Self-sticking stamps are challenge to collectors

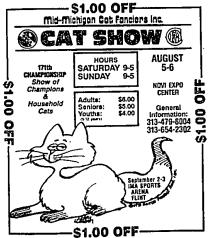
The nower self-adhesive "peel and stick" stamps being issued by the Postal Bervice are very popular. But they present collectors with a new challenger how to save these stamps in our collections for the future. The problem is that most self-adhesive stamps use gum that is petroleum based. Will this gum retain its stability and remain inert over time or will it migrate into the stamp of such as we have no long term. The only experience we have was trudies on self-adhesive attamp. The only experience we have was to life the stamp of the self-adhesive. All unused stamps in the lift US. "Peace on Earth" chiesium all unused stamps in the original backing became discolored when the adhesive blied through the paper several years later. The result was beays tailsing on the face of all stamps not removed from their original paper backing. After this experience, the Postal Service did not taue self-adhesive stamps again until 198 when a better adhesive had been developed.

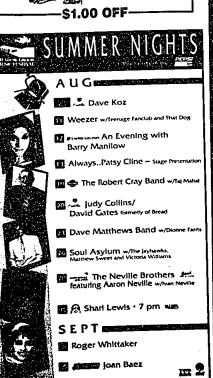
when a petter dimension had developed.

Use mineral spirits to soften the adhesive on used self-adhesive stamps. Carefully dampen both the front and back of the adhered stamp. Let it stand for aminute or so and then peel the stamp away from the envelope. A few drops of mineral spirits used with a cotton swab will remove the remaining gum. Rinse the stamp with clean water and preasbetween blotters or newsprint to

straighten the copies.

New Express Mail Stamp
A new Express Mail stamp will
be issued by the Postal Service
Aug. 4 during the American Pirst
Day Cover Society convention.
The new stamp depicts the lift of
of the Space Shuttle "Endeavor,"
which is NASA's replacement for
Shuttle "Challenger" which was
tragically lost in 1930.
The stamp depicts flight STS57 on June 21, 1923, which was
under the command of Ronald J.
Grabe. The flight was the first to
carry the space lah module, a cabin like area for experiments. A
space walk during the flight tested techniques later used to repair
the Hubble space telescope.
The new stamp replaces the
89.35 Moon Landing Express
Mail stamp issued last year. Copies of the new stamp may be obtained locally.
Donald Duck 60th Anniversary
This year marks the 60th anniversary of Donald Duck, who first
appeared in a Diancy "silly symphony" animated abort in 1334,
"The Wise Little Hen." Sierre
Leone, the West African nation
on the Atlantic, reproduces 10,
50-year Diancy sketches envisioning Donald as he would have been
painted by the Old Masters.
Among others, he is depicted as
"Mona Lias," shown nearby, and
"Whistier's Mother." Write:
1GPC, 460 West 34th St., New
York, NY 10001, to obtain these
stamps.





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