLAND 10, 30, 50, 80, 1M values of pictorial set KIRJASALD 20 1 x 20 arrival. ÅBO backstamp. Slight toning on left edge. Scarce & genuine	170.00

GREENLAND

60	** #28/44 (28-38) King & Ships set of 11 VF NH Cat. \$123.00	45.00
61	U #33 (35) 50 øre ship VF used Cat. \$19.00	7.00

ICELAND

62	U #113 (91) 25 A Sigurdsson VF used Cat. \$36.00	12.00
63	** #115 (93) 10 A Frederik 8th VF NH Cat. \$63.00	20.00
64	** #116 (94) 20 Aur, VF NH Cat. \$102.00	35.00
65	** #118 (96) 1KR, VF NH Cat. \$53.00	18.00
66	C #160-1 (C1-2) Airs on 1929 registered flown cover fresh and attractive	90.00
67	** #162-64 (C9-11) Zeppelins F-VF NH Cat. \$231.00	65.00
68	* Same as above but very LH Cat. \$122.00	41.00
69	U #178 (157) 20 Aur, Parliament VF used Cat. \$68.00	20.00
70	* #188 (C3) Airmail, Falcon Proof Imperf.	30.00

71	*	#188 (C3) Airmail, Falcon VF LH Cat. \$28.00	8.00
72	*	#189-93 (C4-8) Parliament Airs VF Very LH Cat. \$255.00	85.00
73	**	#256-59 (232-35) NY Worlds Fair 1940 Overprints VF NH Cat. \$315.00	95.00
74	**	#281-87 (246-52) Hekla, VF NH Cat. \$102.00	45.00
75	**	#327-29 (284-86) Hafsteir, VF NH Cat. \$66.00	24.00
76	**	#353 (305) Presidents Home VF NH Cat. \$30.00	10.00

NORWAY

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78	U	#21 (21) 7 Skill VF appearance, minor faults Cat. \$85.00	7.00
79	**	#182 (B2) 20 øre North Cape VF NH Cat. \$72.00	18.00
80	**	#264 (B18) Legion, VF NH Cat. \$119.00	70.00
81	**	#354 (277) 2KR Haakon 7th VF NH Cat. \$59.00	15.00
82	C	1951, First Polar Airmail Card Cat. 300 SKR	18.00
83	**	#404-7 (B50-52) Olympics VF NH Cat. \$17.00	7.00
84	**	#413-15 (B54-56) 1953 Nordkap VF NH Cat. \$51.00	23.00
85	**	#441-43 (B59-61) 1957 Nordkap VF NH Cat. \$25.00	9.00
86	**	#475-76 (B64-5) Refugee Year VF NH Cat. \$21.00	9.00
87	**	(408-12) 1962 Definitives Cpl per Scott VF NH Cat. \$35.75	16.00
88	**	(416-30) 1962 Definitives Cpl per Scott VF NH Cat. \$47.43	20.00
89	B	H45-6 (693a, 94a) 1977 Europa booklets unexploded VF NH Cat. \$29.75	14.00

SWEDEN

90	U	#38 (38) 1KR VF neat 1887 cancel Cat. \$20.00 plus	10.00
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92	**	#64 (55) 4 øre Bicolor VF NH Cat. \$32.00	8.00
93	*	#121 (B18) 10 plus 40 on 24 øre Fine LH Cat. \$55.00	18.00
94	U	#126-35 (B22-31) 1918 Semipostals VF CTO Cat. \$38.00	13.00
95	*	#153-55 (194-96) Gustav Vasa, VF Very LH a scarce set in this condition. Cat. \$120.00 plus	75.00
96	**	#177A (168) 15 øre VF NH pair Cat. \$41.00	12.00
97	**	#200 (201) 25 øre UPU VF used Cat. \$34.00	11.00
99	*	#233 (229) 5 KR Royal Palace VF Very LH. An extremely attractive copy Cat. \$144.00 plus	80.00
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106	**	#337C (C8c) 20 KR Airmail (Swans) VF NH Beautiful copy Cat. \$187.00	65.00
107	**	471-75 (279-83) STOCKHOLMIA '55 VF NH Cat. \$30.00	10.00
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109	B	H224 (672Fg) 85 øre cpl booklet Cat. \$17.00	7.00
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113	B	H234 (866a) Industry cpl booklet Cat. \$40.00	18.00
114	B	H249 (908a) Christmas 1971 cpl booklet Cat. \$17.00	7.00
115	B	H262 (985a) 89th birthday cpl booklet Cat. \$21.00	8.00
116	B	H270 (1014a) Museum booklet cpl Cat. \$27.00	14.00
117	B	H330 (1359a) Coat of Arms booklet 1981 Cat. \$10.00	5.00
118	B	H337 (1406a) Coat of Arms booklet 1982 Cat. \$10.00	5.00
119	C	807/852 PFA First Day Covers 1973 almost cpl about 12 covers unaddressed VF Cat. \$21.00	7.00
120	C	853/907 Same as previous lot, 1974 Cat. \$17.00	6.00
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President's Message

