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- by Lucien S. Klein, Portland Philatelic Exhibitions

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The Pacific International Philatelic Exhibition (PIPEX) is an American Philatelic Society (APS) World Series of Philately (WSP) event sponsored by Portland Philatelic Exhibitions on behalf of Oregon Stamp Society and the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs.

PIPEX 2017 will be 12–14 May at the Red Lion Hotel on the River, at Jantzen Beach, 909 North Hayden Island Drive, Portland, Oregon (see above). **Parking is free**. The hotel location, just off I-5 at exit 308 and on the bank of the Columbia River, makes it easy for you to come and go to the show and to attractions in the Portland and Vancouver, Washington area while having a pleasant stay.

The PIPEX show hotel room rate is \$103 per night. Call 503-283-4466 for reservations. On Sunday, the hotel offers an excellent Mother's Day Brunch, for which reservations are required. If you are interested, make your brunch reservation early because it has been known to sell out.

Admission to the show is free. Show hours are 10 AM to 6 PM on Friday and Saturday, and 10 AM to 4 PM on Sunday. There will be 40 or more dealers, 3,800 pages of exhibits, a cachet makers bourse, StampBuddy for beginning or returning adult collectors, a youth area (that will offer free stamps by the bucket each day), and Grandma's Attic where people can bring their stamp collections to be evaluated.

National and international societies holding their annual meetings at the show are: Mobile Post Office Society; Scouts on Stamps Society International; and The International Machine Cancel Society. Women Exhibitors will hold a regional meeting. The Pacific Northwest Postal History Society will hold a meeting. Red Lion Hotel on the River

Most societies meeting at the show present one or more programs worth seeing. Societies expected to be represented at the show, in addition to those societies convening and meeting at the show, include: American Philatelic Society; American Topical Association; Northwest Philatelic Library; Northwest Chapter of the American Airmail Society; Oregon Stamp Society; and Salem Stamp Society.

Harmer-Schau Auctions Northwest will hold an auction at the show on Sunday, 14 May. Auction lots may be viewed each day of the show and online before the show at: *info@harmershau.com*.

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Happy belated new year to everyone. As I write this, snow is covering much of The Great Northwest. Although the groundhog has made a pessimistic prediction, it will not be long before spring is here and with the season comes several important philatelic events in the Federation area.

Three of these bear special mention. First is the Spring National show in Edmonton, Alberta. This is a World Series of Philately (WSP) exhibition, one of three such events held in the Federation. This year they are celebrating the 150th anniver-

sary of Canada's Confederation. The show will take place 25–26 March at the Central Lion's Recreational Centre.

The second event is the Arn Philatelic Symposium to be held in Moses Lake, Washington on 1 April. See page 11 for more details. This meeting is a great opportunity to hear presentations by leading philatelists and to meet many collectors from across the Federation.

Finally, on 12–14 May, PIPEX, another WSP show and the largest stamp show in the Federation will take place in Portland (see story on page 1).

The Federation will hold its annual meeting at PIPEX on Saturday, 13 May at 9:00 AM. I encourage everyone to attend to hear about what the Federation has been doing and its plans for the future. Also, our long-time Chairman, Lawrence Clay, will be resigning and we will need to elect a replacement.

By the way, there are several other **board positions that need to be filled** (see the box at left). If you are interested in serving in one of these, please contact either the Chairman or me.

This edition contains articles from members of several different Federation organizations. If your organization is not represented, you can correct this situation by submitting an article of your own. Do not worry about formatting or grammar. The editor takes care of all of that stuff. All I need are your thoughts and verbiage.

Also, do not bother with adjusting illustrations "just so" in your document. I will have to redo all of that anyway to fit the items into the publication. Just give me the images as separate files.

Keep the email coming about any activities or happenings involving your clubs or other groups so I can report the news to others.

Newsletter editors, please make sure I am on your distribution for the same reason.

Also, please look at your collection and send me a couple paragraphs describing an item you find interesting. Club officers, send me news about your club's activities and accomplishments. I will publish this information in upcoming editions. Input for the next edition is due to me not later than 15 May 2017. Send to: *jackcongrove@comcast.net*.

— Jack R. Congrove, Editor

Answers to Philatelic Quiz: 1-E (White Rabbit), 2-H (Playboy Bunny), 3-J (Br'er Rabbit), 4-B (Thumper), 5-G (Easter Bunny), 6-A (Bugs Bunny), 7-F (Energizer Bunny), 8-C (Roger Rabbit), 9-I (Year of the Rabbit), 10-D (Peter Rabbit)

PIPEX 2017 (from page 1)

Exhibits will be judged by a panel of five judges accredited by the APS: Tim Bartsche is chief judge. Other judges are Jeff Shapiro, Ed Kroft, Peter McCann, and Nancy Clark.

PIPEX 2017 is an APS World Series of Philately show. The Grand Award winner is expected to compete in the Champion of Champions competition at StampShow 2017 in Richmond, Virginia, 3–6 August 2017.

The show awards dinner will take place Saturday evening at the Red Lion Hotel. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting Steve Brandt at: *zbear@att.net*. Early reservations are encouraged because the event may sell out before the show opens.

More PIPEX 2017 information is available on the show website: *www.pipexstampshow.org*. The exhibitor's prospectus may be downloaded from the website, or requested by mail from exhibit chairman, George Struble, 210 18th Street NE, Salem OR 97301.

New Member Club

The Fraser Valley Philatelic Club in Abbotsford, British Columbia, has become the newest member organization of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs. Their addition brings the total number of member organizations in the NWFCS to 36.

The club meets on the first or second Tuesday of each month except for July and August. Meetis begin at 6:00 PM at the W.J. Mouat Secondary School in Abbotsford.

Annual dues are \$5. The club hosts a one-day annual stamp show at the school. The next show will be on Sunday, 9 April 2017. Admission is free.



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Chairman's Notes

After almost two years, PIPEX will be back. Tony Wawrukiewicz and the PPE crew are putting together another great show. I expect that PIPEX 2017 will rank as one of the top World Series of Philately stamp shows in the United States. I look forward to seeing you there.

The Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs (NWFSC) is proud to continue its many years of sponsorship of the PIPEX shows. But PIPEX is not the only top quality event sponsored by NWFSC. We also sponsor the annual John Arn Philatelic Day at Moses Lake, Washington, This year's event will be at the Best Western Motel on 1 April. There will be four outstanding speakers, clothesline events and both a silent an "noisy" auctions. Please consider adding this unique event to your calendar.

The NWFSC also supports the SEAPEX stamp show in Tukwila, Washington. It is another first-class WSP show. This year's show dates are 8–10 September 2017.

NWFSC may present three awards at PIPEX 2017. They are the Northwest Distinguished Philatelist Award, Federation Meritorious Service Award and the Member Club Service Award. Nominations for these awards must be submitted to me no later than 25 March. Please contact me if you have any questions about qualifications for the awards, or how to proceed with a nomination.

I have been NWFSC Chairman and acting executive secretary or several years. It is time to turn the reins over to someone else. Therefore, my official resignation will occur at the NWFSC meeting at 9:00 AM on Saturday, 13 May at PIPEX 2017. Thank you to everyone who has helped the NWFSC succeed.

— Lawrence Clay, Chairman

APS AmeriStamp Expo רטיטיטיטיטיטיטיטיטיטיטיטיטיטיטיטיטיטיט 3-5 March 2017 **Reno-Sparks Convention Center 4590 South Virginia Street** Reno, Nevada Fri-Sat 10:00AM-6:00PM Sun 10:00AM-4:00PM **Atlantis Casino Resort Spa** 3800 South Virginia Street **Free Admission** Youth & Beginner Activities ~50 stamp dealers Stamp and postal history exhibits Free collection evaluations US Postal Service booth http://stamps.org/AmeriStamp-Expo-ASE

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Youth in Philately

— by MaryAnn Bowman, American Topical Association

[Ed. note: This article appeared in the Nov-Dec 2016 edition of Topical Time, Vol 400, pp. 78–79. It is reprinted with permission.]

Teaming and Theming

Partnering with a visiting society at a stamp show to provide youth-related activities can benefit the stamp show, the visiting society, and the youth/beginners who use the materials developed and provided. Last year, I wrote about the materials provided by the Society for Czechoslovak Philately, as well as materials created for the Milcopex 2015 show.

This year, the visiting society was France and Colonies. Again, a partnership was formed—this time with a local chapter of the national group, the Alliance Française. As before, a trifold display of France was created using a combination of photocopied illustrations and fact charts from children's books obtained from the public library, along with a scattering of French picture postcards.

As luck would have it, Owney, the traveling mail dog, had also been to France earlier this year and so my smaller stuffed animal version was on display along with his photo album.

I had pulled French stamps, French colony stamps, and some postally used postcards, covers, and first-day covers to give away. Both an album page for just stamps from France, as well as a separate page for French colony stamps were available. Copies of these album pages can be found on the ATA website.

This year Aimée Devine created an issue of *Topical Tidbits* to accompany the visiting society. It is the first bilingual *Topical Tidbits* issue published. The publication starts out with a series of fun facts about the country. The second page illustrates famous French people and a matching activity to recognize their achievements.

In another section, two French artists are introduced as well as their style of art, with youth being challenged to create their own impressionistic or post-impressionistic masterpiece.

To share the many beautiful places to visit in France, a travel bingo game was created . This issue is also available for free download at the ATA website.

Aimée did not stop there. She created three other activities to accompany the display. One was a French colony word search. A second activity was a vocabulary matching game with one set of cards depicting French stamps with the English vocabulary word beneath and the other set of cards with the French equivalent and the French pronunciation of the word. Completing the trio of additional activities was the everpopular fortune teller game using French numbers and colors. Special prizes, including Eiffel Tower pencils and Eiffel Tower gummy candies , were provided by Alliance Française. These activities are found on the website of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs, youth resources pages.



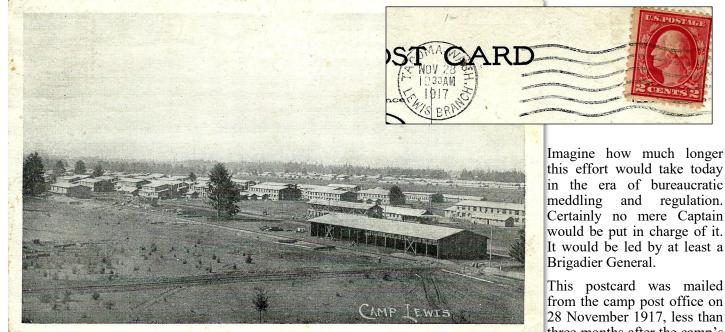
Topical Tidbits

Roundup Stamp & Coin Show 22 April 2017 **Olympia Philatelic Society** Yardbirds Mall 2100 North National Avenue Chehalis, Washington Sat 9:30AM-4:00PM **Free Admission** Free stamps for kids Northwest stamp & coin dealers Stamp exhibits US Postal Service booth Refreshments http://olympiaphilatelicsociety.org/

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SEAPEX Celebrates Camp Lewis Centennial



in the era of bureaucratic meddling and regulation. Certainly no mere Captain would be put in charge of it. It would be led by at least a Brigadier General. This postcard was mailed

from the camp post office on 28 November 1917, less than three months after the camp's

Camp Lewis Barracks 1917 B & W halftone/divided, unidentified publisher, 1917

— by Jack R. Congrove, Seattle Philatelic Exhibition

This year the Seattle Philatelic Exhibition (SEAPEX) will celebrate as its theme the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Camp Lewis. This military post has evolved into Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM), currently the largest U.S. military base on the West Coast. It is the only Army power-projection base west of the Rocky Mountains.

Camp Lewis was established in 1917, when the citizens of Pierce County voted by an eight to one margin to bond themselves for \$2 million to buy 68,721 acres of land. They donated the land to the federal government for military use. The only stipulation was that the tract be used as a permanent Army post.

A portion of the initial land (3,370 acres) was taken from the Nisqually Indian Reservation.

Captain David L. Stone and his staff arrived at the camp site on 26 May 1917, and a few days later the initial construction began. As work on the camp was pushing forward, the War Department named Camp Lewis after Meriwether Lewis of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

The entire camp was ready for occupancy a month ahead of schedule. In 90 days, Stone had supervised the construction of a "city" of 757 buildings and 422 other structures, all lighted and heated for 60,000 men.

