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Tuesday of each month

at the Community Activities Bldg., 1400 Roosevelt Ave.,

Redwood City, CA doors open at 7:05 and meeting start at 7:30 pm. Refreshments are served and visitors are always welcome.

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President's Message

For Sequoia, 2013 is off to a great start! The Treasurer's (Richard Griffone's) report indicated that we have never been financially healthier, Gil Goodrich (Program Chair) is reaching out to presenters of interest and Youth met in February to prepare five mailings (won't have another meeting until August)! Leroy Harbaugh notes that all catalogs are accounted for, and Kristin's mentoring was well received. Sales books are up (Jim Mosso) as is membership (120). We have a father and son member team with Steve and Andrew Sexton. In short, we are functioning as a well-oiled machine, probably the finest in Northern California.

We are reaching out to Western Philatelic Library with an auction May 14, as passed by the Board of Governors on 26 February. That was a most spirited meeting with many points of view expressed on a variety of issues, so many that we neglected some of the agenda because of time constraints. My goals remain the same: a better Club with more benefits in members' pockets. Please join me in achieving those goals! Respectfully submitted, Hank Shoolman

William R. Moll (1914-2013)



Bill Moll, the last living charter member of the Sequoia Stamp Club, passed away at the Olive Ridge Care Center in Oroville, CA on January 24, 2013, due to complications from pneumonia. He was 98 years of age.

Bill was born in San Francisco on July 12, 1914, and moved to Redwood City with his wife Marie in 1941, where they raised their four children. He and several other local stamp collectors founded the Sequoia Stamp Club in 1947 at Redwood City Fire

House #2. He held membership number 9, and served as club president in 1969. Along with being a long time stamp, coin, and postcard collector, Bill was an avid golfer, and golfed his age at 81.

He will be remembered for the loving care and attention that he gave to his wife during her long illness. Marie preceded him in death after 64 years of marriage; she passed away in April of 2005.

Bill is survived by his two daughters, Barbara Kelly and Beverly Colgin, his two sons William, Jr. and Robert, five grand-children, 7 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson. In addition, Bill leaves many other loving family members and friends, including members of the Sequoia Stamp Club. We were very fortunate that Bill was able to attend our 65th Anniversary celebration in September of last year where he was the honored guest.

Bill and Marie will have their combined ashes scattered. A reception to honor their lives will be held in the spring. Memorial donations may be made to the non-profit Operation SAFE, P. O. Box 266, Dunlop, IL 61525, a spay/neuter organization founded by the granddaughter, Tracy McNaught.

PENPEX Caboose

By Craig Butterworth, PENPEX 2013 Vice Chairman



Last December, Liam attended PENPEX for the first time. He was 18 months old. While it can be assured that he had a good time, it is likely because he saw many people, and colorful displays. Everything is new and exciting to someone his age.

Some things are new and exciting to those of us a bit older. PENPEX 2011 fit the bill for me. I'm Liam's dad.

I've been a stamp collector since I was ten. I was given collections that each of my grandfathers kept – one more extensive than the other. I'm fairly good at identifying; excellent at sorting and categorizing. EBay and a stamp shop called Vanik's in Brookfield, IL were my main – and infrequent – pipelines to older material. The mailrooms at my various workplaces supplied newer stamps and covers.

I never knew other collectors. I had no idea what one might do at a stamp club. Well, actually that is an incorrect statement. I was sure – knew – that stamp club members traded stamps. Period.

I didn't want to trade my stamps. I had a few doubles, but they had belonged to my grandfather. I wanted to keep them. They held sentimental value. No need for a stamp club.

For years, attending a show here and there satisfied my interest in acquisition. PENPEX 2011, however, was the one that really sparked my enthusiasm. It was the silent auction and a discussion with a Sequoia Stamp Club member that started it. It was a visit by the then-president and current "Spark Plug" that cemented it.

I bid on two auction items – a new experience for me. I won a set of U.S. Wine Stamps. I'd never won a stamp auction before, and was impressed at the modest cost. When the stamps were delivered to my house, I learned that the Sequoia Stamp Club has silent auctions at its meetings!

I went to a Sequoia Stamp Club meeting, and met nearly 50 local stamp collectors. I learned that I don't have to trade (but can). I learned that I am not the only one in the area collecting US used stamps. I learned that I could get new stamps from live auctions, direct member deals, and from club circuits. I also saw that club members did talks on specialty areas of stamp collecting.

I've missed only one stamp club meeting since. It took me quite a while, but I finally found – as Liam had – that there was excitement to be had by attending PENPEX.

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Sequoia Stamp Club Officer and Committees 2013

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Secretary:	Darlene Hickok	Director at Large:	Jim Mosso
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Appointed Positions and Chairs of Standing Committees

Librarian:	LeRoy Harbaugh, Jr.	Sales Manager:	Jim Giacomazzi
Auditor:	Hank Washauer	Program Manager:	Gil Goodrich
Membership	Hank Washauer	Youth Chair:	Hank Shoolman

Other Committees and Committee Members

Sales Books: Jim Mosso, Richard Griffone

Live Auction: Steve Morger, Eduardo Martino, Jim Giacomazzi, Gil Goodrich, and Wally Jolliff

Silent Auction: Steve Morger, Craig Butterworth

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Stamp Calendar for 2013

Mar 26. 6:30pm: How to Get the Most from Scott Catalogs.

