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Newsletter of the Sequoia Stamp Club, Redwood City

From the Editor

Wade Saadi, the APS Director-at-Large, wrote a very nice article on "The State of Our Hobby" in the September *American Philatelist*. The thing that caught my attention is the fact the health and vitality of our pastime is based on how well we do on passing on our love of stamps to the next generation.

This brought to my mind some of the club discussions held at meetings over the last months concerning kids in the Sequoia club. While we acknowledge that our children or grandchildren may not have the same passion we do for collecting or want to come to a stamp meeting, we can be "planting the seeds" of collecting for the future.

Wade says, "Engage your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews in the hobby. Get them started at an early age. They probably will not be as passionate as you, but the experience will be indelible and may seed a future adult collector.... Just consider the pleasure you derive from collecting and let that be your motivation to do something to encourage others in the hobby."

I felt those thoughts were important to hear. Most avid collectors today started when they were young — the "seed" was planted early in their lives by someone who loved stamps. Some may have left the hobby during their teen years but have come back years later after discovering their dust-covered album and remember the fun they had collecting stamps.



Supply kids with stamps and let them place them on pages or stock books. Give them a few stamps throughout the year or on special occasions as gifts. Who knows, these little ways of encouraging the hobby may one day bring forth an adult stamp collector and keep our hobby healthy and strong.

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Upcoming Meetings

Event Calendar:

- 9/13 Story -- John Dusel
- 9/27 Undersea Life on Stamps, Ed Bierman
- 10/11 Live Auction
- 10/25 Fritz Gelb
- 11/8 John Dusel -- Story, Nomination of Officers
- 11/28 Foreign Contract Air Mail Routes; Executive Board meets and Election of Officers

Stamp Meeting Note Summary

June 28, 2005

Meeting called to order by President Ed Rodriguez at 8:05pm.

Discussion:

- Fred Willems was voted in as a new member. Welcome Fred.
- Paul Swierstra brought up the issue about youth members receiving the Chatter Newsletter. Bill Dutcher explained that according to by-laws, the youth are associate members and have member numbers in a range different from regular members. It was decided that the youth not receive the newsletter. Bill Dutcher made a motion to not send the Chatter to youth which was carried by a majority of the vote. Bill Dutcher said that there is nothing in the by-laws about sending the newsletter to any member.
- Miriam Thurston told us that the San Mateo County Fair has a section to have a booth to sell. July 11th is the deadline to enter.
- Bill Dutcher mentioned that there is a new catalog about airships if anyone is interested. It sells for about \$29. See Bill if you are interested.
- Ed Rodriguez is gone in August and our VP, Jim Giacomazzi will be presiding.
- Jim Mosso will be gone for the July 12th meeting. Give any money to Richard Griffone in his absence. Jim brought up the PENPEX auction and to start thinking about it.
- Herb Nishio gave us a report that Stuart Phillips is doing well.
- Our librarian, Leroy Harbrough, now has Vol 3 of the Scott's Catalogue (G-I).

- Paul Swierstra said that there are 5 donation lots available tonight.
- Raffle of circuit book certificates: Don Freeman: \$10 certificate, Elizabeth Moses: \$5 certificate
- Elizabeth Moses gave us a presentation on War on Stamps. Very nice presentation Elizabeth! Thank you.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

July 12, 2005

Meeting called to order by Vice President Jim Giacomazzi at 8:00pm.

Discussion:

- Jim Giacomazzi started the meeting by giving us bad news that Tom Klein passed away. Services will be held July 13th at the Mt. View Cemetery, Piedmont Ave., Oakland.
- Some members talked about fond memories of Tom. Hank Washauer sadly mentioned how much he will be missed and how long and hard Tom worked at the Penpex Snack Bar.
- Bill Dutcher said he received a letter from the Moll Family that Bill Moll will attend a meeting in August.
- Jim Giacomazzi mentioned the Filatelic Fiesta and that volunteers are needed.
- Fritz Gelb mentioned the picnic which will be August 13th at his house.
- Jim Giacomazzi also told us that he has a list of stamps that are being sold from Little House. If anyone is interested, see him.
- Raffle of circuit book: Chris Thompson: \$10 certificate; Ken Kunz: \$5 certificate

