

## President's Message

**O**n behalf of all of the Federation members, I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Wallace Craig for returning for 2009 as the SESCAL general chairman. Let's all do what we can to support him so that his final year working with SESCAL leaves him with good memories of his many years of effort.

The 65th SESCAL is next month at the Radisson LAX Hotel and should be a great show. The details of the show are described elsewhere in this issue. Please help make the members of the two host societies feel welcome. The Universal Ship Cancellation Society and The Sports Philatelists International are holding their annual membership meetings during SESCAL. The meetings schedule is available on our Web site, [www.sescal.org](http://www.sescal.org).

Take special note of the talk "Sports Illustrated" by the noted philatelic artist Carl T. Herrman on Saturday at 1 p.m. Mr. Herrman was a USPS art director from 1992 to 2008 and designed numerous sports and other stamps. Among his stamp designs are those for World Cup Soccer, Olympic Discus, Atlanta Olympics (20) and Legendary Football Coaches. A brief biography is available on the Web site.

This year we are fortunate to have the first American Philatelic Society Educational Course to be given in Southern California. Richard Drews of Illinois will be presenting the two-day course, Exhibiting for the Prize, on Wednesday and Thursday (Oct 7-8) from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. See the APS Web site at [stamps.org/education/edu\\_Courses.htm](http://stamps.org/education/edu_Courses.htm) for details and a link to the online registration form. The sponsorship of this APS course by The Philatelic Society of Los Angeles, in memory of Toby Tobias, has resulted in a greatly reduced registration cost of \$25 for APS members and \$50 for non-members. Preregistration is a must due to the limited capacity of the course.

Congratulations to the Ries Chapter of American FDC Society, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. It has always been a big supporter of SESCAL and it is handling the show cachet and cancellation. The 2009 cachet has been designed by the cachet-making legend Bernard Goldberg. A hearty thanks goes to all its members for their work at SESCAL.

Due to construction issues, the parking structure at the Radisson will not be completed by SESCAL. Be sure to check [www.sescal.org](http://www.sescal.org) for the final details of approved parking. Do NOT fail to have your parking ticket validated. Validated tickets at the approved parking will receive a significant savings.

Our appreciation cannot be sufficiently expressed to the volunteers who have helped make possible the Federation and SESCAL. The past secretary, Lois Evans, has taken over the task of Federation and SESCAL treasurer following the excellent job Joan Hastings has done for the past four years.

Sadly, due to the lack of a VENPEX bourse chairman and general chairman, there will not be a VENPEX in 2009 and likely not in 2010. The good news is that the Ventura County Philatelic Society will hold its annual free Youth Stamp Fair

on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009, at the Dudley House, Ashwood and Loma Vista, Ventura. This great how-to-collect event is for kids and any interested adults. There are lots of free stamps, a cachet contest, and GeoSafari games. The VCPS volunteers have been doing a great job, and this is a fun event for all. Contact John Weigle if you can help, and feel free to drop by if you're so inclined.

POWPEX 2009 will be held the weekend of Nov. 14-15, 2009. The hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday at the Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego, CA 92111. The show theme is What's In Your Attic, and attendees are encouraged to take their collections and accumulations to POWPEX for a free valuation. About 20 professional dealers and the United States Postal Service will be at the show to entice collectors to part with their \$. A special show cachet and cancellation will be available. The San Diego Philatelic Library will have a table where attendees can learn about the great resources available in the San Diego area. The offerings are rounded out by door prizes and free stamps for new collectors. Details are available at [www.sandiegophilateliclibrary.org/pdffiles/powpex2009.pdf](http://www.sandiegophilateliclibrary.org/pdffiles/powpex2009.pdf).

SANDICAL 2010 will be held Jan. 15-17, the third weekend of the month, at the Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road., San Diego. The hours of the show are 10 a.m.–6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m.–4 p.m. on Sunday. The show theme is Marketplace of History: A Tribute to Our Dealers. Every dealer present will be honored for their support of SANDICAL. There will be outstanding philatelic exhibits and a 26-dealer bourse. The show will feature a What's in Your Attic program for all three days. See the SANDICAL Web site at [www.sandical.org](http://www.sandical.org) for a schedule and other details.

