

# Stamp Chatter

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## 2003 Stamp Collecting Month Cancel Ready

### From the President:

For the sixth year, the CAC is pleased to make a common cancel available to all chapters for use during October, National Stamp Collecting Month.

The design bears a stamp motif alongside a reproduction of a famous Waterbury, CT fancy cancel from the 19th century featuring an insect. It compliments the reptiles and amphibians stamp issue honoring our hobby by the USPS.

There is no charge to obtain a cancel for your club. We will customize the cancel design, and you simply send a copy to your local USPS post office for approval. The Post Office makes the cancel for you, which must be returned to them in 30 days after its date of use.

We need the following details: your Chapter (club) name and number, the date for the cancel, and the city, state and zip code to be used. Is this something the club wants to do?

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## Meeting Notes From Darlene

June 24, 2003

Meeting called to order by Vice President Ed Bierman at 8:00 PM

### Summary of Meeting

The Executive Board Meeting was cancelled due to low attendance. The next meeting will be announced when President Ed Rodriguez returns.

Bll Dutcher told us that Hank Washauer is doing okay. He is still on oxygen.

Ed Morey mentioned that Ed Rodriguez is doing find after his Monday surgery.

Kristin Patterson talked about the summer picnic that is scheduled for July 26<sup>th</sup>.

Tony DeAngelis gave us a Penpex update. Insurance has tripled and therefore, the dealer costs will be going up.

Fritz Gelb told us that someone told him that they saw his name on a cover advertised in a catalogue and wondered if it was any relation to him. He was curious so bid on the cover and actually won. Come to find out the cover was addressed to his father some 80 years ago. Can you beat that one? Phenomenal!

Raffle prizes!

Kristin Patterson won the 1<sup>st</sup> raffle prize

## Upcoming Meetings

9/9	Live Auction
9/23	Birthday Party
10/14	"Liberated China" Rich Clever
10/28	Committee Reports

## US National Postal Museum <http://www.postalmuseum.si.edu/>

For a really cool experience online, visit the US National Postal Museum Web site. Like many other Smithsonian Web sites, this one has tons of information and photos that will delight any stamp collector. If you can't get to Washington DC, then this is the next best thing to being there.

The National Postal Museum is located on the lower level of the historic City Post Office Building. The Museum occupies 75,000 square feet of the building with 23,000 square feet devoted to exhibition space. The Museum also houses a 6,000-square-foot research library, a stamp store and a museum shop. In addition to one of the world's largest collections of stamps and philatelic materials, the National Postal Museum has postal history material that pre-dates stamps, vehicles used to transport the mail, mailboxes and mailbags, postal uniforms and equipment. Here are a few highlighted items:



### Wells Fargo "Virginia City Pony" Express Cover (above)

The cover illustrates the early use of the 1862–1865 Wells, Fargo & Company service—also referred to as the "Virginia City Pony" service—which ran from San Francisco via Sacramento and Carson City to Virginia City, Nevada. This service specialized in the quick delivery of important business letters and newspapers between the gold and silver mining areas of Nevada and California business centers. Note that this cover, created from the front top portion of a 3-cent 1861 stamped envelope (Scott U34) (aka a franked entire) pasted on the front of a plain envelope, bears the 25-cent 1862 Wells Fargo stamp (Scott 143LU3) and the company's blue cancel postmarked Virginia City, Nevada Territory.



### Alaskan Dog Sled

This sled, built in 1922, is an extraordinary reminder of a remarkable chapter in Alaskan postal history. The 13½-foot-long dog sled was hand-crafted out of hickory by Sam Olson in 1922. Mail carrier Charlie Biederman and his six sled dogs used the sled faithfully for sixteen years.

### Inverts

The one-dollar Colonial Rush Lamp and Candle Holder stamp was first printed in 1979. In 1986 one hundred stamps with the inverted brown candleholder were sold to the public. Five of those stamps were presumed to have been used on mail, with the invert error going undetected. The remaining 95 were purchased by employees of the CIA. This stamp error soon became known as the "CIA invert."



John "Mitch" Michelin won the 2<sup>nd</sup> raffle prize

Movie "Men and Mail in Transit" was started around 8:20.

Silent Auction ended

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm

### **July 8, 2003**

Meeting called to order by President Ed Rodriguez at 8:02pm. Welcome back Ed!

#### Summary of Meeting

Ed Rodriguez told us about his experience in the hospital with his 103 year old roommate. Interesting Ed!

Early August will be the Penpex Meeting followed by the next Board Meeting on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. The Penpex Meeting date will be announced soon.

Jim Mosso wants us to start putting together lots for the Penpex Show coming up in December. He reminded us that the minimum bid should be \$5.00.

