



Jim Dempsey: Chaloner Recipient

The look of total surprise on Jim Dempsey's face was priceless. At the Collectors Club of San Francisco Christmas Dinner meeting, Jim was announced as the 2014 Chaloner Award recipient. The Chaloner Award is presented to philatelists who have made a significant positive contribution to philately in the Council area over a significant time.

The award was presented on behalf of the Council by CNCPS President Akthem Al-Manaseer. Jim joins a select group of philatelists whose names appear on the permanent plaques of the Chaloner trophy. The full list of recipients is on the Council web site. It reads like a Who's Who in Council area philately for more than six decades. Check out the list at www.norcalstamps.org.

Jim and his wife Sue have been long-time supporters of local stamp shows as "anchor dealer" A & D Stamps and Coins and a constant source of encouragement to collectors that flock to their booth.

Jim is a leader among the stamp dealer community, the designated representative of the trade to the APS, and lately the spark plug that has been essential to resurrect COALPEX from fond memories to reality this next June.

Thanks, Jim, from all of us!



**Randy Tuuri, 2014 Chaloner Committee Chair
Jim Dempsey, 2014 Chaloner Recipient
Akthem Al-Manaseer, Council President**

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

WESTPEX, Sunday April 27, 2015 NOON

Vesma Grinfelds Appointed Council Secretary

At the PENPEX CNCPS Board Meeting, December 7, Vesma Grinfelds was appointed to fill the remaining term of office of Gayle Hamilton, Council Secretary, who has asked to be relieved of her responsibilities for personal reasons. The Council voted their thanks and appreciation for the time Gayle has been able to give to the Council.

Vesma is currently the Council's Special Advisor and Chair of its Awards Committee. She has served previously as Council Secretary in 2004, Council President 2006-2009, and appointed Council Secretary to fill an unexpired term once before in 2010-2011.

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CNCPS Elected Officers and Appointed Positions 2014-15

Contact Information

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President: Dr. Akthem Al-Manaseer

Vice President: Larry Crain

Treasurer: Nigel Moriarty

Secretary: Vesma Grinfelds

Immediate Past President: David McNamee

Awards Chair: Vesma Grinfelds

Council Frames Coordinator: Randy Tuuri

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Judges Coordinator: Tim Burgess — pennyred@earthlink.net

Speakers Bureau: Kristin Paterson

Special Advisor: Vesma Grinfelds

Web Master: Tim Burgess — pennyred@earthlink.net

MEETINGS in 2015: WESTPEX (**April 27**), COALPEX (June), Filatellic Fiesta (November)

*Subject to change — watch the **Council Courier** for exact times and places*

What Does the Council Do?

A number of questions arise at this time every year (dues collection time) about what the clubs get for their ten bucks. It is a fair question, because a lot of what the Council does is not visible to everyone or not associated in people's minds with the CNCPS.

Perhaps some clues can be seen by the Committees that are part of the Council:

The *Council Courier* and the web site attempt to keep clubs and member societies aware of what is going on in our area (Northern California, Northern Nevada and Southern Oregon).

The Council promotes local philately

through support for clubs through the Speakers' Bureau for club programs, exchange of membership recruiting and retention ideas through the *Council Courier*, and support for stamp shows through:

- Publicity
- Exhibition Judges for local shows
- Loan of exhibit frames

The Chaloner and Holmsten awards are two of the ways that the Council encourages local philately.

The Council provides a training ground for future leaders in organized philately on the local, area and national levels.

CNCPS Meeting Minutes: WINEPEX October 5, 2014

Attending: Akthem Al-Manaseer, David McNamee, Stephen Schumann, Vesma Grinfelds, Tim Burgess, Larry Crain, Ken Goss, John Kuhlenkamp

CNCPS President Akthem al-Manaseer presided over the Council meeting at WINEPEX, which was called to order at 12:05 PM.

David McNamee volunteered to take the Minutes of the meeting in the absence of the Secretary.

Minutes:

The minutes of the April 2014 WESTPEX meeting were published in the July 2014 *Council Courier*. The motion to accept the minutes as published was approved unanimously.

Reports

Financial Report and Club Dues: Nigel Moriarty was not present, so no report this time.

