



Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies

Council Courier



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WINEPEX 2007 TO BE HELD OCTOBER 5-7

WINEPEX is coming up soon:

October 5-7
Marin Civic Center Exhibit Hall
Avenue of the Flags
San Rafael

Contact: Kurt Schau (707) 778-6453

For exhibit information, contact George Shalimoff
(707) 887-7380. Or, send email to:

winepexinfo@yahoo.com

HUMBOLDT SHOW TO BE HELD THIS WEEKEND!

This issue may not reach those who receive a printed copy in the mail, but for our **electronic subscribers**, note that the show is this weekend, September 29-30, 2007.

Red Lion Hotel, Redwood Ballroom
1929 Fourth Street
Eureka, CA

Contact: Norm Allen
(707) 442-3205

CNCPS MEETING AT SUNPEX

The Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies will meet during SUNPEX 2007 at 12:00 noon on Sunday, November 11. This is an important meeting, which will feature discussion of the new Constitution and By Laws.

EAST BAY COLLECTORS CLUB SHOW TO BE HELD OCTOBER 27-28

The annual East Bay Collector's Club Show is will be held the last weekend of October.

October 27-28
Walnut Creek Civic Center
1375 Civic Drive
Walnut Creek

For more information, contact:

Nigel Moriarty
(925) 284-5470, or
Randy Tuuri (tuurifam@comcast.net)

SACAPEX SHOW TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 3-4

This year's SACAPEX is the first week of November:

November 3-4
Scottish Rite Temple
6151 H Street
Sacramento, CA

For more information, see the Sacramento Philatelic society website at:

<http://sps.nfshost.com/shows.html>

SUNPEX BE HELD NOVEMBER 10-11

This year's dates and location for the SUNPEX show are:

November 10-11, 2007
Sunnyvale Community Center
Gymnasium
550 E. Remington Dr.
Sunnyvale, CA 94087

The show hours are Saturday from 10:00 to 5:30 and Sunday from 10:00 PM 4:30.

For more information, contact:

Jack Brady, 408-298-2297 or
Chris Clemens (stampshows@hotmail.com)

LEONARD HOLMSTEN

By Jim Sauer

Over the years Leonard has very seldom attended any of our meetings. He has remained a member "behind the scenes" as it were. He's helped, mainly with exhibits, but in other areas too.

Leonard's health has deteriorated in recent years and as a result he has moved from his home in Hayward to a gated retirement development in Brentwood near his son. He's unable to drive any longer and it's unlikely we'll see much more of him at area stamp shows. However, he was at WESTPEX and many of you may have seen him there.

Leonard has donated several boxes of books and other material to the Western Philatelic Library plus other material which will be distributed to selected stamp clubs and children's tables at local stamp shows.

His presence and work behind the scenes will be missed. His always willing to help nature will also be missed. He's helped so many get started with collecting and exhibiting — plus his mentoring of other collectors has been a force primarily in the Bay Area, but around the country as well.

He's been a friend to many of you with and without your knowledge. Leonard, you will be missed.

PENPEX IS COMING, DECEMBER 1-2

PENPEX is coming to the Redwood City Community Center on December 1-2.

See the next issue of the Council Courier for more details. The show committee is already hard at work organizing the show. For detailed information, go to the PENPEX website:

<http://www.penpex.org>

SEQUOIA STAMP CLUB NEWS

Provided by Hank Washauer

Darlene Hickok reported that the youth club is alive and well. Donations are steadily coming in.

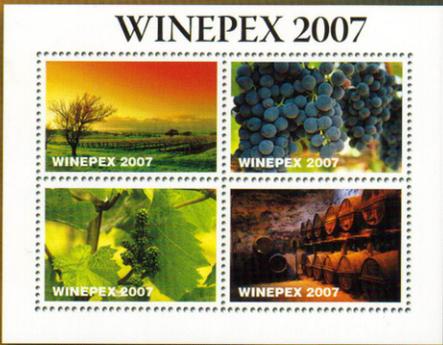
Hank Washauer presented his program "The Best Things In Life Are Free."

