

# Federated Philatelist

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## PIPEX 2014

An APS World Series of Philately event presented by Portland Philatelic Exhibitions on behalf of Oregon Stamp society and the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs.

PIPEX 2014, the World series of Philately show in the Pacific Northwest, will take place on May 9, 10, and 11 at the Red Lion Hotel on the River, at Jantzen Beach, located at 909 N. Hayden island Drive, in Portland, Oregon. The hotel offers special room rates to show attendees, free airport shuttle for those flying into Portland, and free parking for those who drive to the show.

Admission to PIPEX 2014 is free. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. The show features a 40 booth dealer bourse, a cachetmakers bourse, USPS participation, 4000 pages of exhibits, *Grandma's Attic*, specialist society meetings, and many seminars, lectures and meetings. Two inverted Jenny stamps (Scott catalogue number C3a) will be on display at the show.

Harmer-Schau Auctions Northwest will conduct a 750 lot auction on Sunday, May 11. The lots may be viewed each day at the show and online at [www.harmerschau.com](http://www.harmerschau.com)

For youth, free stamps by the bucket will be offered each day of the show. Boy Scout merit badge classes will be held on Saturday, May 10. For adults, the show on each day offers StampBuddy for beginning or returning adult collectors.

The American Air Mail Society and the China Stamp Society will hold their annual meetings at PIPEX 2014. Organizations holding regional meetings/programs at the show include Northwest Philatelic Library, American

Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, Universal Ship Cancellation Society, Pacific Northwest Postal History Society, and the Auxiliary Markings Club. PIPEX is the annual exhibition of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs, which will hold its annual general meeting at the show.

As a World Series of Philately show, the grand award winner's exhibit is expected to compete in the Champion of Champions competition at StampShow 2014 in Hartford, Connecticut. The show awards banquet will take place Saturday evening at the show hotel. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting Steve Brandt at: [zbear@att.net](mailto:zbear@att.net). Early reservations are encouraged because the event may sell out before the show opens.

For additional details, including a schedule of events, see the show website at: [www.pipexshow.org](http://www.pipexshow.org)

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## **CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

This edition of *The Federated Philatelist* should quickly remind everyone that we have lost a very talented editor in Larry Mann. It is my fervent wish and desire that this be my only foray into being an editor!

The purpose of the Federation must continue – to promote philately in the Pacific Northwest. This includes promoting the annual PIPEX event as well as encouraging the various clubs who hold their own shows. Also, we want to encourage the activities of each local stamp club so that they can remain active and are able to help and encourage local stamp collectors.

In addition to PIPEX, the Federation is promoting the annual John Arn Philatelic Day in Moses Lake, Washington as well as offering our blessing and help to SEAPEX in Seattle in their efforts to become a World Series of Philately (WSP) show. It appears that they are making steady progress towards that goal. The John Arn Philatelic Day is on April 12 so some of you may not get this newsletter before the event. But if you do, even with short notice, do try and attend this wonderful event. For more information, contact David Harris at: [sqpiano@gmail.com](mailto:sqpiano@gmail.com)

Of course, the main event is about to happen – PIPEX 2014. Again this year, PIPEX is being held at the Red Lion on the River, Jantzen Beach, Portland, Oregon

PIPEX has developed into being one of the best WSP shows in the country. Thanks to the efforts and vision of Michael Dixon, Tony Wawrukiewicz, Oregon Stamp Society and many others in order to reach the high standards that are necessary to hold and maintain a quality stamp show. They are maintaining an excellent line-up of around 40 outstanding dealers and have enticed some of the best and largest philatelic societies in the country into conducting their annual meetings at PIPEX. This in turn helps bring in top quality exhibits.

Stamp collecting is a fun, interesting and some times challenging hobby. It is my hope that all of you can continue enjoying what you do.

Yours in Philately,  
Lawrence E. Clay, Chairman

# FORDNAH, WASHINGTON

By Bob Kinsley

Much has been written about the formerly top secret Hanford Project which produced the nuclear material used in the bomb dropped on Nagasaki, Japan that brought about the end of World War II. This project was located just outside of the city of Richland, WA on the Columbia River. It was said at the time that half of the people in Benton County worked on the project and the other half provided goods and services to the first half. Even today not a week goes by without an article in the news about the Hanford Project although the news now is related to the cleanup and disposal of nuclear waste. Where did the project get its name?

