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ASTROPHILATELY PRIMER

by David S. Ball

Astrophilately - The Space Unit

At Washington 2006 I was exposed to an exhibition class that ignited my imagination. Throughout my life, test pilots and astronauts have been my heroes. Intelligent and fearless, they chased the Mach demon and explored the cosmos. In philatelic parlance, they licked the outside of the envelope.

Astrophilately is the intersection of space and postal history. *Fédération Internationale de Philatélie* (FIP) defines it this way:

2.1.1 *An astrophilatelic exhibit comprises philatelic material related to the space exploration. It does not develop a theme. It is a philatelic study of the scientific and technical progress achieved in the conquest of space, including stratosphere research, early rocketry and the precursors to the various types of spacecraft, chronologically recording the relevant events within the different programmes.*



Perhaps you too enjoy learning about space exploration, telescopes above the atmosphere, rovers on Mars and probes that depart our solar system for parts unknown. Maybe the careers of Chuck Yeager, John Glenn and Neil Armstrong fascinate you. If so, sharing your twin passion for spaceflight and philately is for you. This primer will get you started on a journey of discovery which is quite literally, endless.

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Exhibiting is all about the story

Exhibits differ from an accumulation or collection in that exhibits tell a story. From the Title, Purpose, Scope and Plan, an exhibitor lays out the reason, limits and overview of a tale they plan to share. Without a sensible starting place, a logical end point, and a compelling "golden thread" that connects the two, our pages might as well be pages out of a stamp album. When done well, an exhibit communicates to the viewer how the subject is important and why you are passionate about it. Ideally, they leave with a better understanding of the topic and perhaps a new area to collect.

Clearly, the story could be told in one of several different exhibiting Classes. One could gather stamps and covers with images of astronauts and rockets and present a Topical or Thematic exhibit. Maxi cards or First Day

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From the Editor's Desk...

For the past two months -- Rain, sunshine, rain, wind, cool night temps, not so warm days, then BAM! Heat wave! Yep, that's how our spring is going this year in western Washington.

Much apologies for the lateness of this issue. But you know when it rains, it pours – and now we're not talking about the weather. It has been a trying 2 months – broken backyard gate, broken oven, fridge sprung a leak in the ice maker, etc. You know what I'm talking about, we've all been there. On top of it all, I had knee meniscus tear surgery right after PIPEX. At least that gave me time to do some of my philatelic research and get some of my want lists in better order –but no time to get our gardens ready for summer. Due to needing to elevate my knee, I wasn't able to get to my computer until the end of May. Finally, when I sat down at the computer to start the journal, my keyboard decided it didn't want to play anymore. I ordered two keyboards this time so I would have a backup when the next keyboard died. Of course, it takes a couple of days for them to arrive, which gave me more time for philatelic reading. I hope you find this issue well worth the wait.

Did you hear? Evergreen Stamp Club wants to bring back their exhibits starting with their July 2026 show. See pages 14 – 15 for entry form and information.

Today is June 2, we are suffering a heat wave. Two days ago I had the heat on, now it is the air conditioning. I am sitting at my computer, with the new keyboard, and I only have 8 pages left to fill for this June issue with more material still in my file. Amazing how much I can get done in two days when my file folder is full. In other words – keep pumping out those articles and filling up my email! My files are a little empty for the September issue with only one article for the December issue.

Would someone in Canada please do the research, unless someone is in the know, and write up a blurb or full-blown article on *Canada Post moves to end door-to-door delivery*. I saw a brief article in *Scott Stamp Monthly* May 2026 issue, but I'd like a more well-rounded article for our journal.

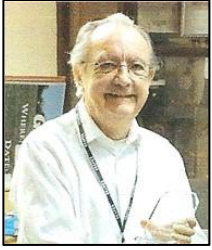
Summer is fast approaching. This means homegrown strawberries, raspberries and blueberries. We have already enjoyed two meals of our strawberries. Did you know that sliced strawberries are great on your garden salad? The vegetable garden isn't too far behind! Yum! Oh wait – this is philately not gardening. Haha! Which means summertime is for summer stamp shows, fewer stamp club meetings and stamp club BBQ's with homemade goodies. If you were not able to attend Boston 2026 (nope, not in my budget either), more than a handful of first day ceremonies were held. Pages 24 – 25 show all the new US stamps issued since our last journal, many of which were debuted at Boston.

If you went to Boston 2026, I would love you to do a write-up on your experience for our September issue. Photos are always nice, but I can probably pull some off Facebook if need be (with photographer's permission of course).

If you look at the bottom of page 18, you will see the new dates for SEAPEX Dealer's Bourse this year.

Enjoy your summer! --- Carol J. Edholm

Executive Secretary's Notes



PIPEX 2025

The Federation's annual WSP show was a success thanks to the efforts of many volunteers from the Oregon Stamp Society, Salem Stamp Society and Greater Eugene Stamp Society. Problems were met and overcome, such as new pillars in the exhibit and

bourse areas from the extensive remodeling of the show hotel.

Cherrystone-Uptown held an auction that gained attention and participants. The restaurant continued to serve good food. Presentations were held and enjoyed, especially the AAPE meeting of 28 on exhibiting. The Northwest Federation held its annual meeting. And, of course most of all, collectors found new items.

I do want to mention that the Federation is looking for volunteers because two of the seven on the Board of Directors are term-limited in their positions. The By-laws allows for members to be shuffled, but that is not a good idea for the long-term health of the Federation. Come join us! For all who are interested, email me at larry.crain@gmail.com. The Board of Directors meetings are open to all, so let me invite you to join, if you can, our Zoom meetings. Let me know and you can be added to the Zoom invite list.

Finally, the law of unintended consequences struck. By not collecting dues, my list of contacts to the member clubs is even more out of date than it was last year. Only the Fraser Valley Philatelic Club (BC) and Umpqua Valley Stamp Club (OR) sent in a 2026 report. Although most of the information changes infrequently, I still would like to have three current contacts for each group: President, Treasurer and NW Federation Representative. Please email me at the address above these names and email if they have one.

Larry Crain, Executive Secretary



Federation General Meeting



Majestic scene of part of the Cascades Mountain Range often enjoyed when traveling between Western and Eastern Washington

SOPEX 2026 Palmares

Medford, Oregon, June 5-6, 2026

Grand award

First Post Office in the 13 Colonies (gold)

Shane Loveland

+ Popular Choice

President's award

Station Agent Postmarks along the B&O Railroad (gold)

Stewart Chang

Sterton Trophy (post cards)

Conde B. McCullough's Oregon Coast Bridges (silver)

Rick Aubin

+ NW Federation Thunderbird ribbon

Vermeil

Air Mail Comes of Age + WE pin - Patrick Murphy

U.S. Air Mail Special Delivery + US Stamp Society medal

Bill Poulter

Silver

Name the Town + AAPE pin

James Steckley

Bronze

Stamp It Up! - Rich Aubin

Judges: Jim Busse and Larry Crain

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Covers could convey your interest in spaceflight. One could make a case that Postal History, Display, or Illustrated Mail could be used.

Astrophilately is different. We tell the story of the conquest of the cosmos through philately. Our principal interest is not what image is on the stamps, the rate the franking paid, or the route the envelope traveled. For us the postmark is everything. It fixes two elements which are essential to telling what for us is a technical story. Those elements are the time and the place (post office closest to the controlling center).

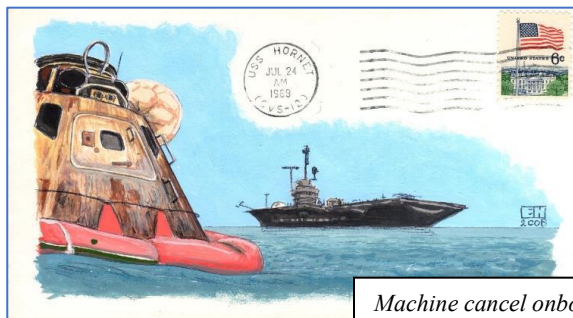
The postmark is everything

Say for example you wanted to tell the story of the first lunar landing mission. You could tell it with three envelopes. The first is cancelled at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida on July 16th, 1969. It was at that place and on that date that launched Apollo 11 towards the Moon. Once the spacecraft cleared the gantry, mission control shifted from the Kennedy Space Center to the Manned Spacecraft Center in Texas. For this reason, the post office closest to the controlling entity for the moonwalk on July 20th then became Houston. Completion of a flight, prior to runway landings by the Space Shuttle, involved ocean splashdown and recovery by the US Navy. For this reason, our story isn't complete without a cover postmarked on the Prime Recovery Ship (PRS), the *USS Hornet* on July 24th, 1969.

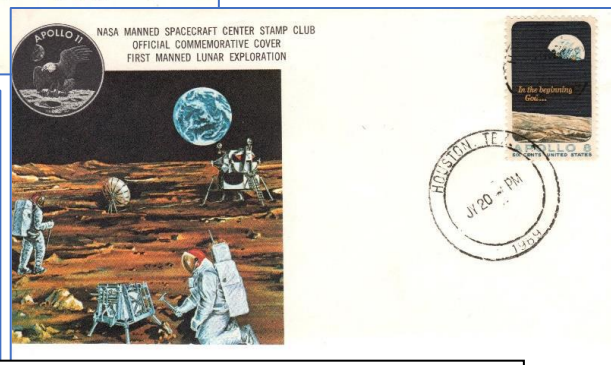
Mission emblem envelope purchased at the NASA Exchange. Sent by someone who worked in the Vehicle Assembly Building where the spacecraft was assembled and tested.



NASA MSC stamp club cover with machine and hand cancels on the day man first walked on the Moon.



Machine cancel onboard the aircraft carrier USS Hornet the day the crew was plucked from the Pacific Ocean. The hand painted art was added later.



The devil is in the details

Sounds simple, right? What happens if the event takes place when the post office is closed? During Skylab missions the ship postal facility was closed on the recovery day. In these cases, FIP regulations permit the next business day to signify the event. What if the recovery vessel is too small to have an onboard post office? Tracking ships and vessels used to recover solid rocket boosters for the space shuttle didn't process mail. In this case the date the ship returned to port and the port location are acceptable. Wonder what time it is on the Moon or the International Space Station (ISS)? It is whatever time it is (at Mission Control) in Houston, Texas.

Knowledge is key

Textbooks report the Space Age began on October 4th, 1957 with the launch of Sputnik. However, Astrophilatelists view history based on the controlling event. As such, Sputnik departed for orbit not on the evening of the 4th (Moscow time) but instead on the early hours at the launch complex at Baikonur Cosmodrome in southern Kazakhstan on October 5th.

In the 1960s and 70s the US Navy had dozens of ships stationed around the world to support a space mission. Some were tracking and relay vessels and others to rescue and recover spacecraft after splashdown. While the Navy designated a Prime Recovery Ship it wouldn't always go according to plan.

Instead of the *USS Randolph*, the ship that recovered the first American to orbit the earth, John Glenn, was the *USS Noa*. On the next mission Scott Carpenter was so far off course the Prime Recovery Ship couldn't get to the capsule. If you had room for only one or two envelopes to tell this part of your story would you choose *USS Farragut* (first on scene), *USS John R. Pierce* (towed capsule to Roosevelt Roads, PR), or *USS Intrepid* (helicopter that recovered the astronaut)?

When does space history start?

As you reach back to illustrate the origins of the Space Age, take care. Sloppy thinking can lead astray.

Take for example the origin of propulsion in space. In the atmosphere, aircraft are powered one of three ways; reciprocating engine (propeller), jet powerplant, or reaction motor (rocket). Of these only rocket engines carry their own oxidizer to burn fuel. Propeller and jet aircraft fail to work as they reach the upper limits of the atmosphere.

