



Reno! Reno!

Our Council's Third Quarter started with a bang! The Nevada Stamp Study Society sponsored the Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show July 26-27 with a theme centered in Nevada's sesquicentennial (150th) anniversary of statehood.

Over 300 people attended the show held at the National Bowling Stadium Museum in Reno to view 40 frames of exhibits and transact some business with the US Postal Service and 12 stamp dealers from as far away as Texas and Idaho.



Ron Spears autographing prints of his painting that was used by the U.S. Postal Service for the new Nevada Statehood Sesquicentennial stamp

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Stan Cronwall preparing cacheted show covers with the new Nevada Sesquicentennial stamp

The show is unique in our Council in that exhibitors can elect to enter their exhibit either in the general show or in the Silver State Challenge. The latter is restricted to already-proven national level Vermeil or Gold medal winners. This gives an extra level of competition for those bold enough to challenge other experienced exhibitors head-to-head. It also singles out successful exhibits that might be instructive to new exhibitors.

The results of the exhibition appear on our **Council Shows Report** page.

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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

WINEPEX, Sunday 5 Oct. 2014 NOON

CNCPS Elected Officers and Appointed Positions 2014-15

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MEETINGS in 2014: WESTPEX , WINEPEX (**October 5**), PENPEX (December)

*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.

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The show included two major treats:

- Artist and Reno, NV resident Ron Spears was available to sign show covers bearing the new Nevada Statehood stamp showing morning breaking in Fire Canyon in the Valley of Fire. The intense red shades come from various quantities of iron in the sandstone rocks of the canyon. The stamp was issued May 29, 2014 at a First Day ceremony in Las Vegas.
- Former Postal Inspector and Author Howard K. Petschel gave a seminar on stamp counterfeiting and signed copies of his book, *Spurious Stamps: A History of U.S. Postal Counterfeits* (1997).

The Awards Banquet at the Siena Hotel Spa & Casino took place Saturday evening, featuring a delicious cake decorated with the 2014 Nevada Statehood stamp image.

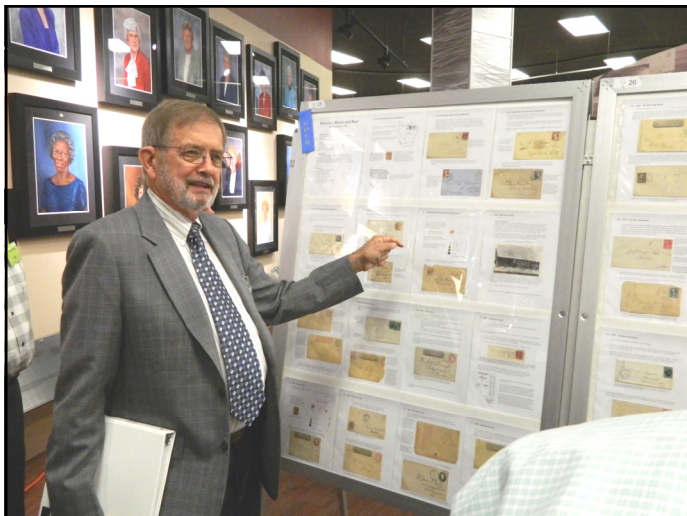
A special award was presented for the Best Nevada Themed exhibit, which was won by **Harvey Edwards** for his exhibit *Nevada — Boom and Bust (Pre-Statehood—1930s)*, shown below with Exhibits Chair **Terri Edwards**.



The stamp show was just a part of “Reno is Artown” and also part of the official Nevada Sesquicentennial Celebration. Special commemorative tokens were struck at the Carson City Mint and made up part of the awards given out for the show.



The Awards Banquet cake with the image of the 2014 Nevada Statehood stamp



Shown above are Philatelic Judges **Bill Barlow, Jr.** (top) and **Ed Laveroni** (bottom) spending time with exhibitors going through the exhibits pointing out ways that each exhibit might be improved. Exhibiting is fun and an educational pursuit — try it!

Reno! Reno!



