



The Philatelic Prospector

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



It has come to my attention - -SACAPEX is just around the corner. Time has flown by this year and we are fast running out of time to get everything in order for the show. Thankfully we have many good people manning their posts. We have also instituted a backup program for each of the areas: **Fred Rickert** is working with **Bill Oliver** to get acquainted with securing the

judges for the exhibits; **Katherine Knourek** is working with **Ken Mitchell** in the exhibition phase; **Billy Simmons** is helping with **Ken Hilmer** on the electrical setup; **Dean Carl** will be helping **Dennis Solheim** in the bourse area; & of course all the regulars are giving their time as usual. This year's SACAPEX chair is being split between **John Sumpter** & myself, with an awful lot of behind the scene help from **Debbie Jean Hopkins**. The cachets for the show are being done by **Katherine Knourek** and **John Sumpter**, using the theme of '**Honoring our Presidential Libraries**'. The special cancel is being done by **Ralph Petty** & will be ready for the show. We will again have our awards banquet at '**The Buggy Whip**' on Saturday evening (there is a form for you to make reservations included in this month's Prospector).

There are many more who are doing what they do every year & without them we could not put SACAPEX together and make it the success that it is. Our THANKS to all of you who volunteer your time. We do project a positive image to the general public, many of which see us only at SACAPEX or the Easter Seal Show.

Be sure to look at the other form enclosed with this Prospector. It is that time of year again!!! It is time for your yearly renewal in SPS. Remember - dues received prior to the first meeting in 2006 qualify for the \$12 rate for Adults & \$6 rate for juniors. Those new members who sign up at SACAPEX will also get these rates for membership through December, 2006.

You will also see an article in this issue about the 'First Day' event to be held here in Sacramento. On November 10th there will be an event concerning the 'Distinguished Marines' stamp. This is a national first day stamp & we will be participating with the USPS on this.

VISIT THE SPS WEBSITE

Our webmaster, Dean Carl, continues to get our website updated very quickly. We are very fortunate to have such talent among us.

The website is where you can keep up with current activities, future events, see copies of the Prospector from the last twelve months, and explore links to other websites of interest.

The SPS website can be accessed at
sacramentophilatelicociety.org

'CLUB CIRCUIT' IS BACK

We welcome back John & Katie Pavalasky from a lengthy vacation. After spending a month visiting family on the East Coast they have returned and thus the circuit returns. Those who spent the time they were gone visiting, sharing collecting stories, trading, and going through the small amount of material that was available to check out anxiously awaited the return of the circuit. Thanks go out to those who helped out while Katie and John had a much needed vacation.

We would like to thank all those who took some of the responsibility for things while John & Katie were gone.

Ernie Teays kept the penny boxes in line, **Fred Rickert** kept the face bin going, **Hank Ibsen** handled the drawing prize duty, **Katherine Knourek** brought in the First Day cover box & **Steve Bockman** was responsible for getting the 'red boxes' to the meeting each night.

We were also thankful the presence of **Cliff Horrell** and **Claude Abraham** and their material.

Remember also that if you have been putting off the purchase of an item that you saw in the circuit, it may not be there after November 2. Many items we procrastinate about disappear at SACAPEX, never to be seen again.

Stop by the circuit on Wednesday evenings and buy that special stamp you are missing.

**COME TO SACAPEX
BRING A FRIEND
NOVEMBER 5 & 6
SCOTTISH RITE AUDITORIUM**

EVENTS ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

FIRST DAY COVER GROUP

Why not come to our meetings held on the first Wednesday of each month and share with us your experience in collecting first day covers, commemorative covers, special cancellations and other related materials.

There is something for all levels of collectors in this group. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month. Hope to see you September 7th.

EXHIBITING GROUP

Since many of our members have received exhibit awards at various shows this year, we are looking to share the knowledge by starting an exhibit mentor program. If you are interested in learning the do's & don'ts of exhibiting, need help with doing an exhibit, or wish to volunteer your time to help others; talk with Bill Oliver. The group will meet at such times as requested.

OTHER GROUPS???

If you would like to start another 'study' group in some area of stamp collecting, talk to other members who might be interested in a smaller group on a regular basis (or even a one time thing) & let one of the officers know about it so that an announcement can be made at the meetings.

SILENT BID SALE AT SACAPEX

For those of you who are waiting for the next silent bid sale it will be on Saturday during SACAPEX. Dennis is working very hard to facilitate the many lots we will be receiving for this sale. There are some new rules for this sale. Those interested in selling should have their items with them on Wednesday night.