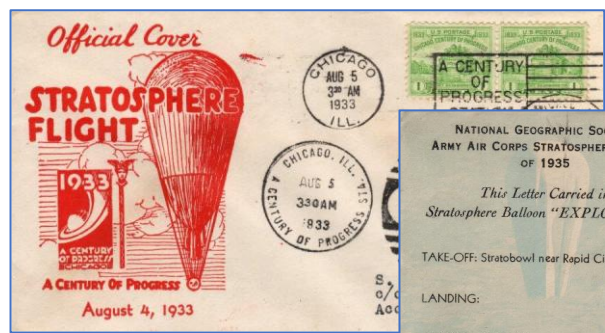
Since the Space Shuttle used Solid Rocket Boosters containing a compound similar to gunpowder you may be tempted to reach back to Congreve rockets or Chinese fireworks. This is misleading. Saying the SRB harkens back to the 9th century invention of gunpowder is like saying the Saturn V origins date back to early man since what comes out of the F1 engine is fire.



Carried by Wiley Post on four legs of a coast to coast stratospheric flight.

Man cannot survive at high altitudes or in space without an oxygen carrying pressurized environment. While supplemental oxygen had been used in aviation for some time the first operational use of a full pressure suit is really part of space history. Wiley Post spent 30 hours in this forerunner of a space suit in 1935 while riding the jet stream from California towards New York.

While man has ascended in balloons since 1783, technology useful to the exploration of space only began in the 1930s. Beginning with the work of Auguste and Jean Piccard, pressurized stratospheric flight conquered key physiologic issues including barometric pressure, temperature, and humidity. While aloft cosmic rays, ionized radiation, and other high-altitude atmospheric studies useful to physics, medicine, and spaceflight occurred. These craft never left the atmosphere but they are nevertheless an important part of space history.



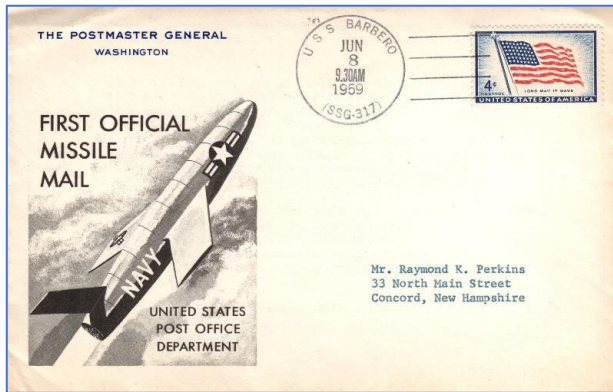
Mailed at the site of Professor Piccard's Century of Progress flight.

FLOWN on NGS Explorer II setting a world altitude record in 1935.



US Navy Strato-Lab High launched from the aircraft carrier USS Antietam. FLOWN envelope addressed to the AeroMed Center at NAS Pensacola. During the recovery LCDR Prather drowned.

One would think that any rocket mail would be acceptable in an Astrophilately exhibit. After all, rockets are how spacecraft travel outside the atmosphere, right? Now we bump into some current debate in the hobby. Presented here are two classic items. They were unquestionably carried on UN Navy missiles and not some dodgy packet tied to a roman candle by an amateur. Because of the focus on the technical specifics of the missions, however, both might be shown with caution.



The Point Mugu letters would have been America's first missile mail but the majority were sent using Official Navy penalty envelopes. For this reason, the Postmaster General declined to recognize the 137 covers as official mail.

The following month 3,000 envelopes fired from the deck of the *USS Barbero* were so recognized. Both were flown on Regulus I cruise missiles powered by a jet turbofan engine and flown by radio control. In contrast, Regulus II missiles used technology (rocket motor and inertial guidance) later used in space. This is analogous to the difference between the V-1 "buzz bomb", a subsonic German missile powered by a gasoline pulsejet, and the V-2, a supersonic rocket powered ballistic missile capable of spaceflight. It was the V-2 which served as the ancestor of all liquid fueled space boosters.

A sample story

Let's say I want to display the story of the development of a space plane. At the top of the article is a Title page. It includes a Purpose, Scope, and Plan. Purpose assists in establishing importance. Scope delineates what part of an impossibly broad story I plan to share. Plan lays out a roadmap beginning with a sensible beginning, a thoughtful story, and a logical endpoint.



Our story begins with the North American X-15. A manned air launched vehicle with the performance characteristics of the V-2 missile. Over the course of 199 powered flights between 1959 and 1968, a dozen pilots flew the three aircraft higher (354,200 ft) and faster (Mach 6.72) than any vehicle until the Space Shuttle returned from orbit. Here with an Edwards AFB machine cancel on the day of the first powered flight. Scott Crossfield, the North American test pilot, has autographed the envelope. To astrophilatelists, cachets and autographs play a supportive role to assist in explaining the significance of the postmark and providing some visual interest.

Getting a vehicle into orbit is relatively straight forward compared to getting it back. Provide enough thrust over weight and there you are. On the other hand, deorbiting from 17,500 mph through a steadily thickening atmosphere to make a precision runway landing is something else entirely. Consider when you witness a shooting star. You are watching air friction become so intense it sets rocks on fire and burn up. What chance would an aircraft with slender aluminum wings and full of temperature sensitive electronics have?



Unmanned reentry vehicles like PRIME (X-23) and Project Asset provided some initial ideas about heat sinks, ablative heat shields, and lift over drag tables.



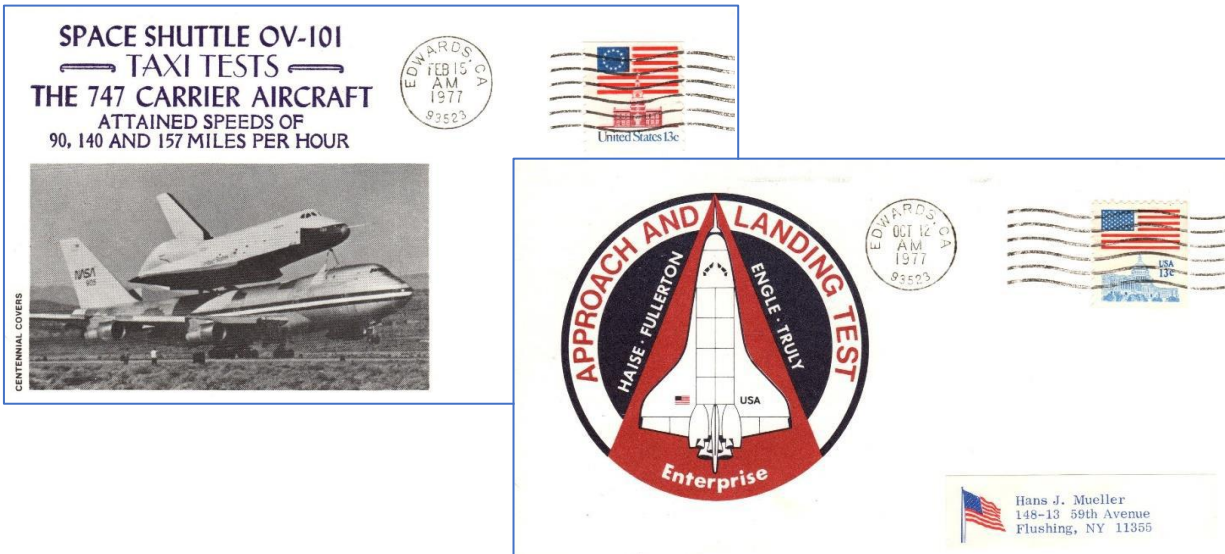
Between 1962 and 1975 the Dryden Flight Research Center at Edwards investigated bathtub shapes where the fuselage functioned as a lifting body. This negated the need for wings. Of the 200 flights Bill Dana (last to fly the X-15) and John Manke together flew about a third of the total number. Test pilot Mike Love flew a dozen before being killed in an F-104 Starfighter.

By the early 1970s NASA had a reusable Space Shuttle on the drawing boards. It would rocket into orbit carrying a half dozen crew for upwards of two weeks. With a payload bay big enough for a school bus and a Shuttle Remote Manipulator System (Canadarm) to manhandle satellites it was marketed as a space truck. Between 1981 and 2011 the fleet of six flew 135 times.

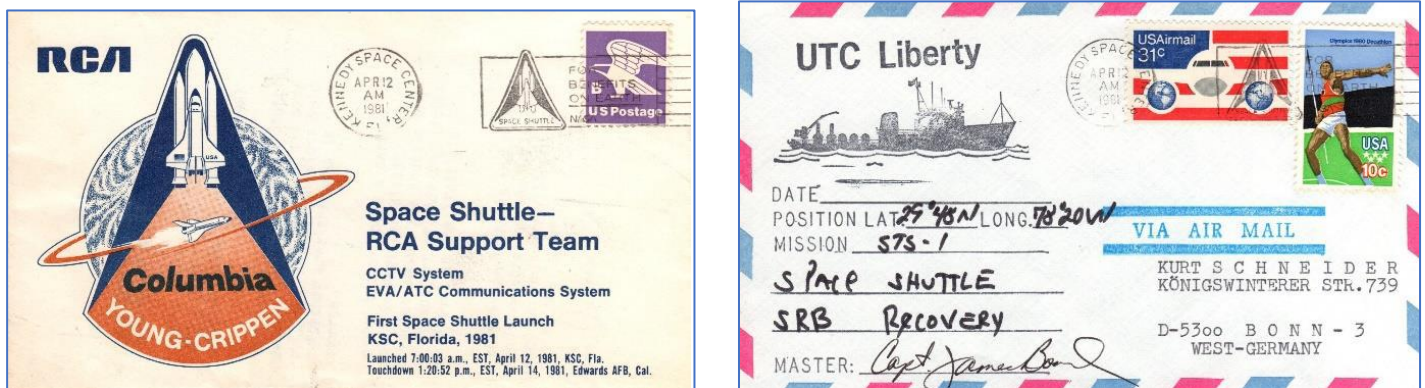


During the Shuttle era hundreds (and perhaps thousands) of developmental events were documented philatelically. Described as the most complicated machine ever built, the Orbiter had a million parts, some at the temperature of liquid oxygen and others on the verge of melting. Prior to the Shuttle most spacecraft were single use. Now a vehicle would be able to lift more than 30 tons of payload and place it in a precision orbit. Then this space plane would reenter the atmosphere (without burning up) and perform a dead stick landing on a runway.

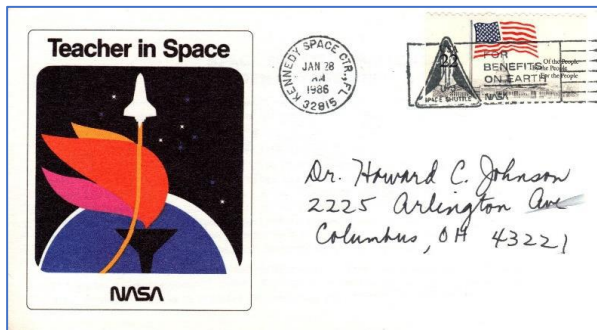
Once the first Orbiter was built astronaut test pilots needed to evaluate it. Like conventional aircraft that begins with taxi tests of increasing speed to check steering and braking characteristics. This was followed by approach and landing tests flown after release from the back of a modified Boeing 747.



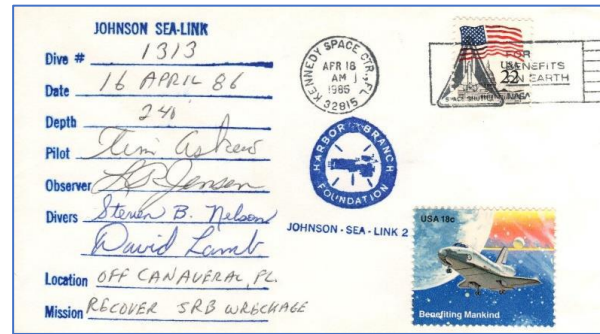
On April 12, 1981 the day finally arrived. It had been 20 years to the day that Yuri Gagarin had become the first man in space. A decade after Apollo we had a new ship ready to fly. Unlike earlier programs the Shuttle would not be “man-rated” by a series of unmanned missions. John Young, who had flown the first manned Gemini mission with Gus Grissom would be up to wring it out.