**We are searching for a new SESCAL general chairman to see that SESCAL has a future. Wallace will retire immediately after SESCAL. Without a chairman, the 65th SESCAL will be the last SESCAL.**

**Finally, it has been a privilege and an honor for me to have served as the Federation president. The bylaws prohibit me from serving any longer, and since I relocated to Northern California, it has become ever more difficult to perform the president's duties. Since the positions of Federation vice president and president-elect are presently vacant, it is critical that someone step forward to take over the leadership of the Federation.**

**The Federation meeting at SESCAL will be my last one as president.**

— Jerry Kasper  
President

### Correction

Wallace Craig has a new e-mail address, [wam-craig@att.net](mailto:wam-craig@att.net)

*This information was received after the newsletter was printed. It will appear as the first page in the e-mailed version and as an insert with the printed copies. — Editor*



# The PHILATELIC REVIEW

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Chairman's column

## SESCAL offers chance to meet great people, add to collections

**W**e are looking forward to SESCAL 2009. The one thing a collector can get from the show is seeing great dealers and fellow collectors. As a collector, I have found that one of the great things one can receive from the hobby is meeting great people. I have been a collector for 77 years. Over this period, I have met some of the greatest people around. It seems as though they are very friendly. At my age — 82 — I will never stop collecting. The people alone are a good reason to keep collecting.

We want you to come and meet the outstanding members of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society and Sports Philatelists International, both of which are having their annual conventions at SESCAL this year. These are all great people.

You will also be able to view world-class exhibits. Many of these will blow one away.

We have great dealers who will help you add to your collection or collections.

The SESCAL committee looks forward to seeing you. If you have any questions, please ask. There is only one dumb question — the one you never ask. All questions are welcome.

— Wallace Craig,  
General chairman

## 25th anniversary of 1984 Olympic Games is theme for SESCAL

SESCAL 2009, the 65th annual Stamp Exhibition of Southern California, will honor the 25th anniversary of the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

The show will be Oct. 9-11 at the Radisson Los Angeles Airport Hotel, 6225 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles.

SESCAL is sponsored by the Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California.

The Federation will hold its regular meeting Saturday, although the time and location had not been placed on the Web site ([www.sescal.org](http://www.sescal.org)) as this issue was being prepared.

SESCAL will host the national conventions of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society ([www.uscs.org](http://www.uscs.org)) and Sports Philatelists International ([www.sportstamps.org](http://www.sportstamps.org))



and meetings of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, American First Day Cover Society, Iran Philatelic Study Circle, COPAPHIL: Colombia/Panama Philatelic Study Group, Plate Number Coil Collectors Club, U.S. Philatelic Classics Society and The Postal History Foundation/Arizona Rangers.

A show cancel and cachet will be available related to the theme.

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## SESCAL at a glance

**WHAT:** SESCAL 2009.

**DATES AND HOURS:** Friday, Oct. 9, and Saturday, Oct. 10, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 11, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**FEDERATION MEETING:** Saturday, time TBA.

**WHERE:** Radisson at LAX, 6225 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles (map on page 2).

**ADMISSION:** Free admission, validated parking.

**FEATURES:** Dealers, exhibits, Regency Superior auction, society meetings.

**WEB SITE:** [www.sescal.org](http://www.sescal.org)

**About us**

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**More on SESCAL ...**

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Regency-Superior is the show's official auctioneer and will hold a two-day sale of more than 2,500 lots at the show. More information about the auction can be found at [www.regencystamps.com](http://www.regencystamps.com).

In addition to the U.S. Postal Service, representatives of the United Nations Postal Administration will be present.

The Arizona Philatelic Rangers will hold their annual SESCAL dinner on Friday, Oct. 10. Tickets must be purchased by Tuesday, Oct. 6.