The club's Pizza Party was held at Mountain Mikes in Redwood City on June 26th.

The club's membership stands at 100.

Ed Rodriguez gave a program titled "Postal Service in the Clouds," which is a story about how the Incas communicated.

Seven members were voted into the club as Youth Members.



WINEPEX

14th Annual Stamp Show
Marin Civic Center, San Rafael, CA

October 5, 6 & 7

18 Single frame exhibits
(288 pages of stamps and covers of the world)

13 Topnotch stamp and postal history dealers

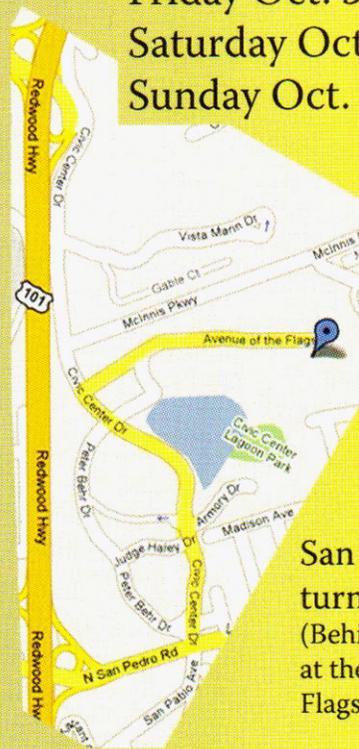
Redwood Empire Collectors Club

and...
The Legendary
WINEPEX Awards Dinner

PO Box 659, Petaluma, CA 94953

**Free stamps for kids, door prizes
and free parking.**

Friday Oct. 5 - 10 am to 6 pm
Saturday Oct. 6 - 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday Oct. 7 - 10 am to 3 pm



For info call
Kurt Schau at
(707) 778-6454
or email
winepexinfo@
yahoo.com

San Pedro or Terra Linda
turnoff from Highway 101
(Behind the Marin Civic Center
at the end of the Avenue of the
Flags)

COALPEX 2007 PALMARES

COALPEX 2007, which was held on June 9 -10, 2007, was a well organized and successful show. Although the Palmares awards have been on the CNCPS web site for some time, they are presented here for readers who might not have access to the web.

Grand and Gold

Post Obitum Official Seal of 1877
William P. Barlow

Court of Honor

Boston Post Office and the Development of Machine Cancellations
William P. Barlow

Gold

Post Obitum Official Seal of 1877
William P. Barlow

Dutch Indies Airmail Flights
Albert Muller

Vermeil

Israel-Arab P.O. W. Mail 1948-49
Richard Kandel

Silver

Embroidery
Barbara Reaney

Development of Steam Locomotives 1805-1839
William L. Reaney

Silver Bronze

Netherlands Philatelic Exhibitions
Albert Muller

Norwegian Post Horns
Albert Muller

Bronze

Lunar New year of the Horse
Charles Kasdorf

Giuseppe Verdi: Italian Composer
Albert Muller

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Special Awards

A.P.S. Award

Post Obitum Official Seal of 1877
William P. Barlow

AAPE Award

Embroidery
Barbara Reaney

Best Exhibit by an A.P.S. Member

Dutch Indies Airmail Flights
Albert Muller

COALPEX 2008

Show Chairman David McNamee announces that COALPEX 2008, which will be held on June 14th and June 15th 2008, will host the WE (Women Exhibitors) — which has the goal of encouraging more women collectors to take up or improve their philatelic exhibiting. The exhibition for 2008 will be restricted to women exhibitors, who need not belong to WE.

You may contact David McNamee at

dmcnamee@aol.com

DRAFT OF NEW CNCPS CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS

Message from CNCPS President Vesma Grinfelds

Over the years, our Constitution and By-Laws have been examined periodically to make certain that they reflect current needs and capabilities. Our last update was seven years ago. We are making some changes now to reflect new technology (like email), and to bring our basic documents in line with current practices. If you are a delegate to the Council, please look over the attached and be prepared to discuss and vote upon the revision at our next regular Council meeting. If you are not a delegate, please make your views known to your delegate so that he/she can act accordingly.