By Alfred Gruber

Florida West Coast — The Newest Chapter

Great news for SCC! A new chapter (#23) has been organized by Bob Paulson (formerly of Houston) and about six other SCC members plus three new applicants in the Clearwater area. The formalization process is underway. Welcome!

Mart Pays Out Quarter Million Dollars

The Mart Annual Report reveals some interesting statistics. Sales in 1987 were 15 percent above 1986 and 52 percent over 1985. If that doesn't encourage you to submit Mart books, look at this — over a quarter million dollars have been paid to Mart book owners in the period 1986-1987.

What sold best last year? Greenland plate blocks and covers; Sweden booklets; Denmark covers, postal stationery and By-Post; Iceland cancels; Norway locals and realistically priced regular stamps of all the Scandinavian countries. (Many sellers continue to price as if we are still in the boom speculative years.)

Who were the sellers? Chapter members submitted 99, while non-affiliated people sent in 39 books. Contact Mart Manager Wade Beery for blank books at 50¢ each. Incidentally we need a few volunteers to audit the Mart and other accounts. Will someone step forward? Write me.

Study Unit — Change of Personnel

After sixteen years as the DWI specialist and coordinator of the SCC DWI Study Unit, Victor Engstrom has asked to be relieved. Dr. Roger G. Schnell has consented to succeed Vic in this position and also as Associate Editor for DWI. Lt. Col. William (Mike) Crandall has agreed to manage the register which is presently housed in 25 books with a total of over 5000 entries. Our thanks to Vic for the many years and effort he has contributed to this monumental task. Thanks also to Roger and Mike and the other members of the task force for their future efforts.

Publicity and Exhibits

Without a steady infusion of new members, any club will soon succumb. We do have a new Publicity Chairman, Jack Day, whose mandate is to keep the name of the Scandinavian Collectors Club before the collecting public. I am sure Jack would welcome contributions of ideas you would want to send along. Exhibits of Scandinavian materials is one way to draw attention to our field and attract new collectors. This, in addition to the fun and satisfaction of putting together and showing an area the exhibitor would like to share with his or her peers. (I personally exhibit for those reasons, not the metallic awards.) We recently queried Chapter Presidents and National Officers about improving our operation. One thought surfaced in several places. "Do something to encourage exhibiting." For starters, I propose to encourage exhibiting at shows in the geographical area nearest our Chapter locations. For example, at FLOREX or SARAPEX, both of which are near our newest Chapter. We seek an EXHIBITS Chairman to direct this effort. May I have a volunteer?

And in Closing,

I hear there is still room for exhibits at SESCAL in Los Angeles, the site of our National Convention in October. Contact George Bowman, 1141 Pelham Drive, Lompoc, CA 93436. Finlandia 88, June 1-2 at Helsinki is almost upon us. And — Chapter Presidents and Secretaries, the annual Chapter report is over-due if you haven't sent it to the Exec. Sec.

The Editor's Notebook

By Gene Lesney



With this issue goes a hearty Scandinavian welcome to our new Publicity Chairman Jack Day of Walnut Creek, CA. Readers have seen his name recently in Cancel Clinic dealing with Icelandic cancels, one of his interests. Jack replaces Howard Schloss, who resigned because of an illness in his family which will take up most of his time. Thanks for a job well done, Howard!

