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SEQUOIA STAMP CLUB

Club meetings are held every **second and fourth Tues.** of each month at the Community Activities Bldg., 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA at 7:15 pm. Refreshments are served and visitors are always welcome.

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President's Message:

In the February issue of the APS journal, President Wade Saadi talked about an ad that was printed by the American Philatelic Association over 100 years ago. In an effort to attract new members, it asked the following question: "Are you a member of the APA? If not you ought to be." Then it listed 12 reasons that you should join. This year the Sequoia Stamp Club (SSC) reaches our 65th anniversary and I can easily count 12 reasons why it is beneficial to be a member of our organization.



- 1st - Belonging to a local philatelic club is as important as belonging to a national association. Remember the current phrase, "Think global, act local."
- 2nd - The Sequoia Stamp Club is a legally incorporated, non-profit mutual benefit corporation with the specific purpose to encourage and promote stamp collecting.
- 3rd - Belonging to SSC gives you standing in the stamp collecting community and offers opportunities to network with collectors of similar interests.
- 4th - SSC is one of the largest stamp clubs in the SF Bay Area with over 115 members and has a positive reputation built over 65 years of operation.
- 5th - It has both a newsletter, The Chatter, and a website www.penpex.org to keep members informed of local stamp collecting events and activities.

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Charter Member Bill Moll to be Honored at Anniversary Celebration

Bill Moll, currently a 98 year-old resident of Oroville, CA, is the only living charter member of the Sequoia Stamp Club. He and several other local stamp collectors founded the club in 1947 at Redwood City Fire House #2. Bill holds membership number 9. He served as president of the club in 1969. Be sure and come to the club meeting on September 25 when we will celebrate our 25th anniversary by honoring Bill and many other long time club members. Ed Rodriguez will emcee the affair where we will recognize special guests and view a slide show of early club photos. There will be an anniversary cake and refreshments and a special drawing of ten door prizes. Yearbooks will be distributed, along with our new membership pins. Don't miss this gala affair!



President's Message (cont')

- 6th - The club offers trading opportunities, sales books, and both live and silent auctions which enable members to add to their collections or dispose of duplicate material.
- 7th - The SSC promotes youth philately through its Stamps R Us youth program with mailings and activities for beginning collectors.
- 8th - The Sequoia Stamp Club sponsors PENPEX, our annual stamp show held the first weekend in December with a special cachet, exhibits, stamp dealers, seminars, youth activities, a silent auction, and much more.

- 9th - Meetings are held twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 at the Community Building in Redwood City offering interesting programs and refreshments are always served.
- 10th - Since the Sequoia Stamp Club is a social organization, we make it a priority to have special events such as an annual summer picnic, a pizza party, and a holiday fest at the end of each year.
- 11th - Members may use the club library to do research on stamps in specialized reference books, keep up with stamp news from stamp periodicals, or check out current Scott catalogs for home use.
- 12th - Finally, all of the above benefits are available by simply filling out an application card and paying a ridiculously low membership fee of \$3.00 per year. Guests are always welcome at our meetings. Sign up or renew your membership today.

2012 Stamp Calendar

- July 6-8 - **ASDA Summer Stamp Show**, Crown Plaza Hotel, Burlingame
 Jul 10 - Wrangel Issues - Hank Shoolman
 Jul 24 - Live Auction - 2nd Club Donation
 Aug 14 - The Digital Microscope - Dave Abrahams
 Aug 16-19 - **APS StampShow**, Sacramento
August 21: SSC Picnic at CAB [5:00 pm/Dinner at 6:00]
 Aug 28 - Swap Meet - Gil Goodrich - [6:15 pm Executive Board Meeting]
 Sep 11 - Live Auction - Members
 Sep 25 - Sequoia Stamp Club 65th Anniversary celebration - Honoree: Bill Moll
 Oct 9 - Philatelic Quiz
October 16: Pizza Party, Mountain Mike's [5:30 pm]
 Oct 23 - Live Auction - 3rd Club Donation
 Nov 9-11 - **Filatelic Fiesta 2012**, Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, San Jose
 Nov 13 - Swap Meet - Gil Goodrich - Nomination of Officers
 Nov 27 - **Open** - Election of Officers [6:15 pm Executive Board Meeting]
December 1-2: PENPEX Stamp Show
 Dec 11 - Holiday Party
 Dec 25 - No Meeting. See you next year.



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Queen Elizabeth II Definitives “Machin” Security Codes By Werner Sepper

To combat forgeries and the illicit re-use of used but uncanceled stamps the Royal Mail in 2009 introduced a number of security features on self-adhesive stamps, primarily the 1st and 2nd class Non-Value Indicators (NVI or Forever). A number of valued stamps also have been issued with the security features.

To make it more difficult to forge stamps most new definite stamp issues are overprinted with an iridescent ink of the words “ROYALMAIL” (The stamp images have been enhanced to show the overprint). The overprint will not show clearly when photocopied. If the special iridescent ink is not used in the forgery it becomes very obvious to anyone the looks at these stamps. In 2012 a new type was issued with the words “DIAMOND JUBILEE” replacing the “ROYALMAIL” overprint.

