



Stamp Chatter

Sequoia Stamp Club

Volume 32 Number 5 W232

September—October 2001

From the President

Dear Sequoia Stamp Club:

I have learned so much about other countries from collecting stamps. I did not learn about these other countries by looking at a stamp or reading about them in a catalog. But rather from the collectors who describe their stamps with such excitement and intrigue that I could not but get interested myself.

As most people know, I collect US playing card revenue stamps. It is a passion that I have really enjoyed from the research to the searching of stamps. I thought that minimally I had seen or read the majority of what there was about US playing card stamps. Until recently, a friend enticed me to start collecting Canadian Revenue stamps. So here I am ready to begin in a new world with a Canadian Album, revenue catalog, and some stamps to start me out.

Little did I know or even anticipate discovering, but US playing card manufacturers also sold their wares in Canada. Now this might in hindsight seem obvious, but it was not until I saw a listing with a cancel of USPCCo (United States Playing Card Company) that I realized that there is a world outside of the US that is closely tied to it nonetheless.

Virginia's Notes

June 12

Called to order by President Kristin Patterson at 8:10 PM, present: 24 members.

Announcements: Welcome back Dr. Azok

Old Business:

- Paul Ortega announced the Peninsula Stamp Club dinner meetings have been successful. The meetings are held every fourth Thursday of the month at Houlahan's Restaurant. There will be a one-month recess, and then the meetings will start up again. The dinner price is \$12.50. Nester

(Continued on page 3)

It just goes to show that the world is a matrix and everything has connections to each other. So keep an open mind and open ears, you maybe surprised to learn something from someone who collects what you thought was just the opposite of you.

Off to do more exploring.
Kristin Patterson
President

Exhibit Your Stamps!

Have you thought about having an exhibit at Penpex. Your official entry form is in this issue of the Chatter. Take a chance and see how much fun you can have in showing off your collection. The easiest way to start is to try the special Filatelic Findings category. Four pages of some of your favorite stamps, no formal rules and your chance to say, "Hey world, I love stamp collecting and here is why!"

Its really simple, your newsletter editor tried it last year and enjoyed the experience so much that he is trying his hand a four frame exhibit this year. So don't delay, turn in your entry form by November 1, 2001.



The new Enrico Fermi stamp to be issued 9/29/200.

**Invite a Friend to a meeting
2nd and 4th Tuesday of
the month, 7:30 p.m.!**

Inside this issue:

<i>From the President</i>	1
<i>Virginia's Notes</i>	
<i>Special Articles:</i>	2
<i>Online, Classics, New</i>	
<i>Continued Stories</i>	3-4
<i>Peninsula Club News</i>	5
<i>Interesting Odds and Ends</i>	6
<i>The Caboose</i>	7

Calendar of Events September

11 Birthday Party with White Elephant Sale

25 George Condas: Stamps of the First Modern Olympic Games, Greece

October

9 Henry "Selected Penpex cachets and their history."

23 APS slideshow: Postal History of West Germany

November 1 — Exhibit entry forms due!



**Manual of
Philatelic Judging**
How Exhibits Are Judged
Fourth Edition

The club library has a couple of excellent manuals on exhibiting. *The Manual of Philatelic Judging* shown here is a must read for anyone serious about exhibiting.



First stamp, Hungary, to feature the Boy Scouts in 1925.



Part of this very beautiful souvenir sheet.

Online Philately

Stamp Exhibiting

Still not convinced that you should be doing an exhibit. Maybe your not sure how too?

Exhibiting can be one of the most exciting aspects of stamp collecting but also the most intimidating. You might be afraid to exhibit because you don't know what to do or feel that you don't have anything "worth" sharing with others. But that is far from the truth.

The Internet is full of resources that can teach you how to get started as well as show you examples of what award winning exhibitors have done at shows.

Franadams.com is a really nice site to start learning with online examples as well as many guides for setting up your own

exhibit. The site is part of a workshop on exhibiting based out of San Diego. Great resources to take the mystery and fear out of exhibiting – so check it out and see you at Penpex with your exhibit in December!