The following pages of the newsletter contain the draft text for the Constitution and By Laws.

Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies Constitution

The original text along with proposed NEW text which will replace the original text.

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies.

NEW ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization is the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies (CNCPS).

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

The objectives of said Council shall be:

Sec. 1. To effect co-operation among organized philatelic clubs and to promote philately in Northern California and Northern Nevada.

Sec. 2. To encourage club sponsored philatelic exhibitions, assist unorganized philatelists, to promote a unified effort for advancing the cause of philately through publicity and education and help to arrange for inter-club activities.

Sec. 3. To aid in the organization of new clubs and to do such things as will advance philately in all fields.

NEW ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of CNCPS is to promote philately within our geographic area by:

Sec. 1. Providing a forum for communication and cooperation among organized philatelic organizations,

Sec. 2. Encouraging and promoting club-sponsored philatelic activities,

Sec. 3. Assisting unorganized philatelists to form local clubs and organizations, and

Sec. 4. Providing educational and support services that benefit all member organizations.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Any formal organization of philatelists located in Northern California and Northern Nevada shall be eligible for membership in the Council. Southern Oregon included in year 2000.

NEW ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Any formal organization of philatelists located in within our geographical area, generally Northern California, Northern Nevada and Southern Oregon, is eligible for membership in CNCPS, providing they meet current membership requirements and support the purpose of the CNCPS.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS AND DELEGATES

Sec. 1. Each member organization of the Council shall select two of its members at least eighteen years of age as delegates to the Council each of whom shall have the right to one vote. In the absence of either, the delegate in attendance shall cast two votes for that organization.

Sec. 2. Each Council elected Officer and Chairman of a Standing Committee shall have the right to one vote.

Sec. 3. No delegate shall represent more than one organization.

Sec. 4. The officers shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Sec. 5. The November meeting of the Council shall be the Annual Meeting. Officers for the ensuing two years shall be elected at alternate November meetings in the odd-numbered years.

NEW ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS AND DELEGATES

Sec. 1. Each member organization of the CNCPS may select one of its members to be their delegate to the CNCPS to vote on matters that arise in CNCPS meetings. In the absence of a formal selection by any member organization, that organization's President will be recognized as the organization's delegate.

Sec. 2. Each CNCPS elected Officer and Chairman of a Standing Committee has the right to one vote.

Sec. 3. No delegate may represent more than one organization.

Sec. 4. CNCPS Officers are President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Sec. 5. The November meeting of the CNCPS is the Annual Meeting. Officers for the ensuing two years are elected at the November meetings in odd-numbered years.

ARTICLE V – LIMITATIONS

Nothing in this Constitution, or in the By-Laws, shall be construed as authority for the Council to limit, abridge or hinder the local plans, purposes or activities of any member organization.

NEW ARTICLE V – LIMITATIONS

Nothing in this Constitution, or in the By-Laws, shall be construed as authority for the CNCPS to limit, abridge or hinder the local plans, purposes or activities of any member organization.

ARTICLE VI – LIABILITIES

Sec. 1. This Council shall not assume any liability, financial or otherwise for any member organization, nor sponsor any sales or exchange department.

Sec. 2. The Council shall not incur any indebtedness beyond the amount currently available in the Treasury and amounts underwritten by member clubs or individuals.

NEW ARTICLE VI – LIABILITIES

Sec. 1. The CNCPS shall not assume any liability, financial or otherwise for any member organization.

Sec. 2. The CNCPS shall not incur any indebtedness beyond the amount currently available in the Treasury and amounts pledged or underwritten by member organizations or individuals.

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution and By-Laws may be effected by an affirmative vote of two thirds of the delegates, Council Officers and Chairmen of Standing Committees, present at a regular meeting of the Council, provided that the text of the proposed amendment shall have been mailed to all Council Officers and Chairmen of Standing Committees, and to each member club delegate, at least thirty days prior to the date of the Council meeting at which the amendment is to be presented.

