

The PhilateliKid

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Stockholmia Part 2

Last month's PhilateliKid gave a few highlights of the May 2019 Royal Philatelic Society London (RPSL) event in Stockholm, Sweden which commemorated the 150th anniversary of the RPSL. The event was able to get a Post Office from Sweden to sell retail Swedish stamps, and some beautiful Swedish souvenir sheets (s/s). Many stamp shows endeavor to get the country to issue a commemorative stamp or s/s, but this is not very common nowadays. In the United States, the United States Postal Service (USPS) has not issued a stamp specifically identifying a stamp show (on the stamp itself) since 1956, but souvenir sheets containing information in the selvedge have been issued. Special cancellations used during stamp shows also



have been used. Above is a postally used Swedish s/s that has several special details: First, it has three full color stamps commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing. Second, in gold lettering in the upper right-hand corner is "Stockholmia 2019." Third, it is die cut. All those small white rectangles along the top and bottom are actually die cuts, giving the appearance of a strip of photographic film. Fourth, the two cancels that are used are special cancels featuring the royal

crown and seal, along with the words “Postnord Stockholm” and “2019-06-02” which is the European method of dating June 2, 2019, Along with the word “Stockholmia” at the bottom. Fifth, the background is the famous photo of the earth rising, taken from the moon. This was an envelope to which I personally affixed this s/s, making sure that the combined postage would be sufficient to mail this to the United States. Note that the USPS bar coding at the bottom is nicely just below the s/s.

Postnord is the name for the organization that is the post office in Sweden. Postnord also handles the stamps of Denmark.

At Stockholmia, Postnord not only had a sales window with an extensive inventory of recent stamps of Sweden, but there also was a separate window next to it that sold stamps of Denmark. So, I bought current stamps of Sweden and of Denmark at Stockholmia, and in addition to the above envelope mailed to myself with the Swedish s/s, I also addressed a postcard to myself, using stamps of Denmark, and mailed that to myself – right there in Sweden!! What? Using a stamp from Denmark as legal postage for an item being mailed in Sweden? Yes, that is right. To make it easy, Postnord had two identical mailboxes at Stockholmia – one painted red and one painted yellow – to mail items using Swedish stamps (red mailbox) or Danish stamps (yellow mailbox.)

As this edition of the *Philatelikid* was started to be written, I was back home in Maui, Hawaii, heading for the APS/ATA Stampshow in Omaha, Nebraska, held from Thursday August 1st through Sunday August 4th. Then, also in Omaha, but at a different location about 10 miles away, The annual Precancel/Perfins Convention was held from Monday August 5th through Saturday August 10th.

The APS now has only one annual Stamp Show, which will be held in 2020 in Hartford, CT, then in 2021 in Rosemont, IL (a suburb of Chicago), then in 2022 in Sacramento, CA. Because (I have been told) hotels are cheaper in late August than in July, these next shows are going to all be held in late August each year, meaning that anybody who is teaching in school (like myself), or has children in school in late August and therefore cannot travel to a convention will not be able to attend. I think that the way things now stand, this probably will be my last APS Stamp Show I'll

attend. 😞 It appears that it also will be my last Precancel/Perfin Convention, which also appears to be scheduled to be held in the next few years in late August.

Next month: My final APS Stampshow – Omaha, Nebraska, 2019

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