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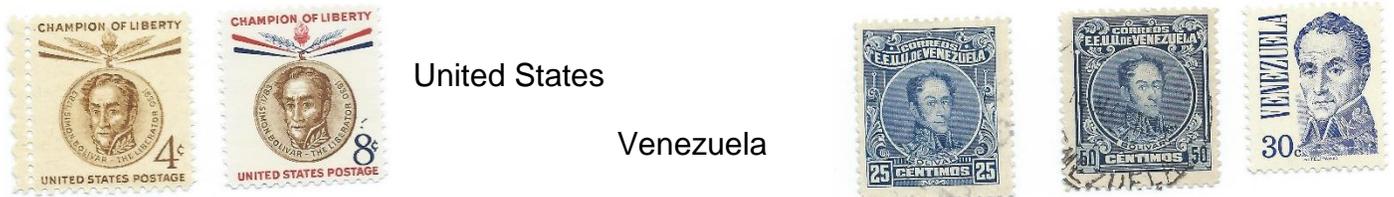
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Stamp Collecting – The Most Educational Hobby

In today's world of hyperbole, we often hear boasts that something is the best. Most of us are very reluctant, therefore, to claim that something is the best, the cheapest, the hardest or softest, or the "most" anything.

Claims that stamp collecting is the most educational hobby seem to us stamp collectors to be self-evident because we KNOW things we otherwise would not know except for the fact that it appears on a stamp somewhere. For example, the U.S. issued two stamps in 1958 honoring Simon Bolivar, Scott 1110 and 1111. When these stamps were issued I knew he had to be somebody of importance, but I actually knew that prior to 1958 because I had some lovely stamps from Venezuela, Colombia and Peru that prominently featured him.



As a youth, having never been to any National Park, I could name at least 10 National Parks. Why? They had appeared on some very colorful U.S. stamps, Scott 740-749. Such was the impact of stamp collecting that for many years I believed that there were only 10 National Parks.

But more than anything, stamp collecting proves the knowledge of currencies and alphabets.

We all know what this symbol is ¢ “Cent” and also its plural “Cents” – right?



US Scott 989 Statue of “Freedom” atop the US Capitol Building

See the little ¢ sign to the right of the numeral “3.”

Yet, we stamp collectors know that the ¢ can also stand for something else.



This ¢ stands for “centavos.”

The symbol \$ stands



for “dollar” – right?

This \$ stands for “peso.”



This \$ actually is an “S” with two vertical lines.



More next month.

Additional new domain names: yummystampcollecting.org, yummystampcollecting.com, and stampcollectingforkids.com. Each of those redirects you to our main website at stampcollectingclubsforkids.org.

If you have something relating to stamp collecting that you think might be appropriate for this newsletter, please feel free to send it to Robert W. Martin at the address listed below.

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