The first recruits moved into their new barracks on 5 September 1917, exactly two months after the post building plan had been handed to the contractors.

actual opening. It shows some of the two-story wooden barracks used to house the soldiers. Some of the buildings shown in the foreground are still under construction.

A small number of these "temporary" buildings are still in use at the base, although most of them have been replaced by more modern permanent brick structures.

Between 1917 and 1919, Camp Lewis was used to mobilize and train men for service in World War I. Tens of thousands of young men passed through the camp.

Following the war, activities were greatly reduced and Camp Lewis passed from the hands of Pierce County and became the property of the federal government.

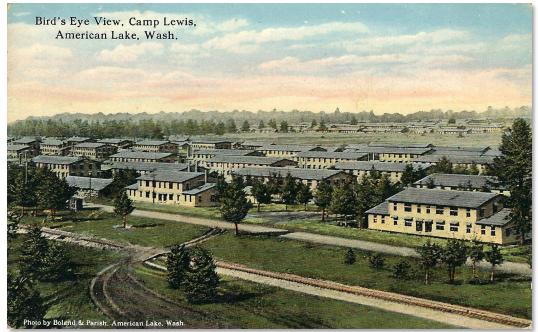
David L. Stone, by then a Brigadier General, returned to command the camp in 1936 and 1937.

Ten years after its initial construction Pierce County passed another bond measure to establish a military airfield just north of the camp, which by that time had been renamed Fort Lewis. The airfield, called Tacoma Field, opened in 1930 and in 1940, was renamed McChord Field after Colonel William C. McChord who had been killed in an air crash in 1937.

McChord Field separated from Fort Lewis when the U.S. Air Force was created in 1947, and was subsequently renamed McChord Air Force Base. The two bases operated independently of one another for more than 60 years before merging into Joint Base Lewis-McChord as part of the Base Realignment process in 2010.

From 1942 to 1943, forty-two Japanese, German, and Italian Americans were held at Fort Lewis as part of the gov-

Camp Lewis (from page 5)



When they implemented auction of the new cantonment, workmen subscribed \$4,000 to build the main gate, which is still standing. The arch was built of fieldstone and squared logs resembling the old blockhouses that stood in the Northwest as forts.

ernment's internment program during World War II. The Japanese and Italian internees were transferred to Fort Missoula and the Germans to Fort Lincoln.

Camp Lewis Barracks & Administration Buildings hand-tinted halftone/divided, Louis Scheiner, Tacoma, ca.1918

Between 1942 and 1946, about 4,000 German prisoners of war were confined at Fort Lewis. Four of these POWs who died during their confinement are buried in the post cemetery.

Currently, JBLM is home to the U.S. Army I Corps, 7th Infantry Division, 593rd Expeditionary Sustainment Brigade, 1st Special Force Group, 191st Infantry Brigade, and 62nd Airlift Wing.

The base has more than 45,000 service members and civilian workers making it by far the largest employer in Pierce County.

SEAPEX will hold a ceremony on Saturday, 9 September 2017, to celebrate the centennial of this great military installation. The ceremony will start at 11:00 AM . The event plans to include participation by some of the honor guard and other military personnel from JBLM. There will be free souvenirs for all military veterans and active duty personnel who attend.

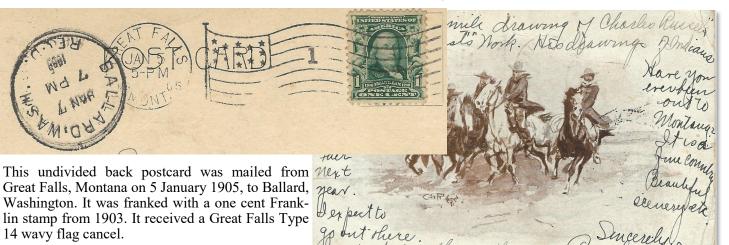


Fort Lewis Main Gate RPPC, J. Boyd Ellis, Arlington, Washington, ca.1940

Sources: http://www.historylink.org/File/5631 http://www.jointbaselewismcchord.com/ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort Lewis

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Ballard, Washington



It arrived in Ballard and received a receiving mark in the evening two days later.

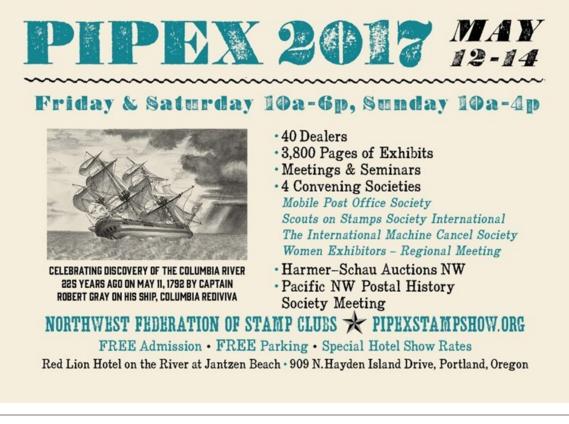
This Ballard post office was in service for less than 20 years. It opened on 22 August 1889, and after the city of Ballard was annexed to Seattle, the post office became a branch of the main Seattle post office on 31 January 1908.

Ballard was platted in 1888, and in 1889 when the Seattle, Lake Shore, & Eastern Railway built a spur to the area, the station was named Ballard after Captain W.R. Ballard, the local development manager. Cowboy art by Charles M. Russell Duo halftone/undivided, unidentified publisher, ca.1904

By 1901, Ballard had become a major manufacturing area boating of "more shingles produced here daily than in any other city in the world."

It also had sawmills, shipyards, foundries, and boiler works. Three weekly newspapers served a claimed population of 5,500.

Source: http://www.historylink.org/File/521.



It was incorporated in November 1890.

Year of the Rooster First Day



Display poster for Year of the Rooster stamp

— by William B. Ailes, Tri-Cities Stamp Club

On 5 January 2017, The U. S. Postal Service issued a new stamp honoring The Year of the Rooster. The stamp had a First Day of Issue ceremony at the Wing Luke Museum in Seattle. The stamp was issued as a part of a series of Chinese New Year's stamps.