Survey Reactions Mixed

The underwhelming support (44-3 opposed) of a long, detailed list of medalists at international shows — as presented for HAFNIA 87 winners — clearly cuts our coverage back to the members-only, abbreviated reports always tabulated so accurately by Alan Warren. Interest in auction prices realized was mixed (22 pro - 23 against). Opinions might have been stronger either way had not one lengthy paragraph been edited out. It explained the price of stamps in percentages of C.V. in various categories of material sold.

This journal's style evolution continues with this issue. A slight cover change was made, in addition to the switch to 13 picas (6 picas to an inch) column widths for news articles and retaining a touch of traditional 27 picas (page wide) columns for Club material. According to most studies, narrow columns permit faster reading and easier recall of what has been read. They also allow greater flexibility in the layout of copy of illustrations. How do you like them?

Tell Them What You Want!

If there hasn't been much coverage of your favorite nation's stamps or a related subject in the pages, build a fire under the appropriate Associate Editor. A few of these people haven't been heard from in more than a year — even by the Editor! Write to our AE's and tell them what you miss.

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Here's a recruiting tip for subscribers to *Linn's*. If you don't renew too quickly, *Linn's* offers a free 30-word classified ad. Above you can see how I used mine. Now, if enough members string out these free ads all year the club can keep plugging at no cost!

Correction

The author, in reviewing his Norway Insured Letters article in the Nov. 1987 issue noted a mistake in the cutline beneath Fig. 4 on page 6. It stated, "After July 1926, 1855, the insurance fee had to be paid in cash, as written in the upper right annotation." This is not correct. In the interest of accuracy, such an annotation lists *only the charge for that specific letter* and a rate of "626 Spd. 108 Skillings."



Library News

Dr. W. E. Melberg, SCC Librarian

As you see from the donation list which follows, we have been most fortunate in receiving so many nice items (both old and new) for the library. We have a full head of steam going on the new index which, hopefully, will accompany the August issue of *The Posthorn*. Ron Collin has been a lifesaver with his computer work. The new listing is a new standardized format easy to use and order form.

I am trying something different with the Scandinavian journal articles. Rather than photocopy and catalog the worthwhile articles I have copied the year-end indexes of each journal. I am prepared to send them out on loan to parties who request them. The members can look through the article listings and then order copies of the desired pages. Eventually, we hope to have the material cataloged by subject.

Another of my goals is to establish a repository of photocopies of Scandinavian exhibits and collections. Letters (30+) were sent in January to members known by me to have exhibits. The response has been great. We already have 17 on the shelf (including some that were in the library earlier) and 14 more promised. If you know of some SCCer who exhibits, please ask her/him to contact me, or send the name. These items are an excellent source for research, study and inspiration. They can also be used as the highlight of a SCC chapter program.

LIBRARY DONATIONS (Jan. 1, 1988 to Mar. 31, 1988)

CASH: Anonymous, T. Barham, S. A. Block, Chicago Chapter 4, J. Crown, R. Nelson, and A. F. Regenthal.

BOOKS:

Aktiebolaget Philatelia

Sveriges Frimarken I Farg 1988. New Swedish catalog with neat color reproductions of all issues. Pricing for mint & used. Contains a list of the booklets & postal stationery. 6x9" 325 pp. (Swedish)

Arthur Anderson

SP Pikku-Small. Parmi/Lundmark. 1951. Catalog of Finnish stamps. 5x7" 56 pp. (in English)

Postal Issues of Finland, C. Pelander. 1940. A very interesting book written by the founder of the SCC. Contains much information about Finland and its stamps. Worth a look for a Finland specialist. 6x9" 64 pp. (English)

George Brooks

Copenhagen's "Letter" Post Office 1837-1899. Exhibit photocopy. 8½x11" 84 pp.

Bjørn E. Bunæs

Handbok Over Norske 4-Ringnummerstamper, Bunæs & Langangen, 1987. This handbook lists and illustrates the Norwegian 4-ringed numbered cancels by year,

post office, district, beginning date, postmaster, and notes of interest. Very complete. English and German introductions. 6x8½" 400 + pp.

Ronald Collin

Iceland Postal Stationery. Exhibit photocopy. 8½x11" 105 pp.

