

# Digital Philately - An Introduction

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# Agenda

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# What is Digital Philately

- Digital Philately is the virtual experience of philately, including but not limited to, online discussion, exhibiting, live streaming conversations, presentations, videos, and extreme philately.
- Why does this matter?
- Digital Philately is the domain of many younger and non-traditional collectors. By understanding the tools of Digital Philately **traditional** and **non-traditional** philatelists can learn and grow together.

# Easy to Access – YouTube

- YouTube is a free video sharing website that makes it easy to watch online videos.
- Address: <https://www.youtube.com/>
- Why YouTube?
  - It is the easiest way to engage in digital philately
  - It is a chance to see how many young philatelists are engaging in the hobby

# How to Use YouTube

1. Type a search term in the search box

2. Click on the magnifying glass

3. Click the link of the video you want to watch

The image displays a sequence of three screenshots from a web browser, illustrating the steps to find a video on YouTube. The first screenshot shows the YouTube homepage with the search bar containing the text "philately". The second screenshot shows the search results page for "philately", with a video titled "Epic Mail Day: #philately 2" highlighted. The third screenshot shows the video player for "Epic Mail Day: #philately 2".

# YouTube Recommendations

- **Exploring Stamps** – short, creative and engaging videos about stamps
- **StampCat Stamps** – fun philatelic videos by a newcomer to the hobby
- **Mallard Stamps** – videos by a new collector on his journey to learn more about the hobby
- **Conversations with Philatelists** – weekly interviews with collectors, philatelic writers, and/or dealers
- **Ted Talks Stamps** – short informative videos on a wide array of topics
- See a YouTuber that you like – create a YouTube account and set up subscription for notification of new videos

# Online Resources – Major Societies

- There are many philatelic resources available online.
- American Philatelic Society (APS) <https://stamps.org/>
- American Topical Association (ATA) <https://americantopical.org/>
- Both websites feature free content for non-members
- Collectors Club of New York – <https://www.collectorsclub.org/>  
- weekly online presentations

# Online Resources – Specialized Interests

- **Exporta Cover Network -**  
<https://stampauctionnetwork.com/exportatop.cfm>
- Site includes pictures of all stamps, cover inventory, and rate tables

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the 'Exporta Cover Network' website. The page title is 'Exporta Stamps and Postal History'. The website header includes the 'StampAuction NETWORK' logo, a login form with fields for 'user name' and 'Password', and a 'Login' button. A message below the login form reads 'Please Login. You are NOT Logged in.' There is also a 'Select Language' dropdown menu. A navigation menu at the top contains links for 'Mobile', 'Links', 'Membership', 'Calendars', 'Closing', 'by Name', 'Unattended Live', 'Help', 'More', 'Newsletter', 'Auction Firms', and 'Nov-13-21 07:50'. The main content area features a large heading 'Exporta Stamps and Postal History' and a paragraph of introductory text. To the right of the text is an image of a 'MEXICO EXPORTA' stamp with a value of '\$250' and 'AEREO'. Below the main text are two columns of bullet points: 'Overview of the Exporta Stamps' and 'Overview of the Postal History'. The 'Overview of the Exporta Stamps' section lists: 'Issued from 1975-1993', '30 Designs (regular, airmail, special delivery / entrega, insured / seguros)', '14 Papers (Series 1a-14a) Phosphorescence and Fluorescence (Yellow, White, Dull White, Reddish)', 'Inverts', 'Perf differences 11-14', and 'Design size differences 36mm - 37.5mm'. The 'Overview of the Postal History' section lists: '20+ different Tariffs (Postal Rates) T29-48 (+49,50 when the exportas were still being used generally)', 'Airmail, Surface, Registered, Registered with Restricted Delivery, AR, Special Delivery, Printed Matter, Postage Due, City, Border, Domestic uses.', '14 papers become 6 papers on cover: 124 yellow, 3 white, 56 dull white, 78 bright white, 9 fibers, 10-14 reddish', and 'Foreign destination rates are determined by zones, Domestic, North and Central America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia and the Pacific'.



