



## Closed Album: Captain Bob Rawlins



### 1926-2015.

The above one-of-a-kind hand-painted cachet by Budd Arrington honors Bob Rawlins. The cover appears as the lead in the April issue of *CoverAge*, the newsletter of the USCS USS Saginaw Chapter. Bob passed away on March 30. He was very active in local shows and local philately as well as a national medal winner.

Bob was an avid exhibitor, with collections as far afield as 19th Century Navy mail, rocket mail, submarine mail, polar exploration, the sinking of the USS *Maine*, and ship cancellations and cachets. He could always be counted on to help a local show find exhibits, to freely share his historical knowledge in his areas of interest.

Bob spent his lifetime in service to others, from graduation from the Naval Academy in 1947, to his many volunteer activities since his retirement from the Navy in 1977. He served the Universal Ship Cancellation Society local chapter in various leadership positions from 1977 until the day before he passed away. For the past 20 years until his death, Bob was also an active volunteer at the Healdsburg Museum.

He will be missed by many.

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# CNCPS Elected Officers and Appointed Positions 2014-15

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**MEETINGS in 2015:** WESTPEX (April), COALPEX (June), Filatelic Fiesta (**November 16**)

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

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## 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.

# Council Minutes 26 April 2015 — Meeting at WESTPEX

President, Akthem al-Manaseer, presided over the April 16, 2015 meeting at WESTPEX which was called to order promptly at 12:00 PM. All those in attendance introduced themselves:

Akthem Al-Manaseer	Larry Crain	David McNamee	Tim Burgess	Bill Oliver
Barbara Herbert	Randy Tuuri	Herb Volin	Mark Woodward	Robert
PopeWinfield Frazier IV	Vesma Grinfelds			

## Minutes:

The minutes of the December 2014 PEXPEX meeting were accepted as written unanimously.

## Treasurer's Report:

Nigel Moriarty, Treasurer, was unable to attend. David McNamee presented Nigel's report as written. Currently, there are \$3,553.00 in the account. During WESTPEX, the CCSF, PSC and the Sacramento Clubs paid their dues. The Financial Report was accepted as written unanimously

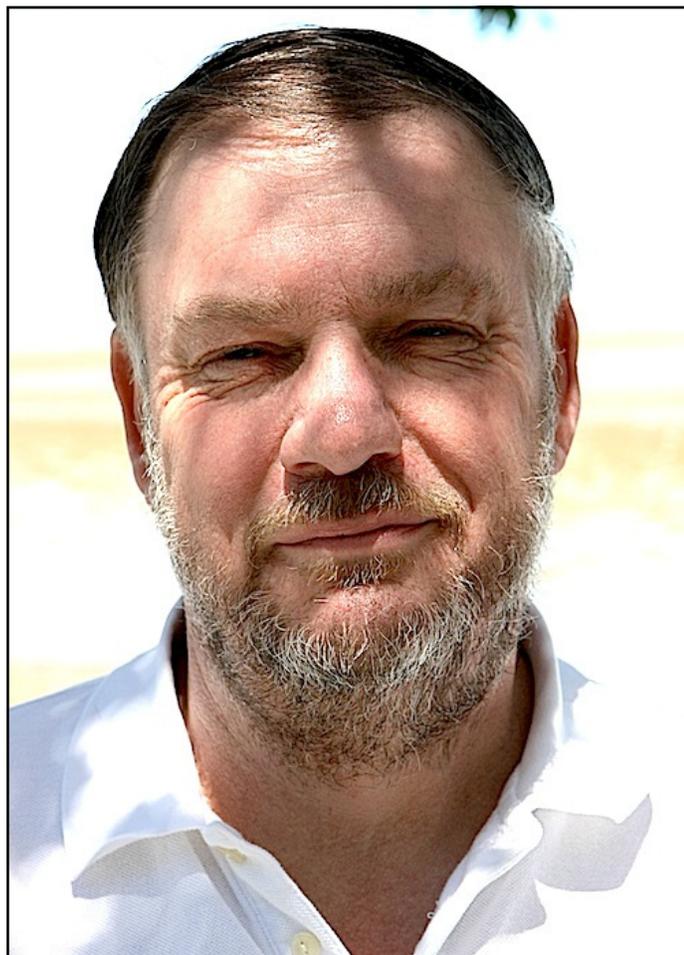
## New Business:

1. Concerning the borrowing/sharing of frames between NOVAPLEX and SOPEX: Larry Crain wished it recorded that SOPEX has borrowed frames from NOVAPLEX. There has been mutual cooperation for this arrangement.
2. Mark Woodward, the winner of the recent Holmsten Award, was in attendance. His photo was taken to be used in the Courier!
3. SOPEX 2015: Larry Crain noted that 45 frames were filled. Seventeen adults and 2 youth participated. Members from a variety of Clubs participated.
4. This year is an election for Council positions. Akthem appointed Past Presidents David McNamee and Vesma Grinfelds to serve along with him on the Nominating Committee.
5. David McNamee was thanked for the fantastic efforts as Editor of the *Council Courier*.
6. Larry Crain passed along the Apprentice Evaluation form concerning our recent Apprentice Judge (Lisa Foster) to Tim Burgess who is in charge of the Council Judges. Tim also noted that the calendar for judges assignments has been filled for 2015. Currently, there are 15-16 judges available for assignment.
7. A general discussion concerning exhibiting ensued. It was generally agreed that beginning an exhibit is an intimidating process. Exhibits must be a story and not just a collection of philatelic items. Les Lanphear III, a guest in attendance from San Diego, noted that local club members are learning to do a 1-page exhibit via a mentoring program, as a "place to start." Vesma Grinfelds asked that Les keep us informed as to the progress of the project. He agreed to do so.
8. Concerning the Holmsten Award: this year the venue will be WINEPEX in October. In 2016, the competition was offered to the East Bay Collector's Club Show and they accepted.
9. Robert Pope has agreed to become the Council Secretary in the future!
10. David McNamee reported the 40% of the frames for COALPEX, our returning Show, are already filled. The Fremont Stamp Club has taken the lead in the reappearance of this Show.
11. There was discussion concerning the state of FRESPEX. The Chairman of FRESPEX has noted that for the time being, FRESPEX will be a "Bourse Only" event. This notation will be added to our web site by webmaster, Tim Burgess.
12. Tim Burgess, in turn, approached the subject of turning over our web-site to another person. The Council has offered to purchase him software to make his work easier. Appreciation for his work and endeavors on our behalf was expressed.
13. The next meeting with elections will be held at PENPEX on Sunday, December 6 at Noon

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vesma Grinfelds, Acting Secretary

## 2015 Holmsten Award Winner Mark Woodward



**Mark Woodward** of the Redding Stamp Club won the Grand Award at NOVAPLEX 2015 in March for his exhibit, *The 1/2p Machin of Great Britain*. He also won the Best Exhibit by a Club Member, and the Council's Holmsten Award. *Congratulations Mark!*

Picture courtesy of Winfield Frazier, So. Oregon P.S.

### 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.

### NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

**Penpex, Sunday DEC 6, 2015  
Redwood City @ 12:30 PM**

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

### Fellow Collectors:

For the second year, the Council members had a successful opportunity to advertise their club information and meet other club members at a designated table WESTPEX 2015. It was an enjoyable opportunity meeting new members. Thank you to all the volunteers.

The council meeting on April 16, 2015 was well attended and we had several interesting subjects to discuss, as you can read from the minutes published in this newsletter.

Congratulation to COALPEX 2015; it is thrilling to see it coming back again. I am very sad to report that FRESPEX 2016 will be only a "Bourse" and there will be no competing exhibits.

The Chaloner Award Committee has met and made their recommendation to the Council. The Chaloner Award is the highest recognition for service to philately in our Council. Have a look at the Council web site [www.norcalstamps.org](http://www.norcalstamps.org) to see the list of Chaloner recipients going back to Henry Chaloner in 1951. The list shows the past and present people who have worked hard so that all of us in the Council area can enjoy this wonderful hobby. We will announce the 2015 Award in a later issue.

Please consider competing at the single frame WINEPEX 2015 show. This year the Leonard Holmsten Award will be given at the show to the highest scoring exhibit displayed by a Council member. A winning exhibit is an exhibit that has a nice philatelic story that is easy to follow from your title page.

I look forward to seeing you at the next council meeting that will be held during the PENPEX 2016 show on Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM. **Nominations for all council officers position is open and elections will be held at the PENPEX show.** Please consider nominating your self or a person from your club. You may contact me if you are interested or if you would like to know about the duties of the council officers.

Please e-mail me at [akthem@pacbell.net](mailto:akthem@pacbell.net) if you have any thoughts or questions that you wish to include at the next council meeting.

