

Stamp Chatter

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Newsletter of the Sequoia Stamp Club, Redwood City

From the President



In the Stamp Chatter issued this time exactly one year ago, I was announcing that we were returning to our time tested and true meeting rooms after having been removed from them for several meetings due to the Community Activities Building (CAB) having to under some much needed renovating. Well... the new flooring installed in the renovation didn't stand up to the test of usage.



As a result, we will be without a meeting room during the period of March 31 to April 16. The CAB staff has advised us that during the repairs they will be unable to offer us an alternative room as we found last time. While we're fortunate to have only one date potentially lost, **April 11th**, this time there's "no room in the inn."



Does this daunting news upset the Sequoia Club? Do we fold under the pressure and cancel the April 11th meeting?



Not a chance!

This innovative, ready-for-anything, fun loving group had one enterprising individual suggest a **Pizza Party** for this particular meeting night, and everyone unanimously voted for it.



We will meet at **Mountain Mikes** at 6:30 p.m. for our April 11th meeting. The pizzeria is at 120 El Camino Real in Redwood City (**see page 2 for a map**) The Club has voted to pick-up the tap for the pizza, so come hungry. Libations, of your choosing, however are under the NO HOST BAR rule.

Ed Rodriguez
Sequoia President

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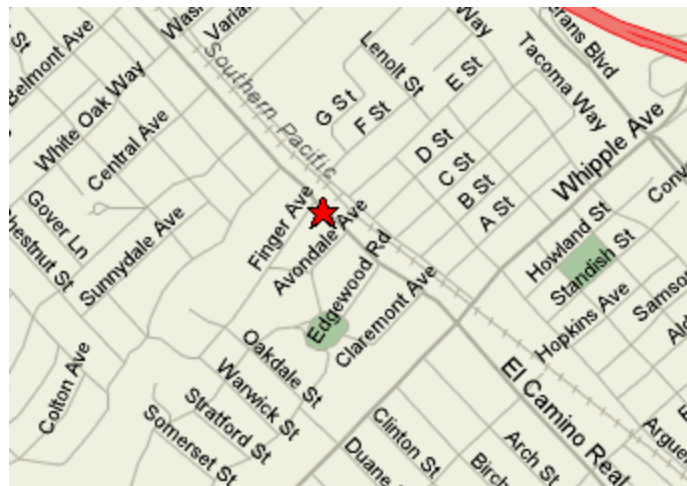
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Upcoming Meetings

Event Calendar:

- March 14 - Pan-Am Stamps and Covers, Ernie Lee
- March 28 - U.S. Playing Card Companies thru U.S. Revenue Stamps - Kristen
- April 11 - Pizza Party at Mountain Mike's in Redwood City
- April 25 - Live Auction
- May 9 - Program - Darlene Hickok
- May 23 - Inheriting a Stamp Store - Jack Drach

Stamp & Club News



April 11th Meeting Spot

**Mountain Mike's
120 El Camino Real
Redwood City, CA**

If you are coming up Whipple Avenue from 101, turn right on El Camino Real and it will be directly on your right. It's across the El Camino from the AAA office. See you there!

USPS New Issues March and April

The U.S. postal service has a number of new issues slated to come out in the next couple of months:

March 1st Our Wedding Stamps two designs

March 8th 39¢ Happy Birthday

March 8th 63¢ Dr. Jonas Salk

March 8th 87¢ Dr. Albert Sabin

March 8th 24¢ Common Buckeye Butterfly

March 8th 39¢ Official Penalty Mail

March 8th 39¢ Flag & Lady Liberty

March 16th 39¢ Crops of the Americas



March 17th 39¢ True Blue Love

March 17th \$4.05 X-Plane Priority Mail

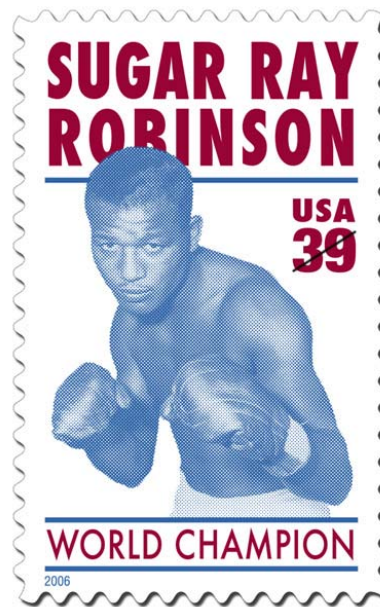
March 17th \$14.40 X-Plane Express Mail

April 6th 39¢ Sugar Ray Robinson

April 7th 39¢ Benjamin Franklin

April 39¢ Purple Heart

April 39¢ Ronald Reagan



Stamp Meeting Note Summary

January 24, 2006

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

- The live auction for that evening has been moved to April 25th.
- Guests tonight are Joan Larson and George Henderson, both from San Mateo. Joan collects US Olympics and George collects USA, Canada and British. Welcome!
- Rick Richardson is visiting tonight from Yreka. Rick is our United Nations expert. Happy to see you again Rick!
- Bill Dutcher was called to Arizona for a funeral so Ernie Lee will take his place for this evenings scheduled presentation.
- Miriam Thurston mentioned that she still has Penpex First Day Covers for sale at \$1.00 each.
- Darlene Hickok announced that the Stamps R Us Youth Program has 5 new members that need to be voted in. The members are Paolo Godcharles, Jasmine Marckwordt, Vincent Phua, Katherine Lazar and Maria Dubon. All were successfully voted in as junior members.
- Some future events coming up is a presentation by Ernie Lee on Pan Am on March 14th and a presentation by Kristin Patterson on Playing Cards. July 11th will be a flea market.
- Richard Griffone reminded us again that 2006 dues are now due and getting past due.
- Raffle Drawing: 1st Drawing was won by Hank Washauer; 2nd Drawing was won by Larry Christiansen
- Ernie Lee started Bill Dutcher's video presentation on Forgeries. Very interesting Ernie!
- Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm
26 members present and 2 guests

**PENPEX GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING
January 28, 2006 10:30 am
Waterfront Restaurant**

- Treasurer's Report (Hank Washauer)
Hank presented financial report
- Bill Dutcher said that we do have issues from past Penpex and Larry Christiansen explained that some frames are in bad shape. Hank Washauer suggested that we have someone experienced to look and see what we need.
- Richard Griffone suggested that we get the post office truck back. People miss the truck. The post office wanted to do business from a desk versus the truck.
- Hank Washauer said the cache's went very well. With the new issues of Love Birds, Children's issue and Winter cache's we are \$100 ahead so far. Miriam said that since it's a year-round process it takes a lot of time. The question was posed as to why it isn't under Sequoia instead of Penpex.
- Jim Mosso said to review the flyers to check to see what is said about the silent auction.
- Miriam Thurston commented that she needed extra post cards.
- Ed Rodriguez made a motion and Jim Mosso gave the 2nd motion that we vote on the board recommendation of giving the Rec Center \$400 and \$500 to Sequoia and Peninsula Clubs with 80% going to Sequoia and 20% going to Peninsula.
- The Nominating Committee Report has nominated Kristin Patterson and President of Penpex, Ernie Lee as Vice President, Darlene Hickok as Secretary and Bill Dutcher as Treasurer. Ed Rodriguez made a motion to elect the nominees and Jim Mosso made a 2nd motion to elect. Nominees have been duly elected to start on February 1, 2006.
- Bill Dutcher turned chair over to Kristin Patterson and in her acceptance speech said that she wants to promote youth and if anyone has any suggestions to see her or Ernie.

