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SEQUOIA STAMP CLUB

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Club meetings are held every **second and fourth Tuesday** of each month at the Community Activities Bldg., 1400 Roosevelt Ave. Redwood City, at 7:05 pm.

Refreshments are served and visitors are always welcome.

More info at:

www.penpex.org/ssc

President's Message:

Sequoia Club's bank account is one indicator of our success.

We are truly thriving. We receive a decent return from our auctions - (not to mention the material we can add to our collections).

We accumulate a percentage of profit from each of our auction types: Silent auctions, Member auctions and Live Auctions. The Live Auctions, in particular, have put us in a position of financial security. A lot of this material has been full-on donations.

Two types of individuals need the gratitude of our club for the work they do in this regard. On the one hand are the generous collectors who choose to donate stamps to our club. They provide the material that interests our members, improves our collections, and builds the coffers of Sequoia Stamp Club. Thank you, to all of you.

On the other hand are the tireless people who prepare material for the auctions. Jim Giacomazzi and Severin Morger come to mind - they unfailingly offer stamps at every silent auction. They sort collections and assess valuations prior to every Live Auction. Jim (and his wife Cathy) even hold open houses for lotting and viewing the collections. Jim Mosso has been creating logically-themed circuit books from donated material. The youth volunteers, Preston Chaippa, Leroy Bertsch, Richard Coleman, and Kjell Enander spend time circulating material donated to the youth group.

It seems that some of our members are setting an example our club needs to follow. We have been accumulating due to their generosity. Now is the time to think about how we may give back. I challenge you, our membership, to bring forth some ideas for "spreading the wealth", as it were. The Governing Board will be examining ways that we can extend to our community the same generosity which we have enjoyed. Please help us act graciously in sharing our good fortune. Craig Butterworth, Pres.



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2015 Sequoia Club Programs & Stamp Calendar Schedule

- Oct 2-4:** [WINEPEX](#) (Redwood Empire), San Rafael
- Oct 13 – "Intro. to Perfins" by Craig Butterworth. Silent Auction.
- Oct 24-25:** **East Bay Collectors Club Show.** Civic Park Center, Walnut Creek
- Oct 27 – Gov. Board Meeting (6:00 pm)-open to all. Members Live Auction.
- Nov 7-8:** [SACAPEX](#), **Scottish Rite Temple, Sacramento**
- Nov 10 – Nomination of Officers. "New Deal Philately" a WESTPEX presentation by Charles Epting, APS Young Philatelic Leaders Fellow. Silent Auction.
- Nov 13-15:** [Filatelic Fiesta](#), Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, San Jose
- Nov 24 – Election of Officers, "EFO's" Part 2 by Peter Adams. Silent Auction.
- Dec 5-6:** [PENPEX](#), Community Activities Building, Redwood City
- Dec 8 – Holiday Party. Silent Auction.
- Dec 22 – No meeting. See you next year.

“Stamps R Us” Youth Group



The Sequoia Stamp Club Youth Group is very active in sending out monthly mailings of donated stamps to our 35+ members. This October we plan on sending a Northern California Stamp Album, plus stamps for it, to our members. We are looking for donations of the stamps for the albums. If you have any stamps to donate to the Youth Group, please bring them to the next Sequoia Stamp Club Meeting. This is the list of the US Scott numbers needed:

Scott #	Scott #	Scott #	Scott #	Scott #	Scott #
288	1120	1764	2651	4043	4698
291	1154	1930	2704	4050	2869i
399	1245	1957	3130	4051	2869t
400	1266	1996	3131	4056	3105i
567	1373	2182	3139	4063	3182j
740	1430	2184	3140	4150	3209d
852	1442	2196	3316	4201	3209g
894	1526	2255	3438	4279	3649p
928	1539	2263	3507	4346	
954	1663	2329	3565	4494	
997	1725	2538	3897	4541	

Preston Chiappa, Youth Group Co-Chair

Annual Summer Picnic Enjoyed by All

A beautiful day at Red Morton Park in Redwood City provided the setting for our annual summer picnic. Approximately 35 members gathered to socialize and enjoy the great food. This is one club event that you don't ever want to leave off your calendar. And don't forget our Pizza Party scheduled for Mountain Mike's on Sept. 29.



