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Northwest Stamp Shows

— by Jack R. Congrove, Northwest Federation

The Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs (NWFSC) encompasses the largest geographical area of all the regional federations in North America. The NWFSC includes three Canadian provinces and one territory and five US states.

Not only is this a huge area, but the Federation, with a current total of 36 member organizations, also has one of the largest memberships of all the regional philatelic associations.

For comparison, the Northeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs covering the New England area, has 38 member organizations. The Federation of New York Philatelic Societies that includes clubs in New York and surrounding states has 25 members. Our neighbor to the south, the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies, has 26 members.

Some of the NWFSC organizations are not actually stamp clubs in the strict sense of the term. For example, we have the Northwest Philatelic Library and the Portland Philatelic Exhibition. Both are philatelic, as their names imply, but neither one actually has any “members.” They are associations formed for an express purpose governed by volunteer groups comprised of directors and officers.

In addition, we have the Northwest Stamp Dealers Association. This is a regional group of stamp dealers. Each of these groups is a welcome member of the Federation, but they are not clubs that get together to actually study and talk about stamps and stamp collecting.

With this large quantity of member groups, the Federation is fortunate that many of them host stamp shows and bourses throughout the year. Not only do these events provide opportunities for collectors to acquire material and exhibitors to show their collections, but they also help to promote the hobby and support the stamp dealers, both large and small, within the Federation area.

In this article, I want to describe and publicize these shows so that our readers can find out more about them and hopefully set aside some time to pay them a visit.

For those who may not have ever attended a stamp show, perhaps it will be useful to define some terms and to describe in general what these events all have in common.

The word “bourse” is a French term for “exchange.” It originally applied to European stock markets, but came to be used for markets dealing with coins and stamps. For our purposes in this article, it means an event where there are sellers offering stamps and other philatelic material. It can also include dealers in coins, postcards, ephemera, and other related items.

A “show” for our purposes is an event that includes both a bourse and a display of exhibits containing stamps and other philatelic items. These exhibits can be either competitive, meaning that there is some sort of jury that judges the merits of the exhibit and grants an award level, or non-competitive in which the exhibits are on display just for viewing. Some shows have a mixture of the two.

Here in the NWFSC area we have several clubs that sponsor bourses throughout the year. You can find a listing of these events on the back page of this journal. In this article, I want to concentrate on the stamp shows.

When you attend a stamp show, you should budget enough time to experience as many of the features that the show has to offer as possible.

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We are well into the new year and that means that membership dues are payable and annual reports are due for all of the organizations in the Federation. See the article on page 12 for more details.

As I read articles in the philatelic press, I note that many people have been lamenting the decline of stamp collecting and philately in general. They must not be from the Pacific Northwest. Here in The Great Northwest philately seems to be thriving. Within the past five years we have added a new World Series of Philately (WSP) show in

Seattle, increased the quantity of member organizations in the Federation, and expanded the number of local stamp exhibitions.

The Federation has gained a new member club as we extend our assistance across the Federation area of operations bringing the total quantity of member organizations to 36 across three provinces and five states. We are still seeking an organization from our one territory.

The Regina Philatelic Club in Regina, Saskatchewan, has become our newest member effective in December 2017. Great. Now I am going to have to learn how to spell Saskatchewan.

We have also received inquiries about membership from three other organizations, some of which have been past members and are considering rejoining. We will be pursuing these requests and I hope to report on them in the next edition.

In March and April, I count no fewer than 14 stamp shows and bourses scheduled to take place in the Federation area. It is not possible to attend all of them, but I hope every one of the collectors in our area will go to at least **one** of them. This is important if we want to maintain and expand the hobby. If we do not support the dealers who provide the material of our hobby, then eventually there will be no material available to obtain.

Newsletter editors, please make sure I am on your distribution list so I can report your news to others in the Federation.

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, especially if you present an exhibition. I will publish this information in upcoming editions. **Input for the next edition is due to me not later than 15 May 2018.** Send to: jackcongrove@comcast.net.

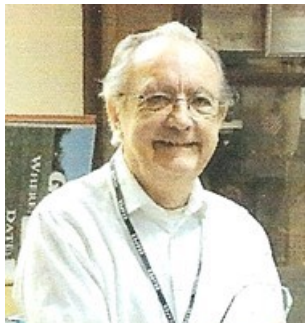
— Jack R. Congrove, Editor

Answers to Philatelic Quiz:

1-I (hot cross buns), 2-D (decorated eggs), 3-H (braided bread), 4-G (Easter Buns), 5-A (Easter Lily), 6-F (Wet Monday), 7-E (jelly beans), 8-B (palm fronds), 9-J (Easter Seals), 10-C (Golgotha)

Executive Secretary's Notes

The most important task for the Federation and its member clubs in the next four months is the revision of the by-laws. Eric Knapp in Alaska, Jack Congrove in Washington, and I over the past few months have eliminated large, out-of-date sections from the almost 30 page document to trim it to half that size.



Jack has sent out copies of the draft document to member clubs and a vote needs to be taken at PIPEX in May. Clubs can vote by having a representative at the meeting, by naming a proxy who will be there, or by either a mail vote or an email vote. For this last, the procedure is yet to be arranged.

Any club or club member is encouraged to contact any of us with questions or suggestions. See page 15 of this journal for more information.

Also important is elections of officers, especially the Executive Secretary, the position I hold. I was appointed by Lawrence Clay the former Executive Secretary, who also was originally appointed to that position. If the Federation By-laws are approved, there will also be a new officer who needs to be elected. I

In addition, Canadian and US directors will be elected. As there is no official nominating committee, please make nominations to any of us. Nominations can also be made at the meeting at 9:00 AM on Sunday morning at PIPEX.

— Larry Crain, Executive Secretary

PIPEX Seeks Volunteers

The 75th edition of PIPEX is coming May 11 through May 13. This WSP level event will feature 240 frames of exhibits to view and 40 booths to visit.

A show of this size and quality cannot be successful without the help of numerous volunteers who work behind the scenes to make the show happen. Please help us make this show a great success by volunteering at the show, even if it is only for a couple of hours.

This year, we have worked hard to make this process easy. Go to the PIPEX website (www.pipexstampshow.org/) and click on the Volunteers menu. This will take you to a page where you can look through the volunteering opportunities and pick any available day/ time combination that is available.

Stamp Collecting Documentary

Obsession, love, money, and postage. *Freaks & Errors: A Rare Collection*, is the first, independent documentary film that reveals the eccentric, rarely seen, and surprisingly large world of stamp collecting.

Interviews with columnist and author Neil Steinberg, footwear guru Stuart Weitzman, and bond king William H. Gross, in addition to an enthusiastic collection of life-long, stamp hobbyists, the film is a commentary on how we are all searching for ways to control our world, make order out of chaos, connect with one another, and express ourselves through our hobbies.

The creators have submitted the film to several film festivals and are also in talks with a distributor to get the film in wide release.

See a trailer at: <https://www.freaksanderrorsfilm.com/>

Willamette Valley Stamp Exhibition

17 March 2018

St. Jude's Catholic Church
43rd Avenue & Willamette Street

Eugene, Oregon

Sat 10:00AM–4:30PM

18 March 2018

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Salem, Oregon

Sun 10:00AM–4:00PM

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<http://www.salemstampsociety.org/WVExh1.html>

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8 April 2018

Fraser Valley Philatelic Club
Mouat Secondary School
32355 Mouat Drive
Abbotsford, British Columbia

Sun 10:00AM–3:30PM

<https://stampclub.ca/ampex>

NWFSC Shows *(from page 1)*

Stamp shows all have dealers and these offer a wide variety of material. No matter what your area of interest, you should be able to find a seller who has items you might want. If the show has a website, or a publishes a listing of its dealers, check it out before you go to determine which dealers you want to visit.

You should also take some time to browse through the exhibits. At larger shows, these usually contain scarce items and rarities that you can view up close. Exhibits describe not only the material they contain, but also may offer lessons in history, geography, sociology, and science.