REMEMBER – ALL LOTS FOR THE SACAPEX SILENT BID SALE MUST BE TURNED IN TO DENNIS ON OCT. 26TH.

Unlike the normal silent bid nites at the club, ALL lots must be received by the 26th. This includes your box lots. If you are planning on having items in the sale you should have picked up the lotting cards by now & have them prepared for delivery, along with the lots.

We are hoping for a very successful bid sale with many good buys for everyone.

The sale will begin at noon on Saturday, November 5th & end at 2:30. Successful bidders will be able to pick up their material after the sorting process & accounting have been completed (around 3:00).

NEWS FROM THE APS **correction**

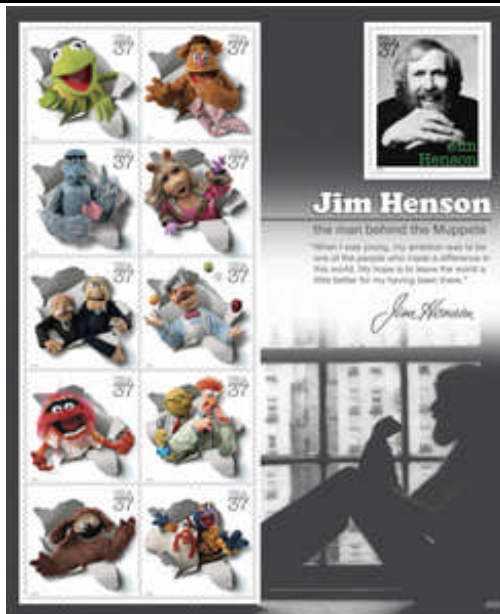
The American Philatelic Society's **STAMPSHOW 2007** will be held on August 9-12 at Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE MLK Jr. Blvd., Portland, OR.

MORE RECENT ISSUES



**Constellations
10/3/2005**

RECENT ISSUES



**Jim Henson & the Muppets
9/28/2005**



**Holiday Cookies
10/20/2005**

2006 MEMBERSHIP

Debbie Jean Hopkins, our Membership Chairperson, has reported that since starting renewal of membership last year we have had 227 members renew, we still have 5 lost souls and have had 26 new members this past year. There were 44 members who didn't renew this year.

Do you know someone that would like to be a club member bring them to a Wednesday night meeting or have them stop by and sign up at SACAPEX.

We ended the year with over 250 members

We are now in the process of taking dues renewals for 2006.

Dues for the year are \$15 for adults & \$7.50 for juniors.

HOWEVER, there is a discount if your dues are paid prior to the first meeting in January, 2006.

Renewals for adults are \$12 & \$6 for juniors when paid before the new year begins.

Please **check the form** enclosed with this issue & make any changes which need to be made. An envelope is also enclosed, so don't hesitate, get those forms back in and we can start on the road to another great year.

A NEW LOOK

Wow!! Have you seen the new shelving? It sure is nice. Most of the work has now been completed and, for those that haven't been to a meeting lately, you will see that our material has been moved from the loft area to the more convenient shelving system. Thank you to the Easter Seals workers that installed and moved all the material.

AMERICAN TOPICAL ASSOCIATION – 2008

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We have recently been contacted by the Executive Director (Ray Cartier) of the American Topical Association (ATA) about the possibility of them holding their annual show in the Sacramento area.

They were evidently impressed by the amount of volunteers who participated at STAMPSHOW 2004.

I have spoken to several members about the possibility & whether we feel that our club will respond as well as we did for APS. Everyone has been enthusiastic about such an event.

ATA plans are to hold the show on the west coast in 2008 & we are one of the three cities they are considering. They will stay in contact with me in regards to their decisions.

If you believe that you would be able to volunteer for such an event please contact either

John Sumpter (209-957-7196 or jsumpter@pacwest.com)

or

Al Williams (916-920-1929 or allen.williams@comcast.net).

If we can demonstrate our commitment now it will go a long way in convincing them that Sacramento should be their choice.

NEW ISSUES

The Postal Service will issue 37-cent, *Distinguished Marines* commemorative stamps in four designs, in a pressure-sensitive adhesive (PSA) pane of 20 (Item 458900) on November 10, 2005, in Washington, DC, and Oceanside, California. The stamps designed by Phil Jordan of Falls Church, VA, also go on sale nationwide November 10, 2005.