Hanford, WA was one of two small farming communities in the 670 square miles of land along the Columbia River seized by the US Government in 1943 for the production of plutonium. The little town of Hanford began in the fall of 1907 when the village elders requested from the Government a post office and postmark named Hanford. There were turned down because there was already a post office in an obscure suburb of Seattle that had secured the name Hanford a year earlier.

Rather than round up the villagers to reach agreement on a new name, the elders decided to simply reverse the two syllables in Hanford – let's call it Fordhan! Well that did not sound right, so they decided to reverse the last letters and call our town Fordnah. They applied again, were approved and received their postmark just before the end of the year and the post office opened in January 1908. Almost immediately they learned that the existing post office called Hanford was being absorbed into the Seattle postal system. So they immediately applied for the name Hanford. Their request was approved and they received the Hanford postmark device by the middle of 1908.

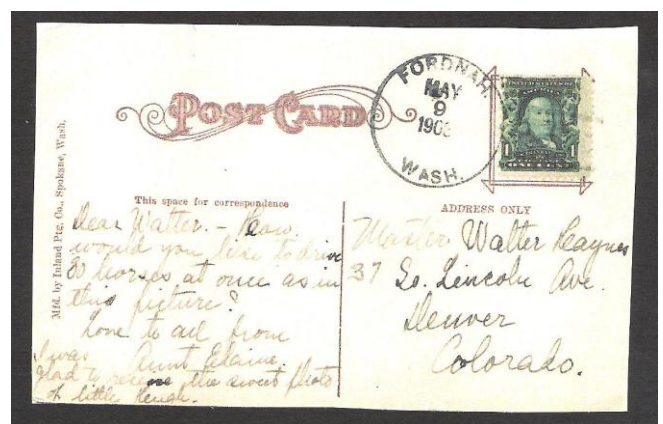
Postmarks of Fordnah are relatively scarce, and all the catalogs of city and town postmarks, such as those by Richard Helbock, Tim Boardman and

earlier by Dr. Robert Landis spell it Fordnagh (or Fordnaugh) attesting to the fact that they had never seen an actual postmark.

Two examples of Fordnah, WA are shown here, March 24, 1908 and May 9, 1908. Also illustrated are examples of the original Hanford, WA (Seattle suburb) dated September 20, 1907 and an early Hanford, WA (Benton County) dated November 10, 1909. It should be noted that the Hanford, WA (Seattle suburb) postmark was a receiving cancel on a post card forwarded from Seattle to Hanford.



Fordnah, WA - March 24, 1908



Fordnah, WA - May 9, 1908



Hanford, WA (Seattle Suburb)



Hanford, WA (Benton County)

## BONG, WASHINGTON

By Bob Kinsley

**Bong!** Do you know what the word means? If you looked it up on the all-knowing Internet it would refer to it as a waterpipe, generally used for smoking cannabis or, according to the Urban Dictionary “what you put flowers in when the cops drive by,” and secondarily it means the deep resonant sound of a bell.

It would not tell you that it was the name of a post office, and no ordinary post office but a military post office, on the grounds of the Spokane Air Force base, a few miles east of Spokane, WA. It was named in honor of Major Richard I. Bong, a top scoring World War II flying ace with forty Japanese aircraft to his credit. He was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by General Douglas MacArthur. He died at age 25 while flying a P-80 jet fighter on August 6, 1945, the same day the historic atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan.

The post office was established September 1, 1948 and lasted less than two years until July 1, 1950 when it became the Fairchild post office to agree with the new name of the Air Force base. That name lasted until

March 31, 1956 when it was renamed the Fairchild Air Force Base post office. Examples of the three post office cancels are shown below.