Some shows, especially the larger ones, provide presentations by experts on a wide variety of topics. Sometimes there are special events such as auctions and new issue ceremonies. Check the show's website or flyers for a list of the events it has to offer.

In describing the shows in the Federation, I have placed them into three types: National, Regional, and Local. A National show is one that is officially recognized and sanctioned by the American Philatelic Society (APS).

I define a Regional show as one that runs for at least two days and attracts visitors from outside the club membership and elsewhere than just the immediate area.

A Local show is one that centers mainly on the local club or area and has a smaller group of dealers and exhibitors. These definitions are admittedly arbitrary and some Local shows are as popular and diverse as any of the larger ones.

The Federation area hosts three National level shows each year. The largest one with the longest history is the Pacific International Philatelic Exhibition (PIPEX). PIPEX was founded in 1935, and held its first show in Bellingham, Washington in 1936.

For many years, PIPEX rotated each year to a different city throughout the Federation area. Because it became too logistically complex to move around as it has grown in size, it has been held in Portland, Oregon, since 2012. PIPEX was designated as one of the World Series of Philately (WSP) shows by the APS in 1969.

The second largest and newest WSP National show is the Seattle Philatelic Exhibition (SEAPEX). SEAPEX as a regional show has been held in Seattle since the early 1970s. In 2011, it applied to become a WSP show and after its four year probationary period, the APS approved it in 2015. Both PIPEX and SEAPEX are three-day shows that run from Friday through Sunday.

The third National show is the Edmonton National Spring Show sponsored by the Edmonton Stamp Club. It is a two-day WSP show that operates on Saturday and Sunday. This show was a national level show before it officially became a WSP event.

The National shows feature top-rated exhibits and provide a venue for philatelic groups to hold their annual conventions and chapter meetings. They usually provide extra events such as banquets and youth and family activities.

The Grand Award winners for exhibits at the National shows compete with the winners of the other WSP National shows around the country for the Champion of Champions Award at the APS StampShow each year.

There are seven Regional shows sponsored by Federations clubs held each year within the Federation area. One is a three-day show and the others are two-day shows.

The Anchorage Philatelic Exhibition (APEX) produced by the Anchorage Philately Society is a three-day show. This show includes many youth exhibits created by students at local schools in Anchorage. It is held each year in conjunction with the Anchorage Fur Rendezvous.

VICTOPICAL, a topical oriented exhibition sponsored by the Vancouver Island Philatelic Society (VIPS), is held each spring in Victoria, British Columbia. It also features many youth exhibits in addition to the adult exhibition. Each of the four area stamp clubs submits a one-frame noncompetitive exhibit.

The Victoria Philatelic Exhibition (VICPEX) is another Regional show organized by VIPS and held each autumn in Victoria. This year it is hosting three concurrent society meetings: British North America Philatelic Society, Philatelic Specialists' Society of Canada, and Royal Philatelic Society London.

The Southern Oregon Philatelic Society has been presenting its Southern Oregon Philatelic Exhibition (SOPEX) for 55 years. It is held each year in conjunction with the Medford Pear Blossom Festival. They present a number of rotating trophies for various exhibit categories.

The Willamette Valley Stampex is the newest Regional show. It actually combines two former Local shows: the Greater Eugene Stamp Society Stampfest and the Salem Stamp Society STAMPEX. This year is its inaugural event. It is unique in that the show takes place in two different cities on two different days.

The Evergreen Stamp Club sponsors both a Local and a Regional show. Its Summer Exhibition held in Kent, Washington, features one of the largest quantities of dealers of any Regional show. It also focuses on encouraging beginning exhibitors.

The final Regional show is the Vancouver Philatelic Exhibition (VANPEX) organized by the British Columbia Philatelic Society and held in Burnaby, British Columbia. In addition to regular exhibits consisting of one or more frames containing 16 pages, they offer a special one-page exhibit option voted on by the public.

NWFSC Shows *(from page 4)*

There are five Local shows currently held by NWFSC clubs. Some of these differ from a Regional show only by being a single day instead of two. All of these host exhibits—usually beginning level and often not judged.

Some former Local shows did not make this list because they no longer host exhibits.

The Greater Eastside Stamp Society holds GESSPEX each winter in Redmond, Washington. Its exhibits are usually only from its own club members.

The Regina Philatelic Club holds a Local show in February with both stamp and coin dealers. It also showcases exhibits by its members.

The Fraser Valley Philatelic Club holds a one-day Local AMPEX show each spring in Abbotsford, British Columbia. Its exhibits are by its members.

The Strait Stamp Society organizes a one-day Local show each August in Sequim, Washington. They produce a special show cover and draw many visitors who take the ferry over from Victoria. They have a variety of exhibits from both beginning and experienced exhibitors.

The Okanagan Mainline Philatelic Association is a group of three clubs in the Mainline and Okanagan Valley area of British Columbia. They sponsor a one-day show each autumn that includes exhibits by their members.

Visit one or more of these shows this year to support our clubs and the dealers who make these events possible.

SEAPEX Seeks Exhibits

The Seattle Philatelic Exhibition (SEAPEX), a World Series of Philately (WSP) national-level show, is seeking philatelic exhibits. The exhibition will take place 14–16 September 2018, at the Tukwila Community Center located between SeaTac International Airport and downtown Seattle. The show expects to have 30 dealers including several national dealers.

The cutoff date for exhibit entry is 27 July 2018. The 200 exhibit frames all filled up quickly last year, so be sure to send your applications as early as possible. The winner of the Grand awards for both single and multiple frame exhibits will be eligible to compete for the Champion of Champions award against the winners from the other WSP shows.

The American Helvetia Philatelic Society and the United Postal Stationery Society will hold their annual conventions at the show.

Visit the SEAPEX website (www.seapexshow.org) for a prospectus and entry forms.

New Federation Member Club

The Executive Secretary, Larry Crain, mentioned in the last issue that he had learned of some new clubs in the Federation area and he made contact with them.

The Regina Philatelic Club in Regina, Saskatchewan, has joined the Federation effective in December. The club was formed in 1910. They currently have about 40 members.

They meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month from September to May at 7:30 PM in the staff room at the Campus Regina Public School, 1069 14th Avenue East.

They sponsored their annual show 17–18 February 2018, at the Regina Senior Citizens Center.

Apple Blossom Cancelled

The annual spring Apple Blossom show of the Inland Empire Philatelic Society has been cancelled due to their venue not being available on the planned show dates.

Relocating would have been too expensive, and dealers were unavailable on the alternate date.

The fall Apple Harvest show remains scheduled for 29–30 September.

BNAPS Chapter Meeting

The British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS) is an international organization (founded in 1943) devoted to the collecting and study of the stamps, markings, and postal history of Canada and the pre-confederation colonies of British North America (British Columbia, Canada, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island).

BNAPS has several regional groups. One of the groups in the Federation area is the Pacific Northwest group that covers British Columbia, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, and Yukon.

The PNW group held their annual meeting in September 2017, and installed new leadership. The Chairman is Mark Oakley and the NWFSC representative is Peter Jacobi.

Their annual regional group conference for this year will be on 4–5 October at the Comfort Inn in Victoria, British Columbia. The meeting will precede the VICPEX exhibition and bourse sponsored by the Victoria Stamp Club at the same venue on 6–7 October. This will be a great opportunity to enjoy both events.

Federation members who are interested in this philatelic area are invited to attend the meeting and exhibition. Check the BNAPS website at <http://www.bnaps.org/> for more information.

What is That Cancel?

— by Neil Donen, Vancouver Island Philatelic Society

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Often I have been confronted with indistinct cancels on stamps or on covers. I am unable to figure out what information is available to me.



Consider the stamp shown here. The cancel is both indistinct and confusing. In trying to decipher the information, I turn to one of two options available to me. If one option does not yield an answer, I try the other. Usually one of them works. Below are the results using these two options.