The Web Master, Tim Burgess, requested more information and photos about club activities to publish on the web site as well as the *Council Courier*.

Judges Committee: Tim Burgess commented on the spirit of cooperation, flexibility and service to the club shows by our volunteer philatelic judges. Larry Crain brought up a potential candidate for training coming from the Pacific Northwest.

Chaloner Committee: Roy Teixeira, Randy Tuuri and Bill Barlow, Jr.

COALPEX: Dates June 13-14, 2015. Ken Goss reported on the status of COALPEX. The Committee is currently comprised of 10 people from Fremont, 4 people from EBCC, and at least 1 person each from Alameda and San Leandro clubs. The theme for the show will be Charlie Chaplin's "Little Tramp" 100th anniversary of the film's release. The film was made in studios at Niles (now part of Fremont, CA), so there is the local interest. Publicity plans include 2 mailings 6 weeks and 3 weeks prior to the show, an APS email blast, and the use of ATA and AAPE publications in their sections on upcoming shows. The next COALPEX meetings are at Ken Goss' house in 2 weeks and again during the EBCC show later this month.

Club Fliers: Vesma Grinfelds raised the issue of replenishing the Council clubs' fliers that we use to publicize our member organizations' activities. Steve Schumann will pick up the existing supply from EBCC show later this month and bring them to Filatelic Fiesta for their November show. Akthem agreed to send out an email request to

refresh the inventory of fliers.

Council Table at WESTPEX: Akthem Al-Manaseer reported on the success last year and vowed to repeat the solicitation of volunteers for the table.

New Business:

Filatelic Fiesta: Steve Schumann asked on their behalf for the loan of the Council Frames. FF is short of legs, and it is surmised from the excessive legs inventory in the Council box that some were inadvertently packed in the box after the cleanup during the last loan to Rossicapex.

Next Council Meeting will be held at PENPEX December 7 at Noon.

2015 Council Meetings: WESTPEX, COALPEX, FILATELIC FIESTA all Sundays at Noon.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
David McNamee, Acting Secretary

CNCPS Meeting Minutes: PENPEX December 7, 2014

Attending: Akthem Al-Manaseer. Larry Crain. Ken Goss, Eduardo Martino, Kristin Patterson, Jim Sauer, Joe Ross, Roy Teixeira, Vesma Grinfelds

CNCPS President Akthem al-Manaseer presided over the December 7, 2014 meeting at PENPEX which was called to order promptly at 12:30 PM.

Gayle Hamilton, Secretary, has resigned. Vesma Grinfelds volunteered to be Acting Secretary until the 2015 elections.

Minutes:

The minutes of the October 2014 WINEPEX meeting were accepted as correct with the following changes: The list of those in attendance also included Ken Goss, Steve Schumann and Larry Crain. The motion to accept the minutes was approved unanimously by those in attendance.

Treasurer's Report:

Nigel Moriarty, Treasurer, was unable to attend. As there was no report submitted, the financial status of the Council remains the same as per the report of April 15, 2014. Dues notices have been sent at the flat rate of \$10 per Club

New Business:

Concerning the Council Frames: the Council Frames were loaned to Filatelic Fiesta to be sorted and checked. Council legs were returned to the Council storage box. Eduardo Martino noted that 8 frames were in need of repair for an assortment of reasons such as cracked glass or loose backing. Ken Goss noted that he can do those repairs. Vesma Grinfelds moved and Kristin Patterson seconded the motion that Ken Goss be authorized to purchase necessary material and repair the frames at COALPEX. The motion carried unanimously.

Concerning COALPEX: Ken Goss will reach out for assistance when needed. He also brought fliers and entry forms which will be distributed to PENPEX participants.

Akthem received a letter with invitation to attend the Holiday Party being held December 12 by the Vallejo Stamp Club. The President of the Vallejo Club noted he has not been receiving the *Courier*. It is now also being sent via snail mail. Akthem will send a letter to him noting that his email address is with "juno.com" which is known for an extremely limited capacity. It is likely that, despite being sent, "juno.com" is blocking the message with such a large attachment.

The Chaloner Award Committee was comprised of winner of the award for the past three years: Randy Tuuri, Bill Barlow and Roy Teixeira. This Committee was thanked by President al-Manaseer. A winner has been selected and the presentation will occur at the Holiday Party of the CCSF on Wednesday, December 10.

