

Please remember the next clubmeeting is Wednesday October 17th, we hope to see you

Our President and Editor of the Newsletter, is hopefully enjoying a well deserved vacation in the UK, it is therefore that this Newsletter looks a bit different from the usual.

I promised in the September issue of this Newsletter to come up with some info on the EURO, Since I had very little time available, I must ask you to wait till next month.

NAME-PLATES.

Before leaving, Bob Watson managed to make nameplates for all the members. They will be available at the meetings and we would ask you to wear these during these get-togethers. We would also like to ask the membership to leave these plates after the meeting so we can use them again and again.

\$ 1,000,000.== Dollar Questions . Solutions for September:

When did the Romans started to us vehicles for Mail delivery ???? = 250 BC =
Which country promised E-mail for all citizens over 6 yrs ?? = SWEDEN, Its unknown whether they succeeded as yet .

AN OTHER FIRST:

For the first time in Postal History, The Netherlands issued a stamp on September 25th, which is MINTED, not printed. The Gld. 12.75 stamp is 21 x 25 mm has a thickness of 0.1 mm and is Silver .999. Besides the fact that it is silver and Minted, it is also the last stamp to be issued with a value only in Dutch Guilders, which will cease to exist on January 1st 2002, and will be replaced by the Euro. A total of 1 million stamps were MINTED.

THE STAMPS NEVER ISSUED.

On Tuesday October 16th, Greenland will issue Three stamps Resp. 5.75, 8.00 and 21.00 DKK. These stamp will show three designs, Northern Light, a Seal and a Polar Bear. These stamps were designed by Harry Nielsen in ---- 1932 ----- They were supposed to be the first stamps to be issued by Greenland after becoming an official postal administration, which it became on 17 September 1938. They look like stamps on stamps but they are not.

MORE GREENLAND NEWS.

Every one who wants to write to Santa Claus in Greenland, will receive from him a letter, franked with a Greenland stamp and cancelled with Santa's own special cancelation The address to write to in Nuuk is.

Santa Claus Post Office
2412 Santa Claus
GREENLAND

He also has his own website:
www.santa.gl

ICELAND POST

Iceland post send us a quantity of announcements of stamps issued in 2000 & 2001. We are enclosing with this letter a variety of them .

GET TOGETHERS.

(SEPAC) Small European Postal Administrations Conference, was held June 16-18

Eight postal administrations took part in this Conference, which was held in Aland. Gibraltar, Greenland, Faeroe Islands, Iceland, Isle of Man, Jersey, the UN and the host Aland. They discussed ways and means to keep the stamps and the hobby

alive . Since most of these stamp issuing entities also contributed to our shows in 2000 and 2001. I thought you may want to know this. These are excellent countries, good designs, and moreover, not to many issues and therefore still affordable

If anybody is interested to find out more about these countries and/or their programs please contact me .

Since I do not have the facilities, available to Bob, I would like to ask you to consult back issues of the Newsletter for information and addresses of the officers of the club.

One last news item: The Barrie District Stamp Club will hold their 40th Annual Exhibition and Bourse. 12 dealers, free admission
The Date Saturday October 27, 2001
The Time -10 AM to 4.30 PM (10.00 - 16.30)
The Place Sunnidale Community Centre
 Sunnidale Rd., Barrie ON (Exit 96A from 400HWY)

Auction

At the September meeting it was decided that there was probably insufficient demand for an annual auction this year. As an alternative it was suggested that we could include a "mini-auction" of up to ten or fifteen lots during our regular monthly meetings.

Suggested rules/guidlines:

1. Anyone wishing to submit lots should present lots for display at 7:00 pm
2. The auction would take place at (or around) 8:00 pm
3. Sellers may set a reserve price. They may not bid on their own lots (nor have anyone bid on their behalf)
4. A commission of 10% of the sale bid is payable to the Club by the seller. If the seller is a member of the club, this charge would be waived.

Library

The O.S.S.C. Library is taking shape! At the September meeting Sheila Gunby announced that she has put together an index of articles from what must be several hundred magazines in the club's possession. This index is cross-referenced so that members can easily find articles on all manner of philatelic subjects. Magazines (and books) are available to members. We will have much more on this project in due course.

See you at the meeting Charles van Rompu