- Miriam made a suggestion that we send out instructions on making cache's.
- Larry Christiansen said that he would like to get Scouts involved again.
- Bill Dutcher, Hank Washauer, Darlene Hickok and Kristin Patterson are to meet at Union Bank directly after this meeting to update bank records.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am

February 15, 2006

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

- Ernie Lee is sending around the event list for review and for new sign-ups.
- Hank Washauer is also passing around a sign-up sheet for the pizza party so he knows how many will attend so we can order the correct amount of pizza. Reminder that the pizza party is April 11th at Mountain Mike's in Redwood City at 6:30pm. The club will pay for the pizza, you pay for your own drinks.
- Hank Washauer also gave us a Penpex Report and said we are in good shape.
- Ed Rodriguez announced that the Executive Board meeting is at 7pm on February 28th in the Fireside Room.
- Joan Larson and George Henderson, both guests at our last meeting in January were voted in as our newest members tonight. Congratulations Joan and George!
- Ernie Lee pointed out that the San Francisco Examiner and the San Francisco Chronicle both had articles about stamps.
- Paul Swierstra announced that Frespex (Fresno Philatelic Society) is March 11-12 in Clovis CA. There will be 24 dealers. For additional information email starstamps@thegrid.net.
- Kristin Patterson said that she will be holding a tips & tricks about traveling around Washington D.C. on April 29th. If you are planning on attending the international philatelic exhibition the end of May, this may be a great tool. For additional information email her at Kristin@yahoo.com.
- Kristin also mentioned that she will be giving some school presentations and

would appreciate it if members could put together some packets of used topical stamps of about 10 to a packet. The usual animals, trains, space, etc.

- The Penpex slate is set for 2006 with Kristin Patterson as President, Ernie Lee Vice President, Darlene Hickok Secretary and Bill Dutcher Treasurer.
- Ed Rodriguez warned us that the sales books are thinning out and that we need more.
- Raffle Drawing: 1st Drawing was won by Ryszard Brusilo; 2nd Drawing was won by Jim Sauer
- Live Auction started with over 60 lots
- Meeting adjourned at 9:38 pm
33 members present

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Darlene Hickok, Secretary

Upcoming Shows

Frespex

March 11 & 12

453 Hughes Ave, Colvis, CA 93612

Westpex

April 28-30, 2006

San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel

For more details visit:

<http://www.westpex.com/index.html>

WESTPEX2006 commemorates the 100th anniversary of the April 18th 1906 San Andreas earthquake. There will be a special display of post cards relating to the earthquake. There might be a special show cancellation.

Sequoia Officers

Ed Rodriguez – President

Jim Giacomazzi – Vice President

Richard Griffone – Treasurer

Darlene Hickok – Secretary

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NEW Issues

Jonas Salk

Dr. Jonas Salk (63-cents) (First-Class two-ounce rate)

This issuance in the Distinguished Americans series honors Dr. Jonas Salk (1914-1995), who was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1977 for developing the first safe and effective vaccine against paralytic poliomyelitis. Periodic outbreaks of this worldwide viral disease — also called infantile paralysis or simply "polio" — paralyzed or killed thousands of people annually in the United States alone before the Salk vaccine became available in 1955.

Artist Mark Summers created the portrait on the stamp. As reference, he used a photograph (courtesy of the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation) of Dr. Salk taken in the Virus Research Laboratory at the University of Pittsburgh in October 1954. At the time of the photograph, Dr. Salk was checking the results of a polio test funded by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis through its March of Dimes campaign. In 1979, the "March of Dimes" also became the official name of the foundation.

From the USPS Site



40 Years Ago

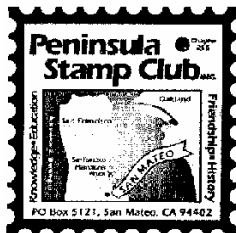
American Circus Issue

Delavan, WI - May 2, 1966
Giori Press - Perf 11 - 200 Subject
131,270,000 issued

President: Lyndon Baines Johnson
Postmaster General: Lawrence F. O'Brien

Domestic Letter Rate: 5¢ per oz
Postcard Rate: 4¢
Air Mail Rate: 8¢ per oz.

Peninsula Club



Currently the Peninsula Stamp Club is on hiatus as meetings are being planned for 2006. If you would like to know more information please call 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.

