

Stamp Chatter

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SEQUOIA STAMP CLUB

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Sequoia Stamp Club:

The new millennium is coming in just 2 months. The major hype has been the Y2K bug. Fortunately it will only positively effect my stamp collection. I can now say that my 1862 stamps are from not the last century but from 2 centuries ago. The 19th century will appear further away when we are living in the 21st century.

I have another goal of completing my 20th century collection of US stamps. I now have a start date, an end date, and a finite number of stamps to search for. As the number of stamps issued grows, the option to collect the stamps for a set number of years becomes more appealing.

I hope no bugs show up for you in the year 2000. I also hope that everyone continues their chosen collecting interest while finding some treasures in the New Year.

Still working on completing my collection,
Kristin Patterson
President

Virginia's NOTES:

8/24/99 Minutes

Meeting called to order by Paul Swiestra at 8:10 PM. President Kristin Patterson is out of town. Present: 28 members.

Discussion:

Due to number of items in the auction tonight, reading of the minutes from last time deferred. Motion seconded. The auctioneer is Jim Giacomazzi.

For those who do not have a job, the San Jose Post Office is hiring postal carriers. The salary is \$12.00 per hour, without benefits. You must be able to work 6 days a week. Paul found this information at the Celebrate the Century Train in Gilroy.

Jim Mosso announced that we have many circuit books for those who are interested in purchasing stamps.

Sig Adler says that there is a Luxembourg collection of about 100 stamps that no one has claimed. Member came forward to claim stamps.

Paul Swiestra congratulated Larry Christensen for doing a great job in collecting membership dues. The membership all agreed. Seven people (non-dues payers) will be dropped from the membership list.

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Upcoming Events for the month of November and December.

- ⇒ Nov. 9th Birthday Party
- ⇒ Nov. 23th China Clipper over Pacific (C20) by Larry Christianson/Election of Officers
- ⇒ Dec. 14th Holiday Party
- ⇒ Dec. 28th Holiday – No meeting

IN THE NEWS:

By Elizabeth Moses, Editor

Another Free offering From a Web Site Operator. If your mother sends you unsolicited advertising, is it still junk mail? This and perhaps other questions arise as a result of a Miami start-up that is offering to transform postal service from a model based on stamps to one based on advertising. On the Web, of course.

The company: Postage4free.com.

The concept: Starting immediately, the company is giving away 10 stamps and 10 envelopes to people who visit its Web site.

The catch: The envelopes have advertisements. Some are attached with perforation, which the sender rips off. Others are printed on the back and insides.

But in this instance, the price of a 33-cent stamp and an envelope is a bit more than just having to look at an ad. To sign up, participants must answer nine demographic questions about things like their interests and hobbies, pet ownership and whether they wear glasses or contacts. The envelopes they receive are supposed to carry ads selected to match those demographics.

David R.Krop, the company's president and co-founder, said the idea behind gathering demographic data to personalize the ads was the "people are getting coupons they can use."

Or maybe not.

Alas, at this point, consumers may have to settle for whichever advertisers the company can sign up. Mr. Krop said Postage4free.com was still trying to sell the positions.

As for your mother, Mr. Krop said that Postage4free's envelopes did not qualify as junk mail because people were participating voluntarily. But what about the recipients of the letters, who presumably had not agreed to participate?

"That's a good question," he allowed. Apparently lacking a good answer, he noted: "There is no clutter or waste with our product. And the front of the envelope is completely white."

Mother would no doubt be proud.

ART OF STAMP COLLECTING

***NOW!!! IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY
TO EXPRESS YOURSELF SO
COMPLETE THE SAYING AND
WIN A PRIZE***

Photos submitted by club member.

Virginia's Notes

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Penpex – Meeting here at the Redwood City Community Activities Center Building on August 31.

New Business:

Rick Richardson announces that there is a stamp show at the Presidio on Saturday and Sunday.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:16 PM.

9/14/99 Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Kristin Patterson. at 8:15 PM. Present: 29 members.

Discussion:

No formal meeting tonight. This is our club's Happy Birthday celebration! The Sequoia Stamp Club started in 1947, so our club is 52 years old. Our oldest member is Joe Ginsberg, who just turned 91.

We have a game tonight. There are two stamp picture cartoons on the display board. The member(s), who come up with the best caption, will win a prize.

Correspondence:

We received a letter from Bill Mole (? SP). Kristin read the letter to the membership. Bill voiced his appreciation of receiving the Chatter. His wife had a stroke, and he has not been able to attend the meetings. He says hello to everyone, and voiced sympathy over Ed Rosen's recent loss of his mother.

New Business:

Penpex: Martin Feibusch says Penpex is "off and rolling." A dealer from Oregon was in a motor vehicle accident and will not be able to attend. This will leave one table empty. If anyone would like to exhibit there are about ½ more frames available. The next exhibiting seminar is this Tuesday, at 730pm in the Redwood City Community Activities Building.

Now are the time members need to start thinking about what they want to do to help with Penpex. A sign up sheet will be circulated over the forthcoming weeks.

Jim Musso needs auction lot items for the Penpex silent auction. Sheets to attach auction items too will be handed out. Last year we had about 300 lots.

