

# Federated Philatelist

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## Military Research Needed...

### Unsolved WWII Pacific Philatelic Mystery

by Jim Zuelow

Alaska Collectors Club

In 1943, a chain of four Bering Sea LORAN (LONG RANGE Navigation) stations was the first to be built in the Pacific Theatre during WW II. Located on St. Matthew Island, St. Paul Island, Cape Sarichef on Unimak Island and Umnak Island, the station at Cape Sarichef was soon replaced by one at a better performing location on St. George Island. Unless they haven't been reported in military or Alaska philatelic publications, no covers have been reported from either the St. Matthew Island or Cape Sarichef stations. While the Sarichef station only lasted for a brief time, why hasn't any St. Matthew covers been found since the station was evacuated in September 1946?

LORAN was initially developed at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the early 1940's as an entirely new top-secret radio navigation system for ships and aircraft. It soon became the world standard for navigation until replaced in more modern times by the Global Positioning System, etc. Operated by the US Coast Guard, the system was rapidly expanded; there were 25 LORAN stations operating in the Pacific Theatre by the end of 1943.

Richard Helbock and Don Dimpsey first reported no covers had been found from the St. Matthew and Cape Sarichef sites in their 1978 publication, "Naval Postmarks of Territorial Alaska" p. 241. St. Matthew had been assigned Unit #5, and Navy Number 84 for a return address. Cape Sarichef was Unit 25, with Navy Number 86 for the return. Postmarks are known for Coast Guard Unit 40, Navy Number 151 on Umnak Island. St Paul Island covers, Unit 60, return address Navy 83 are also known.

Many details concerning the first Bering Sea LORAN Coast Guard stations, including personnel rosters, can be found by searching online. The U.S. Coast Guard at War IV LORAN is a good place to begin. However, some online sites have apparently not been subject to "peer review" or expert checked and so are more personal

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accounts. Other sites, for example, provide details such as the shipping of construction materials for the sites to Dutch Harbor on Unalaska Island onboard the USS Henry Failing in April 1943, and how the Cutter Clover provided

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## From the Editor's Desk...

Spring has finally arrived! But with the temperatures and humidity some days, I think Mother Nature skipped spring again and went straight into summer. We are fostering an active pit bull dog for a couple of months; he loves running through my gardens. Even though the vegetable garden is weeded (and has body imprints of a sunbathing dog), we have yet to plant. Will wait until he is off to his family. With all the gardening we do, there's less time for stamps. But we MAKE the time anyway!

PIPEX 2025 is over; another great show! PIPEX post-show report, Federation AGM and Board meeting minutes, and exhibit palmares are in this issue.

Many of the Federation's member clubs have women in their ranks. Not just as collectors or officers, but (hopefully) as exhibitors as well. To that end, I asked the current president of WE (Women Exhibitors) to write an introduction of who WE are and what they do. Enjoy the article starting on page 17. Do you have a philatelic organization that would benefit our membership knowing about? Send the information to me.

Can someone please draw up a timeline of US postal strikes? Thanks to the *Calgary Philatelic Society*, I have a timeline for Canada Post; I'd like to put both in a future issue of *The Federated Philatelist*.

We have several great articles in this issue. I hope you enjoy them. Some of the Federation member clubs have updated club information. I always strive to keep the show listings updated – if you have a show coming up after September and for 2026, be sure to let me know. Flyers or postcards will go great in our journal. (September is our next issue.)

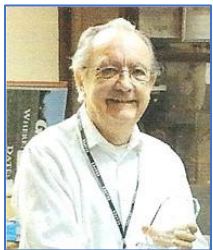
I have a couple of small articles for our September issue, but zip for December. I need articles! Since this is a regional journal, any postal history (or current) articles for Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, BC, Alberta and Saskatchewan are needed. Even if you have a cover with a story, that is perfectly fine. If you do not collect the Pacific Northwest, no problem – we will accept articles showcasing postal history and philatelic events from any part of the world. No matter how short or long, please send your articles/blurbs/scans for inclusion. Otherwise, you will see Chocolate and India articles in the near future.

Post-show blurbs and photos are always welcome. If you have a club member you've honored for a specific reason, let us know! If you lost a member, do inform us with a brief obit for our **Closed Albums** section.

Between this issue and the September issue, I will have made a trip to the Great American Stamp Show in Schaumburg, Illinois – my newest exhibit is in one of the Champion of Champions. I can't let the exhibit go by itself. If you are attending, and you come across me, be sure to stop, introduce yourself and tell me what article(s) you can send for our journal. 😊

Til next time, happy stampin'! ~ Carol J. Edholm

## Executive Secretary's Notes



### Post PIPEX

The challenge for the Federation, in an easy look, is to not widen the gap between our Canadian and our US clubs.

However, there is a wide gap geographically between my club in Medford, Oregon and Chairman of the Board Eric Knapp's club in Anchorage, Alaska and US Director Jim Hirstein's club in Florence, Montana. Let alone the geographic gap between Regina, Saskatchewan and Victoria, British Columbia.

The true challenge for the Federation is to close the gap among all our clubs.

New US Director David Epps has proposed a way to do that. He wants the Board of Directors to have a conference call, Zoom or otherwise, with club presidents or representatives in order to share experiences, establish communication and work together. The first one of these is set for the second Saturday in September at 2:00 PM PDT. Please send me by email at [larry.crain@gmail.com](mailto:larry.crain@gmail.com) with your contact information so that we can prepare for this.

But now, this summer, there are still ways to share, communicate and work together. The key unifier of the Federation is our journal, *The Federated Philatelist*. It is a way to share our experiences, knowledge and interests in philately.

1. Please send your group's newsletter to Carol Edholm. By email is fine. If there is no newsletter, have someone contact Carol with a summary of activities once or twice a year.



Michael Bloom, Oregon Stamp Society member and PIPEX volunteer

2. Encourage a member of your group, or several members, to write about the philately of your area. However, also encourage any member to teach the rest of us about a philatelic specialty in a one- or two-page article, with illustrations or scans.
3. And because *The Federated Philatelist* is for all of us, distribute it to members of your group. I hope they will look forward to receiving it. *The Federated Philatelist* is a benefit of your group's membership in the Federation.