Jeff Crown

Viking Life in the Storm-Cursed Færoes. Interesting article found in National Geographic Magazine Nov. 1930. Outlines history and life in that remote area. Only article ever published by that society about the Faroes. 7x10" 42 pp.

Wilbert Dalum

Many back issues of *NFT* journals.

Ib Eichner-Larsen

Auction catalogs and many Danish newspaper stamp clippings.

AFA Special Katalog 1981-82 (Danish).

Michael E. Falls

Iceland — The First 70 Years. Exhibit photocopy 8½x11" 100 pp.

Frimarkshuset AB

Facit Norden 1988. The catalog is printed in full color and contains all the stamp issues from the Nordic countries up to Dec. 31, 1987. Includes FDCs, booklets, maximum cards, exhibition cards, blocks, year sets. Also official kilo mixtures, postal stationeries and franking labels. 6x8½" 312 pp. (Swedish)

Erik Hemmingsen

Om at Samle Vabentype, O. Pedersen 1974. 5x7" 55 pp. (Danish)

Kong Gustav V i Medaljong og Sveriges Portotakster 1910-1920. B. Amundson. 1981. 6x8" 80 pp. (Swedish)

Frimærke Aarbogen. (10 editions) 71-72, 73-74, 74-75, 75-76, 76-77, 77-78, 78-79, 79-80, 81-82, 82-83. Ib Eichner-Larsen's famous yearbooks of stamp stories. (Danish). 4½x8" 160 + pp. each.

Island Skandinavisk Club

Posthus og Brefhirdingar a Islandi — 1986. The index of Icelandic post offices with all known cancels and usage dates. Very complete. 8½x11" 126 pp. (Icelandic).

Jon Jonsson

One Hundred Years of Icelandic Stamps. Written by the donor. 1977. An extremely fine book about the stamps of Iceland. Involved a great deal of research. It will hold your interest from beginning to end. Many illustrations and color plates. 7½x10" 472 pp. (English).

Arnold Knudson

SFF Specialkatalog 1984-85. 6x8" 472 pp.

Kirsten E. Lorentzen

Nordisk Julemærke Katalog, 1987-88 Bind 1. J. Christoffersen. 6x8" 368 pp. Listing and pricing of all Nordic official & national Christmas seals & charity stamps.

Nordisk Julemærke Katalog, 1987-88 Bind 2. J. Christoffersen. 6x8" 434 pp. Listing of all Nordic local Christmas seals & charity seals.

Jack Mickelsen

Posthorns. Complete set from 1956 to date with all the handbooks.

Frank Mooney

Posthus og Brefhirdingar a Islandi, Klubber Skandinaviasafnara. 1986 Index of Icelandic post offices. Each with all known cancels & dates of usage. Very complete. 8½x11" 126 pp.

Jens Warrer Nyboe

Frimærke Bogen, 1966.

Marginalnummerkatalog 1959 & 1964.

Danmark, Grønland og Slesvig Fireblock Katalog, 1972.

Luftpost Serien 1965.

30 Øre Provisorierne, Tholl.

Danmarks Staalstukne Frimærker, Tholl 1951 & 1956.

Gamle Frimærker, Hernov 1958.

Danske Frimærker I Stalstik 50 Aar, 1983

Caritas, 1958.

Frederiksberg Frimærke Forening, 1965.

Frimærkets Dag, Odense 1964.

The Avocation of Stamp Collecting, Souren 1932.

AFA Skandinavien Frimærkekatalog 1965, 66, 68, 69, 70, 64, 76 & 79.

Julemærkekatalog #s 2, 3, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16 & other booklets.

Scandinavian Scribe 1969-1970.

The Finnish National Anti-Tuberculosis Association, 1907-1957.

Posthorns, Many back issues.

NFTs, Many back issues.

Paul Ostergaard

Scandinavian Revenue Stamps-Vol. 1, Paul Nelson. 1983. 8½x11" 81 pp.

Nordisk Julemærke Katalog, 1983-84, J. Christoffersen. 6x8" 456 pp.

Lloyd Pearson

SFT journals. Various missing issues.

Verdens Frimærker, Danish monthly journal. Some editions

Stockholmia 86 Exhibit Katalog. 6½x9½" 264 pp.