To prevent the undamaged removal of stamps from processed mail, four U-shaped die cuts forming two ovals are made one on each of the bottom corner area of the stamp. The slits are designed to disintegrate the stamp when trying to soak it of the envelope paper.

To assist in product and quality control, in 2010 the use of codes in the overprint was introduced to allow tracing the source of the stamp issues when usage problems are encountered. These codes in one of the words identify the issue year and source of the stamps. The following Table identifies the source codes. The source code appears to the right of the Queen’s head, usually but not always, in the upper right area. To the left of the Queen’s head the year code changes the last two letters in one “MAIL” word to 10 for 2010, 11 for 2011 etc.

For the stamp collector these security features makes it relatively easy to identify the catalog number of these stamps.



Word Change	Code	Source
	No Code	Counter Sheet
ROYAL to ROBAL	B	Business Sheets
MAIL to MBIL	B	Business Sheets
MAIL to MCIL	C	Custom Booklets
ROYAL to FOYAL	F	Booklets of 4 Stamps
MAIL to MFIL	F	Booklets of 4 Stamps
MAIL to MSIL	S	Booklets of 6 Stamps
MAIL to MTIL	T	Booklets of 12 Stamps
MAIL to MPIL	P	Prestige Booklet
MAIL to MRIL	R	Coils
MAIL to MMIL	M	Miniature Sheets

The King James Bible by Marsha Brandsdorfer

Illustrations of the Bible and its stories are presented on US and international stamps because of its strong influences on religion and literature. The original Bible was written in the language of the ancient world – the Old Testament in Hebrew and the New Testament in Greek. In the early Middle Ages, most people did not know how to read and needed to rely on the telling of Bible stories by their clergy. Not until the introduction of the Renaissance era were reading and writing seen as a means to personal fulfillment. At this time, individuals no longer wanted to accept the views of the Bible by the clergy. They wanted to be able to interpret and read the Bible for themselves.



However, Biblical translations at that time were more than an academic challenge. It was also illegal and dangerous. The church was concerned about maintaining control over what was taught in the churches throughout England. There was much religious persecution.



Some English translations did come out, and in 1560, the Geneva Bible was released. By 1600, the Geneva Bible had become the Bible of choice of English speaking Protestants. Despite its popular appeal, authorities of the newly established Church of England felt the popular marginal notes provided in this Bible were prejudicial and the church did not like the interpretations they offered. King James was particularly concerned as the Geneva Bible often used the word “tyrant” to refer to kings. It suggested that it is lawful to disobey or deceive kings, and that kings were not to be respected. King James wanted to rid England of the Geneva Bible, but the question was how.

A proposal was made by an archbishop for a new Bible translation. King James directed that the “best learned” at Oxford and Cambridge should begin work on a new translation of the Bible. A new Bible would reinforce the image of the King as the political and spiritual leader of his people. The first printing of the King James Bible, named in the King’s honor was in 1611. It still would take many years before it became the Bible of the English people and recognized as one of the high points of English literary achievements.



The King James Bible has had a significant impact on the development of the English language. It along with the works of William Shakespeare are singled out as being most influential to the English language. However, The King James Bible has since been revised to bring it up to date since the English of 1611 is not the English of today. To read more on the history of the King James Bible and its influences, please see: *In the Beginning: The Story of the King James Bible and How it Changed a Nation, a Language and a Culture* by Alister McGrath.



Stamps R Us News

Fountain of Youth

The future of philately is young collectors!

Sequoia's youth group is almost unique in recruiting and retaining youth, ages 6-18, into our hobby. Stamps R Us is very unique when it comes to a learn-by-mail program. Stamps R Us (the official youth group name) is co-chaired by Darlene Hickok (the "visionary") and Richard Coleman (the "salesman"). Also, on the committee are LeRoy Bertsch (who works with young cancer philatelists at hospitals), Kjell Enander, Gil Goodrich, Hank Washauer, and Hank Shoolman. Together, these magnificent seven, evaluate donations, teach philately and mail stamps to approximately 40 youth in the U.S. and Canada. Stamps R Us is the beneficiary of non-tax deductible donations from Sequoia members and the generous public.



Please join us at our next major youth mailing meeting on Friday, July 13th, 1 - 5 pm at 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, and you will see a Sequoia Committee hard at work. We would also like your input on a proposed BBQ Social for local youth and group members and their parents and possible new recruits. Remember OLDER philatelists will wither and go away some day without YOUNGER hobbyists joining our ranks, so let's make sure that does not happen!

Our Website: www.PENPEX.org

Each month we have around 230 unique visitors to our web site with about a thousand page views. The most popular page on our site is the SSC calendar as people check out what our schedule is going to be in the coming months. Another popular page is our list of stamp dealers at PENPEX - dealers at our show remain on our dealers' page for the year after the show and many site visitors view this page.