# Online Resources – Specialized Interests

- **Great Britain Machins**
- <https://adminware.ca/machin.htm>
- Site features information about every Machin denomination, a Machin collecting guide, and free and for fee Machin stamp albums

GREAT BRITAIN  
**MACHINS** by The 'Machin Nut'  
(page updated: September 14, 2021)

Are you a "Machin Nut" like I am? Then enjoy the over 2,600 varieties identified here for collectors of the Great Britain Machins...

Find:  
--Pre-decimal--  
--Decimal--  
--Non-Value Indicated--  
--Penny Black Anniversary--  
--Large size--  
--Service Inscribed--

Click here for new values issued in:  
2000 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005  
2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010  
2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015  
2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020  
2021  
(NO new values in 2001)  
**Machin 40th Anniversary issues**

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GREAT BRITAIN  
**MACHINS** by The 'Machin Nut'

3p ultramarine  
(page updated: Dec 28/02)  
1st seen: Feb 15/71  
Photogravure

Also exists:  
▶ Isle of Man  
▶ Northern Ireland  
▶ Scotland  
▶ Wales  
▶ 3p rose red

Paper	Other identification	Issue date	Source	Booklet singles	Gum
<b>2-band (8.6mm) phosphor</b>					
OCF		Feb 15/71	Sheets		PVA
OCF	screened value	Feb 15/71	Sheets		PVA
OCF		Feb 15/71	Coil, vert		PVA
OCF		Feb 15/71	Coil, horiz		PVA
OCF		Feb 73	horiz		GA
OCF		Feb 15/71	Booklet	• cut top [DP6, DP9, DP10] • cut top and right [DP6, DP10] • cut bottom [DP6, DP9, DP10] • cut bottom and right [DP6, DP10]	PVA
FCP		Sep 17/71	Sheets		PVA
FCP		Oct 72			GA
FCP	screened value	Sep 17/71	Sheets		PVA
FCP		Sep 17/71	Booklet	• cut top [DP6A, DP9A, DP10A] • cut top and right [DP6A, DP10A] • cut bottom [DP6A, DP9A, DP10A] • cut bottom and right [DP6A, DP10A]	PVA
FCP	screened value	May 8/73	Booklet	• cut top [DP6A] • cut top and right [DP6A] • cut bottom [DP6A]	PVA
FCP		Feb 73	Coil, horiz		GA

# Online Resources – Specialized Interests

- Great Britain Philatelic Society
- <https://www.gbps.org.uk/>
- The website for collectors of Great Britain, features free access to extensive rate tables

**Distance Rates to 1840**

- Background Info
- Within-country mails
- Cross-border mails
- Other mails

**Uniform Rates from 1840**

- Letters and Packets
- Parcels
- Other Classes of Mail
- Secure Handling
- Express Services
- Priority Services
- Miscellaneous Rates

**Overseas Rates**

- Postal Rates Overview

Main menu

**Login**

Username:

Password:

Remember Me?

[Log in](#)

**Letter Rates 1968-2006**

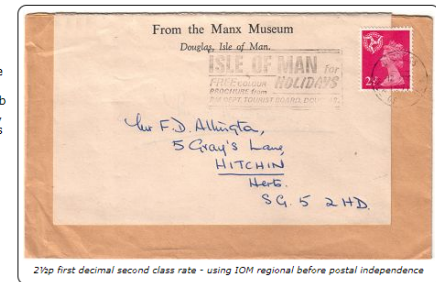
A system of "First Class" and "Second Class" mail replaced the old system of letters and printed papers on 16th September 1968. The aim is to deliver First Class post on the next working day after posting in most parts of the country, and there is no weight limit. Second Class post is cheaper, has a weight limit (1½lb before metrication in 1975, 750g afterwards), and may be held back while First Class mail is processed. The delivery target was originally the second working day after posting, but from 5th January 1976 arrangements were made to deliver many by the third working day, reducing considerably the amount of expensive weekend and night-time sorting work required.

