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Vice President's Note

In 1914 an ad was placed in the Sacramento Bee newspaper asking individuals interested in stamp collecting to meet for the purpose of forming a stamp club. The seed they planted 100 years ago has blossomed and grown to a membership of 250 (one of the largest in the US) and weekly meetings unique among stamp clubs.

Our members extend their love of stamps to a love of good deeds through their purchase of stamps from bins of 1000's at weekly meetings and a yearly show dedicated exclusively to the Easter Seals Society. Each year members raise nearly \$6,000 for Easter Seals.

This month we are celebrating our 100th anniversary with a banquet for members and guests, the celebration will flow over into SACAPEX with special covers and exhibits.

The fun never ceases, the joy never ends.

The hobby of Kings is available to everyone.

Lets hear it for the 100th anniversary of the greatest stamp club in the UNIVERSE!

Fred Rickert

SACAPEX 2014

It's Sacapex time! SPS sponsors this annual stamp show November 1 from 10-6 and November 2 from 10-4. There will be exhibits, a dealer's bourse with 26 dealers, USPS booth and children's area. There will be a silent bid sale Saturday afternoon and Sacramento Philatelic Society members may submit up to 10 lots to the sale. Lot forms and cards are available at club meetings or contact John Vester (jv4sf@sbcglobal.net). Golden Gate Pre-Cancel Collectors will meet Saturday at 1:00 pm and Cal Revenue collectors will meet Sunday at 1:00 pm.

Volunteers are needed to help with the show set up Friday evening beginning at 3 pm and take down Sunday at 4 pm, registration table, SPS Circuit table, silent bid sale and other duties. Sign-up sheets will be at the club meetings or contact Joanne Berkowitz (joannebe@pacbell.net, 455-3659). This show could not be done without the efforts of many SPS members. Please sign up for a shift and help us out with Sacramento's only major annual philatelic show.

For an exhibition prospectus please contact Robert Pope at 916-583-3027 or thepope66@hotmail.com.

Stamp Collector

Richard Andrew Kowaleski

[Nine o'clock. A cool morning.]

Time to mow the lawn and spray the weeds,
Water flowers, feed the worms, and more.

Wait -- is that the sound the mail truck's here?
Yes; the package I've been waiting for:

Stamps from places all around the globe.
Get to work and soak them off their moor;

Sort them by their country, then by year.
Place them on their designated page,
Neatly tucked inside their pockets clear.

Take some time to gaze on what's been done;
Savor the accomplishment -- what fun!

The lawn, the weeds, the worms,
The flowers all can wait.
Don't chide me for my laxity;
I'm working for posterity!

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Membership Dues are Due!

You will find a membership form enclosed with this newsletter, along with a self addressed envelope for your use returning the form. You will notice a change for the renewal form. Debbie Jean has developed the new forms to simplify our processing procedure.

Please fill out the form completely, even if you think we know the answers!

Please fill it out and remember -- it's cheaper if you pay your dues before the first Wednesday in January. Until then membership is just \$12, after January 8, 2012 membership dues will be \$15.

Hello Junior Members!

Hope this edition of The Prospector finds you doing well. This is a busy time of year for many of you. School has begun, sports, band and other activities. I am hoping that you still have time to work on your stamp collections (even a little).

Since this is a busy time of year, I thought you all might enjoy a break and have a little fun. Enjoy!

-Dean



SPS Junior Members Word Search

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SPS 100th Anniversary Celebration



The 100th anniversary celebration at the Dante Club on Saturday September 13th, 2014 was a huge success! A big "Thank You" to everyone who helped with the organizing and planning of this event. Joanne Berkowitz was recognized as the "sparkplug" - she did the overall planning, arranged for the beautiful cake and made the table centerpieces. John Vester produced the commemorative cachets and tickets. John and Bill Beck took pictures all afternoon. Sherry Bradley and Bill Oliver produced the exhibit of historical show covers and programs from SACAPEX, and precursor

shows. Stephen Drew was the Master of Ceremonies and did a tremendous job.



Seven of our over 40 year members were in attendance: Ralph Petty (Honorary Member), Jim Stewart (1971), Ted Ashworth (1951), James Taff (1974), Bill Oliver (1951), Ken Mitchell (1972), Katharine Pavalasky (1972), and John Pavalasky (1972).

