



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, **July 10th**, 7:30 PM

- **Treasure Hunt** - Inspect collections which have been donated to the club. Who knows what lies in the boxes and boxes of material. Also, club members can bring their duplicates to provide a backup diversion in the event that the donated material proves less than enticing. More details on next page.

Annual Summer Club BBQ Wednesday, **August 14th**, 5 PM

- At Ray & Dorothy Anderson's house in Edmonds - Details on page 2 - starts at 5PM. Bring a salad or dessert.

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

[**Edmonds** meetings are on hold until further notice to sort out some
how / where / when details]

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Everett 2019 meeting dates at the PUD:

7/10, (8/14 August BBQ at Ray & Dorothy Anderson's), 9/11 Dealer Night-Keith Ferris, 10/9 Dealer Night-Carol Edholm, 11/13 Dealer Night-Art VanBergeyk, (12/11? Dec Dinner)

President's Column

The theme of our **July** meeting will be "treasure hunt." Club members will have a chance to inspect collections which have been donated to the club. They can buy stamps out of these collections for modest sums, which go into the club treasury. I expect that the stamps in these collections are mostly common. But, who knows what lies in the boxes and boxes of material that represented someone's attempt at a stamp collection.

Weeks ago, I picked up four boxes from a home in Lynnwood. This past Monday, I picked up two large boxes and a half dozen small boxes from a home in Seattle's Olympic View neighborhood. In addition, the club has received donations in the form of small albums and, in one case, an envelope with modern stamps on paper.

I ask that any club member having custody of any philatelic donations to the club bring them, especially if they have not been seen by members. In addition, club members might bring their duplicates to provide a backup diversion in the event that the donated material proves less than enticing.

Carol Edholm will give the presentation she had intended to make at our June meeting. Sadly, on the day of our June meeting, she had an episode of a recurring health problem, which required a trip to a hospital. She will describe the work of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs. Her husband, Keith, will have time to talk about SeaPex, a three-day event which will happen in September. Keith is active in the organization which holds SeaPex.

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Many thanks to Ray and Dorothy Anderson, who offered to host the **club's annual picnic**, which will take place Wednesday, **August 14**, at their home at **7812 192nd Place SW in Edmonds**. Starting time is **5 p.m.** Those of you who attended past picnics at the Anderson home will recall the cozy backyard patio surrounded by a lush flower display. I hope that their willingness to host this event means that Dorothy is recovering nicely from the nasty fall she suffered last December.

As with previous club picnics, the club will provide grilling meat, buns and soft drinks. We ask club members to bring either a salad or dessert. I will again aim for perfection on the potato salad that represents my annual contribution to the menu.

Since the club newsletter does not publish in August, this will be the final picnic notice to appear in print. There will be announcements at the July meeting. There may be email reminders. Since five weeks elapse between the July meeting and the picnic, those with foggy memories are best advised to write it down on your calendar.

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You may or may not recall reading about the desires of lenders to infuse impressive amounts of capital, running into six figures, into our puny bank account. Entreaties from four separate lenders were delivered to my home mailbox. Even, Dun & Bradstreet got into the act, apparently because it received inquiries into the club's financial solvency.

Recently, I received a second letter from Dun & Bradstreet.

This time, Dun & Bradstreet wanted to know if information it had on file was correct. Among the items I was asked to confirm or correct was this: "Number of employees: 4"

I hope none of those four ever file a claim for back wages.

I suspect that someone inspected our website and noted that the club has four elected officers. Perhaps, a too-hasty review converted our unpaid officers into paid employees.

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Philatelically, the big news out of Spokane is that Carole Mann has taken up stamp collecting. Longtime members will remember Carole, wife of Larry Mann, my predecessor as club president. While not actively collecting, Carole took part in club events. Several years, she and Larry hosted our annual picnic at their Mukilteo home. She and Larry moved to Spokane, where Larry is active with the Inland Empire Philatelic Society. Larry edits that club's publication, the Lilac Hinge.

