

Stamp Chatter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - April 12, 2011

by Jim Giacomazzi

On February 12 PENPEX chair Kristin Patterson held a board meeting to wrap up the 2010 show sponsored our Sequoia Stamp Club. All areas of the show were reviewed, and it was unanimously agreed that the show was one of the best ever. Kristin, all the PENPEX committee chairs, and all the Sequoia Club volunteers are to be congratulated for a job well done.

There is one area, however, where I think improvement could be made – exhibits. Not the competitive exhibits that were arranged by Vesma Grinfelds – they were outstanding. We had 58 frames of great exhibits, the most we have had since moving to 16-page frames. What I would like to see is more participation of members of the Sequoia Club in the exhibits. With the exception of Miriam Thurston, and of course Kristin, who won the PENPEX Grand Award for her exhibit on playing cards, no other Sequoia Club member entered any type of exhibit. This was in spite of Vesma's efforts to encourage novice exhibitors by including a 4-page and even a one-page noncompetitive category. The theme of the one-page exhibit is "My Favorite Things." I am hoping this the 2011 show will be different, and I am setting a goal of having enough Sequoia Club members submit one-page exhibits to fill at least 2 frames (32 one-page exhibits).

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UPCOMING SCHEDULE EVENTS DATES

On every Second & Fourth Tuesdays of each month meetings are held at Sequoia Stamp Club at the Community Activities Building, 1401 Roosevelt St. Redwood City, CA - Starts at 7:15 pm

- April 12 - LIVE AUCTION (Regular)
- April 26 - TRENDS in STAMPS SHOWS (Gil Goodrich)
- May 10 - PENNY BLACK (Dave Abrahams)
- May 24 - EMPRESS DOWAGER STAMPS of CHINA (Ron Biehl)
- June 14 - LIVE AUCTION (Don Freeman's Donation)
- June 28 - PHILATELIC QUIZ (Jim Giacomazzi)



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SECRETARY - Tanja Ahrens, TREASURER - Richard Griffone

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Director at Large: Ed Rodriguez and Hank Washauer

Librarian: LeRoy Harbaugh, Jr. - Sales Manager: Jim Mosso

Membership Chair : Hank Washauer - Program Chair: Ed Rodriguez

Auditor: Fritz Gelb - Youth/Beginners: Rich Coleman, Darlene Hickock

Other Committees for 2011

Live Auction: Steve Morger, Eduardo Martino, Jim Giacomazzi, Hank Shoolman, Wally Jolliff

Silent Auction: Richard Griffone, Steve Morger - Coffee Refreshments: Chris Thompson

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Yearbook/Roster/Database: Hank Washauer - Nominating Committee: Hank Washauer

NorCal Council Rep: Hank Washauer - APS Representative: Jim Giacomazzi

PENPEX Coordination: Kristin Patterson - Sunshine: Joan Doherty, Darlene Hickok

Meetings

The Sequoia Stamp Club Executive Board Meetings will be held on the second meeting of the second month of the quarter at 6 pm, at the Community Activity Center, just prior to the regular meeting of that evening. These meetings are to be attended by all Officers and Board Members.

The meeting dates for 2011 are: Feb. 22, May 24, Aug. 23, and Nov. 22

CONDENSED MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS January, February & March 2011.

JAN 11: Introduced the newly elective club officers. Jim Giacomazzi read from Lynn's newsletter and gave a comparison to a Canadian Stamp Club with our Sequoia Stamp Club and the silent auction took place. The members attendance was 35....

JAN 25 : A great Presentation took place by Hank Shoolman on the Pit.

FEB 8: A large successful Live Auction of Don Freeman's Stamp Collections \$1,000 in sales that evening The attendance 40....

FEB 22: Member Profile Last names A to K Interesting what they collect and how they got started the attendance is always about 40 more or less....

MAR 8: A Swap Meet was held by members only pay a dollar per table and its always a good turnout and response. Attendance 35

MAR 22: Member Profile Last names L to Z a 5 minute Highlights of each member in what they collect and how they got started. Once again the average of member attendance is usually 40 more or less.

