



Dummy News and Views

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Welcome to the Dummy Stamps Study Group's Forty-third Newsletter

This newsletter is produced quarterly by the United States Stamp Society's - Dummy Stamps Study Group for your information and pleasure. We hope that the information included in this newsletter will be informative, useful and encourage your enjoyment of collecting dummy/test stamps. Our goal is to keep you up-to-date with the latest information available to our group. Questions, comments and articles proposed for publication should be directed to Terry R. Scott, Chairman of the Dummy Stamps Study Group at terryrscott@comcast.net

Annual Meeting with Editor Emeritus of the Scott Catalogues at WESTPEX 2016

by Terry R. Scott

At the annual WESTPEX stamp show in San Francisco April 29-30 and May 1, 2016. I was joined once again by Mike Perry and Doug Iams for a very productive meeting with Jim Kloetzel - Editor Emeritus of the *Scott Catalogues* - to discuss the Test Stamp section of the *Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps & Covers*

It is always nice to meet with Jim to discuss items we feel need attention, or added to, the Test Stamp section and as usual he was most receptive to our suggestions and comments.

This annual meeting provides us the unique opportunity to meet face-to-face with the editors of the *Scott Catalogues* to get their comments and feelings about certain items we wish to have listed in the catalogue and to participate in discussions about current issues that may need some sort of revision to the existing catalogue listing or value. This year's meeting was more detailed and lengthy than past years and we all came away feeling we made major accomplishments.

There were a couple new discoveries and some comments about existing listings that we hope will be incorporated into the 2017 *Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps & Covers*. A few items that were agreed to at the WESTPEX last year, but were not incorporated due to time constraints, should also be entered into the 2017 *Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps & Covers*.

This year the meeting lasted almost two and a half hours and as always, I came away feeling that a lot was accomplished. Thanks to Jim Kloetzel, Mike

Perry and Doug Iams for their input, suggestions and comments. We are looking forward to the 2017 issue of the *Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps & Covers*.

Those of you who have read this newsletter for awhile may remember that I always have a photo or two of our WESTPEX meetings. This year you get a break since the meeting was so exciting I completely forgot to get any pictures - so stay tuned next year and you may get to see us again!

As always, I will refrain from illustrating or describing these new items that were presented to the Scott Editors until the new catalogue is released in October of 2016.

Special thanks go out to Jim Kloetzel for his continued support and patience with our love of test stamps. It is greatly appreciated and we hope to continue these meetings for a long time. □

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Recent Discovery of Previously Unknown Multipost Test Stamps

by Terry R. Scott

As things tend to happen with purchases of test stamps made on eBay, the followup question is usually "do you have any other test stamps" which is often answered by a polite "no I do not".

Recently I made a purchase of a very nice TD107d line strip of 6 that is mis-perforated about 4mm to the left. The TD107d is not found very often with such a shifted perforation. Of course, I asked the seller (Mike Stern) if he had any more test stamps and I got a very pleasant surprise.

There were several emails back-and-forth and the following is the result of asking "do you have any other test stamps"

It seems like Mike Stern has similar interests to mine and this is to also try and get some of the stamp applicator devices that were used in the 1920s - 1940s to apply stamps to envelopes to speed up that process in the business offices.

There are several companies that made stamp affixing devices, the most common ones being Standard Mailing Machines Company, Everett, Mass., Multipost Company, Rochester, New York, Commercial Controls Corporation, Rochester, New York, to name a few. Most, if not all, of these companies made several different models of the stamp applicators, but basically all were fundamentally the same - insert a roll of stamps, fill the water reservoir, and push down the handle to dispense a stamp that has been wetted and affix it onto the envelope.

I will illustrate the new previously unreported Multipost type test stamps in several illustrations.

The first illustration shown following is a pair of Scott No. TD87 that is currently listed in the catalogue.



Shown below is a Multipost Model 35 stamp affixer, accompanied by several accessories, that was sold on eBay in late 2013. The lot with the Multipost Model 35 stamp applicator also contained some very nice and unusual items that included all of the parts and products to use in its operation, including the previously unlisted Multipost test stamps.