Peter Gutter of Gutter Pairs helps a collector with a Scott Catalog question at the Reno show



Kurt Harding from Texas was always busy helping collectors find what they were looking for



Larry Crain (at right) chatting with author and seminar presenter Howard Petschel (left), a former Inspector for the U.S. Postal Service and an expert on counterfeit U.S. stamps

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Fellow Collectors:

Most recently, I attended the 100-year anniversary of the Sacramento Philatelic Society. The event was packed with more than 100 guests and was held at the Dante Club in Sacramento. The society was established in 1914 and was called the Sacramento Stamp Society. It changed its name to Sacramento Stamp Club in 1934 and was renamed again as the Sacramento Philatelic Society in 1961. The society membership increased from 12 members in 1914 to about 245 members in 2014. In 1941 the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies held their first annual stamp exhibit at the Sacramento hotel with the Sacramento Stamp Club as a host.

During my visit, I was fortunate to see two pioneering members, Mr. Bill Oliver and Mr. Ted Ashworth, both of whom joined the club in 1951. Mr. Ashworth told the audience that when he joined the club he was 17 years old and the club at the time had changed the rule to accept him as member despite the minimum required age of 21. The event was also attended by the Postmaster General of Sacramento, Mr. Jeffrey Day, who shared some stories about stamp collecting.

I will share some pictures with you from my visit — they are on page 9 of this issue.

Our next council meeting will be held on Sunday October 5, 2014 at the WINEPEX show at 12 noon.

Please e-mail me at akthem@pacbell.net if you have any thoughts or questions that you wish to be discussed at the next council meeting.

Akthem Al-Manaseer, CNCPS President

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

No Meetings in Third Quarter. Next Meeting at WINEPEX in San Rafael NOON Sunday Oct. 5

Around the Council: Clubs and Members

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

Humboldt Stamp Collectors Club

Carolyn Podratz reports that a new member has joined the club that was a guest at their June meeting. **That shows us that we need to invite our stamp friends to come along to a club meeting — you never know, they may want to join!**

Carolyn can give you more details if you email her at cardon2342@suddenlink.net.

Sacramento P. S.

The Sacramento Philatelic Society continues to grow! Four new members were added in July. Plan now to visit SA-CAPEX November 1-2 — it is always a very good stamp show.

FWPL

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.

USCS

Universal Ship Cancellation Society Saginaw Chapter will be meeting during WINEPEX in San Rafael October 5. 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.

Late news: see the obituary announcement for SSC member Hank Washauer on page 7.

Nevada S.S.S.

The **Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show** was held July 26-27 at the National Bowling Stadium in downtown Reno was a tremendous success!! There were 14 exhibitors, 17 exhibits in 40 frames and attendance, especially Saturday, was terrific. They featured Nevada-themed exhibits, awards and even a banquet cake to celebrate the state's 150th year. The Show was part of the Sesquicentennial Celebration that led up to the **Nevada Fair** July 30–August 3 in Carson City. More info and pictures in our lead story pages 1 & 3.

Harvey and Terri Edwards head up a team of dedicated and talented volunteers that together put on a great show. Don't miss this show next year!

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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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. See their fancy logo on page 7.

San Jose Stamp Club

See the announcement on Filatelic Fiesta at lower right. San Jose Stamp Club is the lead club organizing the annual Filatelic Fiesta national show, part of APS World Series of Philately.

Redwood Empire

RECC will celebrate the 20th anniversary of its WINEPEX stamp show October 3-5, 2014. This show is always a special exhibition of exclusively one-frame (16-page) exhibits. They always have an interesting and challenging array of exhibits.

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 on the trophy named for Leonard Holmsten, an active promoter of local exhibitions. For more information on the show, contact **Bill Lenarz** by email at blenarz@earthlink.net.

RECC meets in Petaluma at the Cattle-men'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

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 will present their annual stamp show October 25-26 in Walnut Creek with forty frames of exhibits and more than a dozen stamp dealers. This year's theme is the 75th Anniversary of the Golden Gate Exposition. Contact Randy Tuuri for more show information at his email: tuurifam@comcast.net. This is a great show to get into exhibiting your collection. It will open up a new way of sharing and enjoying your hobby.

