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Newsletter of the Sequoia Stamp Club, Redwood City

From the President

To everyone who attended the B-B-Q on July hope you had a great time , to those who couldn't make it, we missed you. Next time we may have to rethink a mid-week party. Special thanks to Hank Washauer for coordinating the whole event and arranging the permit with the Rec. Center, who once again waived the fee. Also to Jim Giacomazzi and Mitch Michlin for working the pits with yours truly.

While browsing through a past issue of American Philatelist I ran across an article on the wonders of stamp collecting, and it began with a lead-in statement made by the late publishing magnate Walter H. Annenburg, quote..."being moved is what collecting is all about...the number of things that can be collected are as vast as the human spirit and creativity will allow." That reminded me of another publisher's quote placed in every edition on the very first inside page of his Forbes Magazine, quote..."with all thy getting , get understanding."

Earlier this year I gave a presentation on planning and organizing a collection, and some of the ways it can be done. But I must say that the statements by the above mentioned two successful publishers expressed, give more meaning to forming and planning a collection than yours truly could convey. The real meaning is clear, make sure that your style of collecting fulfills some artistic and creative need in you. That it's not just the need to acquire, but also brings you enjoyment and an understanding of places, times and events in the world around us...both past and present.

Thanks,
Ed Rodriguez

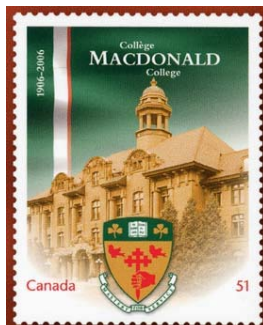


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Upcoming Meetings

Event Calendar:

- September 12 — The Best Things in Life are Free (almost) - Hank Washauer
- September 26 — Austrian Semi-Postals - Fritz Gelb
- October 10 — Live Auction
- October 24 — Cliff House on Postcard - Beirman
- November 14 Quiz — Bill Dutcher
- November 28 — Covers and the stories they tell - Larry Christiansen

Stamp & Tidbits

Fun at the Summer Picnic

All photos on this page from Hank



Lots of good food and fun were reported to be had at the annual picnic at our meeting spot in July.

Photos From the Swap Meet



USPS New Issues September/ October

September 29th
\$1.00 Official Mail

October 4th
39¢ Southern Florida Wetlands

Thursday, October 5th
39¢ Snowflakes

Friday, October 6th
39¢ Eid

Friday, October 6th
39¢ Kwanzaa

Friday, October 6th
39¢ Hanukkah

Tuesday, October 17th
39¢ I. Chacon Madonna



Stamp Meeting Note Summary

June 13, 2006

Redwood City Community Activities Building Meeting called to order by President, Ed Rodriguez at 8:00pm

- Our guest and hopeful member tonight is Alain Ridard. Alain collects France and US.
- Ed Rodriguez talked about the event calendar.
- Kristin Patterson mentioned to us that back in April she presented to 2 youth classes on stamp collecting and shared a thank you card from one of the classes. Kristin also mentioned that she attended the Washington D.C. Show and gave us a report on that as well as some material to share with us. She told us that the Palomares was free but the catalog was \$20.00 (\$15.00 if you pre-registered).
- Jim Giacomazzi also attended and told us that you could get a special cancellation for each day. Jim was given an APS pin for being a member for (I believe) 20 years.
- Bill Dutcher shared with us an article in the New York Times about William Gross' world's greatest stamp collection worth tens of millions of worth.
- If you want to join APS (American Philatelic Society) or renew you can get half off but you have to join through the club. See Bill Dutcher if you are interested.
- Plans are in the works for a club dinner BBQ. Hank suggested that we have it outside the building where there are BBQ pits and tables. He checked with the Parks & Rec and was told we can reserve the tables during the week. So it was voted on that we hold the dinner BBQ on July 18th at 6:00pm. More info will follow about what to bring, etc.
- Raffle Drawing: 1st Drawing was won by Herb Nishio, 1st Special Drawing of Canadian sheet donated by Herb Nishio was won by Kristin Patterson, 2nd Drawing plus 1st day cover donated by Jim Giacomazzi was won by Eve Santos
- 32 members present
1 guest

June 27, 2006

Redwood City Community Activities Building Meeting called to order by Vice President, Jim Giacomazzi at 8:00pm

