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Newsletter of the Sequoia Stamp Club, Redwood City

From the Vice President

As Ed Rodriguez is on another one of his numerous vacation trips, the task of writing the President's message falls upon your humble VP. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all club members to participate in the annual PENPEX show.

Kristin Patterson is providing outstanding leadership for the event, but volunteers are still needed in many of the functions. Help is always welcome for the set-up on Friday evening and take down on Sunday when the show closes. Volunteers are still being recruited to help with the snack bar, registration table, and youth center. The silent auction can use help, especially if you have computer skills.



I encourage everyone to consider entering a 4 page "fun" exhibit related to "E" philately, and to make reservations for the Saturday night banquet.

Finally, help to publicize the show, and encourage friends and neighbors to drop by, especially young people. They just might get bitten by the philatelic bug and join us in our most educational and rewarding hobby.

Jim Giacomazzi
Vice President
Sequoia Stamp Club

Cookies
Available at
the USPS.



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Upcoming Meetings

November 14

Quiz - Bill Dutcher

Nomination of Officers

November 28

Covers and the Stories

They Tell

Larry Christiansen

Executive Board Meeting

Election of Officers

December 2-3

PENPEX Stamp Show

December 12

Christmas/Holiday Party

December 26

NO MEETING

January 9, 2007

Past Presidents' Exhibits

January 23

Philatelic Literature

Ernie Lee

February 6

Live Auction

February 20

TBA - Ed Rodriguez



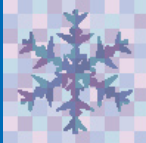
PENPEX

December 2 and 3, 2006

Sat. 10 – 5:30 pm
Sun. 10 – 4 pm.

1400 Roosevelt Rd.
Redwood City, CA

In the heart of the peninsula, offering attendees a warm, relaxing atmosphere where they can leisurely glance thru millions of stamps from **18 dealers**. **U.S Post Office** and **United Nations** will be there both Saturday and Sunday.



FREE ADMISSION

- 500 lot silent auction (closes at 3 pm on Sunday)
- Youth Area (free give-aways for all kids)
- Over 56 frames of exhibits
- Awards banquet at nearby restaurant
- Snack bar serving hot and cold meals
- Show cachet with show cancels
- Multiple item raffles

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U.S. POST OFFICE
UNITED NATIONS

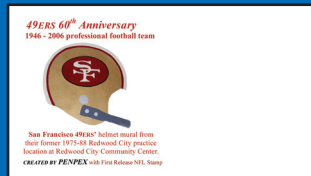
Put this show on your Holiday list today!!!!

Website: www.penpex.org Email: penpexredwoodcity@yahoo.com

Show Cachets & Stamps

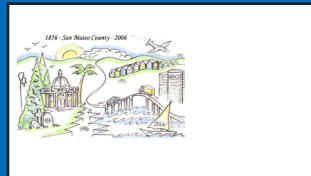
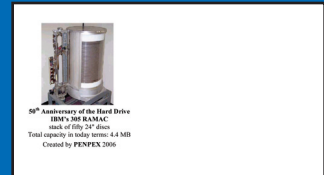
PENPEX Schedule of Events

- Friday, Dec. 1**
3pm - 9pm Setup (volunteers)
6pm - 9pm Exhibit entries mounted
- Saturday, Dec. 2**
8:00am Setup continues (volunteers)
10am Show Opens
10am-12pm Scandinavian Collectors Club meeting
11am-3pm Lunch is served at the snack bar
12-2pm Northern CA Revenuers meeting
2-4pm BNAPS meeting
3:30pm Judges critique at the frames
5:30pm Show closes
6:30pm Awards banquet
Call Darlene for tickets at 650-366-6132 evenings
- Sunday, Dec. 3**
10am Show Opens
11am-2pm Lunch is served at the snack bar
12-2pm Peninsula Stamp Club meeting
3pm Silent Auction closes
4pm Pick up winning lots at the auction
4pm Show Closes
Tear Down (volunteers)

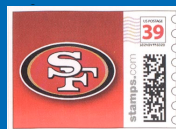


60th Anniversary of the 49ers with a special first release NFL stamp.
\$2.50

50th Anniversary of the Hard Drive with a Liberty stamp
\$2.00.



