



## Recognizing a Debt to Pay

David McNamee

*Editorial Comment*

It would have been difficult to enjoy my hobby as much as I have without the Western Philatelic Library. To have such an asset nearby is a privilege for us all. For me it is an intensely personal symbol.

Forty years ago, I was invited to join the FWPL Board. It was early in my involvement with what we call “organized philately.” I served as Chair of the SUNPEX Committee 1975-1976, and I was active in the Sunnyvale Stamp Society. Roger Skinner recruited me to join the Board at the close of SUNPEX in 1976. The main question we were dealing with at the time was where to relocate the library collection. The Sunnyvale Public Library had housed the collection, but they needed the room for their expanding general collection.

I moved out of the area in 1977 and lost touch with the Sunnyvale club and the library. My hobby was put on “hold” for 20 years as I dealt with the challenges of a corporate career, starting my own business and several house moves in the Bay Area.

Fast forward to 1998, and I dusted off my hobby as a means of relaxation from the stress I faced every day as a business owner. At WESTPEX that year (my first since 1976), I found Roger Skinner at the FWPL booth, and we chatted about the Library, some of the things that had transpired in the last 20 years and how I might get involved once again. Shortly after that chance encounter, I hit a very bad patch. I was unable to work in my business any longer due to stress, and the WPL was an important part of my recovery.



### *Access to Knowledge*

Roger gave me a place to work and a set of tasks that required my hands but not a lot of thinking. Once a week, I came to the Library to process book covers and repair damaged volumes. When I was sufficiently recovered, he asked me to document and assist in improving library operations, the sort of work that I had done as a consultant.

I was asked to rejoin the Board in 2000, and I worked with other Board members to give the WPL an updated “look” in preparation for a fundraising/marketing push — any day the City of Sunnyvale could ask us to vacate the free rent space where we were, so we needed to find a place and the funds to support it.

For various reasons, all that fell apart, and I left the Board but still volunteered somewhat regularly up to the time the WPL moved in 2014. During that decade or so, there were other attempts to modernize and reorganize the Board and Library operations, with little lasting success.

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# CNCPS Elected Officers and Appointed Positions 2014-15

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*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.

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Fellow Collectors:

### Why do We Collect?

There is much talk and concern about the future of philately and rightly so. Email and social media are replacing personal letters and postal cards. I-phones with the almost instant snap-and-send picture capability are replacing picture post cards. Pay-on-line is replacing business mail. UPS and FedEx are replacing parcel post, and the colorful flurry of non-denominated and almost non-denomination stamps on "junk" mail has cut interest in this aspect of philately. There are even additional causes for concern.

But, also, the reasons why we collect need to be looked at. First, there are collectors and "throw-aways." There will continue to be those with the collector gene. Some philatelic collectors fill album spaces; some create album spaces for their topical/thematic interests. Some collect covers and revel in the clues and stories the markings, in addition to the stamps, present to them. Some see stamps as connections with their profession, with their past interests or with their wannabe activities. These reasons for collecting will continue to exist.

But also collecting is a hobby; that is, it is a relaxation. Collecting is educational and thus a way to satisfy curiosity. Collecting is a way to connect to one's past. Stamp collecting is not the only way to do these things. There are more ways to relax now or more modern ways, such as the internet, to satisfy curiosity or more directly personal ways, for example genealogical research, to connect with one's past, but the reasons will continue to exist. Stamp collecting will continue to fulfill these needs.

Therefore stamp collecting will not disappear; it is not on its last legs. Even if postal services disappear and no new ones are produced, the billions of stamps and covers we have now will continue to exist and to be collected. Yes, of course, stamp collecting will change, but it

has been changing since 1840. The reasons why we collect will not change, and we will continue to collect.