From the Editor of the Chatter

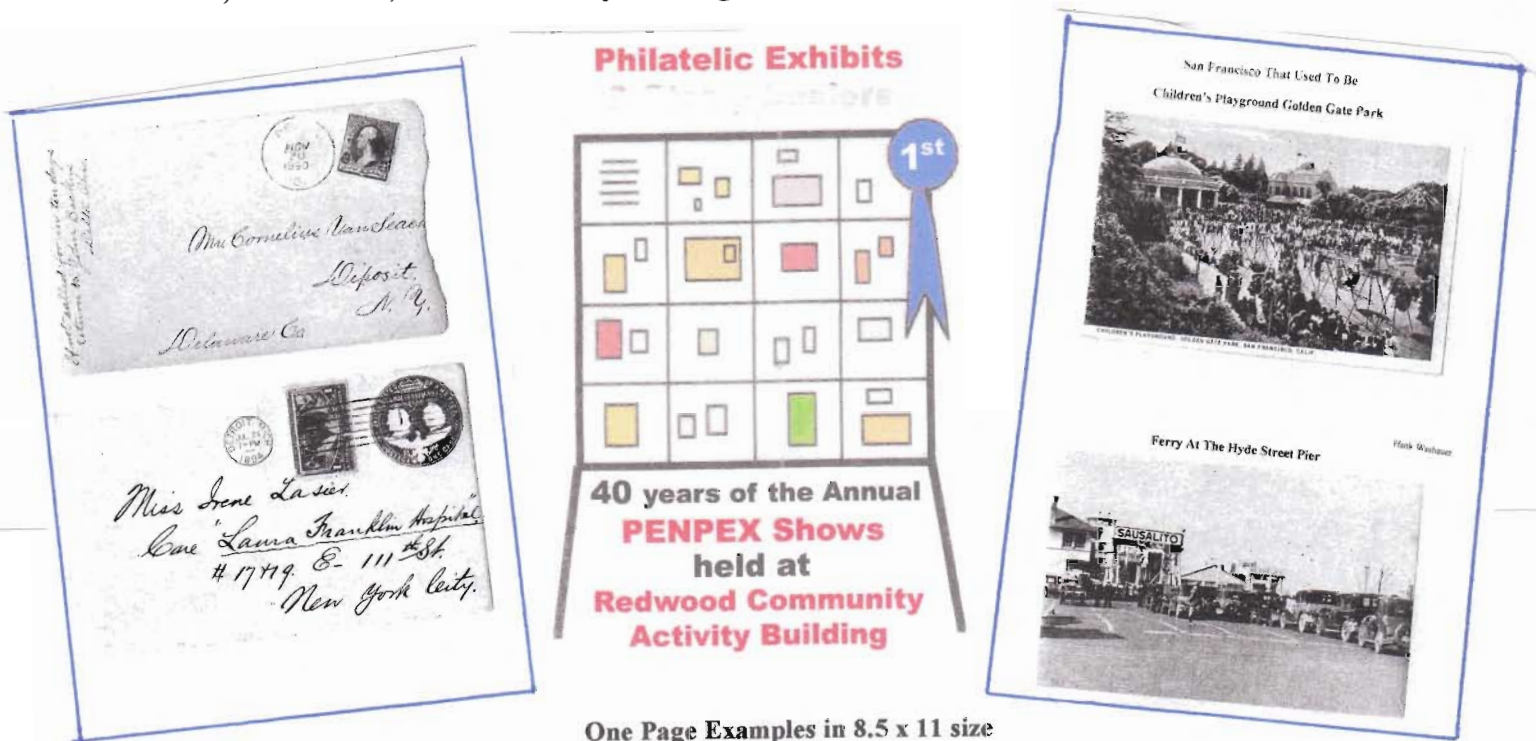
If anyone would like to write an article for this newsletter or submit or give ideas, please contract Hank Washauer (Editor).