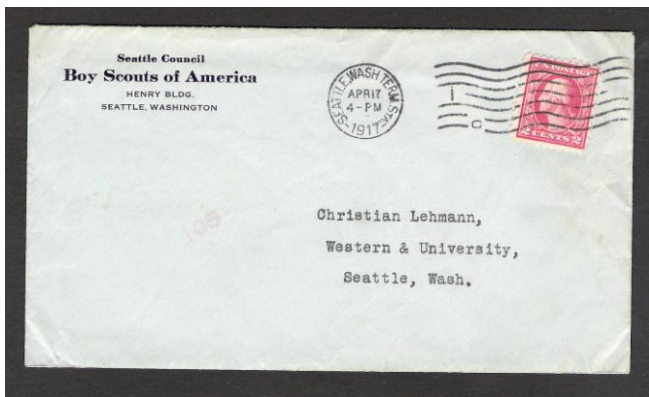


# SCOUTING POSTAL HISTORY IN WASHINGTON STATE

By Lawrence Clay

The Boy Scouts of America were officially founded by newspaper publisher William Boyce on February 8, 1910. Scouting spread rapidly across the United States with units appearing in Washington State in late 1910 and early 1911. Of course, as units were organized, some type of coordinating structure was needed so local Scout councils were formed. One of the first councils was the Seattle Council. It later became the Seattle area Council then finally, today, it has expanded and is called the Chief Seattle Council serving Scouts in the Puget Sound and Seattle area as well as almost all of the Olympic Peninsula.

As soon as councils were formed, written correspondence became necessary and councils created their unique identifying envelopes. Unfortunately very few of these covers were saved. The earliest known (to the author) council cover in Washington was mailed on April 17, 1917 and contained a letter to a local Scoutmaster, Christian Lehmann. The Seattle Council address was the Henry Building. See Figure 1.



**Figure 1: 1917 Seattle Council cover**

The very interesting letter to Scoutmaster Lehmann was as follows:

April 20, 1917

Mr. Christian Lehmann  
Scout Master Troop No. 11  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Mr. Lehmann:

Mr. O. J. C. Dutton of the King County Humane Society reports to this office that a Scout by the name of Harold Paterson, #12 Walk 5, Madison Park as having killed song birds with a sling shot.

I wish you would bring this to the attention of the Scout reminding him of the seriousness of this act. Not only has he broken the Scout Law but also the Laws of the State regarding the protection of our Song Birds.

I do not know just what action the Humane Society will take, neither do I know what the Game Warden will do to young Paterson. I wish you would investigate this act and report same to me at an early date.

Very Truly Yours,

J, H, Piper  
Scout Executive

It would be interesting to know how this turned out and how “young Paterson” was disciplined.

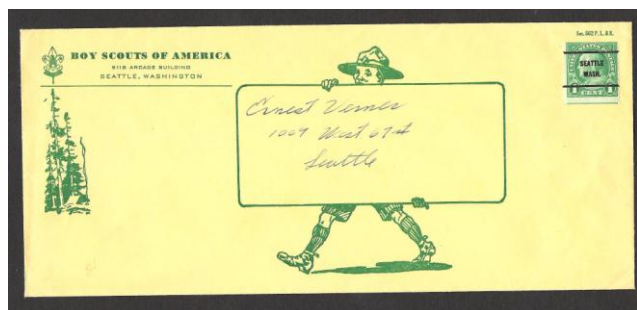
The next known Seattle Council cover (See Figure 2) was mailed on June 21, 1923. The Council address was now 4192 Arcade Building.



**Figure 2: May 21, 1923 Seattle Council**

The next known Seattle Council cover (image not available) was a #10 cover containing a Weekly Bulletin that was mailed on June 10, 1925. The address for this cover was 5114 Arcade Building.

A very similar #10 cover was mailed later in the 1920's using a Seattle precanceled stamp. See Figure 3.



**Figure 3: Seattle Council w/Precancel**

The address was still the Arcade Building but the office number had changed slightly to 5118 from 5114.

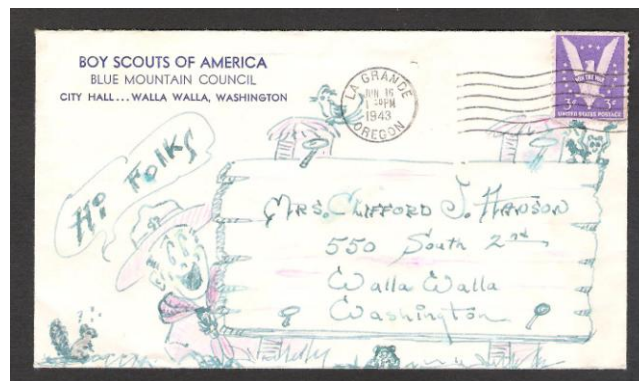
Other Scout councils were formed around the State of Washington including the Blue Mountain Council serving southeast Washington and eastern Oregon in the early 1920's. The earliest known

cover for the Blue Mountain Council headquartered at that time in Walla Walla, WA was mailed on December 7, 1926 and contained a letter inviting leaders to meet with the new Council Scout executive and review plans for 1927. See Figure 4.