Thank you, and mix philately with your other summer activities.

Larry Crain  
Executive Secretary  
Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs



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mail and supply services to the sites from Dutch Harbor, weather permitting. The Coast Guard's Catalina PBY-5-V-189 flew invaluable support missions throughout long periods of extreme winter weather.

If there is one subject that I believe might be promising to research to learn why St. Matthew and Cape Sarichef covers haven't been found during the past 80 years, I think it would be to locate and review the files (including those formerly classed as secret) of Captain Frederick A. Zeusler when he was the USCG District Officer of the 17<sup>th</sup> (Alaska) Naval District in Ketchikan under whose jurisdiction the first stations were built and operated.

St. Matthew Island has been called "...the most remote spot in Alaska." Uninhabited, this large island is about 32 miles long and four miles wide with no harbor or cove. 29 reindeer were taken to the island in August 1944 as a backup food source for the Coast Guard members stationed there. With the evacuation of the island in 1946, the reindeer population exploded and then crashed; there are no reindeer on St. Matthew today.

Please contact me with any comments, corrections or questions about this article: Jim Zuelow; [jimzuelow@aol.com](mailto:jimzuelow@aol.com)

*An earlier version of this article previously appeared in October 2014 in The Alaskan Philatelist.*

## NORTHWEST FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, May 3, Clackamas Room, Monarch Hotel

### PIPEX 2025

by Larry Crain, Executive Director

The meeting was called to order by Eric Knapp, Chairman of the Board, about 10:10 am.

**Attendance**, club in parenthesis: Bill Ailes (Inland Empire), Laurie Anderson (Evergreen), Steve Brandt (OSS), Phil Castell (Strait), Lawrence Clay (Tri-Cities), Larry Crain (Southern Oregon), David Dobkin (Central Oregon), Carol Edholm (Sno-King), David Epps (OSS), Lisa Foster (Evergreen), Jim Hirstein (Garden City), Lisa Janz (Salem), Eric Knapp (Anchorage), Rick Kunz (Mobile Post Office), Mark Loomis (PIPEX), Larry Maddux (PNW Postal History), Myron Molnau (Inland Empire), Cathie Osborne (Strait), Gerry Smith (Olympia), and George Struble (Salem).

**Minutes:** Copies of the Annual General Meeting, May 4 at PIPEX, 2024 were available. Cathie Osborne-Lawrence Clay moved to approve these minutes. Carried, unopposed.

**State of the Federation:** Knapp stated that it is strong and its best efforts are in PIPEX and the Arn Symposium.

**Closed Albums:** Larry Crain, Executive Secretary, read a list of collectors we have lost in the past year and asked for additions. The final list is Tom Comeford - PNWPH, Paul Cruel - Olympia, Chuck Deer - PNWPH, Bill Geijsbeek - Evergreen, Anne Harris - Inland Empire PS, Henry Jones - Strait SS, Len Lukens - S Oregon PS & PNWPH, Earl McLain - PNWPH, Carl Newswanger - Salem SS, Ron Sykes - Calgary PS, Ron Williams - S Oregon PS & Lynden SC. There was a minute of silence in remembrance of them.

**Club Shows:** Crain named club shows in the Federation: APEX (February in Anchorage, AK), CALAPEX (October in Calgary, Alberta), Central Oregon Stamp Show (April & October in Redmond, OR), Evergreen (April & July in Kent, WA), Olympia Stamp Show (April & October in Olympia, WA), SOPEX (June in Medford, OR), and Strait Stamp Show (Aug in Sequim, WA).

**Membership:** Crain reported the following paid organizations: in Canada -- Edmonton, Fraser Valley PC, Regina PC, Victoria SC. In US -- Alaska CC, Anchorage PS, Central Oregon PC, CC of Seattle, Eagle SC, Eugene SS, Garden City SC, Gastineau PS, Greater Eastside SC, Inland Empire PS, Lynden SC, Olympia PS, Portland Phil Ex, PNW Postal History, Salem SS, Sno-King SC, Southern Oregon PS, Strait SS, Tri-City SC, Umpqua Valley SC, USS Puget Sound. Inactive - American Air Mail Society Northwest Chapter and resigned - Peace Arch.

**Committee Reports: Publications** - Carol Edholm, Editor, reported the *Federated Philatelist* comes out

regularly quarterly. It should be received by someone in each club and then forwarded to that club's members. She asked for articles on any topic but wants to have at least one about each of the nine provinces/states in the Federation. The journal has a wider distribution than just the Pacific Northwest. Crain added that he mails almost a thousand copies, some to the East Coast and thank you's have been received.

**Committee Reports: Historian** - Bill Ailes explained he has a bookshelf for the Federation archives and has recently received historical materials of three now defunct clubs: Yakima, Boise and Palouse. He also reported that he monitor's the Federation Facebook page.

**Committee Reports: Arn Symposium** - Jim Hirstein explained that the date was moved to the last Saturday in March to avoid conflicts and that paid attendance was 21, still somewhat down. There were four presentations, a fairly large silent auction, a small oral auction and a Friday evening meal for those who could attend. Next year the Symposium will be April 11, the Saturday after Easter.

**Committee Reports: Website** - George Struble said it is up and running. He asked for information so that he can make postings on the web.

Knapp thanked Lisa Janz for her work as treasurer, including changing banks, up-dating state filing paperwork and getting the 501c3 status cleared up. Unfortunately, she is not able to finish the three-year term.

**Treasurer's Report:** Janz presented a printed report, stating that assets are \$16,311.93 in US accounts and \$8,508.80 in Canada accounts. There are problems communicating with the Canadian side, including up-to-date signatories. The accounts need to be straightened out.

**Old Business:** Crain reported Federation awards given are listed in the PIPEX program. There was one member club service award and several Thunderbird ribbons for exhibits. The Northwest Distinguished Philatelist and Federation Meritorious Achievement Awards had no nominations. The decision to award these is made by the Board of Directors after a nomination is received.

There was a call for volunteers to look at the By-Laws for revisions and for a Zoom speakers coordinator.

**Budget:** Janz reported that expenses are minimal now and will stay about the same. These include the web site, paid from the Canada account, state filing fee (Oregon), Arn Symposium support and small supply needs.