Web Sites to Check Out

Virtual Stamp Club

<http://www.virtualstampclub.com/announce.html>

Nice assortment of resources and the latest news on schedules from the USPS.

1847usa.com

<http://www.1847usa.com/Default.htm>

This site is a wonderful reference place for background information on U.S. issues from 1847 until 1970. The information on this site has been gleaned from many, many philatelic references. Often, there are conflicting opinions on a particular subject, with new information surfacing occasionally, generally sparking great debate.

New Zealand Post

New Zealand recently updated their Web site — making improvements in how it functions and making ordering easier. I've ordered from them before and stamps come very quickly.



<http://stamps.nzpost.co.nz/Cultures/en-NZ/>

The Caboose

Notes About Penpex 2005

Penpex'2005
By Hank Washauer



In my final report on the Penpex 2005 , I wanted to share some thoughts about the history of the show and some of the highlights from this year.

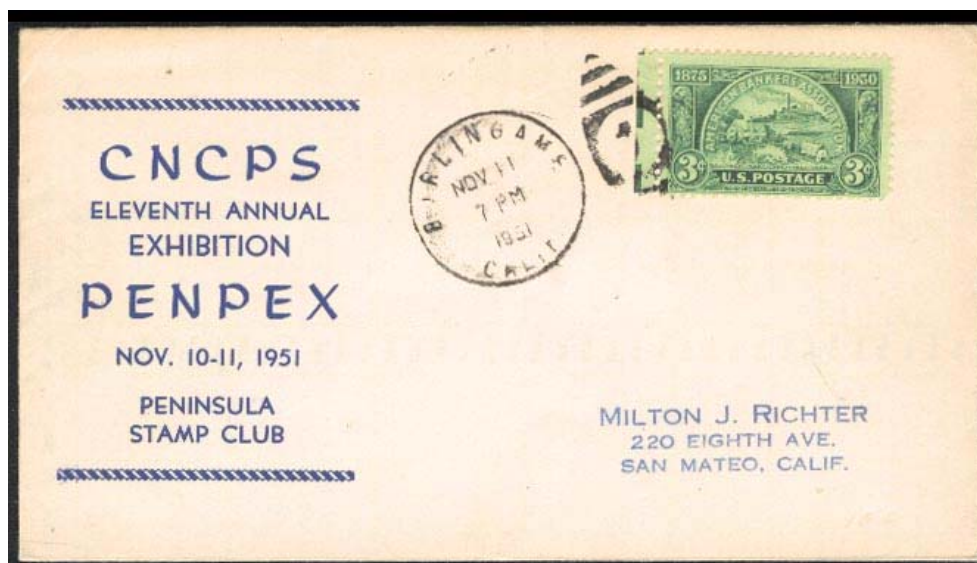
Like the modern Olympics, Penpex has a long history — well maybe not as a long as the Olympics but it does date back to the 1940s or 50s. We have cachets dating back to the early 50's thanks, to a donation by Ed Rosen (see below).

But like the Olympics, there was a period of time when Penpex wasn't held. Our current show format dates back to December 1983, 24 years ago (I have counted this on my fingers several times). More on the history of the show in the coming year.

This last Penpex (2005) was an artistic and worthwhile event in spite of the fact that major changes had to be made at the last minute. The exhibits were full, the banquet was held and because most of the exhibitors were from out of the area they could not be recognized in person. The silent auction went very well and the snack bar was relocated because of space but was very successful.

Cachets were a success all year and did well at the show, the youth/beginner area was alive with inquisitive on lookers. The raffle also did very well with some excellent prizes. We brought the post office inside but there were comments some people liked the truck better, probably it should have highlighted better. And there was record time in setting up and tearing down the show.

We wish to thank the Recreation Department for their whole hearted cooperation.



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Blast from the Past

Below is a cachet from the past. Look for additional information about the history of Penpex. We have a proud history behind our clubs' stamp show. Years of dedication and work by members present and past have made it gem in the collecting community.

Everyone's help is needed to continue that tradition
What are you going to do to help in 2006?