Club members and guests enjoying Armadillo Willy's barbecue along with salads and desserts brought to share.

Scavenger Hunt Provides For Fun Evening



The evening's program for the meeting on July 14 was a Philatelic Scavenger Hunt game developed by Kristin Patterson. Members presented 5 stamps to fit in as many of the 10 special categories as possible. The stamp illustrated above was entered by Jim Giacomazzi and scored four points as it has two colors (blue and white), shows a single ship (S. S. "Arawa"), issued before 1900 (1894), and issued by a dead country (Republic of Hawaii). Larry Anthony was the first place winner followed by Jim, John Corwin, and Craig Butterworth. A good time was had by all and it will possibly become an annual event. The Sequoia Stamp Club continues to offer its members fun social activities as well as the more serious philatelic auctions and presentations. Remember that for the Sept. 22 meeting we are scheduled to play Philatelic Bingo, with a great selection of philatelic prizes for the winners.

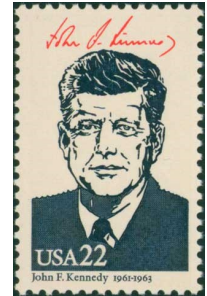
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The Private Life of John Fitzgerald Kennedy

by Marsha Brandsdorfer

John F. Kennedy, aka “Jack,” was born May 29, 1917 in Brookline, MA, to a wealthy family. As a young man, he went to Harvard University, and injured his back during football practice. Jack had two back surgeries in his later years, to try and relieve him of his chronic pain. To keep his mind active, during recovery, while bedridden, he wrote Profiles in Courage, which became a best-seller, and won the 1957 Pulitzer Prize for biography. However, the back surgeries were not successful and the pain continued throughout Jack’s entire life, sometimes quite severe, but he would not complain about it. Jack was a good looking man, who attracted many women. Although he was much of a playboy, when he was the U.S. Senator, he was motivated to run for the presidency of the United States, and he needed a wife to appear conservative. He got along well with the younger Jacqueline Bouvier, also known as “Jackie.” She was pretty. She had class. Jack married Jackie in Rhode Island. Jack did fulfill his ambition, and when he was sworn in as the 35th President of the United States on January 20, 1961, he had been the first President to have been born in the 20th Century, and was the youngest man to ever to be President.



Jack continued to have many affairs while he was President. Jackie knew about the extramarital affairs, but she did not know the identities of all the women. However, she did know about his affair with actress Marilyn Monroe and that worried her. She was afraid of Monroe going public, causing a scandal that would ruin her husband’s reputation, cause public ridicule, and possibly destroy her marriage. However, after Monroe passed away suddenly on August 5, 1962, still no one connected Marilyn Monroe with having had an affair with Jack. Jack did not often show Jackie physical affection in public. However, as he adored the children he had with Jackie, photographers often captured pictures of Jack playing with their children, Caroline and John Jr. Jackie became pregnant again, and then on August 7, 1963, Jackie gave birth to their son Patrick Kennedy. However, Pat-



rick was born premature, with a severe respiratory disorder. He was put into an incubator, and all efforts were made by the hospital to save the baby. However, he died of cardiac arrest on August 9, 1963 at 4:04 a.m. while in Jack’s arms. Losing Patrick drew Jack and Jackie closer to each other, and Jack started showing affection to Jackie in public. But then, on November 22, 1963, Jack was assassinated while riding in a motorcade in Dallas. As if to keep



her husband closer to her just a little longer, Jackie refused to change her blood-stained pink suit after the incident. She was still wearing it later that day when she was with Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, when he was sworn in as the new President of the United States.

(My research comes from These Few Precious Days: The Final Year of Jack with Jackie, by Christopher Andersen.)

“That Dang Junk Mail . . . Oh, Wait a Minute!”