BASEBALL SEASON IS HERE



Presidents Notes: Continues from page one
(Encouraging Members to have a One Page Stamp Favorite Exhibit)

There are many reasons that I believe that this goal is achievable. The leadership of both PENPEX and the Sequoia Club support this effort. Sequoia's Executive Board has been seeking increased participation by the membership in club activities, and this is an attempt to achieve that. An incentive may even be offered to those who participate. A one-page exhibit is not that difficult or time-consuming. Assistance is available to members if help is needed in putting the exhibit together. Samples will be displayed at meetings, and there should be no pressure as this is a non-competitive exhibit. There are no rules other than it be one page, with a title, an item, and a short explanation of why it is a favorite. It is not necessary to use a computer. **Each club member may do up to four entries. Club members who can't attend meetings or live out of town are encouraged to submit an entry by mailing it in to the Sequoia Stamp Club, PO Box 235, San Carlos, CA 94070 or by sending it in via another club member.**



This one-page exhibit activity ties in nicely with our upcoming Member Profile programs that were planned in order to get to know ourselves better. We have scheduled programs for two meetings where members will tell a little about themselves, including what they collect and about a favorite philatelic item in their collection. It would be a simple next step to mount the favorite item and note what makes the item special to you. The club can provide templates and plastic sheet protectors to safeguard your items.

Since PENPEX is Sequoia's show, I think it is imperative to display to visitors some interesting things from our collections. I know members have been picking up a lot of nice items from our live and silent auctions, and this would be a good way to show off something special you got. Vesma said that Club members in Reno last summer came up with several frames of one-page exhibits, and that it was a nice addition to their show. I have faith that my fellow Sequoia Club members will rise to the occasion.

"Moving the Mail" by Marsha Brandsdorfer



Published in 1961, The Story of Pitney-Bowes by William Cahn tells the story of Pitney-Bowes. Pitney-Bowes became significantly important toward the development of mail service in the United States and abroad. In the early 1900s, adhesive postage stamps were often stolen from businesses, which was an expensive problem. An inventor by the name of Arthur Pitney wanted to create a solution for this problem and thus designed the first postage machine that could print postage directly onto envelopes without using adhesive stamps. Pitney presented his machine to the Postmaster General in Washington, D.C. However, the Postmaster General was reluctant to give Pitney's machine approval, stating that although the machine showed merit, allowing businesses to print their own postage would be like allowing them to print money.

First Day of Issue
 U.S. MAIL
 People Serving You



The "MAILOMAT"
 ... is a coin-operated U. S. mailbox for people who have letters to mail—and no stamps. It is a "self-service postoffice" that mails your letters without need of adhesive stamps.
 To mail a letter you (1) drop money in coin slot (2) dial correct postage denomination (3) insert letter in letter slot. The machine does the rest; automatically takes your letter, prints postage and postmark on it, and holds it for collection ... provides postage from 1c to 32c, including Air Mail, Special Delivery, etc., with no premium for postage. Metered mail needs less postoffice handling, often catches earlier trains and planes, starts on its way sooner.
 The "Mailomat" is a pre-war invention of Pitney-Bowes Postage Meter Co., Stamford, Conn., now converted to war production; was developed in cooperation with the U. S. Post Office Dept. to facilitate public use of the mails in post office lobbies, railway terminals, etc. Manufacturing will begin when the war is won. Try this new "stampless" postal service now. Use this card to say "hello" to that boy in Service. And when using the mails these days, at home or office, remember to mail early and often ... to help clear the track for war mail ... and to help the P. O. help you!



Walter Harold Bowes was a successful salesman. When he heard of Pitney's postage machine, he sent a telegraph to Chicago inviting Arthur Pitney to meet with him in Stamford, Connecticut. Both men knew that they needed each other. Bowes needed Pitney's inventive skills and Pitney needed Bowes for his business and successful marketing experience. They formed the Pitney-Bowes Postage Meter Company. Pitney would work on trying to build an improved postage meter machine and Bowes would continue to work with Washington, D.C. to obtain legislation for the post office to accept usage of the postage meter. After developing the new postage machine and demonstrating it in Washington, D.C., the Postmaster General was impressed and legislation was added making this machine acceptable. The Pitney-Bowes Postage Meter Company became the very first user of its US approved postage meter machine. They issued First Day Covers with the meter to philatelic collectors, as well as pamphlets promoting the use of their new machine.

Other companies soon started to use the Pitney-Bowes postage. Public awareness got used to the newly termed "metered mail." The Pitney-Bowes Postage Meter Company continued to come out with better machines throughout the years. Metered mail has moved the mail toward a swift process.

By the end of the 1950s, half of United States mail was metered mail. The Pitney-Bowes Postage Meter Company also helped develop the automation of mail to aid adhesive stamped mail to be canceled and sorted more efficiently. They constructed a machine which when fed by a conveyor belt at high speeds, could help could electronically face, postmark and cancel mail bearing adhesive stamps. As the letters streamed through, the machine's electronic scanners would locate the position of the stamps and direct the envelopes towards a canceling dye and then stack them automatically. If no stamp were located, the envelope would be rejected into another pile.