The Council will have a table at WESTPEX to be located at the top of the escalator near the reception desk. It needs to be staffed at all times. Akthem will put out a sign-up sheet on the internet as he did last year. Two free admission tickets will be available for 2 volunteers. All Club members need be encouraged to sign up for a 2 hour time slot.

Council meetings in 2015 will take place at: WESTPEX, COALPEX and FILATELIC FIESTA.

Lisa Foster from Washington state has shown interested in becoming a Council jury member. She is willing to take the first step and participate at SOPEX for her 1st apprenticeship. She has inquired as to what arrangements need be made. She will be advised to contact Tim Burgess our Judging Coordinator.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned promptly at 1:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Vesma Grinfelds, Acting Secretary

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

WESTPEX, Sunday April 26, 2015 NOON

(VICE) PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Fellow Collectors:

As I travel to Northern California stamp shows (including Reno and Southern Oregon), dealers ask what I collect or what I'm looking for. They never ask why. Well, the answer is obvious: I collect because it is fun. Now there are other reasons too, but let me concentrate on the fun.

If we started as kids, everything then was fun, but even among the fun stamps we collected there were favorites, maybe the multi-colored animals of the Mozambique Company or the big, different shapes of Tanna Tuva or a special stamp or set given to us by the person who got us started.

As kids and adults, we found special countries or topics that we gathered especially. Maybe we decided to exhibit and if so, these special interests led to exhibiting, or maybe we decided to exhibit first and then looked at our collection to see what we had to exhibit. In either case these early countries or topics became often our "serious" collecting interests.

But . . . we still collected for fun. We buy stamps or covers because they appear to us intriguing. They come probably from some other aspect of our lives. We collect where we live or where we lived. We may collect our job or a job that was considered earlier in our lives but never happened. We collect what we do outside of work and philately; maybe these are collections related to sports, tv, movies, vacations, etc. We sometimes buy items only because they are neat, unusual or pretty. We all have a gallimaufry of philatelic items (gallimaufry – a collection of things, a word I learned from a stamp exhibit in Eureka.)

As I have gained friends from the philatelic area of the Nor Cal Council (Fresno to Medford, San Rafael to Reno), I try to ask what else people collect. And I hear great stories of their fun collections, what they also have passion for but don't usually get a chance to share with others. Stamp collecting is FUN! and it is fun to share it with others.

Larry Crain, CNCPS Vice President

Around the Council: Clubs and Members

Keep Your Club Contact Information Up-to-Date on the Web Site!

Humboldt Stamp Collectors Club

Word has come via the *Club News* that Humboldt annual Stamp Show for 2015 has been cancelled. Keep an eye on the schedule published in the *Council Courier* and on the Council web site www.norcalstamps.org, for further announcements about the show.

Other news from “up North” indicates that the Humboldt Stamp Club is doing well.

Our fearless reporter, Carolyn Podratz can give you more details of the Humboldt Stamp Collectors Club by emailing to: cardon2342@suddenlink.net.

USCS

Universal Ship Cancellation Society USS *Saginaw* Chapter's newsletter *CoverAge* carries images of colorful covers each month. The November issue had a number of interesting features: a cover prepared by member **Al Eckert** celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the commissioning of the USS *Nautilus*, a cover from the commissioning ceremonies October 11 in San Francisco of the USS *America* (LHA 6) with the Captain's signature scored by member **Dave Gehringer** (see below), and a wonderful array of hand illustrated envelopes from an artistic WWII sailor to his girlfriend.



If you have an interest in ship covers, contact **Steve Shay** of the local USCS Chapter at shaymur@flash.net for the exact time of the meeting.

S. F. Pacific Philatelic Society

The second Tuesday of each month at 7 PM finds this active group welcoming members, guests and interested collectors from around the world to the Community Room at the Richmond Station of the SFPD, 461 6th Ave, SF. Each month provides a program by an outside speaker or member presentations, except for the June Summer Pizza Party and the Christmas gathering in December. Contact **Bob Lazzaretto** on 415-585-9592 for more info.

