

Results of Auxiliary Markings Club 2023 Questionnaire (17 responses)

September 6, 2023 – John Hotchner

1. Do you find *Auxiliary Markings* useful in your collecting pursuits?

Yes: 13* No: 1, “but it is fun”

-Sometimes: 1

-Somewhat: 1

-Occasionally: 1

* One comment: “It shows markings that I should look for.”

2. What content do you find most useful?

-New markings, explanations, worldwide interest

-Articles dealing with unusual Aux. Markings

-USA markings

-Educational

-Knowledge of different types of and reasons for markings

-Varies

-Nothing I can think of

-Most of the articles by Tony W.

-US material; less interested in foreign

-learning about unusual markings

-Overviews of different classes of marking, short items

-Nothing in particular

-Past practices and old Postal Laws and Regulations info.

-Content tied to human interest aspects.

-I’m a newbie. In general, my main interest is Ithaca, NY

3. What is not covered that you would like to see covered?

-Publish articles on some small aspect of Aux. markings that eventually could be part of a catalog

-Interviews

-Discussion of rarity/relative value

-More human interest

-Post office “deceased markings and relevant PL&Rs showing how the practices changed

4. Have you ideas for articles that you might contribute?

-Will do one when I find something new

-I have sent a few items to Tony over the years

-Maybe something specific to Ithaca,

-Yes, when I see interesting markings (esp. tied to human interest). I will submit articles.

5. Should the first priority of the AMC be the catalog?

-Yes – 12

-No – 1

-No, 1st priority should be expanding the quarterly journal

-No, (1), newsletter, (2), building membership

-How many priorities are there? Do you have a rough idea of what topics should be in and which should be out? – Merle Farrington

-While not clearly stated that this effort would be for a USA catalog, my suggestion is to invite Club members and those we could reach out to with expertise in foreign material, such as experts listed by

the AIEP (International Association of Philatelic Experts), to help create the same reference work for other countries. Let us not forget that we are a member of a global philatelic community. – Alex Shauss

6. Can you help with creation of the Catalog?

- Yes – Doug Quine
- Yes – Can contribute small parts of some chapters once an outline has been established. If we receive enough of these, the stupendous task of compiling a catalog might be easier. - Ralph Nafziger
- No – insufficient knowledge
- Yes, but not lead – Stefan Jaronski
- Yes, can contribute to organizing the effort, and to sections (once I'm out of office)– John Hotchner
- Depends on what the content is and how it is displayed. – Merle Farrington
- Because many items may well have mappings to multiple categories, I believe the catalog should be digital only using links with maybe even a 3- or 4-dimensional indexing scheme. A hard copy catalog would sure be labor intensive to use for serious research. – Dale Eggen
- My expertise for several decades is in Indonesia-related philately - Alex Schauss

7. Would you like to see the Club have periodic Members-only auctions?

- Yes – 11 (see specific comments below) -No – 1
- Yes, but it may be difficult to find someone to run the auction
- Yes. If club would benefit monetarily
- Yes, but the \$20 reserve suggested is too high to encourage consignments. The limit should be low enough to draw multiple bids and mixed lots should be allowed with associated multiple items per lot.
- Yes, but only if it does not eat up space in the newsletter.

8. Can you volunteer?

- to sponsor Show and Tell sessions – Ralph Nafziger
- to sponsor Show and Tell sessions – at Westpex? – Dale Eggen
- to sponsor Show and Tell sessions –Maybe – Stefan Jaronski
- Unsure
- Not at this time - in my waning years I'm slowing down (several similar)
- Running an auction, yes, but not running it. - Stefan Jaronski
- Running an auction, yes, to help only – Ralph Nafziger

9. Additional comments

- Encourage more presentations at WSP shows at which the AMC is a convening society. It would be nice to re-establish a dinner at these shows. This died a couple of years ago owing to lack of interest. Perhaps that has changed.
- Is there a need to accept classified ads from the members? As I am over 80, I would like to sell my 4-volume collection sometime in the next 5 years.
- Shouldn't our By-Laws track with APS or ATA or some similar organization?
- the main thing to understand is that auxiliary markings are only my 20th or so philatelic interest, and I do not have a collection of them. I just find the journal entertaining so I have kept up my membership for a few years.
- Good to see revitalization effort underway. Hang in there, guys!