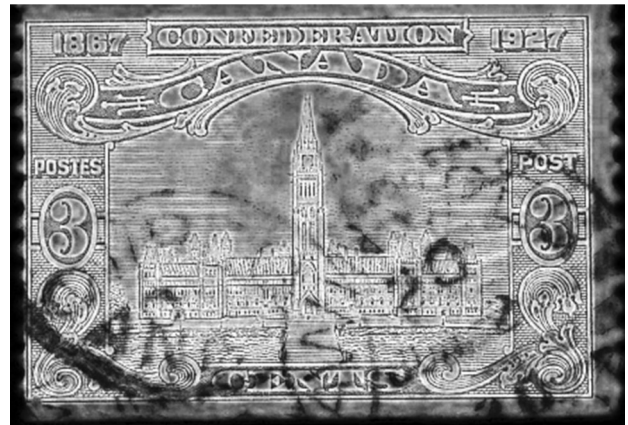
Photoshop. Using the steps suggested by Bob Swanson (see reference and sidebar on page 7), I follow a specific series of steps. The key features are saving the image as a TIFF file, ensuring the RGB format is marked and that the windows “Channels” is selected. This separates the images into three layers. Choosing the image that is clearest, I delete the other channels and, hey presto, below is what you get.



It is now obvious there are four cancels (Two list Winnipeg; there appears to be a “Canada” cancel on the left, and

finally a horizontal circular bar hand-stamped obliterator). The date appears to be June. 2

Retroreveal (<http://retroreveal.org>) is a free program provided by the J. William Marriott Library at the University of Utah. The process consists of a series of mathematical algorithms that break the colors into separate layers or spaces. These are presented in black and white. All that is needed, after one signs on, is to upload the image, click on it and to hit the process link. A series of images are presented and you can download the one that is best for your purpose. As can be seen the visual results are almost the same as above.



Separating Cancels Using Photoshop

- Step 1. Scan image at highest possible resolution.
- Step 2. Save scanned image as a TIFF file.
- Step 3. Open scanned image in Photoshop.
- Step 4. Set **Images** to **RGB (Image>Mode>RGB)**
- Step 5. Set **Windows** to **Channels**. Four images will be presented in a panel on right-hand side.
- Step 6. Chose the most desirable image (i.e., shows cancel clearest). Trash the others.
- Step 7. Save the selected image (**File>Save As**).
- Step 8. Alter contrast and brightness to maximize cancel image (**Image>Adjustment>Levels**).
- Step 9. Save image as a TIFF file.

Bob Swanson was a member of the International Machine Cancel Society. He published a comprehensive paper on image enhancement that you can find at the site below.

Reference:

<https://www.slideshare.net/bobswansons/isolating-cancellations-ver2>

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Tukwila, Washington

<http://www.seapexshow.org>

Facebook: Seapex: Seattle Philatelic Exhibition

Salem Stamp Society Birthday

— by Lucien Klein, Salem Stamp Society

Ed. note: This article is republished from the February edition of Willamette Stamp & Tongs, the club newsletter of the Salem Stamp Society.

February marked the 85th anniversary of the Salem Stamp Society. The club celebrated with a special cake at their regular monthly meeting.

On 15 February 1933, about ten people attended a meeting called by Carl S. Douglas for “all persons interested in the stamp and cover seeking avocation.” The meeting was held at the Salem YMCA. Douglas outlined the advantages of creating a formal organization.

The group endorsed the idea and appointed Douglas their temporary chair. They also elected Joseph Weber, Glen Niles, and Warren F. Powers to create a constitution, by-laws, and nominations of officers for their second meeting on February 27. Following the first meeting, Carl F. Smith, the society’s temporary secretary sent a summary of the meeting to Al Van Dahl, editor of *Western Stamp Collector* newsletter in Mill City.

Salem Stamp Society’s second meeting on February 27, resulted in the formal organization of the group. So, February 27 is our club’s birthday. Douglas was elected president, Smith secretary-treasurer, and Edith Patton, vice president. Annual dues were set at 50 cents. A constitution and bylaws were adopted and rules for the sale and exchange of stamps were approved.

Forty people, including eight women, became Salem Stamp Society members by March 13. Three of them were postal clerks or carriers, while another worked as a messenger. Two carpenters, two mechanics, a laborer, an electrician, a mill worker, a painter, a driver, and a foreman joined.

White-collar workers, such as three business owners, a Swedish-born teacher at the Oregon School for the Deaf, a cashier, a manager, an auditor, an engineer, and an assistant county clerk also joined and dominated the early leadership. The wives of four members also joined, as did at least two sons and a daughter.

Keep in mind that the United States was very gradually coming out of the great depression in 1933. These people were fortunate to have skills and jobs and apparently some spare funds to spend on their hobby.

Alert to All Club Treasurers

— by David McNamee, Northern California Council

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It is not uncommon for club funds to grow year over year without the officers paying much attention. When that happens and the club is also losing members over the same period, the funds likely far exceed any “rainy day” that could come along.

Give some serious thought to reducing your bank balance to a “prudent reserve.” A prudent reserve is usually calculated by adding up the club’s annual expenses under normal conditions, so that if no income is generated and no dues collected, the club will have one year to correct the problem or fold gracefully. Add to that three to six months’ expenses as an additional cushion, if you wish. More than those amounts is actually surplus to your needs.

Some ideas for using the surplus:

- Declare a “Dues Holiday” for existing members.
- Treat members and their guests to a free dinner.
- Donate to one or more philatelic activities: a local show, Northwest Philatelic Library, the Federation, APS.
- Acquire some audio-visual equipment for the club.
- Donate to the facility that hosts your club.

The New Year is the perfect time to bring this subject up while reviewing last year’s club operations. At the same time, consider the level of dues needed to cover expenses. There is no need to keep accumulating funds that are not being used to promote philately.

Gastronomy Study Unit

The American Topical Association has recognized a new study unit. The Gastronomy on Stamps Study Unit was organized at the National Topical Stamp Show last year in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The purpose of the Study Unit is to encourage and further the collection and study of stamps and other philatelic material related to food, gastronomy, cooking, food ingredients, food science, and associated areas.

They publish a quarterly journal, *The Philatelic Gourmet*, which contains news and interesting articles about food and cooking and listings of related new stamp issues.

Annual membership dues are \$20 (US), \$24 (Canada), and \$28 elsewhere for hard copy delivery of the journal. Electronic delivery (PDF) via e-mail is \$5 worldwide. Membership applications are available at their website: www.gastronomystamps.org.

Reno Stamp and Cover Show

[Ed. note: The Nevada Stamp Study Society is a member of the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies (even though it is in Nevada). However, it is within reasonable travel distance of our Northwest Federation clubs and the NSSS is a dynamic organization with a good show, so we include this article for your information.]

The Nevada Stamp Study Society announces the Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show will be held 28–29 July 2018 at the Bowling Hall of Fame Museum, 300 North Center Street in Reno, Nevada. The show hours are 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Saturday and 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Sunday.

The show is open to the general public with free admission and free parking at the bowling stadium. Thirteen dealers and the U.S. Postal Service will have booths.

There will be up to 40 frames of exhibits using American Philatelic Society frames with 16 pages per frame.

Exhibitor prospectus is available on their website: <http://renostamp.org/show/2018/2018-exhibitor-prospectus.pdf>. Contact Dick Dreiling, Exhibits Coordinator, 775-425-0623 (exhibits@renostamp.org).

A dealer application is available: <http://renostamp.org/show/2018/NSSS-2018-Dealer-Table-App.pdf>. Contact Harvey Edwards, Dealer Coordinator, 775-527-2362 (dealers@renostamp.org).

A special cachet cover with a pictorial cancellation will be offered, along with hourly door prizes.

For more information, contact Eric Fields, 775-232-4760 (show@renostamp.org).

UPCOMING SHOWS

APEX

March 2–4

Senior Activities Center, Anchorage, AK

VICTOPICAL

March 10–11

Comfort Inn, Victoria, BC

Willamette Valley Stamp Expo

March 17

St Jude's Catholic Church, Eugene, OR

March 18

Red Lion Hotel, Salem, OR

Edmonton National Show

March 24–25

Lion's Recreational Centre, Edmonton, AB

VANPEX 2017

— by Michael Anderson, Fraser Valley Stamp Club

This is an update report for VANPEX that arrived too late for the previous edition. The show was sponsored by the British Columbia Philatelic Society and held on 29–30 September 2017, at the Jubilee United Church in Burnaby, British Columbia.