By Craig Butterworth

Postal Card collectors are familiar with “preprinted” cards. These cards are otherwise mint, but have a preprinted message or advertisement on them. They were often prepared by companies with an intent to “mass” mail.

As a rule, preprinted cards are less desirable than mint - or even privately mailed - cards. Predictably, they are also less valuable. One of my favorite exceptions is Scott #UX47.

General Electric purchased 750,000 two-cent Scott #UX38 Jefferson cards from the Postal Service. The company printed two color (red and black) advertising on the back relating to television service centers. I know of two different ads (see figures 1 and 2). GE also punched a hole in the cards so as to facilitate the use of each card as a service tag with the owner’s postal address acting as an identifier.



Figure 1



Figure 2

Before the cards were mailed - and presumably after GE had contracted to have the cards printed - the postal rate changed to three cents. As a service to the company, the Postal Service printed the phrase “ONE CENT / ADDITIONAL / PAID” on the cards (in three lines) (See Figure 3). Three varieties were printed - one with the “D” of “PAID” under the “N” of “ADDITIONAL”, one with the “D” under the “O”, and one with the entire overprint inverted in the lower left corner.

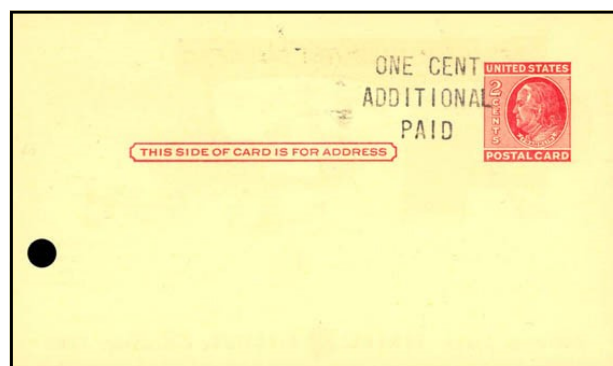


Figure 3

The latter (error) is the most valuable (2008 catalog value, \$500), but the other two currently realize over \$100 when offered for sale mint. The bonanza is potentially collected by lucky owners of postally used copies. In 2008, for example, the catalog value exceeded \$600!

If you are fortunate enough to have one of these, good for you. If you were one who identified this 1958 junk mail ugly duckling as a swan, congratulations!

Finis Austriae

by Ken Perkins

On Saturday, March 12, 1938, Vienna and wrote in his diary for Austria). Some 50 years later, the #1422) featuring the same words.



Sigmund Freud sat down in his study in that day: “Finis Austriae” (the end of Republic of Austria issued a stamp (Scott

Austria didn't end that day, but in



1938 things looked grim indeed for those who believed in an independent Austria. On the evening of March 11, German Chancellor Adolph Hitler had declared he would void existing treaty protections and make Austria, the country of his birth, a part of the German Reich. Early the next morning, Wehrmacht troops began to cross into Austria. The former seat of the far-flung Austro-Hungarian Empire, which covered much of Central Europe and reached as far as the Levant, was soon integrated into the Reich.



The Scott Catalogue describes the last stamps issued by independent

Austria (Scott #388 & 389) as “Rose and Zodiac Signs”. But my Austrian Netto catalogue, published in Vienna, more poignantly says they show “Gluckwunsch- marken” - signs of good wishes or good luck.



The reunification of Austria with Germany had always been a key part of the Nazi platform, and on March 13, 1938, Austria was incorporated into the German Reich. German stamps were to be used in place of Austria's as of April 4.

The next stamps in Scott’s Austria section show the result: numbered 'A484', the stamp celebrates the union of Austria and Germany with an illustration of a German and an Austrian marching side-by-side while carrying a Nazi flag. The stamp reinforces the union with the slogans surrounding the illustration: “Ein Volk, Ein Reich, Ein Fuhrer”-One People, One Empire, One Leader.



After the end of the war, Austria once again became a republic, issuing stamps of its own as a sovereign nation.