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

July 26, 2005

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

Discussion:

- Hank Washauer is getting a signup sheet together so volunteers can signup for a table at the Filatelic Fiesta that will be held at the Parkside Hall in downtown San Jose September 30th ? October 2nd.
- Presentation of life membership awards were presented to those present: John Dusel, Bill Dutcher, Herb Nishio, Jim Mosso
- Herb Nishio will see that Stuart Phillips gets his award and Darlene Hickok will mail Tom Klein's to his family.
- Congratulations to all of you for earning these awards. A big thank you goes to Hank Washauer for having these awards available.
- Kristin Patterson is handing out a signup sheet for the picnic which will be on August 13th at the Gelb Residence. Directions should be in the next bulletin.
- Sequoia Board Meeting, August 23rd at 7pm, RWC Community Activities Bldg
- Ed Rodriguez read a thank you letter from the RWC Community Center for our donation to the Human Race. They reached their goal.
- Jim Giacomazzi announced that we have a Brookman Catalog that can be checked out from our library. See Leroy Harbrough.
- Raffle of circuit book certificates: Larry Christiansen: \$10 certificate; Don Freeman: \$5 certificate
- Larry MacKallor started his presentation on Postmarks. Another Sequoia Stamp Club exclusive. Great job Larry.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm

Upcoming Shows

Sept 3-4 Great American Stamp Expo, Napredak Hall, San Jose

Sept 16-17 San Francisco Coin and Stamp Expo, Cathedral Hill Hotel

Filatelic Fiesta - making it's APS National status return! September 30-October 2 in Santa Clara with dealers and exhibits. This is a WSP qualifying event.

WINEPEX - San Rafael October 1-2. Single frame exhibits and dealer bourse.

The East Bay Collectors Club Show -- the 60th Annual -- will be held October 29-30 in Walnut Creek (Civic Center Hall)

SACAPEX - Sacramento - November 5-6: Informal/informational Council meeting to be held on Saturday at noon.

SUNPEX - Sunnyvale - November 12-13: Team Exhibiting Finals (sponsored by the Council) to be held in conjunction with the regular Show

San Francisco Stamp Fair, Nov 26 & 27 at Holiday Inn Golden Gateway, 1500 Van Ness

For these and other future shows check out:

<http://www.stampexpos.com/>

Sequoia Officers

Ed Rodriguez – President
Jim Giacomazzi – Vice President
Darlene Hickok – Secretary
Richard Griffone – Treasurer

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NEW Issues

Greta Garbo

The U.S. Postal Service joins Sweden Post in a 2005 stamp issuance Sept. 23 commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of legendary film actress Greta Garbo. Born Sept. 18, 1905, Garbo was known for her beauty, artistry, enigmatic personality and sensuality, which continue to resonate with film audiences (stamp design not finalized).



SEQUOIA STAMP CLUB ANNUAL QUIZ

- IDENTIFY THE COUNTRY THAT MATCHES THE CLUE

INSCRIPTIONS

SHQIPENIA
SOUMI
HELLAS
MAGYARORSZAG
HELVETIA

COLORS

One cent magenta
Bluenose
One penny red

Treskilling yellow
Blackjack

HEADS

Hitler heads
Machin heads
Hermes heads
Death mask heads
Curly heads

LEADERS

Eva Peron
King Boris III
Riza Pahlavi
Henry Pu-Yi
Queen Salote

CURRENCY

Cruzeiro
Zloty
Riyal
Baht
Bolivar

NICKNAMES

Bull's eyes
Small Queens
Blue fleas
Missionaries
Hidalgos

ANIMALS

Kangaroos
Peacocks
Pandas
Quetzals
Ducks

OVERPRINTS

DM
O.B.
O.S.G.S.
E.R.I.
VUJA - STT

WATERMARKS

Multiple stag
Pineapple
Springbok
Turtles
Swans

MISCELLANEOUS

SCADTA
Prefectures
Pro Juventute
Inverted Jenny
GN perfins

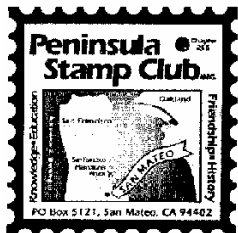
September/October USPS Releases

- Child Health, 9/7/2005
- Lets Dance: Bailemos, 9/17/2005
- Greta Garbo, 9/23/2005
- Jim Henson and the Muppets, 9/28/2005
- Constellations, 10/3/2005
- Holiday Cookies, 10/20/2005