**Referrals:** Arn Symposium - Hirstein presented a detailed expenses report. The main increase has come from food and a 20% surcharge on all costs from the hotel. With the Federation budgeted support, the loss was less than \$50, which was covered by a left-over amount from last year.

**Election:** Knapp announced the nominees: Larry Crain, Executive Secretary three-year term. J Palmer (not in attendance), Spokane, Treasurer one-year to finish term. Michael Anderson (not in attendance), Vancouver, BC two-year term Canada Director. Ray Villanueva, Calgary, AB (not in attendance) one-year term filling vacant Canada Director position. Jim Hirstein, Missoula, MT two-year term US Director. David Epps, Portland, OR one-year term filling vacant US Director (vacated by J Palmer). There was a call for nominations from the floor but there were none. Steve Brandt and Cathy Osborne moved that a unanimous ballot be cast for the nominees. Carried. [Note: Crain and Hirstein are in their last terms as limited in the By-Laws.]

David Epps-Lisa Janz moved to organize Zoom meetings with club presidents and Zoom presentations which would be open to any interested person. Carried, unopposed.

It was repeated that clubs need to forward the *Federated Philatelist* to their members. Also, if any club could use exhibit frames, contact the Federation to see what can be done.

Without further business the meeting was adjourned 11:12 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Crain, Executive Secretary  
with help from Jim Hirstein



Did you see the PIPEX history exhibit by Mark Loomis?

NORTHWEST FEDERATION OF STAMP  
CLUBS

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Saturday, May 3, Clackamas Room, Monarch  
Hotel

**PIPEX 2025**

by Larry Crain, Executive Director

Present were Lawrence Clay, Larry Crain, Jim Hirstein,  
Eric Knapp, Lisa Janz and George Struble.

Without a quorum (4 officers and directors), only a  
discussion was held.

Lisa Janz needs to talk with the new Treasurer. She has  
already sent scanned copies of the IRS letter to Eric, Larry  
and Historian Bill Ailes. The checkbook is with Larry  
who is a signatory on the US account. We will need to  
have an email discussion and resolution to add J Palmer  
as a signatory to the US account.

It was agreed to have a Board Zoom meeting after GASS,  
specifically the second Saturday in September, 2pm PDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Crain, Executive Secretary

**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.

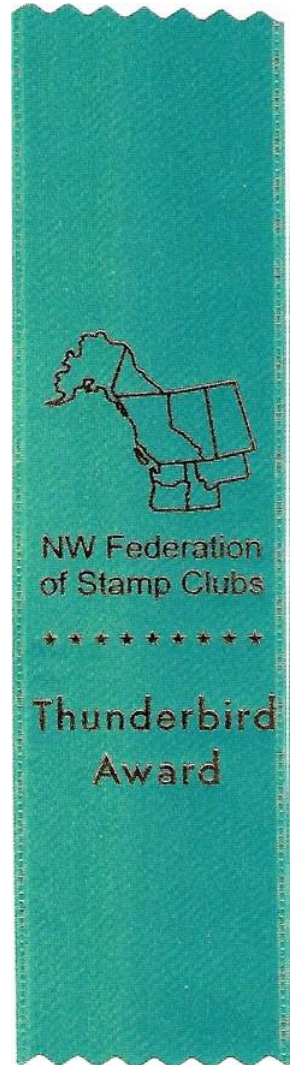
**Member clubs that hold  
shows with competitive  
exhibits can request the  
Thunderbird ribbon from the  
Executive Secretary.** Local  
and regional shows are  
authorized to present a single  
award and national shows may  
present two awards.

Congratulations to the recent  
winners:

**PIPEX 2025**

**Mark Loomis,** *Loomis  
Post Offices – A Family  
Connection*

**Tim Bergquist,** *UN Se-tenant Continuous Design  
Stamps; Blocks & Strips*



**CONGRATULATIONS to Dennis  
Ladd of Oregon Stamp Society for  
receiving the NWFSC Club Service  
Award!**

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PALMARES

PIPEX 2025



World Series of Philately Show  
Monarch Hotel, Clackamas, Oregon  
May 2 - 4, 2025

TONY WAWRUKIEWICZ GRAND AWARD  
Mark Loomis, *The Development and Impact of Missions  
in Southern Rhodesia*

RESERVE Grand AWARD  
Art Bunce, *Watermarks and Countermarks of the AQ Lettersheets of the Republic of Venice,  
1608-1797*

SINGLE FRAME Grand AWARD  
Vivek Chopra, *The First Attempt to Print Stamps in India –  
The Lion & Palm Trees Essays*

**People's Choice Award**  
Carol J. Edholm, *Cacao: The Path to Chocolate*

**George Struble Innovation Award**  
Lloyd Ferrell, *Transition to War: Pearl Harbor Ships Before and After December 7, 1941*

**Larry Spray Encouragement Award**  
Worth Mathewson, *Confederate Postal System*

**Best Club Exhibit**  
Salem Stamp Society

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## MULTI-FRAME EXHIBITS

### Large Gold

- Mark Loomis, *The Development and Impact of Missions in Southern Rhodesia* (95 pts)  
Art Bunce, *Watermarks and Countermarks of the AQ Lettersheets of the Republic of Venice, 1608-1797* (94 pts)  
Norma Nielson, *The Story of Lloyd's: From Coffee to Commerce* (94 pts)  
Lloyd Ferrell, *Transition to War: Pearl Harbor Ships Before and After December 7, 1941* (93 pts)  
Louis Fiset, *M.S. Gripsholm: Ocean Liner, Cruise Vessel, Mercy Ship* (90 pts)  
David Jay, *Mail Service in Rural Russia: The Volostnoe Pravlenie Offices, 1895-1917* (91 pts)  
Louis Fiset, *U.S. Transatlantic 30-Cent Globe Airmail Stamp at Work (1939-1942)* (93)  
Ralph Nafziger, *The 3¢ 1936 Oregon Territory Issue* (92 pts)  
William J. Snider, *The Beacon Air Mail Stamp* (90 pts)  
Nestor C. Nunez, *Straits Settlements: 1800-1901* (90 pts)

### Gold

- Bill DiPaolo, *Italian Lake Mail on Lake Maggiore* (85 pts)

