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Newsletter of the Sequoia Stamp Club, Redwood City

From the President

A word about donating to non-profit, and/or charitable organizations. Ordinarily, the Sequoia Club would be considered just another not-for-profit specialty organization or hobbyists' group. However, our Club has had the good fortune to be both donor and donee.

We have been the beneficiary of philatelic material donations from members and outside parties. gifts have added to our Live Auction and Kiloware Programs as well publications and books for our expansive archives and research library.

In turn, because our Club has been the recipient of others' generosity, we have been able to pass on a goodly part of these donations. It has enhanced the efforts of our Youth Philately committee in providing enough stamps, covers, postal cards, and research material for youngsters in the Sequoia Youth Club to enjoy and learn all about Philately. It has also allowed us to send boxes of stamps to overseas orphanages and other worthy organizations.

All of the above are what is referred to as "In-kind" donations. But there is one other "In-kind" donation the Club receives that allows it to operate without financial worries. The City of Redwood City" Parks and Rec Department has deemed us a recreational asset to the city...they donate the space and time use for our club activities...they donate the whole Rec Center to us for one complete weekend a year...they made another part of the facilities available during renovation.

It should be remembered that without the generosity of the Park and Recs' Department, the Sequoia Stamp Club would be something less than it is today. I can only say that I'm proud of the way the Sequoia Club makes both "In-kind" and monetary donations when it can. Keep up the good work gang!

Ed Rodriguez

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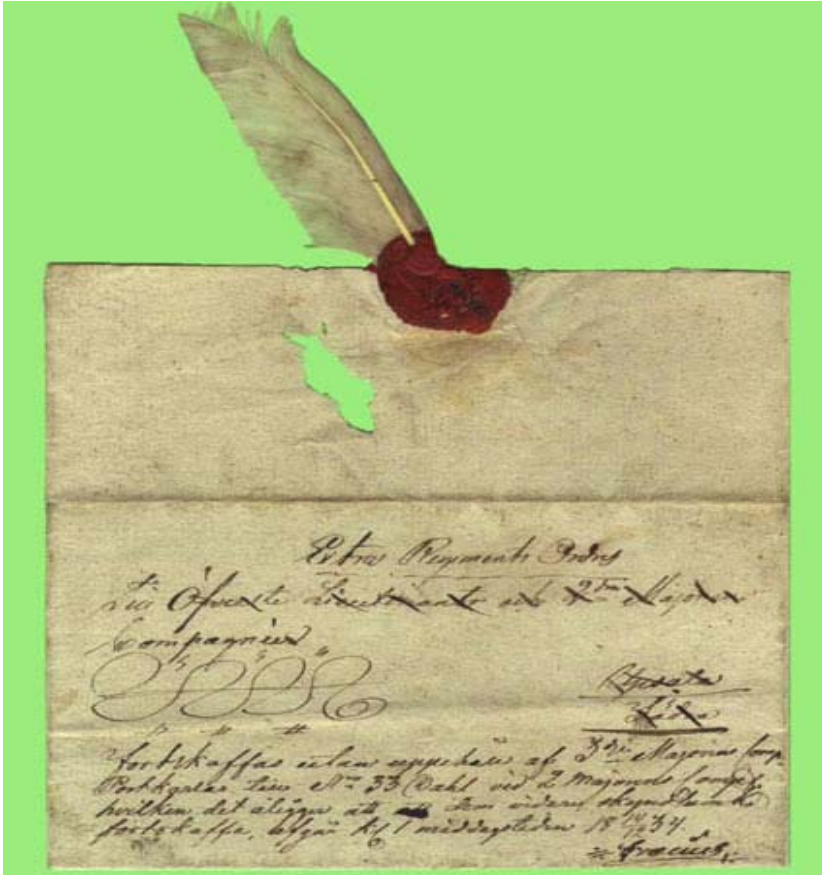
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Upcoming Meetings

Event Calendar:

- May 10 - Western Airlines - Ernie Lee
- May 24 - Executive Board Meeting 7 pm: All about APS & ATA - Bill Dutcher
- June 14 - Live Auction
- June 28 - The War on Stamps - Elizabeth Moses
- July 12 - Philatelic Quiz w/ prizes - Jim Giacomazzi
- July 26 - Postmarks - Larry MacKallor

Military Letters — From the Military Stamp Society



<http://www.militaryphs.org/covers/featured3.html>

This 1834 Swedish military cover has several interesting attributes.

- 1) It is a feather letter with a white feather attached using a wax seal, meaning the postman had to deliver the letter urgently, i.e., as an express letter.
- 2) It is known as "Soldat's mail" or Soldier's Mail.
- 3) It was sent 14 December 1834 and is marked "Special Regimental Orders."
- 4) It bears a "meander"

Upcoming Shows

May 14-15

GOLDEN GATE STAMP FAIR
Novato Oaks Inn
215 Alameda Del Prado,
Novato, CA

June 11 & 12

SACRAMENTO STAMP FAIR
Knights of Columbus Hall
5961 Newman Court,
Sacramento, CA

July 15-17

SAN FRANCISCO STAMP FAIR
Holiday Inn
1500 Van Ness Ave,
San Francisco, CA

Sept 3 & 4

GREAT AMERICAN STAMP EXPO
Napredak Hall
770 Montague Expressway,
San Jose, CA

which is a transformation of the original depiction of three crowns, indicating Crown Post. The Crown Post operated in Sweden from the 18th century until 1873.