(<http://www.franadams.com/>)

Here are a couple of others you should check out:

Preparing stamps for exhibiting: <http://www.canberra.starway.net.au/~philatelic/nape02.html>

Museum of U.S. Proofs: <http://essayproof.net/epco/wings/rzrbonia/zlibrary1.html>

Benefits of taking your stamps on the road: <http://www.sossi.org/exhibits/exhibit2.htm>

Focus on a Classic

Boy Scouts on Stamps

Since 1907, the Girl and Boy Scouts have been teaching teamwork, community responsibility and leadership to children around the world. Over a hundred different countries have issued commemorative stamps over the past century featuring the Scouts.

The first Boy Scout pictured on a stamp (pictured left) appeared in 1925 when Hungary printed a set of eight sport stamps showing athletes and a Scout bugler with a background of tents.

The 1933 World Jamboree held in Gödöllő, Hungary was the first World Jamboree to be commemorated on postage stamps (pictured right). Every World Jamboree since then has had an commemorative stamp issued by the host country. Interesting enough, the U.S. was not to issue a Scout postage stamp until 1948, almost forty years after it's start.

More history about Scouts on stamps visit: <http://www.sossi.org/exhibits/early/early4.htm>



New Issues

Hong Kong

Hong Kong Post issued "Definitive Stamp Sheetlet (No.5)" on 1 August 2001 to commemorate the participation in the Japan World Stamp Exhibition 2001 (PHILANIPPON '01).

The theme of PHILANIPPON '01 : "A celebration of stamps - dreams from across the globe," the international exhibition aims to promote philately in the new Century.

This vibrant sheetlet depicts several colorful carps (koi) which Japanese and Hong Kong people are fond of. The carps also symbolize peace, energy and good fortune.

For more information on this issue and other stamps issued by Hong Kong please visit <http://www.hongkongpost.com/>.

Virginia's Notes

(Continued from page 1)

Nunez will talk on American Military Operations in the Philippines on June 28 at 7 PM.

- Henry Washauer announced that the Penpex meeting went well.
- The exhibit prospectus will be mailed out with the Chatter.
- Henry was recently in Mississippi. He observed a nice exhibit on Spain.
- Azok wanted to say hello to every one. He stated that he did not have a copy of the club directory. Paul Swierstra will give Azok a copy of the club roster.
- On a sad note, one of our old members, **Herbert Wilbert**, who lived in Belmont, passed away in February. The membership paid their respects by holding the meeting in a moment of silence.
- Results of the Circuit Book Raffle: Paul Swierstra \$10; Miriam Thurston \$5



Fritz in July had a wonderful presentation on Inflation in Shanghai as shown through stamps during World War II.

Tonight's program will be the "Cover Contest"

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

June 26, 2001

Called to order by President Kristin Patterson at 8:07 PM

Present: 24 members.

Old Business:

- William Dutcher will be picking up Scott catalogs numbers 1 and 2. He announced that Stu Phillips had fallen and broken his collarbone.

New Business:

- Paul Swierstra announced that the new 2001 Sequoia Stamp Club yearbook is out. He passed around yearbooks for the members. Paul wants members to contact him for spelling errors.
- Robin Gorday brought in a box of stamped envelopes that Henry Washauer received at the Elks club. Members can help themselves.
- The Redwood City Daily News has printed out our ad about the club. It can also be found in the Palo Alto and San Mateo papers. Rick Richardson suggested that we notify people in Hayward as well.
- After the break and raffle, we will have a stamp quiz put together by William Dutcher.
- Paul mentioned that he had a letter explaining his cover which won the "Traveled the Farthest" category at the last meeting. He held it up and it was about 6 feet or so long tracking the area it had traveled!

Results of the Raffle: Jim Giacomazzi, \$10 certificate; Ciro Borghi, \$5 certificate

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM

July 10, 2001

Called to order by Vice President Larry Christiansen at 8:07 PM.

Present: 28 members.

Old Business:

- The club presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Bill Dutcher for the Philatelic Quiz he gave us last week.
- Miriam Thurston announced that she has an exhibit in the main library — flags and a patriotic theme.
- Fritz Gelb brought up an important point. He observed that there were only 14 people signed up for the picnic. The motion to hold the picnic on another date was put forth by Robin Gorday, and seconded by Rick Richardson.

New Business:

- Willaim Dutcher announced that he received an e-mail from a gentleman in India who is interested in exchanging Philatelic items used or unused. Please contact Bill Dutcher if anyone is interested.