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: 1---707---774---6296 or by email at: srsc12@yahoo.com

Napa News

Jean Meehan's shop was devastated by the August earthquake. Albums, books, bookcases strewn all over the floor. Jean is okay, but the cleanup was considerable.

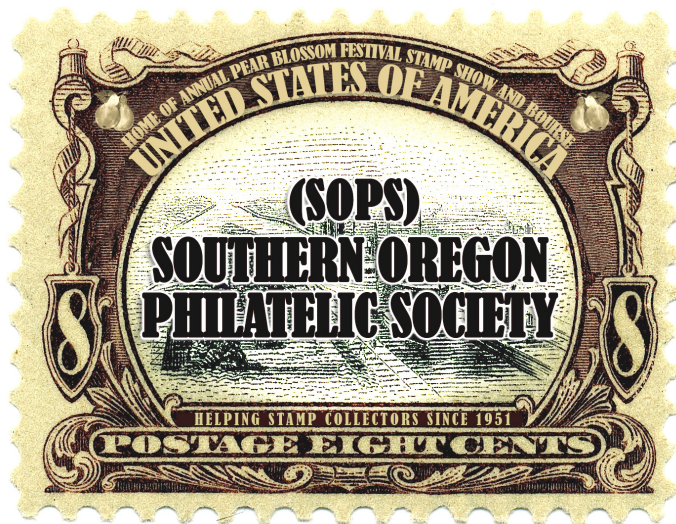
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FILATELIC FIESTA 2014 NEEDS YOUR EXHIBIT!

Filatelic Fiesta 2014 will be held **November 14, 15 & 16** at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds Gateway Hall. This show is the only other WSP show in Northern California, and **WE NEED YOUR PHILATELIC EXHIBITS** to keep our qualification as a WSP show. A prospectus and application maybe downloaded from www.filatelicfiesta.org, or email Exhibit Chair Ed Laveroni at ejppjla@comcast.net



Southern Oregon P. S. fancy logo!

Fremont Stamp Club

Member Jim Sauer presented Nigerian Scam Mail at the August Meeting of the 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!

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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

Closed Albums:

Hank Washaur

I am saddened to inform you that past Sequoia Stamp Club president and active member, Hank Washaur (SSC #419), has passed away.

Hank served as Sequoia Stamp Club President in 1983, 1986, 1998, and 2009 along with other roles. He also served as PENPEX Stamp Show Chair from 1986-93, 1996-7, and 2000-2 for a total of 13 years. He was involved with numerous SSC committees including but not limited to membership and youth. SSC thanks him for his time, effort, and involvement with the stamp club. Hank was a valuable liaison to the Council, bringing news of the Council's clubs to the *Council Courier*.

Due to health issues he has not attended SSC meeting or PENPEX shows for the past couple of years, but he was available via the phone and emails. He will be missed by all SSC members. May he rest in peace.

Sincerely,
 Kristin Patterson
 Sequoia Stamp Club President

COALPEX UPDATE

Good news! City of Walnut Creek has accepted the COALPEX reservation for June 12-14, 2015. **Jim Dempsey** (A&D Stamps) has agreed to work with the dealer community, and **Nigel Moriarty** and **Randy Tuuri** of the East Bay Collectors Club have agreed to share their knowledge, forms and experience with the COALPEX committee.

Dave Epps and **Ken Goss** of the Fremont Stamp Club and **Barbara Herbert** of the Alameda Stamp Club are organizing volunteers among their respective club members for the revival of COALPEX. Fremont met with the last COALPEX Chairman, David McNamee, and received more details about what is entailed running a stamp show.

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 Third Quarter 2014

JUL 26-27 : **RENO STAMP SHOW** (NV)

Grand Award: **David McNamee**

The Natal Rebellion of 1906

Silver State Challenge Grand Award:

Dennis Hassler

California Express Companies 1849-1895



Harvey Edwards presenting Silver State Challenge Grand Award to Dennis Hassler.

