

Bigger and Better SESCAL coming Oct. 5-7; Federation meeting will be Saturday

(Much of this information was downloaded from the SESCAL Web site <www.sescal.org> — Editor)

The name is different and the building will look different, but the location of SESCAL 2001 is the same as it has been for 12 years.

This year's SESCAL will be Friday-Sunday, Oct. 5-7, at the Radisson at LAX, 6225 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90045. The hotel is under new ownership and just finished an extensive remodeling. The show hours are Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The Federation meeting will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 6.

SESCAL will be the host for conventions of the American Helvetia Philatelic Society and the Rossica Society of Russian Philately.

Awards will be presented at the Palmares dinner at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 6, in the Sky View Restaurant on the top floor of the Radisson. Seating is limited, and tickets may be bought in advance for \$35 each by writing to Mrs. Waltraud Helms, 11925 Ringwood Ave, Norwalk, CA 90650.

More on the hotel

The new Radisson Hotel at LAX has just completed a \$15 million renovation, with 40,000 square feet of newly renovated banquet and meeting facilities and 600 newly redecorated guest rooms, including 12 luxury suites. The guest rooms and suites now all have dual-line phones, data ports, voice mail, coffee maker, 25-inch TV, iron and ironing board, hair dryer and comfortable new mattresses.

Those who remember it from the old ownership will have trouble recognizing the lobby area, now with a lobby lounge and two sweeping staircases to the ballroom floor holding SESCAL.

You will also find a 24-hour business center, fully equipped fitness center, the Century Café and Bakery, a Starbucks Coffee Bar and many other amenities.

The Radisson is on the north side of Century Boulevard between Vicksburg Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard. It is 1.5 miles west of the 405 Freeway and one mile north of the 105 Freeway's termination at Sepulveda Boulevard.

Meetings at SESCAL

In addition to the fall conventions of the American Helvetia Philatelic Society and the Rossica Society of Russian Philately, regional meetings of the following groups are scheduled (check the Web site for the full schedule, which had not been posted by the Reporter deadline): American First Day Cover Society, American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, Canal Zone Study Group, COPAPHIL: Colombia/Panama Philatelic Study Group, Éire Philatelic Association, Society of Israel Philatelists, International Society for Japanese Philately, Korea Stamp Society, Scandinavian Collectors Club and Philatelic Library, Philatelic Computing Study Group, Plate Number Coil Collectors Club and U.S. Philatelic Classics Society.

The American Philatelic Society will have a booth at the show this year.

The United States Postal Service and the United Nations Post Office will also be present.

About us

The Philatelic Review is published quarterly by The Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California.

The SESCAL Web site, which also includes information about the Federation and a list of member clubs, is at www.sescal.org

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Chairmen's message

Welcome to SESCAL '01

On behalf of the Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California and the SESCAL Committee, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the 57th Annual Stamp Exhibition of Southern California — SESCAL '01.

This year we welcome the American Helvetia Philatelic Society and the Rossica Society of Russian Philately as our featured guests. These societies are holding their national convention at SESCAL, and we wish to extend a special welcome to all of their members. We especially wish to thank coordinators of these societies for their help in making this a successful show.

The Plate Number Coil Society and other societies will also hold their regional meetings at SESCAL. We encourage their members to attend our show. We wish each society a most successful meeting or convention, and look forward to their participation in SESCAL in the future.

SESCAL '01 provides visitors the opportunity to view some of the finest philatelic and literature exhibits in the country. The philatelic section is composed of exhibits from most of the main areas of collecting, including major sections from the host societies. The literature section also contains handbooks, special studies, and society journals. We are proud to have these literature exhibits, which allow those who attend SESCAL to review this important aspect of our hobby. Please take the time to peruse these exhib-

its.

The philatelic exhibits reflect both the best exhibits of our country and those that are climbing the exhibition ladder. From junior exhibitors to very advanced exhibitors, you will definitely find subjects to learn more about our hobby, and to enjoy. Please enjoy the serious work put forth by all of our exhibitors.

