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Coming events

Federation to meet at SANDICAL; APS winter show in Riverside; VENPEX moves back to Oxnard

There's lots of news on the show format this month, so let's get right to it.



SANDICAL; Federation meeting

The next Federation meeting will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 2, at SANDICAL.

SANDICAL, sponsored by the San Diego County Philatelic Council, will be Feb. 1-3 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd., Del Mar.

To reach the Del Mar Fairgrounds from the north, take U.S. 101 south to the I-5 exit toward Santa Ana. Take I-5 to the Via de la Valle exit toward Del Mar. Turn right onto Via de la Valle and go Jimmy Durante Boulevard, where you turn left.

For more information on this World Series of Philately show, contact Jerry Santangelo at (619) 463-8336 (voice) or (619) 463-0166 (fax).

APS

The American Philatelic Society's AmeriStamp Expo 2002 will be held Friday-Sunday,

Feb. 8-10, at the Riverside Convention Center, 3443 Orange St., Riverside. This is the first APS show in Southern California in more than 12 years.

Show hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday.

Admission is free.

Special events include first-day ceremonies at noon Friday for the third U.S. "Happy Birthday" stamp and at 10:30 a.m. Friday for six stamps featuring trains from the Republic of Guinea.

The bourse will feature about 60 dealers from the United States and abroad, and Harmer-Schau will have a three-session auction during the show. Catalogs for the sales will be posted at <www.harmerschau.com>.

The full list of dealers and exhibits may be seen online at <www.stamp.org/directories/dir_AmeriStamp.htm>

VENPEX

VENPEX, the annual show of the Ventura County Philatelic Society, will be Saturday and Sunday, March 16-17, at Santa Clara High School. The high school is a new location for the show, so the VCPS hopes for a large turnout based on the additional advertising it plans. The show was moved from Seaside Park, the Ventura

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About us

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President's message

What's ahead for philately?

I want to thank the Federation for electing me to President.

The SESCAL show appeared to be a success. The attendance was up almost double.

It brings some observations to mind. First, when you look at who is attending the shows, you'll notice the aging of our collecting colleagues. There are more members over 50 than from any other age group. Even the dealers are getting to the age of gray hair. The clubs have a declining membership trend.

The good news is that those who were unable to pay for expensive stamps when they were young now have the disposable income. The stock market has been an ally. When the market went south, the extra funds went into stamps. There are a great deal of collections coming on the market as a result of the

second generation disposing of the collections rather than continuing with them.

The second great boom to collecting is all electronics. E-Bay and Yahoo as well as other "stores" provide a relative "fair market value" of what a stamp is really worth. The classics of Western Europe, once very desirable, now realize 15 percent to 20 percent of Scott. Other countries such as British Africa and the Middle East, as well as Europa, bring a premium to Scott. Worldwide Internet auctions provide a great source of material which be purchased from the comfort of your home.

Let's hope it doesn't impact the future of our shows! Most of us want to see what we're buying.

See you at Del Mar.

— **Jerry Harwood, president**

Outgoing president's column

This issue of The Philatelic Review will reach you as we move into the new year of 2002. I hope that this year will be happy, productive, and satisfying for the Federation, its members, and for our beloved hobby.

Last year's challenges for the Federation have been successfully met and placed behind us. SESCAL 2001 was successfully promoted and produced in spite of the Sept. 11th events. Fallout that affected SESCAL included the inability of a

judge to travel from Switzerland to Los Angeles; a replacement was obtained. A number of out-of-town dealers canceled. The Radisson Hotel negotiated and waived requirements that otherwise would have placed a severe financial hardship upon the show. The SESCAL chairpersons are to be commended for their performance.

As I leave the post of Federation president, I pass a few work-in-process problems to my successor,

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Editor wins Distinguished Service Award; prizes for SESCAL exhibitors listed

Federation Reporter editor John Weigle received the Federation's Distinguished Service Award at a surprise presentation at noon on Sunday, the last day of SESCAL.

The award was announced at the SESCAL banquet on Saturday night, but Weigle could not attend because he was working. Ray Clary asked those at the banquet to keep the secret until the presentation ceremony. The show was Oct. 5-7.

