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President's Message:

October is here and while I write during one of our typical early autumn heat waves, chilly days are coming that are best spent finding, mounting or writing about stamps near the hearth, table or stamp den. This is also a good time to think about what collecting milestone you'd like to reach before December ends and to share in exciting philatelic news from around the world. A long-lost inverted Jenny, position 49, was just found, and we are about to marvel at an auction of the first part of the incomparable William Gross collection of United States material and covers. Even if you're not in a position to bid via the venerable Siegel auction house or Stamp Auction Network, the attention drawn to our great hobby has been incredible in 2018.



I'm presently enjoying a philatelic smorgasbord in Europe: visiting the numerous retail dealers on Rue Druout in Paris, attending the Royal Philatelic's President's Dinner, dropping in on Autumn Stampex in north London, and seeing a portion of the Queen's collection at the Royal's season-opening meeting, all in mid-September. By December, there's another page in my Scott National of US classics that I hope to complete; how about you?

The club year has been pleasant thus far and our auction offerings have been particularly good. Members have contributed fascinating programs and the silent auction continues to be strong.

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2018 Sequoia Stamp Club & Stamp Show Schedule

- ♦ October 9 – Postal History of Redwood City, Woodside, and Searsville pre-1900 (Ed Rosen); Silent Auction
 - ♦ October 20-21 – Filatelic Fiesta, San Jose, CA *** NEW DATE ***
 - ♦ October 23 – Live Auction – Members (Wally Jolliff); Board Meeting at 6PM
 - ♦ October 30 – Pizza Party
 - ♦ November 13 – Nomination of Officers; Program TBD; Silent Auction
 - ♦ November 27 – Presentation: Pacific Coast Companies (Chris Palermo); Election of Officers; Silent Auction
 - ♦ Dec 1-2 – PENPEX, Redwood City, CA
 - ♦ Dec 11 – Holiday Party; Silent Auction
 - ♦ Dec 25 – No meeting. See you next year.
- 2019
- ♦ Jan. 8 – Inauguration of SSC Board. Past Presidents Present; Silent Auction
 - ♦ Jan. 22 – TBA

President's Message continued...

Thank you very much to Jim Giacomazzi for organizing another installment of the Don Larke estate sale on August 28 and to our generous buyers for their bids. We have added several interesting new members and I hope you will take a moment to get to know them at our next meeting.

We are considering adding a retail sales channel shepherded by a Stamp Acquisition Committee and have received both support and views of concern; please tell a Governing Board member what you think about this idea by the end of October.

October will also see the return of our Pizza Party in San Carlos and in the coming weeks we need your help with PENPEX, coming soon on December 1-2. Please think about how you can donate your time (as a volunteer), talent (as a contributor of ideas) or treasure (as a donor of auction lots). Please plan to attend the show, work a shift as a volunteer, or come as a buyer. Every contribution is valuable and helps ensure that dealers return year after year.

We also need your help as a club committee member, officer or program presenter. Elections are around the corner and we need interested members to take a turn as an officer. What part of your collection can you show and teach about? Any other ideas for programs? We are setting up the 2019 calendar now and need your contributions. At our next meeting, please share a stamp story! Our meetings are enriched by hearing of your acquisitions, show or auction experiences, and exhibit plans. Can we serve you better in some way? Please write me: chris_palermo95125@yahoo.com.

Christopher J. Palermo

Larke Consignment Preview

Jim Giacomazzi hosted a preview of the Larke items at his house prior to the auction.

Club members look over the auction items. Below: Kjell Enander and José Lopez. Right: Ken Perkins.



Craig Butterworth deep in thought.

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Commemoratives We Won't See In the USA

By Ken Perkins

Imagine, if you will, that you open the latest *Linn's Stamp News* and read that the next new issue from the U.S. Postal Service is going to be a stamp honoring the Catholic religion. That stamp would be front page news. The controversy would keep Twitter twittering for at least a week. After all, the very first sentence of the First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution is "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..."



#850 79th German Catholic Day, 1962

But a recent issue of *Linn's* shows Germany issuing just such a stamp. In fact, for many years the Federal Republic of Germany has issued separate stamps honoring both German Catholic Day and German Evangelical Day. They commemorate the regular meetings of each religious group in various German cities.

Don't be confused by the term 'evangelical'. Unlike in the U.S., where 'evangelical' is associated with outreach and proselytizing, in Germany 'Evangelical' simply means any Protestant denomination which is a member of the Evangelical Church of Germany (EKD - Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland), a group of some 20 Protestant groups throughout Germany.

In keeping with the approximately equal numbers of Germans enrolled in each group (as of 2016 German Catholics are about 29% of the population, Protestants about 27%), Germany seems to keep a balance between the number of stamps issued for the two. Thus, for example, Scott #856, celebrating a German Catholic charitable campaign of 1963 was rapidly followed by #866 celebrating the Evangelical Church day of 1963.

Much like our own Constitution, the German Constitution of 1948 outlaws religious discrimination and establishes no state church. But Germany's Constitution does recognize large, stable religious communities as "statutory communities" which are allowed to give religious education in state schools, and have their membership dues collected (for a fee) as a 'church tax' by the federal government. The dues are about 8-9 percent of a member's income tax.