This is called a Contractor cover. Key support companies proud of their participation printed them to hand out as favors. The companion envelope travelled on one of two support vessels that recover Solid Rocket Boosters (SRB). Because it had no postal services onboard it was cancelled on return to port.



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JOHNSON SEA-LINK
 Dive # 1313
 Date 16 APRIL 86
 Depth 241
 Pilot Tim Gaskins
 Observer [Signature]
 Divers Steven B. Nelson
 David Lamb
 Location OFF CANAVERA, FL.
 Mission RECOVER SRB WRBCHAGE

With the exception a weather abort resulting in a landing in New Mexico the first four flights went without a hitch. The ejections seats were removed and the restriction that only the two test pilots fly was lifted. Mission Specialists and Payload Specialists began hitching a ride. Satellites were launched, repairs undertaken, science experiments undertaken, and an International Space Station built.

In January 1986 hundreds of school classrooms watched as the first teacher in space, Christa McAuliffe, shot towards the sky. As a cruel lesson on the risk of spaceflight Challenger exploded in flight raining debris off the coast of Florida. The rare Johnson Sea-Link cover accompanied a salvage crew recovering parts from a Solid Rocket Booster. It would turn out that leaking hot gases at an O-ring field joint failed to seal quickly enough. All seven astronauts were lost. In 2003 the first Orbiter to reach space, Columbia, was also destroyed as a failure in the heat shield permitted friction from reentry to burn through the wing. All told there were 133 successful flights and two catastrophic ones.

Only one astronaut even flew the Shuttle manually all the way from orbit to touchdown. Joe Engle was an X-15 pilot who was scheduled to be the last man to walk on the Moon when he was bumped to allow a geologist to explore the lunar surface. Engle then trained to fly the Shuttle. When asked what it was like to fly, Joe said he could have closed his eyes and been back on final in the North American X-15. It was 1965 and he was returning from space traveling Mach 6.

The Author

David serves as US Delegate on Astrophilately to FIP. He is a nationally accredited philatelic judge and is the only member of the American Philatelic Expertizing Committee (APEX) to specialize on the subject. *American Astrophilately: The First 50 years* was a finalist for a national book award. He is the former Executive Director of the Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History and currently serves as President of the American Air Mail Society. His website is: www.AmericanAstrophilately.com. His last article, "50 Years After the First Man on the Moon" appeared in the July 2019 *American Philatelist*.

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NWFSC Annual Report

by Larry Crain
Greater Eugene Stamp Society

NW Federation Annual General meeting

Saturday, May 2nd, in Sandy Room at PIPEX 2026

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board, Eric Knapp, at 10:05 am.
2. Executive Secretary Larry Crain directed the introduction of attendees. Present were Connie Brown (Oregon SS), Steve Brandt (Oregon SS), Lawrence Clay (Tri Cities - WA), Bud Conner (Olympia - WA), Larry Crain (Southern Oregon), Rick Crooks (Evergreen - WA), David Dobkin (Central Oregon), Carol Edholm (Sno-King - WA), David Epps (Oregon SS), Jim Hirstein (Garden City - MT), Eric Knapp (Anchorage - AK), Phil Kumler (First Stamp - OR), Larry Maddux (NW Postal History), Cathie Osborne (Strait - WA), J Palmer (Inland Empire, WA), Gerry Smith (Olympia - WA), and George Struble (Salem - OR).
3. The minutes of the AGM at PIPEX 2025 were available. Osborne-Conner moved acceptance. Carried.
4. Eric Knapp reported on the state of the Federation – Generally, it is solid albeit with difficulties maintaining contact with the Canadian clubs. The Federation’s John Arn Symposium went well.
5. The Executive Secretary’s annual report included a moment of silence for those with closed albums in the past year: Earle Covert - Calgary, Don Faulkenbury - Anchorage, Lucien Klein - Salem & NW Postal History, Kathy McLean - Inland Empire, Dordon Himber - Greater Eugene & NW Postal History, Hal Vogel - Alaska, Paul Price - Sno-King and Olympia, Steven Frumkin - NW Postal History, Bernie Noll - Olympia, Norbert Kruschko - Tri-Cities.

The following were club shows and bourses: APEX (Feb in Anchorage, AK), Central Oregon (Apr & Oct in Redmond, OR), Evergreen (Apr & Jul in Kent, WA), Olympia (Apr & Oct in Olympia, WA), SOPEX (Jun in Medford, OR), Strait SS (Aug in Sequim, WA), CALAPEX (Oct in Calgary, AB).

6. The Executive Secretary reported that dues are waived for 2026; therefore, all clubs are current.

7. Reports from Committees
 - a. Publications - Carol Edholm reported that issues have appeared quarterly. Almost 1,000 copies are emailed for each issue and each club should forward copies to their members.
 - b. Historian - Bill Ailes’ written report included items added to the collection: Letter from Leon Cuddleback, pilot of CAM 5 first flight Pasco-Boise-Elko describing the trip (donated by Joe Voice). Flyers and cards from SEAPEX 2015, Seattle Stamp Show 2004, PIPEX 1992 in Spokane, Coeur D’ Alene 1992 shows, cover from M.C. Chase about Inland Empire and Spokane 1991 Expo. Bill also reported there are 140 members on the Facebook page. He encouraged clubs to submit information about their events.
 - c. Arn Symposium - Jim Hirstein reported 28 participants at Moses Lake, Washington. There were four speakers, silent auction, live auction and much camaraderie.
8. Treasurer J Palmer reported that a meeting at the Bank of America the previous afternoon resulted in his being finally added as a signatory to the account, that over \$5,000 was deposited after the Canadian account was closed (the Federation will absorb exchange fees when dues are again collected) and that the only check written for the last year was for the website.
9. Old business – None
10. Budget - J Palmer said the only anticipated expenses are the website and the John D. Arn Symposium support.
11. Referrals from Executive Secretary - Larry Crain said that the By-Laws need minor tweaking. He asked for a Zoom Speakers Coordinator. No action was taken on either item.
12. New business – None
13. Presentation of Nominees - Eric Knapp presented three nominees: Treasurer: J Palmer who was elected last year to fill a vacancy. Canada Director: Ray Villnueve (Calgary, AB), not present, who was elected last year to fill a vacancy. US Director: Jim Hirstein (Garden City, MT), current director. Knapp asked for further nominations from the floor. There were none.

14. Election of one Officer and two Directors - Epps-Osborne moved to elect the nominees as presented. Carried unopposed.

15. Hirstein-Smith moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Crain, Executive Secretary

Congratulations

Bob Oxborrow of Kent, Washington; Casey Palowitch of Southern Oregon; and Dennis Ladd, Portland, Oregon who were awarded the NWFSC Club Member Service Award

NW Federation Board of Directors meeting

Saturday, May 2nd, in Multnomah #248 at PIPEX 2026

Present were Larry Crain, David Epps, Jim Hirstein, Eric Knapp, J Palmer.

Minutes of online board actions were accepted:

A. E-mailed by Larry Crain, Executive Secretary, April 6, 2026 - "Knapp-Anderson moved to add J Palmer to the NW Federation bank account with Bank of America." Voting yes: Michael Anderson (Apr 6), David Epps (Apr 6), HR Villeneuve (Apr 7), Jim Hirstein (Apr 7), Eric Knapp (Apr 7). Not voting: Larry Crain, J Palmer. 5-0, declared carried by Eric Knapp (Apr 7).

B. E-mailed by Eric Knapp, chair of the Board of Directors, April 22, 2026 - "Larry Crain moved to add Chair of the Board Eric Knapp to the NW Federation of Stamp Clubs account at Bank of America. This is in addition to adding Treasurer J Palmer. The name of Lisa Janz, the old Treasurer, is to be removed." Voting yes: Larry Crain (Apr 23), Jim Hirstein (Apr 23), HR Villeneuve (Apr 23), Eric Knapp (Apr 26). Not voting: Michael Anderson, David Epps, J Palmer. 4-0, declared carried Apr 26.

1. J, Eric and Larry met with Bank of America representative at a branch about a mile from the PIPEX show yesterday. Alex Haden had sent a check which closed the account in Canada. It was deposited. Signatories on the accounts (checking and savings) were updated. They are Larry Crain, Eric Knapp and J Palmer.

2. It was agreed to have a Zoom board meeting with the next one tentatively in September.

3. Jim Hirstein presented a detailed report from the John D. Arn Symposium in Moses Lake, Washington, on April 11, 2026. It listed \$3,610.07 in funds available (balance from 2025, registration, auction, donations) and \$3,535.42 in expenses (hotel expenses). It was agreed to again cover the \$800 room rent.

It was noted that recruitment needs to be done to obtain new board members. Both Hirstein and Crain will be term-limited in the next election.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Crain, Executive Secretary

One never knows what you will find on your philatelic travels. We spotted this metal sculpture scene at Half-Sun Travel Plaza just across the freeway from the John D. Arn Symposium (these photos only show part of the entire scene). 420 South Wanapum Drive, Colville, WA 98837. I wonder what the story is behind this interesting sculpture.

~ Carol j Edholm



PALMARES

PIPEX 2026



World Series of Philately Show
Hilton Garden Inn
Clackamas, Oregon
May 1-3, 2026

TONY WAWRUKIEWICZ GRAND AWARD

Vesma Grinfelds – *Cancellations of the Provisional Era in Latvia: 1919-1921*

RESERVE Grand AWARD

Semyon Melamed - DELAG – *The World's First Airline: Development of Airmail Service 1910-1919*

SINGLE FRAME Grand AWARD

Lloyd Ferrell – *The Battleship Oregon (1893-1919); "Bulldog of the Navy"*

People's Choice Award

Eric R. Knapp – *The Raven Story Stamp of 2021*

George Struble Innovation Award

Ralph Nafziger – *A Soldier's Diary – The World War I North Russia Expedition*

Larry Spray Encouragement Award

Tim Bergquist – *My U.S. ATA One-Page Exhibits*

MULTI-FRAME EXHIBITS

Large Gold

Vesma Grinfelds – *Cancellations of the Provisional Era in Latvia: 1919-1921 (95 pts)*

Semyon Melamed - DELAG – *The World's First Airline: Development of Airmail Service 1910-1919 (95 pts)*

Lloyd Ferrell – *Transition to War: Pearl Harbor Ships before and after December 7, 1941 (93 pts)*

Also, American Philatelic Society - Award of Excellence: 1940-1980; United States Stamp Society - Statute of Freedom Award

Louis Fiset – *The Uprooting of British Columbia's Japanese Canadians, 1942-1949 (92 pts)*

Also, American Philatelic Congress – Congress Award

Lloyd Ferrell – *Little Known Pearl Harbor Ships: without Postal Facilities (91 pts)*

Also, American Philatelic Society - Research Award

Mark Loomis – *WWII Civil Censor Marks of Southern Rhodesia (91 pts)*

Michael Bloom – *Essays and Proofs of Guatemala (90 pts)*

Gold

Louis Fiset – *UK Internment of Resident Refugees Fleeing the Third Reich (1940-1942) (89 pts)*

Michael Bloom – *Guatemala's Master Designer/Engraver: Arnoldo Chavarry Arrue (88 pts)*

Norma Nielson – *A Study of the U.N. Chagall Window Minisheet (87 pts)*

James Ong – *From Sea to Air: Postal Disruption and Route Reconfiguration in Formosa, 1945-1949 (87 pts)*

