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Newsletter of the Sequoia Stamp Club, Redwood City

From the Editor

With PENPEX behind us, the Holiday Season upon us, and the New Year stretched out before us, it's that time of year again...a time to look back and reflect where we've been...a time to look forward to where we want to go and what we want to get done...most important it's a time to give thanks for what we've got.

Looking back - suggestions of the membership have been pretty much implemented, and the programs presented by individuals were very interesting and incisive, membership has increased our youth activities are moving forward, and PENPEX was a success thanks to all of the enthusiastic help from those who volunteered their valuable time. And to quote a dealer's note written to me a few days after the show..."Just a note to thank you and the Club again for a wonderful show. I always look forward to your show of all that I do...looking forward to next year..." A very nice testimonial.

Looking forward - we need more members stepping forward to put on a program, volunteer for committees, and get into leadership roles. To survive, all clubs require new and innovative ideas from its membership. For PENPEX to continue into the future the main impetus will have to come from our Club.

To give thanks for what we've got - a fine place to meet provided by a wonderful Rec Center staff, good fellowship, good times and great spirit.



Ed Rodriguez – President

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Upcoming Meetings

Event Calendar:

- **January 10** - Installation of Officers and Past Presidents' Exhibit
- **January 24** - Forgeries, Bill Dutcher
- **February 14** - Live Auction
- **February 28** - Anthony Trollop, John Dusel; Exec Board Mtg. 7pm
- **March 14** - Pan-Am stamps and covers, Ernie Lee
- **March 28** - U. S. Playing Card Companies through U. S. Revenue Stamps, Kristen Patterson

Around Penpex & Holiday Photo



Jennifer Patterson in front of her exhibit on bison (center of frame).



Silent auction in full swing!



Group of kid's with Darlene in the beginner's room — great fun for all.



Miriam selling her caches at the show



Some yummy treats set out by Kristen at the holiday party



Thanks to Vesma for wonderful exhibits and bringing that all together

Stamp Meeting Note Summary

October 25, 2005

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

Discussion:

- Tonight's guest is Harry Robinson from Burlingame. Harry collects US and mint UN. Welcome Harry!
- Larry Christiansen talked about programs for next year. Think about a topic and put your name in a time slot.
- Ernie Lee is sending around a signup sheet for Penpex volunteers.
- Kristin Patterson said that she has some postcards available about the East Bay Collectors Club if anyone is interested.
- Jim Mosso is accepting lots. Minimum asking price is \$5.00. An interesting item that Jim mentioned is that Linn's says to value your 20c stamp at 2c each.
- Ed Rodriguez reminded us that the Executive Board nominations will be on November 22nd.
- It was noted that the Peninsula Stamp Club is currently in hibernation. They have not disbanded but are not currently meeting.
- Raffle Drawing: Larry Christiansen - \$10, Joan Doherty - \$5
- Ernie Lee started his presentation on Philatelics at the Sunnyvale Library. Another exclusive! Great job Ernie.
- 27 members present and 1 guest

November 8, 2005

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

Discussion:

- Our last meeting guest, Harry Robinson, was voted in as a new member this evening. Congratulations Harry and welcome to the club.
- Larry Christiansen discussed setup at Penpex starting at 3pm Friday. He also said that the club presentation signup sheet needs to get back to him. January and February are pretty much full. Raffle Drawing: Darlene Hickok - \$10, Jack Drach - \$5
- Fritz Gelb gave us a presentation on his Israel experiences. Very interesting Fritz! An

exclusive from Gelb's Travels.

- 26 members present

November 22, 2005

Meeting called to order by President Ed Rodriguez at 8:05pm

Discussion:

- Guests tonight are Mike McGee from South San Francisco and Ann Gazenbeck from Los Altos. Mike collects Pacific Naval Flights and transpacific Airmail. Welcome to both of you.
- Calendar of Events includes January 10th as the Presidents' Exhibits
- Paul Swierstra read a response to a letter he wrote on behalf of the Sequoia Club to the Talt Family.
- **Election of Officers for 2006:**
 - Ed Rodriguez – President
 - Jim Giacomazzi – Vice President
 - Richard Griffone – Treasurer
 - Darlene Hickok – Secretary
- Ed Rodriguez talked about what the Executive Board discussed at their meeting earlier in the evening and the fact that Penpex needs full participation in order to be successful in the future. Lots of discussions will be held in the coming weeks.
- Bill Dutcher will give a presentation at our next meeting about Chair descriptions. Next meeting is our Christmas party. Don't miss it!
- Richard Griffone gave us the Treasurer Report.
- Jim Mosso said he has over 500 lots for the auction.
- Jim Sauer said that the Fremont Club has a deal with Linn's about subscription rates. He is looking into it and will let us know.
- Raffle Drawing: Joan Doherty - \$10, Ray Bolleri - \$5
- Larry Christiansen started his presentation on the Foreign Contract Air Mail Routes. Another great one Larry!
- 32 members present and 2 guests

December 13, 2005

Meeting called to order by President Ed Rodriguez at 7:56pm

Discussion:

- Larry Christiansen said that the Penpex setup went fast this year and thanked all that helped.
- Ernie Lee, said that he is passing around the signup sheet for club events throughout the year. Take a look, plan, signup.

