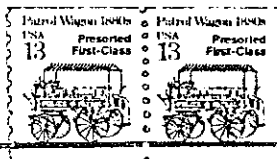
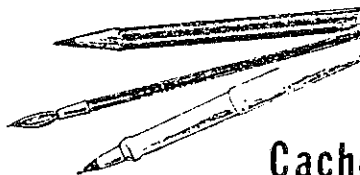




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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

APRL ON OUR MAILING LIST

At a suggestion from Monte Eiserman, I sent the American Philatelic Research Library copies of each of the seven volumes of the Left-Sider News produced so far. Gini Horn, APRL Librarian, acknowledged the "donation" with a nice letter. Since the APRL will be getting all LSNs, I hope she doesn't have to send a letter every month now.

This will be a good way for our beginnings to become a part of philatelic history. Perhaps some future cachet maker will be glad we did this, when they are trying to research some aspect of the CMA.

THANKS FOR THE THANKS

Melvin received eight very special "Thank You"s in his normally bare mail box. They were great pats-on-the-back ... some very imaginative, poetic and humorous. One was a handpainted cachet (thank YOU, Judith)!

I appreciate these signs of thoughtfulness shown to my computer-providing spouse. We are all busy people with many important demands on our time. It was nice to see that there was time made for some light-hearted, morale-boosting "fun" mail.

So far, Mel hasn't regretted buying me this computer. Since I use it everyday with great delight, it has turned out to be the best kind of gift he could give.

BOOKKEEPING REVIEW

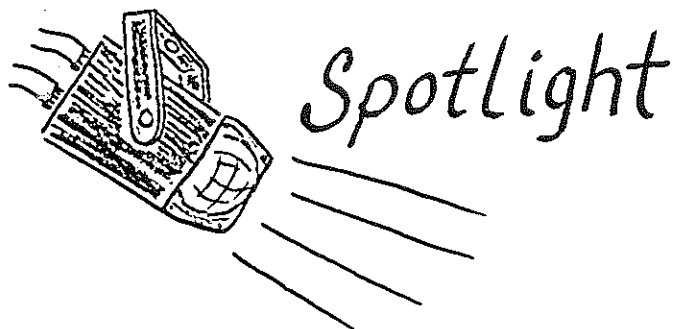
Here's how our money has flowed since the last LSN was sent out:

Jul 31	Copier toner for 290 back issue pgs		\$8.70	
Jul 31	Mailed 4 sets back issues		\$4.40	\$82.26
Aug 4	General donation	Gerry Adlman	\$25.00	\$107.26
Aug 19	Postage given/used - Recruiting fliers	Kim Yarbrough	\$15.00	\$15.00
Aug 5	Anonymous donation	philpals	\$5.00	
Aug 3	General donation	Mike Sitton	\$5.00	
Aug 17	Money for postage	Linus Murray	\$1.00	\$118.26
Aug 22	General donation	David Wilkie	\$20.00	\$138.26
Aug 29	Copier toner for 100 8-pg AFDCS Chp.Nws		\$24.00	
Aug 29	Copier toner for 110 6-page LSNs		\$19.80	
Aug 29	Mailed Chp. News & Left-Sider News		\$47.50	
Aug 29	Credit for stamp donations used	See Stamp Ledger	\$7.00	\$53.96

IN OUR COVER FILE

Here's a rough accounting of cover donations to date. I say "rough" because not all donations came with statements of retail value. Donors, please let me know how you price your covers, or, (if not your own) what you think they are worth.

