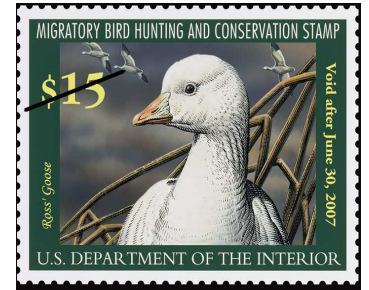


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## SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

**A**LL meeting dates include a combination auction and bid board. Scheduled meetings are as follows:

### 2013

APRIL 2\* — **CLOSED FOR SCHOOL BREAK**

APRIL 16

MAY 7 & 21

JUNE 4 & 18\*

JULY 2\* & 16\*

AUGUST 6\* & 20\*

SEPTEMBER 3\* & 17#

\* MEETING LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

# MEETING WILL BE AT MILLIKAN HIGH SCHOOL

## STEVE'S QUALITY STAMP SHOW

**S**TEVE'S QUALITY STAMP SHOW this month will be held on April 21, 2013 at the Anaheim Plaza Hotel, 1700 South Harbor Blvd., Anaheim, CA 92802. Hours are 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Parking is free.

## MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

**R**OBERT ROTHWELL was our \$15 winner at our March 5, 2013 meeting. A.J. MANKER was our winner for \$15 at our March 19, 2013 meeting.

## STAMP QUIZ FOR APRIL

**C**AN you tell what these stamps are missing? The engraving on the 1920 Pilgrim Tercentenary stamps is so expertly done that it's easy to miss the lack of a crucial design element. Even if you examined them with a good magnifier it might not be obvious.

Can you determine what is missing on this set of stamps?

**I**F you think you know the answer; please send it to the Club's P.O. Box or you can e-mail your answer to [leb\\_dorbaumann1@verizon.net](mailto:leb_dorbaumann1@verizon.net).

{Answers must be received on the Saturday preceding the first meeting of the month.}

## WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

**O**UR annual White Elephant sale will take place at our April 16, 2013 meeting. Members are encouraged to check their attics, garages, and bring whatever you no longer want to this event.

## MEMBER PRESENTATION

**E**D NELSON will be giving a talk at a meeting to be determined in the future on Stamp Inventory Techniques.

## ADVENTURES WITH POSTAGE STAMPS

**T**HE WINGED HORSE — According to the legend there was once a woman, Medusa, upon whose head grew a writhing mass of serpents instead of hair; whose gaze was so terrible that men who looked upon her were turned to stone.



When Medusa was slain by a warrior who approached her backwards guided by the reflections in his polished shield, there sprang from her bleeding neck a beautiful winged horse called Pegasus, a creature so swift and powerful that no man could catch him.

While Pegasus was frisking about in the skies, a monster called the Chimera appeared in the countryside below. Part goat, part lion, part dragon, this loathsome thing crawled over the land destroying herds and crops and people with the fiery breath. The task of killing the Chimera was given by the king to a youth named Bellerophon. Awed and frightened by his mission, the young man went to a soothsayer for advice and was told that if possible he should catch the winged horse to help him in accomplishing his purpose.

Knowing that he could never catch Pegasus without divine assistance, Bellerophon slept in the Temple of Athena, the Goddess of Wisdom; and in his dreams the Goddess appeared before him and gave him a golden bridle. When he was awake, the bridle was still in his hands! Bellerophon went forth and found the flying horse nearby and Pegasus, upon seeing the bridle, came willingly towards him. They flew away together; and the man, because of the dazzling pace of his steed, was able to destroy the dreaded Chimera.

After his exploit, Bellerophon made many other conquests. Gradually he forgot that his victories were due in a large part to the faithful flying horse that carried him so swiftly through every danger. The gods observed with displeasure Bellerophon's growing pride, and in the end they beheld him attempting a flight to heaven itself on his winged steed. The wrathful Zeus sent a gadfly to sting Pegasus, the horse reared and threw his rider, and Bellerophon fell from the sky. Thereafter until his death, so the story runs, he wandered the earth, lame and blind and lonely...

As for Pegasus, no doubt he still lives on, for we see him, still strong and spirited, winging his way through the starry sky on the airmail stamp of Uruguay which has recalled this story from the myths of ancient Greece.

## ANSWER TO STAMP QUIZ FOR MARCH

**F**RANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT was working on his stamp collection.

## BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL

STEPHEN PATILLO      DONALD PETERSON      ED NELSON  
JOSEPH MILLER      JOHN OLSSON  
ROBERT J. BREMER      STEVE FEIG

## BERMUDA

**B**ERMUDA — is an archipelago of 138 coral islands, located 580 miles east of North Carolina. About twenty of the islands are occupied. It was discovered in 1503 by Juan de Bermudez, a Spanish navigator, who gave his name to the islands.



In 1612 the Virginia Company founded the first permanent settlement in Bermuda at St. George, which now has the distinction of being the oldest continuously inhabited English settlement in the Americas. St. George was the capital until 1815, when the administration moved to more centrally located Hamilton. The colony passed to the British crown in 1684. Bermuda has enjoyed limited self government since 1620, possessing one of the world's oldest parliaments. A new constitution in 1968 granted even more power to the local government. A referendum for independence in 1995 was soundly defeated.

Bermuda's first postal service was established in 1784 by Joseph Stockdale, editor of *The Bermuda Gazette*, the colony's first newspaper. His local postal service was so successful that it quickly expanded from St. George to serve the entire colony.

The Post Office Act of May 8, 1812 established an official postal service, with post offices in St. George and Hamilton. Subsequently, the PMG in London appointed a deputy PMG at St. George to handle Packet and Ship Mail. The local authorities continued to be responsible for the internal mail service. In 1859 they assumed responsibility for foreign mail as well.

The success of the British experiment with postage stamps led William B. Perot, the long-serving post master in Hamilton to issue the first of his postmaster provisional's in 1848. Six different versions appeared from 1848 - 1861. James H. Thies, the postmaster in St. George, issued a provisional in 1860. The first colonial stamps were issued in 1865.