- Jim mentioned that the janitorial services needs to be notified whenever coffee or anything is spilled on the floor that we cannot clean up ourselves so they can clean it right away to prevent staining.
- Hank Washauer mentioned that the family picnic is July 18th from 6pm to 8pm in the shelter behind the building.
- Ernie Lee announced that the next meeting is our Swap Meet on July 11th. Table rentals are \$2.00 for a full table and \$1.00 for a half table. Ernie is passing around a sign-up sheet.
- Ernie Lee also mentioned that Vesma Grinfelds was on the front page of the S.F. Chronicle. This was an article about personal postage and HP being the first company to put its logo on first-class mail. If you'd like to read the article see the secretary, Darlene Hickok.
- Alain Ridard was voted in as a new member as well as Christopher Man being voted in as a youth member. Welcome to both of you!
- Raffle Drawing: 1st Drawing was won by Mark Neary; 2nd Drawing was won by Alain Ridard
- Paul Swierstra announced that he has 63 lots to go through so we promptly got started.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm
28 members present

July 11, 2006

Redwood City Community Activities Building Meeting called to order by President, Ed Rodriguez at 7:37pm

- No attendance taken due to swap meet
- Next meeting on July 25th is our annual family picnic. Starts at 6pm.
- Raffle Drawing: 1st Drawing was won by Kristin Patterson; 2nd Drawing was won by Richard Griffone
- Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm to start swap meet.

July 25, 2006

Redwood City Community Activities Building Meeting called to order by President Ed Rodriguez at 8:00pm

- The Family picnic took place and was great! Thanks to all who donated their time and culinary talent. Jim Giacomazzi, Ed Rodriguez and John Michelin were great chefs. We lost our shelter area, but the Rec Center was very accommodating and provided chairs for us so we be directly in the back. It was very nice.
- The Swap Meet was well liked by many and hopefully we can have another maybe the beginning of January.
- It's nice to see Dolores and Kelly at the meeting. Welcome back.
- Ed Rodriguez announced that Sacapex has invited anyone to exhibit at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Sacramento, November 4-5, 2006. Deadline is October 14, 2006 and you should call Ken Mitchell at 916-331-5151 if you are interested.
- Bill Dutcher told us that he received a letter from an Australian gentleman who will be visiting the States in August and would like to know if anyone might be interested in Australian States, beer or revenue stamps. Let Bill know right away.
- Raffle Drawing: 1st Drawing was won by Alain Ridard (lucky!!!); 2nd Drawing was won by Larry Christiansen
- Kristin Patterson started her presentation on U.S. Playing Card Companies through U.S. Revenue Stamps. Great presentation Kristin (as usual).
- Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm
28 members present

August 8, 2006
Redwood City Community Activities Building
Meeting called to order by President Ed Rodriguez
at 8:00pm

- Kristin Patterson said that she now has lots of old PENPEX material that was handed down to her since she became President. She has gathered some of the articles and has put them in a binder. If you are interested in reading some of the articles, let her know.
- Ed Morey had a question about Scott numbering for Guinee.
- Hank Washauer thanked Claude Godcharles for his work in helping with the designing of cache's. It is very much appreciated.
- Ed Rodriguez is leaving again on another vacation.

This time on a Mediterranean cruise October 8th – 26th. He still has no need for a secretary on this cruise (darn).

- Jim Mosso said he is soliciting lots for the December PENPEX auction. Minimum lot should be \$5.00. He will accept about 500 lots. Keep asking price at a reasonable level for a sale. See Jim for forms.
- Raffle Drawing: 1st Drawing was won by Leroy Harbaugh; 2nd Drawing was won by Hank Washauer
- Reminder that the next Executive Board meeting is August 22nd at 7:00pm prior to our regular meeting. This includes ALL cabinet officers and chairpeople. If you are not sure if you are included – attend.
- Our next meeting Miriam Thurston will be presenting “Cigars”! You don't want to miss this one.
- Tonight is a live auction with 41 lots going through.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm
28 members present

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Darlene

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Sequoia Officers

Ed Rodriguez – President
Jim Giacomazzi – Vice President
Richard Griffone – Treasurer
Darlene Hickok – Secretary

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NEW Issues

The Wetlands

The stamp pane featuring a southern Florida wetland is the eighth in an educational series designed to promote appreciation of major plant and animal communities in the United States.

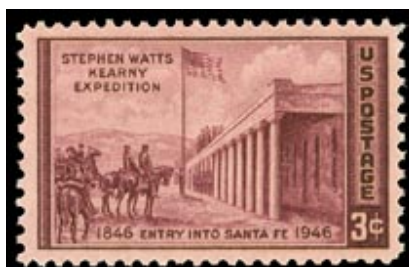
The subtropical wetlands of southern Florida are remnants of a great wilderness that stretched, unbroken, for hundreds of miles until about a century ago. They still include some of the most extensive saw grass marshes and mangrove swamps in the world - wetlands that support a remarkable number of species.



