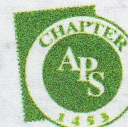




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Strait Stamp Talk



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Wes Falor

President *Photo by Richard T.*

Hope this news letter finds all of you well and enjoying the aborted attempts at the start of SPRING we seem to be going through. Please remember that our meeting will be on Wed. May 3rd and then in June we go back to Thursday. The good thing about a slow start to spring has been that I did get more time to work on stamp stuff while I watched it rain, the bad part is my yard/garden is way behind.

For May we will be having a presentation by Charleen and Steven Reeves about what is going on locally and regionally at the U.S. Post Office. Charleen is the Dist. Sales Manager for the Seattle District of the U.S. P. S. and Steven is our local P.M. for Sequim. This should be an interesting presentation, so come prepared with lots of questions for them.

This month we are back to the starting the alphabet on our show and tell, so come prepared with all of the "A" items you have been saving. Hopefully some of you have visited a show since last month and can share your view point on what is going on.

For the month of June the letter is "B" and any and all items that are tied to the letter "B". We will also have a silent auction this month so bring out all of those items you want to turn in to cash so you can buy more items of your new interest areas.

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Wednesday, May 3rd meeting

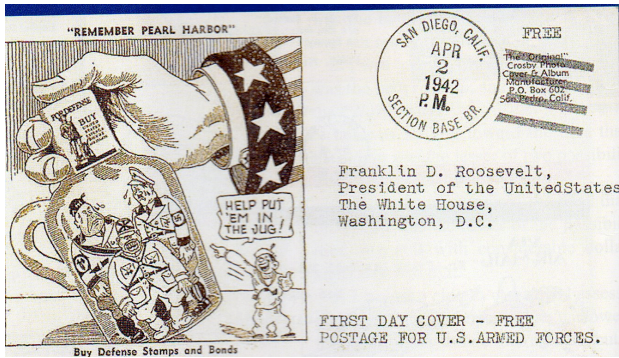
After the General meeting, Charleen Reeves who is the District Manager, Seattle District, U.S. Postal Service and Steven Reeves, the Postmaster here in Sequim, will bring us up to date on happenings at USPS regionally and Sequim locally. It should make for an interesting evening. If time permits, this will be followed by a show and tell that begins with the letter "A".

Thursday, June 1st

After the general meeting, there will be a show and tell that begins with the letter "B". This will be followed by a silent Auction. Bring items you are interested in selling. Silent auction forms can be downloaded from our website straitstamp.org

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May-June Stamp Shows

- May 12th -14th **PIPEX 2 017**
Pacific International Expo of
Stamp clubs
Portland, OR
- May 28 **Paper collectibles show**
(Vancouver postcard club
Vancouver, BC
- June 11 **Fenwick Stamp club**
Renton, WA

**U.S. stamps new issues
for May & June**

- May 2nd. **Celebration Boutonniers**
Saint Louis, MO
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Saint Louis, MO
- May 5th. **3 cent Strawberry**
Acton, MA (Philatelic Show)
- May 23rd. **Henry David Thoreau**
Concord, MA

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**President's message continued from
Front page.**

On behalf of the club and all of the members I
would like to extend a prayer and speedy
recovery to Cathie.

Respectfully, Wes Falor ☐

Acting Secretary Grace Easterbrook notes

Eleven members made it to the April 5th meeting. Dick started out by reporting on Cathie's surgery and Chester's hospitalization. All hope for an early recovery for both. After some discussion, it was decided to cancel the mid-month daytime meeting at Burger King for April 17th (it would not be the same without Cathie).

The show and tell for the month was for the letter Y and Z. Rick Kunz gave a presentation of RPOs (Railroad post office) for cities and towns with the letter Y and Z (Yazoo for instance and Zenia). Bruce Halstead had stamps featuring Zebras and Zinnias mostly from Africa. Richard Tarbuck brought a display organized by Julie of yellow stamps. Grace passed around a cover from the first "around the world" Graf Zeppelin flight. Jim Kloetzel presented a display of stamps from Yemen that depicted changes in the country and also stamps of Zambia and Zimbabwe. Rick said he would be visiting the Spellman museum in Boston and promised to take photos for us to see at our meeting in July. After the show and tell there was a silent auction. Again, another enjoyable meeting.

The May meeting is once again on the first Wednesday, May 3rd. We will be treated by a joint presentation by Charleen Reeves who is the District sales manager, Seattle District, U.S. Postal Service and Steven Reeves, the Postmaster here in Sequim. They will bring us up to date on happenings at USPS regionally and Sequim, locally. It should be a good meeting. REMEMBER the date is Wednesday May 3rd.

In June we go back to our regular meeting on the 1st Thursday, June 1st. There was a discussion about the current ups and downs of stamp dealers and auction

houses. There appears to be decline in realizations at some of the auction houses.

STRAIT STAMP TALK



Editor Chester Master

I have been in and out of the hospital with urinal bladder problems. First time they were too full and I had to live with it till the bladder caused other problems in drinking and eating. Next they had me in the hospital on anti-biotics or some type of fluid to correct the problem. Now I am at home with a special pill for a week and instant food and beverage thickener. Honey-like thickener, now down to Nectar-like thickness to speak again without coughing. ☺

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