

# The Postscript



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## Youth Night Attracts Enthusiastic Youngsters

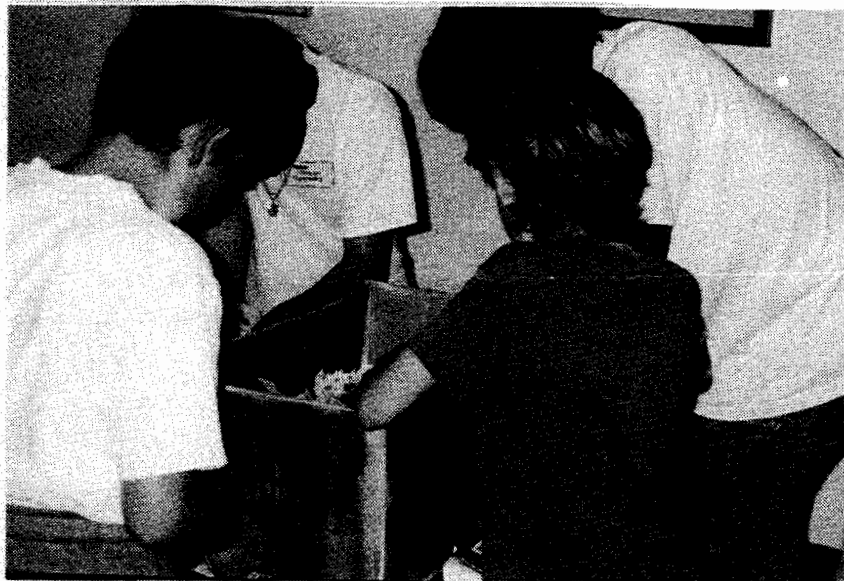
By Larry Benson

Youngsters who attended the second annual TS&CC Youth Night held on June 8 didn't turn out in great numbers, but the 13 who did come were enthusiastic and eager to learn all about the hobby of stamp collecting. And members were just as eager to share their philatelic knowledge with the kids.

Repeating the set up from last year, tables were arranged into stations that covered different aspects of stamp collecting and they were staffed by TS&CC members.

### Youth Night Stamp Stations

- Station 1** - Registration and Door Prizes  
Gwynn Kidd, Lyn McCauley
- Station 2** - How to Begin Collecting  
Bruce McDonald
- Station 3** - Basics of Collecting: Soaking, Hinging, etc. Bob Hargrave
- Station 4** - Cataloging & Identifying  
John Goble
- Station 5** - Special Equipment for Identification Les Miller, Dave Wike
- Station 6** - Exhibits-Examples of Different Types of Collections Ed Walters, Ken Miller, Mickey Dwyer
- Station 7** - Gift Packets Rene Manes, John Yeatman
- Station 8** - Refreshments Wanda Blinn, Chuck Stannard



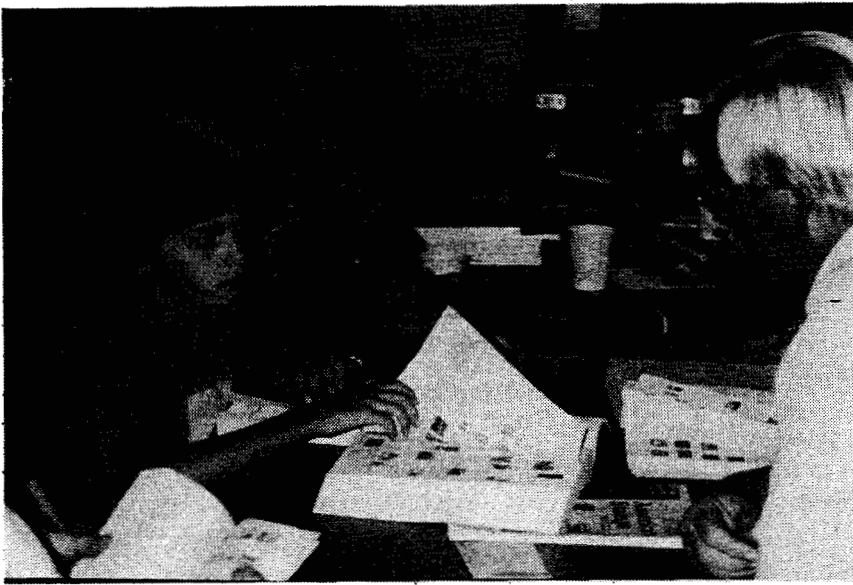
*As always, the "Kids' Box" of free stamps proved to be popular with young hunters and gatherers hovering over it throughout the evening.*

Mike Francis prepared the eye-catching flyers posted in locations around town. Don Plaskett helped advertise the event and ran last minute errands. Many other members were involved during the evening talking with families and youth about the many different aspects of collecting and by donating gifts for the kids. A great BIG THANKS goes out to all those who helped make this a memorable activity.