In the latest Lilac Hinge, Larry wrote that Carole finally caught the collecting bug. She collects South Korea and has a topical interest in butterflies. Carole not only married a philatelist; she contrived to be born into a philatelic family. Her father, George Jackson, a lifelong collector, founded the Sno-King Stamp Club decades ago.

When I last saw Carole, she was coping with numerous health problems. I hope that her philatelic contagion means that her health is better. I often hoped that my late wife, Irene, could meet Carole. Carole and Irene each served with the Army Nurse Corps, so I hoped this shared history could provide a bond. Irene's chronic health problems kept her from events that Carole attended.

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Readers might be interested in a nugget which appeared in a 1941 issue of the Weekly Philatelic Gossip. It reported that the Federal Trade Commission cracked down on a Brooklyn stamp dealer guilty of using deceptive advertising in publications aimed at children. Philip Goldstein, doing business as the Midwood Stamp Company, entered into a stipulation with the FTC to refrain from misleading advertising and related wrongful practices.

Goldstein placed ads which offered a "Big Stamp Outfit" which was "free with dandy approvals and big lists." Imagine being a 13-year-old reading this cleverly worded ad. When the "dandy approvals" arrived, you would eagerly lick your hinges and add the stamps to your Majestic album. Imagine being the same 13-year-old receiving threatening letters from the "Nat. Mercantile Agency," which presented itself as an independent collection agency. Either return the stamps on approval or pay for them, its letters stated. It was too late to return the stamps, by then firmly affixed to your album pages. To many, the only option was to pay for the entire lot.

Goldstein evidently hoped that instead of returning approval items, his victims would pay for everything. He didn't take into account a third possibility, that being that parents would complain to the Federal Trade Commission. The FTC quickly determined that the Nat. Mercantile Agency was not an independent entity, but just another business name operating out of Goldstein's headquarters on Coney Island Avenue.

In a statement, the FTC accused Goldstein of sending approval sheets "to persons who have not requested them" and later "representing or implying that the recipient is under contract legally enforceable either to pay for (the approvals) or return this unsolicited merchandise." Clearly, Goldstein hoped to dupe kids into adding the entire selection to their collection so that returning lots was out of the question. He probably didn't anticipate the likelihood angry parents would complain to the FTC.

The FTC's action reflects two realities. One is that one is not obligated to return or pay for unsolicited merchandise. Another is that children should be accorded heightened protection against predatory practices.

The FTC's announcement closed with the comment that Goldstein "also agrees to discontinue other misleading representations as to price and value of stamps."

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Dealer Art Van Bergeyk of Aurora Stamps shared his reaction to a comment in this publication's June issue. I cited an East Coast philatelist who, in *American Stamp Dealer and Collector*, urged dealers to wear suits and ties when they take part in stamp shows. His theory was that collectors are more likely to spend money with dealers who appear at shows professionally attired.

I have patronized Aurora Stamps for 25 years. I don't recall ever seeing Art decked out in a suit and tie. Art told me that he suspects a suit and tie might induce potential customers into believing he overcharges for his merchandise.

That might be how West Coast collectors might think. I commented that the writer's theory would hold up only east of the Appalachian Mountains.

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We are still working on relocating our annual stamp show. We are becoming aware of one important factor in moving the site of an annual stamp show. We must announce the change months ahead of the event. During the months leading to the event, we must repeat and repeat the fact we are making a change.

The Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs will be putting this into practice in preparation for next year's PIPEX. In recent years, the federation has held its acclaimed three-day show at the Red Lion Inn in north Portland. This location was ideal in several respects. Unlike the previous show site, there is ample free parking. And the building commands breathtaking views of the Columbia River.

That will be no more. The Red Lion will be undergoing renovation next May, when PIPEX is typically held. Once renovations are complete, the hall rental rates will rise to prohibitive levels. PIPEX is moving to the Portland Airport Hilton. The federation will make numerous announcements of this change during the months to come.

