

Stamp Chatter

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Newsletter of the Sequoia Stamp Club, Redwood City

From the President

Welcome to the Flea Market! Yes, for the July 11th meeting there will be a revival of sorts in the Sequoia Club's history of programs. Yours truly is too young to remember that the Club has had this type of program/event in the past. For those of you old timers it will be resurrected right before your very eyes the evening of July 11th.

The way the market will work, as I understand it, Club members can rent table space for \$2.00 paid to the Club's treasury. They can then sell their philatelic items, keeping the proceeds of those sales. Rec Center tables will be used, each table will accommodate two vendors.

Sounds like a lot of fun...or mayhem, as sellers become buyers and buyers become sellers. We'll strive to maintain order at all costs! See you there on the 11th.

Thanks,
Ed Rodriguez

Swap Meet Information

Tuesday, July 11, 2006
Open to Everyone

Swap Your Stamp Stuff
For More Stuff

Table Rentals Available
(Club Members Only)
Call Ernie Lee at
(650) 455-1710 cell
(650) 403-0058 work

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Upcoming Meetings

Event Calendar:

Calendar of Events:

July 11 - Flea Market Bourse, Ernie Lee

July 25 - U.S. Playing Card Companies thru
Revenue Stamps, Kristin Patterson

August 8 - Live Auction

August 22 - Cigars, Cigarettes & Match Labels,
Miriam Thurston

August 22 - 7pm Executive Board Meeting

September 12 - The Best Things in Life are Free
(almost), Hank Washauer

September 26 - Austrian Semi-Postals, Fritz
Gleb

Stamp & Tidbits

A number of members attended the **Washington 2006 World Philatelic Exhibition**. Here is Kristin and Vesma enjoying the Expo. They all report they had a great time looking at the hundreds of exhibits and picking up great stamps.

Jim Giacomazzi also attended and told us that you could get a special cancellation for each day. Jim was given an APS pin for being a member for **20 years**.



Congratulations to **Leonard Holmsten** for winning a Gold Metal at Westpex for his exhibit *'Swiss Stampless Mail'* also winning the American Helvetia Philatelic Society - Bronze Medal



Sequoia Club Picnic
Tuesday
July 18, 2006

The Picnic Area
Community Activities
Building
1400 Roosevelt Avenue
Redwood City

6 p.m.
Family Invited
Sign Up Sheet At
July 11 Meeting



USPS New Issues July & August

Saturday, July 15th
39¢ Baseball Sluggers
four designs

Thursday, July 20th 39¢
DC Comic Book Heroes
twenty designs

Friday, August 4th
10¢ American Clock

Monday, August 7th
39¢ Motorcycles
four designs

Thursday, August 24th
39¢ Quilts of Gee's Bend
ten designs
American Treasures series

Stamp Meeting Note Summary

May 9, 2006

Meeting called to order by President, Ed Rodriguez at 8:02pm

- Herb Nishio said that he would like to see some rules for the upcoming flea market.
- John Inghish remarked that there should be no rules.
- Paul Swierstra told us that in the past whoever wanted a table for the flea market was charged 25c if they were a club member and 50c if were outside the club and there were no rules.
- A motion was made to raise the price of a flea market table to club members at \$1.00 and non members \$2.00. It was voted not to have a silent auction on the same night as the flea market. So motioned, seconded and voted in. July 11th is scheduled for the flea market.
- Next meeting on May 23rd is the Executive Board Meeting at 7:00pm. All committee members should attend.
- Joan Doherty told us that she went to the Westpex Show and attended a meeting about the Postal Museum. She brought a pamphlet to share with all of us that might be interested.
- Hank Washauer is very impressed with the color version of our Chatter Newsletter and would recommend to anyone that has a color printer to go to our webside at <http://www.penpex.org> and print a copy out in living color. You'll love it.
- We have 2 new members to vote in tonight. Norman Neary and Frank Mott. Nominations were made, moved and seconded and welcome to both of you as new members of the Sequoia Stamp Club.
- Larry Christiansen talked about Westpex as well as other attendees. One of the thoughts were that APS criticized the dealers for not having lower priced items on sale to promote collecting.
- Ed Morey announced that if anyone is interested in Russia or Poland stamps, he has a seller. Please see him at the meeting or call him if you are interested. He will arrange a meeting day and time.
- Raffle Drawing:
 - 1st Drawing was won by Jack Drach
 - 2nd Drawing was won by Richard Coleman
- Tonights program given by none-other than our very own President, Ed Rodriguez on Croatia – The Little Country That Could. Great title Ed, I love it! Another Sequoia exclusive.

- Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm—31 members present

May 23, 2006

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

- Ed gave a report on the Executive Board Meeting. Minutes are on file with the club secretary.
- Financial Report: Richard Griffone gave a financial report. We are still in good shape!
- Don Larke was recognized as being present at the meeting. It's always nice to see returning members.
- Ernie Lee mentioned that he has the 2007 event calendar of events and it is being passed around so members can sign up.
- The club bourse philatelic flea market will be July 11th. It has been suggested that tables be placed around the sides and back of the room. The fee will be \$1.00 per half table.
- The Reno Stamp Show is July 15-16th, National Bowling Stadium, 300 North Center Street, Reno, Nevada; Saturday 10-6 and Sunday 10-4 <http://home.earthlink.net/~renostamp> for ore info
- Chris Thompson said he has some old 1900's magazines if anyone is interested in looking at them.
- Norman Neary donated a group of material that will be auctioned during the next live auction. Thank you Norm!
- Hank Washauer announced that he has some pictures from the Gulf of Mississippi if anyone would like to see the damage that was done there.
- Paul Swierstra mentioned that the post office is sending out Dilbert cartoon postcard advertisements that he would like. So if you are going to toss them, please toss them to Paul.
- Raffle Drawing:
 - 1st Drawing was won by John Michelin
 - 2nd Drawing was won by Ernie Lee
- Ed Rodriguez announced that we need circuit books!
- Frank Mott was kind enough to bring us a few cactus plants. First come, first serve. Thank you Frank for thinking of us and thank you for putting them in front of the secretary!
- Tonights presentation is given to us by Jack Drach on Inheriting a Stamp Shop. Nice presentation Jack.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm : 28 members present

June 13, 2006

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

- Our guest and hopeful member tonight is Alain

Ridard. Alain collects France and US.

- Ed Rodriguez talked about the event calendar.
- Kristin Patterson mentioned to us that back in April she presented to 2 youth classes on stamp collecting and shared a thank you card from one of the classes.
- Kristin also mentioned that she attended the Washington D.C. Show and gave us a report on that as well as some material to share with us. She told us that the Palmares was free but the catalog was \$20.00 (\$15.00 if you pre-registered).
- Jim Giacomazzi also attended and told us that you could get a special cancellation for each day. Jim was given an APS pin for being a member for (I believe) 20 years.
- Ed Bierman just returned from a deep sea diving trip in Vancouver, Canada.
- Bill Dutcher shared with us an article in the New York Times about William Gross' world's greatest stamp collection worth tens of millions of worth.
- If you want to join APS (American Philatelic Society) or renew you can get half off but you have to join through the club. See Bill Dutcher if you are interested.
- Plans are in the works for a club dinner BBQ. Hank suggested that we have it outside the building where there are BBQ pits and tables. He checked with the Parks & Rec and was told we can reserve the tables during the week. So it was voted on that we hold the dinner BBQ on July 18th at 6:00pm. More info will follow about what to bring, etc.
- Raffle Drawing: 1st Drawing was won by Herb Nishio, 1st Special Drawing of Canadian sheet donated by Herb Nishio was won by Kristin Patterson ; 2nd Drawing plus 1st day cover donated by Jim Giacomazzi was won by Eve Santos
- Live auction started
- Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm: 32 members present, 1 guest
Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Darlene Hickok, Secretary



What is the nickname of this stamp?



Upcoming Shows

Great American Stamp Expo,
San Jose
Napredak Hall
September 2 & 3

San Francisco Stamp Fair,
San Francisco
Holiday Inn Golden Gateway
November 25 & 26

Sequoia Officers

Ed Rodriguez – President
Jim Giacomazzi – Vice President
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NEW Issues

Other Collecting Hobby Comes to New Stamp Sheet

Comic book collecting, a long time hobby, not as long as stamp collecting of course, comes to a new souvenir sheet put out by the USPS in July.

This is the first stamp pane (20 stamps) honoring comic book super heroes to be issued by the Postal Service.

Half of the stamps on the DC Comics Super Heroes pane show portraits of characters; the others show covers of individual comic books devoted to their exploits. Beginning with the classic covers, a separate paragraph below briefly comments on each stamp.