The dinner will be at the Buggy Whip Restaurant, 7420 La Tijera Blvd., Westchester. Transportation will be provided, with departures from the hotel lobby starting about 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:15 p.m.

The menu is choice of soup or salad, premium Atlantic salmon, dessert and coffee or tea.

Cost is \$35 per person, and reservations may be made through the Postal History

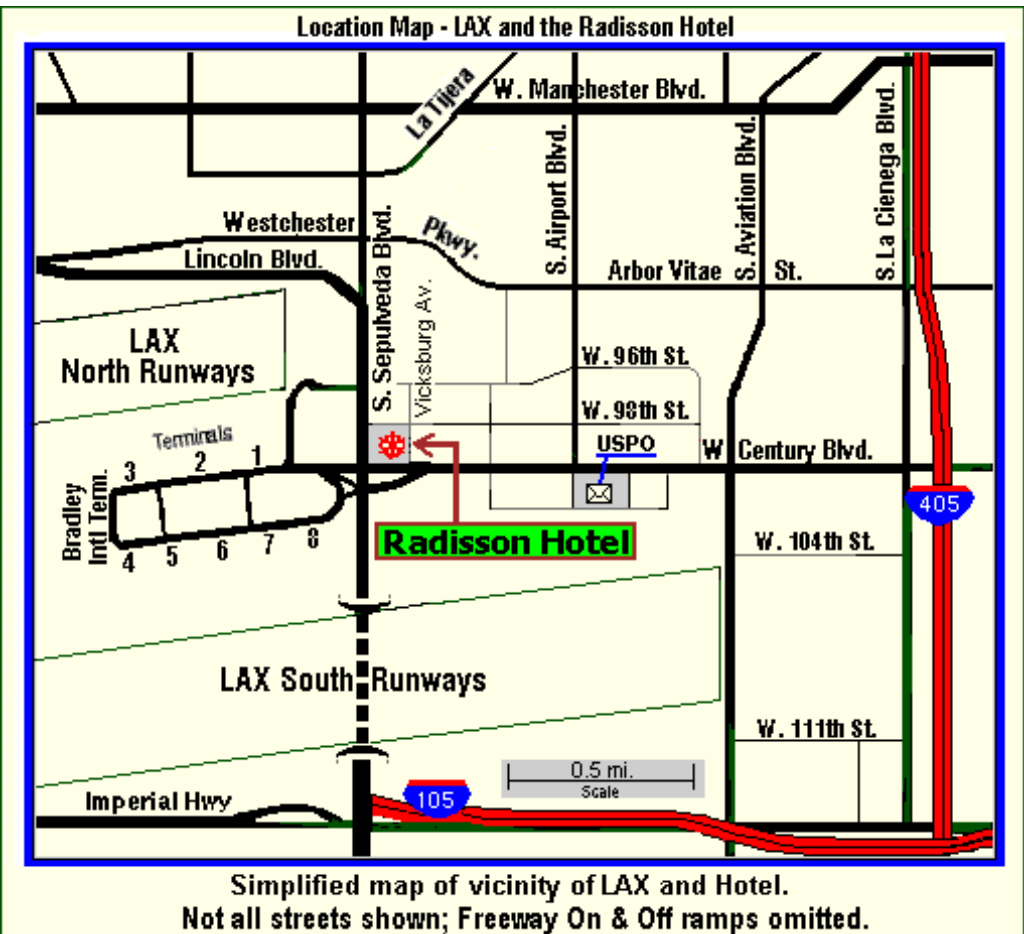
Foundation at [phf3@mindspring.com](mailto:phf3@mindspring.com), or phone 520-623-6652. Special dietary requests must be made with reservations, and payment must be received by Oct. 5.

The SESCAL Awards Banquet will be at 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 10, in the Penthouse Ballroom at the Radisson at LAX. Tickets are \$45 each and can be ordered by mail from Mrs. Betty Green, 15125 Arlette Drive, Victorville, CA 92394-2001.