Best Nevada-Themed Exhibit: and Gold Medal:

Harvey Edwards

Nevada — Boom and Bust (Pre-Statehood—1930s)

**Next Council Meeting at WINEPEX
at NOON October 5. See you there!**

SHOW SCHEDULE & JUDGES

CNCPS Judges Chair **Tim Burgess** announced the Exhibition Show Schedule and Judges for 2014:

NOVAPEX MARCH 1-2, Redding

Judges: David McNamee, Bill Willis, and Len Lukens (Apprentice)

FRESPEX MARCH 8-9, Fresno

Judges Steve Schumann, Daryl Reiber

SOPEX APRIL 12-13 Medford, OR

Judges David McNamee, Eugene Walters

RENO STAMP SHOW JUL 26-27 Reno, NV

Judges Bill Barlow, Ed Laveroni

WINEPEX OCTOBER 3-5 San Rafael

Judges Vesma Grinfelds, Nigel Moriarty, and Larry Crain

EBCC SHOW OCTOBER 25-26 Walnut Creek

Judges Tim Burgess, David McNamee

SACAPEX NOVEMBER 1-2 Sacramento

Judges Steve Schumann, Akthem Al-Manaseer, Behruz Nassre (Apprentice)

PENPEX DECEMBER 6-7 Redwood City

Judges , Bob Grosch, Henry Marquez

Schedule: Fourth Quarter 2014

WINEPEX OCTOBER 3-5 San Rafael

EBCC SHOW OCTOBER 25-26 Walnut Creek

SESCAL OCTOBER 17-19 Los Angeles

SACAPEX NOVEMBER 1-2 Sacramento

FILATELIC FIESTA NOV. 14-16 San Jose

PENPEX DECEMBER 6-7 Redwood City

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

www.norcalstamps.org

Consider exhibiting — it's fun!

Sacramento P. S. Turns 100!

This was the “hot ticket” for the philatelic social event of the year:



At the invitation of Bill Oliver, our Council President Akthem Al-Manaseer, was invited to the centennial celebration luncheon for the Sacramento Philatelic Society. Here are some pictures he took. I am certain you will recognize some of the participants. I can pick out **Bill Oliver** and his wife, **Joe Ross** and (in white



collar and cuffs) **Stephen Schumann** at the round table closest to the camera. Everyone looks to be having a great time.

To the right, there are (top to bottom):

- The illustrated birthday cake
- A group of the longest-serving members
- A group of the S.P.S. newest/youngest members.



Jim Jefferson: December 31, 1925 — August 22, 2014

A Tribute to a Legendary Philatelic Leader

Jim Jefferson provided a wide range of critical support for the Bay Area philatelic community over the years, playing an important role in the establishment of the Western Philatelic Library in the early 1970s; serving as a club president for the LERA Stamp Club; and as a WESTPEX Director from 1970-83. He also managed the WESTPEX Bourse and Security from the late 1970's to the early 1980's.

Jim was a member of the Collectors Club of San Francisco and recipient of the Chaloner Award for outstanding service to Bay Area Philately in 2008. Jim's main philatelic interest was the stamps of Brazil, including a specialized study of the Bull's Eyes and 1891 Liberty Head Issue. Jim also had a range of fine collections covering Europe, Latin America, the Baltic States and railroad postal history.

Jim served in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1959. He completed officer's training as World War II came to a close, obtaining the rank of First Lieutenant, and he served in the Korean War. Jim participated in the United States Navy Antarctic Development Program, 1946-47, otherwise known as "Operation High Jump" organized by Rear Admiral Richard E Byrd Jr. Jim served with the Western Group of ships aboard the U.S.S *Currituck*. The U.S. Navy later loaned Jim to the Brazilian Navy, where he taught at the Brazilian Naval Academy and served as a consultant for the development of their naval communications systems.