From the photos with that eBay listing, we can see that the lot included a Multipost Model 35 stamp affixer, a key to open and close the stamp affixer to secure rolls of stamps inside - with a tag attached with contact information, a small bottle of oil to lubricate the mechanical parts within the Multipost Model 35 stamp affixes, a jar with lid for distilled water to put into the opening with the brown Bakelite cap on the front near the bottom that has a pad inside for the water to moisten the stamps as they pass across the pad on their way to being affixed to the envelope and also a rubber syringe to use to fill the water reservoir inside that holds the water to moisten the pad.



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The following illustration shows a single Scott No. TD87 affixed to the rear of the Multipost Model 35 stamp affixer in the previous photo.



Shown below is another photo of the same single Scott No. TD87 shown on the Multipost Model 35 stamp affixer above that also shows a tag with information to call for service. The Geo. A. Cleveland, P. O. Box 593, St. Paul on the tag matches the information on the Scott No. TD87 test stamp that is adhered to the Multipost Model 35 stamp affixer.



Also included with this nice collection of items that came with this Multipost Model 35 stamp affixer is a bottle of oil to use to lubricate the stamp affixer that has a previously unreported Geo. A. Cleveland stamp attached to it. It is shown at the top of the column at the right.



The previously unreported Geo. A. Cleveland stamp Multipost stamp on the oil bottle shown above reads:



There is a small glass jar with a black screw lid shown on the following page that came with the Multipost Model 35 stamp affixer that has two additional previously unreported different Multipost type test stamps affixed to the lid. Note that these are se-tenant stamps and are different than any previously reported test stamps. Without having seen a longer strip I can not be certain that the stamp design alternates every-other stamp, but I believe it is safe to assume that.

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The previously unreported Geo. A. Cleveland Multipost horizontal stamp pair on the distilled water jar shown above read:

— Geo. A. —
CLEVELAND
 MAILING SYSTEMS
 & EQUIPMENT
 P.O. BOX 593
 St. Paul 2, Minn.

and

MULTIPOST



**Postage Stamp
 Affixer**

In addition to the unreported test stamps shown above that came with the Multipost Model 35 stamp affixer, a new variety of the Multipost Geo. A. Cleveland test stamp, which is not currently listed in the Scott catalogue, is shown below affixed to the front of a Multipost Model 30 stamp affixer.



This new discovery, which has not been reported before, is slightly different than the currently listed Scott No. TD87 shown previously. This new discovery is also a Geo. A. Cleveland Multipost test stamp, but the information on the stamp is different. This previously unreported Multipost test stamp has:

GEO. A. CLEVELAND
 N.W. SALES MGR.
MULTIPOST
 MAILING
 MACHINES
 TWINCITY PHONES
 P.O. BOX 199
 St. Paul, Minn.

I would like to thank Mike Stern for sharing these interesting finds with us and we do hope to have these previously unreported test stamps listed in the 2018 *Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps & Covers*.

If you are aware of any additional examples of these new previously unreported Multipost stamps, or of any other unreported test stamps, please do not hesitate to contact me. □

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Recent Auctions of Interest to Dummy Stamp Collectors

by Terry R. Scott

Paradise Valley Stamp Company held several sales that contained the same pairs of test stamps.

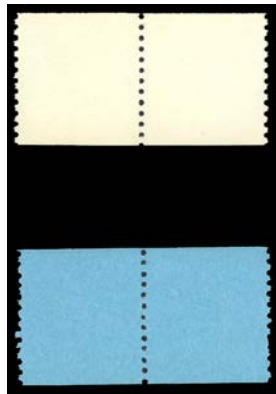
On March 18, 2016 Paradise Valley Stamp Company held Sale #F371 that contained the following test stamps in Lot 2029.

On April 8, 2016 Paradise Valley Stamp Company held Sale #F373 that contained the following test stamps in lot 4025.

On April 29, 2016 Paradise Valley Stamp Company held Sale #F375 that contained the following test stamps in lot 6012.

And on May 13, 2016 Paradise Valley Stamp Company held Sale #F377 that contained the following test stamps in lot 8061.

There is no Buyer's Premium for these sales.