### Large Vermeil

- Gerry Oberst, *Jean-Michel Folon: Philatelic Artist* (83 pts)

### Vermeil

- Eric Knapp, *Tale of a Crooked Road: The Alaska Highway from Early Promotion to the Opening to the Public* (79 pts)  
Donald Blais, *Bridges Over the Ages* (79 pts)  
Gerry Oberst, *19<sup>th</sup> Century American Philatelic Images of Thomas Jefferson* (79 pts)  
Steve Staton, *Discover Las Vegas: A Postcard Journey Through History* (77 pts)

### Silver

- Gerald E. Smith, *Washington Route Agent and Railway Post Office Mail* (69 pts)

### Silver Bronze

- Worth Mathewson, *Confederate Postal System* (61 pts)

## SINGLE FRAME EXHIBITS

### Large Gold

- Vivek Chopra, *The First Attempt to Print Stamps in India – The Lion & Palm Trees Essays* (92 pts)  
Louis Fiset, *Political Prisoners' Mail from the 1848 Paris "June Days Uprising"* (90 pts)  
Yuxiang Jiang, *China Express Letter Stamp, Second Republic Issue (1914-1916)* (90 pts)

### Gold

- Vivek Chopra, *Postage Stamps of Indian Princely State of Jhalawar* (87 pts)  
Mark Loomis, *The Southern Rhodesia Commemorative Stamp of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Occupation of Matabeleland* (87 pts)



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SINGLE FRAME EXHIBITS

**Large Vermeil**

Carol J. Edholm, *Cacao: The Path to Chocolate* (84 pts)

**Vermeil**

Marc Stromberg, *Blood's Despatch 1845-1862* (77 pts)

**Large Silver**

Mark Loomis, *Loomis Post Offices – A Family Connection* (74 pts)

**Silver**

Clarín Lewis, *1910 Train Disaster at Wellington, Washington* (66 pts)

Tim Bergquist, *UN Se-tenant Continuous Design Stamps; Blocks & Strips* (69 pts)

YOUTH EXHIBITS

**Large Vermeil**

Victoria A. Munoz, *The Best Way to Own a Cat*

**Bronze**

Jayden Beasley, *Olympic Fencing*

special AWARDS

**American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (AAPE)**

**Gold Awards of Honor:**

Eric Knapp, *Tale of a Crooked Road: The Alaska Highway from Early Promotion to the Opening to the Public*

Donald Blais, *Bridges Over the Ages*

**Award of Excellence - Treatment:**

Ralph Nafziger, *The 3¢ 1936 Oregon Territory Issue*

**Jean Benninghoff Encouragement Award:**

Gerald E. Smith, *Washington Route Agent and Railway Post Office Mail*

**Creativity Award:**

Steve Staton, *Discover Las Vegas: A Postcard Journey Through History*

**Novice Certificate:**

Marc Stromberg, *Blood's Despatch 1845-1862*

**Youth Aware/First Place:** Victoria A. Munoz, *The Best Way to Own a Cat*

**Youth Award/Second Place:** Jayden Beasley, *Olympic Fencing*

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special AWARDS

**American Philatelic Society (APS) - Awards of Excellence for:**

*Pre-1900:* Art Bunce, *Watermarks and Countermarks of the AQ Lettersheets of the Republic of Venice, 1608-1797*

*1900-1940:* Yuxiang Jiang, *China Express Letter Stamp, Second Republic Issue (1914-1916)*

*1940-1980:* Lloyd Ferrell, *Transition to War: Pearl Harbor Ships Before and After December 7, 1941*

*Post 1980:* Gerry Oberst, *Jean-Michel Folon: Philatelic Artist*

*Research Award:* David Jay, *Mail Service in Rural Russia: The Volostnoe Pravlenie Offices, 1895-1917*

**American Topical Association**

*1<sup>st</sup> Award:* Norma Nielson, *The Story of Lloyd's: From Coffee to Commerce*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Award:* Gerry Oberst, *Jean-Michel Folon: Philatelic Artist*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Award:* Donald Blais, *Bridges Over the Ages*

*One Frame Award:* Carol J. Edholm, *Cacao: The Path to Chocolate*

*Youth Award:* Victoria A. Munoz, *The Best Way to Own a Cat*

**Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs - Thunderbird Award:**

Mark Loomis, *Loomis Post Offices – A Family Connection*

Tim Bergquist, *UN Se-tenant Continuous Design Stamps; Blocks & Strips*

**United States Stamp Society - Statute of Freedom Award:**

Louis Fiset, *U.S. Transatlantic 30-Cent Globe Airmail Stamp at Work (1939-1942)*

**Women Exhibitors - Sterling Achievement Award:**

Clarín Lewis, *1910 Train Disaster at Wellington, Washington*

**PIPEX 2025 JURY MEMBERS**

Tim Wait, Chief Judge, Rockford, Illinois;

Frederick Lawrence Gilbert, Arizona

Mark Banchik, San Diego, California;

Lisa Foster, Spanaway, Washington

Tim Bartshe, Golden, Colorado

## Merit Badge Workshop

### at Evergreen Stamp Club Spring Bourse

by Richard Crooks

The workshop was very successful with three Scouts pre-registering for the event and one ‘walk-in’ for a total of four participants. There were three instructors - Gerry Smith from the Olympia Philatelic Society, and Bob Oxborrow and Rick Crooks from the Evergreen Stamp Club.

All the Scouts worked diligently on the requirements and were able to complete the merit badge. The free resources (stamps, tongs, stock pages, mounts, hinges and magnifiers) donated by the club were very helpful. We also had several door prizes previously contributed by Evergreen and Olympia club members that we collected over the past few shows. Tim Greene also donated many



worldwide stamps on loose album sheets that was a great prize for the new collectors. The feedback from parents after the session was very positive. Here are some of the comments about the workshop:

- “Seb said he enjoyed the workshop and is planning to continue growing his stamp collection! Hopefully, we’ll see you all in a few years if his younger sister decides to join Scouts—I’ll make sure to register for a workshop beforehand!”
- “Hello had a blast today! Thank you all for volunteering your time and resources. Eli wanted to stay up late sorting stamps and helping his siblings start their collections!”