Both of our longest term members spoke. Bill Oliver talked about the importance of SPS in his life and philatelic development. Ted Ashworth talked about the importance of sharing our philatelic interests with others as a way of keeping the hobby alive. Bill Oliver, James Taff, Al Williams, and Ernie Teays were the four past presidents in attendance.

Our only honorary member, Ralph Petty, remembered numerous first day and special events from years past when he has worked with the Sacramento Philatelic Society. He is now retired from the postal service and has been replaced as Customer Relations Coordinator by Candace R. Cheathon who was also in attendance.



Sacramento Postmaster Jeff Day spoke of his connection with stamp collectors throughout his career. He also explained that his Public Relations staff is promoting the special Breast Cancer stamp. They are approaching the sale of the BILLIONTH Breast Cancer stamp. Two public relations teams are travelling from the north (Oregon Border) and south (Fresno) edges of the Sacramento postal region and plan to meet in Sacramento in late September.

After dinner we enjoyed a philatelic themed cake prepared by the Freeport Bakery.

More to come in the next newsletter!

Buy-Sell-Trade Night is back!

Our next Buy-Sell-Trade Night will be held on October 15, 2014. As before there will be no 2 cent boxes or club circuit - just you with all those stamps you have been trying to sell or trade. Space will be limited to one half table for all participating members.

Can't make it, do not fret, Buy-Sell-Trade night is now a regular feature and will be held on the 3rd meeting in January, April, July and October, so you can plan ahead. Another advantage is that this next Buy-Sell-Trade meeting corresponds to the deadline for submission of lots for the silent bid auction.

If your stuff doesn't sell don't get upset - Why take them home when you can hand them to John Vester for the silent bid sale.

Didn't I tell you it was great?
Fred Rickert

HUGE FALL CLEARANCE SALE

Come all and enjoy YOUR circuit during October and November - Lots of stuff will be on sale!!!

1. All stamps from Australia, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France and Israel will be on sale for 20% off net price including cards, small binders and large binders.

2. Also on sale for 20% off net price are all FOREIGN binders.

These items will be on sale at every Wednesday meeting when the circuit is available.

August 6th Silent Bid Sale

The August Silent Bid was a success! There were 130 lots offered by 17 sellers. Of those 79 lots were purchased by 38 bidders. Total sales at this Silent Bid Sale were \$1219.50.

Thanks to everyone who participated. Remember that anyone can submit lots to the sale - get your lotting cards from John Vester and turn some of those extra stamps into money you can use to fill those holes in your own collection!

World's Smallest Stamp



Issued in 1863 by the Bolivar province of Columbia it had a face value of 10 centavos. It is shown above at actual size! And to the right magnified over 4X so that you can see the fine details in the design.



The Tedesco Index of Forgeries is Online

The American Philatelic Society has added Theodore M. Tedesco's forgery index to the APRL's Library Collections webpage at: stamps.org/userfiles/file/library/TedescoIndex.pdf. The full title of this monumental, over 1,100 page work is "*The Index of Literature in the English Language that Describes Postage Stamp Forgeries, Fakes, Reprints, Fraudulent Postal Markings and Other Obliterations*".

While the index itself isn't something you want to spend an evening reading, it is an incredible source to use when researching forgeries of your favorite stamps. Originally compiled in 2004 it was updated just this year - so the information is current!

Here is a short sample of the section referring to forgeries of New Zealand that I found interesting:

59. 2sh "first side face design" deep rose, 1878.
Forgery and forged cancellation: The Encyclopedia of British Empire Postage Stamps 1661-1947, Vol. IV, p.459; Robin Gwynn, "An Oneglia or Sperati New Zealand Forgery", Fakes Forgeries Experts journal, No. 11, (April 2008): 59,60.
61-69. Issues inscribed "Postage and Revenue", 1882 and 1891-95. Black reprints: The Encyclopedia of British Empire Postage Stamps 1661-1947, Vol. IV, p.413.
70,72,76,79. ½p, 2p, 4p, 8p values of the pictorial issue of 1898. Fakes made from proofs: Rev. W.G. Iremonger, letter to the Editor, "New Zealand Fakes", The Stamp Lover, Vol. 36 (June-July 1943): 2.
83,98,120. 5sh value of Pictorial Series, 1898-1902. Revenue cancellation removed: The Encyclopedia of British Empire Postage Stamps 1661-1947, Vol. IV, p.459. Revenue cancellation: Scott Classic Specialized Catalogue.

