

Stamp Chatter

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Newsletter of the Sequoia Stamp Club, Redwood City

From the President

As the Sequoia Club enters a new year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped me get through last year. It was a learning experience in "real-time," and I appreciate your patience. The Club has mostly the same people returning to the officer, board and committee positions held last year. Because of that, I am looking forward to strengthening the positive things we accomplished last year, while moving ahead with any new, workable ideas the Club members agree need doing. To be successful, this will take a lot of teamwork with everyone helping where they can.

To make the Sequoia Stamp Club strong, we need more new members. To attract new members, the Club needs interesting programs and projects. To provide that high level of interest, the Club as a team needs to implement new and innovative ideas. To do this, I believe the Club as a whole should have at least one "brain-storming" session per year. To ensure that every member has their ideas heard, the session should be held during a regularly scheduled meeting.

In Memoriam: Recently, one of our members has been absent from our midst due to illness. It is with a great deal of sadness for me that my old friend Bernie Abrams passed away the week before I wrote this article. I had known Bernie for over twenty years, and in that time I was treated to some of the most entertaining times of my philatelic life. Bernie was one-of-a-kind, and will be sorely missed by those who knew him.



U.S. Air Force Academy, 50th Anniversary Stamp

This stamp issuance will mark the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Air Force Academy. The stamp's focal point is the Cadet Chapel, the most visually compelling structure on the grounds of the academy.

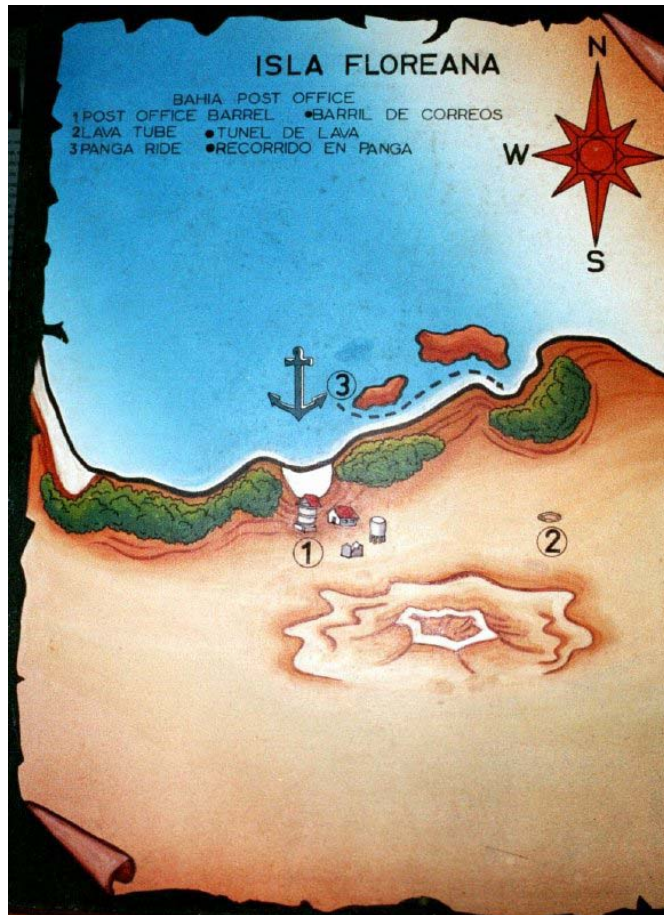
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Upcoming Meetings

3/9	Kiloware Night
3/23	Due to the Civil War - Kristin
4/13	Live Auction
4/27	U. S. Stamps - Tony

Mail in a barrel — Floreana



In 1793 a British Whaling captain James Colnett established the wooden post barrel in the early 1793 on an uninhabited island. The island was later named Floreana and is now known as the Isla Santa Maria, the sixth largest island in the Galapagos Archipelago.

For many years it was the only postal facility for hundreds of miles. At the time whaling was a big industry, ships were typically gone for 2 years at a time. The Galapagos Islands were a frequent stop for these ships. Outbound ships would drop off letters after rounding the cape and the ships returning home would mail them.

Over the years thousands of ships have stopped to send and receive mail at Post Office Bay. Many have posted a sign of driftwood or other materials memorializing their visit. This is the only area in the Galapagos where graffiti is still acceptable.

Arriving at Post Office Bay you will land on a brown sand beach, passing the sea

lions lying in the sun. At the post barrel the guide will pull a hand full of letters for the group. Continuing the tradition, the letters are brought home with the traveler and then mailed to the addressee. Visitors also have the opportunity to send letters of their own.

The Wittmer family who lives near by run the post barrel and by special arrangement it is possible to get your letter stamped at their pension.



Some tourists dropping mail at the barrel.