On 7th April 2005 Royal Mail moved to a system in which Franking and Account customers received a discount compared to customers who used stamps or SmartStamps to pay the postage. This was done in two stages – in 2005 only first class mail had differentiated rates, in 2006 second class mail was added too. These were the only two sets of rates to which this applied before [Pricing in Proportion](#) was introduced on 21st August 2006 to complicate the rate tables still further. Purely for the sake of labelling in this document, these have been referred to as "uniform" and "differentiated" rates.

The rate progressions in the modern period do not generally follow any consistent pattern, and so there is little option but to provide complete lookup tables for the rates.

**Uniform 1st/2nd Class Rates**

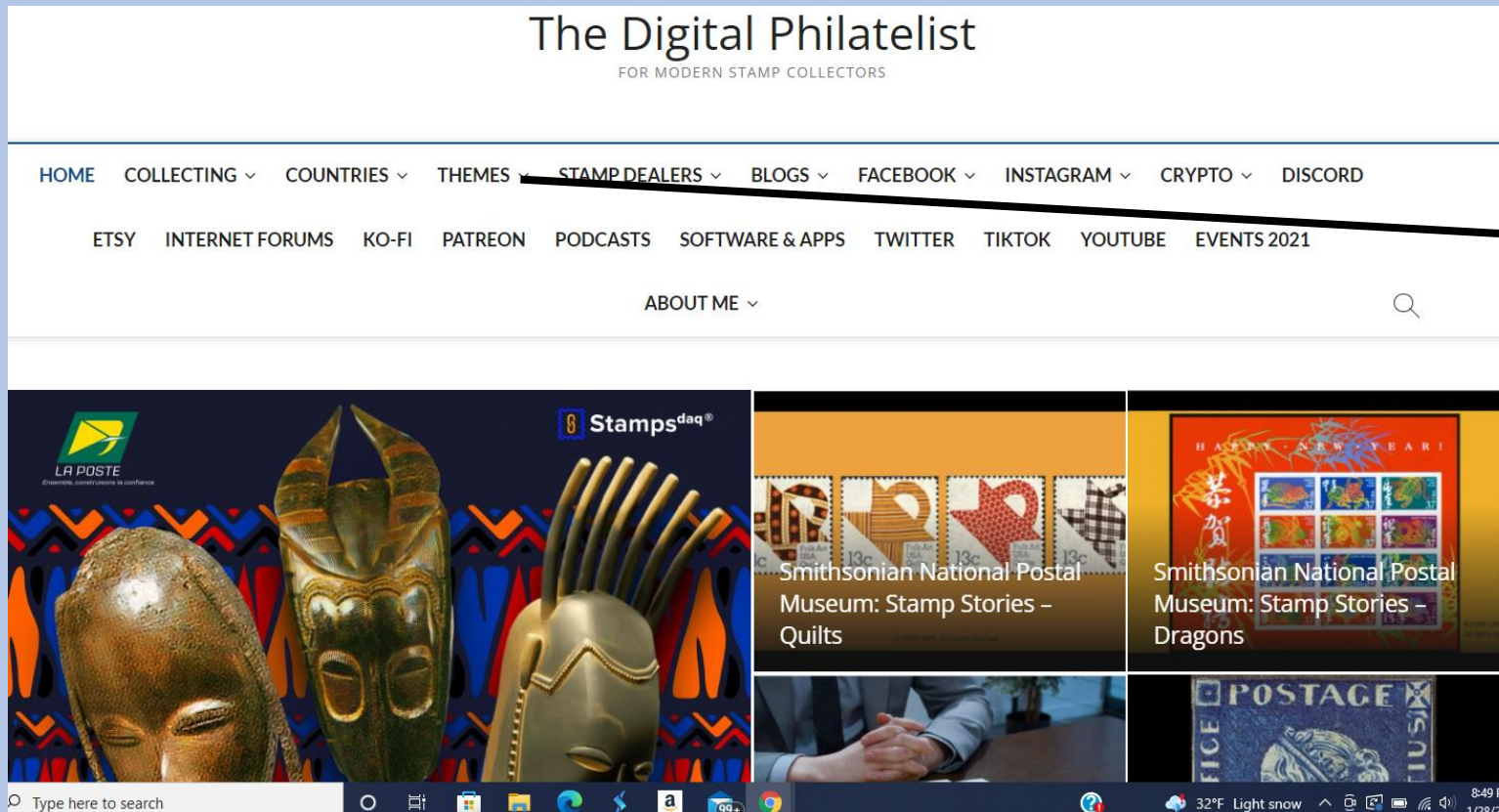
Date	First Class	Second Class	Date	First Class	Second Class
<b>1968 (16 Sep)</b>	5d - 4oz	4d - 4oz	<b>1971 (15 Feb)</b>	3p - 4oz	2½p - 4oz
	9d - 6oz	6d - 6oz		5p - 6oz	4½p - 6oz
	1s - 8oz	8d - 8oz		7p - 8oz	5½p - 8oz
	1s 3d - 10oz	10d - 10oz		9p - 10oz	6½p - 10oz
	1s 6d - 12oz	1s - 12oz		11p - 12oz	7½p - 12oz
	1s 9d - 14oz	1s 2d - 14oz		13p - 14oz	8½p - 14oz
	2s - 1lb	1s 4d - 1lb		15p - 1lb	9½p - 1lb
	2s 3d - 1lb 2oz	1s 6d - 1lb 2oz		20p - 1lb 8oz	10½p - 1lb 8oz (max)