1989 Date	From Who I.D. No.	Issue &/or Subject Description	Qty	Maker's Price	Balance Value	Sales Income
May 20	Doris Gold					
	DG #88	Birds & Flowers combos	3	\$4.00	\$12.00	
	DG # 7	Captain James Cook	2	\$2.00	\$4.00	
	DGHC #18	Toscanini	1	\$10.00	\$10.00	
					Subtotal	\$26.00
Jun 21	Alfred Boenger					
	Sc. 1193	Project Mercury/all purpose	1	\$1.50	\$1.50	
	Sc. C76	Armstrong slogan/event	1	\$1.00	\$1.00	
	Sc. 1031	Washington 1 cent, ABC cach	1	\$2.00	\$2.00	
	Sc. 1734	combo "Conch Rep." event	1	\$2.00	\$2.00	
		Liberty Tree embossed/Carter event	1	\$2.00	\$2.00	
					Subtotal	\$8.50
Jun 21	Wm. Roy Rice					
	Sc. 2039	LeftHand FDC w/ Sc. 1107	1	\$2.00	\$2.00	
Jul 22	Tony Ciccolella					
	Sc. 2115b	Flag O/Capitol, white star	1	\$3.50	\$3.50	
	Sc. 2401	H/Colored, lettered	1	\$3.50	\$3.50	
					Subtotal	\$7.00
July 1	Robert F. Porter					
	Sc. 2178	Buffalo Bill/stamp specs.	1	\$2.00	\$2.00	
Jul 5	Mike & Georgia Litvak					
	Sc. 2396 & 2395	combo, hand painted	1	\$10.00	\$10.00	
	Sc. 2378	Love Rose, Ries Chptr UD	1	\$5.00	\$5.00	
	Sc. 2379	45-cent Love, Ries event	1	\$5.00	\$5.00	
					Subtotal	\$20.00
Jul	Dianne Hunt					
	Sc. 2396	Xmas '88, H/P entire	1	\$10.00	\$10.00	
Aug 1	Frans & Linda Geerlings					
	Sc. 2343	SC Statehood, H/P by LG	1	\$10.00	\$10.00	
	Sc. 2188	Cushing def, drawing by HC	1	\$10.00	\$10.00	
	Sc. 2378 & 2379	Love combo, H/P -FG	1	\$10.00	\$10.00	
	Sc. 2262	Tugboat, H/P by FG	1	\$10.00	\$10.00	
	Sc. 2380	Summer Olympics, H/P by FG	1	\$10.00	\$10.00	
	Sc. 2396 & 2395	Xmas combo, by FG	1	\$10.00	\$10.00	
	Sc. 2265	Cable Car, H/P by LG	1	\$10.00	\$10.00	
	Sc. 2401	Montana SH, H/P by FG	1	\$10.00	\$10.00	
	Bush & Quayle	inauguration, H/P -FG	1	\$10.00	\$10.00	
	Sc. 2403	North Dakota, H/P by FG	1	\$10.00	\$10.00	
	Sc. 2404	Washington, H/P by FG	1	\$10.00	\$10.00	
	Sc. 2410	Wrld Stamp Expo, H/P by FG	1	\$10.00	\$10.00	
	Sc. 2414	Exec Brnch/GW inaug, H/P	1	\$10.00	\$10.00	
	Sc. 2416	So. Dakota, H/P by FG	1	\$10.00	\$10.00	
	Sc. 2194A	Johns Hopkins, H/P by FG	1	\$10.00	\$10.00	
					Subtotal	\$150.00
Aug 3	Mike Sitton					
	Sc. 2194A	Johns Hopkins, H/D & H/P	1	\$5.00	\$5.00	
	Sc. 1596	Ntl Local Post Day event	1	\$3.00	\$3.00	
	Sc. 2409A	Steamboat set of 5	1	\$15.00	\$15.00	
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					Total	\$248.50