Ever since Superman was introduced to readers in 1938, super heroes have been nearly synonymous with the comic book medium. Their fantastic adventures provide an escape from the everyday while simultaneously encouraging readers to feel that individuals can make a difference.

Comic books aren't simply "kid stuff" - adults have always been among their readers, and the form has attracted its share of serious artists and writers. And super heroes have responded to social and political issues from the start, fighting corporate greed and political corruption during the Depression, for example, and then becoming patriotic defenders of national interests during World War II.

From the USPS Site



75 Years Ago

First Day: May 21, 1931
200 Subject Plates · 99,074,600 issued

The two cent Red Cross stamp commemorated the 50th anniversary of the founding of the American National Association of the Red Cross on May 21, 1881. This stamp was very popular at the time it was issued, and added to the bi-colored design allowing many plate combinations, enough copies were saved that it brings little premium today. However, since it was printed in two steps, at least two panes were released without the red cross on one of the stamps; both stamps are obviously highly prized.

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.

Council of Northern California Philatelic Society

CNCPS

News of the Council

Let me introduce my self, my name is Hank Washauer and I have been appointed to be Communications Chairman for the Council.

It will be my aim to put together short articles for the individual club newsletters.

I would like to call your attention the Council website, <http://www.norcalstamps.org> (Go to this website by typing the preceding information into the any browser such as Internet Explorer, Netscape or Yahoo home page) as it has excellent complete information about the Council, upcoming events, contact lists, archived council newsletters and links to other philatelic sites. It is easy to use the links on the left side of the site to find information. Please explore the site as we are sure that you will find it an easy way to keep up with our current events and news.

The site is updated as often as necessary and we especially strive to keep club contact information "up-to-date". In the News section, upcoming shows are always highlighted with information about dates, location and events.

Visit our site and let us know if there are errors or features you would like included. We will always appreciate help and suggestions!

Hank Washauer

The Caboose

Notes About Penpex 2006

I am talking to all Sequoia and Peninsula club members because you are all eligible exhibitors for PENPEX 2006. In the past, we have had a category entitled, FFF – Fun Filatelic Finds, which was open only to club members and the intent was to allow everyone the opportunity to exhibit what they liked in 4 simple pages. This year we will continue to have the 4-page exhibits for members but it will be related to a theme. This year the title is “E” Philately. All 4-page exhibits must be related to the letter E. This means that your exhibit could be but not limited to the Earth or Eels or Everything Evangelistic. Your challenge is to find something related to the letter E. I know we have creative people in our clubs, so let’s see you display it in 4 pages. The exhibit prospectus is already on the website at <http://penpex.org/>. And the price is right also – Free!

A special thanks to Eduardo Martino for taking on the responsibility of setup chair for PENPEX 2006. This is a very important position which layouts and takes down the entire venue of PENPEX. This includes the dealers’ tables and chairs, all exhibit frames, the youth area tables, and meeting room chairs to name a few things. I am glad to see new people taking on lead positions. As always it takes a team to put everything together, so be prepared to help even if you did not sign up for a lead position.

To keep you informed of our progress so far, we have received confirmations and checks from 6 dealers along with confirmation that the Redwood City U.S. Postal Service will also be supporting us at the show. The Redwood City Activity Center will also be announcing the PENPEX show in their next community flyer. If members know of other areas where we can publish an announcement about the show please inform us.

Five months and counting.
Kristin Patterson
PENPEX Chairperson



Function	Name
Chair	Kristin Patterson
Vice-Chair	Ernie Lee
Secretary	Darlene Hickok
Treasurer	Bill Dutcher
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Peninsula Pres.	Paul Ortega
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Setup*	Eduardo Martino
Bourse*	Kristin Patterson
Registration Desk	Ernie Lee
Youth Center*	Darlene Hickok
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Awards*	Paul Ortega
Judges*	Vesma Grinfelds
Frames	Fritz Gelb
Seminars*	Ed Rodriguez
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Cachets/Cancel*	Miriam Thurston
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Turn in your exhibit entry form in quickly!

In this issue is the entry form for exhibiting at Penpex this December.

Now isn't too soon to turn in your entry.

Try the new 4-page entry category — this years theme is the letter "E".

Last year it filled quickly and some had to be turned away. Space is limited to our meeting room. Look forward to seeing your exhibit.