In the federation newsletter, Jack Congrove cited the unhappy experience of a World Series of Philately three-day event held in Rochester, N.Y. For years, the event had been held in a hockey arena. But, one year, this arena was unavailable as it was being renovated. Show organizers rented space in an armory that was not easy to locate. But, they put the word out, publicizing the new location with each news release and newsletter publication.

On Friday, the first day of the show, dealer tables were empty. The only ones scrutinizing the exhibits were judges. People started showing up on Saturday. Show organizers learned that many drove to the hockey arena Friday and, finding no stamp show, turned around and headed home. It turned out local collectors didn't bother to read beyond the headlines of newsletters and the large print on flyers. Of course, they blamed the show organizers for the mixup.

USPS New Stamps to be Issued in July & August 2019

July 9 Forever **Frogs**
BOISE, ID



July 19 Forever **Moon Landing 50th**
CAPE CANAVERAL, FL

July 25 Forever **State & County Fairs**
MINOT, ND



August 1 Forever **Military Working Dogs**
OMAHA, NE (APS StampShow)



August 29 Forever **Tyrannosaurus Rex**
WASHINGTON, DC



Upcoming 2019 Shows and Bourses:

SHOW DATES			Major events in bold / PNW events in italic	Revised: 18 May 2019	
FRI	SAT	SUN	SHOW NAME	LOCATION	TYPE
	1-Jun	2-Jun	Greater Seattle Postcard & Paper Show	Kent, WA	Bourse
	8-Jun	9-Jun	SOPEX (<i>Southern Oregon Philatelic Society</i>)	Central Point, OR	Show
		9-Jun	Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show	Renton, WA	Bourse
		9-Jun	Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair	Victoria, BC	Bourse
	20-Jul	21-Jul	Summer Show (<i>Evergreen Stamp Club</i>)	Kent, WA	Show
26-Jul	27-Jul	28-Jul	AMERICOVER (WSP)	St. Louis, MO	Show
	27-Jul	28-Jul	Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show (NSSS)	Reno, NV	Show
2-Aug	3-Aug	4-Aug	NTSS-APS StampShow (begins 1-Aug) (WSP)	Omaha, NE	Show
	10-Aug		<i>Strait Stamp Show (Strait Stamp Society)</i>	Sequim, WA	Show
		11-Aug	Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show	Renton, WA	Bourse
		11-Aug	Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair	Victoria, BC	Bourse
	17-Aug		<i>Ritzville Rendezvous (IEPS & Tri-Cities SC)</i>	Ritzville, WA	Education
13-Sep	14-Sep	15-Sep	SEAPEX Seattle Philatelic Exhibition (WSP)	Tukwila, WA	Show
	14-Sep	15-Sep	<i>Coin & Stamp Show (North Shore Numismatic Soc.)</i>	Bumaby, BC	Bourse
27-Sep	28-Sep	29-Sep	<i>VANPEX (British Columbia Philatelic Society)</i>	Bumaby, BC	Show
	28-Sep		<i>Central Oregon Postal Collective Show</i>	Redmond, OR	Bourse
4-Oct	5-Oct	6-Oct	WINEPEX (Redwood Empire Collectors Club)	San Rafael, CA	Show
	5-Oct	6-Oct	VICPEX (<i>Vancouver Is. & Greater Victoria Phil. Soc.</i>)	Victoria, BC	Show
	12-Oct		<i>Roundup Stamp & Coin Show (Olympia Philatelic Soc)</i>	Chehalis, WA	Bourse
		13-Oct	Fenwick Stamp & Coin Show	Renton, WA	Bourse
	26-Oct	27-Oct	East Bay Collectors Club Show	Walnut Creek, CA	Show
	2-Nov	3-Nov	SACAPEX (Sacramento Philatelic Society)	Sacramento, CA	Show
	23-Nov		<i>Coin & Stamp Show (North Shore Numismatic Soc.)</i>	Bumaby, BC	Bourse
		24-Nov	Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair	Victoria, BC	Bourse
29-Nov	30-Nov		<i>Vancouver Stamp Fair</i>	Vancouver, BC	Bourse
	8-Dec	9-Dec	PENPEX (Sequoia Stamp Club)	Redwood City, CA	Show
2020:					
		26-Jan	Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair	Victoria, BC	Bourse
	15-Feb	16-Feb	Regina Philatelic Club Show	Regina, SK	Show
	14-Mar	15-Mar	VICTOPICAL (<i>Vancouver Is. & Greater Victoria PS</i>)	Victoria, BC	Show
24-Apr	25-Apr	26-Apr	WESTPEX (WSP)	Burlingame, CA	Show
		7-Jun	Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair	Victoria, BC	Bourse
		16-Aug	Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair	Victoria, BC	Bourse
21-Aug	22-Aug	23-Aug	APS StampShow (begins 20-Aug) (WSP)	Hartford, CT	Show
11-Sep	12-Sep	13-Sep	SEAPEX Seattle Philatelic Exhibition (WSP)	Tukwila, WA	Show
	3-Oct	4-Oct	VICPEX (<i>Vancouver Is. & Greater Victoria Phil. Soc.</i>)	Victoria, BC	Show
		29-Nov	Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair	Victoria, BC	Bourse
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