(Continued on page 4)

(Continued from page 3)

- William Dutcher introduced a guest and potential member to the club. Louis Doer is a long time acquaintance of Bills'. He has been a long-term member of the BofA Philatelic Society. Louis's collecting interests include Switzerland, Germany, France Italy, and Australia, New Zealand, and Canada. His most important collection is Switzerland. Louis voiced interest in giving a presentation on his Switzerland collection. William Dutcher put forward the motion to vote Louis in as a member. The motion was seconded by Henry Washauer and Louis Doer's membership passed by a unanimous vote.
- Paul Swierstra brought in two books that were donated to our library. One is "How to Prepare Stamp Exhibits," and the other is "Medicine in Stamps." These books came from Stu Phillips.
- Bill Dutcher announced that Stu Phillips had fallen and broken his collarbone.
- Just for your information: Ken Kunz. A stamp collector by the name of Dr. Teach, who recently passed away. Left behind 1,465 albums weighing 9,000 lbs, or 3 and ½ tons of stamps. They are estimated to sell for close to a million dollars

The raffle for the Circuit Book certificates: Rick Richardson \$10 winner; Paul Swierstra, \$5 winner

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

After a ten-minute break, Sig Adler, and Virginia Warden will give their presentation on Stamps of German States.

July 24, 2001

Meeting called to order by President Kristin Patterson at 8:06 PM

Present: 31 members/

Old Business:

- The Sequoia Stamp Club Picnic has been canceled until a new date is set — August 12 was voted the new date.

New Business:

- William Dutcher read an article from the San Francisco Chronicle naming a San Francisco dealer who had been involved in a lawsuit over an elaborate international swindle involving rigged stamp auctions. Bill received a telephone call from a reporter with the Chronicle. The reporter wanted to know how an incident like this affects the general collector.
- Amy Bond, Noel's widow, donated a number of stamps on paper. We will keep these for the Children's / Beginner's box at Penpex.
- Henry Washauer announced there will be a Committee meeting this Saturday.
- William Dutcher announced that the Sequoia Club's bank CD is maturing. The interest is 6.2 and a drop in the interest rate is expected.
- Jim Mosso announced that he is running the Silent Auction for Penpex. The minimum bid for lots is five dollars. Jim will be bringing silent auction lot forms to the forthcoming meetings.

Tonight's program "Inflation in China 1940 – 1949" as seen through stamps, will be presented by Fritz Gelb.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM

The meeting was followed by a delightful presentation on Inflation in China from 1940 – 1949, as seen through stamps by Fritz Gelb.

July 28, 2001 -- Nominating Committee

- The following met at 10:00 AM to select nominating committees for Penpex and Sequoia Stamp Club: John Ingles, Ed Bierman, Kristin Patterson, Fritz Gelb, Larry Christiansen, Robin Gorday, Bill Dutcher, Henry Washauer, Paul Ortega, Paul Swierstra.
- The following committees were selected:
- Sequoia Nominating Committee: Henry Washauer, Chairman, Paul Swierstra and John Ingles
- Penpex Nominating Committee: Ed Bierman, Chairman, Paul Ortega, and Kristin Patterson

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

Henry Washauer

Nominations Coordinator

Sequoia Officers

President: Kristin Patterson

Vice President: Larry Christiansen

Secretary: Virginia Warden

Treasurer: William Dutcher

Stamp Chatter Staff

Editor: Ed Bierman

Graphics and Production: Paul Swierstra and Miriam Thurston





The Caboose News about Penpex

Set Up Chairman: Lawrence E. Christiansen was born under the shadow of the Twin Peaks in San Francisco in the early twenties. He went to Fredrick Burke School and played on the hill where the new San Francisco mint now stands. When the family moved to Daly City in 1932 he went to Jefferson High School. 1942 was a very important year. Because he graduated from "Jeff", was declared 1A and joined the U.S. Navy, (to "beat the Army"), and was assigned to the U.S. Naval Air Transport Service with Treasure Island as home station and married his high school sweetheart and is still married to her. They have a daughter and a son and two grandchildren.

After discharge from the Navy in 1945, stayed on with Pan American Airways until the base was reduced to a line station in 1962. During this time Larry worked on the old flying boats, patrol bombers, land-based transports and early jet aircraft as Master Mechanic and Inspector. He saw a lot of the Pacific and Orient during this time.