- Ed Rodriguez said that during Penpex he chatted with about 5 dealers and that a thank you card came from one of the dealers. All seemed pleased.
- Bill Dutcher talked about Penpex and gave us a summary of the problems we are faced with – one of which is shortage of key personnel
- **History and Reasons for the Show:**
 - 27 consecutive shows since 1978
 - promote stamp collecting
 - provide hobby for youth exposure
 - source of new Sequoia members
 - buy and sell opportunities – auction dealers
 - opportunity to exhibit
 - revenue source for Sequoia
- **Reasons for Concern If No Show:**
 - loss of continuity and experience
 - difficult to start after hiatus
 - possible loss of venue
 - will be difficult to find dealers
 - other shows maybe scheduled
 - Sequoia may have to publish the Chatter Newsletter (another expense)
 - storage expense for frames
- **What Does It Take To Stage Penpex:**
 - premises and additional equipment, exhibits, judges, awards
 - Bourse
 - silent auction
 - graphics include show program and signage
 - show setup and takedown
 - youth center
 - snack bar and dealer lunches
 - advertising including postcards, flyers, etc.
 - society meetings and seminars
 - award banquet
 - show raffle and door prizes
 - show and on-going cachets
 - registration tables
 - financial accounting and recordkeeping
 - planning, budgeting meetings and coordinating and ensuring all tasks are being done
- The slate has to be set by the end of February or we may not be able to have a Penpex show the following December.
- Christmas party started
- 34 members present

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Darlene Hickok, Secretary



Upcoming Shows

Jan 7 & 8:
GREAT AMERICAN STAMP EXPO, Napredak Hall
770 Montague Expressway, San Jose, CA

Jan 14 & 15
SACRAMENTO STAMP FAIR,
Knights of Columbus Hall
5961 Newman Court, Sacramento, CA

Jan 20-22
OROCEXO STAMP SHOW,
Embassy Suites Hotel
11767 Harbor Blvd, Anaheim/Garden Grove,
(Dealer to Dealer Bourse on Thursday, Jan 19th)

Feb 4 & 5
SAN FRANCISCO STAMP FAIR,
Holiday Inn
1500 Van Ness Ave, San Francisco, CA

For these and other future shows check out:
<http://www.stampexpos.com/>

Sequoia Officers

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Richard Griffone – Treasurer
Darlene Hickok – Secretary

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New & Old Issues

U.S. Postal Service Unveils Definitive Stamps, postal cards and other stamp products to be issued in 2006

WASHINGTON - Breathtaking panoramas from the nation's National Park system, computer generated aerodynamic studies of supersonic aircraft, American scientists who developed polio vaccines and the nation's first Postmaster General are just a sampling of subjects that will be appear as part of the U.S. Postal Service's 2006 definitive stamp program.

In announcing the program, David Failor, Executive Director of Stamp Services, also released images of other 2006 stamp and stationery items.

"Customers can share a glimpse of America's beautiful National Park system when corresponding internationally," said Failor, referring to photographs of the Great Smoky Mountain, Yosemite Valley and Bryce Canyon depicted on international rate stamps. "Other stamp products highlight American history, culture and agriculture."



80 Years Ago

Regular Stamps First Issued in 1926

The 13¢ Harrison - First Day: Jan. 11, 1926
Flat Plate - Perf 11 - 400
Subject Plates - more than 130 million issued

The 13¢ Harrison stamp was issued to cover the combined postage and registry fee for an ordinary letter. Some felt that this stamp was a makeup stamp issued to appease Postmaster New, whose father was a close political ally of President Harrison, for the 17¢ Wilson stamp issued a few months earlier.

Whatever the reasons, this stamp is now an integral part of the Series of 1922. There is a minor anachronism in the order in which Scott listed this (Scott 622) and the 17¢ stamp (Scott 623). Scott obviously listed these in order of denomination, rather than in order of issue. First Day covers were issued at the Philatelic Agency in Washington, D.C. and at Indianapolis, Indiana. Philatelically important covers were also issued from Harrison's birthplace, North Bend, Ohio, serviced by the early First Day collector, Edward Worden. Many important First Day covers were addressed to Worden. <http://www.1847usa.com/identify/YearSets/1926.htm>



Great Smoky Mountains, North Carolina/Tennessee
(75-cent international stamp card rate for countries other than Mexico and Canada)



Yosemite National Park, California
(84-cent international letter rate)



Bryce Canyon, Utah
(63-cent letter rate for Mexico and Canada)

Peninsula Club



Currently the Peninsula Stamp Club is on hiatus as meetings are being planned for 2006. If you would like to know more information please call 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.

The Caboose

A Complete update on Penpex and new committee members will appear in the next issue.