New stamps commemorate the 150th anniversary of the first transcontinental railroad

The unveiling at the Museum of Chinese in America comes after thousands gathered on May 10 in Promontory, Utah, to celebrate the line's completion.



Photographs of replicas of the two locomotives at the Golden Spike National Historic Site were used as visual references for the stamp artwork. A third stamp portrays the famed golden spike that was a prominent part of the ceremony. Each of the stamps and the header feature gold-foiled highlights that produce a glimmering effect. U.S. Postal Service

By Chris Fuchs

Postage stamps were unveiled in New York City on Wednesday to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the first transcontinental railroad, a monumental engineering project linking the nation's coasts that was completed with the help of thousands of Chinese laborers. "The story of the Chinese railroad workers is a story that must be told, and today we are doing exactly that," Rep. Grace Meng, D-N.Y., said in a statement. "Honoring their blood, sweat and labor, and providing them with the recognition they deserve, is an outstanding way to mark this milestone anniversary of the railroad."

The unveiling, held at the Museum of Chinese in America near Manhattan's Chinatown, comes after thousands gathered on May 10th in Promontory, Utah, to celebrate the line's completion a century and a half ago.

The first transcontinental railroad shaved travel time across the continent from several months to about a week.

"Today and with this stamp, we are finally telling the whole story of the Chinese and Irish railroad workers whose labor and sacrifice created an economic boon for a young nation just recovering from the Civil War," Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., said in a statement.

Each of the two locomotives that met at Promontory Summit in 1869 received its own forever stamp. A third depicts the iconic golden spike hammered in that day in May, signifying the joining of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railroads.

Meng and other members of Congress wrote to the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee earlier this year, recommending that the United States Postal Service issue a commemorative stamp honoring the Chinese immigrant laborers who helped build the line.

While the Irish made up a large part of the railroad's workforce, particularly that of the Union Pacific, which pushed westward, the Chinese accounted for nearly 90 percent of Central Pacific laborers, who built east from California. At its highest point, 10,000 to 15,000 Chinese were working on the Central Pacific, with perhaps as many as 20,000 in total over time.

The Chinese laborers took on some of the most dangerous, most exhausting assignments for less pay (and worse treatment) than their Euro-American counterparts. Hundreds, possibly more than a thousand, Chinese workers died during the line's construction.

Despite their sacrifices, the Chinese railroad workers and their contributions have largely been glossed over in history — a wrong that railroad worker descendants and advocates have endeavored to right.

Larry Lee, who attended the event, said in a statement that his great grand-uncle Lai Moun (also known as John W. Lee) helped build the railroad and “was one of the thousands of Chinese who were nameless and faceless to the outside world.”

“Now, 150 years later, the Chinese railroad workers are finally being remembered as heroes who united and built America,” Lee added.

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