Sequoia Stamp Club

The Redwood City club has had a string of interesting presentations by their club members and other speakers from other clubs. If you are looking for a way to spice up your meetings and draw attendance, consider having a speaker at least once each quarter. We love this hobby because we get to learn so much, and we are blessed in the Council Area with a lot of people who love to talk about what they have learned. Sequoia President Kristin Patterson is also the Council Contact for the Speakers Bureau. She can put your club into contact with a number of interesting speakers. Contact details are on page 2.

Santa Rosa Stamp Club

SRSC Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month throughout the year at 7:00 pm in the Lodge at Paulin Creek, Building D, 2375 Range Avenue, Santa Rosa. For more information about the meetings or membership in the club call: 707-774-6296 or send a request by email at srsc12@yahoo.com.

Want YOUR club's news featured?

Make certain your newsletter editor sends a copy of the club's newsletter and press releases to the Editor of the *Council Courier*:

David McNamee
PO BOX 37
Alamo, CA 94507
or by email
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Fresno Philatelic Society

Dick Richardson reports: The Fresno Philatelic Society will hold its FRESPEX 2015 show March 14 and 15 at the Veterans Memorial Hall at 453 Hughes Ave. in Clovis, CA. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission and parking are free. There will be judged exhibits as well as nonjudged club exhibits. For more information contact Dick Richardson at starstamps@thegrid.net.

Nevada S.S.S.

Dick Dreiling filled substantially the entire November 2014 issue of the *Sparks Headlight*, the monthly publication of the Sparks Museum & Cultural Center. His article, "Philatelic Nevada," shows the many beautiful stamps issued for Nevada and Nevada themes.

Harvey and Terri Edwards head up a team of dedicated and talented volunteers that together put on a great show, the **Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show**. Don't miss this show next year! See the Exhibitor's Prospectus attached.

Southern Oregon

The Southern Oregon Philatelic Society is actively promoting philatelic exhibiting and attending other shows to its members as two ways to keep improving their annual April Stamp Show. Getting around to other clubs or other clubs' events is a good way to pick up ideas to make your own club meetings and events more interesting for members. It is a great show put on by friendly folks. Plan to attend the show this coming April, and see the Pear Blossom Festival Parade in downtown Medford.

San Jose Stamp Club

The San Jose Club played host to those attending Filatelic Fiesta in November. An "open house" area with coffee and cookies and

loaded with fliers about area clubs. Members of the club spent the entire show meeting and chatting with visitors. Like several other clubs, they have an active Youth and Scouts program.

Redwood Empire

RECC celebrated their 20th WINEPEX stamp show October 3-5, 2014. This show is always a special exhibition of exclusively one-frame (16-page) exhibits. This year featured a number of excellent exhibits on a wide-ranging array of topics. Don't miss it next year!

In 2015, WINEPEX will be the chosen site of the Holmsten Award, given to the best exhibit by a CNCPS club member, whose name is engraved then on the permanent trophy named for Leonard Holmsten, an active promoter of local exhibitions.

RECC meets in Petaluma at the Cattlemen's Restaurant at 6 PM on the third Wednesday of each month. They have interesting speakers, so if you would like to visit the club, contact Bob Dyer via email nrdyer@comcast.net.

Do you want YOUR member's pictures featured?

Make certain your newsletter editor or publicity chair sends photos to the Editor of the *Council Courier*:

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Collectors Club of San Francisco

CCSF welcomed **Dr. Paul D. Allen** to the San Francisco philatelic scene at their November meeting. Dr. Allen presented a program on his work in the postal history of Victorian India.

Dr. Allen moved to the West Coast recently from the east coast..

The December meeting at the regular 2nd Wednesday evening at 6 PM at L'Olivier Restaurant in San Francisco was their annual Christmas dinner. The featured event of the evening was the presentation of the Chaloner Award to Jim Dempsey (see page 1).

California Collectors Club

The C.C.C. has a club auction at every meeting, featuring Club material (country lots on album pages, etc.) as well as Member lots.

EBCC

The East Bay Collectors Club annual stamp show October 25-26 in Walnut Creek was a great success with forty frames of exhibits and more than a dozen stamp dealers. This year's theme was the 75th Anniversary of the Golden Gate Exposition. Membership in EBCC entitles the member to a free ticket to the annual Christmas Dinner, well worth the price of support for the club. For more information, contact Randy Tuuri by email at tuuri-fam@comcast.net.

