



Dummy News and Views

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Welcome to the Dummy Stamps Study Group's Thirty-fifth 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 trs@napanet.net

Meeting With The Editor of Scott Catalogue At WESTPEX

by Terry R. Scott

Again this year I had the privilege of meeting with Jim Kloetzel - Editor Emeritus of the *Scott Catalogues* to discuss the Test Stamp section at the annual WESTPEX stamp show in San Francisco April 25-27, 2014. This year Chad Snee - Editor of *Scott Catalogues* was unable to make the trip to San Francisco and WESTPEX due to other commitments. I was joined by Mike Perry, Dave Cockrill and Doug Iams for a wonderful meeting with Jim.

This annual meeting provides us the opportunity to meet face-to-face with the editors and 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 was no exception.

Scott Specialized Catalogue Catalogue of United States Stamps & Covers due to time constraints.

There was a lengthy discussion about some of the current listings in the *Scott Specialized Catalogue* that need updating or correcting with new information.



In the above photo, from left to right, is Doug Iams, Terry Scott, Mike Perry and James Kloetzel.



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All of us discussed several new discoveries that we hope would be listed as well as items from last years meeting that were not able to get into the 2014

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Again this year the meeting lasted about two hours and as I always do, I came away feeling that a lot was accomplished. Thanks to Jim Kloetzel, Mike Perry, Doug Iams and Dave Cockrill for their input, suggestions and comments. We are looking forward to the 2015 *Scott Specialized Catalogue Catalogue of*

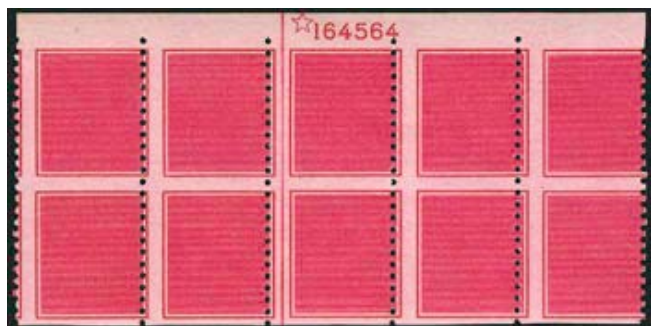
United States Stamps & Covers to see what was accomplished.

As always, I typically refrain from illustrating or describing these new items that were presented to the Scott Editors until the new catalogue is released. □

Recent Auctions of Interest to Dummy Stamp Collectors

by Terry R. Scott

On March 24, 2014 Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, Inc. held Sale #1067 that contained the following test stamps. There is a 18% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



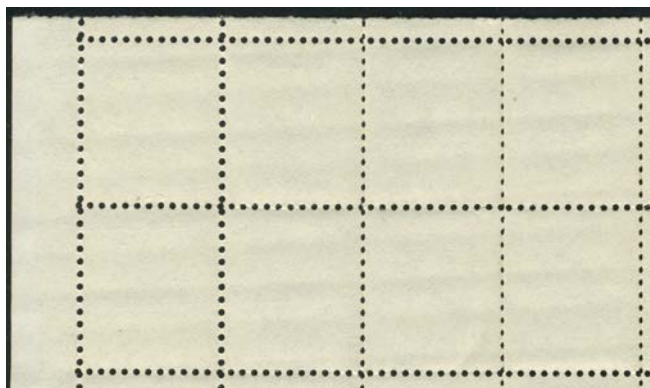
Lot 1772 ** **Carmine, Test Coil (TD97a)**. Mint N.H. top star and plate no. 164564 block of ten, joint line between pos. 2 and 3, 7 and 8, off-center, still attractive and very scarce Photo. Cat. \$1,400.00 Realized \$1,100.00

Lot 1774 * Test stamps Over 30 items, incl. Nos. TD13 pair and strip of three, TD14, 25-26, 34, 37, 37A or B, 38, 65, 88, 95-96, various similar to TD106 but shiny gum and ribbed paper (TD113-114?), TD107, etc. incl. guide line pairs and test cancels, TD107 strip of 28, TD109b block containing two pairs, TD111 strip of four, Fine and interesting group. No photo. Est. \$400.00 - \$500.00 Realized \$400.00

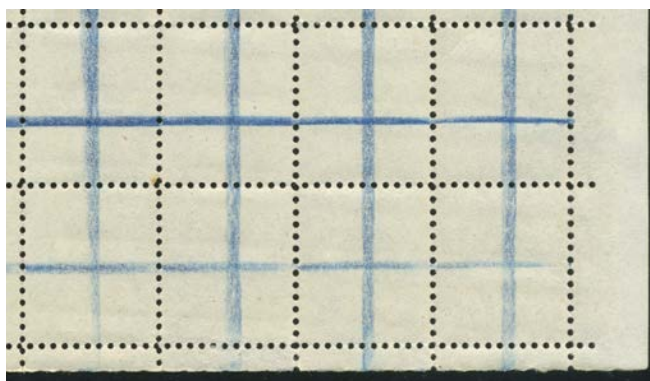


On May 15-17, 2014 H.R. Harmer, Inc. held Sale 3005 that contained the following test stamps. There is an 18% Buyer's Premium for this sale.