- “Thank you so much for dedicating your time and expertise to teaching Kiera and her fellow Scouts! We truly appreciate your generosity. We think stamp collecting is cool, cooler than we previously realized! Kiera was so excited to come home and report on what she learned. James (*the Dad*) learned a lot, too. (Who knew that “zip” code actually stood for something?!). Kiera wants to come back next year -- to the Stamp Show -- hunting for Owney the dog stamps and some more animals for her topical collection. Thank you again -- James, Kayla, Kiera, and her 3 little sisters (future students!).”

We used one exhibit frame to showcase the stamp collecting materials Bob Oxborrow assembled. The Olympic Philatelic Society also displayed Gerry Smith’s 6 frame exhibit of RPO’s and Streetcar cancels along with a “Scouting” poster display of various Scout covers, postmarks and cachets.

**2025**  
**SHOW SCHEDULE**  
**NORTH SHORE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**  
**COINS - STAMPS - PAPER MONEY**  
**& COLLECTABLES FAIR**  
**NIKKEI CENTRE**  
**6688 SOUTHOAKS CRES. BURNABY**  
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**FREE APPRAISALS**  
**COINS - STAMPS - BANK NOTES**  
**TOKENS - POSTCARDS & MORE**

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2025 FOUR (ONE DAY) SHOWS  
**FEB 22nd (SAT) - MAY 10th (SAT)**  
**SEPT 13th (SAT) - NOV 22nd (SAT)**  
SHOW HOURS: 9:30am - 3:30pm  
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**ADMISSION: \$3.00 PER PERSON**  
(16 & UNDER FREE)

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# Kerlee Corner...Underground Railroad

by Dan Kerlee, Evergreen Stamp Club

**First Day of Issue**  
March 9, 2024



Charles Edwards, 1860. Washington Territory's only Underground Railroad traveler, as celebrated by R. Gregory Christie

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Over September 24-26, 1860, enslaved thirteen-year-old Charlie Mitchell of Olympia, Washington Territory, made a harrowing trip seeking freedom, on the steamboat Eliza Anderson. Through stops in Steilacoom, Seattle, Port Townsend, and Bellingham to Victoria, B.C., he endured claustrophobic isolation, seizure, threat of return, and forced labor. After a night in jail he gained his liberty, with the help of many persons, American and Canadian, along the way. For more details see the book "Free Boy" by Lorraine McConaghy and Judy Bentley.


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# Ansel Adams – Mt. Rainier, 1948

**First Day of Issue**  
Ansel Adams - Autumn Leaves at Mt. Rainier  
May 15, 2024



Ansel Adams - Mt. Rainer, 1948

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Ansel Adams, musician and environmentalist, was above all a principal member and apologist of the Group f/64 in California's Bay Area in the 1930s. In 1932 Group f/64 presented the iconoclastic show that forever challenged the foundations of Pictorialist Photography, which strove to bring the concepts of traditional fine art into the styles and technology of photographic images. Traditional practices included softened focus and print papers, arrangement of subject, and extensive manipulation in the darkroom. The principles of Group f/64's Straight Photography reject this entirely, concentrating on capturing found images with detail and emotion as seen directly by the eye.

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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](http://www.nwfedstamps.org)



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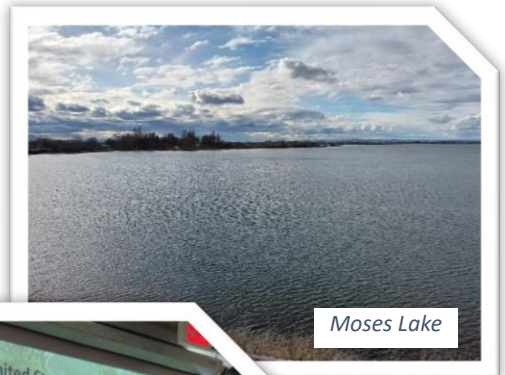
## 2025 John D. Arn Symposium

by Jim Hirstein  
Missoula Stamp Club

On March 29, 2025, at our usual venue in Moses Lake, Washington, we enjoyed the 33<sup>rd</sup> John D. Arn Philatelic Symposium.

Four invited speakers gave very interesting presentations on stamp projects. Joe Voice from Tri-Cities Stamp Club spoke on letters from Greenland without Greenland stamps. Postal regulations at the time permitted letters to and from Greenland with foreign or sometimes no stamps. Raymond Villeneuve from the Calgary Philatelic Society spoke on Special Delivery Service between Canada and the U.S. in 1898-1939. The story of negotiations to satisfy the postal authorities in both countries led to many interesting covers. Steve Stiff from the Garden City Stamp Club (Missoula, Montana) told us about the Universal Postal Union Congresses. Many advances in international mail delivery have been decided at these meetings, usually every four or five years. Of particular interest was the agreement that payment in the originating country could pay for the whole trip. And finally, J W Palmer from the Inland Empire Philatelic Society (Spokane, Washington) spoke on the dollar values of the 1898 war tax. Revenue stamps up to the \$100 values were required on multi-million-dollar sales. The documents shown were spectacular examples of rarely seen stamp use.

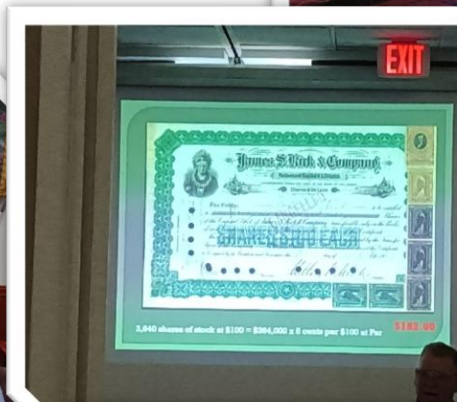
Hundreds of lots were offered in the silent and live auctions. Again, we had an entertaining experience of new stories about stamp collecting areas and the fellowship we always expect from the symposium.