President Ed would like us to think about where we see our club headed. He would like to discuss the topic either in February or March. A lot of good ideas came from many members within a short time during the meeting so the Feb/Mar meeting should be very productive.

Ed Morey mentioned that senior citizens can put an article in the San Mateo Times for free.

Live Auction started at 8:40

Raffle of circuit book certificates:

Richard Griffone: \$10 certificate

Ciro Borghi : \$5 certificate

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

### **July 22, 2003**

Meeting called to order by Vice President Ed Bierman at 8:00pm.

#### Summary of Meeting:

Sad news reported is that Sig Adler passed away. Members that knew Sig had a lot of good things to say about him. Hank Washauer, Kristin Patterson and Ken Kunz all said a few words in remembrance. The secretary will get a card to pass around at the next meeting.

Welcome back Hank Washauer!

Hank mentioned that for Penpex if anyone wants to exhibit all you need is 4 pages for a frame. Ed Bierman said the form for the exhibits is on the web.

Raffle of circuit book certificates:

Darlene Hickok: \$10 certificate

Richard Coleman : \$5 certificate

Larry Christiansen started his presentation on "Phases of Philately." Very interesting presentation and very well organized. Larry handed over the outline to Darlene Hickok for the youth club.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

### **August 12, 2003**

Meeting called to order by our President, Ed Rodriguez, at 8:00pm.

#### Summary of Meeting

Ed Rodriguez talked about our special project about where we want our club headed. We did some brainstorming for about 45 minutes. Members came up with some really good ideas which are listed below:

1. Name tags
2. Introductions once a quarter
3. What do you collect?
4. Advertise with other clubs
5. Advertise to younger group
6. Advertise PENPEX more
7. Stamp swap program
8. Kiloware program
9. Intro to Stamp Collecting Video
10. Contacting club no shows
11. Flea market

12. Live auction every 2 months
13. Yearbook
14. Updated roster
15. Better communication

The annual BBQ was super. All of you that couldn't make it lost out on great food, great comraderie and an all around great time. We really want to thank Miriam for a great job well done!

Rosen's stamp show in Sacramento was pretty condensed. Parking was also bad.

If anyone is interested in trading stamps – there is a program at the Foster City Library on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of each month. The Library is on the corner of Hillsdale and Shell. You can trade by catalogue value.

Bill Dutcher announced that on October 11 & 12, Reno/Sparks Convention Center is having a Stamp and Cover Show. Information about it has been sent to Ed Bierman to put in the Newsletter. Briefly, it's free, door prizes throughout the day, parking \$5.00 and special activities for kids. Their website is [http://www.stampshows.com/reno\\_sc.html](http://www.stampshows.com/reno_sc.html).

Raffle of circuit book certificates:

Ed Rodriguez: \$10 certificate

Leroy Harbaugh : \$5 certificate

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Darlene Hickok, Club Secretary



Kristin Patterson and Jim Giacomazzi at the Stamp Club Picnic. The club catered in Armadillo Willy's BBQ chicken, beef, and ribs which everyone enjoyed along with the dishes the members brought for the potluck. A special thanks to Miriam Thurston for letting us use her condo's clubhouse and pool.



### New Mary Cassatt Stamps

A new set of stamps is being issued by the USPS honoring Mary Cassatt, famous American painter. Recurring themes in Cassatt's paintings, pastels, prints and etchings include children engaging in various pastimes and contemporary women pursuing everyday activities such as entertaining visitors, and reading and caring for children. By the end of the 19th century Cassatt was a pre-eminent artist in both the United States and France, where she died on June 14, 1926.

## Did you know?

— interesting facts, humor and stories from the world of stamps

### A Couple of thoughts on recruiting...

By Denise Stotts, Stamp Club Operations Manager  
taken from the Spring CAC newsletter

Recruiting members seems to be a universal problem for clubs across the country, regardless of size. Here are a couple of ideas you might want to try.

If you don't have an information sheet, create one for your club. Be sure to include all the pertinent data — when and where the club meets, a small map to your meeting place if you live in a large city, what type of activities are held at the meetings and contact people.

Dues information and a membership application also may be included. Print these on bright colored paper and distribute them at local stamp shows, bourses, stamp shops, libraries, etc.

Another recruiting source is the APS new member list which appears in the back of each issue of the *The American Philatelist*. You can get the addresses for anyone from your area (unless the person has requested that the information not be shared) by contacting the APS, P.O. Box 8000, State College, PA 16083. When I receive these addresses, I send them a short note inviting them to attend an upcoming meeting, and a current copy of our newsletter and a copy of our information sheet.