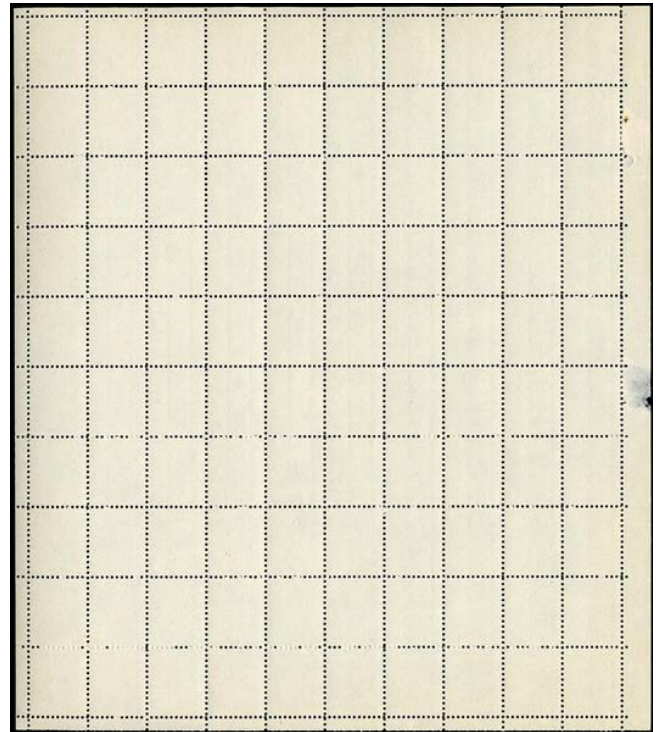
** 1930s, ELECTRIC VENDORS (ZEIGLE), INC. BLANK WHITE PLUS BLUE COIL PAIRS NH, #TD79, mint never hinged, very fine, Photo Cat. \$60.00 Not sold in any of these four sales.



On April 2-3, 2016 Regency Superior held Auction #117 that contained the following test stamps. There is a 20% Buyer's Premium for this sale.

Lot 1911 USA (TD37) 1910-20 MULTIPOST RED COIL ROLL Fresh MINT never hinged roll with 200 pairs of TD37 (cat \$30 each pair). Fine to very fine. No photo. Cat \$6000.00 Not sold

Lot 1912 USA (TD84A) 1956 BLANK TEST STAMP, FULL PANE Full pane of 100, fully gummed stamp paper, perf 11¼x10½. Thins in margin, fine to very fine. Photo (See photo following) Cat \$1250.00 Not sold



Lot 1913 USA (TD114D) JEFFERSON MEMORIAL TEST STAMP Recently listed perforated test stamp on thick stamp paper without gum. Black engraved frame, vermilion vignette showing Jefferson Memorial. Text at left reads '9' and 'Color/Experimental/Stamp' in black. A bit wider than normal commemoratives. Very fine. Photo Cat \$1000.00 Realized \$660.00

Lot 1914 SA (TD140a) 2006 FOR TESTING PURPOSES ONLY (-) BLACK, COIL, BLOCK Block of 4 test stamps, self-adhesive coils, backing paper unslit horizontally. Scarce block. Photo (See photo on following page) Cat \$900.00 Not sold

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Lot 1915 USA 1997 SENNETT SECURITY PRODUCTS EAGLE DUMMY STAMP, FULL SHEET Complete sheet of 20 with plate No. S1111 in each corner and other marginal markings. Dummy stamps were distributed during international Pacific '97 in San Francisco, CA. Not listed by Scott and not commonly seen or offered. Photo Est. \$300.00 Realized \$360.00

On May 4, 2016 Vance Auctions, Ltd. held Sale #316 that contained the following test stamps. There is no Buyer's Premium for this sale.

Lot 4026. TD107, Test stamp coils as singles, pairs, strips of 4 and Joint Line strips of 4. Incl. regular issue PLUS VARIETY showing horiz INK SMEARS. VF, NH (22 stamps) No photo.....Est. \$45.00 Results unknown

On May 5-7, 2016 H.R. Harmer, Inc. held Sale #3009 that contained the following test stamps. There is an 18% Buyer's Premium for this sale.