Moses Lake



Friday Night Chinese dinner



Symposium attendees

## A 1896 Swiss Cover to Matabeleland

by Roger Heath, *Strait Stamp Society*  
Reprinted from *Tell*, September 2013

Ndebele warriors began the Second Rebellion against the British South Africa Company on 25 March 1896, and within a week 141 Europeans were killed in Matabeleland, an area now comprised of modern southern Zimbabwe. European settlers living in outlying areas went to the town of Bulawayo for safety, the farms and homesteads they left behind mostly burned and destroyed. The settlers built a laager in the center of Bulawayo to protect the nearly 1,000 women and children who had made it to safety.

An estimated 10,000 Ndebele warriors were spread in a semicircle from the Khami River 12 miles west of Bulawayo to the banks of the Umguza River three miles to the northeast; the formation like the head of a bull with “horns” poised to strike from the sides. Over three weeks, mounted patrols went out to engage and test the native warriors who were armed with various weapons, including rifles, and who seriously outnumbered the available British South Africa Company forces.

In mid-April native attacks began within 3 miles of Bulawayo, and it was feared a much larger attack would take place. With so few defenders relative to the size of the native force, the town was vulnerable. Consequently, the European/BSA Co. forces decided to go on the offensive. On 25 April 1896 a group of 115 mounted men and 210 Cape Boys charged towards the Umguza River and made contact with a large number of Ndebele warriors. The fighting was fierce. Trooper Rowland Venables Lovett, the addressee on this cover (Fig 1), was shot and evacuated to Bulawayo Memorial Hospital, where he died of his wounds 29 April.

It wasn't until 11 May that a relief force of 600 Rhodesians led by Cecil Rhodes fought its way to Bulawayo, linking with the defenders and allowing mail and supplies to get through. Another relief force came in from the south on 24 May. Within a week British officers arrived to take command of the various volunteer units

with Colonel Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of the Boy Scouts, as second in command. Hundreds of white settlers had been killed and an estimated 2,000 native warriors died. By 28 August, at the end of negotiations, armed conflict ceased. The Ndebele turned in their weapons so they could begin their planting season, in exchange for the assurance there would be no further reprisals.

This cover was mailed to Trooper Lovett, 15 April 1896 from Territet, and bears no transit marks. However, the author owns another cover mailed one week earlier, 8 April, that transited London 9 April. Both covers have smudged receiving date stamps that appear to be Bulawayo, Rhodesia, 18 May 96. (Fig 2) This date places the arrival of the Swiss letters at the Bulawayo post office



Figure 2

between the entrances of the two relief forces. Trooper Lovett died 12 days prior to the letters' arrival, therefore, never had the opportunity to read them. They were not returned; maybe there were other family members in Bulawayo who received the letters in his place.



Figure 1

For his participation in this military action Lovett was awarded the British South Africa Company medal which is engraved on the reverse, “Rhodesia Troopr. R.V. Lovett, Grey's Scouts. Died of wounds 29 April 1896 received on the 25th McFarlane's Patrol. Buried Bulawayo.” (Fig 3)



Figure 3

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**An Important Note From the Editor --**  
Here is your friendly REMINDER that we are always looking for good articles, short or long, for the *Federated Philatelist*. This issue is a great example of what we need – Variety! And that variety NEEDS to encompass the ENTIRE Federation territory. We would love articles of philatelic interest on **Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana**, as well as our neighboring Canadian Provinces – **British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan**. As well, we would love articles of **non-Federation material** to ensure our journal is well rounded. We also need notices of your stamp show, special event, and honoring and passing of your club members. This is YOUR newsletter. Use it for bragging, club and show advertising, and those wonderful articles we all enjoy so much!

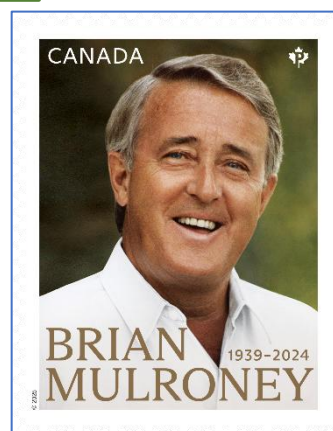
**Canada New Issues**



Peonies, March 3



Blue Rodeo, April 4



Brian Mulroney, March 21



Eid, March 10

## U.S. New Issues 2025



Freshwater Fishing Lures, March 13



Vibrant Leaves postcard, March 14



Betty White, March 27



Powwows: Celebrating Native American Culture, March 25



Battlefields of the American Revolution, April 16



Dahlias, April 26



Goodnight Moon, May 2

## CLOSED ALBUMS

**Steve Gong** passed away in December 2024. He first joined Oregon Stamp Society in November 1979 and was still active upon his passing. He had a Canadian collection of very high quality stamps and an interest in Canadian first flight covers of the 1920s and 1930s. He also had a very extensive collection of World Wide WWF issues. *The Album Page*, February 2025

**Rod Sykes (1929-2025)** passed January 3, 2025 at the age of 95. He was a stamp collector who belonged to the Calgary Philatelic Society from 1974 to 1977 during his tenure as Mayor of Calgary. He served as Mayor from 1969 until 1977. His duties prevented him from activity in the CPS on committee positions, but he did give a presentation to the general meeting on September 6, 1977. He spoke as a stamp collector, not a politician, on the topic "Junk Can Be Fun," about collecting oddball items. *Calgary Philatelist*, March 2025

**Roger R. Lee** passed away at 86. A devoted Blazers fan, he was killed while crossing a dangerous but legal Portland intersection after a game. He was a member of Oregon Stamp Society since March 2012. *The Album Page*, May 2025

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## Women Exhibitors Introduction

by Kristin Patterson  
Sequoia Stamp Club, Redwood City, California

For all those not familiar with Women Exhibitors, I thought I would write an article about the 18-year old organization. You may recognize a few of these important women.

### 2007 WE Beginnings

In February 2007, a group of enthusiastic women exhibitors held a meeting at AmeriStamp Expo in Riverside, California. They felt that a group dedicated to issues that women were having in philately was needed. They formed an association which they called Women Exhibitors! WE for short. Within minutes the group wrote their mission statement “to provide a vehicle through which women exhibitors can encourage each other through sharing information, ideas, experience, advice, problems and solutions.”

