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Numerous Member Awards Received in 2016: Here's to 2017

MANY ATTEND THE APS STAMP SHOW IN DECEMBER

THE CHRISTIAN COLLECTOR (TCC) EARNS AWARDS

It was a good night at APS Stamp Show to be a Christian Collector member named Dave.

In the open competition, TCC member Dave Moss took the Grand and a Gold Medal for his exhibit: "The 1903 Two-Cent Washington Shield Issue." Dave also won the Best Postal Division and the United States Stamp Society Statue of Freedom awards.

The Reserve Grand and Gold Medals went to TCC member Dave Finn, for his exhibit: "The Progression of the New York Foreign Mail Cancellation 1870-1878." Dave also won . . .

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TCC'S NEW STAMP COLLECTING BOOKSTORE

Now you can buy stamp and coin collecting books through Amazon.com, the world's largest bookseller; it's so big that it has many philatelic (and numismatic) books, from large and small presses.

Find some of the best books in the field, often at substantial discounts, as well as a convenient Search Link to use to find any title or author offered on Amazon.com.

Note the "Stamp Manage USA 2011" software application (see image to the right) providing complete listings for United States stamps. Use the software, licensed by SCOTT, to catalogue and value U.S. stamp collections, according to Scott's industry-standard numbering system. **Costs \$39.95**

The Christian Collector newsletter represents a group of devoted stamp collectors. You are warmly invited to join our club.



Franklin, Washington, 1908 and 1910



Two Special Books for Sale on Amazon.com



"Stamp Manage USA 2011"

Four to six
auctions to be
held by us
in 2013!



1926-1932 — Two-Cent Red Sesquicentennial Issues



Scott #488: unused, NH coil pair

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... the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Award of Excellence, the Empire State Postal History Society Award, the Postal History Society Inc. Award, and the United States Cancellation Club Best Multi-Frame Award. Dave kept our TCC table entertained during the banquet.

Among the five finalists for the Grand was TCC member Robert Spalding for his exhibit: "U.S. Special Handling 1925-1959: The Stamps and the Service." He won a Gold and the American Philatelic Congress Award.

Last but certainly not least: Joann and Ken Swihart won the Single Frame Grand and Gold for their "U.S. Test Stamps Related to the B.E.P. [circa 1907-1959]."

Congratulations to our TCC champions!

WESTPEX SHOW, APRIL 27-29, SAN FRANCISCO

Western Philatelic Exhibitions will sponsor Westpex this year to be held at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront Hotel, at 1800 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame. Find details at 415-387-1016 and www.westpex.com.

YOUNG STAMP COLLECTORS OF AMERICA

Young Stamp Collectors of America (YSCA) is a division of the American Philatelic Society, created to promote the hob-

by to young stamp collectors under age 18 on the internet.

Membership includes:

YSCA E-Newsletter A colorful e-newsletter is sent quarterly, filled with articles, how-to's, collecting basics, activities, stamp offers, and more.

On-line Monthly Meetings Chat with fellow members from many areas of the United States.

Official Meetings Two live meetings are held annually at APS stamp shows.

YSCA Members-Only Area YSCA members can log in and view special messages, archives of past e-letters, collecting tips, and more.

Pen Pal Services YSCA members can become friends with other members in the United States. Trade stamps or covers or write to learn more about someone else's stamp collecting interests.

Treasure Package When you join, you will receive a treasure package which includes a first-day cover, a packet of stamps, collecting information, and special offers.



Formed in May 2010, the Christian Collector is a stamp collector's club with a mission to foster the philatelic enjoyment of its members while bringing educational benefits to Christian stamp collectors living in the Greater Bay Area.

Notable Accomplishments at March's Meeting

BIG GALA EVENT WITH NOTABLE PRESENTATIONS

We were pleased to have our club president, Steven Marsh, back with us; we got the latest stamp news and looked at some remarkable collections.

There was a considerable selection of covers, postcards, and maxi cards that members had submitted. Alan Rand presented images of the first series of international postage labels (not official New Zealand Post stamps). The New Zealand Wildfood Postcard Stamps pack became available on February 23 in selected postal outlets and with stamp resellers in key tourism areas.

