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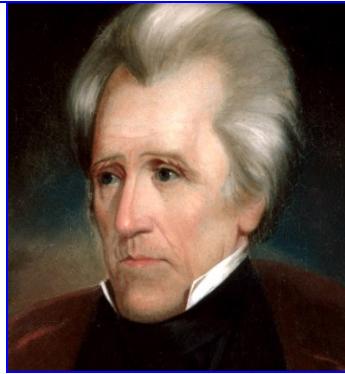
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## AMERICAN HISTORICAL FIGURES ON U.S. STAMPS

**Andrew Jackson (1767-1845)**, considered the founder of the Democrat Party. He was the hero of the Battle of New Orleans (which actually occurred AFTER the end of the War of 1812!). Jackson was the first president not born of the Virginia or Massachusetts "aristocracy", and the only president whose birthplace is unknown. (He was born in the Waxhaws area on the border of North and South Carolina.)



His political opponents termed him "Jackass", and he appropriated the donkey as his symbol. It is still used by the democrat party, although the current party bears very little resemblance to that founded by Jackson. He was the first president to pay off the National Debt and was an avid believer in individual and states rights. He attempted to eliminate the Electoral College, thinking the President and Vice President should be elected by popular vote and also implemented the theory of office rotation, which became known as the "spoils system."

Jackson's military career began at the age of thirteen, during the Revolutionary War. He, and his brother Robert, were both imprisoned by the British, mistreated and contracted smallpox. His brother died of the disease. He carried a hatred for the British for the rest of his life. Even though he adopted two Indian orphan children, he will ever be known for his anti-Indian policies, both as a military officer and as a politician. He was responsible for many treaties and forced removals, and historians hold him responsible for the Cherokee "Trail of Tears." Although born poor, Jackson ended up a fairly wealthy land and slave owner. He married his wife, Rachel, before her divorce from her current husband was final, which was used by his opponents. He defended her vigorously, including dueling! Jackson died of lead poisoning from two bullets that had been lodged in his chest for years.

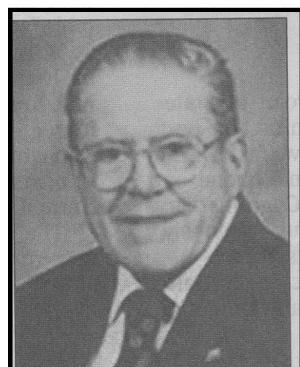
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**THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:**

Another year has passed... it has been a year of adjustments for the club, many of which caught us by surprise! Who would have guessed we would have a show cancelled (and later rescheduled) or a Christmas party postponed due to "Mother Nature's fury"? With numerous other unexpected surprises (both good and bad) we learned and grew as a group, and started events that will move this club into the future (the triple club meeting in Florence, for example). We look forward to an even better and more successful 2014!

Speaking of those issues for last season, we will have the belated Holiday Party on the 2nd meeting of January (the 22nd). The new officers will be sworn in at the first meeting (January 8). We will work on an agenda at the first meeting for this upcoming year. If you have a project, presentation or idea, bring it to the meeting or feel free to email me at [pncwho@comcast.net](mailto:pncwho@comcast.net) and I will be glad to discuss it in advance. My schedule may be a bit busy the next few days, but by email, I can respond at the occasionally odd hours I will be available. Volunteers will be needed for cookie monster and presentations, so if you can participate, please sign up. There will be new sign-up sheets available.

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and are looking to a Happy New Year!



As far behind as I've been this holiday season, don't be surprised if this Echoes arrives late! Dues again are due for those wishing to remain club members! If you believe you're paid ahead, see the next page for those we have a record of being paid ahead. Articles, photos, etc. are still welcome and can be submitted as noted below. When you receive your membership card, check the back! Club meeting and Show dates are listed on the back! Comments, as always, are welcome!

**NOTES FROM THE EDITOR**

The ECHOES is published six times a year in January, March, May, July, September, and November. *If you do NOT get your ECHOES the first week of the issue month, let me know! I will get another mailed out to you! Remember, email delivery = COLOR!!*

**DEADLINE AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

All submissions of articles, illustrations, letters, etc., by members of the Greater Eugene Stamp Society will be considered. We reserve the right to edit for length and content. Also, any material might be denied publication based on its inflammatory nature, bias, its poor quality, readability, obviously inappropriate subject matter, or the lack of space in the current publication. These deci-

sions are based on the discretion of the editor. All material must arrive typewritten please (!) to the editor either at a scheduled meeting, by mail, or email. Timeliness of submissions and space will determine when they will appear in the Newsletter. Cutoff dates for all submissions will be the 15th of the month prior to the 1st day of the month the issue is to come out. Don't bold, italicize or underline. Do not use cen-

tering. Use a plain background and standard typefaces.

Many thanks for all who send material! We really appreciate it!