These stamps commemorate four legendary marines who served with bravery and distinction during the 20th century: John Basilone, Daniel J. Daly, John A. Lejeune, and Lewis B. Puller.

This issuance honors a tradition of excellence in military service that began with the establishment of the first two battalions of Marines by the Continental Congress in 1775.

After applying the first day of issue postmark, the Postal Service will return the envelopes through the mail. There is no charge for the postmark. All orders must be postmarked by December 9, 2005.

To order the official First Day cancellations mail your covers to:

DISTINGUISHED MARINES STAMPS
POSTMASTER

900 BRENTWOOD RD NE
WASHINGTON DC 20066-9998

or DISTINGUISHED MARINES STAMPS CAMP
PENDELTON CANCELLATION

MPO

1895 AVENIDA DEL ORO
OCEANSIDE CA 92056-9998

FIRST DAY EVENT IN SACRAMENTO

On November 10th there will be a **Distinguished Marines** 'First Day' event here in Sacramento. **Ralph Petty** has asked our club to again help in this event.



NOVEMBER 10, 2006
ALL WAR VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

13th St. & N St.

(Setup begins at 9:00)

Program begins at 10:00

Those of you who wish to participate with cancelling covers will want to be in place about 9:00. Past experience has shown that we usually get started long before the event actually happens. Let Al Williams know ahead of time if you wish to help. We would anticipate that several members will be needed.

SPS CALENDAR

Regular meetings are held every Wednesday evening from 7 -9 at the Easter Seal Center, 3205 Hurley Way.

Oct	26	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
Nov	2	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
		FDC Group meeting.
	4	Setup for SACAPEX (5:00 – 9:00)
	5	SACAPEX open from 10:00 – 6:00
	6	SACAPEX open from 10:00 – 4:00
	6	Teardown SACAPEX from 4:00 – on
	9	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
	14	BOD meeting (7:30)
	16	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
	23	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, no club circuit.
	30	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
Dec	7	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
		FDC Group meeting.
	12	BOD meeting (7:30)
	14	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.
	21	No 2¢ boxes or club circuit.
		CHRISTMAS PARTY
	28	Meeting, 2¢ boxes, club circuit.

Each meeting we normally have our club circuit and penny boxes available for your shopping pleasures. 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.

Officers & Board of Directors

President	Al Williams
Vice President	John Sumpter
Secretary	Arlene Simmons
Treasurer	John Pavalasky

BOD

Dave Anderson	(thru 5/2006)
Ken Mitchell	(thru 5/2006) (Chairman)
Brian Freeman	(thru 5/2007)
Katie Pavalasky	(thru 5/2007)
Harry Mueggenburg	(thru 5/2008)
Jim Stewart	(thru 5/2008)
Al Williams	(thru 5/2006)

Committee Chairmen

Easter Seal Show	Katie Pavalasky
Library	Ken Hilmer
Membership	Debbie Jean Hopkins
Programs	Harry Mueggenburg
Prospector	Arlene Simmons
SACAPEX	John Sumpter & Al Williams
Website	Dean Carl

Stamp Shows In Our Area For 2005

Save the dates for the following shows in our area.

OCT	29-30	East Bay Collectors Club Civic Center Assembly Hall 1375 Civic Dr. Walnut Creek
NOV	5-6	SACAPEX Scottish Rite Temple, Sacramento
NOV	12-13	SUNPEX Sunnyvale Community Center 550 E Remington Dr. Sunnyvale
NOV	17-20	Santa Clara Coin, Stamp, & Collectibles Expo Santa Clara Convention Center 5001 Great America Pkwy Santa Clara
DEC	3-4	PENPEX Community Activities Bldg. 1400 Roosevelt Ave. Redwood City

SACAPEX

NOVEMBER 5-6, 2005

SATURDAY

SHOW OPEN – 10:00 – 6:00
SILENT BID SALE – 12:00 – 2:30
AWARDS BANQUET – 7:30

SUNDAY

SHOW OPEN – 10:00 – 4:00
CLUB MEETINGS – 1:00

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Useful (or Useless) Information

All **first day cancellations** may be received after affixing stamps and sending to:

Customer Affixed Envelopes

Postmaster

_____ (first day city)
_____ - 9991 (5 digit ZIP + 9991)

The normal limit to submit for FDCs is 20 per request. If you want them returned without addresses, you must enclose a self addressed envelope, with sufficient postage applied, to insure their return. There is no charge for this service.