Much of southern Florida's natural wealth is protected in Everglades National Park, a 1.5-million-acre preserve noted for its vast marshes and mangrove swamps. The park's wetlands are home to hundreds of bird species and such rare creatures as the Florida Panther and Everglades Mink. Its wetlands are also havens for the elusive American crocodile and the more common American Alligator - such as the youngster eyeing the Roseate Spoonbill at the center of the scene.

To illustrate the diversity of species associated with a wetland in southern Florida, artist John D. Dawson depicted more than 20 different kinds of plants and animals in his colorful painting. The scene itself is imaginary: Such a dense grouping of plants and animals was necessary to illustrate as many species as possible on the stamp pane. Even so, all of the species could be encountered in or near the mixed freshwater-saltwater scene. And all of the species and their interactions are appropriate and were recommended by scientists.

From the USPS Site



60 Years Ago

General Kearny Expedition
Santa Fe, New Mexico - Oct. 16, 1946
114,684,450 issued

At the outbreak of the Mexican War, Kearny was considered one of the army's most capable officers, and he was made commander of the Army of the West by President Polk and ordered to lead an expeditionary force to occupy New Mexico and California. He quickly accomplished the bloodless conquest of New Mexico on August 19, 1846, and was named military governor with headquarters in Santa Fe. Kearny was now 52 years of age.

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.

Council of Northern California Philatelic Society

CNCPS
News of the Council
Northern California Council Happenings
By Hank Washauer

The Council now has its own banner and we encourage all clubs to create flyers about their organization to place on the Council table at The Filatelic Fiesta in the San Jose Civic Auditorium to be held October 20-23, 2006, Friday and Saturday 10AM to 6PM and Sunday 10AM to 4PM. Volunteers would be most welcome to man the table. Please contact Vesma Grinfelds, President at dzvesma@sprintmail.com or 3800 21st Street, San Francisco CA 94114.



New Canadian Issue

The Caboose

Notes About Penpex 2006



I am talking to all Sequoia and Peninsula club members because you are all eligible exhibitors for PENPEX 2006. In the past, we have had a category entitled, FFF – Fun Filatelic Finds, which was open only to club members and the intent was to allow everyone the opportunity to exhibit what they liked in 4 simple pages. This year we will continue to have the 4-page exhibits for members but it will be related to a theme. This year the title is “E” Philately. All 4-page exhibits must be related to the letter E. This means that your exhibit could be but not limited to the Earth or Eels or Everything Evangelistic. Your challenge is to find something related to the letter E. I know we have creative people in our clubs, so let’s see you display it in 4 pages. The exhibit prospectus is already on the website at <http://penpex.org/>. And the price is right also – Free!

A special thanks to Eduardo Martino for taking on the responsibility of setup chair for PENPEX 2006. This is a very important position which layouts and takes down the entire venue of PENPEX. This includes the dealers’ tables and chairs, all exhibit frames, the youth area tables, and meeting room chairs to name a few things. I am glad to see new people taking on lead positions. As always it takes a team to put everything together, so be prepared to help even if you did not sign up for a lead position.

To keep you informed of our progress so far, we have received confirmations and checks from 6 dealers along with confirmation that the Redwood City U.S. Postal Service will also be supporting us at the show. The Redwood City Activity Center will also be announcing the PENPEX show in their next community flyer. If members know of other areas where we can publish an announcement about the show please inform us.

The Days Are Counting Down
Kristin Patterson
PENPEX Chairperson

Function	Name
Chair	Kristin Patterson
Vice-Chair	Ernie Lee
Secretary	Darlene Hickok
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Awards*	Paul Ortega
Judges*	Vesma Grinfelds
Frames	Fritz Gelb
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Cachets/Cancel*s	Miriam Thurston
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Raffle*	Darlene Hickok
Public Relations	Hank Washauer
Silent Auction*	Jim Mosso
Snack Bar*	Jim Giacamosso
Dealer Lunches	Jim Giacamosso
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Turn in your exhibit entry form in quickly!

In this issue is the entry form for exhibiting at Penpex this December.

Now isn't too soon to turn in your entry.

Try the new 4-page entry category — this years theme is the letter "E".

Last year it filled quickly and some had to be turned away. Space is limited to our meeting room. Look forward to seeing your exhibit.