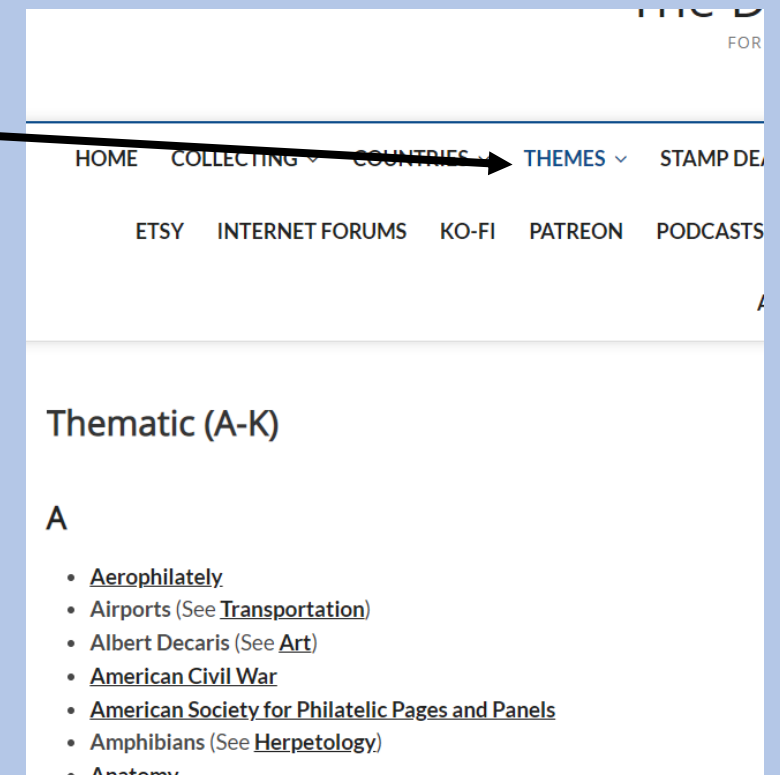
# Online Resources – Digital Philatelist

An Extensive and organized listing of philately on the web – a good place to start looking

<https://thedigitalphilatelist.com/>



Example of clicking on “Themes”



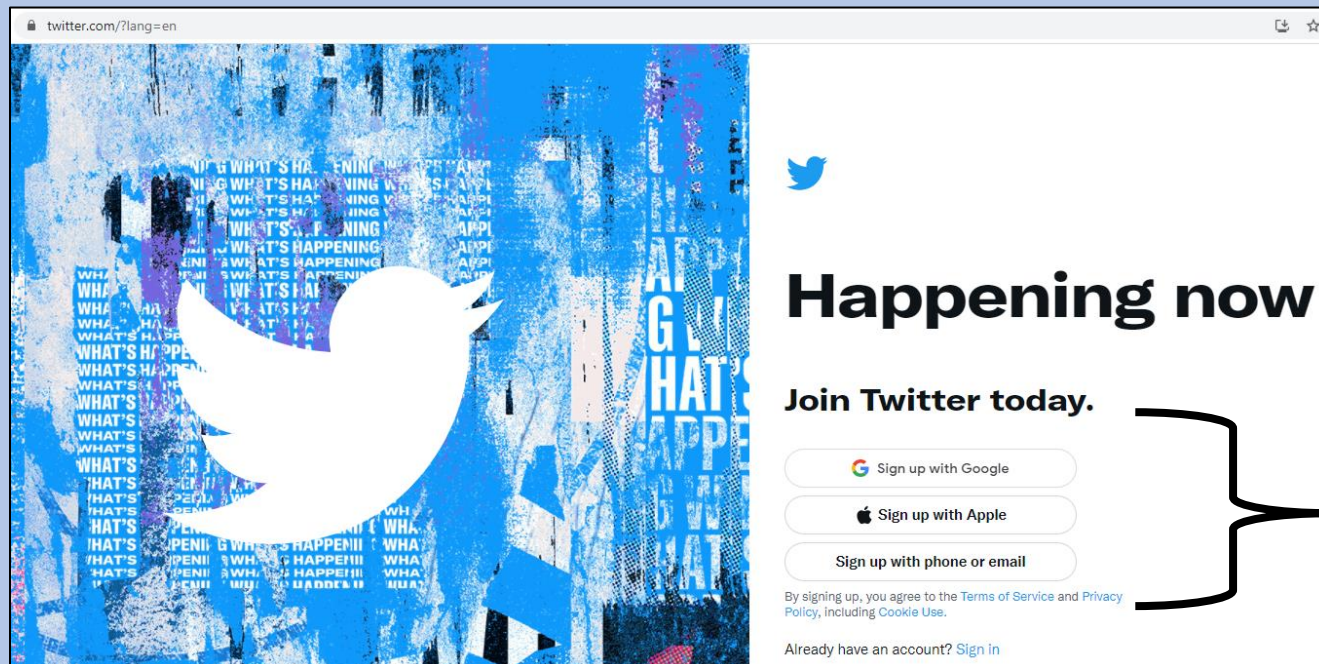


# Twitter

- Twitter is a microblogging and social networking service on which users post and interact with messages known as "tweets". Registered users can post, like, and retweet tweets, but unregistered users can only read those that are publicly available
- Each Tweet is limited to 280 characters
- Pictures can be added from your phone
- You can search for content
- You will get a daily feed of anyone you follow – just scroll through

# Twitter – Create an Account

- To create account:
- Twitter website <https://twitter.com/?lang=en>
- Or App Store on your smart phone and type in Twitter



Helpful hint – ask your children or grandchildren to help you set up account

1. You need an email account
2. Pick your type of smart phone

# Twitter – What Does An Account Look Like?

Username

Your Handle – this is your Twitter address – for Springfield Stamp Club it is @SSC\_VA



You can add a photo that will appear next to each of your Tweets

Pinned Tweet – always stays at top of your account until you unpin it

# Twitter – An Example of Philatelic Exchange

- **Philatelovely. John Simper.**
- @Philatelovely
- Country of the Day and A to Z Challenges result in simple online stamp exhibits created by collectors from around the world
- This makes stamps of minimal value far more interesting as you search through your random worldwide stamps for ones that meet the challenge!

# Philatelovely - Country of the Day

 **Philatelovely. John Simper.**  
@Philatelovely

God morgen mine filatelistiske venner. Today's Stamp of the Day is this Inland rate stamp from Norway. Issued in 2021 as part of the City Anniversaries set. Please share your stamps from 🇳🇴 and have a lovely Sunday. #stampcollecting #philately #stamps



 **Jacquiline Singh** @JacquilineS1975 · 4h  
Replying to @Philatelovely  
International year of the child, 1979  
#stamps #philately #Norway



  3  13 

John is in England  
Jacquiline is in India



# Philatelovely - A to Z Challenges



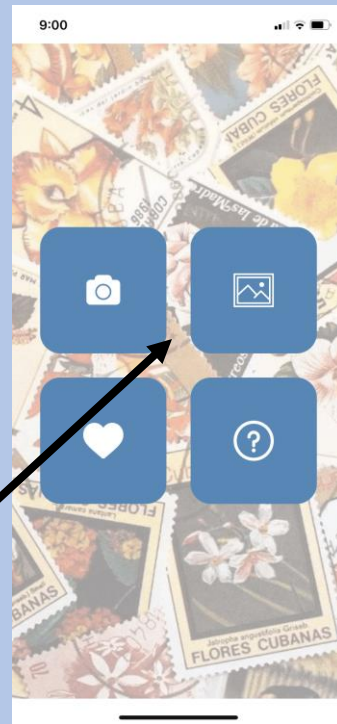
- The letters (A to Z) may be used to highlight a stamp or set of stamps from a country beginning with that letter, or to a stamp featuring the theme that begins with the letter.

# Smartphone App – Stamp Identifier

1. Go to App Store on your smartphone and search for, “Stamp Identifier,” and click open – icon will appear on your phone