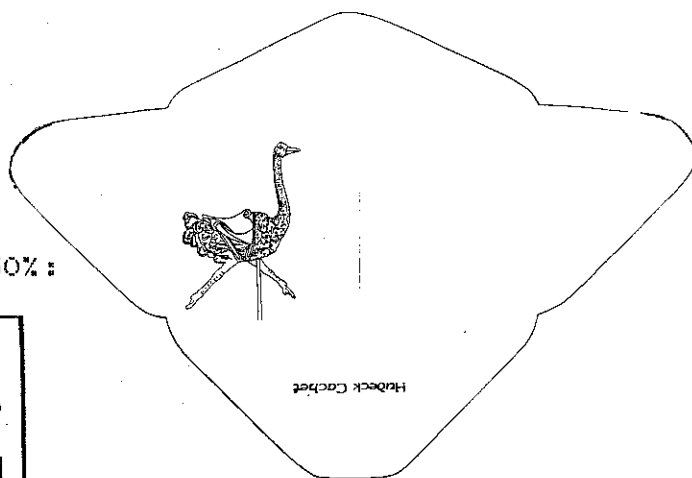
HUDECK CACHETS

RECEIVED: July 1987

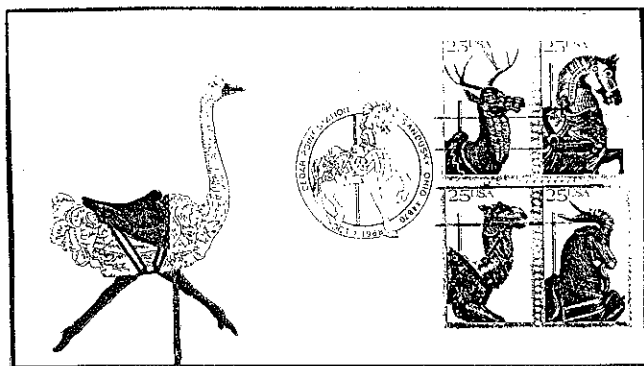
The first Hudeck Cachet was prepared for Sc. 1813, the 3.5 cent Violins coil issued June 23, 1980. Since then, Hudeck Cachets have been prepared for 10 - 12 issues per year, usually in quantities of 25 - 50.

Most often, designs are laid out on an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper, photocopied, painted, cut out, folded & glued into envelope form.

Here is a sample of the envelope template, reduced 75%:



and the resulting FDC, reduced 50%:



...Gary & Linda Hudeck

More New Members !

H F Bradybaugh
MUSEUM GRAPHICS

Clarence E Reid
Reid Cachets

Richard H Hoffman
Olde Well Cachets

Carol Ann Remmick
Karoline's Cachets

Andy Allinson
Double A First Days

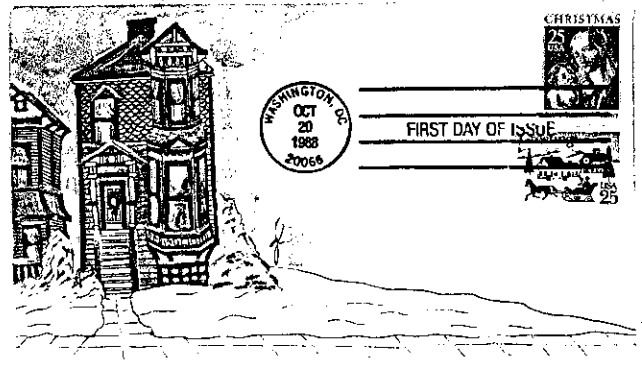
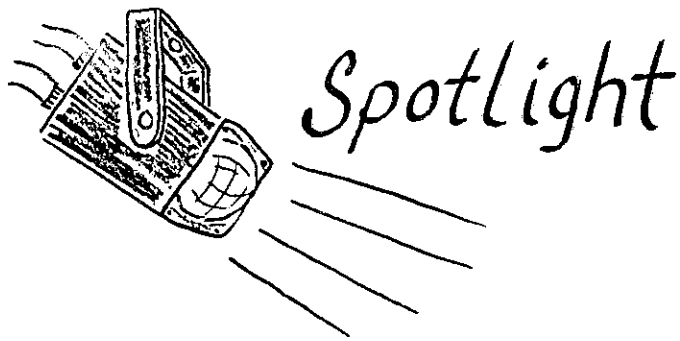
Linus P. Murray

D.B. Crisman
DBC & Gabriel Electronics

Nancy Sliker
NLS Cachets/Prairie Star

Wayne A. Forester
Limited Edition Cachets

William Johnson
B. JOHN CACHETS



g1 Cachets

RECEIVED: July 8, 1989

The Cachetmakers Spotlight column from the March 1, 1989 First Days contains some background on g1 Cachets. Regarding Georgia's cachet making techniques, she and I do the research together. She then creates several designs from which we select one. After drawing the cachet on acetate using pen and ink, she places the acetate inside the envelope and, using a light box and pen and ink, she reproduces the basic design to establish uniformity on all envelopes. Georgia then paints each envelope using a variety of inks, including watercolor, luminescent paint, and drawing inks.

Typically, we produce 30-40 covers for about 10-12 stamps each year. The number of covers and issues is limited, because cachetmaking is a part-time hobby and business for us; (we are both full-time Senior High School teachers.)

...Michael Litvak

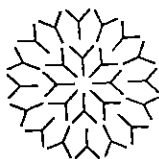
NLS CACHETS

RECEIVED: Aug 17, 1989

Lawrence, KS -- "NLS Cachets" has been expanding steadily since its birth in 1982 with the Horatio Alger issue (Scott #2010). By the end of 1988, some twenty-four author covers had been produced, and space was very limited in the tiny design studio. Layout equipment, files, and storage were cramped. New design projects were impossible to track. In early 1989, the decision was made to group a multitude of design projects more efficiently under a new Prairie Star logo and to obtain larger quarters.