**Electronic submissions via email preferred!**

## THINKING OUT LOUD

## TOO MANY NEW ISSUES?

By John Dunn, reprinted from ASD&C Magazine, June 2010

Submitted by G.E.S.S. Member Jim VanderPlaat

This month I would like to ask your opinion on the subject of new issues. It continues a discussion that began in one of my own publications, *Mekeel's & Stamps*. In a recent issue, one of our subscribers, Bob Boos, (who I believe also subscribes to *ASD&C*) expressed his opinion that there were too many USPS new issues and that there should be a 10-year moratorium on U.S. new issues.

Among the responses we received was one from John Hotchner, who also writes for *ASD&C* and until recently was a long-time member of the USPS Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee. John expressed an opinion with which I agree, which is that U.S. new issues are vital to building excitement and keeping our hobby in the public spotlight.

While we are at it, let's open up this discussion to worldwide new issues.

Starting with the U.S. side, the postal people also understand the mass appeal of their new issues. I would guess that the sale of new commems to collectors within our world of organized philately (defined as members of stamp organizations and subscribers to stamp publications) is only a small percentage of those sold to the public at large. And, yes, you can argue that most of those sold to the general public are likely to be used as postage, the same holds true for those sold to collectors—later, rather than sooner they end up as discount postage.

To demonstrate the change in marketing emphasis, it used to be that the philatelic media received new issue announcements well in advance of when the issues came out, complete with background and first day of issue cancellation information. That is no longer the case. Instead, we receive some technical information in the *Postal Bulletin* a short time in advance of the issue date, some times too late to be placed in advance of the new issue date. Once in awhile they also supply the FDC information AFTER the new issue date, which means it reaches the readers of stamp publications up to a month after that date. Recognizing that, we have a 60-day grace period.

(There was a time when collectors had to get their covers in NO LATER THAN the issue date, but nowadays you can't send it in until AFTER the date because you need to buy the stamps first...so much for "first day of issue", but that is a subject for discussion at another time.)

Anyway, it is clear that the Postal People now cater to the mass media—as well they should—by releasing background information a day or

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## SUPPORT OUR CLUB MEMBERS !!

Carol Furness has [Carol Furness Postcards](#) in her home in Drain. Please call her for an appointment. She is also a regular at Piccadilly. Drop in!

Mike Hardy sells on eBay as "Mkhard69". (He also sells from his home! Call him!)

Paul Renner sells as "PNC" on eBay and has been known to sell at Piccadilly. He is now a full-time dealer!

Clarin Lewis has a booth in The Mercantile Vintage Mall at 145 Pioneer Parkway East, Springfield. He is also now a dealer.

Mike Luttio is a full time dealer who sells at our shows and at buy, sell, trade nights. Call and leave a message if you'd like to deal with him outside of "hours."

Bill Witcraft, of Dothan Alabama sells on eBay as "Sergeantmajorbill."

Space is available at no charge for club members who wish to let others know they are available to sell philatelic items!

## CLUB MEETING/CHRISTMAS PARTY CANCELLED!

The December Club Meeting was cancelled due to weather and road conditions.

Dues are now due! Get them in to ensure you continue to receive the Echoes! They can be mailed to the Club PO Box, or paid directly to the Treasurer at a regular meeting! **Adler, Rimerman, Struble, Luttio, Beckett and Eschliman need not pay dues—they are prepaid!**

"Lookin' out my front door" during the snow storm! - Ed.



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## TOO MANY NEW ISSUES?

two before the issue date. In this way they get much more timely coverage and reach prospective commem buyers when they can actually go to the post office and buy the stamps. Under the old schedule, if a non-collector saw a subject of interest a month or two in advance, by the time that new stamp was issued it might be a distant memory. So in hitting the mass media when it is most timely, the USPS—and our hobby—have a better chance of attracting new collectors.

### **Just Stop Buying.**

Most important in support of a continuation of new issues, and here we can include worldwide new issues, is that you don't have to buy them. This counter-argument has been made for almost as long as the "too many new issues" argument has been made. The obvious point is that if we do not have new issues, those who want them are deprived, but if we do have them, those who don't want them suffer to the extent that they MUST keep up.

This brings me to another consideration as it concerns collectors, and that is that even though I am all for the release of new issues, I do think that it would be great for our hobby if collectors paid less attention to those new issues and more attention to "the other 169 years of stamps" or even further back to stampless covers before the issuance of the British Penny Black in 1840.

I think we are seeing a rejuvenation of worldwide collecting here in the U.S., primarily via single country or regional collecting and/or topical collecting. This may stem in part from the shrinking of the world via the Internet, but it also is coming from collectors who have had it with U.S. new issues, whether it is from the frequency or from the lack of interest in the subjects and/or designs.

For the media, we are constantly faced with a balancing act. In our publications (*M&S* and its sister publication, *U.S. Stamp News*), we concentrate on articles and commentary of lasting value—including Letters to the Editor such as those sent by Bob Boos and John Hotchner. While we do include the more important worldwide new issues coverage, we choose to be selective, thus leaving that much more space for "the other 169" years (and since *Mekeel's* goes back to 1891, we can reprint articles from the era, for example when the U.S. Columbians were new issues).