Jim had a life long love for trains and the railroad. Jim explained that he received his "Train Genes" from his grandfather, who was a train engineer with the Central Pacific. At the age of 13 Jim met Jordan, a kind master mechanic at the roundhouse of the San Jose engine-house. In a very short time Jim learned how to operate a steam locomotive,

From the *Valley Journal* July 21, 1971



Witnessing Mayor Hefferlin's proclamation for stamp buffs are, from left, Ben Burma, second vice-president and a founder of the Friends of the South Bay Philatelic Library; Frank Holly, first vice-president; Henri Baer, executive vice-president and a founder; and Jim Jefferson, president. (Staff photo)

a big 2-10-2. "2-10-2" means the locomotive has two leading wheels on one axle, ten driving wheels on five axels, and two trailing wheels on one axle. Later, in the 1970's Jim and his wife Diane would both become qualified train engineers at the Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad in Los Gatos. Jim served as the safety program administrator for the Billy Jones for 12 years.

Jim was foremost a kind and thoughtful man who was loved by his philatelic friends. He will be greatly missed.

Jim provided a fascinating talk on the establishment of the Western Philatelic Library at the Collectors Club of San Francisco in 2007. A recording of this talk can be heard along with photos and a power point presentation at:

<http://www.norcalstamps.org/talkmenu.htm>

WINEPEX OCT. 3-5 San Rafael Civic Center **COUNCIL BOARD MEETING**
East Bay Collectors Club Show OCT. 25-26 Walnut Creek Civic Activities Bldg
SACAPEX NOV. 1-2 Sacramento Scottish Rite Masonic Center
FILATELIC FIESTA NOV. 14-16 San Jose Fairgrounds
PENPEX DEC. 6-7 Redwood City **COUNCIL BOARD MEETING**

Ideas Your Club Can Use

The San Jose Stamp Club is expanding our hospitality at Filatelic Fiesta this year. Last year we premiered this idea and want to build on it. As you may recall, we hosted an area which included:

- Table with stamp club fliers
- Free coffee & donuts in the morning; water & baked goods in the afternoon
- PC showing presentations on early US commemorative issues
- Chairs to sit and relax or chat w/ a friend
- Philatelic items for sale by the SJSC and its members

A primary element of this was it being staffed by club members who are tasked with engaging show guests in conversation. We coached booth staff to talk to guests about what they collect and where they are from. Staff then tries to interest them in visiting their local stamp club.

We members of the SJSC believe that someone being personally invited to visit a club is SO much more effective than a passive table with a bunch of fliers. The SJSC got one new member from my inviting them to come visit during my time at the society table during WESTPEX.

Collectors come from all over the Bay Area to attend Filatelic Fiesta, so we want to give the other local clubs to participate in recruiting new club members. This is especially important for the clubs who do not host their own show.

The San Jose Club is planning several improvements this year:

- Reserve frame space for 4 page "club introductions" -- what do you want someone to know about your club?
- Frame space near the hospitality area to give clubs a chance to introduce their club to show guests
- Incorporate the APS Stampbuddies program
- Put up better signage that EVERYONE is welcome to come have a coffee & donut

The San Jose Club invites all clubs in the area to submit a 4 page introduction. Each club should then also provide member(s) to staff the booth for a minimum of 4 hours during the show. A registration sheet will be sent out closer to the show. This person is expected to talk to show guests as discussed above and introduce them to the appropriate local club.

Short Cuts

Newsletters

Ever wonder if your newsletter is doing the best thing for your members? Enter your Chapter Newsletter in the APS Chapter Newsletter Competition and receive expert feedback. All CNCPS Clubs and Societies are eligible. Entries close January 15, 2015 for the 2014 competition year. See the APS web site for more information:

<http://stamps.org/CAC/a-awards.html>

When you publish your last 2014 issue, gather them up and send 'em in!

Lending Libraries

Larger stamp clubs and many specialty societies keep a library of reference works that have been donated over the years. For some, the Library is merely a full set of Scott Catalogs and perhaps a subscription to Linns. For others, it might be a fairly extensive range of philatelic literature.

Practical considerations come into play, even if the materials are donated. Storage and access privileges are the two key decisions made in setting up a club library,

The results can be enriching, and it might be a feature that binds your members more closely to the club.