150th Anniv. of San Mateo County with a special courthouse photo stamp.
\$2.50



49er Stamps
Singles \$1.50 ea. Pairs \$3.00 ea.
First Release margin with 5 Stamps \$15.00
Non First Release margin with 5 stamps \$10.00

Courthouse Stamp
Single \$1.50

PENPEX Meeting Summary

PENPEX GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING September 28, 2006, 7:00pm RWC Community Activities Building

Present: Kristin Patterson, Bill Dutcher, Darlene Hickok, Ed Rodriguez, Ernie Lee, Mariam Thurston, Jim Giacomazzi, Absent: Paul Ortega, Vesma Grinfelds, Ed Bierman, Hank Washauer, Eduardo Martino, Fritz Gelb, Jim Mosso

Meeting called to order by Chair Kristin Patterson at 7:00pm

Show Name: PENPEX (all caps) will be used in all business matters.

Nominating Chair: This volunteer position still needs to be filled

Procedural Manual: This is still in the plans. Please get your info to Darlene Hickok. Cachets:(Hank Washauer/Miriam Thurston)Miriam told us that she is working on the 150th anniversary of San Mateo County and the 60th anniversary of the 49ers. Time permitting; the 40th anniversary of the hard drive will be done. So far this year, approx 900 FDCovers have been sold yielding a net profit on the plus side.

Snack Bar: Jim Giacomazzi gave his report on the status of the snack bar. All is under control and we will have both hot and cold food. The kitchen will be closed to through traffic and food will be sold and served through the window inside the bourse hall. We will see about using the chalkboard to ward off possible mishaps alongside the dealer in that area.

New layout: Eduardo Martino and Kristin will have a new map available soon for the new layout of the show.

Youth Area: Darlene reported that the youth area would be setup pretty much the same as it was last year. We will still run the Radar video that Ed Rodriguez will order. Chris Clemons will be in the same area with the youth instead of Paul Swierstra. Darlene is looking for youth volunteers and other volunteers to help in the youth area for both Saturday and Sunday. We will need about 2-3 each day. Flyers will go out to all youth members with a reminder to wear their club shirts. Hopefully, if we get a good turnout for the youth members, we can have a photographer there to capture a picture for the website.

Award Banquet: Darlene told us that the awards banquet is all set with reservations on the first floor near the back. She will order two snack trays to be available at 6pm when people will start arriving. No entertainment. Tickets will be set at \$30. Menu choices will be Chicken Parmigina, Filet of Sole, Veal Marsala or Vegetarian.

Raffle: A list of donations from dealers will be obtained to be included in the show booklet. No donations have come in from members. Announcement will be made at the next club meeting. Darlene will complete raffle signs and get raffle cans ready. Tickets will be set at \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Miscellaneous: Dealer table tents completed Nametags to be worn by officers and chairs. We will need on hand sign in postcards for those that forget to bring them. Window signs will need to be completed by Ed Bierman or Ernie Lee). Microphone will be set up by Eduardo Martino/Kristin Patterson. An eating area has been designated as front office area

Exhibits and Jury: Vesma Grinfelds reminds us that the deadline is November 1st for a 4-page exhibit

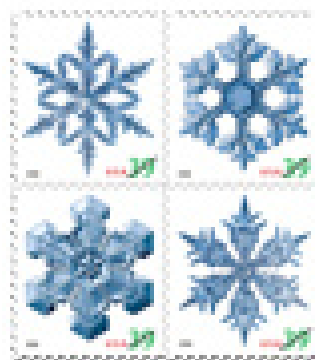
Program Book: Ed Bierman must have everything to be included in book by November 17th. His email is ed@biermans.com

Publicity: Hank Washauer sent notices to Linn's (calendar and article), APS, ATA, Global Stamp News (calendar and article), Redwood City Recreation calendar.