Fremont Stamp Club

The FSC is busily organizing members and others to help put on COALPEX in June 2015. It will be here before you know it! See box lower right on this page..

You can keep up with FSC through their web site :

www.fremontstampclub.org

Or meet with them on the second Thursday of the month at 7 PM at the Fremont Cultural Arts Center, 3375 Country Drive.

Is This Your Club?

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SEND YOUR NEWS TO THE EDITOR!
(and PICTURES, TOO)

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Meetings, Exhibitions, Bourse, and Fellowship

Recruiting New Members

Share your most successful recruiting tips with other clubs — send your tips to the Editor of the *Council Courier* at dmcnamee@aol.com

Exhibit at FRESPEX

March 14-15, 2015

Contact **Arthur Olney**, Exhibits Chairman (559) 431-0910, or use the Prospectus on the Council web site:

www.norcalstamps.org

COALPEX UPDATE

June 13-14, 2015

Jim Dempsey (A&D Stamps) has signed up a number of dealers for the COALPEX show in Walnut Creek. The COALPEX theme for the show is the 100th anniversary of Charlie Chaplin's "Little Tramp," filmed locally in the Niles Canyon area. Niles (now part of Fremont) was a rival to Hollywood film studios back in the day — that's the local angle!



The COALPEX committee is headed by **Ken Goss** of the Fremont Stamp Club and including **members from all five clubs who make up COALPEX:**

- Alameda Stamp Club**
- Diablo Valley Stamp Club**
- East Bay Collectors Club**
- Fremont Stamp Club**
- The Philatelic Society of San Leandro**

FWPL (Friends of the Western Philatelic Library)

The Western Philatelic Library has a new telephone number 650-306-9150. It is suggested to call to make certain someone will be there when you want to visit. During their “settling in” period, hours of operation may be more flexible than the hours posted on their web site www.fwpl.org. Recent visitors report that things are nearly all organized and operations are becoming normalized.

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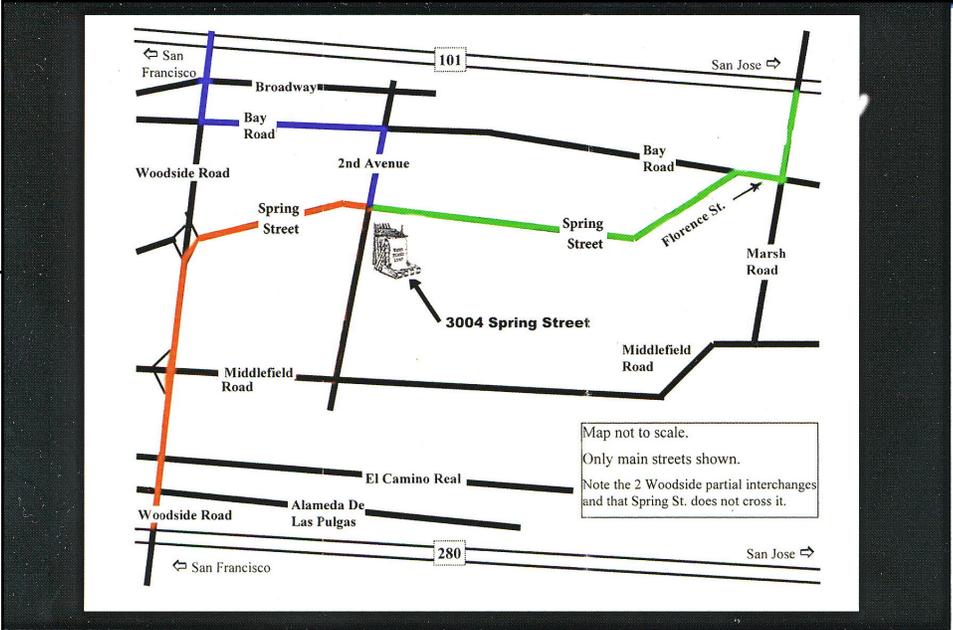
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Having a philatelic library in our region is a tremendous resource. Whether you need to use the library to look up the answer to a collecting question, to acquire research assistance while

writing an article, or to study for judging a stamp exhibit, the Western Philatelic Library can provide answers. The alternatives are other libraries outside our area — or you do without.