What is important, however, is that under Prairie Star, "NLS Cachets" is the same quality product -- N. L. Sliker is still the designer. There is the same stress on quality, the same focus of Authors on Stamps, the same emphasis on unity of theme, design concept, and faithfulness to the author's style of literature. "NLS Cachets" will, however, be somewhat easier to identify. Collectors need only look for the "star," the Prairie Star logo.

The logo will make its first appearance on the Ernest Hemingway cover, and you will be seeing it in the philatelic press in coming months.



Taken from Prairie Star, Vol. IV, No. 1



LETTERS TO THE "LEFT SIDER"

Dues - probably should be in the neighborhood of \$10-12 to cover the cost of all the mailing and reproduction costs. If the donations continue, any excess funds could be used to produce any other projects we may undertake.

... KIM YARBROUGH

MORE COMMENTS ON THE DAY-TIME CACHET MAKERS BOURSE

I am going to be at the convention in Washington, D.C. and have a table at the Cachetmakers Bourse. This bourse lasts for such a short time (12 pm till 6 pm) on Saturday only, that I can't see us taking away any substantial business from the main floor dealers. Aside from that, my inventory is mainly the newer issues, as all older issues have sold out. And where can you get sold-out issues? Right! At the dealer tables!

... Frans Geerlings

After reading the latest Left-Sider News I was very disappointed to realize there were so many dealers who needed a pair of "commercial eyeglasses". They are so nearsighted they do not realize the long term benefits they would get in the advertising and new customers to be developed by the daytime cachetmakers' bourse. They remind me of the owners of the stamp stores who chased out or ignored youngsters from their store because they were too much trouble or did not buy much. Then they wondered why they eventually went out of business for lack of customers over the long run.

It seems these dealers' greatest interest is in the current profit they will make and more importantly in the covers they will buy for resale when most of the retail customers are locked out because the cachetmakers' bourse is late at night. While it is true the dealers support the convention by renting tables they are not the purpose of the AFDCS Convention. The Convention is for collectors and exhibitors of first day covers and is not a commercial bourse. There should be a place for those persons who design and produce the covers we collect. When a commercial operator runs a collector convention it turns out to be a sad affair for the collector and exhibitor. Witness last year's convention from the point of view of collector attendees. Dealers always seem to do well at the conventions run by collectors. Certainly they did at the two previous conventions sponsored by the Graebner Chapter.

If dealers did not come, the convention would suffer and be smaller and we might have to charge a small admission fee, but the dealers would be the first to scream if they were excluded from their money making activity. It is time dealers recognized that the promotion of the hobby and the development of new collectors and the support to new cachetmakers were in their long range interest and that these efforts were not inimical to their increased profits.

Please note the Syracuse (1990) convention chairmen are dealers and yearround bourse promoters and at least on the surface are not collectors.

... Bernard Kroll

LAST ISSUE BEFORE CONVENTION

The next issue of the LSN will feature -- guess what!-- Convention news. Since production of the LSN seems to have fallen to the end of the month lately, (hope to change that) reporting on the AFDCS convention will be very timely. Maybe we can "scoop" the after-convention issue of First Days if something exciting and unexpected happens.

WHAT'S OUR AGENDA?

Our Cachet Makers Association meeting to be held at the convention in September is growing in importance. How much can we accomplish in 90 minutes?

In addition to forming some sort of formal organization --ie. constitution and/or by-laws, electing officers, setting up a treasury, etc. there are numerous questions of general policy that need to be answered.

Here's a fill-in-the-blanks questionnaire that could save us some time, if results were tabulated at or before the meeting:

* Should CMA membership be limited to those who are members of the AFDCS? _____

* Should we mail the Left-Sider News to requesting non-members? _____ If yes, for a fee? _____ How much? \$____ less than dues.

* May we offer our membership list to anyone? _____ For a fee? _____ How much? \$____ Any other considerations? _____

* How long will the "grace period" be after dues are payable, before removing names from our membership/ mailing list? _____

* Shall we all pay dues at the same time each year, or will newcomers pay annually from the date they join? (check one:) _____ all same, or _____ date of membership.

If you are not coming to the convention, but would like your opinions known for consideration during the CMA meeting, fill in the above form and send it to the Chapter Representative/Editor of the LSN. Include any comments on any other subjects, also. Don't be shy; include your name to lend this form of "absentee voting" some weight.

Time your response to arrive in Pine Grove before Thursday, Sept. 21.

...Ed.