POST CARD

Please do not write directly below:
MAILED IN PENNSYLVANIA STATION
PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD
ON DUTY
TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY
IN THE NATION'S SERVICE



Instructional post card, compliments of Pitney-Bowes Postage Meter Co. Mail in "Mailomat" for 1c in any U.S.A. address.

This Space For Your Greeting

This Space For Address Only

First Day Cover of Slogan.

Miss M. Ryan
 Pitney-Bowes Postage Meter Co.
 Pacific & Walnut Streets
 Stamford
 Conn.

At an antique show in Austin, Texas, I bought a postcard advertising the "Mailomat" developed by Pitney-Bowes in 1939. The Mailomat was a convenient service of mailing for the consumer. It saved time from waiting on lines at the post office. It eliminated the need for affixing several denominations of stamps. It allowed an individual to deposit coins, turn a knob to the amount of postage they wanted to pay and insert their letter. Any value of postage could be provided to a single printed meter stamp. Today there are updated automatic postage machines that progressed from the "Mailomat" in many post offices throughout the United States.

THE *Caboose*

by Kristin Patterson - PENPEX Coordinator

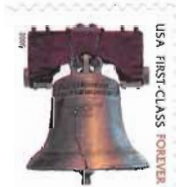


Dear PENPEX volunteers,

It is now time to bask in the glory of your show. We had the final wrap-up meeting at FreshChoice with 13 volunteers in attendance. In the January 2011 *Caboose*, there is a detailed write-up with color pictures. Also, check out the website, www.penpex.org, which has even more information and pictures.

The success of PENPEX is due to the wonderful Sequoia Stamp Club volunteers. This year PENPEX donated \$1,000 to the club in appreciation for all the hard work. The committee also elected 2011 officers: Chair Kristin Patterson, Vice-Chair Jim Giacomazzi, Secretary Darlene Hickok, and Treasurer Eduardo Martino. PENPEX is always looking for more volunteers, so please contact us if you are willing to help. Our next meeting will sometime this summer.

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STAMPS R US NEWS Richard Coleman, Acting Youth Chairman,
Darlene Hickok, Youth Chairperson
Committee Members: Hank Shoolman, Gil Goodrich, LeRoy Bertisch, Richard Coleman & Darlene Hickok.

The Stamps R Us Youth Committee will be meeting on February 23rd to packet mailings to the Stamps R Us youth members with one large mailing and 2 smaller mailings of just stamps to be mailed separately before June. A repeat of this procedure will be completed before December.

We are so fortunate and thankful to receive donations from the Freeman Auctions for 2011. We are still waiting to hear from WESTPEX and NSDA about outstanding grants that will help us recruit, find newer material for our program and help in printing costs for the mini albums for PENPEX.

I would like to thank all the committee members for continuing another year as a member of the Stamps R Us Youth Committee. All of them need to be commended for their countless hours and tireless efforts of putting lots of material together and endless hours of sorting boxes of stamps.

A big applause goes to club members for your continued donations to the youth program. Without all of your involvement we would not be able to reach out to our young beginners and adult beginners with this great program.

Here's to a great fun year ahead in recruiting future philatelists!





UPCOMING STAMP SHOW EVENTS

WESTPEX 2011

APRIL 29, 30 & MAY 1, 2011

San Francisco Airport Marriott, San Francisco, CA



CALENDAR HOLIDAYS and AMERICAN LEADERS OBSERVED

APRIL

PASSOVER - APR. 19

EASTER SUNDAY - APR 24

ULYSSES S. GRANT, 1822 - APR 27

MAY

MOTHER'S DAY - MAY 8

HARRY S. TRUMAN, 1884 - MAY 8

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, 1820 - MAY 12

ARMED FORCES DAY - MAY 21

JOHN F. KENNEDY, 1917 - MAY 29

MEMORIAL DAY - MAY 30

JUNE

JEFFERSON DAVIS, 1808 - JUN 3

GEORGE BUSH, 1924 - JUN 12

FATHER'S DAY - JUN 19

HELEN KELLER, 1880 - JUN 27



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