

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

I hope that you all had a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year, as it will all be a memory by the time you read this

As some of you know I collect butterflies and I think the countries have decided they have done that and been there. The last 4 issues of LInn's have shown no issues and before that many of the sets have had one butterfly with other subjects. That's hard on the budget unless you have a dealer that splits sets

I have been assuming that every collector knows that most if not all new US stamps can NOT be soaked. The printers are leaving out the water resistant layer so the stamps rather fall apart in the process. I read that Great Britain is going to have slits on their stamps which will prevent soaking so be WARNED you can't soak the stamps I use for your mailing. I have many happy memories of soaking, pressing and sorting piles of stamps, but it seems that our hobby will have to change. It will be best to train new collectors to closely trim the stamps for mounting of course that eliminates knowing the condition or the watermarks, but would be better then expecting young collectors to only have mint stamps.

Weather report: for SW Colo: All activities were cancelled yesterday and some today due to snow - more is expected tonight (Wed.) and off and on during the weekend.

Twin report: I was able to spend Thanksgiving with them, of coarse adorable, gaining weight and really looking forward to my next visit to Denver in Feb.

Don't forget to send in your dues!

Fran

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