NEW ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution and By-Laws may be effected by an affirmative vote of two thirds of the delegates, CNCPS Officers and Chairmen of Standing Committees, present at a regular or special meeting of the CNCPS, provided that the text of the proposed amendments are mailed or emailed to all CNCPS Officers and Chairmen of Standing Committees and to each member organization at least thirty days prior to the date of the CNCPS meeting at which the amendment is to be presented.

ARTICLE VIII – PROCEDURE

The Council shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, where not in conflict with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws.

NEW ARTICLE VIII – PROCEDURE

Meetings of the CNCPS shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, where not in conflict with the provisions of the Constitution or By-Laws.

**Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies
By-Laws**

ARTICLE I – MEETINGS

Sec. 1. Quarterly meetings of the Council shall be held, whenever possible, in the months of February, May, August, and November, at such places as the Council may designate. Notice of the time and place of meetings shall be sent to each delegate, Council Officers and Chairmen of Standing Committee, at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

Sec. 2. The Host Clubs for the quarterly meetings for the following two years shall be selected by a vote of the delegates. Council Officers and Chairmen of Standing Committees - selection to be made at the November meeting from invitations received from member clubs.

Sec. 3. In case of multiple requests from member organizations to host the Council meetings, the organization which has had the longest period of time since being host shall be selected to be the host organization.

Sec. 4. Special meetings of the Council may be called at the discretion of the President, and shall be called upon the written request of ten member clubs. Notice of special meetings shall be sent to Council Officers, Chairmen of Standing Committees and member delegates at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

Sec. 5. A quorum for the conduct of business shall consist of delegates from ten member clubs.

NEW ARTICLE I – MEETINGS

Sec. 1. The Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies (CNCPS) will meet at least four times each year at such places as the CNCPS may designate. The meeting closest to November will be the Annual Meeting for elections and other business of the CNCPS. Notice of the time and place of meetings will be published in the *Council Courier*, mailed or emailed to each delegate, CNCPS Officer and Chairmen of Standing Committees at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

Sec. 2. Special meetings of the CNCPS may be called at the discretion of the CNCPS President, or upon the written request to the CNCPS President by ten member organizations. Notice of the time and place of the special meetings and the purpose for the special meeting will be mailed or emailed to each delegate, CNCPS Officer and Chairmen of Standing Committees at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

Sec. 3. A quorum for the conduct of business is eight voting members of CNCPS.

Sec. 4. A record of all meetings will be maintained in the permanent file.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1. Each society or club applying for membership in the Council shall agree to conform to the Constitution and By-Laws, and to the actions of the Council and wherever possible to coordinate their programs so as not to conflict with the stated activities of the Council.

Sec. 2. Each application for membership shall be accompanied by application fee and dues, prorated per half year.

Sec. 3. Each application for membership shall be submitted to the membership committee for its investigation and recommendation, and shall be acted upon at the next regular meeting of the Council following receipt of the application.

Sec. 4. Each member club shall furnish the Council with a list of the current officers of the club, when elected, dates, time and place of regular meetings, and the names and addresses of the authorized delegates to the Council.

NEW ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1. Each philatelic organization, society or club applying for membership in the CNCPS agrees to abide by the CNCPS Constitution and By-Laws, to support the activities of the CNCPS, and to coordinate their activities to minimize conflict with the stated activities of the CNCPS or other member organizations that could be affected.

Sec. 2. Any philatelic organization applying for membership will submit a letter to the CNCPS Secretary for inclusion on the agenda of the next CNCPS meeting. New memberships will be acted upon at the next regular meeting of the CNCPS following receipt of the letter of application.

Sec. 3. Each member organization will furnish the CNCPS Secretary annually with a list of the current officers of the organization, when elected, dates, time and place of regular meetings, and the names and addresses of the authorized delegates to the CNCPS.

ARTICLE III – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Sec. 1. Nominations shall be made by a nominating committee of three members appointed by the President, which committee shall report at the August meeting of the odd-numbered year. Nominations may also be made from the floor by any delegate, Council Officer or Standing Committee Chairman at the Annual meeting in November.