While not Austria's first post-war stamp, the semi-postal issued on Sept. 10, 1945, (Scott #B165) movingly demonstrates that the events of 1938 were not the end of Austria. The simple design pictures a man standing on a ridge overlooking an alpine vista. Scott describes it as “The Dawn of Peace”, while the Austrian Netto catalogue says “Heimkehrer vor Alpenlandschaft”- 'Home-comer before the Alpine Landscape'. If you've ever been to Austria, or just love the mountains, it's easy to imagine the joy of this Austrian upon being reunited with his beloved mountains, at peace at last.

Letters to Myself

The Calligraphic First Day Covers of Alan A. Blackman



In 1968 well-known San Francisco lettering artist & calligrapher Alan A. Blackman began sending hand-written envelopes as a surprise to his young son Stephen, across the bay in Berkeley. Blackman had been an avid stamp collector in childhood and remembered the excitement that a new postage stamp could create, and the pleasure of receiving his own personal mail. At the same time he addressed an envelope to his son he addressed a similar one to himself.

As a part-time postal employee Blackman knew when and where to send for new U.S. postage stamps. Collectors call the newly issued stamps on envelopes "first day covers." Each new stamp bears the cancellation: FIRST DAY OF ISSUE and records the date and city of first sale. Alan's envelopes gradually became individually distinctive, the design of the address mirroring the design of the stamps. The envelopes have become a collection spanning 40 years comprising some 200 envelopes, and bearing cancellations from the USA, Canada, Great Britain, and other countries overseas.

Alan Blackman's personal collection of over 200 covers is currently on display in the Jewett Gallery of the Main Library in San Francisco at 100 Larkin Street, and continues through October 11. The Gallery is free and open during regular library hours. Check the library website at www.sfpl.org for additional information.



PENPEX CABOOSE

The PENPEX show will be held December 5 and 6, 2015 and is open to the public with free admission and parking. But there is still work to be done, starting with entering your exhibit or silent auction lots. See the reminders below for more details.

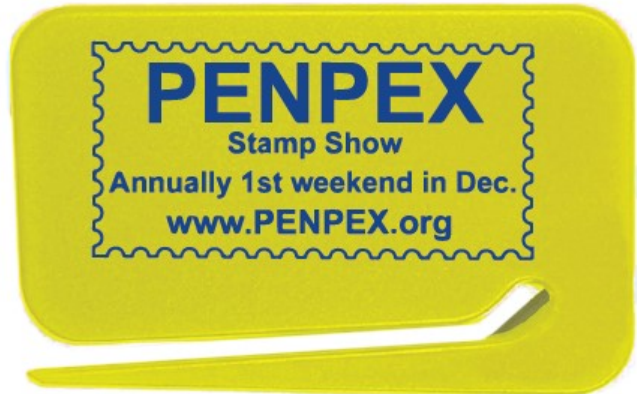
PENPEX is also in the need for volunteers, before, during, and after the show. Starting at 1 pm on Friday, December 4, we will begin setting up the venue. In the past, we have been done setting up the tables, chairs, and frames by 5 pm, at which time PENPEX will provide sandwiches, snacks, and drink for those who have volunteered to help. Please contact Eduardo to sign up for setup or take down after the show on Sunday.

On Friday, we also need help setting up the Youth Activities Area and mounting frames. Please contact Preston Chiappa or Vesma Grinfelds, respectively.

During the show, we need people to greet attendees as they enter the show, help in the snack bar, oversee the auction area, and assist in the youth area. Visit the website to learn about each area or contact Kristin Patterson at PenpexRedwoodCity@yahoo.com.

This year the first 400 attendees who sign in will receive a free letter opener. One per attendee but additional ones can be purchased. An image of the letter opener is shown above. The opener has a magnet on the back, so you can put it on your refrigerator for quick access when you collect your mail.

Remember to tell your friends, coworkers, and relatives about the stamp show.



Reminder from Vesma Grinfelds - PENPEX Exhibits Chairman

Here is your chance to show off your collection to your fellow collectors. PENPEX is now accepting entries in single or multiple frame exhibits. Entry forms are posted online at www.penpex.org/show/2013-exhibits. There is no charge but please submit your entry forms as early as possible.