What a difference between two Western countries' approach to religion. Just another benefit of paying close attention to your stamps.



#750 77th German Catholic Day



#803 German Evangelical Church Day



#1351 19th German Evangelical Church Day

Postcard Corner—Playland at the Beach, San Francisco

by Ed Bierman

A particular postcard collecting interest of mine is the famous Playland at the Beach which was a fixture along North Beach from the early 1920s until 1972.

Playland began as a series of waffle stands, shooting galleries, and other concessions for those spending a day at the beach.

The small gathering of carnival games and refreshment stands around the train station expanded in the 1910s when Charles I. D. Loeff installed a carousel (officially a "Loeff Hippodrome"), and John Friedle, who operated a candy stand and a few games, began to think big.



Friedle teamed up with Charles' son, Arthur, to make a real amusement park of large rides and attractions.

"Chutes at the Beach" opened in 1921. "Shoot-the-Chutes" was a popular and well-known water ride, and the name "Chutes" had been used for earlier amusement parks in the city.



After the famous Big Dipper wooden roller coaster was built in 1922, and a larger Fun House in 1923, instant-photo studio operator George K. Whitney began buying up smaller leased concessions in the amusement park. In 1928, he and his brother Leo, purchased much of John Friedle's investment and the Whitney Brothers renamed the park Playland at the Beach.

Through the late 1920s & early 1930s, the Whitney's continued to grow the park. They added different restaurants and transformed the old Ocean Beach Pavilion building into a restaurant and dance hall called "Topsy's Roost."

Playland's heyday were the World War II years and 1950s.

Playland declined in the 1960s. George Whitney died in 1958, and the Big Dipper had been torn down. The park became faded, dingy, and a hang-out for seedier elements.

The park was purchased by developers and closed on Labor Day 1972. After a sad auction of attractions and memorabilia (the carousel was saved and still runs at Yerba Buena Gardens) the park was demolished and became the site of condominium complexes that stand at the beach today.



PENPEX CABOOSE

PENPEX is now approaching in 2 months. The show will be held December 1 and 2, 2018 at the Redwood City Community Activities Building. The doors open at 10 am both days but will close Saturday at 5:00 to give people a better opportunity to attend the Awards Banquet that will start with a social hour at 5:00 followed by dinner and the awards ceremony. On Sunday, the show closes at 4 pm. A complete schedule is available at www.penpex.org/show/schedule.



PENPEX Volunteers Needed

The PENPEX show is run by 100% volunteers. It needs your help to function, if for just a couple hours or for a day, please consider helping out in one or more of the following areas:

- Help with setup on Friday at 1 pm. You can set up tables, place chairs, position exhibit frames, and assemble the show program. If you cannot help until later, we can use help mounting exhibits at 5 pm. A light dinner will be served after the frames are up. Or help take-down on Sunday. Contact Eduardo Martino, 650-888-7598 or gualicho@yahoo.com.
- Be the first to greet people as they enter the show at the Welcome Table on Saturday and Sunday. Contact Chris Thompson, 650-592-1535.
- Nothing is tastier than helping at the Snack Bar. You can help collect money, fill orders, or make sandwiches. Contact Kjell Enander, 650-571-7939 or KJELLO@aol.com.
- If you love being surrounded by stamps, join us in the auction room. We need help registering potential bidders, watching over the room, and closing the auction. Contact Jim Mosso, 650-369-8979 or bjmosso@comcast.net.
- If you are youthful at heart, consider helping in the Youth Area. Take the time to show future collectors how much fun stamp collecting is. Pass on your enthusiasm to the next generations. Many games will be set out for visitors to partake in. Contact Preston Chiappa, 408-252-8474 or chiappap@aol.com.
- Want to deal with happy stamp dealers, then help prepare homemade sandwiches or be the person to deliver their lunches. Takes only 2 hours each day. Contact Kristin Patterson, 408-267-6643 or kristin_email@yahoo.com.

There is something for everyone. What makes it fun is that you can help while socializing with fellow collectors.

An Opportunity to Exhibit

PENPEX reserves 66 frames for exhibits. This is your opportunity to show your material and share your knowledge with other collectors. There is no charge to enter. The entry form, prospectus, is posted on the right side of the PENPEX website <https://www.penpex.org>.

For Sequoia Stamp Club members, there is also the option to enter 1 to 4 pages. Yes, just an 8½" x 11" piece of paper with your material and some information about it. A great way to start exhibiting with big rewards.

The deadline is November 1, 2018. So get your exhibits in soon. Contact Ed Bierman, 650-208-1298 or edbierman46@gmail.com.

PENPEX Silent Auction

The PENPEX Silent Auction is always a popular activity at the show. The auction will have over 500 lots for sale. If you are interested in submitting one or more lots, get them to Jim Mosso by October 23. If you cannot attend a Sequoia Stamp Club meeting to give Jim your material, please call him at 650-369-8979 to arrange a special time to meet.