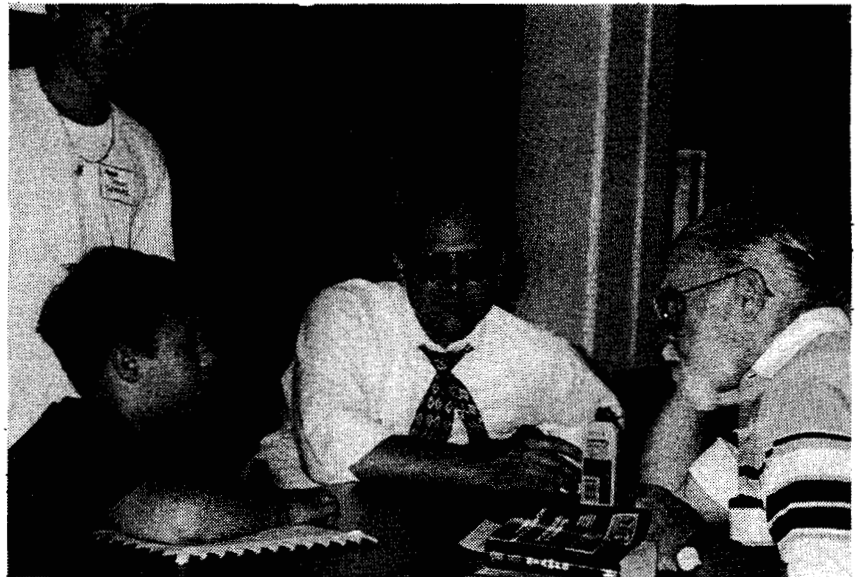
### *Red Dot? Dues Aren't Paid*

If your mailing label has a red dot, club records show your dues aren't paid. If you have a question about your status, contact Treasurer Lyn McCauley. Members who did not pay their dues by June 1 won't receive future issues of *The Postscript* until dues have been paid.

# Club Youth Night . . .



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# Ed's Words - By President Ed Walters . . . . .

We had another good Youth Night on June 8th. There were 13 young people enjoying the festivities. A word of personal appreciation for all those who were involved. It takes many members to make a program of that magnitude happen smoothly and many of you were there to help when needed.

We didn't quite have as many youth as last year, but it seems there was more involvement and the youngsters and their parents were very interested. I suspect we didn't do enough advertising and personal contacts this year but I definitely feel the program is good for our Club and stamp collecting, and should be an annual event.

## Robertson Stamp Packets

There are many packets of 100 different stamps left from the Robert-

son donation. Be alert and thinking of anyone who can use these packets. We included four packets in each of the gift packages we gave to youngsters during Youth Night.

We still have some material for sale from the Robertson collection. Also, we have around 100 first day covers donated by Jeanne Keating available for you to peruse and make selections.

## Summer Curtails Collecting

If you are like me, stamp collecting sort of gets put on the side burner during the summer time because of so many other activities. The time I have for my collection has further been curtailed by duties of the Club President's position. I'm looking forward to resuming my collecting.

See you at the next meeting!

## Welcome New Members

TS&CC welcomes several new members who joined since the last issue of *The Postscript* was published: Mickey Dwyer #141, John Goble #102, Victor Matthews #40 and Lee Petersen #39. (Member numbers are not consecutive because prior members' numbers are being reassigned.)

## Ken Miller Donates Estonia Stamps, Covers

Ken Miller donated some hard to find stamps and covers from his Estonia collection to the Second Annual Tiger Team Stamp Fair held in May last year at Oslo Middle School in Vero Beach, FL.

The fairs are culminations of hours of work that students have been giving to their stamp projects for world geography classes. About 150 students, mostly seventh-graders, brought their stamp projects to the school cafeteria for other students and parents to judge.

The top 20 projects were then judged by three members of the Indian River Stamp Club of Vero Beach who had been advising the students all year.

In The **POSTROAD** Ahead  
**July 13** - Q&A - Questions  
And Answers by Experts

**Aug. 10** - What Exhibit Judges  
Look For by Larry Benson

**Sep. 14** - CLOTHESPEX  
Clothesline Exhibition

## Stamp Crossword

By Rene Manes

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## Crossword Clues

### Across

- Common color of U.S. 2 cent stamp.
- Formerly Anglo-French Condominium of New Hebrides.
- Prepared.
- The kind of stuff we would like to be made of; firmer.

### Down

- Mammoth and Carlsbad.
- Was delayed (two words.)
- Nationality of Shah Pahlavi (he was featured on over 200 stamps!)
- Located on the Equator, its capital is Quito; currency the sucre.

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# Is The Use of Stamps Diminishing?

By Don Plaskett

Several collectors have mentioned that the use of postage stamps seems to be diminishing. One such collector even checked his wastebaskets to determine the percentage of metered stamps to postage stamps and reported his findings in *Linn's Stamp News*.

Of course, there are many meter collectors in the hobby, but have you noticed the television commercial by the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) promoting a meter canceler for your home? The question is: "will stamps become more valuable when they disappear from the market?"

Not long ago, I visited a small business that depends on sales from their mailings and I noticed the clerk using Flag Over Porch definitives on her next mailing. I suggested a

commemorative stamp would command a lot more attention by setting it apart from the junk mail. She took the hint, and her next mailing was franked with the 29 cent flower issue of 1992.

The suggestion impressed the company so much, they subscribed to the USPS *USA Philatelic* catalog and they order stamps direct from the Fulfillment Center by telephone.

Sometimes their customers move and mail is returned. Guess who gets their used stamps?

There is a lot we can do to promote our hobby. Do you use commemoratives on all your mail? If you want your correspondence to be saved from the "garbage mail" filling our mailboxes these days, use a commemorative stamp!

# Buy Stamps by Mail

Buying stamps by mail saves not only a trip to the post office and time, but gives you great choices and ordering is easy. Or, at least, that's what the USPS claims.

You can pick up the Stamps By Mail folder containing information and the order form at your nearest post office. In addition to the order form, a return post paid addressed envelope for returning your payment is enclosed. All orders from here are processed in Jacksonville.

## Crossword Solutions

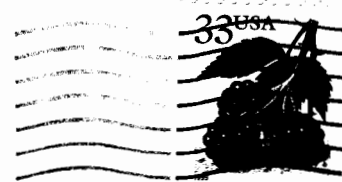
Across:

1. Carmine
5. Vanuatu
6. Readied
7. Sterner

Down:

1. Caverns
2. Ran Late
3. Iranian
4. Ecuador

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