For Sequoia Stamp Club members, there is a "My Favorite Things" category where members can enter 1 page to 4 pages maximum. You can enter 4 different pages, 4 related pages, or any combination up to 4 total pages.

Lastly, do not forget about attending the Awards Banquet on Saturday, Dec. 5 at Harry's Hofbrau. This is a wonderful social event with great food. Contact Stephen Sexton to purchase a \$20 ticket.

Reminder from Jim Mosso - PENPEX Silent Auction Chairman

The PENPEX Show is coming up soon and as usual there will be a silent auction. The items in the Silent Auction are provided by the members of the Sequoia Stamp Club. I am currently seeking good items to place in the auction. Members may set the starting bids for their items, but all entries must have a minimum starting bid of \$5.00. You are urged to provide your auction lots to Jim Mosso as soon as possible, but at least by the first meeting in November. You can also pick up the auction forms from Jim Mosso. Be sure to mount your items securely, and fill out the auction slips clearly giving an accurate description of the entry. British Commonwealth material, such as the item shown, have proven to be very popular. Let's make this a good auction - remember, it's only as good as the club members make it!



Sample item for the PENPEX Auction



PHIL A. TELLICK
& SNAIL MAIL '4-EVER'
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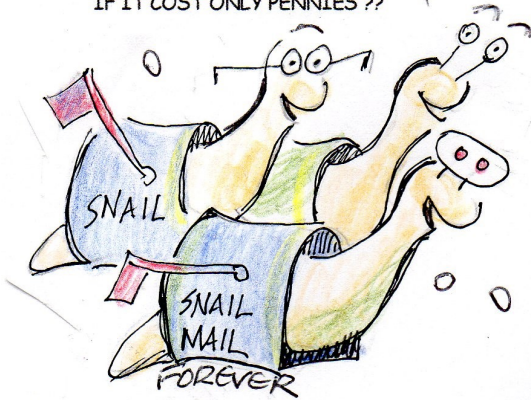
"A VETERAN PHIL, IS TELLING A STORY TO THE SNAIL-MAILERS ABOUT THE POSTAGE SERVICE DURING WW2"



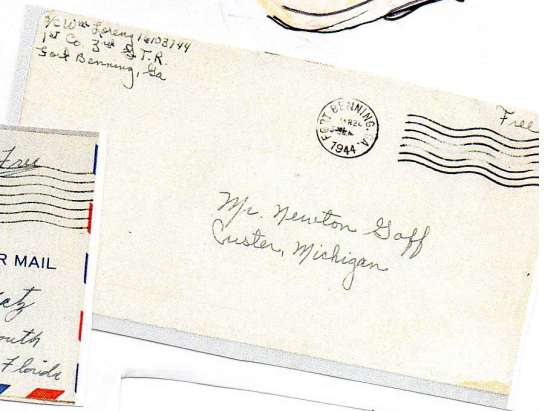
WOW !
IT WAS FREE ?

REALLY ! STAMPS COST ONLY 3 CENTS IN THOSE OLDEN DAYS?

NO POSTAGE STAMPS EVEN IF IT COST ONLY PENNIES ??



DID YOU KNOW DURING WORLD WAR TWO THERE WAS A TIME DURING THOSE WAR YEARS BETWEEN 1941 THROUGH 1945 WHEN THE SOLDIERS, WHO WERE OVERSEAS DID NOT HAVE TO USE OR PAY POSTAGE FEES, IT WAS "FREE" TO MAIL OUT THEIR LETTERS HOME? DURING THOSE YEARS UNITED STATES POSTAGE STAMPS WERE ONLY THREE CENTS



FYI: Servicemen enjoyed free postage throughout the war. All the soldiers or sailors had to do was write "Free" on the envelope and the Post Office would deliver it. Even if a soldier wanted to mail the end of a "C" ration box as a postcard, the Post Office would deliver it. Their letters were censored for security reasons during the war. Veterans Day is celebrated on November 11 to honor those who served.