2. Click Stamp Identifier icon
3. From home page you can take a picture of a stamp or use pictures from your phone



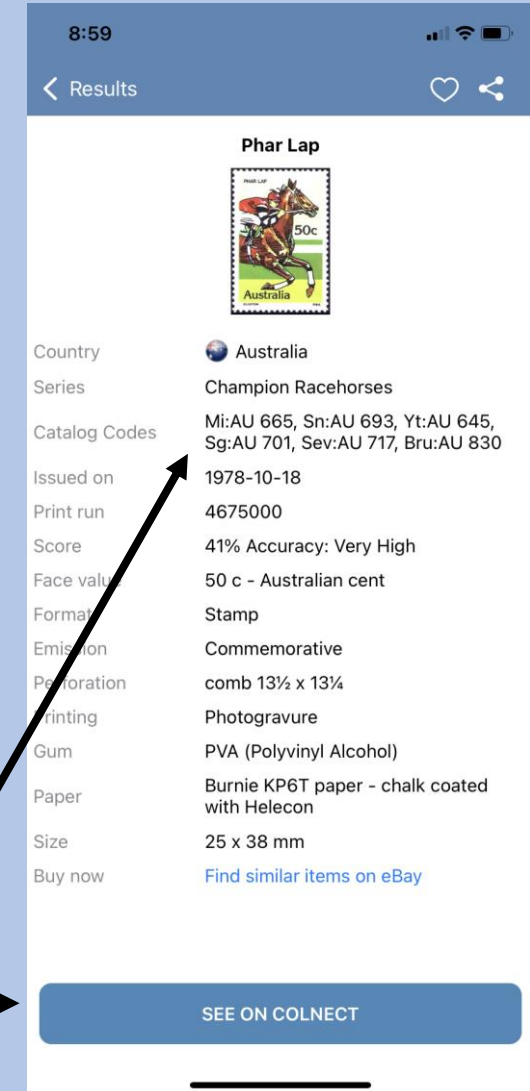
4. Size picture and click search



5. Click matching picture



6. Catalog numbers and/or Collect

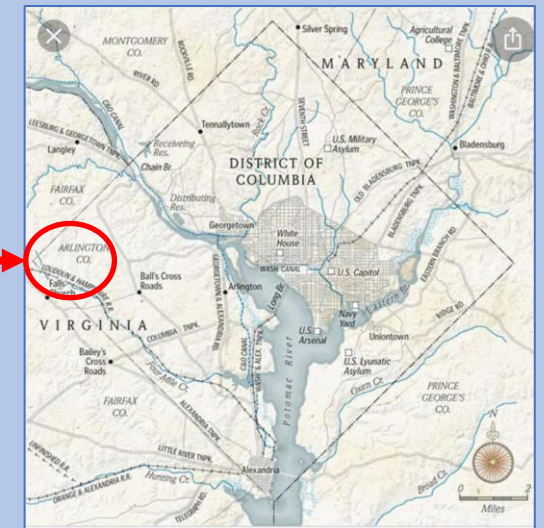


Works well with mint and lightly cancelled stamps

# Extreme Philately

- Extreme philately is taking stamps out into the real world and taking pictures of them with related imagery, topics, location
- “Extreme Philately,” was coined by Graham Beck – Exploring Stamps Youtuber

# Example of Extreme Philately – Benjamin Banneker Commemorative



# Conclusion

- Bringing Traditional and Digital Philately Together

Who is Peter?  
Australian living in Japan;  
Had cover story for February  
2021 American Philatelist

Pat gave  
Kevin a  
duplicate

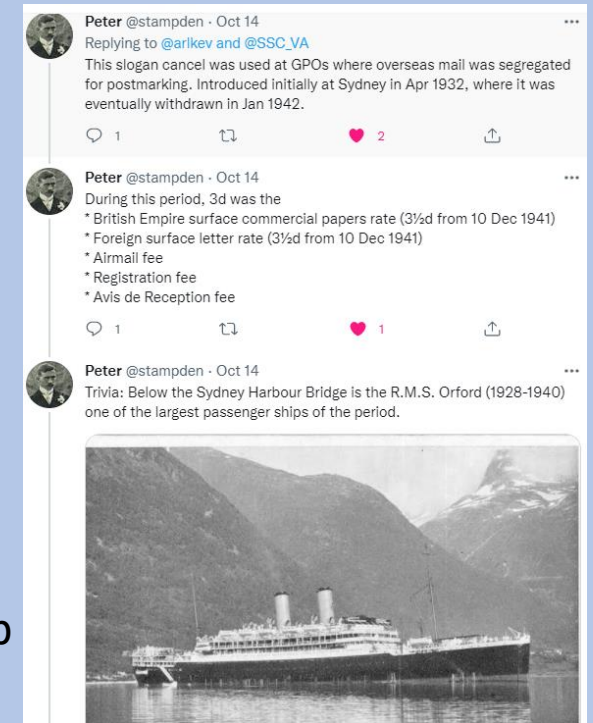


Kevin Tweets  
about stamp  
and slogan  
cancel



Kevin shows Tweet to  
Pat & David at NAPEX

Peter @Stampden  
responds with info about  
cancel, rates, and the ship  
under the bridge



Traditional

Non-Traditional

# Conclusion

- Use Digital Philately to engage with new and younger philatelists
- Enable learning and sharing between traditional and digital philatelists
- Leverage the benefits of both traditional and digital philately to grow the hobby!
- Challenge to SSCVA – we are in the National Capital region so let's create an extreme philately gallery