



## SPANISH PERIOD CORNER

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### Bogus Portuguese Cancels

Many Spanish Philippine collectors have “used” stamps with bogus Portuguese cancels. I am one. Over the years I have accumulated a large collection of such stamps. I know little about them, except what I can see from the stamps in my collection. None have been seen in combination with genuine cancels. There are several types. **FIGURE 1** shows a black, circular, dated cancel on Scott #174 with the word “EXPEDICION” and the date “31 MAY 94”. This cancel, always with this date, commonly occurs on the 1880s issues (especially Scott #137-138), 1889 RECARGO DE CONSUMOS issues, 1890-1898 postal issues and the 1886-1896 newspaper issues. I believe this cancel was applied to these stamps after the Spanish period.



FIGURE 1



FIGURE 2

There are at least two other types. The second type is a circular, dated handstamped cancel (in black) showing the word “CORREIO” (meaning ‘postage’ in portuguese). **FIGURE 2** shows this type on Scott #P1. Of the dozen of stamps with this type in my collection, only one is not black - a single Scott #150 with a blue cancel. A third type (the handstamper was busy) is an oval, dated handstamped cancel, also with the word “CORREIO”. These cancels also occur on the same Spanish Philippine issues as stated above, in black, and also are believed to have been applied after the Spanish period. Numerous dates are known on these last two types. Thus, be watchful when you acquire used Spanish Philippine stamps, not to end up with bogus Portuguese cancels instead. They are quite common.

### George Fink Speaks at Philippine Collectors Meeting at NAPEX 2008

Eleven Philippine collectors met at NAPEX 2008, McLean Hilton, McLean, Virginia on June 8, 2008, to hear **George Fink** present a fact-filled presentation of the postal history of the Japanese Occupation Period of the Philippines. Many of the attendees participated in a highly interesting discussion of Philippine Scout and guerilla operations on Luzon. Filipino members **Pete Sarmiento** and **Mac Sarreal** provided personal recollections of family activities during these times. Other participants included **Don Peterson**, **Bernard Muehlbauer**, **Doug Lehmann**, **Richard Small**, **Don Emmons**, **Bruce Donaldson**, and **John Simcox**. The meeting was sponsored by the International Philippine Philatelic Society (IPPS). IPPS member **John Hunt**, residing in the Philippines, exhibited his 10-frame “Philippine Cattle Certification”, and won a NAPEX Silver, American Revenue Association Silver, and Eugene A. Garrett Award. Congratulations John.