*Larry Crain*

### NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

**Filatelie Fiesta, Sunday NOV 12, 2016  
San Jose @ NOON**

**Last Meeting:** COALPEX June 12, 2016

Minutes are in the July 2016 issue of  
*Council Courier*

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We (**all** of us) are at a critical junction right this minute. The WPL is being supported, as it has for 40 years, by a small number of people and a precarious financial position. If things do not change, there is a high probability that the WPL will cease to exist. How to fix this?

#### **More people need to get involved:**

- People who have business skills to populate the Board.
- People who have a love for books and/or philately to work in the library.
- People who have Library Science skills or experience to advise and revise operations to take advantage of technology and improve internal efficiency.
- People who live in or close to Redwood City to volunteer so that the library is open for more hours.
- People who have the funds to support the WPL.

Kudos to **Roy Teixeira** for the thousands of hours he has spent already and his commitment to take a leadership role in the next iteration. Kudos also to **Ed Jarvis** for getting involved with the new Board. I will re-engage as well, **if others will join us**. Contact me at [dmcnamee@aol.com](mailto:dmcnamee@aol.com) to add your name to the list.

Otherwise, I fear the future will see this wonderful asset disappear, forever. That would be a shame on all of us.

## Around the Council: Clubs and Members

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

### CLUB FLIERS PROMOTE YOUR CLUB

Finally it happened! We obtained a proper file box to sort and store the club fliers that we have on hand for use at stamp shows to advertise local clubs. Once we had them sorted and filed, we realized that we were **extremely low or missing entirely fliers for the following clubs and societies:**

BNAPS

CAL-REV

China Stamp Society, Chiu Chin Chan Chapter

East Bay Collectors Club

Fresno Philatelic Society

FWPL

Humboldt Stamp Collectors Club

Nevada Stamp Study Society

Peninsula Philatelic Club/PENPEX

Philatelic Soc. of San Leandro

Redding Stamp Club

Rossica, Nor-Cal Chapter

Sacramento Philatelic Society

SF Bay Area Post Card Club

So. Oregon Philatelic Society

USCS, USS Saginaw Chapter 59

Vallejo Stamp Club

Check out the picture of our new Club Fliers Box on page 9.

Also very important to keep our webmaster up to date with changed club information:

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### The California Collectors Club

At our last meeting held July 8, we welcomed back Arkadiy Kogan. He brought a guest, Igor Bugzilov, with him. Igor was interested in obtaining 1980's Gold Stamp Replicas. He had only heard about such stamps and was sure they would be difficult to find. His query led to an immediate EBay search, where he discovered that 6 albums filled with 243 covers was available for BUY IT NOW/MAKE OFFER. His offer for 25% less than the listed price was accepted. It was a pleasant surprise and a requested search quickly fulfilled.

The photo below illustrates the discussion with Russian being interpreted and restated numerous times with much humor – along with lengthy explanation about how EBay works. Internet does have its benefits, which members of our Club learned in the space of a very few minutes! [Reported by Vesma Grinfelds]



Left to right are: Valery Gris, Mikhail Goldshteyn, Vesma Grinfelds, Pierre Hahn, Arkadiy Kogan and Igor Bugzilov

CCC meets at the St. James Episcopal Church, 4620 California St., between 8th and 9th Ave. 6:30 PM on the second Friday of each month. For more information contact President **Ian Anton** at 415-515-9503. Everyone is welcome!

## Monterey County Stamp Club

**Ruth Pantry** reports that the club has a new contact person for information about the club: **Steve Radisch**. The club still meets the 4th Thursday of each month at St Ansgar's Lutheran Church, 72 E. San Joaquin St., Salinas. Contact him via email at:

ssradisch@sbcglobal.net

The Council web site is being updated with this new information.

## Friends of the Western Philatelic Library

FWPL reports that the July 30 sale brought in \$3000 much needed support. The library relies on sales of duplicate books, tear sheets and donated stamps to supplement the dues and donations that makes the operation of this valuable asset possible. Auction action below.