The menu is arugala and roasted pear salad, rolls and sweet butter, herb crusted sautéed boneless chicken breast, roasted garlic flavored mashed potatoes, double chocolate mousse cake and coffee, tea or iced tea.

If you have any dietary requests or restrictions, please so indicate when making your reservation.

SESCAL is one of the APS World Series of Philately exhibitions, meaning that the 2009 Grand Award winner is eligible to compete in the APS Champion of Champions exhibition at Stampshow 2010, Aug. 12-15 in Richmond, Va.



## Some useful Web sites for collectors

The Internet has created a new world for stamp collectors and other hobbyists by providing new places to buy, sell and share their hobbies.

Thousand of Web sites — prepared by everyone from individuals to large organizations — feature stamp collecting in its many aspects.

Auction houses post their lots so they can be reviewed and bid on without ever being at the auctioneer's office or auction site.

Clubs, from the smallest community group to the largest international organizations, have Web sites for their members and for people who want to learn more about them.

There are so many stamp collecting sites, that there are even directories of Web sites. This list contains some of the editor's favorites.

### **SESCAL**

At [www.sescal.org](http://www.sescal.org), the site contains information about the annual show, of course, along with links to the Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California site, which, in turn, features a list of all member clubs and their meeting times and locations, mailing addresses and links to their Web sites, if any.

### **American Philatelic Society**

The site at [www.stamps.org](http://www.stamps.org) includes many links for new collectors and a se-

ries of pages for young collectors, not to mention information about the APS and its entire online stamp store and a number of free stamp albums.

### **Virtual Stamp Club**

The Web site, which can be found at [www.virtualstampclub.com](http://www.virtualstampclub.com), is run by Lloyd A. de Vries, who, with a staff of correspondents and e-mail writers, keeps his visitors updated with all the news of the stamp world. His forums include sections on everything from the U.S. U.S. stamp program to problem listings on eBay, along with lots of information for new collectors.

### **The Collectors Club of Chicago**

Members of the club answer questions from everyone from beginners to advanced collectors at [www.askphil.org](http://www.askphil.org). The site also contains the Salm Foundation Reports, a reference library and more.

### **Joseph Luft's Philatelic Resources on the Web**

The name tell it all. The site at [luftfamily.com/cgi-bin/newadditions.cgi](http://luftfamily.com/cgi-bin/newadditions.cgi) includes more than 4,000 links to stamp collecting sites on the Web. The topics include New Additions, General Resources, Shows and Societies, Postal Authorities, Country Specific,

Downloadable Images, Collectors Pages, Commercial Offerings, Software and Auctions.

### **PhilaGuide: The Golden Guide for Philatelists**

The site at [www.philaguide.com](http://www.philaguide.com) contains multilingual guides to stamp collecting terms, lists of societies and more.

### **Stamp Albums Web**

Don't want to pay the high prices for a printed album but don't feel confident about making your own? Visit this site at [www.stampalbums.com](http://www.stampalbums.com), where you can download and print more than 50,000 U.S. and foreign pages available along with a complete set of more than 6,500 classic era pages. Membership is \$30 to download for a year or \$40 to download and get a CD-ROM of all pages.

### **Linn's Stamp News**

Subscribers to the print edition of Linn's now have free access to all of the Web site at [www.linns.com](http://www.linns.com), which includes Zillions of Stamps, a way to search dealers' ads for the material you want

### **Exponet**

At [www.japhila.cz/hof/index.htm](http://www.japhila.cz/hof/index.htm), Exponet is a virtual international philatelic exhibition under the patronage of the minister of culture of the Czech Republic.

## What are you doing for National Stamp Collecting Month?

Every year since 1981, October has been National Stamp Collecting Month. Other than attending SESCAL what are you and your club doing to promote the hobby?

National Stamp Collecting Month began in 1981 and was put together by the Council of Philatelic Organizations and the United States Postal Service. The council is no longer active, leaving the USPS and individual organizations to carry on the promotion of stamp collecting.