WE was the brainchild of Ruth Caswell, an exhibitor from the Pacific Northwest, and current America Philatelic Society President, Janet Klug, who saw the need for an organization that would help empower women exhibitors and improve their exhibiting experience. Other prominent philatelists: Cheryl Ganz, Vesma Grinfelds, Barbara Harrison, Liz Hisey, Pat Stilwell-Walker, Denise Stotts and Ann Triggler conferred and joined in with about 10 other women at the meeting.

Ruth was elected first WE Chair. Instead of name badges or pins, members would be identified by their prominent WE buttons. Dealers and stamp show patrons soon realized that the women wearing the big red and white buttons took their exhibiting seriously.



### 2008 WE Initiatives

WE became APS Affiliate #230 in May. In June, the first stamp show for only women exhibitors was held in Walnut Creek, California. COALPEX 2008 filled 40 frames of exhibits and Ruth [at right] cutting a cake to celebrate WE’s first birthday! WE accepted its first male members the same month, with membership reaching 95.



The Sterling Achievement award [at left], sponsored by WE, was created to encourage newer exhibitors. Featuring an engraved image of the Penny Black stamp, it was first awarded at APS StampShow 2008. It is awarded to an exhibit winning silver or below which shows notable accomplishment in treatment. The recipient does not have to be a WE member nor a woman. WE member #100, our 4<sup>th</sup> male member, joined in October 2008.



### 2009 WE Fests and Leadership Changes



The first Festival for Philatelic Women was held at the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, on May 28 - 31, 2009, with 120 exhibit frames. Cheryl Ganz was one of 18 distinguished people presenting. The Festival was a resounding success (see picture at left) and paved the way for more WE Fests.



WE Fest II was held in Denver, Colorado. Not only was the one-day seminar enjoyed by all the attendees, but so were the interactions and learning opportunities during the 3-day ROMPEX 2010 that followed. Both beginner and intermediate tracks were offered to attendees.

In February 2012, Ruth Caswell resigned and Liz Hisey, [at left] WE Treasurer, became WE Chair. That May, WE Fest III was held in Portland, Oregon as part of PIPEX. At this point, WE Fests were being offered every 2 years. The fourth WE Fest preceded St. Louis Expo 2014. Each WE Fest has encouraged new collectors (both women and men) to experience the joys and challenges of exhibiting.

In August 2016, Lisa Foster [at right] rose to the challenge to become the third WE Chair. In September, WE Fest V was held in Huntsville, Maryland, the day before BALPEX 2016. This WE Fest was held the furthest East in an attempt to make it easier for attendees from the East Coast to participate.



**2018 WE Fest VI**

2018 marked the year of the sixth WE Fest and WE was delighted to be a guest society at WESTPEX. Presentations by six gold-winning exhibitors and judges on diverse topics relevant to all exhibitors made this WE Fest a lot of fun and a great learning experience for all participants.



*Above: WE Fest VI participants: Standing (l-r) Liz Hisey, Tim Bartshe, Pat Stilwell-Walker, Laurie Anderson, Nancy Swan, Lyman Caswell, Jean Stout, Ruth Caswell, Paget Lenarz, Brad Fritts, Judith Ireton, Nester Nunez, Anne Harris, Larry Crain, Jack Congrove, and Dan Walker. Sitting: Lisa Foster, Tony Wawrukiewicz, Kristin Patterson, and Tom Bodem.*

Originally, WE Fest VII was scheduled, planned and activities arranged for ChicagoPex 2020. But unfortunately, due to the COVID pandemic lockdowns, there was neither a show nor a WE Fest. Luckily, government restrictions lightened, so WE moved forward to host WE Fest VII in Denver, Colorado in May 2022, before the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show.

**2024 WE Fest VIII**

In 2024, WE finally got its opportunity to host a WE FEST at ChicagoPex. Most attendees arrived Wednesday, November 20, 2024 to enjoy a pizza party, social time and relax that evening after their travels. On the first day of the event, there was fresh snow to brighten our day. Twenty attendees enjoyed four great presenters and topics: Bill Schultz “The Best 33 Hints to Make a Great Exhibit - Foolproof”, Vesma Grinfelds “Exhibiting Internationally”, Susan Jones “Research Techniques used to Create an Exhibit about a Cachet-maker”, and Kristin Patterson “How to Sell Your Duplicates on eBay.” Also, included was a delicious lunch at Itasca Country Club’s Fox & Turtle restaurant, a short drive away.

But that was just the beginning: there was a 3-day stamp show to enjoy, and many of the attendees and presenters had entered their exhibits. WE had a Friday evening social gathering with light refreshments, a table at the Awards Banquet, a farewell brunch before the show opened on Sunday, a WE meeting on Sunday morning, and a WE Exhibits Tour at noon.



Some WE FEST VIII attendees in the ChicagoPEX 2024 exhibits area

*(l to r) Vesma Grinfelds, Jackie Alton, Pat Stilwell-Walker, Laurie Anderson, Cheryl Ganz, Jean Wang, Lisa Foster, Liz Hisey, Susan Jones, and Marjorie Sente.*

### **2025 Current Leaders**

In January 2025, a new Women Exhibitors Board was elected that consists of Chair Kristin Patterson, Vice-Chair Susan Jones, Treasurer Liz Hisey, Secretary Betsy Vallejo and Directors: Membership Chair Carol Edholm, Vesma Grinfelds and Joan Harmer. Please reach out to me or any WE Board member if you have suggestions or questions. We all would enjoy hearing from you. If you are interested in joining or want more information, visit <https://www.aape.org/weweb.asp>.

WE has new things in the pipeline and will keep you posted. One new item is WE Meetups where a short meeting will be conducted followed by a presentation. The first WE Meetup was at WESTPEX on Friday, April 25. The topic presented was "Selling Your Duplicates on eBay."

The next WE Meetup will be at NAPEX on Friday, June 6 at 2 pm in the San Francisco Room. Marj Sente will be presenting "Tips Learned from 50 Years of Exhibiting." You will be guaranteed to learn at least one new thing about exhibiting and possibly many more. Make sure to attend.

Also, at Great American Stamp Show (GASS) in Schaumburg, IL, the WE Meetup will be Friday, August 15 at 3 pm in the Utopia A Room. Susan Jones will be presenting "Maria Sibylla Merian: Artist, Scientist, Explorer." This presentation will take you back to the 17th Century. Everyone should attempt to attend this meeting.

