



# The PHILATELIC REVIEW

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## SESCAL scheduled for Oct. 14-16

SESCAL 2011 will celebrate the Centennial of America's First Transcontinental Flight, accomplished by Cal Rodgers in his Vin Fiz Flyer. The show will be Friday-Sunday, Oct. 14-16, at the Hilton Los Angeles Airport Hotel, 5711 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles.

Admission is free, and a reduced parking rate at the hotel of \$7 will be validated at the admission desk.

The SESCAL cachets and cancels, shown at right, were designed by noted cachet maker Phil Dockter.

Starting Sept. 15, the postmarks can be requested by mail from the USPS at:

SESCAL Pictorial Postmark  
c/o Alvetia E Smith  
USPS Manager of Special Events  
7001 S Central Avenue #316  
Los Angeles, CA 90052-9998

All requests must specify the date of the cancellation desired.

The cacheted covers will be available at SESCAL and by mail. The prices had not been determined at the deadline for this issue but should be available soon at the official Web site, [sescal.org](http://sescal.org).

This year's SESCAL (Stamp Exhibition of Southern CALifornia) is the 67th and is sponsored by the Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California.

### Meetings

SESCAL will be the host for the national convention of the American Air Mail Society and for regional meetings of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, American First Day Cover Society, China Stamp Society, Plate Number Coil Collectors Club, U.S. Philatelic Classics Society, The Postal History Foundation/Arizona Rangers and the Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California.

Meeting times and locations should be posted on the Web site before the show but will definitely be available at

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Scans courtesy of Phil Dockter

These are the covers and cancels that will be available at SESCAL to illustrate this year's theme, the 100th anniversary of the first U.S. transcontinental flight.

**About us**

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

The SESCOAL Web site, which also includes information about the Federation and a list of member clubs, is at [www.sescal.org](http://www.sescal.org).

News about Federation or club events and other articles should be sent to the editor, John Weigle, at P.O. Box 6536, Ventura, CA 93006-6536 or, by e-mail, to [jweigle@vcnet.com](mailto:jweigle@vcnet.com)

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the hotel.

The United States Postal Service and United Nations Postal Administration will have booths at the show.

**Auction**

Regency-Superior Auctions is again the SESCOAL auctioneer. The auction catalog is available at the company's website at [www.regencystamps.com](http://www.regencystamps.com). The sessions, according to the Regency-Superior website are as follows:

Session #1 (SPACE & COINS): Web bidding ends Friday, Oct. 14, at 10 a.m. The live auction starts at 11 a.m. with both Web and floor bidding.

Session #2 (STAMPS): Web bidding ends Saturday, Oct. 15, at 10 a.m. Live auction starts at 11 a.m. with floor bidding only (no Web bidding).

Session #3 (COVERS & COLLECTIONS): Web bidding ends Sunday, Oct. 16, at 10 a.m. Live auction starts at 11 a.m. with floor bidding only (no Web bidding).

Lots can be viewed at the show or at the company's Beverly Hills Gallery, 9478 W.

**SESCAL at a glance**

**WHAT:** SESCOAL 2011.

**WHERE:** Hilton Los Angeles Airport Hotel, 5711 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles..

**DATES AND HOURS:** Friday, Oct. 14, and Saturday, Oct. 15, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 16, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**FEDERATION MEETING:** Day and time TBA; normally 1 p.m., Saturday.

**ADMISSION:** Free admission, validated parking \$7.

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

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

Olympic Blvd., 2nd Floor, Beverly Hills, before the show.

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### APS educational course

For the third year, the American Philatelic Society will offer a two-day educational course, Pressing Issues, taught by Wayne Youngblood on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 12 and 13, in the Catalina D room at the hotel.

The course covers the four printing types (intaglio, photogravure, letterpress and offset) in detail and shows collectors how to effectively distinguish between them. The course also will enable collectors to understand plate varieties and diagnose the causes of most errors, freaks and oddities. This course has no prerequisites.

The Philatelic Society of Los Angeles is sponsoring this course in memory of long-time member A.L. "Toby" Tobias.

The early registration fee is \$20 for APS members and \$35 for non-members; the registration fee after Sept. 28 is \$35 for APS members and \$50 for non-members.

Questions should be directed to Gretchen Moody at the APS via e-mail or phone (814-933-3810).

A preregistration form is available on the American Philatelic Society website, stamps.org.

### Awards banquet

The awards banquet will be at 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 15, in the hotel's Carmel Room.

Tickets are \$49 each and can be ordered by mail from: Mrs. Betty Green, 15125 Arlette Drive, Cictorville, CA 92394-2001.

## Background on the Vin Fiz Flyer

The theme of this year's SESCAL is the Centennial of America's First Transcontinental Flight, by Cal Rodgers in his Vin Fiz Flyer.

Calbraith Perry ("Cal") Rodgers' epic flight began at Sheepshead Bay, N.Y., on Sept. 17, 1911. The plane, a Wright EX biplane, was named after the sponsor's new grape soft drink "Vin Fiz."