**Roy Teixeira** applied a lot of elbow grease (and paint) to spruce up the Library and parking lot for the sale.



### 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*:

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The WPL is located in its own building in Redwood City at 3004 Spring Street. Their normal hours are posted on their web site: [www.fwpl.org](http://www.fwpl.org) or call 650-306-9150 for info.

## USCS

The local USCS Chapter No. 59 is named for the USS *Saginaw*. The next two meetings will be October 16 at WINEPEX and December 17 at their annual Luncheon in Vallejo. More information is available from Steve Shay at [shaymur@flash.net](mailto:shaymur@flash.net) for the exact time and place of the meeting.

## Collectors Club of San Francisco

The Club recently celebrated mid-summer with a fancy meal in San Francisco in lieu of their regular meeting.

Club President **Behruz Nassre-Esfahani** gave the presentation August 10 on *The Early Postal Stationery of Persia* at the club's usual dinner meeting, the second Wednesday of the month at L'Olivier Restaurant in San Francisco. The club celebrated its members' recent successes in New York and Portland.

## Nevada Stamp Study Society



NSSS like so many of our clubs lately, lost a member, **Dorothy Mitchell**. As it was done recently with Alameda's Barbara Herbert, a fellow collector was able to display items from her collection as a tribute at the local show. NSSS Member **Dave Gehringer** displayed Dorothy's *Leather Post Cards*, which was well received by the judges and won the People's Choice Award at the Nevada Stamp and Cover Show in Reno. A very nice tribute (picture of Dave above).

Check out pictures from the very successful Nevada Stamp and Cover Show on page 10. The NSSS has an excellent informational web site at:

**[www.renostamp.org](http://www.renostamp.org)**.

You can also contact President **John Walter** at [president@renostamp.org](mailto:president@renostamp.org)

## San Jose Stamp Club

San Jose will host **Filatelie Fiesta November 12-13** at their new venue, the San Jose Elks Lodge. 444 West Alma Ave., San Jose, which should prove to be much more appealing than the cavernous Santa Clara County fairgrounds. See <https://filateliefiesta.wordpress.com/>

The San Jose Stamp Club also has a new web site: **[www.sanjosesc.com](http://www.sanjosesc.com)**.



Active Members show off their SJSC t-shirts

## Humboldt Stamp Collectors' Club

Our club in Eureka continues to attract new members. *News* editor **Fay Curtis** writes about their June Meeting and newest Member **Jessica Watson**. The Club got a comprehensive report on the New York show from member **Ken Lytle**. Ken also provided the informative program for June on the forgeries of the Kansas-Nebraska overprints.

At the August meeting, **Bill Lester** showed his fascinating collection of seldom seen North Korea (DPRK) stamps.

The Club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Senior Resource Center, 1910 California St., Eureka, Doors open 8 PM and meeting begins promptly at 7:15.

## Our Northwest Federation Friends

The Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs has asked CNCPS to provide opportunities for their philatelic apprentice judges to work and train with our Council judges. **Lisa Foster** (see page 10) is the latest Candidate from the North to pay us a visit.

Portland, Oregon was the host of our latest annual APS Stampshow exhibitions. During the exhibition, the NW Federation had hosted an open house at the Federation's clubhouse. They also developed two displays for their local main library exhibition area (color flier at right) for display before, during and after Stampshow:

Stacks of these cards were given out to stamp clubs, senior centers and post office lobbies, inviting the general public to view this special exhibit. Our own Nevada club has done a similar promotion at the Carson City Library.

***These are ideas your club can use!***



## STAMPS:

### PATHWAYS TO OUR WORLD

July 9 - August 21, 2016

We invite you to celebrate the centennial of the Oregon Stamp Society by taking a tour around the world and back to Oregon through this unique exhibition. Each stamp is a work of art, giving the world insight into a country's history, geography, people and culture.