75th Anniversary of
the 13th Amendment
World's Fair Station,
NY - Oct. 20, 1940
44,389,550 issued

Peninsula Club



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

In this issue a list of youth programs and Web sites:

American Philatelic Society

http://www.stamps.org/kids/kid_stampfun.htm

National Postal Museum

<http://www.postal.si.edu>

Postal History Foundation

<http://www.postalhistoryfoundation.org/phfmain.htm>

Children-Friendly Websites

The British North American Philatelic Society

<http://www.bnaps.org/stamps4kids/>

Stamps 4 Kids — Bumper Land

<http://www.bumperland.com/stamps.html>

Stamp Collecting for Kids

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Meadows/8406>

Taken from the September 2005 Issue of the *American Philatelist*, page 679

The Caboose

Notes About Penpex 2005

Attached in this issue is the entry form for exhibits for this year's show. Start sending your entries now.

The number of **FILATELIC FINDINGS**, the 4 page exhibits has been going down over the last couple of years. If more people don't participate, Vesma may have to remove the category.

If you have items for the silent auction, this is the time of the year that you should start putting those together as well — time is ticking and Penpex will be here soon.



Jim Mosso, Bill Dutcher, John Dusel receive plaques from President Ed Rodriguez for being voted Life Members of Sequoia Stamp Club



Fritz Gelb, Paul Swierstra, Bill Moll (Charter Member), Hank Washauer receive plaques for being voted Life Members of Sequoia Stamp Club

Officers	
Co-Chair—General, chair meetings & policies	Bill Dutcher
Co-Chair — General & set-up	Ed Rodriguez
Co-Chair/Secretary	Darlene Hickok
Co-Chair/Treasurer	Hank Washauer
Activity Chairs	
Financial, Bourse, Registration Desk & Public Relations	Hank Washauer
Graphics	Ed Bierman
Set-up & Frames	Larry Christiansen
Mailing List	Aldo Pessagno
Youth/Beginners Table	Kristin Patterson
Exhibits & Judges	Vesma Grinfelds
Awards	Paul Ortega
Seminars	Ed Rodriguez
Cachets Cancels	Miriam Thurston
Banquet	Darlene Hickok
Silent Auction	Jim Mosso
Snack Bar	
Dealer Lunches	Robin Gorday

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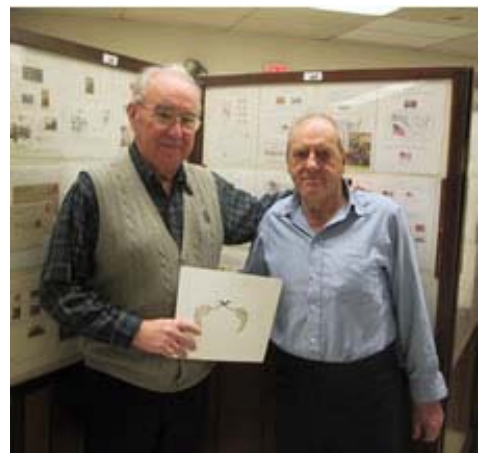
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Finally... some sad news

In the last two months both clubs have lost beloved members — our hearts go out to their families as we remember these special philatelic friends.

Rolf Hermansen — Long-time Peninsula Stamp Club member/regular attendee and exhibitor Rolf Hermansen passed away unexpectedly. The Club will sorely miss the philatelic enthusiasm he shared with us for the stamps or Norway, volunteer work accumulating stamp contributions for the TB Association in Norway (TUBFIL) and time at the PENPEX Registration table.

Tom Klein — A long-time member and recently honored as a life-time member of Sequoia passed in July. Tom was an active member and supporter of Penpex who loved to keep things running in the snack-bar.



Tom Klein receiving an award at Penpex
— Tom loved to exhibit every year at Penpex