Also, American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors – Novice Award

David Jay – *Mail Service in Rural Russia: Volostnoe Pravlenie Offices, 1845-1928 (87 pts)*

Louis Fiset – *French Interzone and Free Zone Mail during the German Occupation (1940-1943) (86 pts)*

David Jay – *How Russia Delivered the Mail: Auxiliary Offices and the Police Post, 1889 to 1918 (86 pts)*

Large Vermeil

Ross Marshall – *Soviet Antarctic Expedition Transcontinental Flights 1961-1967 (83 pts)*

Vermeil

Ross Marshall – *Hungary 1918-1921 Armistice to Treaty of Trianon (78 pts)*

Gerald E. Smith – *Railway Post Offices (R.P.O.) on Streetcars (76 pts)*

Norma Nielson – *Fabergé's Imperial Easter Eggs; Extravagance and Intrigue (76 pts)*

Also, American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors – Gold Award of Honor; American Topical Association -1st Award

Large Silver

Donald Blais – *Bridges Over the Ages; From Ancient to Modern Times (73 pts)*

Also, American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors – Gold Award of Honor; American Topical Association -2nd Award; Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs - Thunderbird Award

Cathie Osborne – *A Town Called Bell (73 pts)*

Also, American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors – Benninghoff Award

Eric R. Knapp – *The Raven Story Stamp of 2021 (70 pts)*

Also, American Philatelic Society - Award of Excellence: Post 1980

SINGLE-FRAME EXHIBITS

Large Gold

Lloyd Ferrell – *The Battleship Oregon (1893-1919); “Bulldog of the Navy” (92 pts)*

Vesma Grinfelds – *Latvia: The Rising Sun Stamp of 1919 (92 pts)*

Also, American Philatelic Society - Award of Excellence: 1900-1940

Yuxiang Jiang – *China Express Letter Stamp (1912-1914) (91 pts)*

David Jay – *St. Petersburg Registered Mail with Geometric Postmarks, 1881-1904 (91 pts)*

Also, American Philatelic Society - Award of Excellence: Pre-1900; Rossica Society - Award

Gold

David Jay – *The Tsars’ Post Offices, 1852-1917 (86 pts)*

George Struble – *1920 Ill-fated Airmail Service Frankfurt – Basel (85 pts)*

Louis Fiset – *Lone Wolf Mail: Lesser Known US World War II Postal History (85 pts)*

Large Vermeil

Ralph Nafziger – *A Soldier’s Diary – The World War I North Russia Expedition (83 pts)*

Also, American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors – Creativity Award

Vermeil

Ralph Nafziger – *Combination First Day Covers of the Fourth Bureau Definitive Issues (79 pts)*

Also, American First Day Cover Society – Award

Large Silver

George Struble – *You’re Trying to Pay Postage with THAT? (74 pts)*

Also, Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs – Thunderbird Award

Worth Mathewson – *Confederate Postal Service (73 pts)*

Also, Women Exhibitors – Sterling Achievement Award

Worth Mathewson – *Confederate General Issues #6, #7L, #7R (70 pts)*

Silver

Tim Bergquist – *My U.S. ATA One-Page Exhibits (67 pts)*

YOUTH EXHIBITS

Large Vermeil

Presley Joy Whittaker – *Stamps and Saddles (82 pts)*

Also, American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors – Youth Award; American Topical Association – Youth Award

Silver

Yumiko Ramirez – *Big Horns, Big Mission (68 pts)*

PIPEX 2026 JURY MEMBERS

John Hotchner, Falls Church, Virginia, Jury Chair

Mike Ley, Doniphan, Nebraska

Pat Walker, University Park, Florida

Jan Hofmeyr, Victoria, BC, Canada

Ray Pietruszka, Madison, Alabama

Dzintars Grinfelds, San Francisco, California, apprentice

Philatelic Tidbits

The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada announced Neil Donen as the winner of the 2025 Geldert Medal. Neil is a long-term member of the Victoria Stamp Club and was given the award for his article titled “The 21 Club and Madame Joseph Forged Postmarks.” The Geldert Medal is awarded each year to the best article published in the RPSC’s journal, *The Canadian Philatelist*.

(Source -- Victoria Stamp Club newsletter February 2026.)

Congratulations Neil!

Did you notice this is **Issue #250**? Wow, what a milestone! A huge THANK YOU to all the editors who have kept this journal going over the years!

EVERGREEN STAMP SHOW: JULY 18-19, 2026

EXHIBIT ENTRY FORM

Exhibitor Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Exhibit Category – *(see class descriptions below)* _____
(submit only one exhibit per entry form)

First Time Exhibitor? () Yes () No Youth Exhibitor?: () Yes () No Age: _____

of frames _____ # of pages _____ (16 pages = 1 frame) **Fee:** Free to all participants!

EXHIBIT TITLE: _____

Brief description of exhibit:

Delivery Options

____ I will personally deliver my exhibit to the show Saturday, 7/18/26, morning before opening (8:30-9:30 a.m.)

____ My exhibit will be delivered by _____ to the same time and place as stated above.

____ My exhibit will be brought to the July 15th meeting and given to Bob Oxborrow

____ My exhibit will be mailed/given to Bob Oxborrow at a time and place to be determined.

Return Options

____ I will personally pick up my exhibit at the show Sunday 7/19/26 after 4 p.m.

____ My exhibit will be picked up by _____ to the same time and place as stated above.

____ My exhibit will be picked up at the August 19, 2026 meeting from Bob Oxborrow

Mail/email entry form by 1 July, 2026 to: Bob Oxborrow, ESC Exhibits, 28217 193rd Avenue SE; Kent, WA 98042-8585;
oxborrow.family@comcast.net

EVERGREEN STAMP SHOW: JULY 18-19, 2026
EXHIBIT ENTRY FORM

Stamp and Postal Materials Categories: (Reference – FIP Categories and definitions)

1. Traditional Philately: Focuses on the production and study of the stamps themselves (design, printing, paper, and perforations).
2. Postal History: Studies the postal rates, routes, and services used to transport mail.
3. Thematic Philately: Organizes material around a specific subject (e.g. birds, space, history) rather than the stamps' origin.
4. Aerophilately: Specializes in mail transported by air, including pioneer flights and airmail services.
5. Postal Stationery: Focuses on government-issued pre-stamped items like envelopes, postcards, and letter sheets.
6. Revenues: Includes stamps and documents used for fiscal purposes, such as tax or fee collection.
7. Maximaphily: Competitive class involving “Maximum Cards” – postcards with a stamp and cancellation that all match the theme of the card.
8. Astrophilately: Specifically covers philatelic material related to space exploration.
9. Youth: Collectors under the age of 22; (9a) 8-12; (9b) 13-16; (9c) 17-21

NOTES

- Exhibitors may submit multiple exhibits in the same or multiple categories; submit one form for each exhibit
- Exhibits will not be judged at this exhibition

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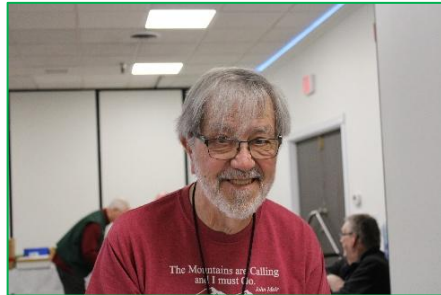
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The 2026 John D. Arn Symposium

by Jim Hirstein
Garden City Stamp Club, Montana

On April 11, 2026, the 34th John D. Arn Philatelic Symposium was held in Moses Lake, Washington. As usual, we had four invited speakers representing a wide variety of stamp collecting interests.



Larry Crain of the Southern Oregon Club shared what he calls “mystery history” covers that require a bit of research to learn their story. The stamps may be common, but their travels through the mail system can be very surprising.



Kristin Patterson came from San Jose, California, to tell us about her life-long adventure into playing cards and the revenue STAMPS that were used to collect the tax on them. She had a wonderful exhibit telling the stories of several of the companies that produced playing cards and the cancellations on their stamps.



Vera Felts of the Strait Stamp Society in Washington talked about the Northern Pacific



Railway poster stamps advertising campaign, including their “large potato” project.

The fourth spot was filled by Joe Voice of the Tri-Cities Club, who was celebrating the 100th anniversary of the startup of the Contract Air Mail Route 5 in April 1926. Joe reported his extensive research on the route that connected Pasco, Washington, to Elko, Nevada, with a stop in Boise, Idaho, with many exciting early flight difficulties to overcome.



We also heard two very informative short presentations. Steve Stiff from the Missoula Club showed examples of the many errors found on the Switzerland 1900 three-stamp allegory set. And Dave Fuller from Sequim, Washington shared his interest in the 1882 Garfield 5¢ stamp and its cancels.

We had the largest group of participants since the pandemic shutdown. And this year’s auction material (contributed by the participants) was the best in a long time, realizing more than three times the resulting bids of the past few years. Long-time friends and new participants enjoyed a full day of stamps and stories with a chance to add new philatelic treasures to their collections.



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Spring of Shows & Symposium

by Carol J. Edholm

Sno-King Stamp Club, Evergreen Stamp Club, Oregon Stamp Society

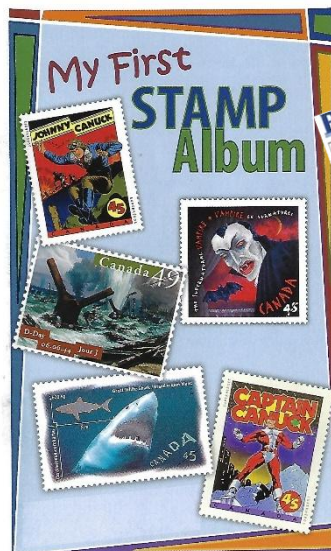
It is not often that Keith and I get to attend a stamp show in Canada anymore. But we did manage to sneak off on March 28 for a day trip to Langley, British Columbia, Canada, for the Sea & Valley Philatelic Exhibition (no problems with border crossings). This year, the Peace Arch Stamp Club made their first attempt at co-hosting the show with Fraser Valley Stamp Club. I'd say it turned out to be a solid little event. The show hosts were friendly



and helpful. With only a handful of stamp dealers, there was still plenty of material to search through to fill holes in your collection. They also had a large bid board filled with unsold items from their previous club auctions -- many items sold over the course of the day. If you wanted a good mystery, there were several Mystery Boxes available via raffle. I overheard one person state they bought (I think) 10 raffle tickets for one box as they saw something in it they really wanted. Unfortunately, someone else's ticket was pulled out of the basket. If you got hungry while searching for treasures, the clubs were serving lunch. Either way, customers and dealers were having fun.

One item I spotted at the show that not many shows carry anymore is a 5" X 8" beginner's mini stamp album for youth. Produced by The Canadian Stamp Dealers' Association
director@csdaonline.com
www.csdaonline.com
1-800-408-0352

And of course, I can never visit Canada and not leave without stopping off at a Purdy's Chocolate store for my annual stash. Found one at the Willowbrook Shopping Centre not far from the show. Yum!



Two weekends later, we found ourselves driving through rain, sunshine, clouds and the Washington State Construction icon, the **large orange-white cones** to the John D. Arn Symposium in Moses Lake, central Washington. (If the event was the following week, we would have been driving through snow). We have not attended the Symposium in about 15 years; it was long past time to go.



See Jim Hirstein's write-up on page 16 regarding speakers. The John D. Arn Symposium started in 1990, is held each spring and only missed three years due to the deaths of the leaders. Under Jim's strong leadership, the Symposium is just as strong as ever. Definitely NOT an event to miss!

Both the silent and live auctions were busy. Bidders took home some terrific items at much affordable prices.