The United States Postal Service and the United Nations Postal Administration will participate in our show. On Sunday, Michael Rogers will conduct a major auction of Asian area material. The auction lots will be available for viewing on Friday and Saturday during show hours.

SESCAL offers one of the finest and largest bourses on the West Coast. Our dealers provide collectors with the opportunity to choose from an outstanding variety of material for both the beginning and advanced collectors. **We want to make a special acknowledgement of the role our dealers play in SESCAL: We can not put this show on without their help and participation.**

Be sure to visit the society tables and to attend the many meetings that are scheduled during this exhibition. We also want to thank the U.S. Postal Service for its continued support of our show. Its support over the years is greatly appreciated.

Finally, we must acknowledge those who have assisted in this en-

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President's message**A look at what has been and what's to come**

In mid January, I received Pete Baillet's resignation as president-elect of the Federation because of health problems. His service as vice president and as president-elect was appreciated, and it is unfortunate that he was unable to complete his final two years of service as Federation president.

Jerry Harwood advanced to fill the position of president-elect and will relieve me as Federation president in January 2002. Jerry can look forward to a great tour as president with fewer troubles and a wonderful renovated SESCAL site.

The Federation conducted an unofficial meeting at VENPEX on 17 March. Thank you, VENPEX, for providing hospitality and facilities. The next official Federation meeting was conducted at ORCOPEX on 9 June, during which William O'Connor was elected to fill the open position of vice president. We also wish to thank ORCOPEX for its hospitality and facilities.

I am very optimistic for the current climate of our hobby and forecast that SESCAL 2001 will be a banner show. Not only is SESCAL on track, but shows across the country are reporting over-subscribed dealer's bourses and the turning away of exhibits, the most recent of which is APS's Stampshow 2001 to be held 23-26 August in Chicago. SESCAL will not have a Mega Show with which to compete like last year, when some out-of-state dealers canceled because they had expended their travel budgets.

With the minimum Scott's value of a stamp being increased to 20 cents, the value of my own collection has increased during the past year. This is most encouraging after watching my investment portfolio during the same period. I filled some hard to fill holes. Stamping doesn't get much better than this.

The next meeting of the Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, 6 October 2001, at SESCAL at the newly renovated Radisson Hotel. We all look forward to attending a fine philatelic event.

— **Bill Estes**
October 2001

**More on chairmen's message ...**

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deavor. SESCAL would not be possible without the magnificent committee that makes this show possible. These committee chairmen and chairwomen are the heart of this show - the SESCAL Chairman is just the figurehead who is credited

for their hard work and dedication to our hobby. Again, welcome!
Please enjoy your visit to SESCAL '01!

— **Ray Clary and Wallace Craig**

Minutes of the June 9, 2001, meeting of

Call to order:

President Bill Estes called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. at ORCOPEX 2001 in the Brookhurst Community Center in Anaheim. Mr. Estes thanked the Orange County Philatelic Society for providing the meeting room for the Federation's use. There were 13 members attending, with 13 clubs represented. Mr. Estes welcomed everyone, introduced the officers, and then had those in attendance introduce themselves.

Reports:

The minutes of the Jan. 27, 2001, meeting were approved as they appeared in the Philatelic Review.

Waltraud Helms gave the treasurer's report for the period of Jan. 1, 2001, through May 31, 2001:

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2001	\$ 65.38
Income: Dues for 2001	\$ 290.00
Expenses:	
Franchise Tax Board:	\$ 10.00
Secretary of State:	20.00
Philatelic Review Printing:	42.12
Review Postage	31.62
Other Postage:	12.43

	\$ 116.17
Balance as of May 31, 2001:	\$ 239.21

It was moved and seconded to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

Mrs. Helms further shared that 22 clubs have current status with the Federation. One club, the German Philatelic Society of San Diego, still has dues outstanding. The Greater Valley Club and the German Philatelic Society of Los Angeles have disbanded.