With the demolition of their meeting building, BCPS had to secure a new facility for the 2017 show. While the new location was smaller, they hoped it would be suitable for a “scaled down” VANPEX.

As a result, the show was limited to 11 dealers, who indicated overall they viewed the well-attended show a success. Twelve exhibitors filled the 18 frames available for exhibits, including one featuring single page entries.

Although it was a non-judged exhibition, new member, Luis Rodriguez earned the Federation Thunderbird Award for his two-frame exhibit titles, “A Look at the Stamps of Tlaxcala Over the Centuries.” Long time member Peter Jenson was voted the most popular exhibit.

While VANPEX 2017 was viewed as successful, the club has decided to secure a larger facility with better parking for VANPEX 2018.

Sno-King Show

The Sno-King Stamp Club will hold their annual stamp show on Sunday, 11 March at the Savior Hall on the grounds of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church at 12810 35th Avenue SE in Everett, Washington. This is the same venue that they moved to in 2017.

The hours are 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

VICTOPICAL

10–11 March 2018

Vancouver Island Philatelic Society

Comfort Inn

3020 Blanshard Street
Victoria, British Columbia

Sat 10:00AM–5:30PM

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Philatelic Ethics

— by Steve LaVergne, Sno-King Stamp Club

[Ed. note: This commentary appeared in the January edition of Sno-King Stamp Club Philatelic News and is reprinted here by permission.]

In the stamp trade, ethics works both ways. We expect dealers to be ethical. We expect them to accurately describe what they sell us. We expect cheerful reimbursement if the stamps we purchased show up with undisclosed flaws or with off-target descriptions. But as customers, we should be ethical in our transactions with dealers. For instance, there are ethical rules that should apply when you seek to negotiate a discount from a dealer.

Many dealers have a formula for offering discounts to their customers. Usually, these are based on volume. So what if you want an additional discount? You should generally propose a discount before you remove your desired items from the dealer's stock. The dealer should not be in a position of having to restock his merchandise simply because he declined the customer's offer.

Let us assume that you notice that a certain collection has languished for years in the dealer's stock. You can assume he would accept less than his asking price simply to move this item. You make an offer. The dealer accepts. That is not your cue to try to bargain him down even more.

Once the dealer accepts your offer, the two of you have a legally binding contract. Theoretically, the dealer could take you to court to enforce the contract. The dealer probably will not do this, partly because of the challenge of proving an oral contract. Nonetheless, this legal principle can serve as a guide to ethical conduct.

Collectors and dealers should be aware of an elementary legal principle that applies to bargaining. By way of illustration, the dealer offers you a discounted price. You decline the offer and present the dealer with an even lower price. The dealer refuses. You then tell the dealer you will accept his original offer.

The dealer is under no legal obligation to sell to you at the price he originally offered. By making a counter-offer to the dealer, you are, in effect, rejecting his offer, thus taking that offer off the table. Of course, the dealer can reinstate his original offer, but that is entirely at the dealer's discretion.

A dealer writing in the *American Stamp Dealer & Collector* recently recounted his experiences with ethical and unethical customers. The first example was a customer who, armed with his stamp tongs, asked to examine a White Plains sheet offered for sale on a bid board.

While checking the back of the sheet for thin spots, this customer accidentally pierced the sheet with his tongs. Acknowledging his error, he entered the minimum bid of

\$150. Thanks to the slip of his tongs, he won the item without any competitive bids.

The other customer asked the dealer for an electronic watermark detector with a list price of \$225. The dealer offered to order it from a supplier and named a price of \$200. After this item arrived, the customer came to the store and announced he had changed his mind about buying the watermark detector.

He admitted buying one just like it online for \$185. The dealer was stuck with a costly gadget he had scant hope of selling. The customer then rummaged through the dealer's junk box, then priced at two cents a stamp. He picked out 60 stamps and handed the dealer a dollar. The dealer pointed out he was 20 cents short. The customer rejoined he was entitled to a volume discount. The dealer stifled an impulse to bar this customer from his store forever.

Tacoma Stamp Club Centennial

— by Jack R. Congrove, Tacoma Stamp Club

The Tacoma Stamp Club celebrated its 100th anniversary at its meeting on 27 February 2018, at the Bay Terrace Community Center.

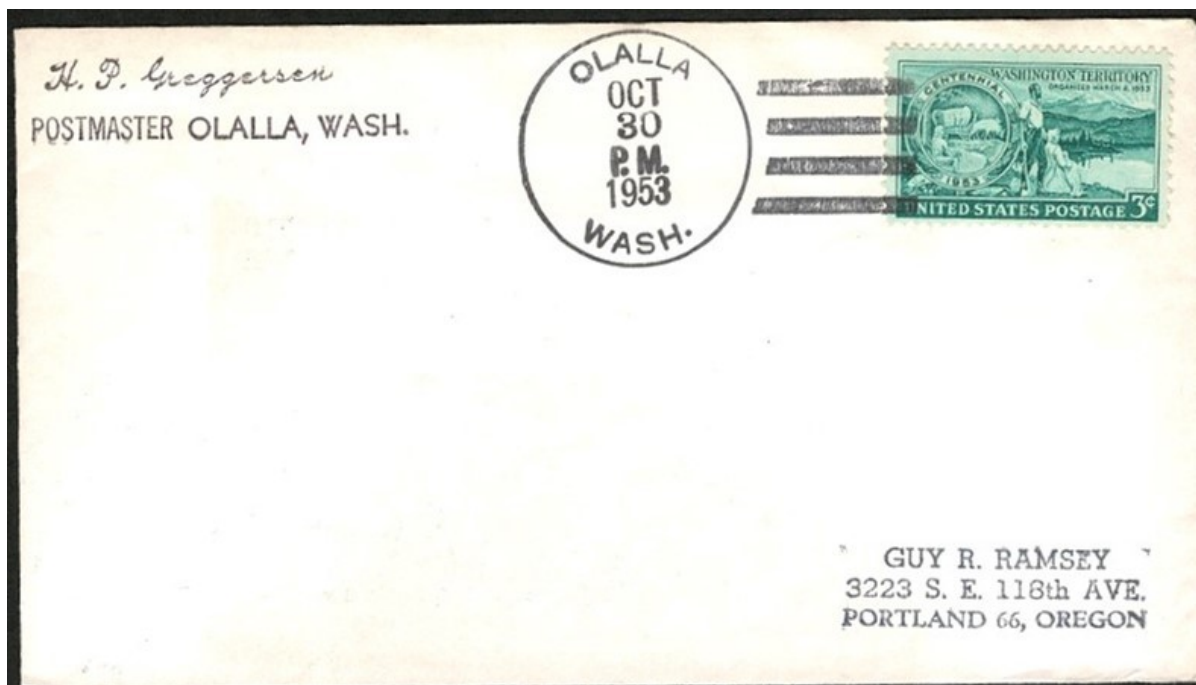
The club was formed as the Tacoma Philatelic Society on 21 February 1918, and was one of the founding member clubs of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs. In fact, the Northwest Federation began in Tacoma when representatives from Bellingham, Seattle, Tacoma, Vancouver, and Victoria organized it at a Tacoma exhibition on 27–28 April 1935.

The following officers were elected to manage the Federation: President: Harold W. Flansburgh (Seattle), Secretary: Winnifred H. Young (Bellingham), Treasurer: F.W. Kellog (Tacoma), BCPS Delegate: H.E.M. Bradshaw, and Delegate: G.P. Bainbridge.

Covers with a special cachet were created for the 100th anniversary.



Guy Reed Ramsey Covers



— by Dennis Gelvin, *Olympia Philatelic Society*

Washington became a territory on 2 March 1853. On 2 March 1953, the Washington Territory stamp (Sc#1019) was issued to mark the centennial.

Guy Ramsey generated himself a project by sending a cover to every post office in the state, and asking the postmaster to cancel the cover on the anniversary date of the establishment of the office. He franked every envelope with the Territorial stamp, and nearly all of the Postmasters complied with his request.