The following weekend, we were at the Evergreen Stamp Club show in Kent, Washington, and two weeks after that,



PIPEX in Clackamas/Portland, Oregon. It was great seeing many of our readers and Federation club members at these events.



PIPEX 2026; Clackamas, Oregon

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Thunderbird Award

The Northwest Federation provides a ribbon to be awarded to a worthy exhibit at all shows held within the geographic area of the Federation. The purpose of this award is to encourage exhibiting, whether or not the exhibitor is a member of a Federation organization.

Exhibits that receive a Vermeil or higher award are not eligible, and the judges of the show have sole authority to award or not award the ribbon.

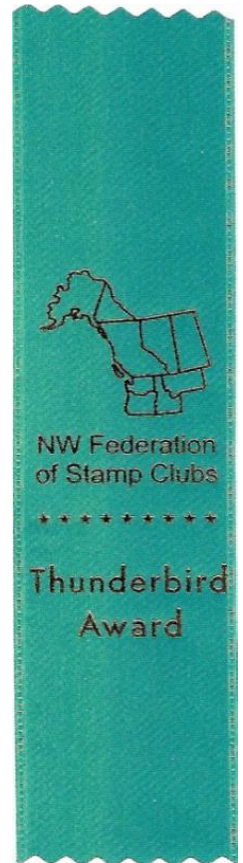
Member clubs that hold shows with competitive exhibits can request the Thunderbird ribbon from the Executive Secretary. Local and regional shows are authorized to present a single award and national shows may present two awards.

Recent winners include:

Donald Bliss – *Bridges Over the Ages; From Ancient to Modern Times*

George Struble, Salem Stamp Society – *You're Trying to Pay Postage with THAT?*

Rick Aubin -- *Conde B. McCullough's Oregon Coast Bridges*



NEW DATES!!!

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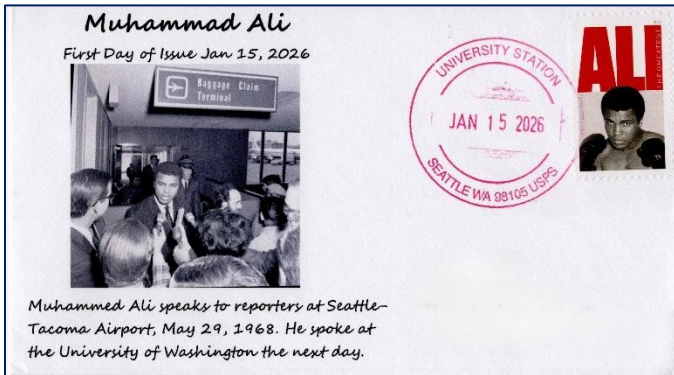
October 9 – 10, 2026
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Tukwila, Washington 98168

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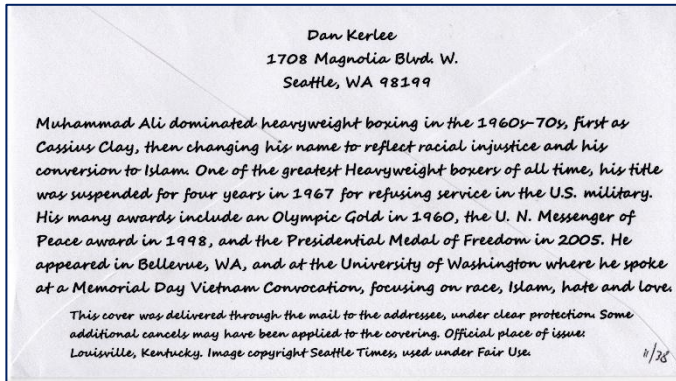
Kerlee Corner...

Muhammad Ali & Colorado Statehood

by Dan Kerlee, Evergreen Stamp Club



Muhammad Ali speaks to reporters at Seattle-Tacoma Airport, May 29, 1968. He spoke at the University of Washington the next day.

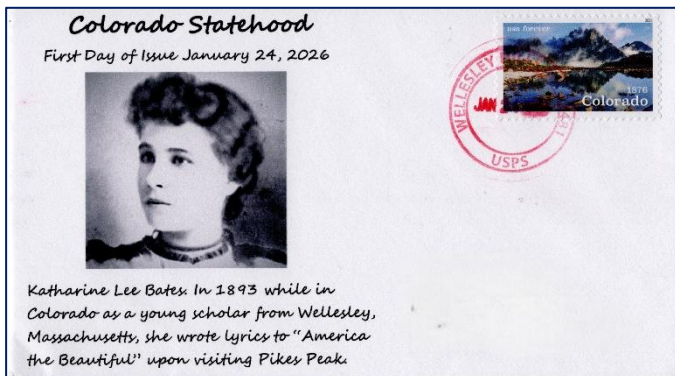


Dan Kerlee
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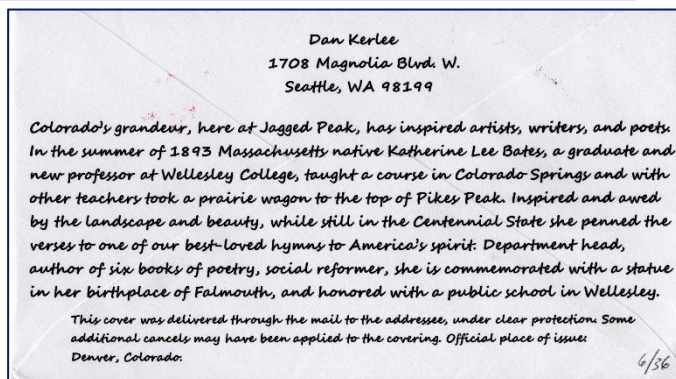
Muhammad Ali dominated heavyweight boxing in the 1960s-70s, first as Cassius Clay, then changing his name to reflect racial injustice and his conversion to Islam. One of the greatest Heavyweight boxers of all time, his title was suspended for four years in 1967 for refusing service in the U.S. military. His many awards include an Olympic Gold in 1960, the U. N. Messenger of Peace award in 1998, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2005. He appeared in Bellevue, WA, and at the University of Washington where he spoke at a Memorial Day Vietnam Convocation, focusing on race, Islam, hate and love.

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Katharine Lee Bates. In 1893 while in Colorado as a young scholar from Welleley, Massachusetts, she wrote lyrics to "America the Beautiful" upon visiting Pikes Peak.



Dan Kerlee
1708 Magnolia Blvd. W.
Seattle, WA 98199

Colorado's grandeur, here at Jagged Peak, has inspired artists, writers, and poets. In the summer of 1893 Massachusetts native Katherine Lee Bates, a graduate and new professor at Welleley College, taught a course in Colorado Springs and with other teachers took a prairie wagon to the top of Pikes Peak. Inspired and awed by the landscape and beauty, while still in the Centennial State she penned the verses to one of our best-loved hymns to America's spirit: Department head, author of six books of poetry, social reformer, she is commemorated with a statue in her birthplace of Falmouth, and honored with a public school in Welleley.

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An Invitation to Join...

The Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs has some 35 member clubs and philatelic organizations in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington as well as British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan in Canada, and its territories. With the exception of a short period of inactivity during WWII, the organization has served as a common cause meeting ground for organized philatelic interests within these states and provinces. The Federation supports PIPEX (Pacific International Philatelic Exposition), an annual APS World Series of Philately (WSP) show, and the John D. Arn Symposium.

The Federation is the only organization of its type with cross border membership and WSP exhibition sponsorship. It continues its member organization communications with *The Federated Philatelist* newsletter. The annual Federation meeting takes place at the club hosted site of the annual PIPEX show.

Please visit the NWFSC's website. On this site, we have listed information of interest to collectors in the Pacific Northwest. The website has recently seen a facelift and continues to be updated on a regular basis. www.nwfedstamps.org



The Federated Philatelist is published quarterly the first week of March, June, September and December. Deadlines for submission are every February 19, May 21, August 20 and November 19.

Letters to the Editor Welcome...

Send your comments, questions, feedback, stamp club news, articles (no article is too small) to:

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Warren Gill

An Oregon Hero

by Dennis W. Gill
Universal Ship Cancellation Society

One of the hallmarks of the millions of men of the “Greatest Generation” who served in uniform during World War Two was humility. Shown in many ways, it usually came down to an unwavering sense of duty expressed as “I was just doing my job.” Perhaps it was because of the economic hardships many of them experienced during the Great Depression; transitioning from those struggles to the ones faced on the battlefields of Europe and the Pacific may have seemed almost natural. Or perhaps it was the nation-wide commitment to defeating global fascism: damn the costs, damn the personal sacrifice, it’s our job to prevail and win. No chest-thumping, no shouts for glory, simply an understanding that the job had to be done. Humble.

Warren Calavan Gill was one of those men. Born in 1912, Gill (no relation to the author) grew up in Lebanon,

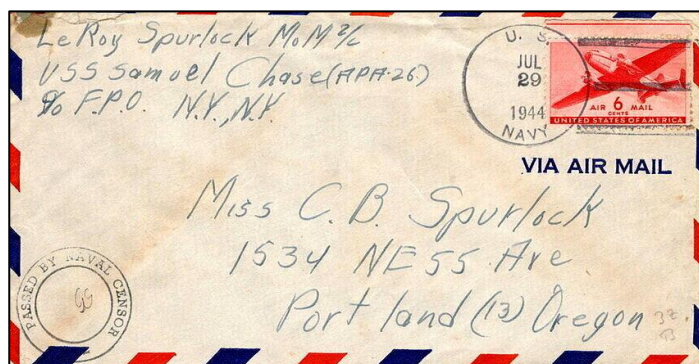


Oregon, in farm country not far from the state’s capital of Salem. A boyhood dream was to go to sea. During his junior year in high school, he signed on with a ship in Seattle for a brief six-month stint. Returning to Lebanon he graduated from high school and then attended the

University of Oregon in Eugene. There he competed on the football and swim teams and completed a law degree. He passed the Oregon bar exam and moved to New York City where he worked in an admiralty law firm.

In a serendipitous move, perhaps, he met his future wife Vadne on 7 December 1941, at a concert where she was performing. One month later they were wed and two days later Gill joined the U.S. Coast Guard reserve, receiving an Ensign’s commission. By August 1942, he had become an Assistant Beach Officer attached to the Coast Guard-manned troop transport USS *Samuel Chase* (AP-56, later APA-26). Beginning 8 November 1942, Gill helped direct amphibious landings at Morocco and Algeria as part of

Operation Torch, the Allied landings in North Africa. After this successful operation, attention shifted to Europe.



The Allied invasion of Sicily, codenamed Operation Husky, began on the night of July 9–10, 1943. A joint effort between U.S. and British forces, it was one of the largest amphibious operations in history to that point and served as a critical “dress rehearsal” for the later D-Day landings in Normandy. Ensign Gill was placed in command of a flotilla of small craft lowered from the decks of *Samuel Chase* that landed parts of General George Patton’s Seventh Army (specifically, elements of the 1st Infantry Division, the “Big Red One”) near Gela, Sicily. During the landing, not a single man was lost in Gill’s flotilla of landing craft during the ship-to-shore transit. For his planning and leadership, Gill received the Legion of Merit Medal and promotion to Lieutenant (Junior Grade). Once Sicily was secured, attention turned to the Italian mainland.

By mid-August 1943, Gill had been transferred to USS *LST-357* and was appointed Officer of Small Boats. This 328-foot Landing Ship Tank was one of 76 Coast Guard-manned LSTs used during World War Two. The landings at Salerno, Italy, were to be far different from what Allied forces experienced at Sicily. They expected to meet only light resistance, since Italian dictator Benito Mussolini had been deposed in late July 1943. The new Italian leadership had signed an armistice with the allies the day before the landings took place. However, unknown to the Allies, the Germans had rushed military forces to the planned invasion site and put up heavy resistance.

