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PRESS RELEASE

US Postal Rates in an amazing assembly of covers

An incredible array of letters both from and to the United States of America, demonstrating the postal rates from 1851 to 1863, was shown at the beginning of April by Don Richardson of New Zealand to the members of The Royal Philatelic Society London.

The display, starting from July 1, 1851, was based on the US Postal Act of March 3, 1851 that introduced new domestic letter rates, and progressed to June 30, 1863, following the postal act of March 1863 that provided amended rates.

Also included were foreign letter rates. Postal arrangements with Bremen existed from 1847, while a US-British Postal Treaty came into being from December 15, 1848. Other postal arrangements and treaties also came into effect during the period covered by the display. These were demonstrated by the superb material on display.

It was noted that many covers bore stamps in excess of the amount needed to pay the required rate: it was explained that often stamps to the correct value were not available.

Brian Trotter, President of The Royal Philatelic Society London, commented that the members had been treated to a fascinating selection of covers.



Brian Trotter, President of The Royal Philatelic Society London, (left) with Don Richardson.

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