Scandinavian Philatelic Foundation

Denmark's Numeral Cancellations 1852-1884, H. Tester & G. Hansen. 1987. 8½x11" 165 pp.

Frank Scheer

Forteckning a De Fasto Postanstalterna i Sverige, 1947. 92 pp. 8½x11" General scheme of mail distribution.

Tidtabeller for Jarnvagsposterna M.M., 1948 8½x11". 116 pp. Schedule of mail routes (train) for Sweden.

Frank Schubert

Postkortti Suomessa, E. Johanson & T. Termonen. 1981. 5½x8½" 144 pp. Finnish post card book.

Norma Katalogs 1979, 80, 81, 83, 84. 5x8½" 220 + pp.

Harry Snarvold

Postornutgavene 1879-1883, Posthistorie og Filateli, 1984 7x10" 124 pp. Interesting book about the 5 & 10 øre posthorn issues. Details production, postal history and plates both issues.

John Steiness

Danmark, Færøerne Grønland 1986. Katalog Over Postkort. 6x8" 64 pp. Price list of postcards with rarity factors. These are the ones that the Danish Post Office produces. *Collection of 50 Postcards* produced by the Danish Post office.

Lauson Stone

Greenland Specialized. Auction catalog of the donor's famous exhibit and collection. 1978. 6x8½" 124 pp.

Roger Swanson

Sweden Illustrated. 2 pamphlets with interesting articles about life, manufacturing and stamps in Sweden. (in English). 1962 & 1966. 9½x13½" 62 pp. each.

The Scandia Philatelist, Vol. 1, No. 1. Chicago Chapters 4's venture into the Scandinavian philatelic publishing field. The one and only result. 1946. 4 pp.

Roger Swanson/Burt Brownier

Full-Sized Photographs of Sheets of Danish Stamps, AFA #'s 3, 13, 14, 18, 19. Bicolored øres, 20 øres, 20 øre coat of arms & T-7. Ideal for plating. 12x15". Originaly from the Torgesen collection.

Alan Warren

Many Scandinavian oriented journals.

Kr. Wilhelmson

Filatelistisk Aarbog (Norway) 1984 & 1986. 6x8½" 160 pp. The year books of Norwegian philately.

Lester Winick

Iceland Air Mail. Exhibit photocopy. 8½x11" 81 pp.

SCC Library Purchases:

International Stamp Exhibition. National Philatelic Museum, Philateldphia, PA. 1949. 6x9" 90 pp. Interesting articles about the DWI. Illus.

German "Seepost" Cancellations 1886-1939 — Part I — The European, North & South Atlantic Routes, 1987(?). P. Cockrill & A. Gottspenn. 6x8". 116 pp. Illus.

Handbook of Finnish Stamps, V, M. Ossa. 1986. 7x10". 204 pp. Illus.

Suomen Kuvioleimat, A. Laitinen. 1981. 5x8". 248 pp. The figure cancels of Finland-Price catalog. Illus.

Denmark — The Year 1870 — A Year of Transition, J. Agerup. 1967. 7½x11". 16 pp. Interesting booklet about that year & its stamps. Illus.

Video stamp talks - *Chicago: Passport to the World*.

One hour talk shows (Purchased for the cost of the VCR tape).

Poland — Dr. J. Mazepa.

Germany — B. Hennig & A. Dulin.

Stamp Collecting — L. Winnick & B. Weisz.

The Slot-Machine Booklets of Finland, B. Isacson. 1987. 6x8½" 84 pp. Illus.

Chapter News

Busy Day for 'Nya Sverige' Covers

Spring had barely crept in to Delaware and the sun blinked on the horizon when six members of the Delaware Chapter feverishly started splitting sheets, licking and sticking the U.S. "New Sweden" stamps onto SCC cacheted envelopes. By 9 a.m. a table was unfolded outside the Grande Opera House on Wilmington's Market Street Mall. Brisk sales began. It took two people handling sales, two full-timers making more covers at the post office, runners and relief volunteers to keep the operation going. At noon several large corporate offices broke for lunch, adding to the carnival atmosphere. (We had plenty of competition.) But, by 2 p.m. it was over — with over 450 sold here and by mail order!