Miscellaneous: We have 3 new dealers. Wrap up Financial report was given by Bill Dutcher and a copy given to the secretary Kristin Patterson gave reports on behalf of those absent.

Note: Kristin brought some great homemade peanut butter cookies.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.



*Snowflakes
Available at
the USPS.*

Sequoia Stamp Club Meeting Summaries

August 22, 2006

Redwood City Community Activities Building

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

Ed Rodriguez announced that we need to be out of the building by 9:45pm so the custodian's can cleanup in a timely manner.

Report on Executive Meeting: Ed Rodriguez said that in the Executive Board meeting we discussed life membership and that we needed to find a new Chatter Editor.

Treasurer's Report: Richard Griffone reported on the state of financial matters. It's all good folks!

New Business: PENPEX President, Kristin Patterson, announced that PENPEX is almost here and we are well underway. Jim Mosso said that he already has 250 lots so far so get your lots in now. Richard Griffone said that he won't be here for the next 2 meetings and Jim Mosso won't be here for the next 3 meetings. Ed Rodriguez also will not be in attendance at the next meeting.

Raffle Drawing: 1st Drawing was won by Norman Neary. 2nd Drawing was won by Chris Thompson.

Our special event tonight is a presentation by Miriam Thurston on "Cigars, Cigarettes and Match Labels". Great job Miriam. Interesting.

*Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm
28 members present.*

September 12, 2006

Redwood City Community Activities Building

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

Ed Rodriguez introduced Ed Jesswani from Union City. Ed Collects Philippines, U.S., Great Britain, Monaco and FDC covers. Welcome Ed.

New Business: Ed Rodriguez explained to us that frames were purchased by APS from the Washington 2006 Show. Preliminary discussions are going around to get clubs from the Bay Area to purchase a big lot to

store them in the Bay Area. Ed has tabled discussions until he can talk with Vesma to get additional information.

Old Business: Jim Giacomazzi brought in pictures from the BBQ to share with us. Bill Dutcher announced that Hank Washauer is homebound with pneumonia and is on oxygen. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Darlene Hickok reminded all that the PENPEX General Committee meeting is September 28th at 6:45pm in the Fireside Room. Executive Board members and chairs must attend. All others are welcome to attend. Ernie Lee reminded everyone that the 2007 Events Calendar still has openings.

Raffle Drawing: 1st Drawing was won by Jose Lopez. 2nd Drawing was won by Philip Tang

In Hank's absence, Jim Giacomazzi gave a short presentation on "Dealer Covers from A to Z" that he picked up. Nice presentation Jim. Fun and clever.

*Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm
25 members present.*

September 26, 2006

Redwood City Community Activities Building

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

Ed Jesswani was voted in as our newest member. Congratulations Ed and welcome to the club.

Old Business: Kristin Patterson talked about the frames that we may contribute to purchasing with WESTPEX and maybe 6 other clubs around the Bay Area. The club members voted and it was motioned and seconded that we invest \$500 toward the purchase of frames. These will not be available for this year's PENPEX show.

New Business: Kristin Patterson also brought in flyers for PENPEX so members can take them to distribute. She explained briefly how PENPEX is moving along with the bourse, etc. Bill Dutcher told us that Hank Washauer has done an outstanding job with the cache's. Reminder that a live auction is coming up on October 10th.

Frank Mott brought more cactus to give away. Thank you Frank from those that took advantage of your offer and for the time spent bringing them to the club. Chris Thompson said please take some packages of cider home.

Raffle Drawing: 1st Drawing was won by Leroy Harbough. 2nd Drawing was won by Virginia Warden

Fritz Gelb started his presentation on Austrian Semi-Postals. Very interesting Fritz (as always).

*Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm .
36 members present.*

**October 10, 2006
Redwood City Community Activities Building**

*Meeting called to order by Vice President
Jim Giacomazzi at 8:00pm*

Jim Giacomazzi is passing around flyer cards from the East Bay Collectors Club announcing their 61st annual stamp show, October 28-29 in Walnut Creek.