LST-357 (nicknamed “Palermo Pete” by the crew) took heavy damage during the invasion. During the early morning darkness of 9 September 1943, while forming up for the run-in to shore on Green Beach at Salerno, a German 88 mm artillery shell struck the ship, the first of several direct hits. Shrapnel tore through Gill’s assistant, killing him; he absorbed much of the shell fragments while Gill received the rest in his chest and back. (Several more crewmembers and 25 soldiers were also killed and

wounded by the same shell hit.) Although severely wounded and fighting for breath, Gill remained at his post

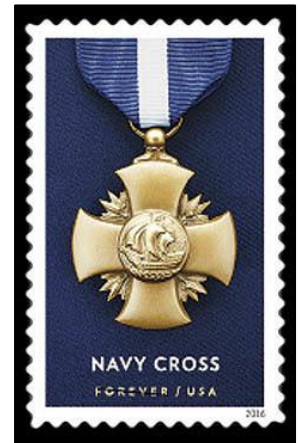


and oversaw the landing of Army equipment and troops on the beach. He received a blood transfusion from the LST's medical officer but refused morphine, to ensure he remained alert to oversee the operation. Once the LST was successfully beached and word was received that the Germans were in retreat, he accepted transfer to a larger troop transport for treatment. From there, Gill spent the next three months in a British hospital in the North African desert before transferring to an American hospital in Algiers. During hospitalization in Algiers, he was awarded the Navy Cross Medal by Vice Admiral Henry Hewitt, U.S. Navy commander of amphibious forces in North Africa and Southern Europe.

Later sent stateside for further treatment, he ended up at the Navy Hospital at Long Beach, California, for another 20 months. During his hospitalization, Gill managed to participate in War Bond drives in Southern California. He underwent further operations to remove the shrapnel from his body, although some pieces remained for the rest of his life. In August 1945, Gill was discharged and returned to his hometown of Lebanon, Oregon, pending his medical retirement. On 1 April 1946, he was medically retired from the Coast Guard due to physical disability. Since the Secretary of the Navy had commended him for performance of duty in combat, Gill received the rank of Lieutenant Commander on the retired list.

Once recovered, Gill practiced law and entered politics. He served in the Oregon House of Representatives from 1949 to 1951, and then in the Oregon State Senate from 1952 to 1957. In 1958, he ran unsuccessfully for the gubernatorial nomination of the Republican Party. He retired from politics and became Lebanon's City Attorney for the next 16 years. An avid boater, he served on Oregon's Marine Board for the next several years, working to ensure safe and enjoyable boating facilities throughout the state. Ever the adventurer, Warren C. Gill died on 8 October 1987 at the age of 74, in the crash of a home-built ultralight auto-gyro aircraft.

Gill's Navy Cross was one of only six awarded to Coast Guardsmen during World War Two. The citation recounts his bravery and devotion to duty while gravely wounded and facing continuing enemy fire on 9 September 1943, while carrying on with the "utmost intrepidity." He, and the millions of others of the "Greatest Generation" in uniform during those years might simply have said "I was just doing my job." We can give thanks to Gill and all his cohorts that they did exactly that. And we would do well not to forget them.



Dennis W. Gill is the Associate Editor of and a frequent contributor to the Universal Ship Cancellation Society's LOG, an award-winning monthly journal. For anyone interested in naval covers, postmarks and ship history go to <https://uscs.org/> or contact denny.gill@gmail.com.

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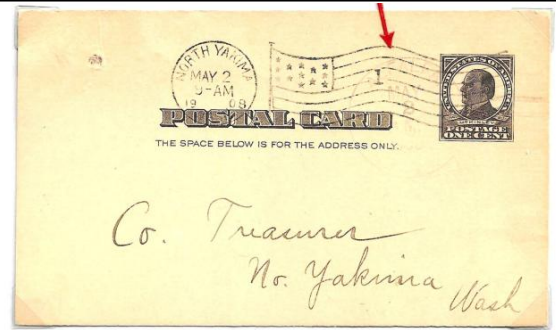
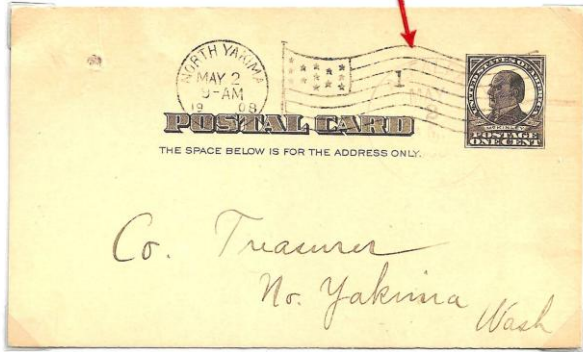
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Inland Empire Philatelic Society

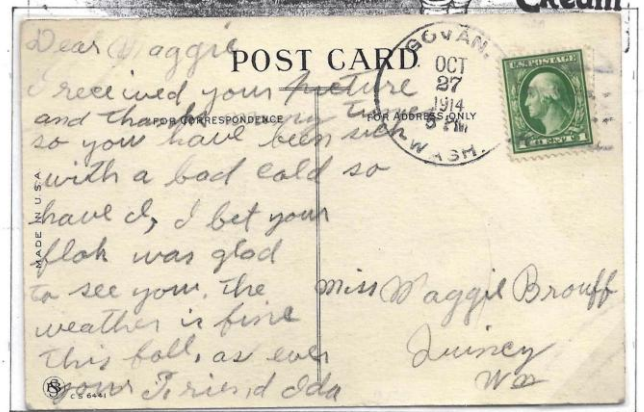


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This government postal card was struck with a black 31mm dial **ALFALFA WASH. MAY 2 A.M. 1908** together with a 4 bar killer.

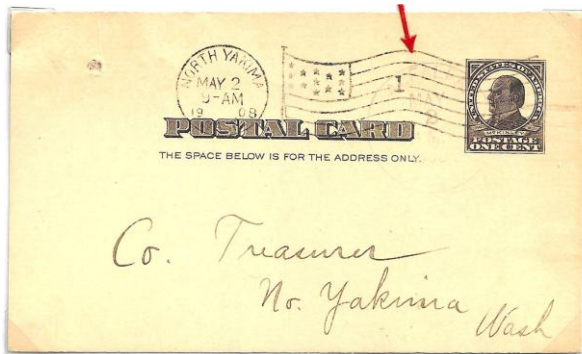
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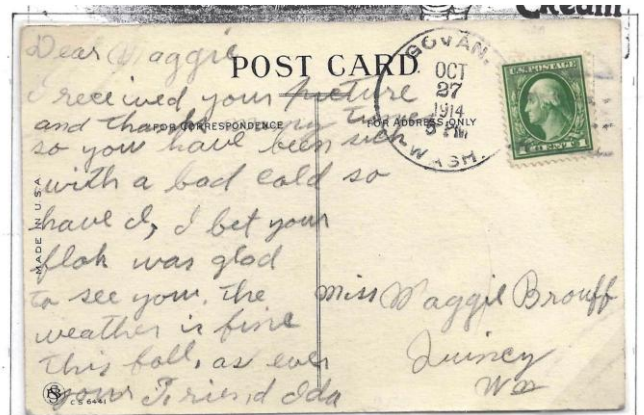
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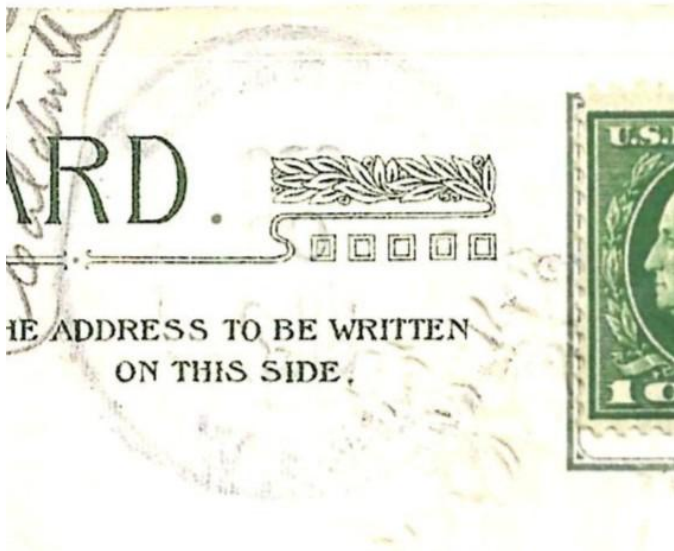
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Established on July, 5, 1872, Seth R. Scranton as first postmaster. The word "**FALLS**" was dropped in 1891.

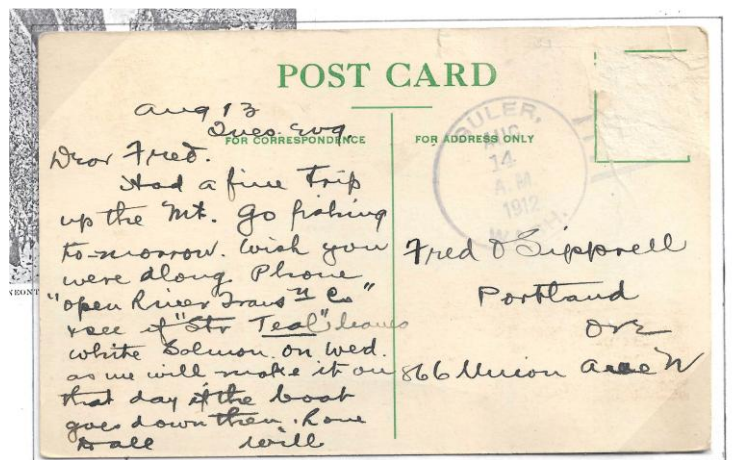
This cover was struck with a black dial. **SPOKANE FALLS, WASH FEB 13 1890.**



**NIGHTHAWK RURAL STATION
OKANOGAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Established February 28, 1902 as NIGHTHAWK. The office was discontinued August 31, 1962 to be replaced by NIGHTHAWK RURAL STATION OF TONASKET. It was discontinued June 30, 1970.

This cover was struck with a black 32 mm dial, **TONASKET, WASH. NIGHTHAWK RUR. STA. DEC 26, 1964** together with a 4 bar killer.



GULER, KLICKITAT COUNTY, WASHINGTON was established May 22, 1903 and discontinued June 30, 1936. Mail was then forwarded to TROUTLAKE.

This picture post card with it's invitation to go fishing was hand struck with a worn 32 mm dial **GULER, WASH. AUG 14 A.M. 1912** together with a 4 bar killer.