The listing are by Scott Catalog number so you can easily find the stamp you're looking for - the section above refers to New Zealand Scott Cat#s 59 through 120.

This is an index - it doesn't have the actual articles on forgeries. However, it pulls together every reference known for forgeries. You can then use these references to request photocopies of articles from the American Philatelic Research Library.

Many of these articles would be next to impossible to find any other way. Having spent many a night poring through dusty old scientific journals I often wish someone had done this for my field of study!!!

Member Presentations

Sept 24th Fred Rickert Jimi Hendrix on cover

Stamp Shows in Our Area

OCT	3-5	WINEPEX 2014 Redwood Empire Collectors Club Marin Civic Center San Rafael, CA info@harmerschau.com
OCT	10-11	POWPEX 2014 POWAY Stamp Club Al Bahr Shrine Center San Diego, CA www.sandiegophilatelibrary.org
OCT	25-26	East Bay Collectors Club 69th Annual Show East Bay Collectors Club Civic Center Assembly Hall Walnut Creek, CA tuurifam@comcast.net
NOV	1-2	SACAPEX 2014 Sacramento Philatelic Society Scottish Rite Temple Sacramento, CA www.sacramentophilatelicsociety.org
NOV	14-16	Filatelic Fiesta 2014 San Jose Stamp Club Santa Clara Fairgrounds San Jose, CA www.filatelicfiesta.org
DEC	6-7	PENPEX Sequoia Stamp Club Redwood City Comm. Activities Bldg. Redwood City, CA www.penpex.org
JAN	23-25	Sacramento Gold Rush Paper Show 2015 Mark Baker Enterprises. La Quinta Inn, Hwy 50 & Sunrise (Exit 18) 11131 Folsom Blvd Rancho Cordova, CA www.goldrushpaper.com

APS Online Courses & Other Activities

Year Round		Collecting First Day Covers Part 1 (5 lessons) and Part II (4 lessons) Instructor: Marj Sente stamps.org/Scout-Merit-Badge
SEP	17-19	Collecting Your Hometown Postal History APS Collecting Connections - course modules Instructor: Tom Horn stamps.org/modules
Oct 6 - Dec 15		Keys to Exhibiting Course APS Online Course Instructor: Steve Zwillinger www.stampcampus.org
OCT	14	Digital Scanning for Collectors APS Collecting Connections - course modules Instructor: Barb Boal stamps.org/modules
OCT	15-16	Revenues: Stamps and Their Stories On The Road Course prior to SESCAL Instructor: Ron Leshner stamps.org/On-The-Road-Courses
OCT	15	Photoshop Elements 1 APS Collecting Connections - course modules Instructor: Barb Boal stamps.org/modules
OCT	16	Photoshop Elements 2 APS Collecting Connections - course modules Instructor: Barb Boal stamps.org/modules
Oct 21 - Nov 14		Basic Stamp Collecting Course APS Online Course Instructor: Ada Prill and Don Chenevert www.stampcampus.org

National Stamp Shows

SEP	19-21	MILCOPEX Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Inc. Milwaukee, WI www.milwaukeephilatelic.org
SEP	26-28	INDYPEX Indiana Stamp Club Indianapolis, IN www.indianastampclub.org
OCT	17-19	SESCAL Fed. Phil. Clubs of Southern California Los Angeles, CA www.sescal.org
NOV	21-23	CHICAGOPEX Chicago Philatelic Society Itasca, IL www.chicagopex.org
DEC	5-7	FLOREX - The Florida State Stamp Show FSDA & Central Florida Stamp Club Orlando, FL www.florestampshow.com
JAN	23-25	SANDICAL San Diego County Philatelic Council San Diego, CA www.sandical.org

Only World Series of Philately (WSP) shows are included

For more shows and contact details go to:

<http://stamps.org/Show-Calendar>

International Stamp Shows

OCT	20-24	EXFIL 125 FIAF Sponsored International Show Los Cerrillos, CHILE www.fiaf-filatelia.com/expos2014
DEC	1-6	MALAYSIA 2014 World Youth Stamp Exhibition Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Contact nbc@cape.com

The Charles Poetzl SPS Scholarship

The Charles Poetzl SPS Scholarship is now taking applications for the 2015 year.