Darlene Hickok is sending a get well card around for everyone to sign for Hank Washauer.

Old Business: Kristin Patterson talked more about PENPEX and asked the chairs to discuss how their area is proceeding.

Jim Giacomazzi talked about how the snack bar will operate and where it will be.

Jim Mosso sent word (from afar) that if you have lots for PENPEX give them to either Steve Morey or Jim Giacomazzi.

Larry Christiansen introduced Eduardo Martino as the setup chairman and Eduardo talked about setting up and tearing down. A signup sheet is being sent around. Larry Christiansen talked a little about the history of setting up.

Miriam Thurston discussed the cache's and how she is working on the 150th anniversary of San Mateo County and the 60th anniversary of the 49ers cachet's. Kristin Patterson gave a short history of the 49er camp at the Veterans Memorial Building, almost directly behind our meeting place. The last cachet is the 50th anniversary of the hard drive.

Darlene Hickok mentioned that she is looking for 2-3 youth volunteers for the youth area and that we need raffle donations.

Ernie Lee said that he needs volunteers for the welcoming table.

Bill Dutcher mentioned that the nominations for officers for next year are Jim Giacomazzi for President

and Richard Griffone for Treasurer. Up for grabs is Vice President and Secretary.

New Business: Ernie Lee mentioned that he needs articles for the Chatter so he welcomes articles for any member about your collection and/or pictures of your collection.

Raffle Drawing: 1st Drawing was won by Jim Giacomazzi. 2nd Drawing was won by Miriam Thurston

Live auction started with 40 lots.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

**October 24, 2006
Redwood City Community Activities Building**

*Meeting called to order by Vice President Jim
Giacomazzi at 8:00pm*

Old Business: Bill Dutcher said that the nominating committee is still looking for a secretary. Jim Mosso reminded us that he is approaching 400 lots for PENPEX. He would like to get them by the middle of November. Eduardo Martino sent around the signup sheet for setup and take down. Jim Giacomazzi announced that he could use a few volunteers in the kitchen snack bar. Darlene Hickok is still looking for donations for the raffle. Does not need to be philatelic. She is also looking for older youth to help in the youth area. Ernie Lee is still accepting articles for the Chatter. Paul Swierstra offered us a list of lots up for sale at SUNPEX.

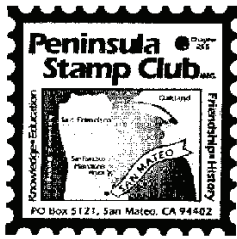
New Business: Fritz Gelb brought in limited editions of Mozart stamps from Sweden and sold them right away. A few members attended the Filatelic Fiesta. Nice exhibits. Attendance might have been a bit low but all who went enjoyed the show.

Paul Swierstra announced that he will not have the library at the PENPEX show this year but will have a freebie table probably in the hallway.

Raffle Drawing: 1st Drawing was won by Miriam Thurston. 2nd Drawing was won by John "Mitch" Michelin (which he promptly donations to the youth – thank you)

Ed Bierman started his presentation on "Cliff House on Postcards". Boy, did this take us back....great job Ed. It was enjoyed by all.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm



Peninsula Stamp Club History

Formation of a stamp society to encourage and foster philately in the San Mateo-Burlingame area was first conceived in the summer of 1947 by Herbert Wrahtz. He approached Milton J. Richter and asked the latter to undertake the project.

Following a series of personal letters, telephone appeals and newspaper publicity, pre-organizational meetings were held during the month of October. At these meetings, work committees were chosen to draft bylaws and generally set up the policies and working arrangements for the projected club.

The first formal meeting was held on November 12, 1947 in what was then the recreation center at Gunst Park, Burlingame. There were 23 in attendance, all of them became Charter Members of the organization. The charter was held open until December 31, 1947, and was closed with a total of 45 members.

