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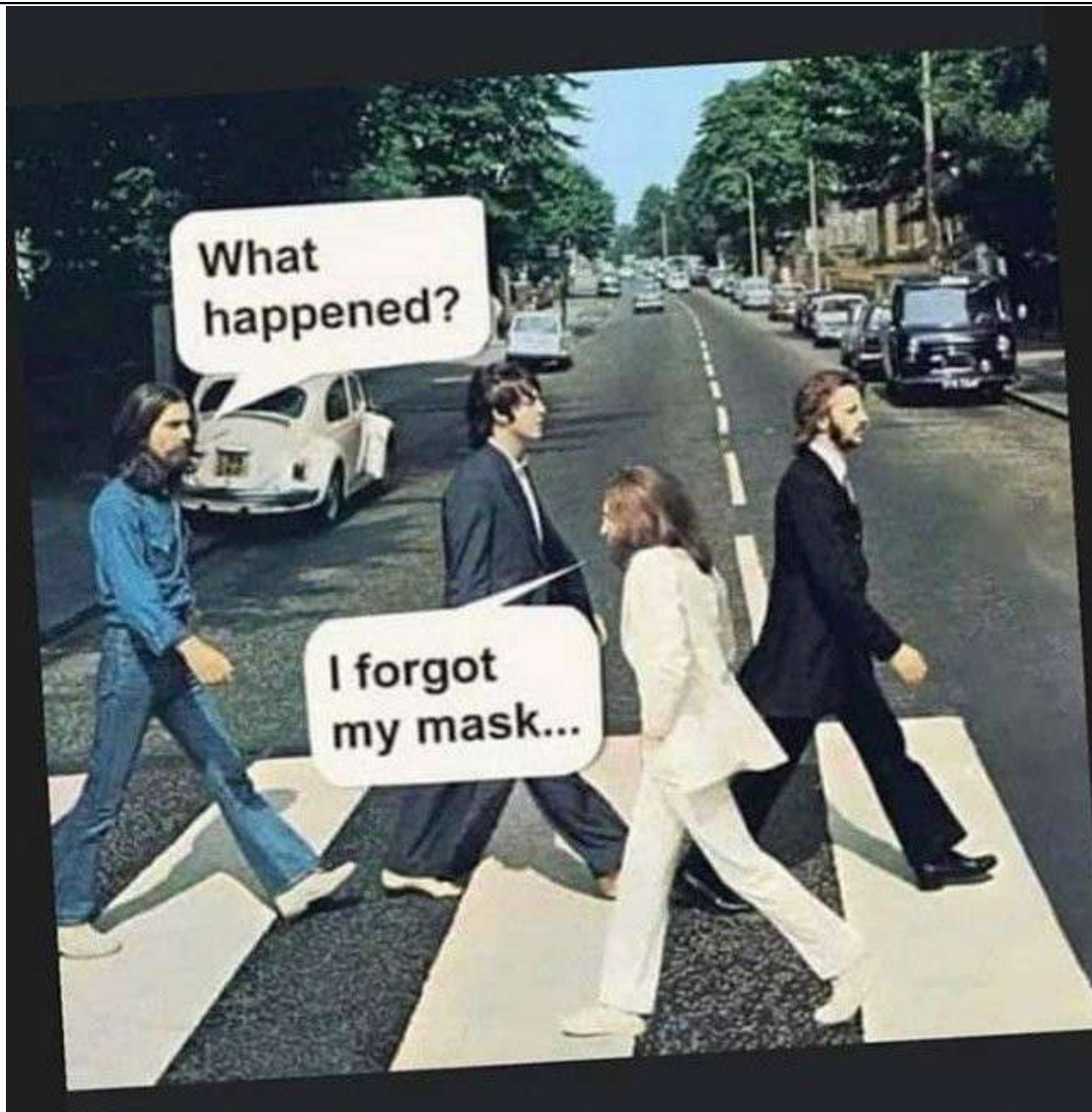
Now in our 90th year

November 2020



Web page: www.bendigophilatelicsociety.org Facebook: <http://tinyurl.com/zb2ma53>

PLEASE NOTE: ALL MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



The general monthly meetings of the BPS are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm at

Old Long Gully School (now CVGT)

Cnr Stanfield and Jackson Streets, Long Gully

Extra Daytime Meeting at Golden Square on the Wednesday after the main Tuesday meeting.