*Akthem Al-Manaseer,*  
CNCPS President

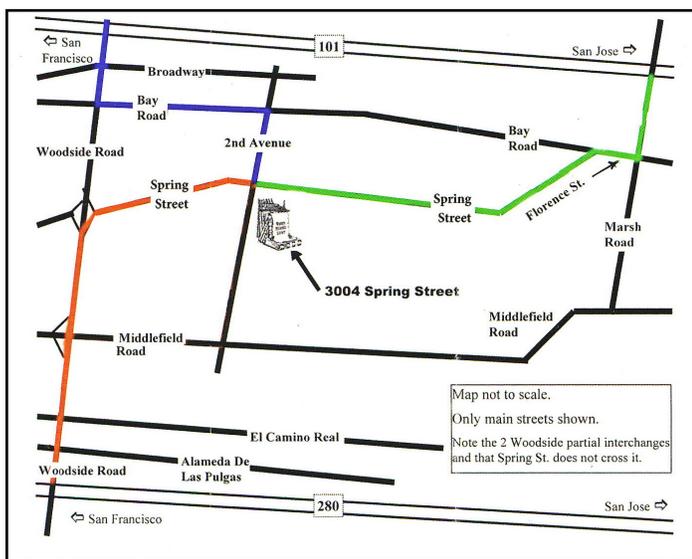
## Around the Council: Clubs and Members

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

### Friends of the Western Philatelic Library

The FWPL reports that donations are continuing to grow to support the Building Fund. Having a philatelic library in the region is recognized by most as a special resource to support the hobby throughout the Council area. The library serves as a repository for knowledge that spans the far reaches of our hobby over more than 150 years. **Ray Teixeira** and **Roger Skinner** stand ready to help find the answer to your philatelic questions.

The WPL is located in its own building in Redwood City at 3004 Spring Street. If you plan to visit, give them a call at 650-306-9150. Hours are posted on their web site: [www.fwpl.org](http://www.fwpl.org). There are opportunities to volunteer for a workday on Jul 18, August 15 and September 19 during this quarter.



Map to the new location for the Western Philatelic Library

### Alameda Stamp Club

**Meeting Changes for 2015!**

Member **Barbara Herbert** reports that meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in Alameda at the Immanuel Lutheran Parish Hall on 1910 Santa Clara Avenue.

The change from the first Tuesday of the month to the third Tuesday became effective the first of the year.

The Alameda Stamp Club has added a daytime meeting on the third Thursday of the month at the Mastick Senior Center, 1155 Santa Clara Avenue – Room D from 10:00 am to noon. Both meetings are readily accessible by AC Transit – 51A and O buses.

### USCS

Universal Ship Cancellation Society USS *Saginaw* Chapter's newsletter *CoverAge* for May/June reported on the fine memorial service held May 1 for Captain Bob Rawlins.

*CoverAge* also reported on recent activities at WESTPEX and PIPEX, as well as illustrate a couple of interesting covers addressed to the USS *Saginaw*, the first ship built at the Mare Island Navy Yard in **1859!**

The USS *Saginaw* was a sidewheel steam sloop-of-war as part of the Pacific Squadron protecting the West Coast of the USA from Confederate activity. The local chapter of USCS is named for her.

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

### S. F. Pacific Philatelic Society

Members of the SFPPS that volunteered at or attended WESTPEX were prominently fea-

tured in the May edition of their newsletter. Perhaps their most prominent member is **Ed Jarvis**, the Chair of the WESTPEX show. Quite a few members are part of the Committee that puts on arguably the best stamp show in the USA!

The SFPPS is APS Life Chapter No. 1, meaning that we have a celebrity group in our midst! Organized November 24, 1884, SFPPS is the oldest continuous philatelic activity in Northern California.

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. Lately, they are working through the alphabet with members bring collectibles beginning with one or more letters of the alphabet.

Contact **Bob Lazzaretto** on 415-585-9592 for more info with this fun group.

### Humboldt Stamp Collectors Club

Ed Dimick, stamp dealer from Walnut Creek, has agreed to conduct a one-day bourse if a venue can be found. This will give the HSSC dealer contact to replace somewhat the club's cancelled stamp show.

The regular meetings have a variety of activities each month. The club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Senior Resource Center starting promptly at 7:15 PM. Doors open at 6:30 PM with lots of refreshments. If you arrive after 7:30 PM, please knock on the door!

Our fearless reporter, Carolyn Podratz can give you more details of the Humboldt Stamp Collectors Club by emailing at [cardon2342@suddenlink.net](mailto:cardon2342@suddenlink.net).

### San Jose Stamp Club

The San Jose Club President **Brian Jones** conducted a Boy Scout merit badge for Stamp Collecting at WESTPEX last April. Pictures of the event are in their June newsletter.. Also in the June issue is a fascinating cover from a general store in San Jose to attorney offices in Martinez which went by Bamber & Co. Express.

Private express companies used in the West is a popular collecting subject, and several fine exhibits can be seen at Council shows as well as WESTPEX and Filatelic Fiesta.

SJSC Newsletter Editor **Jim Sauer** is looking to step down in January. He has done a fine job, and we wish him well in "retirement." If you want this important job, email him: [hjames-sauer@yahoo.com](mailto:hjames-sauer@yahoo.com).