Given the complete lack of any navigational aids, Rodgers was forced to follow railroad tracks across country. He

made at least 70 stops, which included more than 15 crashes. Some of these crashes were bad enough to put him in the hospital and resulted in a total rebuilding of the plane along the way.

On Nov. 5, 1911, Rodgers reached Pasadena, Calif. Because of yet another serious crash, it was not until Dec. 10, 1911, that Rodgers reached the Pacific Ocean at Long Beach, thereby completing his historic flight across the continent.

Dietary requests or restrictions should be noted when making reservations. The announced menu is signature Caesar salad, gorgonzola chicken, risotto and market vegetables, fresh apple pie a la mode and coffee, decaf coffee or hot tea.

### Hotel reservations

The SESCAL room rate is \$85 per night, single or double occupancy. One- and two-bedroom suites are also available. The rate is available from Oct. 10 to Oct. 19.

Reservations may be made by calling the Hilton Los Angeles Airport Hotel directly at 310-410-4000 or through Hilton's nationwide reservations number, 800-HILTONS. When you call, you must mention the special SESCAL Group Code, "FPC" (for Federated Philatelic Clubs) to get the special SESCAL rate. If you are a Hilton HHonors member, give them your HHonors number to receive your points. If you are not, join first at

the HHonors website.

Reservations must be received by Sept. 29 to receive the SESCAL rate.

### Dealers

In addition to Regency-Superior Auctions, dealers signed up for SESCAL, according to the Web site, are A & D Stamps & Coins, Asia Philatelics, Larry Brasler / Harold Goldstein, Clark Philatelics / Clark Frazier, Coast Philatelics, D&P Stamps, David Grossblat, Gregg Nelson / Santa Rosa Stamps, Gutter Pairs Stamps & Collectibles, Harry E. Graetz Stamps, Hunt & Co. / Brian Hunt, James F. Taff, Labron Harris, M/NH Philatelics / A. Keith Kaufman, Martin Shupe Stamps, Mr. Z's / Vogt Stamps, Newport Harbor Stamp Co. / David Cobb, Pacific Midwest Co. / Gary Morris, Quality Philatelics, San Pedro Stamp & Coin / Max Schwartz, The Stamp Act, Stanley Gibbons Product Center, Triple S Postal History Inc. and Wulff's Stamps.

### Please share this issue

This issue is being emailed to clubs and collectors whose email addresses we have from the member clubs listing at <http://sescal.org/fedclubs.htm>. There might be a follow-up printed version, but meanwhile, please feel free to forward this to members of your club or other collectors you know who might be interested. — Editor

**Visit and support the SESCAL dealers; they make the show possible.**

# Philatelic news and notes

## SANDICAL coming Jan 20-22

SANDICAL 2012 is scheduled for Jan. 20-22 at the Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego. Show hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday.

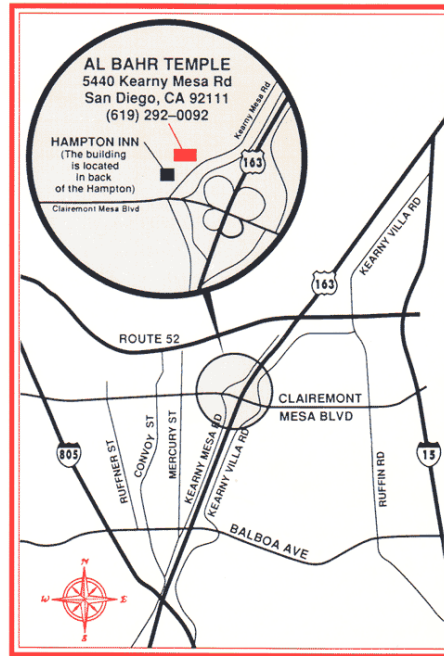
Admission is free.

The awards banquet will be Saturday, Jan. 21, at The Butcher Shop, 5255 Kearny Villa Road, San Diego. Dinner will be served at 8 p.m.

The menu is prime rib or grilled salmon, vegetables, salad, breads, desserts and coffee or tea. Reservations for fish must be made by Jan. 19 and for prime rib by Jan. 20. Tickets are \$42.

Reservations may be made by calling Norm Magnuson at 619-222-4757. Make checks payable to SANDICAL and mail to: 2980 Nichols St., San Diego, CA 92106.

The convention hotel is the Hampton Inn, 5434 Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego.



The phone number is 858-292-1482. The show rate is \$95 with a two-day minimum. Mention SANDICAL when making reservations.

The cutoff for reservations is Jan. 2.

For more information call Linda Mabin at 619-582-9311 or by email at [mabin7@cox.net](mailto:mabin7@cox.net).

The show website is at <http://www.sandical.org/index.html>.

## The Federation needs ...

If you check the About us column on page 2, you'll see the Federation still needs officers — just as it did last year at this time. It's time for people to decide if the Federation has a job to do and, if so, to step up and help do it. Even the most dedicated volunteers will step down sooner or later if no help is offered.

And considering that would mean no captain or crew, the ship would founder or sink fairly quickly, taking SESCAL with it.

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