5) It bears delivery instructions, which read: "Forward without delay by 3rd Major Company postman to No. 33 Dahl at 2nd Major Company whom it will be incumbent upon to forward speedily further. Leaving 1 o'clock p.m. 14 December 1834" [18 14/12 34].

The cover is addressed to Lieutenant Colonel of the 2nd Major Company in Uppsala. Because this is the outer cover and the original contents of the letter are not present, the sender and point of origin are unknown.

Stamp Meeting Note Summary

March 8, 2005

Meeting called to order by Bill Dutcher at 8:00pm.

Summary:

- Fritz Gelb notified us that Switzerland has a stamp that smells like chocolate, a stamp that is made of wood and another stamp that has embroidery. He also mentioned that Austria has one of our beloved governor.
- Fritz has a kiloware group worth \$188 - 2 pounds. Mostly new issues. It was tabled for now.
- Paul Swierstra has put together preview lots from Sig Adler's donation that will be auctioned at the March 22nd meeting. A list has been attached to the March/April Chatter.
- Bill Dutcher reminded us that the Penpex Meeting will be 6:30pm, March 29th. Place will be RWC Rec Center. The secretary will send out a reminder.
- Hank Washauer mentioned again about the Penpex raffle and for members to donate any amount of change at each meeting into the donation can which will sit in front of the secretary, Darlene Hickok. It might be passed around with the sign-in sheet.
- Bill Dutcher talked about the club's raffle drawing and how it works for the benefit of new members and he also talked about the yearly Penpex show.
- Our guests tonight are Cynthia Amalon from San Francisco, Ronald Asti from San Carlos and Franz Kemper also from San Carlos. Welcome to all of you and we hope to see you again.
- Raffle of circuit book certificates:

Franz Kemper won 1st raffle \$10.00
Jose Lopez won 2nd raffle \$5.00

- Tonight's program is a mystery program by Hank Washauer which ended up to be about San Francisco. Very interesting Hank. Thank you for all that history. Put together very well.
- Silent auction ended at 9:20pm.

March 22, 2005

Meeting called to order by President, Ed Rodriguez at 7:58pm.

Summary:

- Ed told us about his trip to Honduras and what a great time he had. He talked about some differences in temples. Of course we are all jealous. We are glad to see him back safe and sound.
- Fritz Gelb found a stamp store in our midst. It is called ABRO Stamps, 200 Industrial Road, Unit 2, San Carlos. Email is abrobay@aol.com and the phone number is 650-593-5013.
- Jim Giacomazzi announced that we now have a Mexico Catalog that the librarian, Leroy Harbough will have for our use.
- Bill Dutcher mentioned that the Penpex meeting will be held this coming Tuesday, March 29th at 6:30pm at our usual meeting spot at the RWC Rec Center. Light refreshments will be available.
- Kristin Patterson reminded us that Easter is just around the corner and a good time to get friends and relatives that you will see involved in the youth mail program. See Darlene Hickok for more information or to register a beginner.
- Our last meetings guests have now become new members. A motion was made and seconded that Cynthia

Amelon, Ronald Asti and Franz Kemper be voted in and they are now official members of the Sequoia Stamp Club. Welcome!

- Raffle of circuit book certificates: Richard Griffone won 1st raffle \$10.00; Paul Swierstra won 2nd raffle \$5.00
- Sig Adler's donation auction was started by our auctioneer, Jim Giacomazzi after a few words by Paul Swierstra explaining the lots.

April 12, 2005

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Rodriguez at 07:55 PM on

Summary:

- There were approximately 22 members present. Our Secretary reported in sick although she sent in her homework by a courier, her son.
- Bill Dutcher he is circulating his master list and asking members to fill in missing information.
- Hank Washauer mentioned he plans to do the same thing for Penpex only asking the members what their interest might be in helping at Penpex. This is in line with the Desktop Manual compiled by Darlene Hickok with duties of officers and committees.
- Paul Swierstra had a newsletter from Sunnyvale among others that stated Sunnyvale Stamp Club will not meet on the 2nd and 4th it also mentioned to members to visit Sequoia Stamp Club at that time.
- A donation to the Madison Avenue Senior Center Human Race was deferred to the Executive Committee Meeting on May 24, 2005.
- Kristin Patterson mentioned Westpex, April 15,16,17 2005 and said she would attend the Council meeting on Sunday at 12 PM, Eve Santos said she would also attend.
- Drawing for circuit books was held and won by Leroy Harbaugh and Hank Ruschoff.
- A break was declared at 08:25 PM to

review the auction and the auction started at 08:35 PM.