There were about 50 people in attendance. A ceremonial program as well as a pin of the new stamp was handed out to all in attendance. The ceremony started with a Lion Dance. The master of ceremonies was Ms. Yibo Lu, director of Chinese Radio, CBS Seattle.

Speakers included Ms. Beth Takeawa, Executive Director of the Wing Luke Museum, and Mr. Kim Mak, the stamp designer.

After the stamp was unveiled, there was another Lion dance to conclude the ceremony. The speakers signed autographs at a table in the ceremony room after the ceremony. There were two postal clerks selling stamps and applying First Day of Issue cancellations in the museum lobby.





Lion Dance photos courtesy of Bill Ailes.



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I Thought I Made a Mistake Once...

— by Dennis J. Gelvin, Olympia Philatelic Society

...but I was wrong.

Now that the laughter has died down, note that we can always look toward the Post Office for some entertaining examples of the classic brain fade.

The first three examples in my collection are from Washington, one always wonders how long these were in circulation before some observant patron started making the usual fun of government incompetence, and the offending blunder was corrected.

This first example is from July 1924, cancelled at the Seattle "Termimal" Station. There are a lot of Terminal cancels out there, it was a busy mail office. I have seen a few other examples of this blunder, so it must have been in use for a while, maybe weeks?



The second cover was cancelled in "Ventage," Washington, in 1983. I think "Vantage" is a Community Post Office (CPO) of Ellensburg, so the local hicks probably took a good ribbing from the big city folks. This is the only example I have found, so it probably did not stay in use very long.



The third Washington example shows that we have been doing this for a long time, even before Washington became a State (11 November 1889). The Official Business envelope spells the town name correctly, I wonder how long it took to the "E" put back into the "Pomroy" cancel?

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Mistake (from page 9)





Here are a couple of national examples of not seeing what we're looking at.

Sc#3788a, of the Southeastern Lighthouses issue of 2003, had one of the Cape Lookout stamps on the sheet different than the others. I used them on a First Day Cover to clearly show that someone was not paying attention.

Sc#4085–88, the Motorcycle issue of 2006, had covers with the Post Office color first day cancel applied. I noticed these hanging on the wall at the Post Office, and of

course had to make a bit of fun with an appropriate cachet. I do not have one, but I understand that the Post Office did issue new covers with the "motorcyles" corrected.

"It is a damn poor mind indeed which can't think of at least two ways to spell any word." —Andrew Jackson, 7th U.S. President (1767–1845). Happy Collecting!

27th John D. Arn Moses Lake Symposium



— by David E. Harris, Inland Empire Philatelic Society

The Arn Moses Lake Philatelic Symposium is ready to go on 1 April this year. The event will take place at the **Best Western Lake Front Hotel and Conference Center** in Moses Lake, Washington.

The programs have been mailed out and registration forms are already arriving back. If you are not on the mailing list, and would like to receive a copy of the program and registration form, contact me at sqpiano@gmail.com. There is also a copy of each of these documents on the Northwest Federation web site at *nwfedstamps.org*.

We have four outstanding speakers: Collyer Church of the Puget Sound Collectors Club, Larry Crain from the South-

2016 Arn Symposium at Moses Lake

ern Oregon Philatelic Society, **Tony Wawrukiewicz** from the Oregon Stamp Society, and **Michael Zak** from the Garden City Stamp Club in Missoula, Montana, with presentations from four different areas of philately.

Additionally, we will have both a live and silent auction of more than 200 lots, plus some clothesline presentations.

We invite all stamp collectors and their spouses to come and join us for a good time to renew acquaintances, have some good food and conversation and just enjoy our hobby with like minded folks.



Updating an Alaska Classic



— by Eric R. Knapp, Alaska Collectors' Club

When Richard "Bill" Helbock passed a few years ago, he left a project incomplete. He had started work on the fourth edition of his classic catalog, Postmarks of Territorial Alaska.

The last published edition, the Third Edition, was published in 1986. Bill had gathered information on new cancel types and had published the first several letters of the alphabet for review.

Several members of the Alaska Collectors' Club have taken up the challenge to complete the revision and make the Fourth Edition available. Because this publication is the basis of Alaska postal history, we decided this needed to be done. We are working with the current owner of Bill's company, LaPosta Publications, to make this happen.

AMPEX 2017

9 April 2017 **Fraser Valley Stamp Club**

W. J. Mouat Secondary School

32355 Mouat Drive Abbotsford, British Columbia Sun 10:00AM-3:00PM

Free Admission

Western Canada Stamp Dealers **Door Prizes** Stamp exhibits

http://www.stampclub.ca/fraservalley

We have gathered many new types of cancels and hundreds of usage updates. We are currently working on compiling everything we have and seeing where we are. There are still new finds being made. A new date usage for the town of Grindall was recently sold on eBay (see above). (It sold for \$735, ouch.)

UPCOMING SHOWS **Edmonton Spring National** March 25-26 **Central Lions Centre, Edmonton, AB** SOPEX April 8-9 שערעייעיעיעיעיעיעיעיעיעיע Jackson County Fairgrounds, Central Pont, OR **WESTPEX 2017** April 28-30 Airport Marriott Waterfront, San Francisco, CA **PIPEX 2017** May 12-14 Red Lion Hotel on the River, Portland, OR **Rocky Mountain Stamp Show 2017** May 26-28 Crowne Plaza Hotel, Denver, CO National Topical Stamp Show 2017 June 23-25 Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel, Milwaukee, WI

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Evergreen Becomes ATA Chapter

Exhibit Frames Available

On 29 November 2016, the Evergreen Stamp Club became Chapter Number 130 of the American Topical Association. ATA Chapters are local stamp clubs that have affiliated with the ATA to receive special updates on topical news and activities.

The clubs must have at least three regular ATA members and be approved by the ATA. The Salem Stamp Society is the only other club in the Northwest Federation that is an ATA Chapter.

The Evergreen Stamp Club currently has eight ATA members: Terry Barham, Jack Congrove, Carol and Keith Edholm, William Eubanks, Lisa Foster, Richard Horner, and Vincent Pesantes.

If you would like to become an ATA member, you can join on line by visiting the ATA website (*http:// americantopicalassn.org/membership3.shtml*). The dues are \$25 for electronic membership and \$30 for regular membership. New members receive the ATA handbook, *Adventures in Topical Collecting*.