**Exhibition Reception**  
August 3 - 6 - 7:30 pm  
Collins Gallery

**The American Philatelic Society Stamp Show 2016**  
August 4-7  
Oregon Convention Center  
The largest annual stamp show in the United States.

[multicolib.org/events/collins](http://multicolib.org/events/collins)

Multnomah County Library  
801 SW 10th Ave.  
Portland, OR 97205

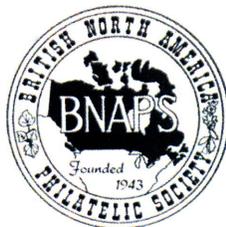
MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY

Collins Gallery - 3rd floor, Central Library - 801 SW 10th Ave., Portland  
Gallery Hours: Sun. 10 am-5 pm - Mon. 10 am-8 pm - Tue. & Wed. noon-8 pm - Thu.-Sat. 10 am-6 pm

## THE BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

### Membership Benefits include

- *BNA Topics, quarterly journal*
- Annual convention and exhibition
- More than 20 specialized study groups
- Regional groups in many cities
- Generous discount on BNAPS books
- Online sales circuits
- The Horace W. Harrison online library



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**BNAPS** – *The Society for Canadian Philately*

BNAPS will hold its next meeting at WESTPEX in April 2017.

## Santa Rosa Stamp Club

SRSC Secretary **Dennis Buss** reports that the club has moved their meeting date and place to: the **first Wednesday of the month**, and the new location is **Brookdale Lodge at Paulin Creek, 2375 Range Ave, Santa Rosa**. The Council web site has been updated with this new information.

## S. F. Pacific Philatelic Society

SFPPS is continuing to use the alphabet to stimulate members' participation in "Show-and-tell." They meet monthly on the second Tuesday at the Community Room of the SFPD, 461-6th Ave, San Francisco. President **Bob Lazzaretto** would love to see some new faces!

## Sequoia Stamp Club

Sequoia meets the Second and Fourth Tuesdays at 7:05 PM in the Redwood City Community Activities Building (where PENPEX is held). Visitors are welcome and there are refreshments served!

## Redwood Empire Collectors Club

All is set for the REEC **Winepex** show in San Rafael. This show is unique among the Council shows because it features only single-frame (16 pages) exhibits. The competition is fierce (many national winners started here), but there is also room for some whimsy or space just to show off your favorite pieces.

Winepex runs Friday-Sunday October 14-16. Directions, **show hours and a map are on the CNCPS web site:**

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

## So. Oregon Philatelic Society

Our northernmost club and home to **CNCPS President Larry Crain** has been trying to get back to normal after a highly successful SOPEX stamp show and various members' travel over the summer. Larry went to the big show in New York City, along with many from the Council, but **Nancy Swan** won the prize for "most unusual." Nancy visited Wales to ride on the small Welsh Tallyn Railroad. She collects cachets and mail related to this small line, and she sent the Council Courier Editor a postcard of the train!

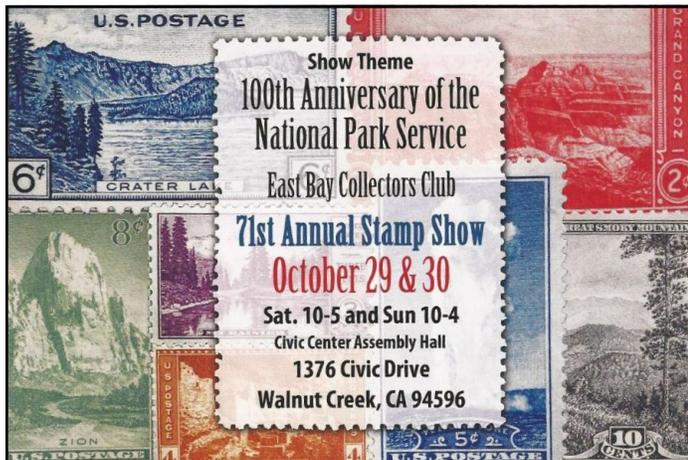


The latest SOPS newsletter, *The Philatelic Reminder*, had a nice letter and picture from **Ron Williams**, a frequent exhibitor and active collector now living near Bellingham, WA. Ron has shown his Great Britain in several CNCPS shows over the past few years. Glad to hear he is doing well and that our sister federation is making sure to hook Ron up with a local club.