I have not found an example of his request letter to the postmasters, but it must have been effective for I have a box with 422 of these covers, nearly all canceled on the anniversary, and with the postmaster of almost all offices identified. This project seems to have taken right at one calendar year, although there are a few canceled as late as 1957. I do not know if he sent more than one cover to be postmarked, there are no duplicates in this collection.

Pictured above is an example of the project. The Olalla Post Office was opened on 30 October 1884. I found no branch offices in the collection, so I will surmise that he was only counting the main offices. He had the entire collection sorted alphabetically. I almost hate to enter them into my albums, which are sorted by county.

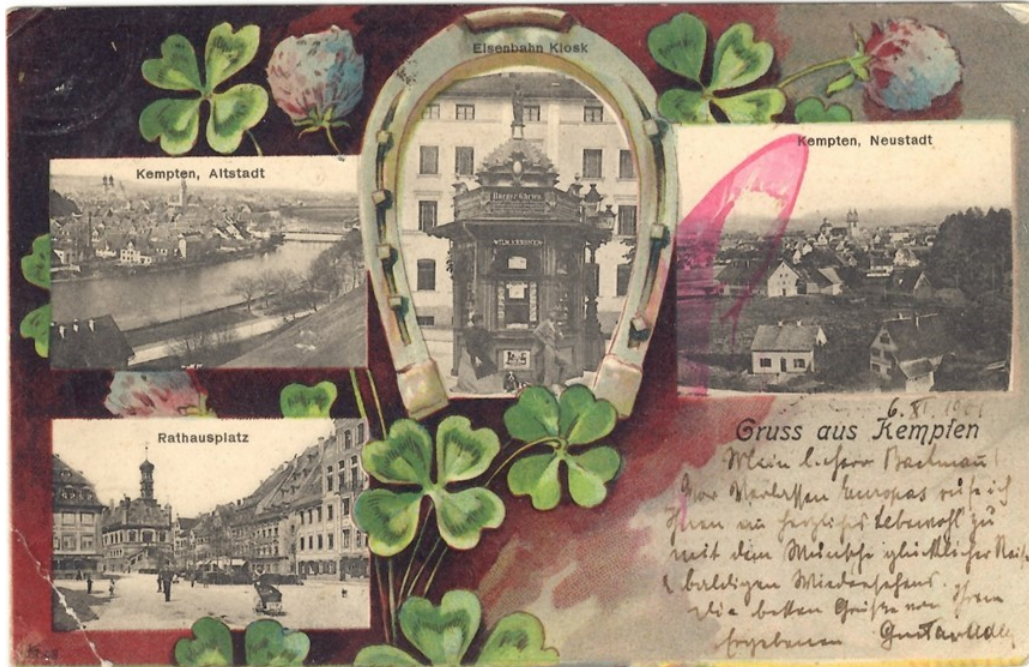
Anyone who has observed Washington postmarks has seen covers by Guy Ramsey. He was one of the greats who made a real study of postal history and post offices, and probably came as near as anyone of obtaining an example of postmarks from every existing post office.

Of course, there other names of collectors you will recognize, J.A. Lanker, Owen Wade, Donald C. La Rue, John A. Huxley, and naturally, the great Washington Cover Club envelopes sent all around the State.

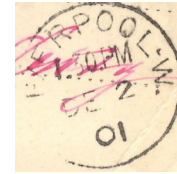
I am sure there have been studies made, but I counted 422 covers, all but a couple identical to the cover shown. Most of them identified the postmaster. And for a curiosity matter, (after all, this is a hobby) I counted 182 postmasters I could identify as male, 138 postmasters I could identify as female, with 102 that could not be identified.

Most of the latter were noted by initials, and my observation has been that probably more than half of those are female. If we just take the identified people, I count 57 percent of the postmasters as male, and 43 percent as female. The postmaster has always been an important respected member of their community, and in 1953–1954, this was probably as non-gender discriminatory as the country was going to get in the Leave It To Beaver era, but still very impressive.

A Well Travelled Postcard



The card arrived in Liverpool and acquired a receiving mark dated 1:30 PM, 2 Dec 1901...



where it was determined that Bachmann was not on board the *Etruria* and a handstamp was applied in purple ink attesting to this fact. It is unclear why it took 26 days to get there.



— by Michael P. Anderson, Fraser Valley Philatelic Club

From time to time I cannot resist buying something outside my historical collecting interests. The non-descript post card shown above is just one of those items.

The card depicts four scenes of Kempton, a town in the Swabia region of southern Bavaria, with a notation reading “Greeting from Kempton” in German.

There is limited space on the front for the message, which is dated “6 XI 1901.” It is the reverse that is interesting and a challenge. (see page 13).

A second handstamp, apparently created by the Cunard Line, explains that they were unable to deliver the card and dated also on 2 December 1901.

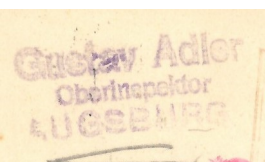
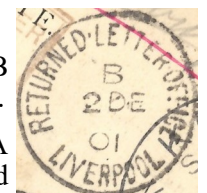


A third handstamp was then applied directing the return of the card to the sender: “RETURN/NOT KNOWN.”

Then the actual return process began.

The Liverpool Returned Letter Office B applied a marking dated 2 December 1901.

The Liverpool Returned Letter Office A also applied a marking. Note the circled “32” marking near it.



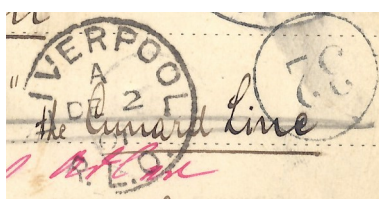
The card was sent by Gustav Adler using the title “Oberinspektor” according to the hand-stamped return address, from Augsburg, one of the oldest cities in Bavaria, and located about 100 km from Kempton.

The card was posted in Kempton on 6 November 1901 (9–10 AM), and franked with a 10pf carmine Bavarian embossed eagle stamp (Sc#63?).



It is addressed to Carl Bachmann in care of the steamer RMS *Etruria* in Liverpool, England. The *Etruria* was a transatlantic ocean liner owned by the Cunard Line.

Now the fun begins trying to decipher the multiple markings applied to the card.



According to *The Numerical Cancellations of the British Empire*, the numeral 32 in circle was used at “London, Putney S.W.” Why the card would go through there is

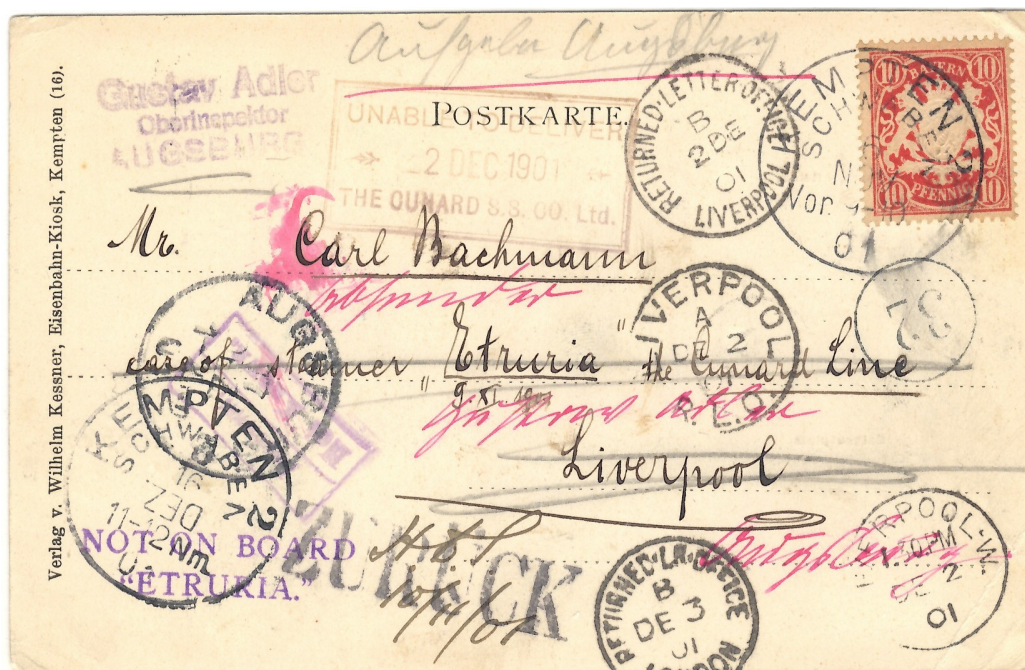
a mystery to me. Perhaps a reader can help.