7:00pm: Live auction of "Anonymous Donation".

Apr 9. 7:00pm: How to Get the Most from Attending WESTPEX. Kristin Patterson.

Apr 23. 7:00pm: Tara Murray from APS: "APRL Delivers".

Apr 26-27-28. WESTPEX at Marriott-SFO, Burlingame.

May 14. 7:00pm: FWPL benefit live auction, 50-60 lots.

May 28. 6:00pm: Governing Board meeting, open to all members.

7:00pm: Silent auction. Minerals on Stamps, by Don Windeler.

June 5-6. Sacramento Stamp Show. Scottish Rite Temple,. Chris Clemens.

June 11. 7:00pm: Live auction of "Anonymous Donation".

June 25. 7:00pm: Golden Gate 50th Anniversary Cancellations, Hank Washauer and Jim Giacomazzi.

July 9. 7:00pm: Live auction of members' lots.

July 12-13-14. ASDA Stamp Show. Sheraton Hotel, Burlingame.

July 23. 7:00pm: Philatelic Quiz. Wally Jolliff and Ken Lewetzow.

Aug 13. 7:00pm: Live auction of members' lots.

Aug 20. 5:00pm: SSC Annual picnic, Redwood City Community Activities Building.

Aug 27. 6:00pm: Governing Board meeting, open to all members.

7:00pm: Swap Meet.

Aug 31-Sep 1. Great America Stamp Show, Napredak Hall, San Jose. Chris Clemens.

Sep 10. 7:00pm: Live auction of "Anonymous Donation".

Sep 24. 7:00pm: Split Program: Part 1: Panel: Benefits of membership in Sequoia Stamp Club.

Part 2: Ebay: Buying and Selling. Current market trends. Mike Donofrio.

Oct 8. 7:00pm: Live Auction of members' lots.

Oct 15. 5:00pm: Annual Pizza Party at Mountain Mike's.

Oct 22. 7:00pm: open

Nov 2-3. SacaPex Stamp Show. Scottish Rite Temple, Sacramento. Sacramento Stamp Club.

Nov 12. 7:00pm: Nomination of Officers for 2014. Live auction of "Anonymous Donation"

Nov 15-16-17. Filatelic Fiesta, Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, San Jose. San Jose Stamp Club.

Nov 26. 6:00pm: Governing Board meeting, open to all members.

7:00pm: Election of officers for 2014. Possibly add a Swap Meet?

Dec 7-8. PENPEX Stamp Show, Redwood City Community Activities Building.

Dec 10: 7:00pm: Holiday party.

Dec 24. Christmas eve; no meeting.



Past president Paul Swierstra during his presentation of a French postal worker.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Influence on Stamp Collecting

by Marsha Brandsdorfer



Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR) began his interest in stamps when he was nine years old and would continue collecting into his adult years. Before FDR ran for the position of the Governor of New York, stamp collecting had been perceived by most as a child's hobby. His interest in stamp collecting received media attention, giving new respect to the hobby.

With FDR's interest in stamps known, when he was the President (1933 to 1945) he was asked to approve government proofs for all future stamps before they were issued. He personally approved every U.S. stamp that was issued during his twelve years in office. On May 14, 1938, the Post Office Department released a single blue and carmine airline stamp featuring an eagle which was taken from a sketch made by the President, (Scott C23). Another eight designs would also originate from sketches by FDR, including: Little America commemorate (733); Mother's Day, (737-738); Susan B. Anthony (784); Virginia Dare Commemorate (796); Statehood commemorative (858); and the Defense Trio of 1940 (899-901).