Photo Gallery

Other Hobby Night

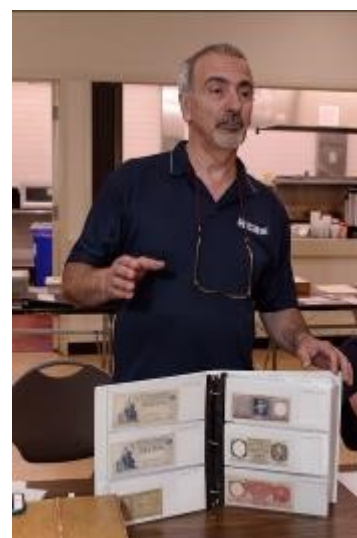
Members shared their other hobbies at a recent meeting.



Patrick Ford shows his Matchbox cars.

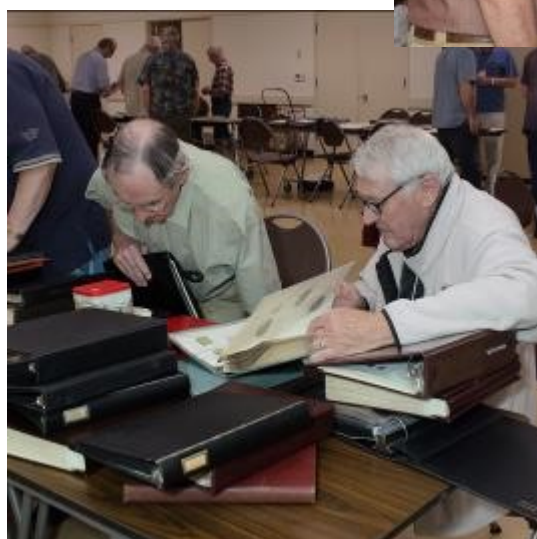


Wally Jolliff and his collection of postal worker badges.



Eduardo Martino collects Argentine paper currency.

Swap Meet Night



Stan Flowerdew and Bernard Gutow considering purchases.



Patrick Ford ponders a purchase from Preston Chiappa.



Jim Mosso and Ken Lewetzow look over the material at David Abrahams table.

The History of Hockey

By Marsha Brandsdorfer



Hockey is a popular sport evidenced on U.S. and international stamps all over the world. However, as described in the book, *Hockey: A People's History* by Michael McKinley, contemporary hockey had humble beginnings. In March 3, 1875, Canadian James Creighton invited the general public to see a game being played at the indoor Victoria Skating Rink in Montreal by several of his hockey playing friends against the Montreal Football Club. This exhibition caught interest, and watching hockey live soon grew in popularity as it was engaging entertainment, and amateur teams were formed in Canada. Teams started charging admission to the games, but players were instructed not to be paid.

In fact, players weren't compensated until practicing dentist John L. "Doc" Gibson, founded the International Professional Hockey League, the world's first professional hockey league in 1904. It attracted some of the best players from established Canadian amateur teams. The league did not last long due to an economic recession and ceased after the 1906-1907 hockey season. However, other leagues would follow, and professional hockey teams formed, wherein hockey players signed contracts and were paid comfortable salaries since they would make money for team owners.

The National Hockey League (NHL) was founded in November 1917, and continues today. Fans would pay to see good players compete; the ultimate goal was to see them win the Stanley Cup. The idea of the Stanley Cup came from politician, Sir Frederick Arthur Stanley, who suggested that there should be a challenge cup to be awarded annually to the champion hockey team. Fans also came to see star players.

The World Hockey Association (WHA) was founded in 1971, by two Californians who wanted to challenge the NHL, which they felt had a monopoly on hockey. To do this, they aimed to build teams in cities the NHL overlooked. Wayne Gretzky was just seventeen years old when he signed with the WHA Indianapolis Racers. Several years later, the WHA dissolved due to financial difficulties. So by 1979, the NHL took over any remaining WHA franchises and Gretzky's contract was bought by the WHA team, Edmonton Oilers, which now became a part of the NHL.



The Oilers went on to win four Stanley Cup championships, thanks in strong part to Wayne Gretzky. Nicknamed "The Great One," Gretzky proved again and again that his nickname was worthy, as he continued to shatter the records of other hockey players. By August 1988, it was announced that Gretzky had been traded to the Los Angeles Kings.

With Gretzky's move to Los Angeles, hockey became even more popular for Americans, and still more NHL teams were to be founded in the United States. He played for the New York Rangers towards the end of his career, retiring in 1999, leaving behind memories of one of hockey's greatest players. By 2018, there are now 31 teams in the NHL, twenty-four in the United States and seven in Canada.





PHIL A. TELLICK
AND SNAIL MAIL '4-EVER'
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August 2018, the US Postal Service celebrates magic, an art form that holds a special place in American history. Each of the three identical stamps on this sheet features an effect that mimics a white rabbit popping out of a top hat.

Phil A. Tellick
 will perform
"The Art of Magic"
 He will make "Millions of
 Stamps" appear
 at the
PENPEX STAMP SHOW
 on December 1 & 2 2018