Next the card went to the Returned Letter Office B in London where it received a 3 December 1901 marking.



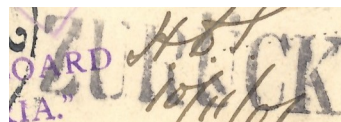
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Well Travelled Card (from page 12)



The card arrived back in Kempten, Bavaria, where a 16 December 1901 (11 AM–12 PM) receiving mark and a Return to Sender (“ZURUCK”) handstamp was applied.

However, the sender was not from Kempten. His address was in Augsburg. Someone, presumably in the post office, placed a manuscript “Aufgeln Augsburg” at the top of the card in black and someone else added addressing information to Augsburg in red pen.



Note that the December (“DEZ”) date plug was inserted upside-down.

Finally, the card arrived in Augsburg and received a 17 December 1901 (1–2 PM) receiving mark.

Hopefully it was then returned to Herr Adler.



A very interesting postcard.

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1300 E 19th Avenue

Anchorage, Alaska

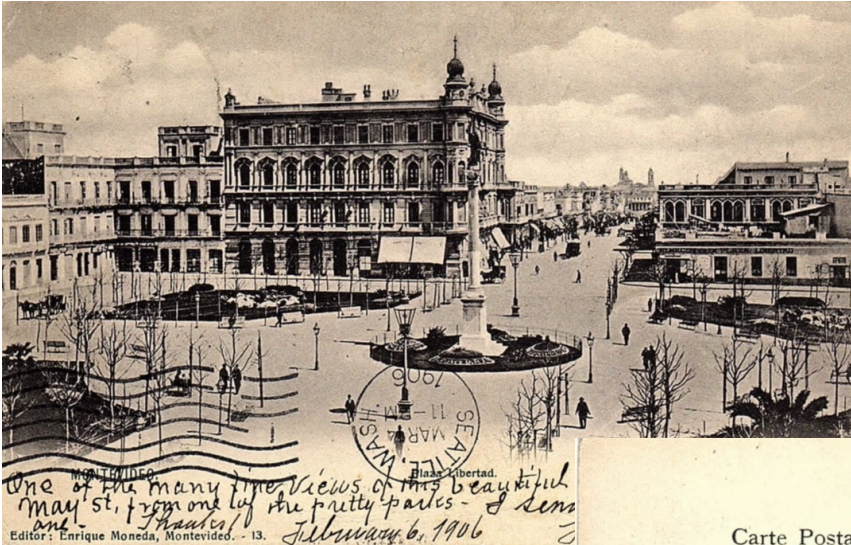
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Sun 10:00AM–3:00PM

www.anchoragephilatelic.org

Uruguay to the Yukon Postcard



MONTEVIDEO.
 One of the many fine views of this beautiful
 city, showing 25 of May St. from one of the
 pretty parks. I send you two for your one. Thanks.
 Editor: Enrique Moneda, Montevideo. - 13. February 6, 1906



Escribase en este lado la dirección solamente.

— by Larry Crain, Southern Oregon Philatelic Society

It is not every day a postcard travels from Uruguay, well south of the equator, north to almost the Arctic Circle. The card shows a picture of Liberty Plaza in Montevideo, Uruguay.

There is a short message, “One of the many fine views of this beautiful city. Showing 25 of May St. from one of the pretty parks. I send you two for your one. Thanks. February 6, 1906 John O’Hara.”

The journey from Montevideo, capital of Uruguay, to Dawson City, capital of the Yukon and of gold rush fame, is interesting. Marked on the address side “Via New York,” the card has no transit mark there although that is probably where it passed.

- Feb 10 origin Montevideo, Uruguay
- Feb 19 transit Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Mar 3 transit G. P. O., Barbados
- Mar 14 transit Seattle, Washington
- arrival Dawson City, Canada

The Yukon was separated from the Northwest Territory in 1898 (in spite of being followed by British Columbia in the address). The population of Dawson had reached 40,000 during the gold rush, but was about 4,000 in 1906.

In 1953, Whitehorse, further south, became the capital of Yukon Territory, two years after being incorporated.

The street 25 of May (1810) in Montevideo marks the rejection of the authority of the Spanish Viceroy who was appointed by the Spanish Supreme Council that had been dissolved due to Napoleon’s control of Spain a few months earlier on 1 February.

Paper & Postcard Show

27 May 2018

Vancouver Postcard Club

Hastings Street Community Centre

3096 East Hastings Street

Vancouver, British Columbia

Sun 10:00AM–4:00PM

Federation Dues & Annual Report

— by Jack R. Congrove, Northwest Federation

In accordance with Article II of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs Bylaws, each member organization must submit a report to the Federation Treasurer each year. They must also remit payment for their annual dues. Both of these submissions must be made before 1 April.

There is a form for the annual report that the Treasurer sends to the Federation Representative of each organization in January each year. The report includes contact data for the organization's President, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and Federation Representative. It also includes information about the quantity of members, meeting times and places, website address, and mailing address. A copy of the form (electronically fillable) is available for download on the Federation website (www.nwfedstamps.org).

Member organizations delinquent with dues or Annual Report shall not be entitled to vote, either through a representative or by proxy, at the Annual General Meeting, or at other Special Meetings, or by mail ballot.

This year the Annual General Meeting will take place at 9:00 AM on Sunday, 13 May at the PIPEX 2018 exhibition in Portland, Oregon.

Annual dues amounts are dependent upon the quantity of members in each organization. Here are the 2018 amounts.

Clubs with more than 50 members:

US\$25.00 or CDN\$32.00

Clubs with 26 to 50 members:

US\$20.00 or CDN\$25.50

Clubs with 11 to 25 members:

US\$15.00 or CDN\$19.20

Clubs with 1 to 10 members:

US\$10.00 or CDN\$12.80

Organizations may submit their dues in either US or Canadian currency payable to "Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs" to the Federation Treasurer at:

19-7651 Francis Road
Richmond, BC
Canada V6Y 1A3

New member organizations that join prior to 1 July shall owe dues for a full year. Those that join after 1 July shall owe one-half of the dues for a full year.

Federation Constitution & Bylaws

— by Jack R. Congrove, Northwest Federation

For the past four months, a committee has been working on revising and updating the Constitution and the Bylaws of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs. These documents were seriously out of date. In fact, it was difficult to find out which of the several versions we encountered (both print and electronic) was the most current.

In addition, the latest version was created when the Federation was still directly running the PIPEX show that rotated to different cities each year. This is no longer the case. Therefore, large portions of the documents were no longer applicable to the actual operation of the organization.

Also, there was a great deal of extraneous text that was not appropriate to either of these documents, which ideally should be constructed to define general guidelines for the operation of the organization and leave specifics to other supporting documents such as letters of instruction or standing operating procedures.

The Federation also has not been abiding by some of the directives in the Bylaws, especially involving elections and committees.

Copies of the proposed revised documents were emailed to the officers of each member organization for review on 20 January 2018. These documents (and any proposed revisions) will be discussed and voted on at the Annual General Meeting on 13 May at PIPEX.

If you have questions about the revisions or the adoption process, contact the Executive Secretary, Larry Crain, at the addresses shown on page 2 of this journal.

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Club Activities



The **Alaska Collectors' Club** publishes a quarterly journal, *The Alaskan Philatelist*. They are working on a project to revise the *Postmarks of Territorial Alaska* catalog. Annual dues are \$15 for US and \$20 elsewhere. Contact eknapp@gci.net. See website www.alaskaphilatellic.org.