To be eligible for the \$1000 scholarship applicants must:

- Be a stamp collector with an avid interest in stamps and philately.
- Be a member of the SPS in good standing or a natural or legally adopted child of an SPS member in good standing.
- Be between the ages of 17 and 25 years of age at the time of the nomination.
- Must be accepted for enrollment or enrolled at a 2 or 4 year secondary educational institution or school.

If interested, you can find additional requirements, criteria or application on the SPS website at www.sacramentophilatelicsociety.org, or from a SPS Officer or Board member.

Deadline for receiving applications is January 8, 2015.

Winner will be notified by letter, phone or email and announced at the April 1, 2015 regular meeting.

SPS Calendar

**Regular meetings are held
every Wednesday evening from 7–9PM
at the Easter Seals Center, 3205 Hurley Way.**

Sept	13	SPS 100 th Anniversary Dinner
	17	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
	24	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
Oct	1	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
	8	Regular plus BOD meeting (8:45)
	15	Member's Buy/Sell/Trade night
	22	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
	29	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
	31	Setup for SACAPEX
Nov	1-2	SACAPEX 2014
	1	Silent Bid Sale (at SACAPEX)
	5	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
	12	Regular plus BOD meeting (8:45)
	19	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
	26	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
Dec	3	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
	10	Regular plus BOD meeting (8:45)
	17	CHRISTMAS PARTY!
	24	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.

We normally have our club circuit and penny boxes available for your shopping pleasure at each meeting. There are also members who enjoy just talking about their collections or helping you with yours. You might even find a member with a similar interest as you have and you can initiate a stamp swap. Come see us – it's a lot of fun. 'Shoe Boxes' of 2¢ stamps can be taken home to search through during the week.

New Members

Sacramento Philatelic Society membership for 2014 totals 236. New members and their collecting interest since the last newsletter mention are:

2066	Randall Santa Cruz	
2067	Imelda (Amy) S. Villaraza	Philippines, US, Europe, Vatican, Russia
2068	Ana Calderon	Disney, Flowers
2069	Warren Popp	US, Canada, Faroe Islands

Call for Articles

If you have a collecting interest that you would like to share with the club but feel more comfortable doing so in written form, please send it to Doug Elliott via email at nzstampsinca 'at' gmail.com. You can also get a printed version to me at one of the Wednesday meetings – I can scan and/or retype it as necessary. Or mail a copy to me at PO Box 1547, Oroville CA 95965. Typical articles will run from a half to full page (or two) of text and images.

Officers & Board of Directors

President	Chet Grant
Vice President	Fred Rickert
Secretary	Stephen Drew
Treasurer	John Pavalasky

Board of Directors

Duane Morford	(thru 5/2015)
John Vester	(thru 5/2015)
Joanne Berkowitz	(thru 5/2016) (Chair)
Ken Hilmer	(thru 5/2016)
Bill Beck	(thru 5/2017)
Paul de Bechevet	(thru 5/2017)

Committee Chairmen

Easter Seals Show	Katie Pavalasky
SACAPEX 2014	Joanne Berkowitz
Junior Members	Dean Carl
Library	Ken Hilmer
Membership	Debbie Jean Hopkins
Nominating	(open)
Programs	Fred Rickert
Prospector	Doug Elliott
Silent Bid Sale	Chet Grant
Website	Dean Carl

Prospector Distribution

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If you have an email address we will send a notice when a new edition of the Prospector is ready for viewing.

To see the Prospector at our website:

1. Go to www.sacramentophilatelicociety.org
2. Look under the Prospector section for **[Find the Prospector newsletter here.](#)**
3. You will be able to read past issues as well as the current issue.

If you need help please ask Dean Carl, Doug Elliott or Al Williams about the specifics of your problem.

Visit Our Website

Dean Carl does a great job with the SPS website at sacramentophilatelicociety.org. A calendar of events, membership forms, copies of the Prospector back to 2004, and links to philatelic-related websites are all there!

Current USPS Rates

Domestic:

First-Class Mail Letter (1 oz) - 49¢
First-Class Mail Letter (2 oz) – 70¢
Rigid Envelope Surcharge - 21¢
Postcard - 34¢
Large Envelope (2 oz) - \$1.12
Certified Mail - \$3.30

International:

First-Class Mail Int'l Letter (1 oz)
All Countries - \$1.15
Add'l ounces vary by country group - see usps.com