Lot 1446 ** USA Error Group, consisting of 15 misperfs and imperfs (several pieces are no gum), three test coil pairs, 540 NH plate block of 10, 424 "COIL STAMPS" plate block of 10 (small oil spots on bottom stamps), a few small faults, overall F-VF (no photo) Est. \$100.00 - \$150.00 Realized \$60.00

Lot 1672 ** TD107, 1962/86 "For Testing Purposes Only" Coil, sealed roll of 3,000, F-VF (no photo) Est. \$150.00 - \$200.00 Realized \$200.00

Lot 1673 ** TDB27, 1970s/80s Test Booklet, lot of 20 with blank covers and blank pane inside, Very Fine (no photo) Scott \$1,000.00 Est. \$200.00 - \$250.00 Realized \$150.00

Lot 1674 ** TDB27, TDB32, 1970s/80s Test Booklets, lot of ten each, Very Fine (no photo) Scott \$700.00 Est. \$300.00 - \$400.00 Realized \$250.00

Lot 1675 ** TDB32, 1985 \$1.10 Booklet, lot of 20 booklets with printed covers and blank stamps, Very Fine (no photo) Scott \$400.00 Est. \$160.00 - \$240.00 Realized \$120.00

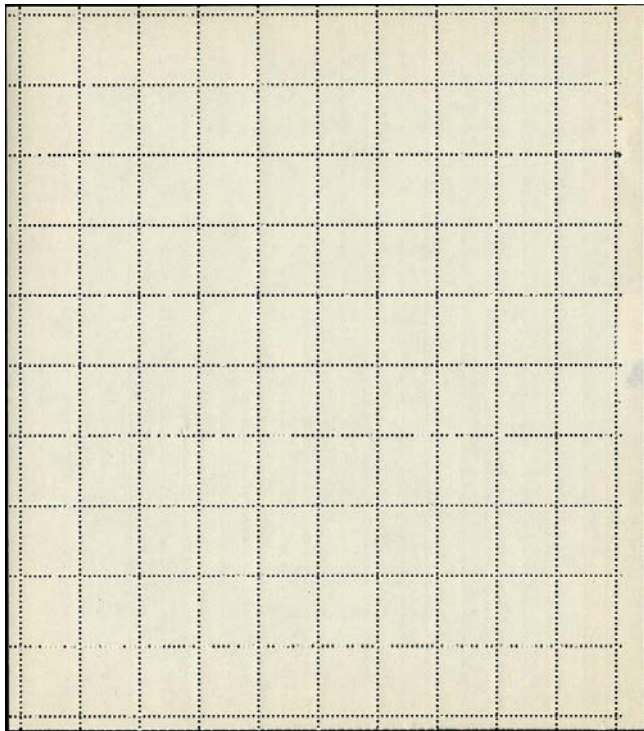
Lot 5118 U.S. BOOKLET & BOOKLET PANE ACCUMULATION, a small box crammed full of panes, each carefully and identified in individual glassines with some better position pieces, better pieces incl: 319g (2), 319h (missing top selvage), A 331a pos B, 332a (2), 374a, 375a (3), 405b, 406a, BK42 (2), BK54, BK56, BK66 (2), BK75, C10a booklet, C10a, plus some dummy and postal insurance booklets, most seem sound and attractive, generally F-VF. No photo Est. \$2,500.00 - \$3,000.00 Realized \$1,500.00

On May 12, 2016 Status International held Sale #323 that contained the following test stamps. There is a 19.25% Buyer's Premium for this sale.