Members also receive the bimonthly award-winning *Topical Time* magazine that contains news and articles on a wide variety of philatelic subjects. The ATA provides topical checklists to its members on more than 1,200 topics based on its extensive stamp identification database. The ATA provides free handbooks for Chapter libraries and free publicity for the Chapter in *Topical Time*.

New Exhibitors

The Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs has announced a new initiative: a new exhibitor at PIPEX in May, or SEAPEX in September can receive a rebate of \$20 of their exhibit entrée fees. A new exhibitor who has not entered an exhibit in any WSP show is eligible if they are an adult member of any of the clubs that belong to the Federation.

Hollygram Air Mail Correction

The December edition of *The Federated Philatelist* contained some incorrect information in the article about the Hollygram air mail cover.

Please note that The Museum of Flight (TMOF), including its Research Center, which houses the library and archives at its main campus in Seattle, operates independently from The Boeing Company. It is **open to the general public**, though to see archival materials, appointments must be made in advance. For information about using the Research Center at The Museum of Flight, please visit *http:// www.museumofflight.org/Collections-and-Research/ Research-Center* or email *curator@museumofflight.org*. — by George Struble, PIPEX

The Pacific International Exhibition (PPE) has acquired 25 pairs of exhibit frames after their use at the huge New York 2016 international stamp show. PPE is keeping some for its own use at PIPEX. Up to ten pairs are available to clubs and societies in the Northwest. The price is \$150 per pair. They can be picked up in Vancouver, Washington.

Each frame holds sixteen $8\frac{1}{2}\times11$ inch pages. The legs are A-frame, and the frames screw into the legs. So their use is similar to the older frames at PIPEX, SEAPEX, and other WSP shows. The fasteners are "security screws." The ordinary homeowner does not have screwdrivers that work on these, but any home supply store has bits for them.

These frames were roundly criticized at the New York show. They are somewhat fragile, and must be handled with some care. The Salem Stamp Society has three pairs, and has used them at a club meeting and at its STAMPEX show. The frames worked well for these purposes.

Clubs can use these frames:

- During club meetings, for members to display something of their interest to the rest of the club. The Salem Stamp Society has been doing a "frame of the month" for more than a year. Such displays help members focus their collecting, deepen their philatelic knowledge, and build togetherness for the club.
- At their local shows, to show to the public the achievements of their members, and to educate the public on some philatelic topics. This can encourage people to join the club.

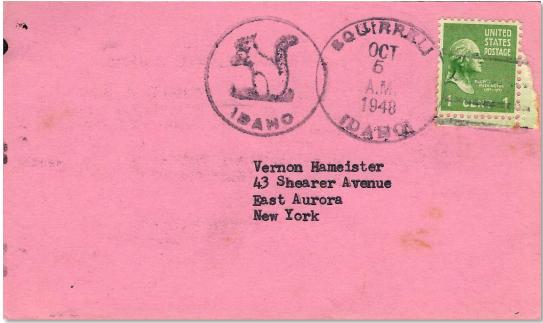
Greater participation in exhibiting can have significant benefits to our clubs and our members. In the process of creating an exhibit, collectors sharpen their focus, deepen their knowledge, and increase their joy in our hobby. Sharing that knowledge among our fellow collectors can deepen their knowledge and strengthen the bonds among the members of our club.

To purchase, or inquire about buying these frames, contact George Struble: 503-364-3929, or *gstruble@willamette.edu*.

New Tri Cities Meeting Location

As of January 2017, the Tri Cities Stamp Club is meeting at a new location. They meet on the fourth Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Activities room the Royal Colombian Retirement Inn, 5615 West Umatilla Ave, Kennewick, Washington.

Squirrel, Idaho



Squirrel, Idaho postcard 1948

- by Jack R. Congrove, Northwest Federation

I acquired the postcard pictured above from a dealer's box because of the squirrel fancy cancel rubber stamp design.

Currently, Squirrel is an unincorporated place in Fremont County, Idaho. The only structures in the area are some farm houses and related buildings and the former Squirrel Dance Hall building now apparently used for storage. Squirrel Creek runs just to the east

The nearest incorporated place is Drummond, Idaho, about four miles to the southwest.

The card is franked with a one cent Washington stamp from the 1938 Presidential series and canceled with a fourbar circular date stamp. A cursory study shows this same cancel device and squirrel fancy cancel were used over a period of many years.

Compare the crisp and clean cancel on a 1935 cover provided by Alan Patera (see page 15). By 1948, these devices were showing a lot of wear and becoming illegible.

A new circular cancel device was acquired not long after this card was mailed because a much fresher impression exists dated 1 November 1949.



The Squirrel post office was established on 4 April 1900, and operated until it was discontinued on 31 August 1979. The Squirrel locale is currently serviced by the post office in Ashton, Idaho.

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Squirrel Dance Hall Community Club Est. 1815, Elev. 5,610



upcoming meeting of the East Aurora Philatelic Society in East Aurora, New York. Apparently, the society secretary took the opportunity to obtain a fancy cancel for

retary took the opportunity to obtain a fancy cancel for the club members by sending the announcement cards to the Squirrel postmaster for servicing.

This card announced an

Having seen several examples of this cancel for sale on e-Bay, this service presumably was commonly offered to collectors.

Squirrel, Idaho (from page 14)



Squirrel Post Office, May 1970 photo courtesy of Alan Patera

Thanks to Alan Patera of the Pacific Northwest Postal History Society for information about the operating period of the Squirrel Post Office and a photo of the building taken in 1970.

The building apparently also served as a gas station as evidenced by the pump on the right hand side of the photo, and possibly also as a store of some type.

Spring National Show

25–26 March 2017 Edmonton Stamp Club

Central Lion's Recreational Centre

113 Street & 111 Avenue Edmonton, Alberta Sat 10:00AM–5:00PM Sun 10:00AM–4:00PM

Canada – 150 Years as a Country Free Admission Junior Stamp Table Western Canada Stamp Dealers Circuit Books & Door Prizes WSP Stamp and postal history exhibits Free collection evaluations http://www.edmontonstampclub.com/

The Federated Philatelist

Club Activities



The Alaska Collectors' Club is one of our newer members. They publish a quarterly journal, The Alaskan Philatelist. They are working on a project to revise the Postmarks of Territorial Alaska catalog (see page 12). The conducted

a successful postal history auction in January. Annual dues US and \$20 elsewhere. Contact \$15 for are eknapp@gci.net. See website www.alaskaphilatelic.org.



