



Sno-King Stamp Club Philatelic News

Everett, 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 PM – 9 PM
Snohomish County PUD
2320 California Street

Edmonds, 3rd Friday, 7 PM – 9 PM
South County Senior Center
220 South Railroad Avenue

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Everett Meeting - Wednesday, June 14th, 7:30 PM

- **American Philatelic Society circuit books** – come pick and pull and add to your collection with this latest fresh series of APS books. Details on page 2.
- As always, feel free to bring some Show and Tell items to talk about.

Most meetings also include **show-and-tell**, along with time to **buy and sell** stamps

Edmonds Meeting - Friday, June 23rd, 7 PM

Join us in Edmonds! We always have a nice time visiting and looking through stamps.

Bring along your duplicates to sell and trade.

Bring some Show and Tell items to talk about

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Everett 2017 meeting dates at the PUD: (2nd Wednesday of each month)
6/14, 7/12, (Aug BBQ), 9/13, 10/11, 11/8, (Dec dinner)

Edmonds 2017 meeting dates at the South County Senior Center: (on the 3rd - or sometimes 4th - Friday of the month)
6/23, (none-July), (Aug BBQ), 9/22, 10/20, (none-Nov.), (Dec dinner)

President's Column

We do have a program for the Everett June meeting. I hope. I ordered a selection of American Philatelic Society circuit books. They arrived this past Monday, and I am looking forward to sharing them with club members.

I had hoped to have something different. Here we have a club with many silver-tongued orators, each blessed with a wealth of philatelic expertise. I hoped one would volunteer to put on a program. None did. I sounded out several dealers for a Dealer Night. Some expressed interest in future meetings. But not for June.

A friend who belongs to a national organization that specializes in a certain central European country told me that one member possesses an encyclopedic knowledge of which post offices with unpronounceable names used specific cancellations for specific periods. Maybe I could recruit him as a speaker. His mastery of this arcanæ would keep Sno-King members enthralled.

Perhaps, for all of 90 seconds.

Not so sadly, he was unavailable. It was too soon for an auction. Almost too soon for APS circuits. But, they beat charades. So, we will be lavishing our stamp budgets on APS circuit books, which arrived this past Monday. Lacking the opportunity of asking members' collecting interests, I relied on their expressed preferences the last two times we did circuit books.

Tapping my memory, I asked APS to send the following collecting areas: Lundy Island, Manama, South Molluccas, Staffa, Nagaland, Azadhind, Disney West Indies and the Grenadines of Vancouver Island.

Instead, APS sent early US, US BOB, China, Far East, French Colonies, transportation, Denmark, Czechoslovakia, airmails, Canada, Iraq and Kuwait, India convention states, Great Britain and Liechtenstein. There is one intriguing book offering used stamps with pictorial cancellations, with most being offered for one dollar each. I am hoping that our members' spouses will tolerate expenditures which aggregate at least \$200. Purchases below that level require a surcharge.

Club members lavished \$475 in mad money for the last APS selection. I will admit I accounted for much of that. My collecting interests do not make USA a priority, but I found several US classics in prime condition. They were well-centered and free of obvious faults. You USA specialists missed out on some gems.

We will apply our standard rule. Those who specialize in a certain area will have first crack at a corresponding circuit book.

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We will be considering some important business. The organization which runs Sea-Pex asked our club to donate. In recent years, we have, with approval of the membership, donated \$200 to Sea-Pex, which operates its annual three-day show in September at the Tukwila community center.

In recent years, the Sno-King club has approved this donation without requiring financial information from the non-profit organization which administers Sea-Pex. This engendered comment that this club and others were providing financial support to Sea-Pex without assurance that Sea-Pex's finances were being handled competently.

Now, each member can decide individually. Thanks to Carol and Keith Edholm, we have Sea-Pex's financial statement for its 2016 show. I circulated copies at our May Edmonds meeting. I will have more copies at the June Everett meeting.