#### 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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or by email  
[dmcnamee@aol.com](mailto:dmcnamee@aol.com)



### East Bay Collectors Club

**Stewart Chang** reports: The East Bay Collectors Club is preparing for its show on October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at 1375 Civic Center Drive, Walnut Creek. This show theme will be the celebration of the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the club and show. The 'Albert R. Muller Memorial Trophy' for the best Northern Europe Exhibit will make its de-

but this show. Fourteen dealers have been signed up and there will be a stamp give away for kids.

If you want to help out or need more information, contact Randy Tuuri by email to:

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The club normally meets the first and third Thursday of each month. For more information, please access their webpage <http://ebcc.wikispot.org/>.

### Nevada S.S.S.

The Nevada Society is busy organizing another outstanding event, the **Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show** set for July 25-26. Don't miss this show held at the National Bowling Stadium Hall of Fame Museum (check out Council ex-President **Vesma Grinfelds'** portrait there). See the Exhibitor's Prospectus attached or go to: [www.renostamp.org/show.html](http://www.renostamp.org/show.html).

**Where is news  
of Your Club?**

**Cards, Letters and  
Photos Requested!**

**dmcnamee@aol.com**

**Your Council Courier Editor**

Many clubs are having their summer social event, so why not share a few digital photos with other members of the Council?

They are best sent as an attachment; however, you can embed them in the email instead, but be certain to keep the resolution high for best picture quality.

## COALPEX a Success!!!

Thanks to participation and attendance from throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, the **CONtra Costa ALameda** clubs pulled together to bring back COALPEX after a 7-year pause. Last held in 2008, the "hole" in the show schedule was felt by dealers, exhibitors and collectors in the Bay Area.

COALPEX was brought back largely by the extraordinary efforts of **Jim Dempsey** and the leadership of the Fremont club Past and current Presidents **Ken Goss** and **David Epps**. **Randy Tuuri** and **Nigel Moriarty** of the East Bay club provided needed show management expertise, and **Gayle Hamilton** (San Leandro club) and **Michael Jordan** (Diablo Valley club) were among many volunteers who helped at the Welcome Table.

COALPEX had been held together for a few years by Charles Kasdorf following the passing of Leonard Holmsten, who had led COALPEX for many years. The resurrected COALPEX for 2015 was pronounced a success by all participants. If you missed this year, place a big red circle on your phone calendar for June 11-12, 2016, so that you don't miss it!

A special thanks goes out to Southern Oregon's **Larry Crain, Bradley Fritts** and **Nancy Swan** drove from Medford to support COALPEX with their exhibits and participation. **Barbara Herbert** of the Alameda club worked tirelessly at set-up, take-down and as a guide for our Oregon guests. Shown in the picture below (L-R): Bradley, Barbara, **David McNamee** (COALPEX Exhibits), and Larry. Nancy is the photographer,



# 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](http://www.norcalstamps.org).

## Results for Second Quarter 2015

APRIL 12-13 : **SOPEX**, Medford, OR

Grand Award: Larry Maddux

*Oregon Territory Mails*

JUNE 13-14: **COALPEX**, Walnut Creek

Grand Award: Ed Bierman

*A History of the San Francisco Cliff House in Post Cards*

***Congratulations to All Participants!***



(Above) Gayle Hamilton, Therese Goss and David Epps welcome collectors to COALPEX 2015.

(Below) Jim and Sue Dempsey in front of The Great Wall serving customers at COALPEX 2015.



## SHOW SCHEDULE & JUDGES

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

**NOVAPEX** FEB 28—MARCH 1, Redding

Judges: Len Lukens + TBA

**FRESPEX** MARCH 14-15, Fresno

Bourse Only

**SOPEX** APRIL 12-13 Medford, OR

Judges Nick Follansbee, Bob Grosch  
+ 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: Third Quarter 2015

**RENO STAMP SHOW** JUL 25-26 Reno, NV

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

[www.norcalstamps.org](http://www.norcalstamps.org)

***Consider exhibiting — it's fun!***

**WSP (National) Shows**

**FILATELIC FIESTA** NOV 14-16

## Images from SOPEX, Medford, Oregon April 12-13



(Upper Left): Spacious exhibit hall has room for dealers, exhibits, youth activities, and just a place to get off your feet.

(Upper Right): Visitors and judges are studying the exhibits.

(Left): Michael Jaffe helping customers at his dealer's table at SOPEX 2015.

(Below, L-R): Philatelic Exhibition Judges Bob Grosch, Lisa Foster (Apprentice) and Nick Follansbee. Lisa came down from the Seattle area to help out in exchange for training as a Council Philatelic Judge.