Auctions will be held at all Tuesday meetings.

10 items per member are allowed for auctions

Christmas bonanza auction in **December**.

Exchange sheets will be circulated at all meetings.

More sheets are always needed so please "lick and stick" a few.

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President's Message November 2020

There was once a great Film titled "All quiet on the Western Front" and so it is with our Philatelic Club !!!

Many things are in the Pipeline when we get a clearance to meet again.

There is our overdue Annual General Meeting which Secretary Joy has gained an extension for three months from October.

Our Downard system is working so well and we are getting our books to Maryborough and St.Arnaud Stamp Clubs.

Secretary Joy has been in hospital for a procedure, we all wish her a speedy recovery.

An abbreviated report this month but in the words of my predecessor "Keep Lickin and Stickin."

Take care Libby.



Sorting your Skippys in seconds

We have often mentioned Stampboards in these pages. This on-line chat group for philatelists has thousands of members who are very generous in sharing their time and expertise.

I recently read an article by stamp dealer, Glen Stephens, on how to sort the different watermarks of the "kangaroo and map" series of stamps. There is no doubt that the first, second and third watermarks can be daunting. The value difference between the different watermarks can be tens, even hundreds of dollars so even if, like me, you don't collect these, it can be worth knowing the difference for those times when they come your way. For those who are interested in these, the full article can be read here.

<https://www.glenstephens.com/snnovember20.html>



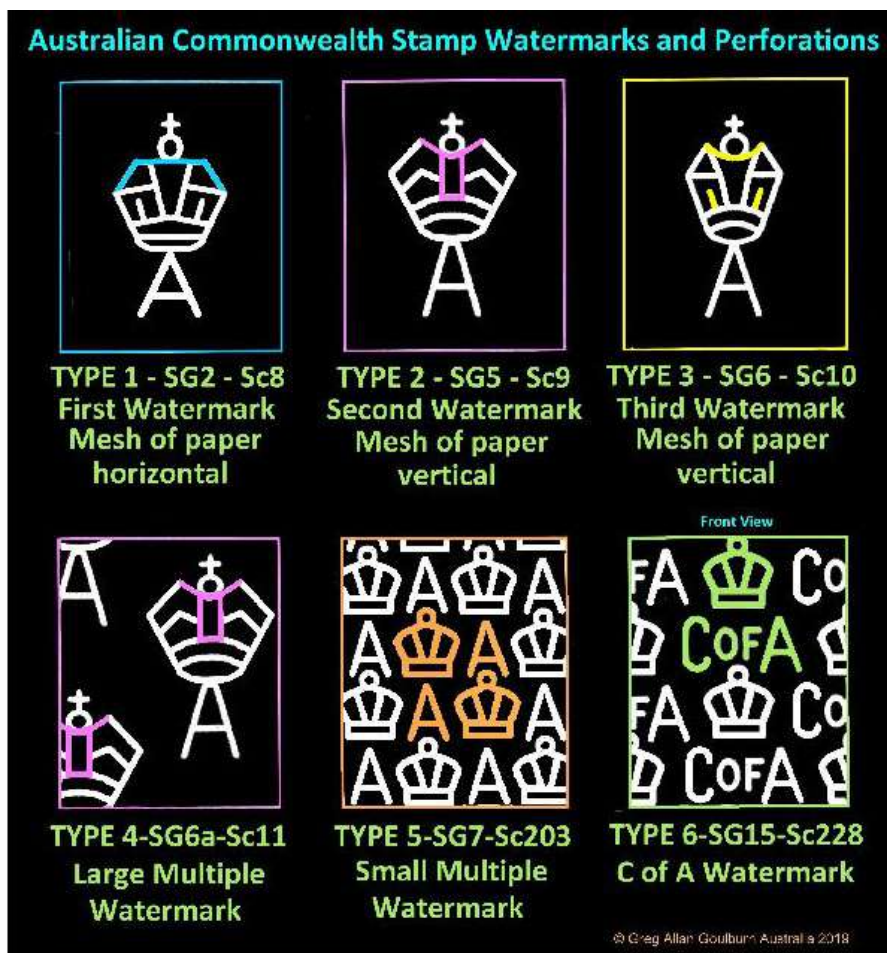
In the article, Glen showed a graphic by member Allanswood (Greg) which is the best illustration I have seen of how to see the differences clearly.