### Stamp Shows in Northern California

#### September

12-13: Stamp, Coin & Collectibles Expo, San Francisco, info. 818-997-6496

#### October

3-5: WINPEX, San Rafael, info. 707-778-6454



Sixty Federal Duck Stamps  
Cohen Collection of 1920 Saar Stamps  
U.S. National Postal Museum

#### Sequoia Officers

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# Peninsula Club Page



The Peninsula Stamp Club meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM, with the exception of one month off for summer and one month off for Christmas. We meet at the Villa Cafe, 4000 S. El Camino, San Mateo. This is a dinner meeting with a charge of \$15, and is followed by an invited speaker. The topics are selected to include as many aspects of philately as possible. The meeting is open to all whether or not the person is a member of the club. However, membership is encouraged.

It is helpful to have information as to who will be attending. For contacting or additional information use 650-343-5195 or e-mail at labpath@aol.com. Paul Ortega and Vesma Grinfelds are officers who are available for assistance. Our club has been a member of the American Philatelic Society for over 50 years, and we are most interested in its success.

## Stamps R Us Notes

The youth club has been suspended for the summer. We will start up again in the Fall (probably September) when Schaberg Library opens again after remodeling.

Let's put our heads together until then to see what we can come up with to get more youth and beginners involved. We definitely need to come up with a few strategies for advertising. If anyone is interested in helping with this project come and talk with me at any of our meetings or call me at (650) 725-0866 during the day or (650) 366-6132 in the evening.

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~Darlene



A 37-cent commemorative stamp depicting Roy Acuff, Grand Ole Opry pioneer and Country music publishing giant, will be released in Nashville on September 13. The date coincides with his 100th birthday.

## The Caboose

### Penpex Silent Sale

The Penpex silent sale is fast approaching — are you ready with your items? Jim Mosso is requesting all members to start identifying potential silent sale lots for the auction. The minimum bid for all lots is \$5.00, with 10% of the sale going to Penpex.

I need help in submitting lots for the silent sale. Remember, the sale is only as good as the items members submit for the auction. These can be individual stamps, sets, country collections, worldwide, supplies and the like. So make sure you get in your items soon!

### Turn in Your Exhibit Entries

Enclosed with this newsletter is the Penpex Exhibit form. Time is running out and space is limited so please get your entries into Vesma, ASAP!



The District of Columbia stamp is shaped like a diamond, as was the original 100-square-mile tract of land chosen to be the permanent site of the nation's capital.



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David Hodgson

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Tony De Angelis

Silent Auction — Jim Mosso

Snack Bar — Fritz Gelb

### New U.S. Issues —

#### September to October

Roy Acuff — Commemorative, 9/13

District of Columbia — see left  
image, 9/22

Reptiles and Amphibians — 5  
commemorative stamps, 10/7

Holiday Music Makers, Holiday  
Stamps, 10/23

Snowy Egret, coil, 10/24

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## In Memory of Sig Adler

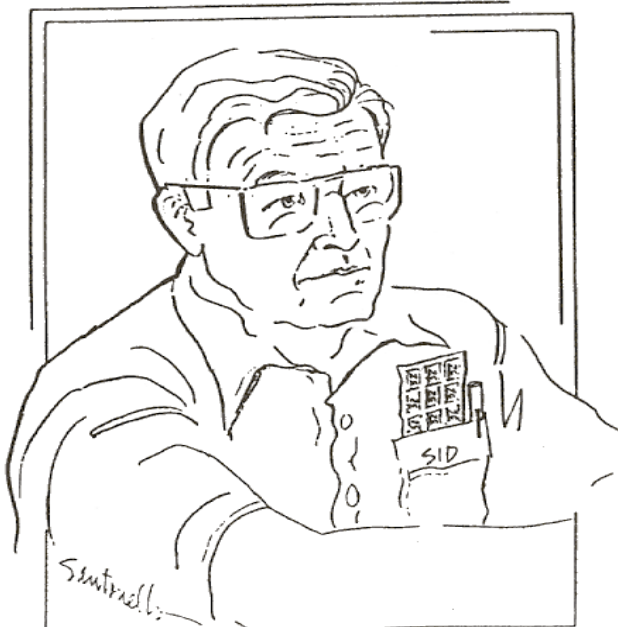


Illustration by Miriam Thurston.

We are saddened with the passing of Sig Adler on July 19th, 2003. He died of heart failure at 80 years of age.

Sig was a long time member of the Peninsula and Sequoia Stamp Clubs where he collected pre-1900 stamps, specializing in early Germany and Italian States. He had served as president and vice-president for Sequoia Stamp Club of Redwood City. He was a long time member of the American Philatelic Society and the Western Philatelic Library.

Sig was known for his friendliness and willingness to share his ample knowledge with others. He was a graduate of the University of San Francisco, Class of '49.

He is survived by his wife, Diane, and two children; Michael and Caroline, and three grandchildren; Jeremie, Rachel & Roni.