Stamp Meeting Notes

January 27, 2004

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

Old Business:

Correction to November 25, 2003 Minutes

Error: Hank Washauer started us out by talking about the dilemma we have with the *club*.

Corrected: Hank Washauer started us out by talking about the dilemma we have with *PENPEX*.

Correction to December 9, 2003

Minutes

Error: Bad news is that one dealer *lost* a set of Zep's on Saturday.

Corrected: Bad news is that one dealer *claims to have lost* a set of Zep's on Saturday.

A motion was made and seconded that the revised minutes be accepted.

New Business:

Bill Dutcher said received mail from a stamp collector who wants to sell his collection. He has about 100 countries to sell and is willing to send us an Excel Spreadsheet of the items. If anyone is interested see Bill.

Kristen Patterson checked out a pamphlet from the Western Philatelic Library about the beginning of the Sequoia Stamp Club. It was passed around and proved to be very interesting.

Tonight we would like to welcome our guests: Howard Greenfield collects General Erich von Hingen collects Postal Stationery (sorry if your name is misspelled)

Fritz Gelb gave a presentation on Ancient and Modern Israel/Palestine. Another great presentation!

Raffle of circuit book certificates:
Leroy Harbough: \$10 certificate

Richard Griffone: \$5 certificate

February 11, 2003

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

Present: See attendance sign-in sheet

Old Business:

No old business

New business:

John Inglis recommended that we start the meeting at 7:30. Members preferred the time of 8pm but those that wanted to come early could come at opening time of 7pm.

Paul notified the club that member Eugene Swonger passed away and asked that the secretary write up a letter of condolence that every one could sign and mail next meeting.

Tonight is the live auction and Paul mentioned that we have 22 lots for the auction.

Herb mentioned that the Millbrae show was not so good and told us not to waste our time going. He said there were only 4 stamp dealers and 4 coin dealers.

A discussion was started about the upcoming one-day show. The secretary mentioned that June 22nd was the last date discussed but that it would be discussed when Tony was at the next meeting.

Leroy found a lighter that no member claimed. If you are missing one talk with him.

Kristin talked to the members about the Stamps R Us program briefly. Darlene mentioned that all members are invited to visit the Saturday Program.

Ed wanted to know who wanted to give the Digital Photography presentation? Please get in touch with him. Really great idea for a presentation!

Silent auction started at 8:30pm

Raffle of circuit book certificates:

Don won 1st prize - \$10 certificate
Rothenbush won 2nd prize - \$5 certificate

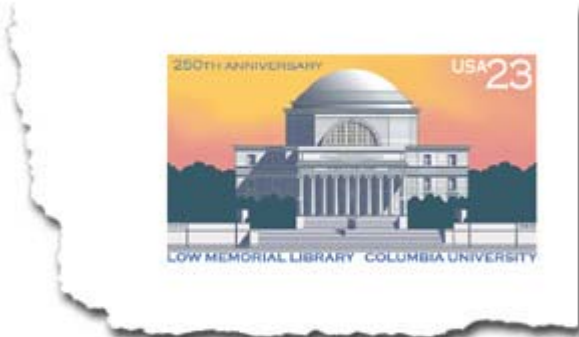
Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

Submitted by Darlene Hickok



New 2004 U.S. Issues

- 3/2: Dr. Seuss, .37
- 3/4: Bouquets, .37 & .60
- 3/23: Columbia University, postal card
- 4/1: U.S. Air Force Academy, .37
- 4/13: Henry Mancini, .37
- 5/14: Lewis & Clark Bicentennial, .37



This stamped postal card in the Historic Preservation series commemorates the 250th anniversary of the founding of Columbia University. First established as King's College by King George II in 1754, its name was changed to Columbia College after the Revolutionary War.

The Golfing Bear Stamp

Karelia is the region of Russia adjacent to and east of Finland. Prior to World War II, it was populated primarily by ethnic Finns.



Karelia proclaimed its independence in 1922. It remained independent just long enough to issue a set of 15 stamps, Scott 1-15, featuring the crest of Karelia, known with waggish affection as the "Golfing Bear Standing on a Bicycle"