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Crab Nebula 2/24/2026



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Bald Eagle 5/14/2026



American Bison 5/25/2026



Route 66 5/5/2026

Treasure of the Revolutionary Era, prestige booklet 5/23/2026



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Global: Postcrossing, international 5/26/2026



International Peace 5/27/2026

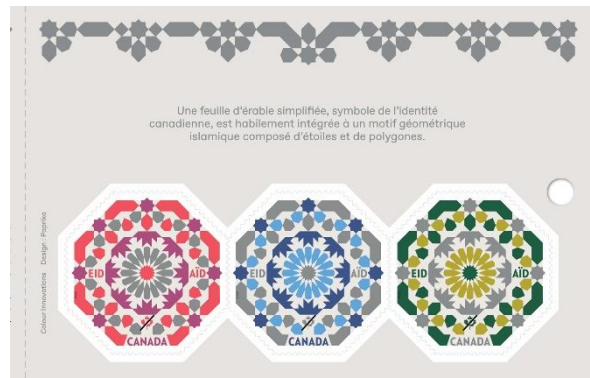


North American Soccer, FIFA World Cup, 5/28/2026

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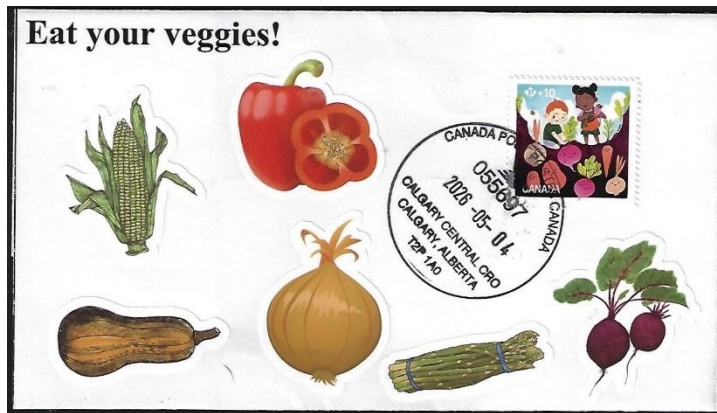
Cherry Blossoms 3/2/2026



EID 3/10/2026 Comes in 4 colors



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Community Foundation, semi-postal 5/4/2026

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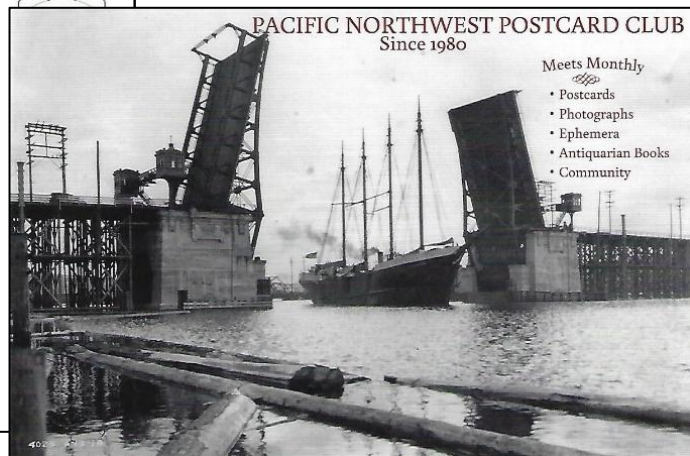
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Seattle, WA 98105

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Website: www.pnwpostcard.org

Ballard Bridge opened for ship passage, March 13, 1918

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CLOSED ALBUMS

Leanna Johnson, 1940 - January 20, 2026. She is survived by her husband who is also a member of CPS. Leanna joined the CPS in 1981. She served as Programmes Director from 1983 to 1985. She received the Founders Award for the 1984/1985 season. She worked behind the scenes in many capacities. Unfortunately, in 2006, she suffered a severe stroke that ended her activities at the club. *Calgary Philatelist*, February 2026; Calgary Philatelic Society.

James “Jim” Graue, 1939 - April 30, 2026. He was a longtime member and lifetime member of the IEPS, having joined the club sometime in the 1960s. He was a former club president and Philatelist of the Year in 2007. Jim served IEPS in many ways, but one of the most noteworthy was as show chairman for APS Stampshow in 1980 in Spokane. He was also club president that year. Stamp shows now seem to be a thing of the past in Spokane, and it has been several years since IEPS hosted one. But longtime members can remember many times when we hosted PIPEX shows, some very well-run local shows, and even a TOPEX. APS StampShow 80 was held at the Sheraton-Spokane Hotel from September 25-28, 1980. The show theme centered on Indian Art of the Pacific Northwest, and a block of four Indian Mask stamps was issued at the show. Hosting StampShow was quite a prize for Spokane as Seattle, Portland, and Vancouver, BC all wanted to host it. Jim told a *Spokane Daily Chronicle* reporter that “speed was a principal factor in bringing the national show to Spokane...I ran the ball faster than anybody.” (*Spokane Daily Chronicle*, September 11, 1980, p. 5.) He was a world-class philatelic collector, researcher and judge. An expert in aerophilately and German Zeppelin mail, he co-authored the books, *Commercial Zeppelin Flights to South America* and *German North Atlantic Catapult Flights*. His research and exhibits earned him numerous international awards, and he was inducted into the American Air Mail Society (AAMS) Aerophilatelic Hall of Fame in 2010. Jim was a longtime member of the Germany Philatelic Society (GPS) and edited the society’s journal, *The German Postal Specialist*, for many years. He was a member of the American Air Mail Society and served for years as vice president and editor of its monthly publication, *The Airpost Journal*. Jim was also a longtime APS- and GPS- accredited judge for both exhibits and philatelic literature. He served on the APS Committee for the Accreditation of Exhibitions and Judges and was a Distinguished Philatelist for the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs.

The Lilac Hinge, May 2026; Inland Empire Philatelic Society

John D. Hartup, Jr., 1928 - 2025. John was 97 years old when he passed. He served in both WWII and the Korean War. He was a Civil Engineer and worked for Chevron for almost 40 years. During his time in post-war Japan, he developed an interest in Japanese stamps and collected them until his 80’s. He subscribed to *Japanese Philately*. He also collected Plate Blocks. *The Album Page*, March 2026; Oregon Stamp Society

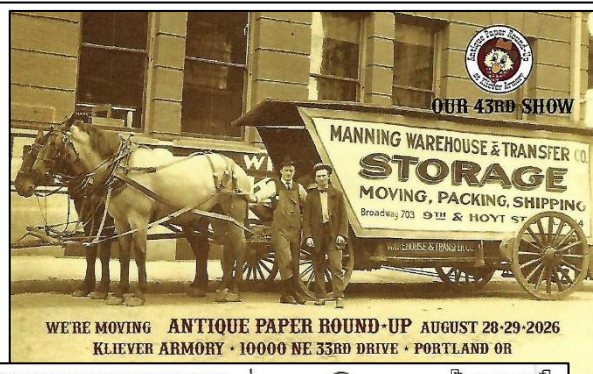
Steven C. Frumkin, 1928 - 2025. Steve has been an OSS member since 1991; he was knowledgeable on China, Japan and other related areas. He worked closely with auction houses back east. *The Album Page*, May 2026; Oregon Stamp Society

Rev. Eugene H. Walters passed in February at 96 years old. He lived in Vancouver, Washington and retired in 1995. His hobbies were collecting coins and stamps, especially Tonga; he was the leader of the Tonga Tin Can Mail Study Circle. He also enjoyed exhibiting at stamp shows. *The Album Page*, May 2026; Oregon Stamp Society

Club News – Regina

Our Stamp Show is traditionally held on the third weekend in February. As in the past, attendees of this year's show again benefitted from the participation of several stamp and coin dealers. In spite of having good weather, there seemed to be too many attractions in Regina, so the attendance was slightly below what was experienced in the past. Every year there are two other shows of this nature in the city, organized by the Regina Coin Club, giving us more opportunities to try to plug holes in our stamp collections. At our next meeting, we will have a "Show and Tell" session boasting about our acquisitions at the last show.

Julius Hofstatter, Regina Stamp Club



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Jan 25 Penticton - meet in Summerland, St. Stephens Anglican Church
March 22 Kelowna - meet in Kelowna, Mission Creek Alliance Church
May 24 Penticton Summerland, St. Stephens Anglican Church
Sept 20 Vernon The People Place; also Vernon's 50th anniversary celebration
Nov 22 Kelowna, Mission Creek Alliance Church

Kelowna Stamp Club

Seniors Citizens Association Branch 17
1353 Richter Street (Corner of Richter & Fuller); Kelowna
Second Wednesday of every month, except July and August
Time: 7 PM to 9 PM
Contact: Ed at stampshop101@gmail.com

Penticton Stamp Club

Seniors Drop-In Centre Society
2965 South Main Street; Penticton
First Sunday of every month, except June, July and August
Time: 2 PM to 4 PM
Contact: Steve at sstevesters@gmail.com

Vernon Stamp Club

The People Place
3402 27th Avenue; Vernon
Third Saturday of every month, except August
Time: 12:30 PM to 3 PM
Contact: Michael at mfitt@telus.net

CLUB ACTIVITIES



The **Alaska Collectors' Club** has been a Federation member since 2016. Publish quarterly journal, *The Alaskan Philatelist*. Annual dues \$15 for US members and \$20 for members from elsewhere. Contact Eric Knapp eknapp@gci.net. www.alaskaphilatellic.org



The **American Air Mail Society – Northwest Chapter** has been a Federation member since 1983. Publish quarterly newsletter *Air Mail Northwest*. No website. Dues \$__ per year for print and \$__ for electronic distribution.



The **Anchorage Philatelic Society** has been a Federation member since 1963. Publish quarterly newsletter, *The Anchorage Philatelist*. Meet second and fourth Wednesday at Turnagain United Methodist Church. Dues \$10 per year, \$15 for families and \$2 for youth. www.anchoragephilatellic.org



The **British Columbia Philatelic Society** is a Charter member of the Federation that joined in 1936. Meet Wednesdays at 7:30 pm church hall of South Burnaby United Church in Burnaby. Third Wednesday usually monthly auction. Dues \$20 per year for individuals, \$30 for families and \$7.50 for students younger than 18. www.bcphilatellic.org.



The **British North America Philatelic Society** (Pacific Northwest Regional Group) joined the Federation in 1998. Publish *West Coast Express*. Hold regional group meeting at VANPEX. In our area, are the Calgary, Edmonton and Pacific Northwest Chapters. PNW Chapter publishes the *British Columbia Postal History Newsletter*. Dues \$30USD/\$35CDA for all. <http://www.bnaps.org/regional/pnwr/RG-pnwr.php>.

Calgary Philatelic Society has been a Federation members since _____. Meet first Wednesday (except July, August & December) at 7:00 pm with auction, then presentation. Annual dues \$25 (plus \$10 administration fee for new members). www.calgaryphilatellicsociety.com.

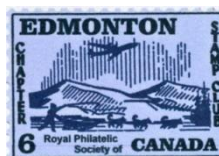


The **Central Oregon Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 2016. Meet first Saturday at 10:00 am at Zion Lutheran. They accept donations in lieu of dues. Contact info@centraloregonstampclub.org. www.centraloregonstampclub.org



The **Collectors Club of Seattle** has been a Federation member since 1954. Do not have a website or newsletter. Contact hstamps1@frontier.com.

The **Eagle Stamp and Postcard Club** has been a Federation member since 2015. Do not publish newsletter. Hold auctions four times per year. Meet first Wednesday at 7:00 pm at Eagle Methodist Church. No dues listed. <http://www.eaglestampandpostcardclub.com/>.



The **Edmonton Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 2009. Publish monthly newsletter, *Bulletin*. Each edition is full of interesting news and articles. Meet second and fourth Mondays at 6:00 pm at St. Joseph Catholic High School. Dues \$30 per year for individuals, \$40 for families. One-time \$8 fee for name tag. www.edmontonstampclub.com.



The **Evergreen Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 1976. Publish monthly newsletter. Meet third Wednesday at 7:00 pm at Kent Commons Rec Center. The club is preparing for their show in mid-April. Dues \$20 per year. <https://evergreenstampclub.com>

The **Fraser Valley Philatelic Club** has been a Federation member since 2017. Do not publish newsletter. Subject to school availability, meet second Tuesday each month (except July and August) at 6:00 pm at the W.J. Mouat Secondary School in Abbotsford. Annual dues \$10. <https://fraservalleystampclub.com/>.

The **Garden City Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 1999. Do not publish newsletter. Meet first Wednesday and third Monday at 7:00 pm at Atonement Lutheran Church in Missoula. Annual dues \$10. <http://gardencitystampclub.com/>.

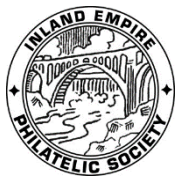
The **Gastineau Philatelic Society** has been a Federation member since 1974. Do not publish newsletter. Meet third Thursday at 6:00 pm at 360 Egan Drive, Juneau.



