

# Stamp Chatter

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Newsletter of the Sequoia Stamp Club, Redwood City

## From the President

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the members of the Sequoia Stamp Club for their vote this past June to make a donation to the Senior Center's 2004 major fundraising effort. We recently received a letter from Bruce Utecht, Recreation Supervisor, Community Services of Redwood City thanking the Club for our continued support. Our contribution directly benefited the Senior Center and their continued work on the Veterans Memorial Center.

By donating to "The Human Race" campaign and contributing to its success in reaching the goal of \$15,000, we helped the Community Services of Redwood City in continuing to provide free and low cost services and programs. The Sequoia Stamp Club is one of those programs.

Community Center space is provided the Club for meetings and special events by the Redwood City Community Services Department at no cost to the Club. Through the Sequoia Club, this same benefit is passed on to PENPEX for its annual show.

Keep up the good work gang, our thoughtful generosity does come back to our Club many times over with a deep felt gratitude.



## Northern California Council Club Challenge: A Proposal

Some of our local stamp shows in the Northern California Council area are struggling to attract a suitable number of exhibits to ensure that the show experience remains attractive to the public as well as active collectors. One proposal to increase the number and variety of exhibits is to encourage more collectors to consider exhibiting as another enjoyable dimension in our hobby. Encouragement has worked well in the

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## Upcoming Meetings

### Event Calendar:

- **September 14** - Family Connection Collection - Jim Giacomazzi
- **September 28** - Buying and Selling Stamps - Pam Vogt
- **October 12** - Live Auction
- **October 26** - Computers and Stamp Collecting - Ernie Lee
- **November 9** - My Travels & Wanderings with Stamps - Fritz Gelb; Nomination of Officers
- **November 23** - Exec. Board Meeting - Election of Officers

# Summer Picnic Pictures

Some pictures shared with the club from the 2004 picnic.



Sequoia's officers: (l to r) Jim, Richard, Darlene and Ed pose for a photo.



Ed Morey



Cowboy Jim enjoying the party.



Larry Macallor



Good eats!



Enjoying the beautiful weather.



Hank says, "Go away I'm eating."

## Stamp Meeting Notes

### June 22, 2004

Called to order by President Ed Rodriguez at 8:00pm.

- Sequoia Stamp Club Picnic – July 17<sup>th</sup>
- Kristen passed around a sheet to signup to bring food/drinks to share.
- ASDA Stamp Show – Santa Clara is coming up Saturday
- If anyone still has kiloware boxes at home, please bring them back to the club
- New members: These members have been voted in and seconded – welcome to all of you, enjoy your Club: Michael Sitterly – collects oriental and US; Marty Moorbrink – collects foreign and US; Hideo Yokota – collects US
- It was noted that the new issues for the U.S. are not being shipped to all post offices.
- Great Britain is pulling back high values from post offices.
- Canada is also cutting back on issues. Fritz Gelb said that anything higher than 68p from Great Britain can be obtained from post offices in Edinburgh.
- The Bush nickel is floating around. I haven't personally seen one yet so I'm searching.
- Paul Swierstra beat the system by getting an Eagle bulk rate stamp mailed to him cancelled. Ask him about his secret.
- Raffle of circuit book certificates: Richard Griffone: \$10 certificate; Larry MacKellor: \$5 certificate
- Program: Video: Mexico 1914 – Denver Eagles
- Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

### July 13, 2004

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

- Sequoia Stamp Club Picnic – plans Kristen passed around a sheet to signup to bring food/drinks to share.
- Next meeting July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Stamp Identifier = if you have any stamps laying around that you can't identify, bring them in next meeting.
- Don Freeman's grandson is doing much better!
- Larry Christensen is missing his tong's.

Please look around for them.

- Hank Washauer said that he likes pre-1930 movies in B&W. If you come across any and want to get rid of them he will gladly take them off your hands.
- Steve Morger mentioned that in going through some old stamps he sent some off to APS to get appraised. He was very please with them and recommends them highly.
- Tonight's kiloware is going around. The boxes look interesting.
- Raffle of circuit book certificates: Don Freeman: \$10 certificate; Darlene Hickok: \$5 certificate (thanks Don)
- Kiloware picks ended at 9pm for silent auction.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

### July 27, 2004

Meeting called to order by Vice-President Jim Giacomazzi at 8:04pm. President Ed Rodriguez arrived shortly after.

