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# CCCC Cover Connection

<http://www.covercollectors.org>

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## What's It Worth?

One of the frequent comments by CCCC members is about the cost of postage. Postal rates keep increasing year after year. This can be expensive if you see many circuits.

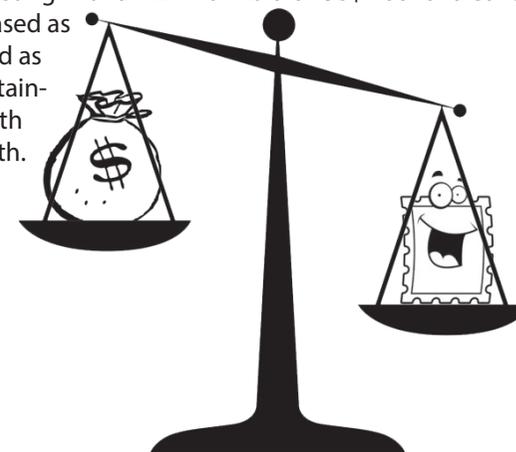
Because every country has different postal rates, our CCCC hobby can be far more expensive in some countries than in others. Currently it costs our US members US\$ 1.15 to send a cover to another country. It's more expensive for Canadian members where it now costs Can\$ 2.50 to send overseas covers. In Australia the rate is now Aus\$ 2.60 to most countries. If the post is cheaper where you live, be thankful.

The other question of value is what we have collected. I know of a member in Norway who like myself has an entire room full of stamps and covers. It would certainly cost much to replace what we have accumulated. But most collectors buy all they can afford.

I receive inquiries locally and from families of deceased CCCC members about the cash value of our collections. The sad truth is that it often is far less than the cost of acquisition. But mostly we collect for enjoyment, not for investment. That is clear when CCCC members request covers with particular stamps or postmarks. Then it is more valuable to them than it would be to another collector. Then there is the value of the stamps themselves. This past week I noticed in a dealer's catalog an auction listing with a minimum bid of US\$ 100 for a cover with a stamp which I have purchased as "junk" from a dealer and used as normal postage. Value is certainly subjective. A stamp is worth what a buyer thinks it is worth.

Thanks for your help,

**Richard Speer MD-9**



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