Sec. 2. Election shall be at the November meeting of the odd-numbered years. In the case of more than one nomination for a particular office, the election shall be by ballot.

Sec. 3. The President and Vice-President shall be elected for a two year term. They shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms, but this shall not prohibit their re-election to these offices subsequently. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected for a two year term and may serve more than two consecutive terms.

Sec. 4. Any member of a member club who is at least eighteen years of age, shall be eligible to serve as an officer of this Council.

Sec. 5. In the event of a vacancy in any elected office because of death, resignation, or other cause, the vacancy shall be filled by presidential appointment, subject to confirmation by the delegates at the next Council meeting.

NEW ARTICLE III – NOMINATIONS and ELECTIONS

Sec. 1. Nominations will be made by a nominating committee of three members appointed by the President. The committee shall report at the summer quarterly meeting of the odd-numbered year. Nominations may also be made from the floor by any delegate, Council Officer or Standing Committee Chairman at the Annual Meeting in November.

Sec. 2. Elections will be held at the meeting closest to November of the odd-numbered years (the designated Annual Meeting). In the case of more than one nomination for a particular office, the election will be by written ballot.

Sec. 3. The CNCPS President and Vice-President each are elected for a two year term. They cannot serve for more than two consecutive terms, but they may stand for election to these offices subsequently. The CNCPS Secretary and Treasurer each are elected for a two year term, and each of them can serve more than two consecutive terms.

Sec. 4. Any member in good standing of a member organization also in good standing is eligible to serve as an Officer of CNCPS.

Sec. 5. In the event of a vacancy in any elected office the vacancy can be filled by appointment by the CNCPS President, subject to confirmation by the delegates at the next CNCPS meeting.

Sec. 6. Any officer may be removed by a three-fourths vote of the delegates present at CNCPS meeting called for that purpose.

[Due to a typo in the original By-Laws, there is no Article IV, to the following articles will be re-numbered as if there were no typos]

ARTICLE IV – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1. The President shall preside at all meetings, shall see that the Constitution and By-Laws are supported and obeyed, and shall perform the usual duties of that office. The President shall appoint such committees as may be necessary, and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Sec. 2. The Vice-President shall assist the President in the discharge of his duties, and in the ab-

sence of the President shall perform all duties of the President.

Sec. 3. The Secretary shall keep a faithful record of all proceedings of the Council, attend to correspondence, and perform the duties usual for that office.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the Council, shall keep an accurate record thereof, and shall deposit all funds of the Council in such bank or banks as the Council may direct. The Treasurer shall render a report to the Council at the Annual meeting in November. The Council may require an interim financial report for any meeting of the Council.

Sec. 5. Any officer may be removed by a three-fourths vote of the delegates present at Council meeting called for this purpose.

NEW ARTICLE IV – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1. The President calls and conducts all meetings, appoints such committees as may be necessary, and is an ex-officio member of all committees.

Sec. 2. The Vice-President assists the President in the discharge of his duties, and in the absence of the President, performs all duties of the President. The Vice-President performs other duties that may be assigned by the President from time to time.

Sec. 3. The Secretary keeps a record of all meetings and decisions of the CNCPS, accepts letters of application for membership, maintains the roster of member organizations and their respective officers and CNCPS delegates, and performs other duties that may be assigned by the President from time to time.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer receives and disburses all funds of the CNCPS, keeps accurate accounting records, and deposits all funds of the CNCPS in such bank or banks as the CNCPS may direct. The Treasurer submits a financial report to the CNCPS at the Annual Meeting in November and interim financial reports for any meeting of the CNCPS if directed by the President.

ARTICLE V – FINANCES

Sec. 1. An application fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be paid by each member club.

Sec. 2. Dues for each club shall be six dollars (\$6.00) per year, payable in advance, for 1-24 members, \$10.00 for 25-49 and \$15.00 for .50 or more members.

NEW ARTICLE V – FINANCES

Sec. 1. Dues for all member organizations will be established by CNCPS for the ensuing year at the Annual Meeting in November.