What many do not consider are the other activities and services provided by FWPL volunteers. The WPL provides supplies and stamps for youth activities, and volunteers bring tearsheets of articles and duplicate books to WESTPEX, Filatelic Fiesta and PENPEX for sale or for free. Each year, the FWPL conducts an auction of donated material that is not required by the library to raise funds.

The library is staffed by volunteers; however, there are plenty of expenses: funds to keep the doors open (mortgage, utilities, repairs), funds for new books and subscriptions, and funds to repair and conserve the books and journals in the collection. Significant financial support comes from grants by WESTPEX and annual dues and contributions from collectors.

Short Cuts

San Francisco Pacific Philatelic Society, like many clubs, conducts a “show-and-tell” or “clothesline” based on members’ collecting interests. To make it both interesting and challenging, SFPPS chooses 2 letters of the alphabet as the starting point for members’ presentations. The November 11 Meeting was subjects beginning with the letters “L” or “M.” Other groups rotate colors, such as subjects involving blue stamps, for their monthly member presentations.

Council Shows Report

NOTE: The *Council Courier* will publish only the highlights of each stamp show. We will not publish the full palmares — that information is available on the CNCPS web site: www.norcalstamps.org.

Results for Fourth Quarter 2014

OCTOBER 3-5 : **WINEPEX** San Rafael

Grand Award: **David McNamee**

The Natal Rebellion of 1906

OCTOBER 25-26: **EBCC SHOW** Walnut Creek

Grand Award: **Vesma Grinfelds**

Provisional Cancels of Latvia: 1919-1920

NOVEMBER 1-2 : **SACAPEX** Sacramento

Grand Award: **Vesma Grinfelds**

Provisional Cancels of Latvia: 1919-1920

NOVEMBER 14-16 : **FILATELIC FIESTA**

Grand Award: **Paul D. Allen**

India Victorian Outgoing Mail to Great Britain, Europe and USA, Oct 1854—July 1876

DECEMBER 6-7: **PENPEX** Redwood City

Grand Award: **Robert Rawlins**

U. S. Navy Battleship Mail During WWI

Congratulations to All Participants!

The Holmsten Award

The Holmsten Award is named for the late Leonard Holmsten, a long-time sparkplug of local stamp shows and exhibitions. It is given annually at a rotating Council club exhibition to the Best Exhibit by a member of a Council club. In 2015, the Holmsten Award will be given at WINEPEX.

SHOW SCHEDULE & JUDGES

CNCPS Judges Chair **Tim Burgess** announced the Exhibition Show Schedule and Judges for 2015:

NOVAPEX FEB 28—MARCH 1, Redding

Judges: TBA

FRESPEX MARCH 14-15, Fresno

Judges Larry Crain + TBA

SOPEX APRIL 12-13 Medford, OR

Judges Nick Follansbee + TBA + Lisa Foster (Apprentice)

COALPEX JUNE 13-14 Walnut Creek

Judges Vesma Grinfelds, Nigel Moriarty

RENO STAMP SHOW JUL 25-26 Reno, NV

Judges Ed Laveroni, Bob Grosch

WINEPEX OCTOBER 2-4 San Rafael

Judges Tim Bartshe, David McNamee

EBCC SHOW OCTOBER 24-25 Walnut Creek

Judges Akthem Al-Manaseer, Henry Marquez

SACAPEX NOVEMBER 7-8 Sacramento

Judges Bill Barlow, Nestor Nunez

PENPEX DECEMBER 5-6 Redwood City

Judges Larry Crain + Ed Laveroni

Schedule: First Quarter 2015

NOVAPEX FEB 28—MARCH 1 Redding

FRESPEX MARCH 14-15 Fresno

Contacts and information for these shows can be located through the CNCPS web site:

www.norcalstamps.org

Consider exhibiting — it's fun!

WSP (National) Shows

WESTPEX APRIL 25-27

FILATELIC FIESTA NOV 14-16

PENPEX 2014



Photos of PENPEX by Ken Perkins.

Thanks also to Webmaster Ed Bierman