## East Bay Collectors Club

EBCC members are busy putting the finishing touches to the East Bay Collectors Club Stamp Show — one of the oldest annual stamp shows in our area.

The theme of the EBCC show is the 100th Anniversary of our National Parks System. Everyone is invited! There will



be a full set of dealers and a full set of great exhibits. Note that the address on the card has a small typo: the show is at 1375 Civic Drive and not 1376.

**Where is news  
of Your Club?  
Cards, Letters and  
Photos Requested!**  
**[dmcnamee@aol.com](mailto:dmcnamee@aol.com)**  
**Your Council Courier Editor**

### California Collectors Club

CCC meets the Second Fridays at 6:30 PM at St. John's Episcopal at 4620 California St, San Francisco. CCC is still going strong "since 1938."

**Pierre Hahn** is the editor of the club bulletin, *The California Philatelist*. Members take full advantage of the bulletin's "Member Ads" to enhance their collections.

## Our New Club Fliers Box

We now have a box with file folders for all of the club fliers we have on hand. This box will be moving from Council Show to Council Show so that we can pass out fliers about out many stamp clubs and specialist societies. This replaces the nondescript cardboard box that periodically was tossed out with the trash. This box should last a bit longer!



Send in 25 copies of your club brochure, announcements and fliers to David McNamee at 15 Woodland Dr., Alamo, CA 94507 or bring to any Council Show.

Custody of the Club Fliers Box will pass from Show Chairman to Show Chairman. With due care, this system will provide for an inexpensive way for clubs to advertize for new members.

### NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

**Filatelic Fiesta, Sunday NOV 12, 2016**

**San Jose Elks Lodge @ NOON**

444 West Alma Ave., San Jose

# 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 Third Quarter 2016

JUL 23-24: **RENO STAMP SHOW**, Reno, NV  
Grand Award: Richard Dreiling

*Reno, Nevada*

Silver State Challenge Grand Award:

Edward Laveroni

*St. Petersburg - Moscow Railroad,  
Nikolaevskaya Railway*

*Congratulations to All Participants!*

### **CHANGE** to 2017 EXHIBITIONS

**2017 NOVAPEX**

**2017 RENO STAMP & COVER SHOW**

**Shows postponed to 2018 as a result of the APS Winter Show in Reno in March**

## 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 2016, the Holmsten Award will be given at the East Bay Collectors Club exhibition in October.**

### Recent winners:

2012 **Joe Ross** won at PENPEX

2013 **Terri Edwards** won at Reno S&C Show

2014 **Mark Woodward** won at SOPEX

2015 **Stephen Schumann** won at WINEPEX

## SHOW SCHEDULE & JUDGES

CNCPS Judges Chair **David McNamee** announced the Exhibition Show Schedule and Judges for 2016:

**WINEPEX OCTOBER 14-16**, San Rafael

Judges Tim Bartshe + Nestor Nuñez

**EBCC SHOW OCTOBER 29-30**, Walnut Creek

Judges David McNamee + Behruz Nassre

**SACAPEX NOVEMBER 5-6** Sacramento

Judges Daryl Reiber + Bob Grosch

**PENPEX DECEMBER 3-4** Redwood City

Judges Akthem Al-Manaseer + Dzintars Grinfelds

## Schedule: Fourth Quarter 2016

**WINEPEX OCTOBER 14-16**, San Rafael

**EBCC SHOW OCTOBER 29-30**, Walnut Creek

**SACAPEX NOVEMBER 5-6** Sacramento

**PENPEX DECEMBER 3-4** Redwood City

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!*

## Council Frames Reconditioning

**Randy Tuuri** led a group of volunteers to recondition 8 of the Council Exhibition Frames used by Council Bay Area local Shows COALPEX, EBCC Show and PENPEX. The Council purchased these frames in 2006 from the APS with a grant by **WESTPEX, Inc.** and individual members of the Council. By investing in new plexiglass and reconditioning the frame parts, we should get another 10 years.

## Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show



The Nevada Stamp Study Society's annual summer show at the National Bowling Stadium, Reno is always a big hit.



Ed Dimick (standing at right) was one of many dealers that were kept busy helping customers during the show.



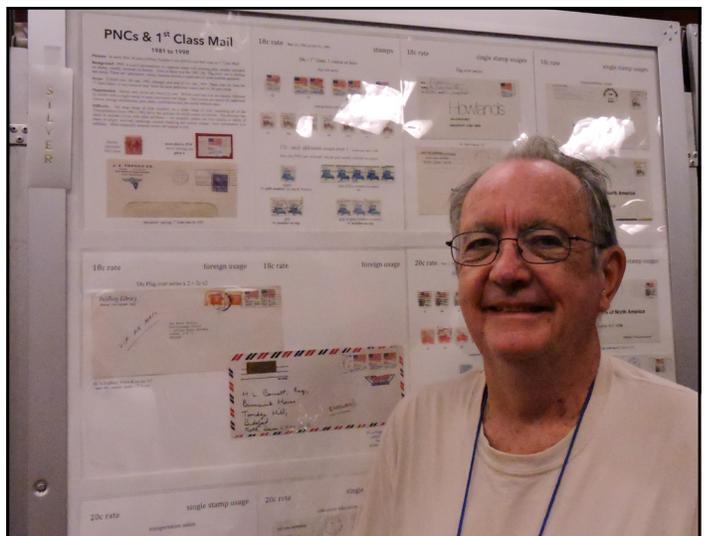
Lisa Foster from the North Federation served as an Apprentice Philatelic Judge for the Reno, Nevada show, under the tutelage of Council Judge Bill Barlow. Here she is providing feedback for Bradley Fritts' exhibit on Samoa.



(Above) Richard Dreiling posing with his Grand Award winner "Reno, Nevada" showing the development of Reno over the decades through period picture postcards. (Below) CNCPS President Larry Crain in front of his exhibit.



Stan Cronwall (L) receives his award from Harvey Edwards (R).





## THE CHALONER AWARD

The Council's highest award for service to philately is the Chaloner Memorial Trophy, given to honor philatelists who have made a great contribution of service to the hobby in our area. It is named for its first recipient in 1951, Henry Chaloner. Each year, a committee of the immediate past three recipients forwards their recommendation to the Council. In some years, no recommendation is made, and in some years multiple people may be honored. It depends upon the assessment of the activities of philatelists who have not been previously honored. You can only win once.

Past winners are a "Who's Who" of Council area leadership in local clubs, exhibitions, regional groups, national philately, and worldwide specialist groups. Honorees in the past few years have been:

- 2015—Harvey and Terri Edwards
- 2014—Jim Dempsey
- 2013—Randy Tuuri
- 2012—Roy Teixeira

**The fourth plaque covers 2008-to-date.**

The 2016 recipient will be named in the next issue of the *Council Courier*.

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## Edie and Dale Eggen Honored by APS

The American Philatelic Society's annual Nicholas G. Carter Volunteer Recognition Awards honored the Eggen family for their activities volunteering for their many years as part of the Westpex Committee. Congratulations!

The Nick Carter Volunteer Awards are selected by the APS from nominations received from members (forms available on the APS web site).



APS web site [www.stamps.org](http://www.stamps.org) has full information about the APS Winter Show to be held in Reno March 3-5.