- Miriam Thurston and Kristen Patterson were thanked for another great Sequoia Stamp Club picnic. We had lots of fun and lots of fun. Everyone was able to take food home! Great job.
- Paul Ortega from the Peninsula Stamp Club talked about the PENPEX raffle and would like to co-chair with someone from the Sequoia Club. Darlene Hickok will co-chair with him. If anyone has anything they would like to donate to the raffle get in touch with Darlene or Paul.
- The Redwood City Community Activities Center sent us a letter thanking us for our donation to the "Human Race".
- Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> Jim Giacomazzi is leaving for China. Have a great time Jim and be safe!
- Herb Nishio subscribes to the Stamp Collector and said that Linn's bought them out. If you subscribe to the Stamp Collector, what subscription time you have left will be added to Linn's if you also subscribe to that. Bill Dutcher mentioned that Linn's also bought out Minkus.
- Someone also mentioned that Linn's is going back to a color magazine style instead of newspaper.
- Hank Washauer will be attending the APS show in Sacramento. I think I heard a few more voices that said they were also going.
- New's from Jim Mosso is to start thinking about the silent auction for PENPEX in December. Minimum bid must be \$5.00

- Welcome back to some returning members : Elizabeth, Al Theiss and John Dusil.
- For those of you who knew him, Joe Ginsberg passed away.
- Kiloware is still going around. Better get to those boxes before they disappear.
- Raffle of circuit book certificates: Ken Kunz: \$10 certificate; Don Freeman: \$5 certificate
- Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

### August 10, 2004

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

- The Executive Board meeting will be held on August 27, 2004 at 7pm, Community Activities Building – probably the Fireside Room.
- One thing that will be discussed at the board meeting are the silent auction rules. Herb Nishio mentioned that as far as he can remember there were no rules.
- Jim Mosso mentioned that we need more circuit books. Old books are being retired. We should think about ordering new ones.
- Tom Klein commented that he really appreciates the “Chatter” because that is how he stays connected and informed. He enjoys reading them.
- Hank Washauer mentioned a club yearbook??? Again! Let’s discuss it “again”. We’ll get there Hank.
- Hank Washauer also mentioned that Darlene Hickok and Paul Ortega will be in charge of the PENPEX raffle this year. All cash and merchandise donations should go to her from Sequoia Club and to Paul from the Peninsula Club.
- Kristin Patterson is giving a seminar on “How An Idea Becomes A Book” at the Sacramento Show, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2pm.
- Live auction started. Ed Rodriguez did a great job as auctioneer. Paul Swierstra and Steve Morger had lots of fun working 47 lots and also did a splendid job.
- Raffle of circuit book certificates: Jim Mosso: \$10 certificate; Leroy Harbrough: \$5 certificate
- Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Darlene Hickok, Secretary

### New September/October U.S. Issues

- John Wayne, 9/9
- Sickle Cell Disease, 9/29
- Cloudscapes, 10/4
- Christmas: Madonna & Child, 10/14
- Hanukkah, 10/15
- Holiday Ornaments, 10/16
- Kwanzaa, 10/16
- Moss Hart, 10/25



### Sequoia Officers

**President:** Ed Rodriguez  
**V-President:** Jim Giacomazzi  
**Secretary:** Darlene Hickok  
**Treasurer:** Richard Griffone

### Stamp Chatter Staff

**Editor:** Ed Bierman  
**Distribution:** Paul Swierstra

### Stamp Show Calendar

**Great American Stamp Expo**  
 September 3-5,  
 Location: 770 Montague Expressway,  
 San Jose  
[http://www.stampshows.com/sanjose\\_er.html](http://www.stampshows.com/sanjose_er.html)

**Santa Clara Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Expo**  
 November 18 - 21  
**Location:** Santa Clara, California  
 Santa Clara Convention Center

## Tid Bits — News about Stamps

### APS National Show in Sacramento



Hank took some pictures at the APS's national show in August.

Kristin Patterson reports, "There were quite a few Sequoia Stamp club members that attended the show. To name a few:

Kristin Patterson, Hank Washauer, Bill Dutcher, Lloyd Anderson, Paul Swierstra, and others.

I entered into the literature competition with my book, *It's a Wrap!*, and a One-Frame exhibit entitled *Funding the Civil War with First Issue "Playing Cards" Stamps*. I received a Vermeil award for the book and a Gold award for the exhibit. My seminar on *How an Idea Becomes a Book* was also well received with over 20 attendees.



### From Tony DeAngeles

We've made the move to Washington state and we arrived in fine shape. (Except for one glass bowl and a picture frame.)

Please change your address book to include my email address above.

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Our new home address is:  
3950 West Eaglerock Drive  
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Now you have more information on us than most of our credit card companies!

### The California Council of Philatelic Society Meeting At The APS Show Hank Washauer

Twenty-one people attended the meeting, more than I have seen in recent years. Leonard Holmsten, who has been doing an excellent job over the past several years as President and newsletter editor will be retiring from his posts due to ill health. In his place, Chuck Waller, an experienced bay area philatelist, has agreed to fill in as President until the next election. I had never met Chuck Waller but he seems to

be a very conscience person, who I am sure will be dedicated in pursuing his duties. Chuck asked the question, "Why the Council?" In thinking this over, here are the following things that I see the Council doing:

- The Council is made of several committees. The only committee of the Council that pertains to Stamp Clubs is the Speakers Bureau. Sequoia Stamp Club in the recent past has not been using this very much. The rest of the Committees on the Council pertain to stamp shows: Judges, Youth Coordinator, Exhibitors and Youth Adviser.
- The main purpose of the Council is to coordinate and help stamp shows, and this pertains to Penpex. The Council has been in existence since 1944, almost 60 years at a time when each club probably had a stamp show (this is not true today).
- On a club level there is a program being put forward to try to develop exhibitors for stamp shows, it will consist of a Mentor and Novice who will work together to compete in one chosen show (this was outlined by Vesma Grinfelds in our last Chatter). The purpose is to develop new exhibitors.
- The Council will meet at Penpex, Sunday, December 5, 2004 at 1 PM.