The American Air Mail Society-Northwest Chapter publishes a quarterly newsletter Air Mail Northwest. The chapter has no website.

Dues are \$8 per year.



The Anchorage Philatelic Society publishes The Anchorage Philatelist newsletter. The club is preparing for its annual Alaska Philatelic Exhibition (APEX) on 3–5 March ANCHORAGE 2017. They expect to have several youth SOCIETY exhibitors. Dues are \$10 per year, \$15 for families, and \$2 for youth. See their website

www.anchoragephilatelic.org.

The Bellingham Stamp Club has not produced a recent newsletter. They have joined with another club in Lynden and are meeting with them for an interim period.



The British Columbia Philatelic Society has not published a recent edition of their newsletter. Meeting information is distributed via their website. Meetings are each Wednesday at 7:30 PM at a new location in the church hall north of the West Burnaby United Church. The third Wednesday is usually their monthly auction. Dues are \$20 per

year for individuals, \$30 for families, and \$7.50 for students younger than 18. Website: www.bcphilatelic.org.



The British North America Philatelic Society (Pacific Northwest Regional Group) publishes the West Coast Express. In our area are the Calgary, Edmonton, and Pacific Northwest chapters. The PNW Chapter publishes the British Columbia Postal History Newsletter. The society is planning a meeting in Pentic-

ton, British Columbia 20 September to 1 October. Dues are \$10 per year for all. See their website: http://bnaps.org/ regional.php.

The Central Oregon Postal Collective is one of our newer members. They do not publish a newsletter. They meet on the first Saturday at 10:00 AM at the Redmond Karate Studio. They accept donations in lieu of dues. Contact stbucknum@msn.com.



The Collectors Club of Seattle does not publish a newsletter. They hold an auction on the first Friday each month. The club is no longer able to occupy its old meeting location due to a change in the management of the previous site. It has moved its

extensive library into temporary storage and is seeking another location for its meetings. Dues are \$20.

The Eagle Stamp and Postcard Club does not publish a newsletter. They hold auctions about four times per year. They meet on the first Tuesday each month at 7:00 PM at the Eagle Methodist Church. No dues listed. Website: http://www.eaglestampandpostcardclub.com/.



The Edmonton Stamp Club publishes a monthly newsletter, Bulletin. Each edition is full of interesting news and articles. They are planning their National Spring Show for 25-26 March. They will be raffling a mint copy of

the famous "Bluenose" stamp at the show. They meet on second and fourth Mondays at 6:30 PM at St. Joseph High School. Dues are \$30 per year for individuals, \$40 for families. There is a one-time \$5 fee for a name tag. See www.edmontonstampclub.com.



The Evergreen Stamp Club is preparing for its spring bourse 15–16 April. They meet on the third Wednesday each month at 7:00 PM at Kent Commons. Dues are \$20 per year. See

http://stamps.org/Evergreen-Stamp-Club.

The Fraser Valley Stamp Club is the Federation's newest member. They do not publish a newsletter. They meet on the first or second Tuesday each month (except July and August) at 6:00 PM at the W.J. Mouat School in Abbotsford. They will hold their annual stamp show on 9 April. Annual dues are \$5. See their website at http:// stampclub.ca/fraservalley/.

The Garden City Stamp Club does not publish a newsletter. They meet on the first Wednesday and third Monday each month at 7:00 PM at the Atonement Lutheran Church in Missoula. They plan a joint meeting with the Spokane club on 6 May.. Annual dues are \$10. See their website at http://gardencitystampclub.com/.

The Gastineau Philatelic Society does not publish a newsletter. They meet on the third Thursday each month at 6:00 PM at the Mendenhall Public Library.



The Greater Eastside Stamp Society publishes the GESS Newsletter. They offer show and tell presentations at each meeting. They held their annual bourse on

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29–29 January. They meet on the first and third Thursday each month at 7:00 PM at Unity Church of Bellevue.



The Greater Eugene Stamp Society publishes the *Echoes* bimonthly newsletter. It is running a series of articles on South African se-tenant stamps. They installed their new officers on 11 January. They meet on the second and fourth Wednes-

day each month at 7:00 PM at Saint Jude's Catholic Church. Dues are \$15 per year, \$5 for youth under 18. See their website: http://greatereugenestampclub.weebly.com/.



The Inland Empire Philatelic Society publishes The Lilac Hinge. Chuck Jones was named IEPS Philatelist of the Year. They are planning their Apple Blossom bourse on 25-26 March. They meet on the second and fourth Tuesday each month at 7:00 PM at the Eagles Hall.

Dues are \$10 per year for individuals, \$15 for families, and \$5 for youth under 18. See their website: www.iepsstamps.com.

The Linn County Philatelic Society does not publish a newsletter. They meet on the second Thursday each month at 7:00 PM at The Villas. Their website is out of service.

The North Shore Stamp Club does not seem to have a newsletter or website. They meet every other Monday at 7:00 PM at Summerhill PARC retirement residence in North Vancouver, BC. Contact sandnworley@shaw.ca.



The Northwest Philatelic Library publishes a quarterly newsletter, Book Reports. You do not need to be a member of the NPL or OSS to use the library. They have surplus books for sale. Dues are \$12 for those 18 and older, \$3 for

under 18. See their website: http://www.nwpl.org/.

The Okanagan Mainline Philatelic Association publishes the OMPA News. They meet five times a year in January, March, May, September, and November. They held a bourse on 28 January. Dues are \$10 per year, \$14 for Family, and \$2 for Junior (under 16). See their website: http:// www.okanaganstampclubs.ca/.

The Olympia Philatelic Society does not publish a newsletter. They meet at 7:30 PM on the second and fourth Monday each month at the Olympics West Retirement Inn. Dues are \$10 per year. Their website is somewhat out of date: http://olympiaphilatelicsociety.org/.

