

THE LILAC HINGE

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NEW MEMBER: JACK CUNNINGHAM, ST MARIES, ID. PRE-CANCELS, PERFINs

>> **OUR NEXT MEETING, TUESDAY, MAY 26th, 4:00pm. PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL NOT BE AT THE RETIREMENT CENTER FOR THIS MEETING ONLY. NOTICE THE START TIME. DO NOT SHOW UP, WE WILL NOT BE THERE.....**

☺ INSTEAD, WE WILL BE TAKING A TOUR OF THE U.S.P.S. ✉ PROCESSING CENTER ON SPOTTED ROAD AT THE SPOKANE AIRPORT. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE STARTING TIME FOR THIS TOUR IS 4:00pm. DAVID OLDFIELD NEEDS A COUNT OF THOSE WHO WILL BE ATTENDING. IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO, PLEASE NOTIFY DAVID OLDFIELD AT kdoidaho@roadrunner.com OR CALL HIM AT 208 777-3175. THANK YOU.

>> **VISIT OUR WEBSITE; IT CAN BE FOUND AT www.ieps-stamps.com. SO CHECK IT OUT.**

♥ NEXT STAMP MIXTURE NIGHT MEETING TUESDAY JUNE 9TH. BOARD MEETING STARTS @ 6:15pm, STAMP MIXTURE @ 7:00pm IN THE PAST 6 MONTHS THE CLUB HAS PURCHASED SEVERAL COLLECTIONS. THESE ARE WORLD WIDE COLLECTIONS, SOME IN INTERNATIONAL STAMP ALBUMS. MATERIAL WILL BE BROUGHT AT THIS MEETING ALONG WITH AUCTION LOTS TO OUR CLUB MEETINGS. WE ARE STILL GOING THROUGH THEM TO ORGANIZE SO WE CAN GET THE MATERIAL OUT TO YOU. SO, GET ON BOARD. WE HAVE COVERS, U.S. USED COLLECTION IN CAT # ORDER AS WELL AS OTHER MATERIAL. THESE ARE SET AT A PRICE YOU CANNOT PASS UP. WE ARE PUTTING OUT NEW MATERIAL EACH MONTH. COME ONE COME ALL TO GET WHAT YOU NEED. MEET FELLOW COLLECTORS AND SHARE YOUR STORIES.

YOUTH MEETING: ARE NOW AT DENNIS AND MARYANN CHRISTMAN HOME, 812 S ELM ST, PHONE 624 5918 EMAIL: studio812@q.com ATTEND, THEY ARE A LOT OF FUN. NEXT MEETING IS SATURDAY JUNE , 14th 1pm.. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

LIBRARY DATA BASE: WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP YOUR FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS IN THEIR PURSUIT OF PHILATELIC KNOWLEDGE? IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO LOAN OUT YOUR REFERENCE BOOKS, PLEASE MAKE A LIST OF YOUR TITLES THAT YOU OWN AND GIVE THEM TO DAVID OLDFIELD. IF THERE IS ENOUGH INTEREST, THEN WE WILL PUBLISH THE LIST, MAKING IT AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE.

THE IEPS MEETS THE 2nd AND 4th TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

.MEETINGS USUALLY BEGINS AT 7PM
AT RIVERVIEW TERRACE RETIREMENT CENTER, ACTIVITIES ROOM, LOWER LEVEL
1801 E UPRIVER DRIVE, SPOKANE WA

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CLUB T SHIRTS: WE NOW HAVE SIZE XXXL. THEY ARE \$20, SO IF YOU NEED THAT SIZE, PLEASE GET THEM WHILE YOU CAN.

>> **DO YOU HAVE** MAGAZINES THAT YOU DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH? BRING THEM TO OUR MEETINGS FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO ENJOY. BRING WHATEVER YOU WANT, TAKE WHATEVER YOU WANT. IT DOES NOT NEED TO BE PHILATELIC IN NATURE OR NEW. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BRING ANY TO TAKE ANY

CLOSED ALBUM: TERRY WORMINGTON

I.E.P.S. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, JUNE 25th - CLUB MEETING *OPEN*

SATURDAY, JULY 25th - RENDEZVOUS IN RITZVILLE, JOINT MEETING WITH THE TRI-CITY STAMP CLUB.
JAKE'S RESTAURANT.

TUESDAY, JULY 28th - CLUB PICNIC AT MANITO PARK.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25th CLUB MEETING, ONE PAGE EXHIBIT NITE.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 11th & 13th, SEAPEX

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WHY NOT COLLECT PERFINS?

PERFINS are stamps that have been perforated with designs, initials, or numerals by private business and governmental agencies to discourage theft and misuse.

Perfins have appeared on postal paper of more than 200 nations. In the United States alone, more than 6,400 patterns are known to have been used. The number of patterns used around the world exceeds 50,000; 40,000 of which are between Great Britain, Germany and France

These stamps offer a fertile field for philatelic investigation. It is a field that is almost unlimited in scope, and it is richly rewarding to the collector who is not satisfied to collect by the catalog or by merely filling up blank spaces in a printed album. Perfin collecting is largely unexplored; there is so much that is not known about perfins that almost every mixture or box of covers is likely to yield a new chapter in the literature of perfins.

But before you begin collecting perfins, you must face the fact that you will, in general, be collecting for fun and not for profit. A collector who looks on perfins as an investment is bound to be disappointed. While some fine perfins command a premium, this is the exception rather than the rule. Perfin collectors collect stamps and study them; they do not consider their stamps financial ventures.

Some collectors collect by topic: perfins issued by banks, by automobile companies, by schools, or by insurance companies. For example, nearly 200 U.S. railroads used perfins and railroad perfins is a popular topic.

Once you have a few perfins on hand, you must identify and mount them into a collection. Identification can be challenging. Suppose you have a stamp with a "PSC" perfin pattern. Does that stand for Public Service Commission or does it stand for Penn State College or even Pressed Steel Company? It could be any one of these since all these firms have used "PSC" to mark their stamps.

FOR MORE INFORMATION I INVITE YOU TO JOIN THE PERFINS CLUB FOR FUN. SEE KEN REHFELD FOR AN APPLICATION.