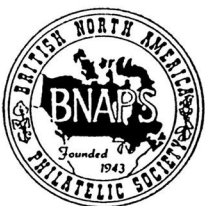
The **American Air Mail Society—Northwest Chapter** publishes a quarterly newsletter *Air Mail Northwest*. The chapter has no website. Dues are \$8 per year for print and \$4 for electronic.



The **Anchorage Philatelic Society** publishes a quarterly newsletter, *The Anchorage Philatelist*. The theme of their annual show on 2–4 March is “Ships in Alaska.” They have prepared souvenir covers. They meet on the second and fourth Wednesday at the Turnagain United Methodist Church. Dues are \$10 per year, \$15 for families, and \$2 for youth. See their website www.anchoragephilatellic.org.



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 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.bcphilatellic.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*. Dues are \$10 per year for all. See their website: <http://bnaps.org/regional.php>.

The **Central Oregon Postal Collective** does 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 meet on the first Friday each month at 8:00 PM at the Unity Church, 16330 NE 4th Street, Bellevue, Washington. They hold an auction at each meeting. Dues are \$20.



The **Edmonton Stamp Club** publishes a monthly newsletter, *Bulletin*. Each edition is full of interesting news and articles. They are planning for their national show on 24–25 March. 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** publishes a monthly newsletter. They are planning their spring bourse for 21–22 April. They are entering a club exhibit at PIPEX. 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>.

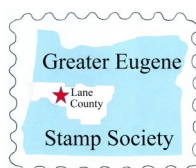
The **Fraser Valley Stamp Club** does not publish a newsletter. Subject to school availability, they meet on the third Tuesday of September and on the second Tuesday each other month (except July and August) at 6:00 PM at the W.J. Mouat School in Abbotsford. Annual dues are \$5. See their website at <http://stampclub.ca/fraservalley/>.

The **Garden City Stamp Club** does not publish a newsletter. They are planning a joint meeting with the Inland Empire Philatelic Society in Wallace, Idaho on 5 May. They meet on the first Wednesday and third Monday each month at 7:00 PM at the Atonement Lutheran Church in Missoula. Annual dues are \$10. See their website at <http://gardencystampclub.com/>.

The **Gastineau Philatelic Society** does not publish a newsletter. They meet on the third Thursday each month at 7:00 PM at 360 Egan Drive, Juneau.



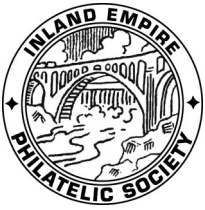
The **Greater Eastside Stamp Society** publishes the *GESS Newsletter* via e-mail only. They held a successful GESSPEX on 27–28 January. They meet on the first and third Thursday each month at 7:00 PM at Unity Church of Bellevue.



The **Greater Eugene Stamp Society** publishes the *Echoes* bimonthly newsletter. They are planning a combined show with the Salem Stamp Society on 17–18 March. They meet on the second and fourth Wednesday each month at 7:00 PM at Saint Jude's Catholic Church. See page 9 for news

Club Activities (from page 16)

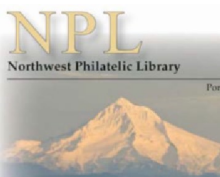
about their spring show. Dues are \$15 per year, \$5 for youth. See: <http://greater Eugene stamp club.weebly.com/>.



The **Inland Empire Philatelic Society** publishes *The Lilac Hinge*. Larry Mann was named Philatelist of the Year at their annual holiday dinner on 12 December. They are planning a joint meeting with the Garden City club in Wallace, Idaho on 5 May. They meet on the second and fourth Tuesday each month at 7:00 PM at the Spokane Valley Eagles Hall. Dues are \$10 per year for individuals, \$15 for families, and \$5 for youth under 18. See their website: www.ieps-stamps.com.

The **Linn County Philatelic Society** does not publish a newsletter nor have a website. They meet on the second Thursday each month at 7:00 PM at The Villas.

The **Lynden Stamp Club** does not publish a newsletter nor have a website. They meet at 6:00 PM on the last Tuesday of each month at the Lynden City Hall. Dues are \$10 per year.



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. Hours are 10 AM to 2 PM on second and fourth Saturdays, and 6:30 PM to 8 PM on second and fourth Tuesdays. 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. There are member clubs in Kelowna, Penticton, and Vernon. Dues are \$10 per year, \$14 for Family, and \$2 for Junior (under 16). See: <http://www.okanaganstampclubs.ca/>.

The **Olympia Philatelic Society** does not publish a newsletter. They are planning their spring Roundup Stamp Show on 14 April in Chehalis. 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. See website at: <http://olympiaphilatelicsociety.org/>.

The **Olympic Philatelic Society** does not publish a newsletter, nor have a website. They meet at 6:30 PM on the fourth Tuesday each month at the DK Enterprises store, 10 NE Silver Pine Drive, Bremerton.



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 their Christmas party at their clubhouse on 12 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. They usually hold a meeting once per year at PIPEX. 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 \$20 per year. See their website: www.peacearchstampclub.com/.

The **Portland Philatelic Exhibitions** organizes and conducts the PIPEX exhibition on behalf of the NWFSC. It is an Oregon nonprofit corporation that has no members, but is administered by a board of directors. Website: www.pipexstampshow.org.

The **Puget Sound Collectors' Club** does not publish a newsletter, nor have a website. Membership is by invitation. They meet on the second Tuesday each month at Delfino's Pizza in UW University Village. Members bring interesting philatelic items to discuss or resolve a mystery.

The **Regina Philatelic Club** does not publish a newsletter. They meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month from September to May at 7:30 PM in the staff room at the Campus Regina Public School. They held their annual stamp show on 17–18 February. Dues are \$10 per year. Website: <https://reginastampclub.ca/>.



The **Salem Stamp Society** publishes a monthly newsletter, *Willamette Stamp & Tongs*. They celebrated their 85th birthday on 14 February and are planning a combined show with the Greater Eugene Stamp Society on 17–18 March. 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 \$5 for youth. Website: www.salemstampsociety.org.



The **Sno-King Stamp Club** publishes a monthly newsletter, *Sno-King Stamp Club Philatelic News*. They plan to hold their annual show on 11 March. 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>.

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Club Activities *(from page 17)*



The **Southern Oregon Philatelic Society** publishes a monthly newsletter, *The Philatelic Reminder*. Several members received exhibit awards at SACAPEX and PENPEX. They meet on the first Thursday at 7:00 PM at the First Methodist Church in Medford. Dues are \$15 per year.



The **Strait Stamp Society** publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, *Strait Stamp Talk*. They meet on the first Thursday each month at 6:00 PM at the Sequim Library. They also hold an informal mid-month morning meeting at the local Burger King. The club has no dues, but accepts donations. Website: www.straitstamp.org.



The **Tri-Cities Stamp Club** publishes a monthly newsletter, *The Triangle*. They held their annual club auction on 28 February. They meet on the fourth Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Activities room the Royal Colombian Retirement Inn in Kennewick. Dues are \$10 per year for adults, \$1 for students. randyvessey@hotmail.com.

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. They held their Annual General Meeting on 22 February. The club meets at 7:30 PM on the fourth Thursday each month at St. Aidan's Church. Starting this year, member dues will drop to \$15 per year. Website: www.vicstamps.com/vips.htm.



The **Washington State Philatelic Society** does not publish a newsletter nor have a website. 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 their next Federation Town Hall meeting at PIPEX in May 2018.