Known Stamp Show Calendar for California

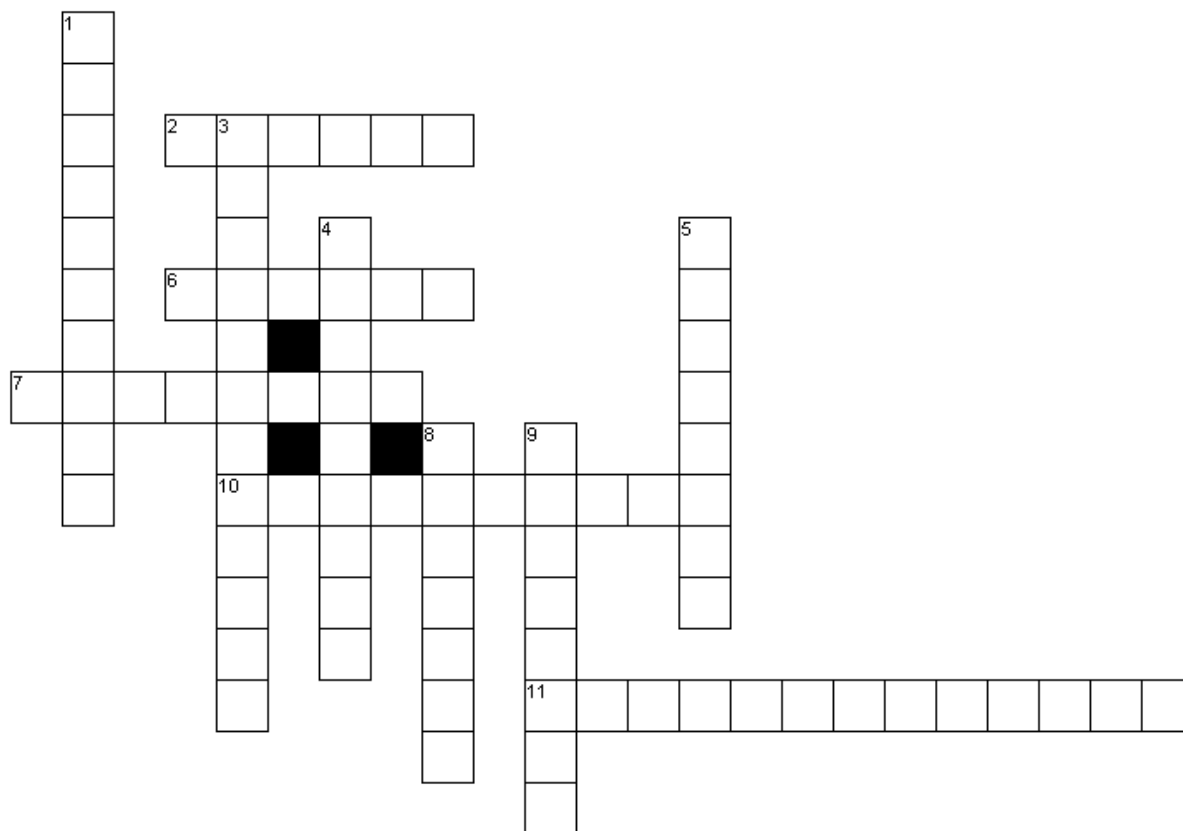
March 6-7 NOVAPEX, Redding, Senior Citizens Hall, gandktwins@aol.com; 530-221-6693.

March 13-14 VENPEX, Oxnard, Santa Clara High Sch.. Jerry Harwood, jebay63@aol.com; www.west.net/~haydn/vcphil.html; 805-644-4022.

March 20-21 FRESPEX, Clovis, Veterans Memorial Bldg., Contact Dick Richardson, starstamps@thegrid.net; 559-431-5013.

May 7-9 WESTPEX, Western Phil. Exhibitions, Inc., San Francisco Airport Marriott, 1800 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame. Contact Edward Jarvis, ejarvis@westpex.com; www.westpex.com; 415-387-1016

Test Your Knowledge — Stamp Term Crossword Puzzle



Across

2. Die impression on a stamp or stamped envelope where the ink has not been transferred to the paper.
6. A stamp cut in half that has been used to pay the postage at half the face value of the original stamp.
7. Term for the picture or other main area of a stamp.
10. A stamplike label produced by a nongovernmental body.
11. Tiny lettering that appears as a message under magnification.

Down

1. The cutting of paper between stamps in order to make the separation of the stamps easier.
3. A coating applied to a stamp that emits a glow when viewed with an ultraviolet lamp.
4. Two or more unseparated stamps having different colors, denominations or designs.
5. Original term for watermark.
8. The unprinted paper on the edge or margin of a sheet of stamps.
9. Stamp with artificial gum applied.

Answers in next issue.

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Peninsula Club Page



The Peninsula Stamp Club meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM , with the exception of one month off for summer and one month off for Christmas. We meet at the Villa Cafe, 4000 S. El Camino, San Mateo. This is a dinner meeting with a charge of \$15, and is followed by an invited speaker. The topics are selected to include as many aspects of philately as possible. The meeting is open to all whether or not the person is a member of the club. However, membership is encouraged.

It is helpful to have information as to who will be attending. For contacting or additional information use 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.

Stamps R Us Notes

January

We had all our members present except 1 this past meeting. We had one visitor that was really interested and hopefully will return.

