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This newsletter is published monthly by the Huntsville Philatelic Club. Meetings are held on the First and Third Tuesdays of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fern Bell Recreation Center, 107A Sanders Road SW. Visitors are always welcome.

MEETING CALENDAR

- Apr. 6** HUNTSPEX planning meeting at 6:30 pm
The 1937-42 Mufti stamps used domestically
- Apr. 20** Philatelic Auction Night
- May 4** The 1937-42 Mufti stamps used to the US
- May 18** Philatelic Auction Night
- June 8** The 1937-42 Mufti stamps used internationally
- June 22** Philatelic Auction Night

All regular club meetings begin at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted. Auction sellers are asked to arrive 15 minutes early to allow viewing of auction lots.

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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Annual dues are \$12.00 per individual and \$3.00 per additional family member. Dues are prorated for new members and renewals are payable in January.

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STAMP CLUB NEWS

- March's meeting included a one-page exhibit with **Heinrich Hahn** winning the first place award for his Graf Zeppelin exhibit page.
- April's meeting will begin a three-part presentation by **John Burnett** on Canada's 1937-42 Mufti stamps. Part 1 will highlight domestic Canadian uses, part 2 will illustrate uses to the United States, and part 3 will focus on other international usages.
- **Auction meetings** continue to be well attended with a good deal of philatelic material changing hands. It's a very convenient method to dispose of your duplicates or extra stamps, covers, or publications.

HUNTSPEX 2010

- Dates: June 5 and 6 at the Bevill Center and Hotel
- Topic: 50th Anniversary Marshall Space Flight Center
- Exhibition: Prospectus and application available
- Ronnie Nixon has agreed to serve as exhibit judge
- Awards Dinner: Saturday evening at Soldatenstube
- Dealers will be Heinrich Hahn, Denny Peoples, Rusty R. Shoat, Bill Di Salvatore, Glenn Hanle, Dwayne Selix, Bill Vance, Tony Roozen, Louise Chouinard, James D. Myers, and Fred Brafford.



A view from ALAPEX in Birmingham in February.

SOUTHEAST REGION STAMP SHOWS

April 10

MONTAPEX 2010

Montgomery Area Stamp Club, Doster Community Center, 424 South Northington St., Prattville. Contact Alan Thomason, 334-272-4964.

May 8

HOLPEX 2010

Holston Stamp Club, The Best Western Johnson City Hotel and Conference Center, 2406 North Roan Street, Johnson City, TN. Contact Dennis Bowman, dbo_4855@yahoo.com; 423-256-2794

June 5-6

HUNTSPEX 2010

Huntsville Philatelic Club, Bevill Center and Hotel, University of Alabama in Huntsville, 550 Sparkman DR (I-565, exit 12). Heinrich Hahn, 256-536-7785
http://www.stampshows.com/huntsville_hpc.html

September 24-26

SOUTHEASTERN STAMP SHOW

Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs, Cobb County Civic Center, 548 S. Marietta Pkwy., Marietta, GA. Scott Mark, mark_s@bellsouth.com, www.stampclubs.com

2010 USPS NEW ISSUE LISTING

January

- Mackinac Bridge envelope
- Koi Fish
- Seabiscuit envelopes
- Liberty Bell envelopes
- Year of the Tiger
- Olympic Winter Games

February

- Mackinac Bridge stamp
- Bixby Creek Bridge
- Distinguished Sailors
- Liberty Bell

March

- Abstract Expressionists
- Bill Mauldin

April

- Flags of our Nation
- Cowboys Silver Screen
- Love: Pansies in a Basket
- Adopt a Shelter Pet Forest

May

- Kate Smith
- Katharine Hepburn
- Monarch Butterfly

June

- Negro Leagues Baseball
- Oscar Micheaux

July

- Sunday Funnies
- Scouting

August

- Winslow Homer
- Hawaiian Rain
- Mother Teresa

September

- Julia de Burgos

October

- Holiday Evergreens
- Angel with Lute

THE LETTER "V" DROVE THE NAZIS CRAZY

John Burnett

All over Nazi occupied Europe the letter "V" became a code sign for those who looked to Britain and her allies for victory and freedom during WWII.

All over Europe the mysterious "V" popped up. A Nazi sentry found a "V" sticker on his sentry box. A clock stopped running at exactly five minutes past eleven. A German Officer found "V" scrawled in the dust on his automobile.

Knock-Knock-Knock Knock

When Morse compiled his code he gave "V" three dots and a dash. All over Europe that signal pursued the occupiers. Errand boys whistled it, postmen knocked it, and Comedians tapped it as they walked across the stage. Its ubiquitous beat sinister summoned waiters in cafes, school children in school, and shop assistants in shops.

Even the opening bars of Beethoven's famous fifth symphony "three flats two-four time GGGE,FFFD" was being used to carry the message.

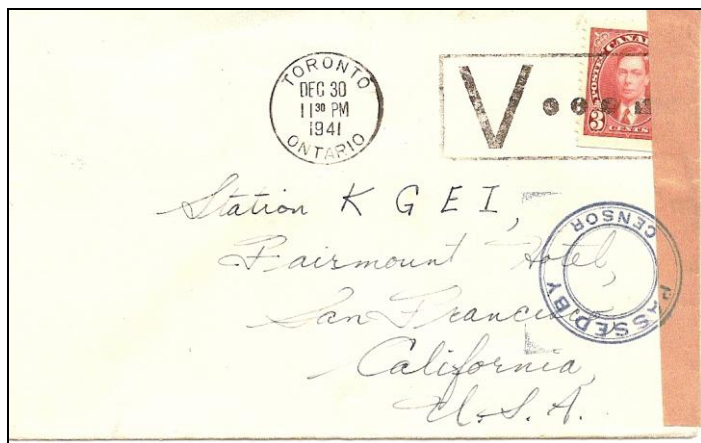
The Nazis were rattled by the wide spread use of the "V" symbol and they displayed their nervousness in ill advised radio broadcasts.

"That "V" stands for the Vanishing British Army." "That "V" stands for the real French government at Vichy." "The Axis symbol is the three "V's" Veni, Vidi, Vici" a German broadcast of July 8, 1941.

Canada used both the "V" and the three dots and a dash as a cancellation all during the war. These cancels were used in every major post office and today make a most interesting and I might add inexpensive collection.

Below is a letter with a "V" cancel and both Canadian and USA censor marks. You might wonder why a USA censor on a USA addressed envelope from Canada. Note the date on the letter, right after Pearl Harbor the USA was caught short and had no process in place to censor letters, so they sent trainees to Canada to learn the censoring process. This training resulted in a Canadian censor tape being applied and a USA censor stamp also being applied.

This process was in place in only a few cities and lasted only until March 1942; these double censored covers are extremely rare. How many examples of the "V" for victory do you have in your collection?



Cover with Canadian censor tape and a US censor stamp