Sea-Pex appears to be on firm financial footing. Its banquet provides a modest profit. So do the dealer tables. The major reason for Sea-Pex's need for contributions is that unlike other local stamp shows, it includes competitive exhibits. Sea-Pex invests heavily in judges and prizes. It also pays more than \$1,000 on security monitors who make sure exhibits, which remain on the premises two overnights, aren't whisked off by some trans-Pacific stamp theft ring.

Sea-Pex earmarks a \$1,000 payment to the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs to repay a loan. Once this loan is paid off, we can hope that Sea-Pex will require a lesser contribution from its constituent stamp clubs. Sea-Pex's budget included more than \$2,000 in donations from area stamp clubs.

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At the June meeting, we will offer some philatelic items donated by a visitor to the May Edmonds meeting. Most of the donated material was common stamps. I picked out items worthy of modest prices. Those who attended the Edmonds meeting spent \$15, which will go into the club treasury.

I will offer, free of charge, five copies of a 1969 Afghanistan stamp which publicized a local tourist site. It has been decades since Afghan stamps have promoted tourism in that war torn country.

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A hearty thank-you to Alex Hamling who took it upon himself to contact Snohomish County collectors who applied for APS membership. Alex invited them to check out our web site in the hope they would join our club. I asked Alex to continue this activity with each monthly APS magazine. I told him he could tell APS applicants they could contact me directly.

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And a hearty welcome to Western Washington to Paul Price. Now, many of you won't recognize that name. When Paul lived in Edmonds, he was a loyal and active member. He assisted me in the circulation of the club newsletter, which I edited during a prior stint as club president.

Paul worked for the railroad. Retirement, health issues and a landlord with plans of his own combined to compel him to seek affordable housing. None was to be found within 100 miles from Edmonds. He had family

in Moses Lake. So, he lived there in recent years. He continued to pay dues. When possible, he would time visits to Puget Sound country so he could attend our annual show. Paul always expressed hope he could move back to Snohomish County.

There are few philatelists in Moses Lake. The nearest stamp club is about three gallons of petrol away. The Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs has only two affiliates in eastern Washington. One is in Spokane, the other in the Tri-Cities.

Given the accelerating increases in housing costs, returning to anywhere near Edmonds seemed unrealistic. However, Paul did the next best thing. He moved in with a family member in Olympia. He expects to be active in the Olympia Stamp Club.

Paul hopes he will be able to visit the Sno-King club more often. He may not recognize many of the current members. I am confident our current members will make him welcome

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Several issues ago, we reported on Portland's newest brick-and-mortar stamp store. Given trends in philatelic retailing, the opening of a stamp store is a stop-the-philatelic-presses occasion. Since then, we have learned more. Besides a write-up in Linn's, we have encountered the Uptown Stamp Show at several local stamp shows.

The Uptown Stamp Show is a three-generation enterprise headed by patriarch David Markowitz, a name partner in a Portland boutique law firm. Markowitz is not in the stamp business for the money. He professes a love of collecting. I visited his law firm's web site. I can believe him. His law practice appears to be prospering.

I visited his table to several shows. It appears that the Uptown Stamp Show's presence is aimed less than selling stock on the spot and more to encouraging collectors to patronize his store when visiting Portland.

Judging by the Linn's article, Markowitz approaches stamp dealership with an innovative philosophy, one that Linn's termed "contrarian." Like many dealers, he emphasizes quick turnover. Unlike other dealers, he insists the stamp market isn't dwindling. It's simply changing. To keep up with change, Markowitz sells through multiple channels, including on-line sites.

As a young collector, he visited stamp stores in Paris. There, he learned that an efficient stamp store does not need much physical space. He has made the most of the small space he rents in Portland's upscale Uptown area. Linn's reports that numerous buyers fit comfortably in his 555-square-foot space.

Markowitz believes in buying the largest collections he can afford. The larger the collection, he states, the smaller the percentage of catalog he has to pay. In his case, it helps that he has the financial resources of 37 years of a successful law practice. He can afford to bid for holdings beyond the means of your typical stamp-show dealer.

Markowitz typically sells stock for 40 percent of Scott. He offers deeper discounts to high-volume dealers, who comprise much of his customer base.