**Figure 4: Blue Mountain Council**

Another Blue Mountain Council cover was this one dated June 16, 1943 as shown in Figure 5. It was sent by the Blue Mountain council Assistant Scout Executive to his wife while doing Council business in LaGrande, Oregon. This cover shows off some of the writer's artistic ability.



**Figure 5: LaGrande, OR cover**

Surely, other early Washington Scout covers exist. The author would appreciate obtaining copies or scans of other examples.

## 2014 PACIFIC NORTHWEST STAMP SHOWS/BOURSES

Includes other major stamp shows in bold

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SHOW DATES	SHOW NAME	Location	Type
April 12	John D. Arn Philatelic	Moses Lake, WA	Symposium
April 12 – 13	SOPEX 2014	Central Point, OR	Show
April 19 – 20	Evergreen Stamp Show	Kent, WA	Bourse
<b>April 25 – 27</b>	<b>WESTPEX</b>	<b>San Francisco, CA</b>	<b>Show</b>
May 9 – 11	PIPEX 2014 (NW Federation of Stamp Clubs)	Portland, OR	Show
<b>May 16 – 18</b>	<b>RMSS (ROCKY MOUNTAIN STAMP SHOW)</b>	<b>Denver, CO</b>	<b>Show</b>
<b>May 30 - Jun 1</b>	<b>ROYAL 2014 ROYALE</b>	<b>Halifax, NS</b>	<b>Show</b>
Jun 7	LINNCOPEX Summer Stamp Show Linn Co. Phil. Soc.	Albany, OR	Show
Jul 19 – 20	Evergreen Stamp Show	Kent, WA	Show
Aug 9	Strait Stamp Show (Strait Stamp Society)	Sequim, WA	Show
<b>Aug 21 – 24</b>	<b>APS Stamp Show</b>	<b>Hartford, CT</b>	<b>Show</b>
Sep 12 – 14	SEAPEX 2014	Tukwila, WA	Show
Sep 20	STAMPEX 2014	Salem, OR	Bourse
Sep 26 – 27	VANPEX 2014	Burnaby, BC	Show
Oct 4 -5	VICPEX 2014	Victoria, BC	Show
Oct. 4 – 5	Tri-Cities Stamp Show	Richland, WA	Show
Oct 4 - 5	Umpqua Valley Stamp Show	Canyonville, OR	Show
<b><u>Repetitive Events</u></b>			
	Rose City Stamp Fair – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of month at OSS Clubhouse	Portland, OR	Bourse
	Collectors Corner – 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of month at OSS Clubhouse	Portland, OR	Bourse

# PIPEX 2014

May 9, 10, 11, 2014

**Red Lion Hotel on the River at Jantzen Beach**  
909 N Hayden Island Drive, Portland 97217

Special Show Room Rate  
Free Parking  
FREE Hotel Airport Shuttle

Convening Societies  
American Air Mail Society  
China Stamp Society

40 Dealers  
240 Frames of Exhibits  
USPS Sales Booth

Cachetmakers Bourse  
Youth Activities, Meetings & Seminars  
Harmer Schau Auctions Northwest Auction

An APS World Series of Philately Show

More details on the show website:  
[www.pipexshow.org](http://www.pipexshow.org)

## Red Lion on the River Hotel Directions:

### From Downtown Portland and Points South:

Take I-5 North to Jantzen Beach (Exit #308). At the stoplight turn right. At the second stoplight (Hayden Island Drive), turn left, and then take an immediate right into the hotel parking lot.

### From Vancouver, WA and Points North:

Take I-5 South over the bridge to Jantzen Beach (Exit #308). At the stoplight, turn right. Go through one stop light to the Stop sign at Hayden Island Drive. Turn right, go under the bridge, and the hotel is on the left hand side.

## NWFSC ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs (NWFSC) will be held from 9 A.M. to 11 A. M. on May 10 at the Red Lion on the River, Jantzen Beach, Portland, Oregon . Each member club of the NWFSC is entitled to one vote on any official action taken at the meeting. All club delegates will be asked to sign in at the meeting. Any interested person is welcome to attend.

If you have any questions or comments prior to the meeting, please contact Lawrence E. Clay, NWFSC Chairman, at email: [lclay3731@charter.net](mailto:lclay3731@charter.net) or PO Box 6228, Kennewick, WA 99336.