The Distinguished Service Award, of course, is not the only presentation made during the awards banquet, which is primarily to present the awards

to the show's exhibitors. This year's grand went to Switzerland: The Sitting Helvetia Perforated Issue 1862-1883, exhibited by Ralph B. Soderberg, M.D., who also received a SESCAL Gold Award, APS Best 19th Century Award, and Felix Ganz Memorial Grand Award

Here is the text of Clary's announcement of the Distinguished Service Award:

"Good Evening!

"I ask each of the past winners of the Federation's Distinguished Service Award that are pre-

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Jerry Haywood, that include the ongoing resolution of the theft charges against a former SESCAL chairman, a declining number of dealers and, therefore, a drop in SESCAL revenues, and the possibility of a USPS Mega show in New York in November 2002 during the week that the Federation normally schedules SESCAL. The SESCAL chairpersons will continue to support the Federation in the same manner that they always have, and these problems will be success-

fully resolved. I regret that the timing of these problems should occur as Jerry assumes office, but I am confident that he will not fail. He has the greatest team in the Stamp Show Business.

I wish to thank all the wonderful people that helped me through my term of offices. It has been a great experience that I wouldn't have missed. THANK YOU ALL.

— **Bill Estes,**
Outgoing president

More on coming shows...

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County Fairgrounds, because of increasing costs and parking fees.

The high school is at 2121 Saviers Road. To find it from the north, take Highway 101 to Oxnard Boulevard and follow Oxnard Boulevard to Saviers Road (the straight-ahead extension of Oxnard Boulevard). Coming from the south, take Highway 101 to Vineyard Road and proceed two blocks to a left turn onto Oxnard Boulevard. Again, take Oxnard Boulevard to Saviers Road and Saviers to Santa Clara High. If you reach the

Centerpoint Mall (Mervyns, etc.) on Saviers, turn around and go back a block; you have gone too far.

The show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday. Admission and parking are free.

Exhibits are needed. The prospectus is available from exhibits chairman George Lyon at 1911 Spyglass Trail W., Oxnard, Calif. 93030-2769..

More on SESCAL honors ...

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sent with us tonight to please rise. Will each of you please introduce yourself to our group and give the year that you won the award.

"I wish to express not only the appreciation of the Federation to each of you, but also to acknowledge your continuing contributions to both the Federation and to philately in general.

"The plaque is inscribed with the words: 'In Recognition and Appreciation, for Valuable Contributions to the Advancement and Enrichment of Philately.' I know that tonight's recipient is truly the embodiment of these words.

"Tonight's recipient has had a lifelong commitment to stamp collecting and sharing of the hobby with others.

"This person has spent the majority of his life in a county near Los Angeles County. He has served his local stamp club in various capacities, including editing the stamp club newsletter, and has functioned as the General Chairman of his stamp club's annual exhibition. He has served as an officer of the Federation.

"This person is a dedicated collector of Official Seals of the United States Postal Service, and of the postal history of his county.

"Have you guessed who it may be? If you have not, then the next bit of information will give it away.

"This person has authored biweekly columns on philately for his local newspaper for many years.

"He has introduced young people to stamp collecting for almost 20 years by promoting the stamp club at the Anacapa Middle School. He helps sponsor and promote the Anacapa Middle School annual Youth Stamp Fair, which is held two weeks after SESCAL.

"This person is a member of the American Philatelic Society and the Ventura County Philatelic Society.

"I am sure by now you know who this person is. More specifically he has served in various capacities in the Ventura County Philatelic Society, is a past chairman of VENPEX, a former Vice-President of the Federation, and writes a biweekly

column on philately and stamp collecting for the Ventura Star. He is currently the editor of the Federation Reporter.

"It is my distinct pleasure and privilege to announce our 2001 recipient of the Federation's Distinguished Service Award: JOHN S. WEIGLE.

"John is not with us tonight. Although John has in the past taken vacation from his job at the Ventura Star to attend SESCAL, the full measure of this man's dedication to our hobby is that he decided this year to use his vacation time to put on the annual Youth Stamp Fair for the Anacapa Middle School.

"I ask each of you not disclose the recipient of this award until tomorrow afternoon, and that as many of you that can join me in a conspiracy to present this award to John in the lobby of the International Ball Room at approximately 12:00 noon tomorrow.

"Thank you very much."

Here, from the SESCAL Web site, is the complete Palmares for SESCAL 2001.