The **Greater Eastside Stamp Society** has been a Federation member since 2013. Publish *GESS Newsletter* via e-mail only. Do not have website. Meet first and third Thursday at 7:00 pm at Redmond Panera Bread café in the Bear Creek Shopping Center. Contact dananielsen@comcast.net.



The **Greater Eugene Stamp Society** has been a Federation member since 2003. Meet second and fourth Wednesday at 7:00 pm at Saint Jude's Catholic Church. Dues \$15 and \$5 for youth. <http://greater.eugenestampclub.weebly.com/>.



The **Inland Empire Philatelic Society** is a Founding member of the Federation that joined in 1935. Publish monthly newsletter, *The Lilac Hinge*. Meet second (mixture/board meeting @ 5:00pm) and fourth (regular meeting/program/ auction @ 6:30pm) Tuesdays (except July and December), Spokane Valley Eagles Hall, 16801 East Sprague Avenue; Spokane Valley, WA. July picnic and December holiday dinner. Dues \$10 per year for individuals, \$15 for families and \$5 for youth under 18. www.ieps-stamps.com.

The **Linn County Philatelic Society** has been a Federation member since 2012. Do not publish newsletter, nor have website. Meet second Thursday at 7:00 pm at The Villas. Contact George Larson: larsonglf@mindspring.com.

The **Lynden Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 2017. Do not publish newsletter, nor have website. Meet last Tuesday at 6:00 pm at Lynden City Hall conference room. Contact Mike Marsh lyndenstampclub@gmail.com.

The **Lynn Valley Stamp Club** joined the Federation in 2018. Do not publish newsletter, nor have website. Meet second and fourth Wednesday 1:00 to 3:30 pm at Molly Nye House in North Vancouver, BC. Dues \$___ per year. Contact Neil Worley: sandnworley@shaw.ca.

Northwest Philatelic Library. Open second and fourth Saturday at OSS Clubhouse. <https://nwpl.org/>.

The **Okanagan Mainline Philatelic Association** has been a Federation member since 1996. Publish *OMPA News*. Meet five times a year in January, March, May, September and November. They are members clubs in Kelowna (Seniors Citizens Association Branch 17, 2nd Wednesday at 7-9pm), Penticton (Seniors Drop-in Centre Society, first Sunday at 2-4pm) and Vernon (The People Place, 3rd Saturday at 1-3pm). Dues \$12.00 per year; \$15.00 for family. <https://www.okanaganstampclubs.ca/>

The **Olympia Philatelic Society** has been a Federation member since 2012. Publish electronic newsletter. Meet second and fourth Monday at 6:00 pm at Tumwater Mobile Estates Clubhouse. Dues \$12 for individuals, \$15 for families and Free for youth per year. <https://olympiastampclub.com/>



The **Oregon Stamp Society** has been a Federation member since 1937. Publish monthly newsletter, *The Album Page*. Meet second (2:00 pm) and fourth (8:00 pm) Tuesday at their clubhouse. Dues \$28 per year for regular members, \$26 for associate members who reside outside the area, and \$26 for youth. <https://oregonstampsociety.com/>

The **Pacific Northwest Postal History Society** has been a Federation member since 2001. Meet annually at PIPEX. Publish quarterly journal, *The Oregon Country*. Each issue has articles with historical images and nice illustrations of NW postal historical material. Dues \$20 per year. www.pnwphs.org.

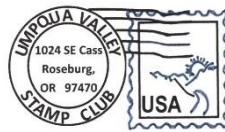


The **Peace Arch Stamp Club** was first a Federation member in 2014. Do not publish newsletter. Meet first Wednesday (except July and August) at 5:00 pm at Brella Community Services, 15008 26th Avenue; Surrey, B.C. Dues \$20 per year. www.peacearchstampclub.com/.

Portland Philatelic Exhibitions. <https://www.pipexstampshow.org/>

The **Puget Sound Collectors' Club** has been a Federation member since 2017. Do not publish newsletter, nor have website. Membership is by invitation. Members bring interesting philatelic items to discuss or resolve a mystery. Anyone interested in joining the club should contact the Secretary, Thomas Matthiesen, via email at meconopst@earthlink.net.

The **Regina Philatelic Club** has been a member of the Federation since 2017. Publish quarterly newsletter, *Regina Philatelic Quarterly*. Meet first and third Wednesday from September through May at 7:30 pm at Access Communications Cooperative, second floor boardroom, 2250 Park Street, Regina, SK. Dues \$20 per year. <https://regina stampclub.ca/>



The **Umpqua Valley Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 2018. Publish monthly newsletter, *Umpqua Valley Stamper*. Facebook: www.facebook.com/UmpquaValleyStampClub. Meet third Monday, except June and December, at 7:15 pm in St. George Episcopal Parish Hall; Roseburg. Dues \$15 per year. Contact adams@mcsi.net.



The **Salem Stamp Society** has been a Federation member since 1948. Publish monthly newsletter, *Willamette Stamp & Tongs*. Meet third Wednesday at 7:00 pm at Scottish Rite Center (with Zoom option). Dues \$10 per year for individuals, \$15 for couples. www.salemstampsociety.org.



USS Puget Sound Chapter 74 of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society has been a Federation member since 1978. Do not have chapter newsletter, but the Society publishes the monthly *USCS Log*. Annual dues \$19 for US, \$58 international and \$19 electronic delivery. www.uscs.org.



The **Sno-King Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 1963. Publish monthly newsletter, *Sno-King Stamp Club Philatelic News*. Meet second Wednesday at Snohomish County PUD in Everett. Edmonds meetings on hold until further notice. Dues \$10 per year, \$5 for youth under 18. <http://sno-kingstampclub.freehostia.com>.



The **Southern Oregon Philatelic Society** has been a Federation member since 1955. Publish monthly newsletter. Meet first and third Thursdays (except December) at 7:00 pm at First United Methodist Church, 607 West Main Street; Medford. Club is preparing for their annual show in early June. Dues \$15 per year. <https://www.sopex.info>



The **Washington State Philatelic Society** is a Founding member of the Federation that joined in 1935. Does not publish newsletter, nor have website. Meet second and fourth Thursday at 7:00 pm at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Seattle.

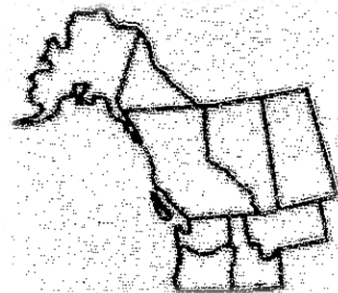
The **Strait Stamp Society** has been a Federation member since 1977. Publish bi-monthly newsletter, *Strait Stamp Talk*. Meet first Thursday at 6:00 pm at Sequim Bible Church. Also hold informal mid-month morning meeting at local Burger King. This year, members at the monthly meetings are sharing philatelic items starting with a number; April is #4. No dues, but accept donations. <https://straitstampsoc.org/>



The **Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs** publishes this quarterly journal. Holds a Board meeting at PIPEX each year in May.

The **Tri-Cities Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 1966. No newsletter or website. Meet fourth Wednesday 7:00 pm. at Margaret Dunn's home, 463 Sundance Drive; Richland, WA 99352. Third Wednesday in November and December. Dues \$10.00 per year for adults, \$1.00 for students.

[Ed. Note: If you would like to have news about your club activities and upcoming plans published in future columns, please email details to me @ peafowlphilatelics@gmail.com.]



UPCOMING STAMP SHOWS / BOURSES 2026

Show Dates			Major events in bold / <i>PNW events in Italic</i>	Revised: 18 November 2025	
FRI	SAT	SUN	SHOW NAME	LOCATION	TYPE
	31 Jan	1 Feb	Greater Eastside Show	Redmond, WA	Bourse
	7 Feb		NSNS Coins, Stamps & Collectibles Show Nikkei National Museum and Cultural Centre	Burnaby, BC	Mixed
		8 Feb	Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair	Victoria, BC	Bourse
	Feb	Feb	Regina, Saskatchewan Stamp Show, Regina Senior Citizens Centre (always 3 rd weekend)	Regina, SK	Show
27 Feb	28 Feb	1 Mar	APEX, 100 th anniversary Serum Run	Anchorage, AK	Show
	6 Mar		Sno-King Stamp Club Show (2027 date)	Kenmore, WA	Bourse
	14 Mar		Eugene Stamp Show	Eugene, OR	Bourse
	Mar		PNWPHS at Oregon Stamp Society clubhouse	Portland, OR	Bourse
		Mar	Salem Stamp Show	Salem, OR	Bourse
	21 Mar	22 Mar	Edmonton Spring National Stamp Show	Edmonton, BC	Show
	28 Mar		Olympia Philatelic Society Spring Roundup	Lacey, WA	Bourse
	28 Mar		Sea & Valley Expo 2026	Langley, BC	Bourse
	11 Apr		John D. Arn Philatelic Symposium	Moses Lake, WA	Event
	Apr	Apr	Calgary Philatelic Society Spring Bourse	Calgary, AB	Bourse
	18 Apr	19 Apr	Evergreen Stamp Club Spring Show; Kent Commons	Kent, WA	Bourse
		Apr	Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair	Victoria, BC	Bourse
24 Apr	25 Apr	26 Apr	WESTPEX (WSP)	Burlingame CA	Show
		Apr	AMPEX (Fraser Valley Philatelic Club)	Abbotsford, BC	Bourse
1 May	2 May	3 May	PIPEX (WSP)	Clackamas, OR	Show
	9 May		NSNS Coins, Stamps & Collectibles Show	Burnaby, BC	Mixed
	16 May		Garden City Stamp Club Wallace Weekend event	Missoula, MT	Event
	23 May	30 May	Boston 2026 World Expo	Boston, MA	Show
5 Jun	6 Jun		SOPEX (Southern Oregon Philatelic Exhibition)	Medford, OR	Show
	18 Jul	19 Jul	Evergreen Stamp Club Summer Show; Kent Commons	Kent, WA	Bourse
	8 Aug		Strait Stamp Show	Sequim, WA	Show
28 Aug	29 Aug		Antique Paper Roundup; Kliever Armory (Friday-Saturday)	Portland, OR	Bourse
	12 Sept		NSNS Coins, Stamps & Collectibles Show	Burnaby, BC	Bourse
17-18 Sept	19 Sept	20 Sept	BNAPEX (76th annual BNAPS Convention)	Valleyfield, QC	Show
	Sept		Eugene Stamp Show	Eugene, OR	Bourse
		Sept	Salem Stamp Show	Salem, OR	Bourse
	Sept		Central Oregon Stamp Show	Redmond, OR	Bourse
		27 Sept	Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair	Victoria, BC	Bourse
			VANPEX	Burnaby, BC	Show
			CALTAPEX; Kerby Centre Gymnasium	Calgary, AB	Show
9 Oct	10 Oct		SEAPEX	Tukwila, WA	Bourse
	Oct		Olympia Philatelic Society Fall Roundup	Lacey, WA	Bourse
	21 Nov		NSNS Coins, Stamps & Collectibles Show	Burnaby, BC	Mixed
		22 Nov	Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair	Victoria, BC	Bourse
			SACAPEX (with exhibits)	Sacramento, CA	Bourse
			Vancouver Stamp Fair; Holiday Inn Express	Vancouver, BC	Mixed
	5 Dec	6 Dec	PENPEX	RedwoodCity, CA	Bourse
	20 Dec	21 Dec	Salem Coin & Stamp Show; Polk County Fairgrounds	Rickreall, OR	Bourse

- Second Saturday each month Rose City Stamp Fair. OSS Clubhouse; Portland, OR; Bourse
- Fourth Saturday each month Collector's Corner. OSS Clubhouse; Portland, OR; Bourse