He left Pan-Am in 1962 and went to work for Lenkurt Electric, which later became GTE Lenkurt and became Senior Manufacturing Engineer when the plant closed down in 1981. The company asked him to stay on for an extra year to help close the place down. In 1982 started his own corporation and operated the Tool & Machine Engineering, Inc. for eighteen more years. While his discipline is "engineer", he has always considered himself to be a mechanic.

He cannot remember when he hasn't been a stamp "accumulator". Larry's stamp collecting has been interrupted by depressions, movies, war, marriage, transfers, job requirements, and time.

His main interests in stamps are airmail, airplane and space stamps. Boy Scout stamps plate blocks and stamps relating to World War Two and the countries that participated in the war or were affected by the war. And he includes the places he has been to.

Other interests or activities would be the building and racing midget racers. Larry started as a Cub Scout in 1933 and went through Boy Scout, Sea Scout, and Air Explorer Scout. He is a 35-year veteran in scouting as a scout and adult leader. But his main interest is still in aviation and airplanes.

Penpex 2001 Leadership

Judges — Martin Feibush
Frames — Paul Swierstra
Exhibits — Vesma Grinfeld
Silent Bid Sale — Jim Mosso
Circulation — Paul Swierstra
Bourse — Henry Washauer,
Set Up — Larry Christiansen
Show Coordinators — Paul Ortega/
 Fritz Gelb
Flyers/Program/Caboose — Ed
 Bierman
Snack Bar — Tom Klein
Covers/Cancel/Post Office —
 Miriam Thurston
Public Relations — Virginia Warden/
 Henry Washauer

Nomination/By Laws — Virginia
 Warden
Beginners/Activities — Kristin
 Patterson
Dealer Requirements — Robin Gorday
Banquet — Virginia Warden
Chairman General — Henry Washauer
Vice Chairman — Paul Ortega
Secretary — Virginia Warden
Treasurer — Bill Dutcher
Controller — Fritz Gelb
Sequoia President — Kristin Patterson
Peninsula President — Paul Ortega



U.S Stamp Issue Schedule for July & August (www.stamponline.com)

Eid, 9/1/2001
Enrico Fermi, 9/29/2001
Looney Tunes - Thats All Folks, 10/1/2001
Christmas, 10/10/2001
Santa, 10/10/2001
Thanksgiving, 10/19/2001

U.S. Postal Service issued a new international rate postage stamp honoring Acadia National Park on May 30 in Bar Harbor, Maine. Acadia National Park in Maine encompasses more than 45,000 acres across several islands, including Mount Desert Island and the Schoodic Peninsula. It was the first national park created east of the Mississippi River. More than 273 species of birds have been identified in the Mount Desert Island area. Each year park naturalists anticipate the return of peregrine falcons, which nest in the cliffs overlooking Frenchman Bay and Jordan Pond.





Penpex
PO Box 235
San Carlos, CA 94070

Editor Email: ed@biermans.com
Invite a friend to a meeting!



Check out the Web
site at:
[www.biermans.com/
sequoia](http://www.biermans.com/sequoia)

Penpex and Nominations of Officers

Your personal checklist for Penpex from Henry Washauer, Chairman General.

- **Exhibit** — Create an exhibit and show off your collection.
- **Help** — Be willing to volunteer your time and help to the show.
- **Attend** — Make sure you have it on your calendar to be there and invite some friends.
- **Banquet** — Come enjoy the show banquet.

Penpex 2001 Banquet

(Recognition/Awards)
The Sequoia Club
1695 Broadway Street
Redwood City, CA
(Redwood Tree In Front)
December 2, 2001
6:00 PM Appetizers
7:00 PM Dinner
Sumptuous Buffet and Desert Bar

Sequoia Stamp Club Nominations

The nominating committee of Sequoia Stamp Club will be in effect on the second meeting of September, if you wish to run for office or know of anybody who wants to run for office please contact the President Kristin Patterson 408 267 6643 or kristin_email@yahoo.com

Penpex Officer Nominations

The nominating committee of Penpex is in effect; it consists of Ed Bierman (ed@biermans.com), Chairman, Paul Ortega and Kristin Patterson. The positions to be voted on are, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Controller, if you wish to run for office or know of anybody who wants to run for office please contact any of the above