A pack contains six \$1.50 self-adhesive postage labels, airmail stickers, four recipes, and a sheet of wildlife stickers. Alan also told us about NZ Post's tailor-made advertising strategies for organizations, which include customized envelopes, stamps, and permit post impressions. If the stamp option is chosen, a company submits its design to NZ Post, which then creates the stamp

(within a standard template) and prints a sheet of fifty of them. John Chase told us about his lucky find while looking through some envelopes. On one of them was a Christmas coil stamp lacking the New Zealand Post fern in the right lower corner. Normally, John would have discarded the cover, as it didn't have an unusual ink jet slogan on it but Alan had told him about the flaw and he'd paused to inspect the stamp.

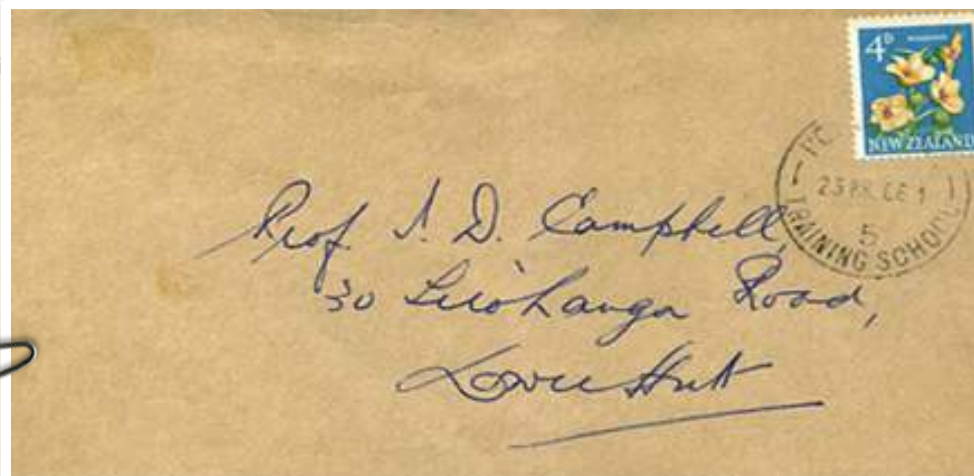
Mark Macon gave a talk about the New Zealand Philatelic Federation meeting held on March 20 at the airport. He said that the Federation Resource Kit was being updated and should be ready by the end of April. The NZPF Webmaster, Roger Leong, now has time to update the website.

American philatelist Mike Janus spoke about his collection of New Zealand Post Training School Stamps, which he thought to be complete. Hans Bogart proved him wrong by pointing out that

he didn't have one of the booklets used at the school. Mike took this in good stead, mentioning a few things about his second display: Mythology on Stamps. Not one to be easily deterred, he called the Library of Congress for information when his own research into one of the mythical people came to a dead end. Mike is a retired marine biologist, a devotee of NZ stamps, especially coil stamps where his collection and knowledge is now without peer.

During our break, we prayed thankful prayers before we looked closely at the Training School stamps and read about the strange creatures on the Mythology display pages. We previewed Mike's appealing display of Chess on stamps, covers, postcards, and maxi cards.

Finally, everyone enjoyed a delightful talk about the game of chess and some special items in Mike's thematic collection, now contained in his valuable stock book.



New Zealand Post Training School Stamps



Chess Pieces on an Ecuadorean Stamp

Recent TCC Acquisition



1897 Canada — Scott #63, VF, NH, strong color: Bought three weeks ago on eBay with a \$2,700 winning bid.

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CLASS**

TCC Club Activities

- Trading, buying, and selling stamps and covers
- Programs of interest to advanced and novice collectors
- Four to six auctions annually
- U.S. and worldwide stamp circuits at each meeting
- Philatelic quizzes and contests
- An annual awards banquet
- A popular end-of-year Christmas Holiday auction and party
- A member newsletter published six times annually;
- Refreshments and prayer at each meeting
- Donations to a variety of youth programs

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