Markowitz's daughter Michalina manages the stamp store, presumably while Markowitz supervises teams of litigators. Grandsons Elijah and Cyrus serve customers, which is open three days a week. Markowitz rents space at a Portland airport hotel some Sundays to accommodate customers. When I reported on the Uptown Stamp Show last year, I commented, with bemusement, that the store's web site featured directions from the airport, as if he expected the typical customer to fly in from rural Oregon to shop for stamps.

USPS - New Issues for June 2017

June 14 **Have A Ball!**
HARTFORD, WI



June 20 **Total Eclipse**
LARAMIE, WY



UPCOMING STAMP SHOWS / BOURSES

SHOW DATES			Major events in bold / PNW events in <i>italic</i>	Revised: 23/5/2017	
FRI	SAT	SUN	SHOW NAME	LOCATION	TYPE
9-Jun	10-Jun	11-Jun	NAPEX National Philatelic Exhibitions (WSP)	McLean, VA	Show
		11-Jun	<i>Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Renton, WA	Bourse
16-Jun	17-Jun		OKPEX (Oklahoma City Stamp Club) (WSP)	Midwest City, OK	Show
23-Jun	24-Jun	25-Jun	NTSS (American Topical Association) (WSP)	Milwaukee, WI	Show
	26-29 Jun		Post Mark Collectors Club Convention	Reno, NV	Show
	15-Jul	16-Jul	<i>Summer Show (Evergreen Stamp Club)</i>	Kent, WA	Show
4-Aug	5-Aug	6-Aug	APS StampShow (begins 3-Aug) (WSP)	Richmond, VA	Show
	12-Aug		<i>Strait Stamp Show (Strait Stamp Society)</i>	Sequim, WA	Show
		13-Aug	<i>Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Renton, WA	Bourse
1-Sep	2-Sep	3-Sep	BNAPEX-CALTAPEX (BNA Philatelic Society)	Calgary, AB	Show
8-Sep	9-Sep	10-Sep	SEAPEX Seattle Philatelic Exhibition (WSP)	Tukwila, WA	Show
	9-Sep	10-Sep	<i>Coin & Stamp Fair (North Shore Numismatic Soc.)</i>	Burnaby, BC	Bourse
15-Sep	16-Sep	17-Sep	Greater Houston Stamp Show	Humble, TX	Show
		17-Sep	<i>Salem Stamp Society Fall STAMPEX</i>	Salem, OR	Bourse
	30-Sep	1-Oct	<i>TriCities Stamp Show</i>	Richland, WA	Bourse
6-Oct	7-Oct		Utah Fall Show (Utah Philatelic Society)	Salt Lake City, UT	Bourse
6-Oct	7-Oct	8-Oct	WINEPEX (Redwood Empire Collectors Club)	San Rafael, CA	Show
		8-Oct	<i>Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Renton, WA	Bourse
13-Oct	14-Oct	15-Oct	SESCAL (Fed. Phil. Clubs of S. California) (WSP)	Ontario, CA	Show
	21-Oct		<i>Umqua Valley Stampfest & Coin Show</i>	Roseburg, OR	Bourse
27-Oct	28-Oct		United Nations Expo 17 (UNPI) (WSP)	Bellefonte, PA	Show
	11-Nov	12-Nov	Filatelic Fiesta (San Jose Stamp Club) (WSP)	San Jose, CA	Show
17-Nov	18-Nov	19-Nov	CHICAGOPEX (Chicago Philatelic Society) (WSP)	Itasca, IL	Show
	25-Nov		<i>Coin & Stamp Fair (North Shore Numismatic Soc.)</i>	Burnaby, BC	Bourse
	2-Dec	3-Dec	PENPEX (Sequoia Stamp Club)	Redwood City, CA	Show
		10-Dec	<i>Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show</i>	Renton, WA	Bourse
2018:					
16-Feb	17-Feb	18-Feb	ARIPEX (Arizona Fed. of Stamp Clubs) (WSP)	Mesa, AZ	Show
23-Feb	24-Feb	25-Feb	APS AmeriStamp Expo (WSP)	Birmingham, AL	Show
	24-Mar	25-Mar	Edmonton Spring National Stamp Show (WSP)	Edmonton, AB	Show
	14-20 Apr		ISRAEL 2018 International Show	Tel Aviv, Israel	Show
27-Apr	28-Apr	29-Apr	WESTPEX (WSP)	Burlingame, CA	Show
11-May	12-May	13-May	PIPEX Pacific Intl. Philatelic Exhibition (WSP)	Portland, OR	Show
10-Aug	11-Aug	12-Aug	APS StampShow (begins 9-Aug) (WSP)	Columbus, OH	Show
14-Sep	15-Sep	16-Sep	SEAPEX Seattle Philatelic Exhibition (WSP)	Tukwila, WA	Show
Repetitive Events			<i>Rose City Stamp Fair (2nd Saturday OSS clubhouse)</i>	Portland, OR	Bourse
			<i>Collector's Corner (4th Saturday OSS clubhouse)</i>	Portland, OR	Bourse