SESCAL Report:

Ray Clary announced that all contracts have been sent to dealers and that approximately 20 have been returned, with another 15 to 20 tables being committed. A brief discussion ensued regarding the growing difficulty of getting dealers

for all stamp bourses and exhibitions. If all 55 tables are filled, Ray suggested that SESCAL consider having a raffle for the dealers to provide one free table. Jim Bowman suggested that it might be better to invest this money in reducing parking costs for attendees at the hotel. Ray concurred.

Jim Bowman announced that he had brought the SESCAL tickets and postcards to be provided to dealers to mail to their customers. Additional advertising will begin in August. Ray Clary added that he will approach Harmer-Schau to get their qualified mailing list as well. He also added that he is attempting to get a local television station to come to SESCAL on Friday morning to provide news coverage of SESCAL.

Wallace Craig reported on his negotiations with the Radisson Hotel. He will be going to the hotel next week to see the progress on the remodeling, and to try to complete negotiations with the hotel.

Ray Clary indicated that no theme for SESCAL 2001 had been decided upon. Members presented several ideas for possible themes for the cancellation to be used at SESCAL. There will be no cachet.

(Subsequent to the meeting, Bob De Violini suggested that SESCAL use the common cancel being made available by the Chapter Activities Committee of the American Philatelic Society for use during Stamp Collecting Month in October. The cancel, featuring a magnifying glass and a copy of Scott #1 is reminiscent of the first National Stamp Collecting Month cancel from 1981. The cancel can be customized to add SESCAL's name, our APS Chapter Number, and the city, state, and zip code where it will be used. The SESCAL Committee concurred.)

Bob De Violini reported that there will be a new literature category for local stamp club newsletters with its own award. The clubs must submit the six most recent issues prior to July. All member clubs are being sent the literature prospectus.

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More on minutes ...

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Old Business:

Wallace Craig gave a verbal update on the status of the Bob Thompson situation.

There was no other old business.

New Business:

Bill Estes announced the necessity of finding a person to assume the duties of vice-president due to the resignation of Pete Balliet as president-elect and the elevation of Jerry Harwood to assume his position. Bill O'Connor was nominated and seconded to fill the position of

vice-president. With no other nominations from the floor, nominations were closed. Mr. O'Connor was elected unanimously. (Bill's e-mail address is <CONOCON@AOL.com>)

The next meeting will be held at SESCAL at 2 p.m. on Oct. t, 2001.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

— Carolyn Clary,
Secretary

An introduction to collecting France

By Wallace Craig

The history of France is closely linked to that of Europe. This country stopped the Moors from taking over Europe. The French have had a large empire that spread throughout the world.

To collect this area, one can collect the mother country or the colonies. The colonies can be broken down to a colony or an area of colonies. There are the African colonies (northern and southern), Western Hemisphere, the Caribbean, and offices in Turkey or China. In addition there are several Pacific Island areas. And finally come

the areas of India and Indochina.

French history in the stamp and pre-stamp eras can be subdivided into the Empire period, 1852-1870; and the first, second, third, fourth and fifth Republics. I am not sure, but there may be a sixth. Each one has its type of stamps and a history to go with it.

The stamps of modern France are treasures of beauty and design. The art stamps of France are subjects unto themselves. Each has its own story of the painter and the type of art it shows.

Have a good time collecting.

Editor's corner

Jottings to fill a final page on deadline

Musing out loud: When I assumed the editor's job, I was told that the Federation newsletter was a quarterly publication with a major goal of announcing the quarterly meetings. You've probably noticed that you haven't been getting a regular four issues a year because there haven't been quarterly meetings (SANDICAL, ORCOPEX and SESCAL, with an unofficial meeting at VENPEX just a month or so after SANDICAL).

My question: Are we short a meeting or are we

supposed to have an extra newsletter thrown in with less Federation news and more general stamp news? Or do we want two very close together meetings and issues for the SANDICAL and VENPEX events? Something for the board to consider.

As usual, we need information about member club activities. My address is on page 2.

— John Weigle

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