National groups can do national promotion, but it takes local collectors, and, with any luck, their clubs, to promote

our favorite hobby. Doing that involves two stages: introducing people (children or adults) to the hobby and helping them continue once they get interested.

Starting people is certainly the easier of the two. The Ventura County Philatelic Society, for instance, has a booth at the county fair each year to distribute free stamps and sponsors a Youth Stamp Fair to show collecting techniques and give away more stamps.

The hard part is keeping people interested. The VCPS meets on Monday night, which effectively rules out regular attendance by elementary and middle school students, the most likely candi-

dates for the two introductory events. Ventura County is fortunate in having two stamps stores — on in each end of the county — but we all recognize that it's difficult for children to visit them. The days are long gone when every town of any size had a stamp dealer, or at least a department store that had packets and some introductory albums available.

What can we do?

Ideas are welcome, but even if you don't want to share them with other clubs, at least take them to your own club to encourage some action. We need more collectors.

## 2010 U.S. stamp program includes cowboys, comic strips

The tentative 2010 schedule for U.S. stamp subjects includes Katharine Hepburn, Roy Rogers, Kate Smith, Garfield the cat and more comic strips.

The schedule was announced Aug. 6 at a meeting of Postal Service officials and journalists at the American Philatelic Society Stampshow in Pittsburgh and was reported by Linn's Stamp News.

Here's what to look for, so far (all dates are tentative, and face values will depend on postage rates):

Jan. 1: 44-cent Year of the Tiger commemorative and souvenir sheet.

January: 44-cent Olympic Winter Games commemorative.

January: Mackinac Bridge in Michigan single Priority Mail stamp.

January: Bixby Creek Bridge in California on Express Mail.

February: Four 44-cent Distinguished Sailors commemoratives (William S. Sims, Arleigh A. Burke, John McCloy and Doris Miller), Washington, D.C.

April: Poet Julia de Burgos commemorative (Literary Arts series), Cleveland, Ohio.

April: Four American Flag stamps showing the flag in four seasons.

April: 10 stamps (five cats and five dogs) titled Animal Rescue: Adopt a Shelter Pet in booklet form, New Milford, Conn.

April: Love stamp (purple pansies in a basket).

May: Katharine Hepburn commemorative (Legends of Hollywood), Old Saybrook, Conn.

June: Kate Smith commemorative, Lake Placid, N.Y.

June: Oscar Micheaux commemorative (Black Heritage), Gregory, S.D.

June: Fourth set of 10 Flags of Our Nations coils.

June: Two Negro League Baseball stamps, Kansas City, Mo.

July: Five Sunday Funnies commemorative ("Archie," "Beetle Bailey," "Dennis the Menace," "Garfield" and "Calvin and Hobbes").

July: Four Cowboys of the Silver Screen commemoratives (William S. Hart, Tom Mix, Gene Autry and Roy Rogers), Oklahoma City, Okla.

Aug. 12: Winslow Homer commemorative showing a portion of the painting "Boys in a Field" (American Treasures), Richmond, Va.

September: 10 stamps featuring abstract expressionists (Hans Hofmann's "The Golden Wall," Adolph Gottlieb's "Romanesque Facade," Mark Rothko's "Orange and Yellow," Arshile Gorky's "The Liver is the Cock's Comb," Clyfford Still's "1948-C," Willem de Kooning's "Asheville," Barnett Newman's "Achilles," Jackson Pollock's "Convergence," Robert Motherwell's "Elegy to the Spanish Republic No. 34" and Joan Mitchell's "La Grande Vallee 0"), Buffalo, N.Y.

October: 10 Hawaiian rain forest commemoratives (Nature of America), Hilo, Hawaii.

October: Four Holiday Evergreens (ponderosa pine, eastern red cedar, blue spruce and balsam fir) Christmas stamps, New York, N.Y.

October: Madonna and Child Christmas stamp (a detail of Madonna of the Candelabra by Raphael), New York, N.Y.

Possible:

July: 100th anniversary of Boy Scouts of America commemorative.

Definitive series featuring illustrations by Laura Stutzman if rates change).

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