The awards are listed by medal level, and grouped by subject area. Special awards are listed with the exhibit. The literature awards follow the philatelic awards listing.

Philatelic Jury: Dr. Peter P. McCann, chairman, Annapolis, Md.; Andrew Cronin, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Richard Corwin, La Jolla, Calif.; James P. Gough, Santa Ana, Calif.; and Robert G. Zeigler, Indianapolis, Ind. Note: Richard Corwin replaced Kurt Kimmel of Switzerland on two days' notice when Swissair ceased operations on Oct. 2, 2001. Corwin's exhibit was placed in the Court of Honor.

COURT OF HONOR EXHIBITS

Blood's Despatch Post Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
— Richard A. Corwin

The "3-Star" Coat of Arms Issues of Latvia: 1923-1933 — Dzintars Grinfelds (AAPE Youth Champion of Champions Winner)

GRAND AWARD

Switzerland: The Sitting Helvetia Perforated Issue 1862-1883 — Ralph B. Soderberg, M.D. Also: SESCAL Gold Award, APS Best 19th Century Award, Felix Ganz Memorial Grand Award

RESERVE GRAND AWARD / The George Bennett Memorial Award

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More on awards ...

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The Philippine Islands — 1783-1882 — Nestor Nuñez. Also: SESCAL Gold Award, Michael Rogers' Best Asia Award

Gold Awards

The Swiss Imperforate Sitting Helvetia Issue 1854-1862 — Steve P. Turchik. Also: WESTPEX Award, AHPS Gold Medal

Switzerland: An Introduction to Strubels — Richard L. Fath. Also: AHPS Silver Medal

Switzerland's Domestic Postage Due Charges — Harlan F. Stone. Also: AHPS Bronze Medal

Canal Zone Second Air Mail Series — Paul Ammons. Also: APS Best 1940-1980 Award

Chinese Airmails and Their Forerunners — May & David Lu. Also: American Air Mail Society Award

Keeping Pace With Inflation — The Chinese National Currency Issues — H. James Maxwell. Also: American Philatelic Congress Award

The Opening of China: Canton 1801-1856 — Sam C. Chiu. Also: Postal History Society of China Multi-frame Award

Tibet: Stamps and Postal History — Alan Warren. Also: APS Best 20th Century to 1940 Award, SESCAL Chairman's Award

German North Atlantic Catapult Airmail and Feeder Flights, 1929-1939 — Werner Helms. Also: SESCAL Back of the Book Award

Latvian Traveling Post Offices: Rates, Routes, and Cancellations — Vesma Grinfelds. Also: Postal History Society Medal

Fiscal Stamps of Latvia, 1918-1945 — Valentins Dabols. Also: APS Best Research Award, AAPE Creativity Medal, American Revenue Association Medal

Postal History of California to 1900 — Kent Kuran. Also: AAPE Youth Grand, Junior Philatelists of America Award, H. E. Harris Ribbon

The Crown Issues and Surcharges of Macau, 1884 — Cheong-Too Choi

Vermeil Awards

Tannu Tuva 1921-1943 — Richard Clever. Also: Rossica National Award

The Romanov Tercentenary Issue of Russia — George V. Shalimoff. Also: Rossica President's Award

Russia Used Abroad: The Far East — M.R. Renfro. Also: Rossica Award

Toward Swiss Airmail Service: 1900 to 1920 — George Struble. Also: AAPE Award of Honor

U.S. First Bureau Issue — Louise Christian. Also: United States Stamp Society Bureau Issues Association Medal, Lynne Warm-Griffiths Memorial Award for Best US Classics to 1902

United States of America: A Sampling of Used Plate Numbers Prior to 1908 — Carl Shaff II. Also: United States Philatelic Classics Society Medal

Pre-War Macau Postal Cards — Stephen T. Y. Chan. Also: AAPE Award of Honor, United Postal Stationery Society Marcus White Award

Foreign Censorship of Mail From & To Switzerland 1939-1945 — Ernest L. Bergman

Russian Soviet Federated Socialist Republic — Raymond J. Pietruszka

Mongolia 1900-1959 — Richard Clever

Huaihai to Shanghai and Beyond: The Late Civil War Provisional Issues of East China — Hugh Lawrence

China's Airpost Philately, 1921-1941 — Merrill L. Bartlett

The Beacon — David Bize

Railroad Traveling Post Offices in Colonial Victoria — George W. Bowman

Silver Awards

Swiss Internment Camps — World War II — Robert T. Kinsley

Swiss Fondue — Bruce Marsden

Swiss Machine Cancels — Charles J. LaBlonde
Independence War of 1895: The Story of the Republic of Formosa — James Ong, MD

Purple Horrors — Dickson Preston

The Movies — William Skinner

NOTE: No philatelic exhibit received lower than a Silver Award at SESCAL 2001!

