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The Viking Bulletin

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Events

March 14, 7pm
Chapter 14 meeting
Danish American Center
3030 West River Pkwy S
Minneapolis, MN 55406

March 10, 10am-4pm
Second Sunday Show
Maplewood Comm. Ctr.

April 11, 7pm
Chapter 14 meeting
Danish American Center

April 14, 10am-4pm
Second Sunday Show
Maplewood Comm. Ctr.

May 9, 7pm
Chapter 14 meeting
Spring Auction
Danish American Center

June 9, 10am-4pm
Second Sunday Show
Maplewood Comm. Ctr.

June 13, 7pm
Chapter 14 meeting
Danish American Center

July 19-21
Minnesota Stamp Expo
Crystal Community Center

November 22-24
Chicagopex
Itasca, IL

Chapter 14 Membership dues:
\$25/year for sponsorship
\$10/year for regular

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Internet Auctions



Chapter 14 is home to three internet stamp dealers. Pictured above are a Finland 20 penni blue, type 4 with a shovel tooth on lower left and a private overprint on a 12 öre Swedish ring type. Both unique items are featured on Garrett Sainio's ebay web store "superiorstamps". The 1949 Iceland issues are from Viggo Warmboe's Hipstamp store "Viggo" which lists many similar items at huge discounts from catalog value.

The **March 14, 7pm**, monthly meeting at **Danish American Center** will focus on internet stamp dealing and presented by Garrett and Viggo along with Jay Sandeen.

Upcoming Programs

April 11 - Five Minutes. Members are asked to share an item from their collection.

May 9 - Spring Auction

Changes at DAC

Enforcement of Minneapolis ordinances will prevent the serving of alcohol at Danish American Center without a liquor catering license. The previously scheduled MSE Collectors Reception on July 19 has been cancelled. Additionally, our monthly meeting rental period is now 6:30-8:30pm.

Members are invited to arrive for beer and burgers beginning between 5-5:30pm at neighboring Longfellow Grill and migrate to DAC at 6:30pm. The program will begin at 7pm as traditional. The meeting will adjourn at 8:30pm.

The following 1986 article about David Anderson's discovery was presented at the February 8 meeting but not available for February Viking Bulletin.

Overprint variation found!

On July 1, 1917, an overprinted stamp was issued with value of 1.98 kroner. It was intended for postage to Russia. The denomination was valid for nearly 2 years. The Philatelic Stamp Store sold these stamps for minimum value as late as the 1960s. Catalog value for an unused stamp is now 25 kroner while cancelled examples from the valid period sell for 100 kroner in very fine condition. Just under 600,000 stamps were printed.

The discovery period is not past, we have seen many examples of the issue. Now a new discovery has been made. **David Anderson**, from Minnesota, USA. Explains that he has found a variation of the overprint. The 8 is hollowed out on the left giving the appearance of a 3. In the picture he points out an example of a cancelled block of four from Olaf Höglund's exhibit at STOCKHOLMIA. One of the stamps showed the variant which we will name "1.93". Unfortunately, the block lacks a clear date cancel.

The example shows how the defective 8 appears. The left part of the loop of the 8's upper middle is hollowed out. It should be the same thickness as on the right. The error does not affect the lower loop.

One asks if this is an occasional variation or if a certain stamp in every pane has the variation "1.93". To answer that question Mr. Andersson, who is a systematic man, traveled to the Postal Museum. Study of several panes showed that the variation returned in position 33, the third stamp from the left in the fourth horizontal row.

The overprint was made with ten clichés which are preserved. There was no difficulty to find the cliché error in the expected position. How the error happened is unclear, it is more characteristic of an even print than screw damage.

Mr. Andersson is tremendously proud of his discovery but wishes to share the credit with Björn Sylvan from the Postal Museum who was helpful to clarify the variation.

Since one stamp out of a hundred has the variation "1.93" there was an exact production of 5951 examples. One could think that such a stamp cancelled during its usage period could cost many hundred kroner. Those who would add points to their Medallion exhibits would naturally look for a letter with the variation or examples with inverted watermarks. Good luck in the hunt!

Mats Ingers, *Skillingtrycket, Nr 3, 1986*

Translated by Steve Lund