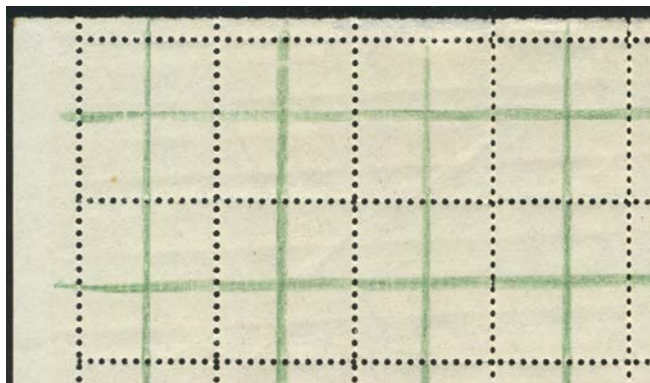
I will only illustrate the Plate # position block of 8 from each pane of 100 stamps. See the auction lot description following the illustrations. Gum breakers and sheet margins determine where the plate number would have been printed on regular stamps.



The above image is the upper left (Plate # position) corner block of 8 cropped from a pane of 100 of TD84A. There was another blank pane of 100 on different paper in this lot.

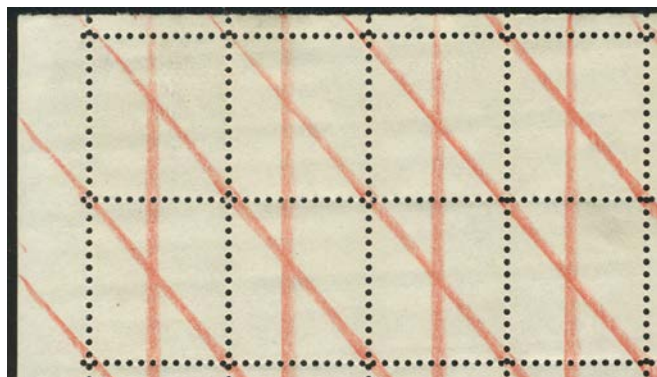


The above image is the lower right (Plate # position) corner block of 8 cropped from a pane of 100 of TD84A defaced with blue crayon lines.



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Shown on the preceding page is an image of the upper left (Plate # position) corner block of 8 cropped from a pane of 100 of TD84A defaced with green crayon lines.



The above image is the upper left (Plate # position) corner block of 8 cropped from a pane of 100 of TD84A defaced with red crayon lines.

Lot 1558 ** TD84a, 1956 Blank Test Stamp, group of 5 sheets of 100, two blank, each of different textures: one bright white and the other slightly off-white with yellowish gum and three sheets with crayon defacement markings: blue, green and red, all NH and Scarce, Very Fine, Photo, Cat. \$6,250.00 Realized \$1,350.00



On June 4, 2014 Eastern Auctions, Ltd. held Mail Sale #259 that contained the following test stamps. There is no Buyer's Premium for this sale.



Lot 1179 * USA Dummy Booklet - Scott #TDB12, the complete booklet of 20 blank labels, outside cover overprinted "DUMMY" in red, scarce and seldom offered, VF NH Photo Cat. \$50.00 Realization unknown



On June 4, 7-8, 2014 Regency Superior held Public Auction #105 that contained the following test stamps. There is a 19% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



Lot 2425 * USA (TD27) 1909 SIMPLEX STAMP AFFIXER TEST COIL, VERTICAL PAIR Fine pair, MINT never hinged. Some edge toning. Extremely scarce. Not valued in Scott Photo Est. \$750.00 Realized \$625.00



On June 18, 2014 Downeast stamps held Sale #287 that contained the following test stamps. There is a 10% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



Lot 851 * 1998, Flag over Porch, 3 coil stamps without value, used by Walmart in a test, all are stuck to the backing strip o/w fine, unlisted in Scott, (Black & white) photo Est. \$75.00 Realized \$130.00



Lot 852 ** Zeigle test stamp (trading stamp size 22.0 mm x 15.0 mm) , unreported, albino, perf 12x13, NH photo Est. \$25.00 Realized \$17.00

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Lot 882 ** TD109, green, test coil, dull gum, misperfed, Photo Est. \$90.00 Not sold

Another Wonderful Newsletter of Interest to Dummy Stamp Collectors

Fellow dummy stamp collector Glenn Morgan, in the United Kingdom, continues to release his wonderful newsletter titled "Dummy Stamps".

This newsletter principally covers British dummy philatelic material, with other worldwide dummy stamps occasionally covered.

It is published when time permits, but roughly quarterly. It is a wonderfully illustrated, full color publication and can be viewed online as a PDF file, or downloaded as a PDF file and printed on your printer, or it can be saved as a PDF file on your PC / Mac computer for screen viewing at any time.

The web link is: <http://www.stampprinters.info/dummystamps.htm>

I strongly urge you to check out this newsletter even if you are only interested in United States dummy stamps. The depth of research that Glenn does makes for wonderful reading and a lot can be learned about British dummy stamps by checking this link out.

Thank you Glenn for making this information available to us all. ☐

Proposed Future DSSG Project 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 2015 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 not yet been determined if *Research Paper Number 3 - Dummy Stamp Booklets* will be available electronically. ☐

Requests for Articles for The United States Specialist

by Terry R. Scott

Leonard Piskiewicz, Editor of *The United States Specialist*, is always looking for articles of interest for inclusion in our society's monthly publication. The type of articles Len needs most are the shorter ones, one or two-page articles. If you are considering writing an article for *The United States Specialist*, please contact him for instructions. If the article is regarding dummy stamps, I would appreciate knowing

about it also. Many members of the DSSG have written articles on dummy stamps and other stamps for this publication. It is rewarding and other USSS members benefit greatly from the information that is published in *The United States Specialist*.

Leonard can be reached by e-mail at: lenp@pacbell.net ☐

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