SINGLE-FRAME EXHIBITS

GOLD

Dark Caves — Bright Visions — Fran Adams. Also: American Topical Association One-frame Merit Award

VERMEIL

Switzerland's 1924 UPU Commemoratives — Harlan F. Stone. Also: Best One-frame Swiss Exhibit.

A Study of the Hsuan Tung Commemorative Issue Usage of China — Tommy Chiu. Also: Postal History Society of China One-frame Award, Michael Rogers' Postal History Society of China Award

Ceres Issues and Overprints of Macau 1913 — Cheong-Too Choi

An Act of Defiance — China's U.S. Constitution

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Minutes of the Oct. 6, 2001, meeting of The Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California

Call to order:

President Bill Estes called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. at SESCAL 2001, in the Radisson LAX Hotel. Mr. Estes thanked the SESCAL committee for providing the meeting room for the Federation's use. There were 20 members attending, with 14 clubs represented. Mr. Estes welcomed everyone, introduced the officers, and then

had each person in attendance introduce themselves.

Reports:

The minutes of the June 9, 2001, meeting were approved as they were published in the Philatelic Review.

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More on SESCAL awards...

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Commemoratives — H. James Maxwell

SILVER

The Swiss deCoppet Postmarks — Charles J. LaBlonde

Geneva II Rue du Stand — Charles J. LaBlonde

Wohlen, Switzerland 1824-1868 — Highlights of the Isler & Co. Archive — Bruce Marsden

St. Petersburg Geometric Numeral Cancellations — George V. Shalimoff

The Postal History of the Last Chinese Empire: Hung Hsein — Sam G. Chiu

Literature Awards

Literature Jury: Charles J. Peterson, Chairman, Laurel, Md.; Ken Lawrence, State College, Pa.; Alan Warren, Exton, Pa.

A = Handbook/Special Studies; B = Periodicals; C = Local newsletters

Gold Award

Larry Lyons, Editor, The Carriers & Locals Society (B), "The Penny Post"

Vermeil Awards

John H. Beachboard, Editor, (A), "United States Postal Card Catalog 2000"

Felix Berkovich, (A), "Jewish Chess Masters on Stamps"

David Lu, (A), "A Comprehensive Illustration of Covers with Sinkiang Provisional Airmail Stamps, 1932-1933"

Richard W. Helbock, Editor, American Philatelic Congress, (A), "The Congress Book, 2001"

Dr. Ross Marshall, Editor, Australia & New Zealand Society of Russian Philately, (B), "Pochta," No. 1-29, 1986-2000 (CD-ROM)

Paul Albright, Editor, Scandinavian Collectors Club, (B), "The Posthorn"

Silver Awards

James A. Dingler and Klerman W. Lopes, (A), "Mute Cancellations of the Brazil Empire"

Larry Goldberg, (A), "Falkland Islands Dependencies: The 1946 Thick Map Issue"

Raymond W. Ireson, (A), "The Panama Canal Story" (CD-ROM)

George Struble, Editor, American Helvetia Philatelic Society, (B), "Tell"

Larry Goldberg, LMG Publications, (B), "George VI"

Dr. Ross Marshall, American Society of Polar Philatelists, (B), "Ice Cap News," Vol. 1-39, 1956-1994 (CD-ROM)

Dr. Ross Marshall, Editor, Australia & New Zealand Society of Russian Philately, (B), "Pochta"

Silver-Bronze Awards

Larry Goldberg, (A), "Identifying the Cancellations of Tanganyika"

Larry Goldberg, (A), "Identifying the Cancellations of Kenya"

Larry Goldberg, (A), "Identifying the Cancellations of Basutoland"

Larry Goldberg, Editor, Precancel Study Group, BNAPS, (B), "Precancels / Canada"

Bronze Award

Raoul LaWall, editor, Conejo Valley Philatelic Society, C, Conejo Valley Philatelic Society Monthly Newsletter

More on minutes ...