The Olympic Philatelic Society does not publish a newsletter. They meet at 7:00 PM on the second and fourth Tuesday each month at the Silverdale Community Center.



The Oregon Stamp Society publishes a monthly newsletter, The Album Page. Each edition has an article on the featured cover of the month. They held a well-attended Christmas party on 13 December. Meetings are on the second

and fourth Tuesday each month at their clubhouse. Dues are \$24 per year for regular members, \$16 for associate members who reside outside the area. Website: www.oregonstampsociety.org.

The Pacific Northwest Postal History Society publishes a quarterly journal, The Oregon Country. Each issue has articles with nice illustrations of NW postal history material. Dues are \$20 per year. See their website at: http:// www.pacificnorthwestpostalhistorysociety.org/.

The Peace Arch Stamp Club does not publish a newsletter. They meet at 5:30 PM on the first Wednesday of the month (except July and August) at the Surrey Come Share Society Centre. Dues are \$10 per year. See their website: www.peacearchstampclub.com/.

The Portland Philatelic Exhibitions group is one of our newest members. They organize and conduct the PIPEX exhibition on behalf of the NWFSC. They are planning the next PIPEX for 12-14 May 2017. Membership is voluntary. Website: www.pipexstampshow.org.



The Salem Stamp Society publishes a monthly newsletter, Willamette Stamp & Tongs. They had to postpone their Christmas party due to an ice storm. They meet on the second Wednesday

each month at 6:00 PM at Fire Station District #1. Dues are \$10 per year for individuals, \$15 for couples, and \$20 for families. Website: www.salemstampsociety.org.



The Sno-King Stamp Club pub-**SNO-KING** lishes a monthly newsletter, Sno-King Stamp Club Philatelic News. They held their annual bourse on

19 February. The club meets in Everett on the second Wednesday and in Edmonds on the third Friday each month. Dues are \$10 per year, \$5 for youth under 18. http://sno-kingstampclub.freehostia.com.



The Southern Oregon Philatelic **Society** publishes a monthly newsletter, The Philatelic Reminder. They installed new club officers on 1 December. They meet the first Thursday at 7:00 PM at a new location at the First Methodist Church in Medford. Dues are \$15 per year.

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The **Strait Stamp Society** publishes a bimonthly newsletter, *Strait Stamp Talk*. They meet on the first Thursday each month at 6:00 PM at the Sequim Library. They are planning for their annual stamp show to be held on 12 August. The club has no dues, but accepts donations. Web-

site: www.straitstamp.org.

The **Tri-Cities Stamp Club** publishes a monthly newsletter, *The Triangle*. Starting in January 2017, they are meeting at a new location. They meet on the fourth Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Activities room the Royal Colombian Retirement Inn. Dues are \$10 per year for adults, \$1 for students. Contact *billailes3@charter.net*.



USS Puget Sound Chapter 74 of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society does not have a chapter newsletter, but the Society publishes the monthly *USCS Log.* Annual dues are \$24 for US, \$45 international, and \$16 electronic delivery. See

their society website at: www.uscs.org.



The Vancouver Island Philatelic Society publishes a monthly newsletter, *The Guideline*. They have a philatelic library for members. Meetings include a small auction. The club meets at 7:30 PM on the fourth Thursday each month at St. Aidan's Church. Dues are \$20 per year. Website: www.vicstamps.com/vips.htm.



The **Washington State Philatelic Society** does not publish a newsletter. They meet on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Seattle.



The Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs will hold its annual meeting at the PIPEX 2017 show in Portland, Oregon on 13 May 2017.

[Ed. note: If you would like to have news about your club activities and upcoming plans published in future columns, please email either me (jackcongrove@comcast.net) or Lisa Foster (fosteld@gmail.com) with the details.]

WSP for UN Collectors

- by Jack R. Congrove, Northwest Federation

According to a story by Michael Baadke in *Linn's Stamp News* on 5 December 2016, United Nations Philatelists Inc., collectors who study and exhibit the stamps and postal history of the UN, will sponsor a national stamp show on 27–28 October 2017, at the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

This show received approval from the Committee on Accreditation of National Exhibitions and Judges (CANEJ) for it to be a one-time World Series of Philately (WSP) exhibition. This makes the winner of the multi-frame Grand Award eligible for the Champion of Champions exhibition at the American Philatelic Society StampShow in Columbus, Ohio next year.

The single-frame Grand Award winner will be invited to compete in the single frame Champion of Champions at the AmeriStamp Expo in Birmingham, Alabama in 2018.

UN Philatelists is also a study unit of the American Topical Association. They expect to have more than 110 frames of competitive exhibits and a dealer bourse developed with support of the APS staff.

The group hopes to secure participation by the UN Postal Administration and also possibly host a UN first day ceremony.

In October, the APS Board voted unanimously to approve plans for the show.

For membership details and additional information about the UN Philatelists, visit their website: *www.unpi.com*..

National Topical Stamp Show 23-25 June 2017 **American Topical Association Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport Hotel** 6401 South 13th Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin Fri 10:00AM-5:00PM Sat 10:00AM-6:00PM Sun 10:00AM-3:00PM **Free Parking** Wide range of philatelic dealers Cachet makers Youth activities Stamp exhibits http://americantopicalassn.org/ntss/ntss2017.shtml

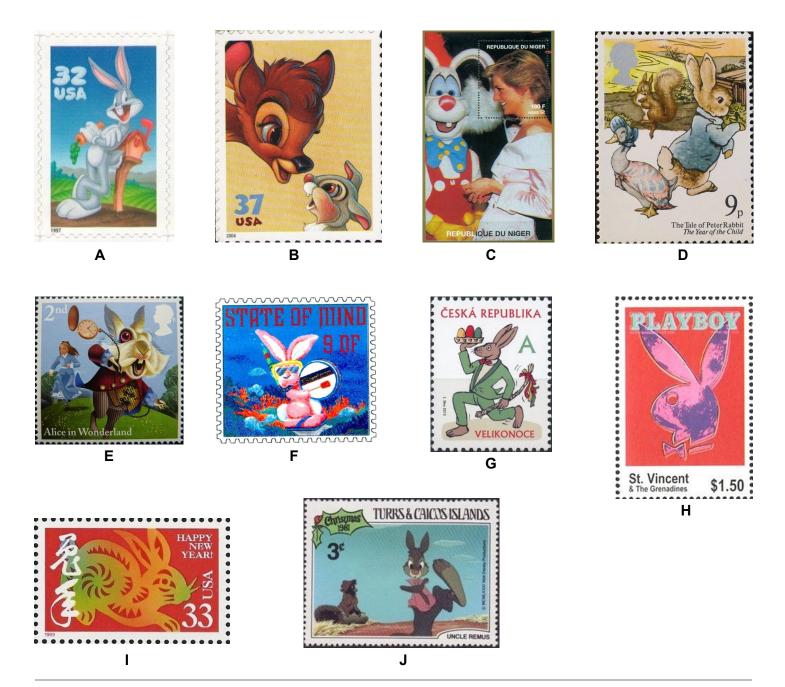
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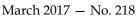
Philatelic Quiz