Earlier, inside the Grande Opera House the official first day ceremony was conducted before about 1,000 people. Postal officials and others were plenteous for the very nice presentations made. The audience was pleased, although many were unhappy that only about half enough programs were available.

At the official luncheon following, to which I was invited for the very minor role played in securing the stamp's issue, the real sparkplug in that effort, Ruth Swenson Crossan, was honored from the podium. She also received a starting SCC membership application for her philatelic effort.

Governor Also Gets Membership Invitation

Delaware Governor Michael E. Castle presented his remarks and confessed that on this day he had accumulated so many stamps and covers that he had begun to organize them — and thus had become a collector, he guessed. Afterwards, as SCC Prexy, I slipped over to the Governor and proffered a membership application which he accepted gracefully and promised to consider.

Ceremonies closed with the traditional "Thirteen Delaware Toasts" sipped with champagne. The thirteen is from the number of original states and was first offered following the First State's signing of the U.S. Constitution in 1887. In addition to the cries of "Hear, Hear," thunderous shouts of "Skool" became popular. Among those toasted were each president and king of the participating nations, direct descendants of the original settlers (twenty were present), King Gustav II Adolph who first backed Nya Sverige, his daughter Queen Christina, Delaware's first Governor Printz (who weighed 300 lbs.), and the various committees working on these celebrations. Though a small state, we do know who to have fun!

We hope the first arrivals 350 years ago (to date) had such a fine day. The celebration held 50 years ago in 1938 was drenched by an all day deluge — which would have been disastrous for our operation. In addition to locals at our table were SCC folks from Minnesota, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Extra copies of this FDC are still available. Follow the instructions on Page 55 of the February *Posthorn*.

—Al Gruber



The Executive Secretary Speaks

By William H. Lamkin

Back Issues of *The Posthorn*

Many members have wondered what to do with the back issues of *The Posthorn*. A solution for this problem came up a few weeks ago. The Wineberg Philatelic Research Library is seeking back issues to fill in some spaces for which they have no copies. They need many of the early issues and would like any of Volumes 51 to date. One thing about such a gift is that it may be a tax advantage to you. Please let me know what you have and I will relay the information to the University.

Dues

Seems like I always have something to say about DUES! This time it is good, I think! Many members have been sending in duplicate dues remittances. This is good except that most of you forget that you are a year or so ahead and keep sending dues. Many sent in dues that they were supposed to be sent in last fall. Then when the dues envelope finally got in the *Posthorn*, dues were sent in again! I have notified all who have sent extra dues so keep your postcard as a reminder when the subject comes up this fall.

The Presidents Visit!

No, NOT Reagan, but our good President Al Gruber and his lovely wife, Annette, stopped by on their way north from a winter in Florida. A very profitable winter it was for the Club as Al was able to stir up enough good members for a new Chapter in Tampa. He has ideas about new chapters in other areas also. You, too, might hear from him on the subject. Al and I had a fine time going over records and working the computer. I am about to believe that to fully understand a computer, you must be not older than 39!

New Members

Look at the list of new members for this month. Twenty-eight fine stamp collectors joined with us in the enjoyment of Scandinavian philately. This is almost the number that joined following AMERIPEX. That 28 new members is not a note to stop on. We must continue to seek out the good collectors who are interested in our realm of the great hobby. Work on the juniors. If there is a youth stamp club in your

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area, get with them. It is these juniors who are the future of SCC. If there is a senior stamp club in your area, think about getting six of them together to form a chapter. Yes, they do have to be members of SCC.

New Mailing Rates

As I finish this column, I see in the local papers that postal rates are going up. It is a pity, I think it will call for many new stamps and, of course, the ensuing problems of postage due. PLEASE, if you are moving or are going to move, let me know so that we will not have to pay additional postage to get your *Posthorn* to you.

With that I cancel my stamp — **@@!!