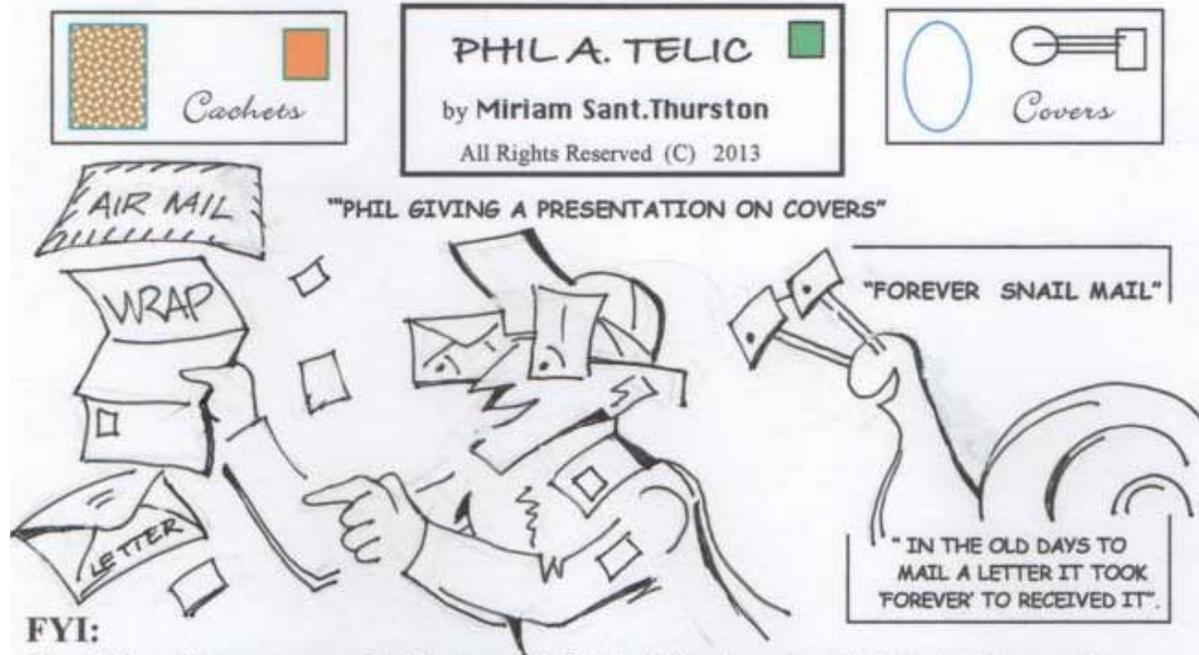


Prior to 1938, there was a law that made it illegal to reproduce a photograph of any U.S. stamp in its entirety as the Treasury Department felt it was needed to prevent counterfeiters. Finally in 1938, a bill was passed by Congress allowing for reproduction of stamps, but with some restrictions. One restriction was that stamps could only be published in black and white. However, having reproductions of stamps could assist collectors as publishers could print reproductions in albums to help collectors with their placement of stamps into the albums. This was the only time FDR had legislative influence on his hobby. However, during his presidency, post office revenue soared because FDR made stamp collecting so appealing to the public. The President's interest in stamps inspired many new collectors: adults and a new generation of children.

As FDR was a busy man, he did not have as much time to devote to his collection as he would have liked. However, he would spend at least a half hour every evening before retiring to enjoy his stamps. It helped him relax from the stress of his Presidential duties. FDR would also encourage the bedridden and wounded servicemen to participate in stamp collecting to help them get their minds off their troubles.

FDR is memorialized on multiple U.S. and foreign stamps, and covers bearing cachets of his likeness. My research was taken from Brian C. Baur's informative 1999 book published by Linn's Stamp News, entitled *Franklin D. Roosevelt: the Stamp-Collecting President*.



**FYI:**

First-Day Covers generally feature a “Cachet” having graphic illustration on the left side of the envelope with a stamp issue. The traditional “First Day of Issue” cancel, which bears the date on which the stamp was first used, is also seen on most FDCs. A “Cover” is an envelope having an address with postal stamp affix on upper right side. Read: Funk & Wagnalls Guide to the “World of Stamp Collecting”

Fountain of Youth

by: Darlene Hickok, Co-Chair



The Youth Group is alive and very well! We added two new Committee members, Steve Sexton and his son, Andrew, who brings a youth perspective.

We met on February 19th and prepared five (5) mailings, so no meeting is required until August. Financially, we benefitted from a donation that netted Youth \$315 and our chief salesman, Richard Coleman has added \$100+ since January 1! Hank Shoolman provided 8,000 newer stamps to provide variety which were completely used up at the meeting. Boxes were purchased and have arrived for use by LeRoy Bertsch for his projects at the Children's Hospital. These were purchased with some of the grant money that LeRoy's project won. Come join us to see a functioning committee at work (we'll let you know when the August tryst will be held).

We would also like to congratulate Brian Jones for receiving the Nicholas G. Carter Volunteer Recognition award from the APS. Brian has worked with our Stamps R Us Youth Program during PENPEX shows to arrange Merit Badge workshops for Boy Scouts in the Bay Area. His follow up activities throughout the year do a lot to keep the youngsters interested in stamp collecting.

**Membership Sidecar**

by Hank Washauer

Notice: If there is a self addressed envelope included in your newsletter, it means the Treasurer shows no payment of your \$3.00 dues for 2013. If you think you have paid, send the self addressed envelope to inform him of that. You may pay several years in advance in multiples of \$3.

We appreciate your membership because even though you may not be able to attend meetings, your dues helps to promote the philatelic endeavors of the Sequoia club. Besides our local members from the Bay Area, we have members throughout California from Santa Rosa, Colfax, Carmel Valley and Sherman Oaks. We also have out-of-state members from Wenatchee, WA; Albuquerque, NM; Tucson, AZ; Athol, ID; and Austin, TX. Obviously the great distance makes attendance difficult, but loyalty to the club and its outreach to Philately from Experienced to Beginners and Youth makes you an important part of our organization regardless of your physical location.

Audit Report by Henry A Washauer: I have just reviewed the Sequoia Stamp Club and PENPEX 2012 books and found them exceptionally well organized and kept according to accounting principals.