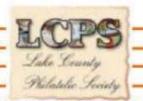
Newsletter of the Lake County (IL)

Philatelic Society

Perforations



Last month we discussed the Holiday Brunch tentatively scheduled for December 9th (Noon) at the Golden Coral (Gurnee). We should hear more definite news at the November meeting.

The next topic was a presentation by Bill Schultz on the new initiative to upgrade the USPS mail tracking system. The new system is called Intelligent Mail Acquisition System or IMDAS.

The hardware seen at the local level will be the IMD (see image), a charging/data transfer docking unit and computers that will eventually dump all the collected information into on central data processing facility.

The program was initiated in 2004 with a contract to Motorola and is now being tested in Maryland. We should see it up and running in our are early next year.



Bill with the new Intelligent Mail Device (IMD)

This month, the presentation will be on Parcel Post Stamps by Marty Cain.

Treasures' Report:

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Checking Account 782.19 Savings Account 1,476.42 Total 2.258.61

Harold "Hal" Ansink passed away on 15 October 2006. A long time member of the Lake County Philatelic Society and a member/former officer of the American First Day Cover Society.

Hal was born in Bridgeton NJ on 25
January 1926. During WWII, he served as a photographer on the staff of General Macarthur. After the war he settled in Illinois and worked for North Chicago Refiners and Smelters until he retired in 1993.

He is survived by his wife Joan, daughter Debra Flores, two grand daughters, a great grandson, six stepsons, two step daughters and nine step-grandchildren. November 17-19: CHICAGOPEX, Chicago Philatelic Society, Sheraton Chicago Northwest, 3400 W. Euclid, Arlington Heights. Contact Bill Schultz at 847-543-9170 / 34413 Tangueray Dr, Grayslake if you'd like a ride down there on Saturday (18 Nov - about 10 am) OR he'll act as coordinator for others who want to organize carpools at different times.

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Meetings at 7PM on the fourth Tuesday of each month (except December) at the Warren-Newport Library 224 North O'Plaine Road, Gurnee IL



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Bill Schultz – Vice President Howard Shaughnessy – Secretary

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-Movember 2016 Performed TOPS

IMDAS is Coming (to the USPS) Presentation)

(IMD) Hands-on Scanning a Barcode (Cradle)

Faultless Very Minor Fault Minor Fault

Fault Major Fault Damaged

Soundness

More on Stamp Grading from the Professional Stamp Experts (PSE) from http://www.psestamp.com/.

Soundness - The soundness component evaluates the overall condition of the stamp. Faults, both major and minor, are the key determinants here. The stamp is examined for creases, thins, color fading, toning spots/stains, reperforation, tears and repairs (or alterations), and the severity of any or all of these faults is taken into consideration.

Because a stamp can be faultless, or have any number of faults in any combination, we have set up a chart that shows how a variety of faults affect the soundness rating (see below).

Faultless	The stamp is completely sound, free of all faults.
Very Minor Fault	Natural blind perf Minor natural gum bend Tiny natural gum bend Tiny natural paper indusion visible on front Significant natural gum skips on NH stamps Shorter perf Def tip crosse Tiny, light toned spec
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Next meeting: 1900, 28 November 2006 at the Warren-Newport Library