- At that time Kristin Patterson mentioned Westpex will validate parking tickets.
- The auction ended at 09:55 PM.

Darlene Hickok

Kristin Patterson submitted these notes from the Northern Council Philatelic Societies meeting held at Westpex

Meeting brought to order April 17, 2005 at noon with 20 club members present.

Summary: The newsletter editor is interested in emailing the newsletter to all interested club members. He asked that club representatives submit a list of member emails. The next newsletter is planned for end of Aug. Make sure that upcoming shows submit there show prospectus.

Sherry Straley announced that the National Stamp Dealer Assoc (<http://www.nsdainc.org>) is offering the People's Choice Award to all shows that have 5 NSDA dealers and exhibits.

The CNCPS is looking into a global insurance policy for clubs and shows that are CNCPS members.

The Chaloner Award this year was given to Jim Sauer. Jim is current president of the San Jose Stamp Club, is past president of Fremont and Sunnyvale clubs, is editor for San Jose and Sunnyvale clubs, is director and sec. of the Western Philatelic Library, also volunteers on Wed and Friday to open the library for viewers, is the chairman of the Philatelic Fiesta show, and a member of a number of societies.

The CNCPS is planning to have a booth at Nor-Cal shows which will be manned by club members. The booth will have flyers about clubs and societies. Please consider having multiple members assist for an hour or more during the show.

NEW Issues

Henry Fonda

From the USPS Web Site

With the 11th stamp in its Legends of Hollywood series, the U.S. Postal Service honors Henry Fonda, one of America's greatest actors, on the 100th anniversary of his May 16, 1905, birth. Stamp artist Drew Struzan based the image on a portrait of Fonda from a 1941 Frank Powolny photograph. For the selvage, art director Derry Noyes used a photograph as a basis for a pencil drawing showing Fonda in his iconic performance as dispossessed farmer Tom Joad in *The Grapes of Wrath* (1940).

Text in the selvage reads: Henry Fonda (1905-1982) was noted for his naturalness and sincerity in stage roles and on the screen. Effective in comedic or dramatic roles, he typically played a thoughtful man of integrity. In a career spanning nearly 50 years, he won many honors, including a Tony Award in 1948 for his work in the Broadway production of *Mister Roberts* and the Academy Award for best actor in 1982 for *On Golden Pond*.

The Postal Service will issue a 37-cent, Henry Fonda commemorative stamp (Item 458600) in a pressure-sensitive adhesive (PSA) pane of 20, on May 20, 2005, in Los Angeles, California. The stamp designed by Derry Noyes of Washington, DC, goes on sale nationwide May 21, 2005.



March/April USPS Releases

- Masterworks of Modern American Architecture, 5/19
- Henry Fonda, 5/20
- The Art of Disney, 6/30

Sequoia Officers

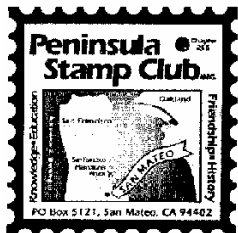
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Peninsula Club



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

Our youth mail program in 2005 consists of packets mailed approximately every 6-8 weeks and will include how-to's on hinging, use of tongs, hidden images, etc. Also enclosed in the packet will be a game sheet that will be completed and returned to earn points to claim a prize from the Treasure Chest at our Penpex Show in December.

A small select group of loose stamps are enclosed according to what the youth member collects, as well as a select group of stamps on paper to soak. Another small group of unsorted stamps are enclosed to spark other areas of interest.



Each mailing will also have an information pamphlet for older youth and parents to browse and keep as reference. Sample packet are available if anyone would like to see what exactly was mailed out.

The Caboose

Notes About Penpex 2005

- Plans are under way for the Penpex2005 show to be held on December 3 and 4, 2005.
- There was a general committee meeting held in March to review tasks needed.
- The show will be held in the same place the Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, Saturday, December 3 from 10 AM to 5:30 PM and Sunday, December 4 from 10 AM to 4 PM.
- Start gathering items for the Silent Auction.
- The annual Banquet has been set for December 3 at the Waterfront Restaurant, with social hour from 6 PM to 7 PM and dinner at 7 PM.
- Last year everybody enjoyed the banquet and a good time was had by all.
- We look forward to seeing you at the show and the banquet.



Officers	
Co-Chair—General, chair meetings & policies	Bill Dutcher
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Penpex
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This image is scanned from the selvage of a block of stamps issued by the United States. The Mr. ZIP character was used by the Postal Service to advertise the idea of the Zone Improvement Plan (ZIP) postal coding system. Mr. ZIP appeared on several stamps and stamp-related publicity items. This image comes from the 1970's.

For many years, the Postal Service has been placing non-stamp images in the selvage (paper areas outside the stamp images, near the edge of the sheet) with printing plate numbers, copyright notices, slogans, and other markings. Examples of the messages include "MAIL EARLY IN THE DAY" and "USE ZIP CODE".

Collectors have accumulated blocks of stamps with plate number markings for many years. These additional markings, however, are quite common, and are priced lower than plate numbers in the Scott catalog.