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Lot 513 * USA Booklet collection (120) inc United Nations 1980 Flag \$5, Domestic Parcel Post Insurance (2), Canal Zone (4), then general collection 1963 5c Washington to early 2000s self-adhesives inc 1985 \$1.10, vending machine test booklets (3) with blank stamp-size perforated pane, plus wide range of definitives, commemoratives & pics. No photo of test booklets. All fresh MNH, FV alone is US \$660.00 Results unknown

On May 12-15, 2016 Regency Superior held Auction #117 that contained the following test stamps. There is a 20% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



Lot 2611 ** TEST STAMPS (TD84A) 1956 BLANK TEST STAMP, FULL PANE Full pane of 100, fully gummed stamp paper, perf 11¼x10½. Thins in margin, fine to very fine. Cat \$1250.00 Photo. Est. \$400.00 Not sold

Lot 2612 ** USA (TD84A) 1956 BLANK TEST STAMP, FULL PANE Full pane of 100, fully gummed stamp paper, perf 11¼x10½. Thins in margin, fine to very fine. Cat \$1250.00 (See Previous Photo) Est. \$350.00 Not sold



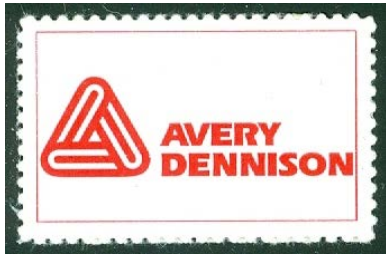
Lot 2613 USA (TD115) 1970s BLUE FLAG SELF-ADHESIVE TEST STAMP, BLOCKS Block of 4 and block of 6, both on rouletted backing paper. Each bears blue USA flag and 'UNITED STATES/POSTAL SERVICE/TEST SAMPLE' below flag. RARE multiples, figured as single stamps. Fine to very fine. Cat \$2000.00 Photo. Est. \$1,250.00 Realized \$2,600.00

On May 13-14, 2016 Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions LLC held Sale #683 that contained the following test stamps. There is an 18% Buyer's Premium for this sale.

Lot 75 ** 1035f//BK199 U.S., Booklet and Booklet Pane Variety Collection (Scott 1035f//BK199). 58 panes and 37 complete booklets, containing plate number captures, electric eye margin captures, slogans, mis-cut booklet, dummy booklets, etcetera., o.g., mostly never hinged, generally Fine to Very Fine, an unusual specialized collection. (No photos of test booklets) Estimate \$150.00 - \$200.00 Realized \$325.00

On May 13-14, 2016 Dutch Country Auctions / The Stamp Center Public held Auction #304 that contained the following test stamp. There is a 15% Buyer's Premium for this sale.

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Lot 422 ** VF TD127C VF Avery Dennison test stamp, self adhesive, fresh! Photo. Est. \$300.00 - \$600.00 Realized \$280.00

On May 22, 2016 Harmer-Schau Auction Galleries, Inc. held Sale #109 that contained the following test stamps. There is a 15% Buyer's Premium for this sale.

Lot 356 ** U.S. Collections, Interesting accumulation. Official Seals and Test; 1960's and 1970's Official Seals, few hundred in original pads plus 1960's test in partial rolls, some with black defacement lines, Fine. No photo. Estimate \$100.00 Realized \$110.00

On May 25, 2016 Michael E. Aldrich held Auction Sale #88 that contained the following test stamps. There is a 15% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



Lot 1119 (TD90) ST/4, unused, VF Photo Cat. \$90.00 Realization unknown



Lot 1120 (TD109) PR, NH, sharp color, fresh and VF Photo Cat. \$180.00 Realization unknown

Proposed Future DSSG Projects

Updating Research Paper Number 3 - Dummy Stamp Booklets

Work is progressing on updating *Research Paper Number 3 - Dummy Stamp Booklets*. The last update by Dummy Booklets Study Group Chairman Earl McAfee, was in 1998. Since then there have been many new discoveries. Many of them have been written up in articles in *The United States Specialist*. Now the time has come to document and illustrate them in a new updated version of *Research Paper Number 3 - Dummy Stamp Booklets*. I am working closely with Mike Perry on this update project. We know that it will take quite a bit of time to complete,

mid to late 2016 is hopefully our estimated completion date. I will be asking all of you to join us in this project as we are not able to do it all, nor would you want us to do it all. It is a DSSG project and all members should have a chance to provide their input. Several illustrations are needed and a listing of these will be sent to you when it is compiled. Scans at 300 dpi, or better, are necessary for clarity. It is anticipated that this publication will be in color. It has been determined that *Research Paper Number 3 - Dummy Stamp Booklets* will only be available electronically. □

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