# 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.

## ***Encouraging Exhibiting***

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past, but the numbers affected have been small. Another approach is to formalize the encouragement into a mentoring program coupled with a contest among the stamp clubs within our Council.

We propose that teams will be formed of one experienced Mentor (Vermeil or higher at WSP show) and one Novice (limited or no experience, but a desire to learn).

The teams would each put together two NEW exhibits (5 frames total max):

Mentor's exhibit: either a 1-frame or a 3-4 multi-frame exhibit

Novice's exhibit: 1-, or 2-, or 3-frame exhibit.

1-frame exhibits will be 16 pages; multi-frame exhibits can be multiples of 15 or 16.

1. Each exhibit should conform to the rules for exhibitors in the most recent APS Manual for Judges in terms of exhibit classification and format.
2. The Mentor will guide the Novice in following the APS rules and assist the Novice with issues and problems that may arise during the exhibit-building phase. This is supposed to be a learning environment, and periodic contact and discussions are necessary for success.
3. We recommend that the Club Challenge take place at SUNPEX 2005, and each recognized team will agree to compete in that show by November 30, 2004.
4. The resulting exhibits will be shown in competition at the chosen show. Special awards will be given for the Best Novice exhibit and the Best Club Team exhibits in addition to regular show ribbons. The Team competition may require special judging criteria and (possibly) a special judge unaffiliated with any club in competition. If entries are sufficient, we may recognize the Novice Runners-Up or split the Novice awards by philatelic division (Postal, Revenue, Display, etc.). In addition, the Novice winners will have their exhibits displayed (noncompetitive) at the next following WESTPEX show.

### **So what is in it for you?**

- For the Mentor, this is a good excuse to do that new exhibit that you always said you were going to

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## The Caboose

### Nominations

The Nominating Committee shall, at least from four (4) months prior to the end of each fiscal year call for nominations for the elective offices. If any member of Sequoia or Peninsula Clubs wants to be nominated for the positions of General Chairs or Secretary or Treasurer please notify your Club President so that the information can be forwarded to the Nominating Committee.

### Exhibits

Please get in touch with Vesma Grinfelds if you wish to exhibit at Penpex. A prospectus was enclosed in the last Caboose. You can have a lot of fun by exhibiting in the four page exhibits.

### Silent Auction

Don't forget to get in touch with Jim Mosso if you have items you wish to enter in the silent auction. There is a minimum bid of \$5.00.

### Raffle To Benefit Philately

Donations are needed for the raffle please see Darlene Hickok and give her your donations. This year there will be no Treasure Chest of one prize but prizes will be divided up and be on display and the purchaser of tickets can put the tickets in the bag in front of the prizes. All in one bag or in several bags.

### Stamp Show Seminar

There was a workshop held to discuss stamp shows at the APS Convention held at 10 AM on Sunday, August 15. There was three attendees plus the moderator. Two executives appeared later. The main subject discussed was liability insurance, included in the meeting were representatives of the Hugh Wood Insurance Company. Interesting note: the insurance salesman was descended from William the Conquer 1066.

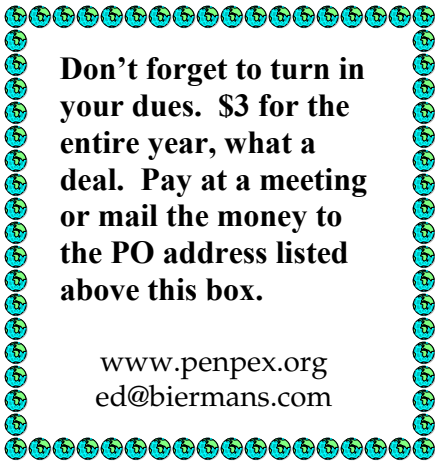


Award-winning dramatist and director Moss Hart is honored on a stamp marking the 100th anniversary of his birth.



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do. It is also an opportunity to hone your skills as an exhibitor. There is nothing that is more effective mastering a subject than trying to teach it to someone else.

- For the Novice, it is an opportunity to experience one of the additional dimensions of joy in our hobby. Exhibiting provides additional insights that help you become a better collector and enjoy the hobby more.
- For the Club, a challenge competition can invigorate and revitalize your meetings as people in the club try to assist the Novice, and the Novice keeps the club informed on their progress. For the Council, this will help feed local shows with a number of new exhibits and new exhibitors.

The Council approved the above on 15 August 2004 and appointed a Committee to oversee the competition: David McNamee (chair), Vesma Grinfelds, William Willis, and Bill Lenarz and appropriated a budget of \$400 to support the effort for the first year.