This graphic may, in the future, be combined with a transparent perforation guage and be offered commercially (see article on p.8 on the demise of Gibbons accessories).

I contacted Greg and he generously agreed to his graphic being shown here. It improves greatly on those shown in the catalogues, by showing the easily recognisable variations in a different colour.

Greg has been toying with nicknames for the 3 single watermarks, so far he has "the pushup", "praise the lord" and "the other one"!

Members might like to think of their own name for the third watermark.



News from Paul Brownlie

Australia Post has released two new PNCs for Christmas. The coins and stamps appear to be the same on both but the postmarks are different.



Yours in Philately

Paul

PORTRAIT STAMPS OF THE LAST AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN EMPEROR & KING:

KARL I (1916-1918) (Stamps from 1916 to 1919)



Known in Austria as Emperor Karl (Charles) 1, in Hungary as King Charles IV, in Bohemia as King Charles III. His wife was, Zita, Empress and Queen.

A brief historical background:

When the Emperor Franz Josef died on 21st November, 1916 he was succeeded by Karl, his heir presumptive, after Karl's uncle, the Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria, had been assassinated on 28th June, 1914 which led to the outbreak of World War I.

Karl was handsome, and his wife Zita, beautiful. Married in 1911, they had eight children in ten years. Karl realized in 1916 that the Austro-Hungarian Empire was heading for defeat in World War I and he tried in 1917 and early 1918, unsuccessfully, to extract Austria-Hungary from the conflict but was prevented by Germany from making a separate peace. Subsequently, an exhausted Austria-Hungary collapsed in October, 1918 as did Germany. Karl refused to abdicate and was deposed in Vienna and forced into exile. He tried twice in 1921, without success, to retake the Hungarian throne failing both times due to a lack of military support. He died on the island of Madeira in 1922. So ended the rule of the Habsburg Dynasty since 1276. His descendants live in Austria today, with their titles, but, without political power.

Although, only on the throne for two years, there exists a **very complex** range of stamps featuring his portrait on normal postal issues and military issues with many 'overprints' on both.

There is **no catalogue** for these stamps, so I have brought together these issues from the various *dispersed separate entries* in Stanley Gibbons and from the Internet and Ebay. It was a daunting challenge to 'track-down' them down. It is quite possible other stamps of Karl exist not listed below. Every now-and-then I find one or more stamps on Ebay NOT listed. Some of these were probably local issues in various parts of Eastern Europe as much of this region was in total turmoil following the Austro-Hungarian collapse in 1918, the Communist revolution in Russia in 1917 and the spread of revolution throughout much of Central & Eastern Europe. Such is the fun in collecting!

Grey Loyer, Hon. Secretary Maryborough Stamp Club (Vic). (Founded 14.7.1971)

