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Want to organize a Stamp show?

**No volunteer(s) means NO show, speak to
a CCSC Board member if interested**

NO NOLAPEX in January 2020?

Show and Share Meeting

ALL attendees are to bring

something to show and tell.

**Can be stamp(s), collection, album,
research article, book, cover, Maxi
card, philatelic tool, journal,
...anything of your interest.**

August 13th 7 pm sharing items

Red Mercury



Country of	Austria
production	
Date of production	1856
Nature of rarity	Few exist
<u>No.</u> in existence	unknown
Face value	6kr - 30 centesimi
Estimated value	US \$40,000

Red Mercury (newspaper stamp)

History

Austria's newspaper stamps first appeared in 1851. They depicted a profile of Mercury, the Roman messenger god, and were not denominated, the color of the stamp indicating the value. Blue indicated the 6/10 kreuzer rate for one newspaper, yellow for ten newspapers (6 kr), and rose for 50 newspapers (30 kr). The higher denominations franked wrappers of bundles of newspapers and were frequently discarded.^[2]

In 1856 a red, or scarlet, stamp with the Mercury design, sold for six kreuzer - 30 centesimi to frank a bundle of 10 newspapers, was issued. However, it was soon superseded by a new design depicting Franz Joseph which came out in 1858, and only a few copies have survived.^[2]

Valuations

An unused copy, without gum and short at the left side, was auctioned for 23,000 DM by Grobe & Lange in 1996.^[3] Recent auctions have valued it at about US\$40,000. The 2005 Yvert catalog values it at €60,000 (75,000 if used).

On 7 February 2008 an unused copy was auctioned in Vienna for 26,000 Euros.^[4]

An unused Red Mercury with original gum was auctioned for a hammer price of €40,000 plus commission, by Auktionshaus Felzmann (Düsseldorf) on 5 November 2015.^[5]

References

Piece submitted from Dr. John Barrett

Research on determining fake or real.

Dr. Barrett is the APS APEX examiner for Switzerland.

Retrieved from "[https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Red_Mercury_\(newspaper_stamp\)&oldid=887763911](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Red_Mercury_(newspaper_stamp)&oldid=887763911)

References available at web address.



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CCSC Stamp Shows & Meetings for 2019

Public and Members are welcome to all the meetings at the East-bank Jefferson Public Library –4747 W Napoleon Ave, Metairie, LA 6:30 pm swap; program 7 pm

August 13, 2019 Show and Share—ALL Members

September 10, 2019 Olympic Philately (Jim Creely)

September 20-22, 2019 Greater Houston Stamp Show, Humble, Texas

October 8, 2019 Do & Don't of Stamp Collecting (Jack Reinhard) &

ELECTION

November 12, 2019 Swap Night

December 10, 2019 Skip Hensel program

January 2020 Duck Stamps (Jessie Rosenfeld)

Members are welcome to all Board meetings – 4th Tuesdays of the month at the new Deutsch Haus 7 pm