In honor of Easter, here is a quiz with a bunch of bunnies. See if you can match the stamp to the statement.

- 1. He was late for a very important date.
- ____2. Club mascot with lots of hostess friends.
- ____3. Please don't throw this one in that briar patch.
- ____4. Bambi's pal had a nervous twitch.
- ____5. He shows up each spring with lots of chocolate
- 6. That wascally wabbit is too smart to get caught.
- ____7. He never runs out of energy.
- 8. Husband of a sultry wife who loved him very much.
- ___9. Your sign if you were born in 1951 or 1963.
- ____10. He ate all of Mr. McGregor's vegetables.

(Answers on page 2.)





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FRI	SAT	SUN	SHOW NAME	LOCATION	ТҮРЕ
3-Mar	4-Mar	5-Mar	APEX (Anchorage Philatelic Society)	Anchorage, AK	Show
3-Mar	4-Mar	5-Mar	APS AmeriStamp Expo (WSP)	Reno, NV	Show
		19-Mar	Salem Stamp Society Spring STAMPEX	Salem, OR	Bourse
	25-Mar	26-Mar	Edmonton Spring National (WSP)	Edmonton, AB	Show
	25-Mar	26-Mar	Inland Empire Philatelic Society Apple Blossom	Spokane, WA	Bourse
	1-Apr	2-Apr	Coin & Stamp Fair (North Shore Numismatic Soc.)	Burnaby, BC	Bourse
	1-Apr	· · · ·	John D. Arn Stamp Symposium (NWFSC)	Moses Lake, WA	Educatio
	8-Apr	9-Apr	SOPEX (Southern Oregon Philatelic Society)	Central Point, OR	Show
	· · · ·	9-Apr	AMPEX (Fraser Valley Stamp Club)	Abbotsford, BC	Show
		9-Apr	Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show	Renton, WA	Bourse
	15-Apr	16-Apr	Spring Bourse (Evergreen Stamp Club)	Kent, WA	Bourse
	22-Apr	23-Apr	Spring Bourse (Calgary Philatelic Society)	Calgary, AB	Bourse
	22-Apr		Roundup Stamp & Coin show (Olympia Philatelic Soc)	Chehalis, WA	Bourse
28-Apr	29-Apr	30-Apr	WESTPEX (WSP)	Burlingame, CA	Show
12-May	13-May	14-May	PIPEX Pacific Intl. Philatelic Exhibition (WSP)	Portland, OR	Show
19-May	20-May		Utah Spring Show (Utah Philatelic Society)	Salt Lake City, UT	Bourse
26-May	27-May	28-May	RMSS (Rocky Mountain Philatelic Exhibition) (WSP)	Denver, CO	Show
	27-May		Coin & Stamp Fair (North Shore Numismatic Soc.)	Burnaby, BC	Bourse
		28-May	Paper Collectibles Show (Vancouver Postcard Club)	Vancouver, BC	Bourse
		11-Jun	Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show	Renton, WA	Bourse
16-Jun	17-Jun		OKPEX (Oklahoma City Stamp Club) (WSP)	Midwest City, OK	Show
23-Jun	24-Jun	25-Jun	NTSS (American Topical Association) (WSP)	Milwaukee, WI	Show
	15-Jul	16-Jul	Summer Show (Evergreen Stamp Club)	Kent, WA	Show
4-Aug	5-Aug	6-Aug	APS StampShow (begins 3-Aug) (WSP)	Richmond, VA	Show
	12-Aug		Strait Stamp Show (Strait Stamp Society)	Sequim, WA	Show
		13-Aug	Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show	Renton, WA	Bourse
1-Sep	2-Sep	3-Sep	BNAPEX-CALTAPEX (BNA Philatelic Society)	Calgary, AB	Show
8-Sep	9-Sep	10-Sep	SEAPEX Seattle Philatelic Exhibition (WSP)	Tukwila, WA	Show
	9-Sep	10-Sep	Coin & Stamp Fair (North Shore Numismatic Soc.)	Burnaby, BC	Bourse
		17-Sep	Salem Stamp Society Fall STAMPEX	Salem, OR	Bourse
	30-Sep	1-Oct	TriCities Stamp Show	Richland,WA	Bourse
		8-Oct	Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show	Renton, WA	Bourse
27-Oct	28-Oct		United Nations Expo 17 (UNPI) (WSP)	Bellefonte, PA	Show
	11-Nov	12-Nov	Filatelic Fiesta (San Jose Stamp Clup) (WSP)	San Jose, CA	Show
	25-Nov		Coin & Stamp Fair (North Shore Numismatic Soc.)	Burnaby, BC	Bourse
		10-Dec	Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show	Renton, WA	Bourse
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23-Feb	24-Feb	25-Feb	APS AmeriStamp Expo (WSP)	Birmingham, AL	Show
11-May	12-May	13-May	PIPEX Pacific Intl. Philatelic Exhibition (WSP)	Portland, OR	Show
10-Aug	11-Aug	12-Aug	APS StampShow (begins 9-Aug) (WSP)	Columbus, OH	Show
14-Sep	15-Sep	16-Sep	SEAPEX Seattle Philatelic Exhibition (WSP)	Tukwila, WA	Show
epetitive	e Events		Rose City Stamp Fair (2nd Saturday OSS clubhouse)	Portland, OR	Bourse
			Collector's Corner (4th Saturday OSS clubhouse)	Portland, OR	Bourse