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Membership Report

The Following Members Have Graciously Given a Donation Over and Above Their Dues for 1988:

1418 Schaad	2890 Nygren	2322 Hanson
1424 Knoche	3004 Savage	2847 Meglin
2741 Trosclair	1620 Minneman	2685 Wilson
2869 Mawhiney	1049 Gruber	1200 Elnan
0236 Stevens	1219 Freeman	1519 Ives
1700 Holbrook	1228 Egy	0336 Welo
2994 Regenthal	1286 Hvidonov	2462 Carbis
1462 Deisz	1678 Melberg	2979 Tennant
1389 Nelson	1210 Shepard	1420 Both
3017 Lobenstein	2578 Haugen	1095 Lang
1542 Jensen	1956 Schloss	3028 Bjerregaard
2952 Weigel	2125 Schubert	1816 Lipscomb
1650 Erickson	1561 Hunewell	2695 Cohen
3032 Thomlinson	2062 Cattell	2158 Schoemaker
2625 DeGrandcourt	1645 Hague	

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3115 VOLSTAD, Lars, 302 Chartersville Rd., Dieppe, N.B., Canada E1A 5A1 Denmark, Greenland, Faroes, Iceland, Norway, Netherlands	By: APS
3116 MORTENSEN, Kai, 65 Inningwood Rd., Millwood, NY 10546 Scandinavia, UN	By: Lamkin 2561
3117 KUSHNER, Alan, 203 Erin Way, Apt. T4, Registerstown, MD 21136 Scandinavia, US, Canada, Japan	By: Schloss 1956
3118 McCAIN, James M., P.O. Box 330133, Fort Worth, TX 76163 Iceland, Greenland, Faroes	By: Lamkin 2561

FINLAND MAIL SALES

Please ask my next sale catalogue. Text also in English.

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- 3119 TAYLOR, James M., Rte. 1, Box 150, Sugar Grove, NC 28679
Scandinavia, Iceland, Greenland By: Lamkin 2561
- 3120 CHERNICH, Frank M., P.O. Box 46, Ironton, MO 63650
Scandinavia By: Lamkin 2561
- 3121 MYHRE, Harold C., 4929 Whitcomb Dr., No. 9, Madison, WI 53711
Finland, Europa By: Lamkin 2561
- 3122 WASSEN, John A. A., 7600 Glover Rd., Langley, B.C. Canada V3A 4R9
Scandinavia, Canada, British Commonwealth By: Lamkin 2561
- 3123 ANDERSON, Kenneth R., 541 Sycamore Dr., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
Scandinavia, Canada, US, British Colonies By: Ron Collin 1132
- 3124 L-64 MUGGERUD, Bjorn, Fredrikke Qvamsgate 19, N-0172 Oslo, Norway By: Lambkin 2561
- 3125 BLOMQUIST, Aldrich C., 516 S. 7th St., Moorhead, MN 56560
Scandinavia By: Lamkin 2561
- 3126 RUBERT, D. Harold, 1102 20th St., Rockford, IL 61104
Scandinavia, Air Mail Covers By: Lamkin 2561
- 3127 GIRGASH, Thomas J., 30 Bideford Ct., Baltimore, MD 21234
Norway By: Schloss 1956
- 3128 GUSTAFSON, John E., 212 Mayfield Ave., Valpariso, IN 46383
Scandinavia, Australia, British Colonies By: Lamkin 2561
- 3129 ROBERTS, William M., 44 Summer St., Lancaster, NH 03584
Scandinavia, Sweden, Books, Maps, MSS., & Music on stamps By Rindone L-36
- 3130 BERGESON, Roger J., 1814 Viking Ave., Albert Lea, MN 56007
Scandinavia By: Lamkin 2561
- 3131 BATY, Dr. Roger M., 924 Sharon Rd., E., Redlands, CA 92374
Sweden, FDC's By: Carbis 2462
- 3132 GORDON, Michael L., 118 St. Clair Ave., NE, Cleveland, OH 44114
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- 3133 SHIPPER, Dr. William, No. 232 ICU, 3-10-2 Osawa, Mitaka, Tokyo 181, Japan
Denmark, Russia, Romania, Pitcairn, Papua, New Guinea By: Lamkin 2561
- 3134 Zelenak, Michael X., 400 Ellsworth Ave., New Haven, CT 06511-3008
Scandinavia, Western Europe, Theater on Stamps By: Lamkin 2561
- 3135 PALSSON, Indridi, Safamyri 16, 108 Reykjavik, Iceland
Iceland By: Mooney 1870
- 3136 TOLMAN, Richard L., 29 Upper Warren Way, Warren, NJ 07060
Denmark, DWI, Norway, Sweden, Finland By: Lamkin 2561
- 3137 DANIELS, Boyd L., 25 Hickory Place, Apt. No. D-10, Chatham, NJ 07928-1448
Scandinavia, Canada, Flowers on Stamps By: Lamkin 2561
- 3138 BERNARD, Kenneth G., 1016 S. Locust St., Oxford, OH 45056
Sweden By: Lamkin 2561
- 3139 TAYLOR, Robert S., 5085 Skyline Dr., Syracuse, NY 13215
Finland, Cartography, Fine Arts By: Hemmingson 0826
- 3140 ELLISON, Gordon O., R.R. No. 4, Box 365, Columbia, MO 65201
Finland, Denmark, Sweden By: Lamkin 2561
- 3141 LINDER, Olaf, Box 12163, 102 24 Stockholm, Sweden
Dealer By: Gruber 1049
- 3142 OLESON, Jim L. P.O. Box 14815, Greensboro, NC 27415
Scandinavia, Swedish Booklets, Iceland By: Lamkin 2561