Sec. 2. If the CNCPS does not act on dues amounts, the rates of the prior year will be carried over.

ARTICLE VI – EXHIBITIONS

Sec. 1. The Council shall have a permanent exhibition committee to promote the Council's objectives and to be known as the "Association for Western Philatelic Exhibitions, Inc. – (WESTPEX).

Sec. 2. This committee shall be composed of eleven (11) members who will act as Directors and be responsible to finance and present an annual Philatelic Exhibition. The President of the Council shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 3. The Westpex Directors shall elect one of their directors to be Chairman, and elect new directors as vacancies occur.

Sec. 4. The Permanent Exhibitions Committee shall be self-sustaining financially, and shall administer its own funds.

NEW ARTICLE VI – EXHIBITIONS

This Article has been deleted.

ARTICLE VII – STANDING COMMITTEES

PERMANENT EXHIBITIONS – WESTPEX as provided by Article VII Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the By-Laws.

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President after the November Annual meeting, serving for one year:

PUBLICITY – Responsibility for "outside" publicity matter of the Council.

COUNCIL COURIER EDITOR – Publish quarterly the council Courier, the official publication of the C.N.C.P.S., and to provide inter-club information; to use the Courier as a means of notifying Council Officers, Chairmen of Standing Committees, and Club delegates of Council meetings and activities.

SHOW COORDINATOR – Coordinate information as to exhibition dates; provide this information to the Editor of the Council Courier prior to each quarterly deadline.

MEMBERSHIP – Receive applications for membership to the Council from philatelic organizations applying for membership and present these applications to the Council for approval.

CREDENTIALS – Verify the delegates and standing committee members of the Council.

SPEAKERS BUREAU – Provide speakers for member clubs who request this service.

JUDGES – Provide judges for stamp exhibitions when requested by member Clubs.

WORK SHOP – Furnish a panel of knowledgeable people to present a workshop at stamp exhibitions when requested by member clubs.

CHALONER AWARD – Investigate qualifications of and select recipient of the Chaloner Award for services to philately and to the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies. To be awarded at the Annual Meeting in November.

NOMINATING – As provided by Article III, Section I of the By-Laws.

SECURITY – To offer information and programs in the field of stamp security.

Article VII Revised and re-numbered because old Article VI – EXHIBITIONS is deleted]]

NEW ARTICLE VI – STANDING COMMITTEES

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President after the November Annual meeting, serving for the term of the President or until a replacement is appointed:

PUBLICITY – Responsibility for "outside" publicity matter of the Council.

COUNCIL COURIER EDITOR – Edits and publishes quarterly the *Council Courier*, the official publication of the CNCPS.

WEBMASTER – Coordinates information from member organizations about proposed exhibition dates, changes in member organization meeting times or places, and CNCPS activities. Also provides other information as directed by the CNCPS or President.

SPEAKERS BUREAU – Maintains a roster of speakers for member organizations or the outside community who request this service.

JUDGES – Provides judges for CNCPS member organizations' stamp exhibitions when requested.

CHALONER AWARD – Investigates qualifications of and recommends recipient(s) of the CNCPS Chaloner Award. The award is available annually for services to philately and to the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies.

Adopted: Jan.19, 1941

Amended: Dec .4, 1949; May 3, 1959; May3 , 1964; Aug.4, 1968; Nov.5, 1972; June 26, 1983; Sept.24, 2000; TBD 2007

Article From The Philatelic Reminder (Southern Oregon Philatelic Society)

Gleaned by Hank Washauer

Recollections of SOPEX Past

My name is Len Lukens, I live in Portland, Oregon. I've been a member of SOPS since 1965 and was very much involved with SOPEX from that year. The club met at the Girls' Community Center prior to my coming to Medford.

Elmer Binker was in charge of SOPEX and we had exhibits in 6-page frames. I became his assistant in 1965. He ran SOPEX up until 1968 when we moved to the Red Lion Inn until we had the sprinklers go off which resulted with some exhibit pages being ruined.