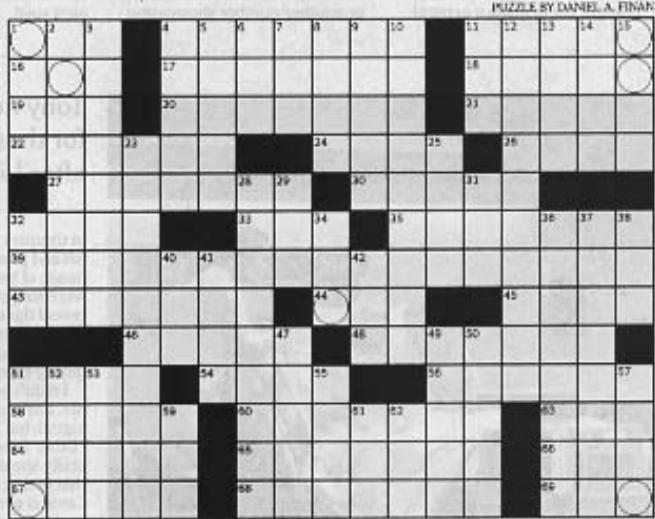
Our site is built as a BLOG, which is just another type of website. A blog's home page is set up like a magazine that features a series of articles in chronological order that also lets readers make comments on things they have read. You can participate in our site by leaving comments. Each month our editors include articles about stamp issues, stamp collecting videos, a history of PENPEX, words from the Sequoia Club President, news on our youth club, interesting collecting websites and many other topics. And of course you can learn everything you need to know about PENPEX 2012: schedules, exhibits information, and photos from past shows. Please take a look and share it with your friends.

Crossword

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PUZZLE BY DANIEL A. FINAN

The circles in this puzzle are contained in words that form a sequence. Connect these circles, in the order of the sequence, to form an appropriate image.



ACROSS

- 1 Grooms groom it
- 4 High beams
- 11 Price in cents of a 1958 Monroe stamp
- 16 ... of a 1968 Jefferson stamp
- 17 Went berserk
- 18 ... of a 1938 Jackson stamp
- 19 ... Arizona (Pearl Harbor memorial)
- 20 Caterpillar part
- 21 Correct
- 22 Shared quarters (with)
- 24 Laura of "Jurassic Park"
- 26 Fine ____
- 27 Chef's subject
- 30 Guinness, e.g.
- 32 Do some logrolling
- 33 Hall-of-Famer Mel
- 35 "Come on in!"
- 39 Location for some quick calculations
- 43 Sanctifies
- 44 ... of a 1903 Washington stamp
- 45 They might precede "Monsieur!"
- 46 Funny stuff
- 48 Low-ranking officers
- 51 Crumbly cheese
- 54 In ____ (dazed)
- 56 Chihuahua, e.g.
- 58 "Ni-hice!"
- 60 Circus performer
- 63 Author LeShan

- 64 Barn toppers
- 65 Refrain syllables
- 66 Hi-____ graphics
- 67 "Family Ties" mother
- 68 Sexy nightwear
- 69 ... of a 1970 Eisenhower stamp

DOWN

- 1 ... of a 1954 Lincoln stamp
- 2 Not mixing well
- 3 Tapped asset
- 4 Bonny hillsides
- 5 The Amazing ____
- 6 Bank earnings: Abbr.
- 7 Aspiring Ph.D.'s test
- 8 Rear
- 9 Colorations
- 10 Begin to berate
- 11 Org. doing pat-downs
- 12 Study of blood
- 13 Camper driver, for short
- 14 Med. specialty
- 15 Gridiron positions
- 23 Ice cream drinks
- 25 Angry parent's decree, maybe
- 28 "Where do you think you're going?!"
- 29 Archaic verb suffix
- 31 "It's no ____!"
- 32 Consumer protection org.
- 34 Asian celebration
- 36 Quarter ____ (McDonald's orders)
- 37 "The Phantom Menace," in the "Star Wars" series

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- 38 Super ____ (game console)
- 40 The Cowboys of the Big 12 Conf.
- 41 Disaster relief acronym
- 42 Lamb suckler
- 47 Swiss pharmaceutical giant
- 49 Played out
- 50 Minute bits
- 51 ... of a 1964 Kennedy stamp
- 52 Tel Aviv lander
- 53 Pint-size
- 55 Tassel sporter
- 57 Beano alternative
- 59 Suffix with Taiwan
- 61 Bygone
- 62 Actress ____ Ling of "The Crow"



Featuring

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"EXPLAINS ABOUT CINDERELLA"

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LOOK, GRANDPA, I DID FIND A CINDERELLA ON A STAMP!

(GRENADA- W. Disney
Scott's # (1063-71)



FYI

In the philatelic stamp world a Cinderella stamp is a "made-up" stamp not issued or printed by the federal postal service.

(To read more about it, look into the beginning pages in the Scott's catalog under "Cinderella")

SNAIL MAIL "FOREVER" SAYS:
"CINDERELLA LIVES FOREVER AFTER"

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Crossword Puzzle Answers:

