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Presidents Message

Mar. 7th MEETING

Welcome to our March-April Newsletter



Wes Falor

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After the general meeting, there will be a show and tell that begins with the letter "W." Bring any questions you have about stamps or stamp collecting.

Apr. 4th MEETING

After the general meeting, there will be a show and tell that begins with the letter "X." This will be followed by a Silent Auction. Forms can be downloaded from our website straitstamp.org

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It appears that spring might have finally arrived and we have escaped any further snow problems. I know we had a pretty good run of snow days in February and hope all of you came through them without any damage. It seems as though the year has just started and now we are into the 3rd month just like that. This brings me to the reminder of how close our Show actually is, and to remind everyone to get serious about their displays.

For the month of March, the letter is "W," some of the obvious topics are Western Australia, White Russia, Wenden, Western Ukraine, Wurtemberg, Wallis and Futuna Islands, and Western Samoa.

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Take a trip back in time

Stamp society welcomes eminent publications editor

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Jim Kloetzel is, understandably, a stamp collector.

Editor of the Scott catalogs — home of the dominant stamp numbering system in the world, for the better part of eight years — Kloetzel has collected volumes upon volumes over the years, but his favorite in the collection isn't a stamp at all. It's actually a cover, or the outside of an envelope or package with an address.

It's a Civil War-era patriotic cover with the Liberty Bell on it that was sent and delivered to locations in Philadelphia. Inside is a letter of appeal from the Women's Anti-Slavery Society sent to a local merchant asking for donations to an upcoming fundraiser for wounded warriors. "I started a mint U.S. stamp collection (years ago)," Kloetzel said, "but it didn't take me too many years in the auction business to know I wasn't going to build this great collection," Kloetzel said. Kloetzel brings his personal and professional expertise to the Strait Stamp Society, presenting to members at their next meeting set for 6 p.m. Thursday, March 5, at the Sequim Library, 630 N. Sequim Ave.

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Much of his talk is less personal than the "History of the Scott Catalogue," a historical journey tracing the development of the Scott catalogues from the first edition in 1868 (and even earlier) to present time. The significance of the Scott numbering system, Kloetzel said, is that stamp collectors worldwide found they can talk in a kind of common language. "Once the Scott numbering system took hold, they had a lock on the market," Kloetzel said. The talk, club members say, will be filled with facts and interesting stories most collectors have never heard before concerning the catalogs and their creator, John Walter Scott — including the reasons behind spelling the publications "catalogue" instead of "catalog." "These are the bibles of the stamp collecting industry," Strait Stamp Society member Phil Castell said.

Kloetzel was the editor of the Scott catalogs from 1994-2011 and has been the consultant handling all valuing and editing of the United States and Canada portions of the Scott catalogs from 2011 to the present.

Though his father was a stamp collector when he was youth growing up in Los Angeles, Kloetzel didn't catch the collecting bug until graduate school. He gave up a career in academia (he studied history and philosophy) to join the auction firm of Richard Wolfers, Inc., in San Francisco in 1974 "My professor (Kenneth Stamp) said, 'OK, leave if you want, or come back for your PhD,'" Kloetzel recalled. "I never went back." He then joined a firm in Dallas, Texas, for several years and then the staff of Scott Publishing Co. in 1994.

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Secretary Cathie Osborne Notes



January 3rd meeting

Judy Newblom, filling in

Wes opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Cathie made the following announcements:

The theme of this year's Clallam County Fair (August 15-18, 2019) is "Red, White & Moo-It's Our 100th Too". She reminded everyone to start thinking of an idea for the cachet and cancel.

Cathie asked if the club would be interested in another club exhibit at PIPEX (May 10-12, 2019). There seemed to be interest but applications are due April 1 and exhibits must be received by May 7th. Bring ideas to the February meeting.

The American Philatelic Society is looking for representatives to their APS Ambassador Program. This is a link between the local chapter and the APS. Anyone interested please contact Cathie.

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Kloetzel and his wife, Karolyn, retired in 2011 and moved to Port Ludlow in 2012. Make that semi-retired: Kloetzel still works for Scott Publishing — nearly seven days a week during their busiest times (May, June, July and August) — editing and valuing their United States and Canada stamp listings. He also makes the occasional appearance for a stamp club such as the Strait Stamp Society, or for conventions like the one he'll speak at in late September in Los Angeles, a two-day event, where he'll discuss how to get the most of of Scott catalogues. Kloetzel said he treasures two collections in particular: Civil War-era patriotic covers (40 albums worth) and advertising covers that date back to the 1840s.

Everything else — including most of his father's 50-volume collection — is for sale.



Secretary's Notes

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The theme for this year's SEAPEX is the 50th Anniversary of the First Manned Moon Landing. This was the Apollo 11 flight that took place July 20, 1969.

We watched the documentary, "Freaks and Errors, A Rare Collection" which featured the world of philately with an interesting story on the rare stamp in the world, the 1-cent British Guiana. Thanks to Rick Kunz for sharing the film and expanding our knowledge of the amazing world of stamp collecting

February 7th Meeting

Dick McCammon opened the meeting by announcing that Cathie Osborne agreed to be our APS Ambassador to the American Philatelic Society (see **New Ambassador**). The Club, by a unanimous vote, endorsed the following slate of candidates: President, Robert Zeigler; VPs, Cheryl Ganz, Patricia Kaufmann, Jeffrey Shapiro; Secretary, Stephen Schumann; and Treasurer, Bruce Marsden. Our vote for the above slate will be sent to the APS by our new Ambassador.

Cathie stated there are six dealers signed up for the show in August. Cathie and Judy are working on the cachet and cancel for the show.

Cathie announced she will need everyone's pages for our exhibit at PIPEX by the April meeting. The theme is, "My Favorite Show and Tell." Up to 2 pages by each person would be ideal.

The upcoming dates for the mid-monthly meeting at Burger King are Feb. 13th and Mar 20th.

Interesting show and tells for the letter "U" and "V" were provided by Rick, Bill, Roger, Judy, and Cathie.

The Silent Auction made for another successful evening.



New Ambassador



Cathie Osborne has agreed to be our new ambassador to the American Philatelic Society (APS). As our ambassador, she becomes our connection to the APS in a number of ways, mainly, in being visible and vocal about society services and benefits and in representing the chapter at APS events. At each of our monthly meetings, Cathie will provide us with an APS minute that will keep us informed of society updates. We thank Cathie for taking on this new and challenging role for our chapter.



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We will also have some things donated to the club for sale. For our "APRIL" meeting, the letter is "X" which is a bit harder to select topics. Lets see if any one can come up with material from "Xejepe." You are on your own to find other suitable topics. There will also be a silent auction at the April meeting , so dig out those extras and/or material you no longer need and raise some funds to buy new material.

I will not be at the "APRIL" meeting, so Cathie and/or Dick will be directing. Hope this finds everyone healthy and ready for Spring.

Wes