WATER DISASTER

Pat Patterson and I had just put up the last frames when this happened. All the club members jumped in and we moved all the exhibits that were getting wet. All I remember about those few minutes was the taste of water was not good. Most everyone were soaked to the skin. We were able to get into the frames, and save pages the water ran down the glass and came back up into the frames. Some material was ruined. When we went after Red Lion Inn to pay for damage, they refused claiming fault lay with the sprinkler company. Of course it had gone out of business

PIPEX SHOW

The next year we hosted PIPEX, a national level show, in the national Guard Armory. The difference between local and regional is local is put on for the benefit of the local members only to exhibit, whereas regional is open to any exhibitor. We made money from that show, over \$900.

Up until this time we were running always short and folks helped keep the club afloat. After PIPEX we went into the Holiday Inn for a couple of years. This was about the time Frank and Nancy Swan got really involved.

Then the manager of the Red Lion Inn approached us and wanted us back, he was a stamp collector and knew about the sprinklers, he gave us a deal. We stayed there for several years until Rich Moyer got us into the Catholic grad school. We stayed there for some time.

CHARTER MEMBER

We had a charter member in Norm Stevens who had worked at United Air Lines, and often flew out of Medford to stamp show all over the U.S.A. I bring Norm up because he had moved back to Nebraska and got married. He came to our shows from way back there.

Well, his wife and Norm came one Saturday, as they were entering the gym, she broke her ankle on cement work. The church said no to claim for injury, the city said the same. Anyway it got settled. Ed Parkby was in charge of SOPEX and he got us moved to the present location.

A LOT OF WORK

I'm not sure if a lot of folks know all the work that goes into setting up and taking down a show, but some names that come to my mind are Don Bryant and his wife, Pat Patterson (president), Rich Moyer and his wife, Larry Crain, Ed and Charlotte Parks. I might add thanks to the dealers who show up, they pay the bill for the rental of the hall, and to all others who have helped SOPEX.

- Len Lukens

VALLEJO STAMP CLUB RECOGNIZED BY JANET KLUG

Earlier this year, Janet Klug, APS President, sent a letter commending the Vallejo Stamp for their perseverance!

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Janet Klug President P. O. Box 250 Pleasant Plain, OH 45162

Dear Mr. Turrini and Members of the Vallejo Stamp Club,

Congratulations to all of you on the 60th anniversary of the Vallejo Stamp Club! This is no small achievement for any stamp club and it takes the dedication of many volunteers to keep a club going.

Local APS chapters such as the Vallejo Stamp Club provide fellowship, knowledge and goodwill to collectors that APS can't easily reach. There are not sufficient words to express how important that is to the future health and growth of our great hobby.

Here is something you may not know. I have an abiding fondness for Vallejo. My husband and I lived there for the first three years of our marriage (1969 - 1971). Russ was in the Air Force, stationed at Travis AFB. I worked for Electronic Data Systems in the city. Vallejo was sort of a halfway point between the two places of business. At that time Mare Island was still a huge, active Naval base. Vallejo put on the BEST EVER Fourth of July parades and picnics at Dan Foley Park. On weekends Russ and I would go out to Red Top and get a thick vanilla milk shake the likes of which I have not experienced since.

I wish you continued success. Stamp clubs are struggling, but it is worth the struggle.

Janet

Vallejo Stamp Club meets at 6:30 PM on the first Tuesday of the month, in the Wee Kirk Room at Community Presbyterian Church, 2800 Georgia, between Annette and Steffen, in east Vallejo.

Contact: P.O. Box 121 Vallejo, CA 94590.Tel: 707-246-6327

UPCOMING STAMP SHOWS

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(Redwood Empire Collector's Club Show)

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(For exhibit information): George Shalimoff
(707) 887-7380

Email: winepexinfo@yahoo.com

EAST BAY COLLECTORS CLUB SHOW

October 27-28, 2007

Walnut Creek Civic Center
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Randy Tuuri (tuurifam@comcast.net)

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Sunnyvale Community Center Gymnasium
550 E. Remington Dr.
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