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covers and cancels on stamps. Also wanted covers pre-1950 from Norway to Canada and from Canada to Norway. Send photocopy, exchange or buy, good price.

Ola Ellgø

Olleløkkv. 14,

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Deceased Members for May 1988

1897 GROSSO, Gerald H.
L-17 SCHERER, Robert E.

Resigned Members for May 1988

2889 JOHNSON, Ronald L.
1710 ROWLAND, William E.

Address Changes for May 1988

3013 PAGE, Andre, 2995-2 St. Leandre, Quebec, Que., Canada G1P 1E4
3057 NILSSON, Leif, Sodervik 9074, S-761 00, Norrtalje, Sweden
1086 CULLEN, A. Tedd, 3450 P North Druid Hills Road, Decatur, GA 30033
PH-13 Denmarks Filatelist Union, % Tom Plovst, Ulfeldtsvej 8, 8700 Horsens, Denmark
PH-15 Frimarkshuset Filateli AB, P.O. Box 5358, S-102 46 Stockholm, Sweden
2751 Van DAM, Theo, P.O. Box 8809, Anaheim, CA 92812
2662 DUDEK, Marion J., P.O. Box 3957, Palm Desert, CA 92261-0397
1919 YUBAN, Osugi, Kayamachi 8 (No. 401), 440 Toyohashi, Japan
3036 NEWMAN, Augustus L., 300 Allen Hill Rd., P.O. Box 737, Brooklyn, CT 06234
1969 ELLENBOGEN, Stanley K., P.O. Box 728, Honcoye, NY 14471
2343 L-35 FROMER, Mark, %NYS, Dept. of Labor, 1 Main St., Rm. 907, Brooklyn, NY 11201
3103 DAVIS, Brice, GPO Box 2154, Bangkok 10501, Thailand
2226 LUNDH, Rev. Sverrer, P.O. Box 168, Volin, SD 57072
2464 JENSEN, Peter, No. 4-9801 108th Ave., Grand Prairie, Alta., Canada T8U 1N9
2953 PICKETT, George J., 75 Palmer St., No. 422, Quincy, MA 02169

Membership Summary for May 1988**February Membership**

Regular Members	1025
Life Members	48
Honorary Members	7
	Total
	1080

May Adjustment

Regular Members	+ 27
Life Members	+ 3
Resignations	- 2
Deceased	- 2
	Total Adjustment
	+ 26

May Membership

Regular Members	1052
Life Members	51
Honorary Members	7
	Total May Membership
	1110

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WANTED: Exchange partners for all Scandinavia by intermediate flyspecker. I collect mint, used, new, old, cancels, varieties, booklets, etc. Have plenty to swap. Ron Meyer (2359), Box 391 La Quinta, CA 92253. 176

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DENMARK — Wanted used bulk 1875-1903 bi-coloured stamps. Send offers with price to: E. Mildenhall, 307-332 Michigan St., James Bay, Victoria Canada V8V 1R5. 174

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