<i>A description of portrait stamps only: Issues as follows</i>		No. of stamps
Hungarian Kingdom		
1	1916 Coronation stamps of Karl IV, and Zita	2
2	1918 Hungarian Kingdom (4 of Karl & 2 of Queen Zita)	6
3	1918 stamps of No.2 overprinted KOZTARSASAG	6
4	1919 Szeged Region: stamps of No.2 o'ptd MAGYAR NEMZETI KORMANY Szeged 1919	4
5	1919 Szeged Region: 1918 No. 2 overprinted KOZTARSASAG MAGYAR NEMZETI KORMANY	5
Austrian Empire		
6	1917 Emperor Karl I	4
7	1917-9 25 Heller stamp of No. 6 o'ptd PORTO (at least one stamp seen, possibly others?)	1
8	1917-9 15, 20 & 30 Heller stamps of No. 6 o'ptd T (Tax)	3
9	1918-9 stamps of No. 6 o'ptd Republik Deutsch-Oesterreich (Issued in Styria region)	4
10	1917 Austro-Hungarian Military Post, inscribed KuK Feldpost (Heller & Krone currency)	20
11	1918 Austrian Empire 1917 stamps of No. 6 overprinted DEUTSCHOSTERREICH	4
12	1918 Austro-Hungarian Military, as No. 11 but inscribed KuK Feldpost	3
Bosnia (a province of the Austrian Empire)		
13	1917 inscribed 'Bosnien-Hercegovina' and KuK Feldpost (Heller & Krone currency)	18
14	1918 Bosnia: Emperor's Welfare Fund (2 x Karl, and 1 x Zita)	3
Czechoslovakia (Bohemia, Moravia, Slovakia, all provinces of the Austrian Empire)		
15	1918 stamps of No. 6 o'ptd CESKO SLOVENSKY STAT & Lion (Hluboka Prov'ls – unofficial issues)	4
16	1919 stamps of No. 6 o'ptd POSTA CESHOSLOVENKA 1919	4
17	1919 stamps of No. 2 o'ptd POSTA CESHOSLOVENKA 1919	5
18	1919 stamps of No. 2 o'ptd CSR (Cesko Slovenka Republic) (10, 15 & 20 Filler)	3
Dalmatia (a province of the Austrian Empire)		
19	1918 stamps of No. 10 o'ptd DALMATIA (64 on 60, 85 on 80, 2 on 1) (possibly others?)	3
Italy (Friuli & Venetia regions occupied by Austro-Hungarian forces 1918)		
20	1918 Friuli-Venetia: stamps of No. 13 but o'ptd in ' Centesimi & Lira ' (currency)	19
21	1918 stamps of No. 20 o'ptd T (Tax)	8
22	1918 Venezia Giulia : stamps of No. 6 o'ptd REGNO VENEZIA GIULIA 3.XI. 1918	4
Italy (Trentino – part of the Austrian Empire)		
23	1918 stamps of No. 6 overprinted REGNO D'ITALIA TRENTINO 3NOV 1918	4
24	1918-10 stamps of No. 6 overprinted TAXE (Used in Bolzano region)	4
Italy (Dalmatia – part of the Austrian Empire)		
25	1918 60 Heller, 80 Heller & 1 Krone stamps of No. 7 o'ptd DALMATIA & Centesimi (other values?)	3
Poland (Galicia -Southern Poland part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire)		
26	1918 stamps of No. 10 overprinted POLSKA-POCZTA & Eagle	9
27	1918 stamps of No. 6 overprinted POLSKA-POCZTA & Eagle	4
28	1918 stamps of No. 14 overprinted POLSKA-POCZTA & Eagle	3



Poland No.'s 26 & 28, 1919



Slovenia, Croatia, & Serbia No. 36, 1918



Bosnia No. 13, 1917



Bosnia No. 14, 1918



Czechoslovakia No. 16, 1919



Rumanian OCCUPATION No. 40, 1919



Hungary No. 2, 1918



Hungary No. 3, 1918



Slovenia, Croatia & Serbia No. 35, 1918



Romanian Occupation Kolomyia No. 43, 1919



French Occupation No. 37, 1919



Hungarian National Government No. 5, 1919



Romania No. 29, 1917



Romania No. 30, 1918



Serbian Occupation No. 44, 1919



Dalmatia No. 19, 1918

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Stanley Gibbons cease production on accessories.



It appears that Stanley Gibbons are no longer producing their excellent colour charts or their Instanta transparent perforation gauge. For many of us, this came to light when the prices for the colour sets reached well over a hundred dollars at auction, three to four times the normal retail price.

For those of us who collect shades of colour, this can only be seen as a disaster, particularly as most of us in Australia use Gibbons catalogues and without these, the difference between brown-purple and purple-brown will be meaningless.

The Instanta gauge was by far the best for sorting a 12½ perf from a 12¼. Cheaper gauges just don't allow you to do that.

The lesson here is clear. If you get the chance to buy either of these, snap them up as the chance may not come again.





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