Stamp Identifier Series


On the next page is the fourth installment of a many part series. An online stamp acquaintance of mine created several of these charts which help sort through the different types of stamps of different modern series. He said I could share them as long as I also included a link to his stamp selling store which is:

<https://www.hipstamp.com/store/noernberg-stamps>

I'm hoping our members find the charts useful for some of their modern U.S. definitives. Good Luck with them!

~ Kurt L.

“37 Cent Flag” Identifier

Cat. No.	Format	Perf.	Denom	Gum	Backing Paper	Year Date	micropr int	Features
3620	Sheet	11.25 x 11 (4 sides)	First Class	WAG	n/a	2002		
3621	Pane	serp die cut 11.25 x 11 (4 sides)	First Class	Self-adhesive		2002		
3622	Coil	serp die cut 10 (vert)	First Class	Self-adhesive		2002		
3623	Booklet	serp die cut 11.25 (2,3, 4 sides)	First Class	Self-adhesive		2002		
3624	Booklet	serp die cut 10.5 x 10.75 (2,3 sides)	First Class	Self-adhesive		2002		
3625	Booklet	serp die cut 8 (2,3, 4 sides)	First Class	Self-adhesive		2002		
3629F	Sheet	11.25 (4 sides)	37c	WAG	n/a		"USA" in top red stripe	
3630	Pane	serp die cut 11.25 x 11 (4 sides)	37c	Self-adhesive			"USA" in top red stripe	
3631	Coil	Perf. 9.75 Vert	37c	WAG	n/a			
3632	Coil	serp die cut 9.75 (vert)	37c	Self-adhesive		2002		Square corners
3632A	Coil	serp die cut 10.25 (vert)	37c	Self-adhesive		2003		no points of stars at margin at left top
3632C	Coil	serp die cut 11.75 (vert)	37c	Self-adhesive		2004		
3633	Coil	serp die cut 8.5 (vert)	37c	Self-adhesive	Taller than stamp	2002		Rounded corners
3633A	Coil	serp die cut 8.5 (vert)	37c	Self-adhesive	Same height as stamp	2003		Right angle corners
3633B	Coil	serp die cut 9.5 (vert)	37c	Self-adhesive		2005	"USA" in top red stripe	
3634	Booklet	serp die cut 11.1 (3 sides)	37c	Self-adhesive		Large 2002		
3634b	Booklet	serp die cut 11 (3 sides)	37c	Self-adhesive		Small 2003		
3634e	Booklet	serp die cut 11.3 (3 sides)	37c	Self-adhesive		Large 2002		
3635	Booklet	serp die cut 11.3 (2,3,4 sides)	37c	Self-adhesive		Small 2002	"USA" in top red stripe	
3636	Booklet	serp die cut 10.5 x 10.75 (2,3 sides)	37c	Self-adhesive		2002		
3636D	Booklet	serp die cut 11.25 x 11 (2,3 sides)	37c	Self-adhesive		2004		no points of stars at margin at left top
3637	Booklet	serp die cut 8 (2,3,4 sides)	37c	Self-adhesive				