[*Ed. note: If you would like to have news about your club activities and upcoming plans published in future columns, please email details to me (jackcongrove@comcast.net).*]

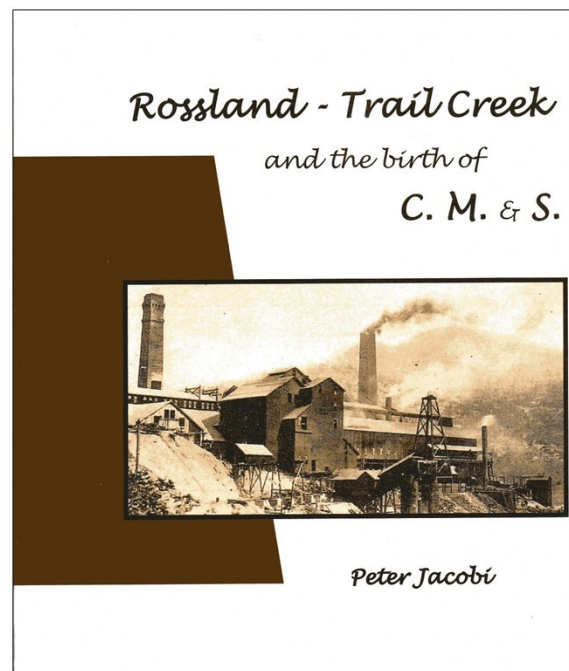
New Book

Peter Jacobi, a member of the Pacific Northwest chapter of the British North America Philatelic Society, has published a new book.

Rossland - Trail Creek and the Birth of C.M. & S outlines the history of the discovery of the copper and gold deposits of Rossland, British Columbia. It follows the development of the city of Rossland, the formation of the Trail smelter complex by Fritz Augustus Heinze, and eventually the amalgamation of a number of early mining companies to form the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company of Canada, Ltd. called C.M.&S. at the time, later on known as Cominco.

The book is written from a philatelic point of view with 44 black and white and 109 color pages. The book sells for CDN\$25, plus postage of CDN\$5- in Canada, possibly a little more to the US.

Contact the author (pjacobi@shaw.ca) for ordering information and more details.



Philatelic Quiz

This year Easter Sunday falls on April Fool's Day. We are pretty sure that this is a coincidence, although in some cultures Easter customs involve playing tricks on other people. Match these statements with a stamp image to test your knowledge of Easter traditions.

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| <p>___ 1. These sweet spiced items mark the end of Lent.</p> <p>___ 2. These decorated items symbolize birth and life. Their exchange dates back to the Middle Ages.</p> <p>___ 3. The three braids represent the elements of the Holy Trinity.</p> <p>___ 4. These prolific fertility symbols originally judged whether children were good or disobedient.</p> <p>___ 5. This plant is a symbol of the Resurrection.</p> <p>___ 6. This custom suggests that a girl will marry within the year.</p> | <p>___ 7. Although these date back to the Biblical era, they only became associated with Easter in the 1930s.</p> <p>___ 8. These items are a reminder of the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem.</p> <p>___ 9. These charity items began in 1934, but were not introduced in Canada until 1945.</p> <p>___ 10. This symbol gets its name from a location whose name translates to "place of the skull."</p> |
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- (Answers on page 2.)



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UPCOMING STAMP SHOWS / BOURSES

SHOW DATES			Major events in bold / PNW events in italic	Revised: 18-Feb-2018	
FRI	SAT	SUN	SHOW NAME	LOCATION	TYPE
2-Mar	3-Mar	4-Mar	<i>APEX (Anchorage Philatelic Society)</i>	Anchorage, AK	Show
	3-Mar	4-Mar	NOVAPEX (Redding Stamp Club)	Redding, CA	Show
	10-Mar	11-Mar	<i>VICTOPICAL (Vancouver Is. & Greater Victoria Phil. Soc.)</i>	Victoria, BC	Show
		11-Mar	<i>Sno-King Stamp Show</i>	Everett, WA	Bourse
	17-Mar		<i>Willamette Valley Stamp Exhibition Stampfest</i>	Eugene, OR	Show
		18-Mar	<i>Willamette Valley Stamp Exhibition STAMPEX</i>	Salem, OR	Show
	24-Mar	25-Mar	Edmonton Spring National Stamp Show (WSP)	Edmonton, AB	Show
	7-Apr		<i>John D. Arn Stamp Symposium (NWFSC)</i>	Moses Lake, WA	Education
		8-Apr	<i>AMPEX (Fraser Valley Stamp Club)</i>	Abbotsford, BC	Show
		8-Apr	<i>Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Renton, WA	Bourse
		8-Apr	<i>Medicine Hat Coin & Stamp Show (MHCSC)</i>	Medicine Hat, AB	Bourse
	14-Apr		<i>Roundup Stamp & Coin show (Olympia Philatelic Soc)</i>	Chehalis, WA	Bourse
	14-Apr	15-Apr	<i>SOPEX (Southern Oregon Philatelic Society)</i>	Central Point, OR	Show
	14-Apr	15-Apr	<i>Coin & Stamp Fair (North Shore Numismatic Soc.)</i>	Burnaby, BC	Bourse
	21-Apr	22-Apr	<i>Spring Bourse (Evergreen Stamp Club)</i>	Kent, WA	Bourse
	21-Apr	22-Apr	<i>Calgary Stamp Bourse (Calgary Philatelic Society)</i>	Calgary, AB	Bourse
27-Apr	28-Apr	29-Apr	WESTPEX (WSP)	Burlingame, CA	Show
11-May	12-May	13-May	PIPEX Pacific Intl. Philatelic Exhibition (WSP)	Portland, OR	Show
25-May	26-May	27-May	RMSS (Rocky Mountain Philatelic Exhibition) (WSP)	Denver, CO	Show
		27-May	<i>Paper/Postcard Show (Vancouver Postcard Club)</i>	Vancouver, BC	Bourse
	2-Jun		<i>Coin & Stamp Fair (North Shore Numismatic Soc.)</i>	Burnaby, BC	Bourse
		10-Jun	<i>Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair</i>	Victoria, BC	Bourse
		10-Jun	<i>Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Renton, WA	Bourse
22-Jun	23-Jun	24-Jun	Royal 2018 Royale	St. Catherines, ON	Show
	21-Jul	22-Jul	<i>Summer Exhibition (Evergreen Stamp Club)</i>	Kent, WA	Show
	28-Jul	29-Jul	Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show (NSSS)	Reno, NV	Show
10-Aug	11-Aug	12-Aug	NTSS-APS StampShow (begins 9-Aug) (WSP)	Columbus, OH	Show
	11-Aug		<i>Strait Stamp Show (Strait Stamp Society)</i>	Sequim, WA	Show
		12-Aug	<i>Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Renton, WA	Bourse
		19-Aug	<i>Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair</i>	Victoria, BC	Bourse
	8-Sep	9-Sep	<i>Coin & Stamp Fair (North Shore Numismatic Soc.)</i>	Burnaby, BC	Bourse
14-Sep	15-Sep	16-Sep	SEAPEX Seattle Philatelic Exhibition (WSP)	Tukwila, WA	Show
	22-Sep		<i>Medicine Hat Coin & Stamp Show (MHCSC)</i>	Medicine Hat, AB	Bourse
	29-Sep	30-Sep	<i>Apple Harvest (Inland Empire Philatelic Society)</i>	Spokane, WA	Bourse
	6-Oct	7-Oct	<i>VICPEX (Vancouver Is. & Greater Victoria Phil. Soc.)</i>	Victoria, BC	Show
		14-Oct	<i>Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Renton, WA	Bourse
	3-Nov	4-Nov	SACAPEX (Sacramento Philatelic Society)	Sacramento, CA	Show
	24-Nov		<i>Coin & Stamp Fair (North Shore Numismatic Soc.)</i>	Burnaby, BC	Bourse
		25-Nov	<i>Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair</i>	Victoria, BC	Bourse
	1-Dec	2-Dec	PENPEX (Sequoia Stamp Club)	Redwood City, CA	Show
		9-Dec	<i>Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Renton, WA	Bourse
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10-May	11-May	12-May	PIPEX Pacific Intl. Philatelic Exhibition (WSP)	Portland, OR	Show
2-Aug	3-Aug	4-Aug	APS StampShow (begins 1-Aug) (WSP)	Omaha, NE	Show
13-Sep	14-Sep	15-Sep	SEAPEX Seattle Philatelic Exhibition (WSP)	Tukwila, WA	Show
Repetitive Events			<i>Rose City Stamp Fair (2nd Saturday OSS clubhouse)</i>	Portland, OR	Bourse
			<i>Collector's Corner (4th Saturday OSS clubhouse)</i>	Portland, OR	Bourse