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Wes Falor
President Photo by Richard T.

Hope everyone is enjoying th start of summer! A quick reminder that our show is almost here and that we are getting down to the wire to have what your display will be about and how many frames you plan you plan on using so we can get it all in the show flyer. I was not able to attend the last planning meeting so we will have Cathie give an update on what is still needed for the show preparation. We now have a full slate of seven dealers for our show, so hopefully you will find things you need to add to your collection. We are in the process of putting together a memorial for Karen for the show, any help or ideas will be greatly appreciated.

The letter of the month for July is "C", so there should be lots of options open for items to be shared. There will be presentation by Rick Kunz on the Spellman Museum.

Thursday July 6th meeting

After the General meeting, Rick Kunz will talk about his recent visit to the Spellman Museum at Regis College in Weston, Massachusetts. The Spellman Museum of stamps & Postal History contains over two million philatelic items ranging from postage stamps, to postal history to artifacts of communication through to mails. This will be follow by a show and tell that begins with the letter "C".

Thursday, August 3rd

The general meeting will include final preparations of our stamp show on August 12th and unfinished tasks related to the show. There will be a show and tell that begins with the letter "D". This will be followed by a silent auction. Bring items you are interested in selling. Silent auction forms can be down loaded from our website straitstamp.org

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July - Aug. Stamp Shows

JULY - 15-16

Evergreen Stamp Club **Summer Exhibition** Kent WA

August 12,

Strait Stamp Show Masonic Hall 4& Pine Sequim, WA and species and animal

August 13,

Fenwick Stamp club Renton, WA

U.S. stamps new issues for May & June

July 12th

Andrew Wyefh Concord, MA

July 26th

Sharks Newport, KY

Aug. 3,

Protect Pollinators Richmond, VA

Aug. 11,

Azulilla Stamped Cards Independence, OH

Aug. 16

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President's message continued from Front page.

For the month of August the letter for the month is "D", again there should be a lot of options available updates and prep. For our show.

Due to foot surgery on the 5th I may miss the July 6th meeting.

Respectfully, Wes Falor =



Secretary Cathie Osborne Notes.

We were saddened at our May meeting to learn of the death of member Kern McKee, who had been battling brain cancer for a couple of years. She was an enthusiastic bright spot in our meetings, always willing to help. We will certainly miss her!

Charleen and Steve Reeves, our postmaster, hosted the program part of our meeting Charleen U.S Postal service western sales had brought two of her team – Jack Trogdon and Vince Varghese – to tell us more about more about USPS marketing and mailing. Several of our members are volume mailers, so it was great information.

The letter "A" was well represented, Henry Jones showed a frame of Antarctic stamps and first day covers, which he put together for fund-raisers. Bruce Halstead showed "African Avies", inspired by the birds he saw on his recent trip to Africa. Roger Heath showed Swiss covers with originating and destination towns starting with 'A'-some with multiple "A"s. Pil Castill show penny reds with "A' in the corner and his new Scott Catalog for A countries. Rick Kuns showed mobile post material from Akron. Jim Kioetzel

showed a document having to do with the sale of a sla ve.

Dick McCammon for the "A" showed an announcement of a stamp to be issued in June for the solar eclipse in August. The stamp will show the total eclipse such that when a finger is pressed on it will change its color from black into an image the moon.

Several of our member have gone to PIPEX17 and Cathie displayed the pages for our" frame which will be shown there.

Another good meeting enjoyed by 23 members.

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Cathie's Report on PIPEX 17

PIPEX was very special this year! Our own member, Roger won the Grand award for his exhibit "Swiss Flexible-head Razer Cancellers". That means his exhibit was the best out of 55 exhibits from all over the United States. We are proud of Roger!

The show also had exhibits that appealed to the general public. One on spiders, one on trees; Alexander Hamilton, Scouts, Frog postcards, And the Dealers came from as far as the east coast with treasures for us shoppers. I'm sure some of the finds will show up during show-and-tell times.

The Federation meeting included a passing of the Baton of Executive Director, and you can read about it online in the Federated Philatelist.

The planning May 23 was profitable. Many of the jobs are now filled by helpers. We still need drivers for our Victoria visitors, so that's something to consider. Also, we're also, we're also

Minutes of June 2nd meeting.

Notes were prepared by Grace Easterbrook for the news.

There were 14 attendees at the June 2nd meeting. Cathie sent regrets for her absence. We all missed her and hope she will be at the next meeting.

Dick explained that exhibitors could get forms for our August show on our website and that they should send them to Cathie's when completed.

Chester Masters is retiring from editing for the club newsletter. Thanks Chester for all of your hard work over the years. (Editors note: I did the new letter for 218 years now have age related things going on.)

There is a vacancy for someone to step in and be the new editor, most expenses taken for by the club treasury.

Our club as the honor of having a member given a prestigious prize at PIPEX17. Roger Heath was given the multi-frame Grand prize (Large Gold) and the Postal History Medal for his wonderful exhibit the history of Swiss flexible-head razor cancellers. Congratulations to Roger on his fascinating exhibit!

There was a discussion about PIPEX and all who attended felt that it was a success with many great exhibits and vendors. Jim Kloetzel and several others said the Hawaiian stamps seem to be of great interest right now. Our next meeting will be July 8th the first Thursday. Rick Kuuz will give us a talk on the Spellman Museum in Boston. For show and tell we had items beginning with the letter "B" such as Boston and Bremen.

Jim Kloetzel had a set of Civil War patriotic covers with the Liberty Bell on them. Roger Heath had several items on Boats especially the Queen Mary which were very interesting. One even had a possible connection to the Lindergh family. Bruce Halstead had a good idea for using up 1 cent stamps (given by Bruce Munn). His idea is to organize them in albums for ease of display at the show for purchase. The proceeds will benefit our club. Grace Easterbrook showed a book called "The Guinness of Stamps" facts and feats by Jim MacKay. It is full of interesting items. There was a silent auction. Another fun and interesting evening.

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