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Waltraud Helms gave the treasurer's report for the period of June 1, 2001, through Sept. 30, 2001:

Balance as of May 31, 2001	\$ 239.21
Income:	
Dues for 2001	\$ 10.00
Expenses:	
Philatelic Review Printing:	\$ 39.96
Review Postage:	31.62
Regular Postage:	6.58

	\$ 78.16
Balance as of Sept. 30, 2001:	\$ 171.05

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

SESCAL Report:

Ray Clary reported that the bourse was down 14 tables, but attendance is up 50 percent over that of last year. Ten tables were cancelled after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. The hotel has been very supportive of this unusual situation and has cut costs to SESCAL significantly. We need to give the hotel a very nice hand for the assistance.

Mr. Clary also shared with the group the possibility of a different issue next year: The U. S. Post Office has asked that the October 2002 Mega-Event in New York be scheduled to the first weekend in October so the USPS can have first-day ceremonies to kick off Stamp Collecting Month. Obviously, this is in direct conflict with our normal show dates for SESCAL. Mr. Clary indicated that he would continue to advocate a different date without conflict to SESCAL.

Mr. Clary recognized Wallace Craig for his work for SESCAL during the year and indicated that the bulk of this year's SESCAL efforts had been the result of Wallace's hard work.

Old Business:

Wallace Craig gave a verbal update on the status of the Bob Thompson situation, which appears to be coming to a satisfactory end for SES-

CAL. Bill Estes acknowledged the great work done by Wallace, Jim Bowman and Waultrab Helms, who are researching and presenting SESCAL's case. It is expected that full disclosure of the proceedings will be made when the case is closed.

It was announced that the president of the Hollywood Collector's Club has passed away and that the club has since folded.

There was no other old business.

New Business:

Bill Estes announced that the Federation is seeking nominations for vice president. This is a six-year commitment: two years as vice president, two years as president-elect, and two years as president. Ken Weber was nominated for vice president, seconded, and the nominations were closed when no other nominees were forthcoming. Ken was elected by acclamation.

The election for Federation secretary will be held at the next meeting at SANDICAL. Everyone was encouraged to go back to their clubs to get names of suitable nominees. No one has been nominated at this time. Carolyn Clary has agreed to serve through the next meeting.

Waultrab Helms was prevailed upon to serve again as Federation treasurer. Mrs. Helms was nominated, seconded, and the nominations were closed when no other nominees were presented. Mrs. Helms was nominated, with applause, by acclamation.

Future Shows:

SANDICAL — Feb. 1-3, 2002

APS Riverside — Feb. 8-10, 2002

ARIPEX — Feb. 15-17, 2002

The next meeting will be held at SANDICAL at 2 p.m. on Feb. 2, 2002.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

— Carolyn Clary, secretary

Editor's column

Thanks for a big surprise

It's always nice to know you're appreciated, but I never expected to learn it by receiving the Federation's Distinguished Service Award. It puts me in company that I'm not sure I belong in, but maybe the recipient of such an award isn't the best person to determine that. In any case, the honor is truly appreciated, and I thank those who thought of me, provided some biographical material and made the decision.

But I found out there's also a hard part of getting the honor — I have to find someone to receive the 2002 award, and I'd like to ask your help in that.

As active as I've been in the Ventura County Philatelic Society, I don't pretend to know everyone in Southern California philately. I'd like some ideas from others in the Federation about people who deserve such an honor.

I'm sure that every club in the Federation has a spark

plug member who has actively promoted the hobby we all enjoy so much but whose recognition has come primarily from his local club.

Help one of them join the list of Distinguished Service Award recipients by sending me some information about them.

There are no formal nomination forms, and the only thing that counts is that I have to be able to read your suggestion, so please print or write clearly or send me a type-written (or computer-generated) note.

Either e-mail or regular mail (I can't use the term "snail mail" in a stamp collecting publication) is fine. My e-mail address is <jweigle@vcnet.com>. My regular mail address is P.O. Box 6536, Ventura, CA 93006. And I thank you in advance.

— John Weigle, editor

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