In the subsequent years the society remained active with a full slate of officers. In the fifties a newsletter was introduced as well as regular auctions. In the sixties there was a move to the Burlingame Depot office. Following this there were additional venues at the Burlingame Library and then at the San Mateo Bank of America.

The last few years have been marked by unsuccessful efforts to recruit new members, resulting in the decision to confine the activities of the club to participating in larger regional meetings. The goal is to keep the club active by sponsoring speakers at these gatherings.

Paul Ortega, President

PENPEX DEALERS

Table	Company	Dealer	Material
1.	William E. Stein	Bill Stein	Worldwide, Collections
2	Pacific Midwest Co	Gary Morris	U.S. Possessions
3	Diablo Stamps	Herbert Volin	
4	Jim Leer: Better USA	Jim Leer	Better USA
4	Ed Dimmick	Ed Dimmick	Stamps by Topic or Country, Supplies
5	Asia Philatelics	Richard Clever	Asian
7	Peter Sargent	Peter Sargent	GB and British Commonwealth
8	Douglas Gary	Douglas Gary	Covers
9	The Stamp Act	Bob Chang	Asian stamps and postal history
10	U.N. Stamps	Rick Richardson	United Nations
11	Klein Stamps	Robert A. Klein	GB, France, Germany and World Airmails
12	Wulff's Stamps	John & Leland Wulff	Worldwide
13	Stamp Shop	Norbert V Izdepski	Collectibles, Covers, Postcards
14	DK Enterprises	Dick Keiser	Military and Censored Covers, State and Federal Revenues
15	Golden Gate Philatelic	Jonathan Berkowitz	U.S. Revenue
16	Sherry Straley Stamps	Sherry Straley	Worldwide
17	PENPEX Cachets	Miriam	Current and past show cachets
18	Stamp Expos	Chris Clemens	Covers and FDC

The Caboose

PENPEX 2006 Coming Dec. 2 and 3



I hope everyone has written PENPEX on their calendar for the dates Dec. 2 and 3. Make sure to review the schedule on page 2. So that you can better plan your weekend, here are some specifics that you should know about.

The show runs from 10am – 5:30pm on Saturday and 10am – 4pm on Sunday. Each day we will have the dealer booths open, exhibits on display, youth area ready for the youngsters, the Silent Auction lots viewable, cachet for sale, and raffle tickets for the lucky.

Improvements: First, we will have the snack bar in the kitchen which will serve the show room floor from the kitchen window. This will allow the snack staff to keep things cold in the refrigerator and be able to offer hot food for a change of pace and for variety. I want to thank Jim Gaicomazzi for spearheading this.

Club Member Exhibits: Be sure to check out this year's "E" exhibits as there will be 6 entries by our club members. All of these are one-of-kind exhibits and will be displayed in the hall near the USPS table.

Show Cachets: This year we will be offering 3 show cachets; 60th Anniv. of the 49ERS, 150th Anniv. of San Mateo County, and 50th Anniv. of the Hard Drive. The first 2 cachets will have personalized photo stamps that are related to the covers.

Thanks again for all your assistance. Everyone's contributions make for a great show!

Kristin Patterson
PENPEX Chairperson

PENPEX COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Kristin Patterson
Vice-Chairperson	Ernie Lee
Secretary	Darlene Hickok
Treasurer	Bill Dutcher
Sequoia Pres.	Ed Rodriguez
Peninsula Pres.	Paul Ortega
Program/Graphics	Ed Bierman
Mailing List	Paul Swierstra
Facility	Kristin Patterson
Setup	Eduardo Martino
Bourse	Kristin Patterson
Registration Desk	Ernie Lee
Youth Center	Darlene Hickok
Exhibits	Vesma Grinfelds
Frames	Fritz Gelb
Seminars	Ed Rodriguez
Cachet Program	Hank Washauer
Silent Auction	Jim Mosso
Snack Bar and Dealer Lunches	Jim Gaicomazzi
Banquet	Darlene Hickok
Security/Insurance	Bill Dutcher
Welcome Area	Ernie Lee

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