Introductions:

Rick Richardson has been collecting stamps before he could read or write. He is still having a lot of fun with the hobby of collecting. His biggest thrill is to start an album (US), up to 1940, collect as many stamps he can find and complete it, then start over with another album. Rick had recently been published in the "Sierras". He is a United Nations collector. Mr. Perry introduced the collecting of United Nations to Rick, he has been active in this endeavor ever since.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

9/28/99 Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Kristin Patterson at 8:06 PM. Present: 32 members and 1 guest.

Discussion:

Herb Saylor is here tonight. In January, he became a member of our club. He is the president of the Sunnyvale club, which also meets on Tuesdays. Herb will be our speaker tonight.

The Manual of Philatelic Judging will be included in our library for those interested in checking it out.

Newspapers: Congratulations go out to Leonard Holmsten for capturing second place in the design of the Washington 2006 new logo.

In the Monday issue of the San Mateo Times, Bernie Abrams answers questions in the article titled, "Philatelic Preserves History with Illicit Stamp Collection".

Martin Feibusch encourages members to consider exhibiting in our PenPex show.

The executive committee discussed the nomination of Noel Bond as lifetime member of our club. In 1983, Noel donated his time to produce one of the most successful cachets in Penpex history. It was Penpex's first cachet, and helped launch the show to its ultimate success. He has designed many cachets since then. He has served as President twice as well as Vice President, and has held many jobs in the club such as librarian. He has also been the editor of the chatter. He has given many programs when called on to do so, and has volunteered to do many programs. Ken Kuntz also credits Noel for starting up the picnics again and the Christmas dinner for the club. Also noteworthy are his interests in the hobby of collecting as well as

his companionship with other club collectors.

Secret ballots were passed out to the membership for voting on acceptance or denial of Noel as a lifetime member. Larry Christensen will tally all the votes when completed. The current life members are: Sig Adler, Winnie Burnsinger (?sp), Joe Ginsberg, George Gruderlind, Bill Mole, Sirus Thompson, Henry Washauer, and Noreen Will.

Bill Moran has donated a number of catalogs. They are available to members. There are also some United States Revenues stamps, which the club has bought. Members may purchase the stamps for ten cents each.

Jim Musso reminds us that members may submit auction lots for the Penpex silent auction. Lots start at five dollars each. The auction depends on the quality of the lots that members submit for auction. 175 to 200 lots out of 300 sold last year. Jim will be passing out forms for members to submit their auction items.

Martin Feibusch congratulated those involved with putting on the Philatelic Fiesta. The show was the best he has attended in the last 6 – 7 years. Jim Sauer and Herb Saylor are to be congratulated!

Martin apologized for his absence at the last exhibiting seminar.

Penpex: Martin announced that Leonard Holmsten has designed the Penpex cachets. Sample cachets were passed out for viewing by the membership. We have three different cachets. Stu Phillips is working on the cancels. The post office truck will be available, and there will be many items available for kids.

Sig's contribution of stamps for the youth table is coming along nicely. We have a good amount of material. Miriam will have a "framed stamp" table.

Fifty percent of the exhibiting panes have been spoken for. Connie Feibusch is collecting items for the Penpex treasure chest. Martin passed around the flyers for Penpex.

Henry Washauer announced that Linns has an advertisement about Penpex. Henry does not totally agree with the claims made by Bernie Abrams in his article. He feels that stamp businesses were hurt by auctions 15 to 20 years ago, and that the Internet may be the "final blow".

Henry reports on the counsel meeting they had at the Philatelic Fiesta. The acting chairman Martin Feibusch achieved a quorum. The major discussion was over the distribution of the newsletter. Four to five copies were distributed. The counsel wanted to make sure others see the query.

Paul Swiestra – One mailing of the Chatter addressed to Noreen Will was returned. Paul discovered that Noreen had moved to Petaluma.

The voting ballots for accepting Noel Bond as a lifetime member were counted. Congratulations to Noel Bond our new lifetime member.

Herb Saylor gave a thorough and extremely interesting presentation on the first self-adhesive stamp; Scott #1552 issued in 1974. Herb is the president of the Sunnyvale Stamp Club. He is also the director of the Western Philatelic Library in Sunnyvale.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 P.M.

By Virginia Warden, Secretary.

Answers to WORD SEARCH

AVERAGE	HINGED
CANCELLATION	LOVE
CENT	MAIL
CENTERING	MINT
DAMAGED	ORIGINAL GUM
FINE	POSTAL
GOOD	POOR
STAMP COLLECTING	SUPERB
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The Mystery word was: MALE

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Did U know..?

- ◆ That October 1887 the Scott Stamp and Coin Company issued a “Complete” stamp catalog that had already 2000 pictures in it!
- ◆ That President Chester A. Arthur US President 1881-85 was not born in Fairfield VT but actually in Canada. He would been in eligible to be an American President! (born October 5, 1830)

Our Whereabouts....

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 General information about **SEQUOIA STAMP CLUB** can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Meadows/1333/>
<http://arrive.at/sequoia> (shortcut from the browsers)

Meeting dates are 2nd and 4th Tuesday, times are 7:30 p.m. Meeting location is Community Activities Center, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94061.