### **Choices.**

As I have said before, one of the great appeals of our hobby is that we have so many choices. It is what has enabled us to outlast so many other hobbies, as the constantly evolving aspects of collecting enable us to change with the times.

That includes choosing whether or not we want to buy one or more new issues. When few stamps were being issued, it was easy to keep up, but today it is almost impossible to collect the world with any hope of coming within 10 percent of completion. Those who enter the hobby trying to do that quickly learn how difficult that is and gradually evolve into specialties that better suit their individual interest and personality.

The point is that with the continuing release of so many new issues, we can choose to collect new issues only, not at all, or in combination—to a greater or lesser extent—with older issues.

**ZITS**

**CALENDAR**

**SIGN-UP SHEETS WILL BE AVAILABLE  
AT THE MEETINGS!**

**JANUARY**

- 1: New Year's Day  
 4: CG Library, 1-3 pm, Vander-Plaat  
 8: Club Meeting, 7-9 pm, New Officer swear-in. CM: ?  
 11: Springfield Library, 1-3 pm  
 20: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
 22: Club Meeting, 7-9 pm, "Christmas Party"  
 24-26: APS Expo, Riverside, CA

**FEBRUARY**

- 1: CG Library, 1-3 pm, Vander-Plaat  
 2: Groundhog Day  
 8: Springfield Library, 1-3 pm  
 12: Lincoln's Birthday  
 12: Club Meeting, 7-9 pm, Program: TBA, CM: TBA  
 14: Valentine's Day  
 15-16: Sno-King Stamp Club Show, Everett, WA  
 17: President's Day/George Washington's Birthday  
 28: Club Meeting, 7-9 pm, program & CM: TBA  
 28-2(Mar) Alaska Philatelic Exhibition (APEX), Anchorage, AK

**NOTE:** Northwest Philatelic Library is open on Saturdays, 10 am-2 pm, during the Stamp Fair and Collector's Corner.

# JANUARY 2014

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**Repetitive Events:**

Rose City Stamp Fair, 2nd Saturday of the month, OSS Clubhouse, Portland.  
 Collectors Corner, 4th Saturday of the month, OSS Clubhouse, Portland.



## GREATER EUGENE STAMP SOCIETY

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The Greater Eugene Stamp Society (G.E.S.S.) meets the second and fourth Wednesday at Saint Jude's Catholic Church, 43rd Avenue and Willamette Street. Visitors are always welcome! Doors open at 7:00 p.m. for trading, bid board, and socializing. The regular meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

Applications are available at the meetings, at the GESS sponsored local Stamp Show held in March and September each year, or by contacting the club at the above address. Dues are \$15 a year for adults, \$5 a year for Juveniles under 18 years of age. Visit us on the web at: [www.greatereugenestampclub.org](http://www.greatereugenestampclub.org)

### GREATER EUGENE STAMP SOCIETY

#### BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

**Jan:** P. Bronner, R. Phelps, P. Renner

**Feb:** W. Beckett, G. Holland, A. Jeppesen, A. Kendall, M. Kendall, C. Lewis, V. Neuhausen, T. Nice

## BIRTH MONTHS NEEDED!

In order to include everyone in the "Birthday Wishes" section in the Echoes, I STILL need birth months for the following:

Adler, Forster, Shepherd, and Wood.

I don't need the day or year.....just the month!! (**That shouldn't embarrass anyone !**) Thanks, Ed.

10. Luther Burbank

9. Moby Dick, the whale

8. AFL-CIO

7. 1940

6. Her parents

5. Andrew Johnson

4. New York

3. Magnolia

2. Four

1. 300th

**Answers to the quiz below:**

**Don't Peek!!!! Cover this box with a piece of paper!**

## U.S. Stamp Quiz No. 26

(from 100 Trivia Quizzes for Stamp Collectors by Bill Olcheski copyright 1982, APS)

1. What anniversary of the claiming of Louisiana was marked by a 1982 postal card?
2. How many stamps are there in the July 4, 1976 Declaration of Independence issue?
3. What flower is shown on the Mississippi statehood stamp?
4. In what city was the 1956 International Philatelic Exhibition held?
5. Who is on the seventeen-cent stamp of the 1938 definitives?
6. Who is shown with Virginia Dare on the 1937 commemorative?
7. In what year did artist Gilbert Charles Stuart appear on a U.S. stamp?
8. A mosaic from the headquarters of what labor group is shown on the 1956 Labor Day issue?
9. What animal was featured on a U.S. envelope issued in 1970?
10. What scientist appears on the three-cent stamp in the Famous American Series?

Give yourself five points for each correct answer for numbers 1-4.

Give yourself ten points for each correct answer for numbers 5-7.

Give yourself twenty-five points for each correct answer for numbers 8-9.

Give yourself fifty points for a correct answer to number 10.

**Remember to:**

**Check the Sign up sheets for Springfield Library Saturdays; Cookie Monster (CM); Presentations; Show setup, teardown and cleanup; Show Exhibit, Ride Share, and New Member Guide!**

**Also, let's each try to get one new member to join our Club in 2013 !!!**