Tony gave a great presentation on topical stamp collecting and the kids asked questions and participated with interest.

We finished our voting ballots on last years stamps and Darlene mailed them.

Remember that all of you are welcome to visit the Youth Group. Come and share snacks with us! Ask Darlene for a schedule if you need one or check the website. Most of all, spread the word about Stamps R Us. We need and want more members.

February meeting took place on Valentine's Day at Schaberg Library.

It looks like the library will close in March for about 3 months.

I have had several inquiries about the Beginner's Club so I hope with more advertising, we may see more youth join the club.

~Darlene

The Caboose

2004 PENPEX

ASSIGNMENTS



Function	Name	Description
Officers		
Co-Chair	Bill Dutcher	General oversight /Chairs Meetings
Co-Chair	Ed Rodriguez	General oversight
Co-Chair	Darlene Hickok	General oversight
Secretary/ Treasurer	Hank Washauer	Takes minutes of meetings. Develops budget/maintains books/ distributes funds. Advises Co-Chairs
Activity Chairs		
Program/ Graphics	Ed Bierman	Create and produce program, flyers, postcards, Caboose
Mailing List	Ed Bierman	Update and maintain list, provide to advertising by 10/1/04
Set-up	Don Freeman	Manages crew to set-up tables, chairs and exhibit frames.
Bourse	Tony De Angelis	Communicate with dealers
Registration Desk	Darlene & Hank	Staffs registration desk
Exhibits	Vesma Grinfelds	Handles all activities for Exhibits
Youth Center	Kristen Patterson	Develops program for Youth Center
Awards	Paul Ortega	Creates awards for exhibitors and judges.
Judges	Martin Feibusch	Contacts and establishes Judges for event.
Seminars	Ed Rodriguez	Contacts societies for meetings
Cachets/Cancel	Miriam Thurston	Creates Cachets and Cancels
Banquet	Mary Thomason David Hodgson	Makes arrangements for banquet for awards
Public Relations	Hank Washauer	Develops plan to get more individuals to Penpex.
Silent Auction	Jim Mosso	Obtain auction lots, runs auction and handles sales.
Frames	Don Freeman	Maintains frames during the year and brings to show.
Snack Bar	Tom Klein/ Fritz Gelb	Purchases items for snack bar and maintain staff to sell during show.
Dealer Lunches	Robin Gorday	Provides lunches to dealers at their tables.

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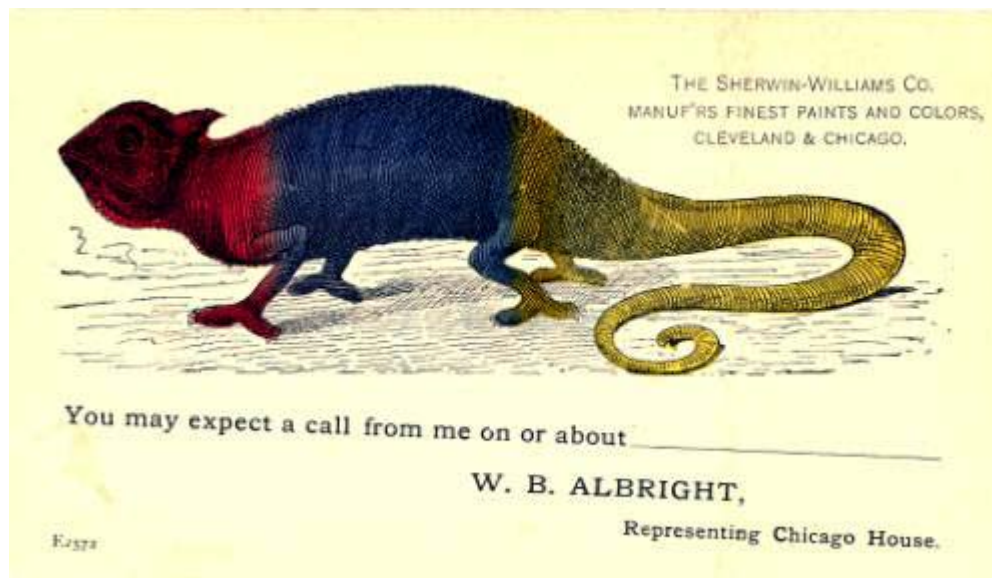


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U.S. Pioneer Postcards



Pioneer cards are early privately printed picture postcards. The pioneer period is considered between 1893 to 1898. The card pictured here is an "Early Pioneer" Will Call postcard that is also a Corporate Postcard. (Sherwin Williams Paint Co.) This is one of the earliest 4-color postcards printed (see Web site for color version). Additional images and history of early U.S. postcards can be found on the Web at: pioneerpostcards.com.