If you are interested, in joining or learning more about Women Exhibitors, please contact Carol Edholm at [womenexhibitors@gmail.com](mailto:womenexhibitors@gmail.com). Carol is a WE Board Member and Membership Chair.



# DEAD COUNTRIES

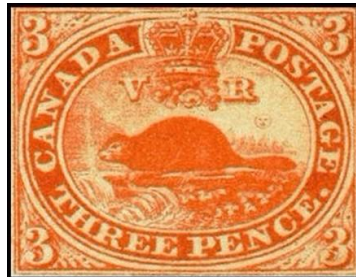
by Robert Martin, *The PhilateliKid*

Stamp collectors refer to countries that are no longer issuing their own stamps as “Dead Countries.” The land and people are still existing – but they are using stamps of a different country. This happens when a group of countries combine to form one country.

The Dominion of Canada was formed in 1867. Many people do not understand what is meant by a “Dominion.” The United Kingdom stated that Dominions “are autonomous Communities within the British Empire, equal in status, in no way subordinate one to another in any aspect of their domestic or extenal affairs.”

The first stamp issued by Canada in 1851 featured a beaver. It was denominated three pence.

Several countries combined to form the Dominion of Canada. They were all part of the British Empire, and thus their stamps frequently featured the current monarch, which from 1837 to 1901 was Queen Victoria. Those countries are now referred to as “provinces.” Originally, there was a province called just “Canada.” It began issuing its own stamps in 1851.



In 1867 the Dominion of Canada was formed. It originally included only Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Other provinces subsequently joined Canada including Prince Edward Island, British Columbia and Vancouver Island. Newfoundland was the last to become a province of Canada, discontinuing the use of its own stamps in 1949.



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## Alaska Airmail Crashes

By Dr. Steven J. Berlin, Alaska Collectors Club  
Reprinted from *The Alaskan Philatelist*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, 2024

The following aircraft accidents were found on [Wikipedia.org/alaskaaviationaccidents](https://www.wikipedia.org/alaskaaviationaccidents). There were private, military and commercial flights identified with one flight carrying the mail. A few helicopter military flights in air crashes as described. Of all these aircraft crashes pilot error and/or severe weather conditions caused the majority of these aircraft to crash.

A review of these aircraft accidents is presented and a few postal history items (covers) are shown as a few known examples of those carrying the mail.

### 11 March 1943. Lake Becharof, Alaska, USA

U.S. Navy Dutch Harbor-Kodiak

On March 11, 1943, a United States Navy plane, a PBY, enroute from Dutch Harbor to Kodiak, Alaska crashed between Mt. Martin Volcano and Lake Becharof on 11 March 1943 and was not found until July 4, 1945. Mail was forwarded with the Seattle post office mimeo. "This letter is one of approximately 4,000 recovered July 4, 1945, from a plane which was wrecked March 11, 1943, at an elevation of 6,000 feet about halfway between Mt. Martin volcano and Becharof Lake in the Aleutian Chain of the Alaska Peninsula, Territory of Alaska. The foregoing explains delay in delivery." (Fig. 1, page 22).

### 24 October 1961. Whale Pass, Ketchikan, Alaska

An Ellis Airlines flight from Juneau to Ketchikan, Alaska trip 125. Pilot Paul Maktle and five passengers hit the water when the airplane nosed over in a landing. Fortunately, no one was hurt. The amount of mail carried was unknown. However, the covers were backstamped on October 26 & 27. This particular cover from the US treasury had a 2-line stamped "Damaged in Handling/In The Postal Service". An official letter also was known to exist. A damaged cachet was applied. Signed by Roberta Rich, Active Postmaster (Fig. 2, page 23).

### 4 September 1971. Juneau, Alaska, USA. Alaska Airlines, Anchorage-Seattle

The Boeing 727 piloted by R.C. Adams crashed into Chica Mountain 20 miles northeast to Juneau. The pilot, Richard C. Adams and all 110 people on board died in the

crash. Helicopters were the only means of reaching the disaster. Mail was scattered over a wide area. The amount of mail recovered is unknown. The least damaged mail was marked "Damaged in Handling/In The Postal Service". An official note was applied by the postmaster.

*Dear Postal Customer:*

*The enclosed piece of mail, addressed either to or from you, Was recovered from the site of an airline disaster.  
A.K. Weber*

*Postal Inspector c/o Postmaster  
Juneau, AK 89801*

This cover was a Treasury check enclosed and lost in air disaster. An enlarged cover and a postal inspector note is shown discussing the air crash (Fig. 3, page 24).

Another example of mail recovered was sent from Standard Oil Co. Western Operations, Inc. Anchorage, Alaska to Juneau, Alaska (Fig. 4, page 25).

### The following crashes on their way to Alaska are noted from 1947-2023.

**1947 – Pan Am Flight 923:** A Douglas DC-4 from Seattle, Washington to Juneau which crashed into the Tongas Mountain on Annette Island, Alaska on October 2, 1947. All 18 passengers and crew were killed. This was the worst Alaska commercial airplane crash at this time. The cause of the crash is still unknown. This was the first Pan Am 4 engine aircraft also at the time.

**1948 – Northwest Airlines Flight 4422:** Crashed into Mt. Stanford, Alaska with six crew members and 24 passengers. There were no survivors. This aircraft flew in the wrong direction and caused this crash. Pilot error was the main cause of this Alaska plane disaster. The accident occurred on March 12, 1948.

**1952 – Mount Garrett C-124 crash.** This was a fatal air crash causing the death of 52 Army and Air Force personnel. The plane was on route from McChord Air Base in Washington state on route to Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage, Alaska. Weather was the determining factor as it became very bad and the plane not having visual references, a radio beacon and a stopwatch. The severe weather and snow continued for 3 days. The plane left Washington and crashed in Alaska on November 22, 1952. The plane was found 3 days later by the Civil Air Patrol who spotted the tail section of the plane sticking out of the snow. It wasn't until June 28, 2012, that the US

Alaska

Alaska Air Crashes

# US Navy Dutch Harbor-Kodiak 1943

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AND NO FORWARDING ORDER ON  
FILE: RETURN TO DEAD LETTER  
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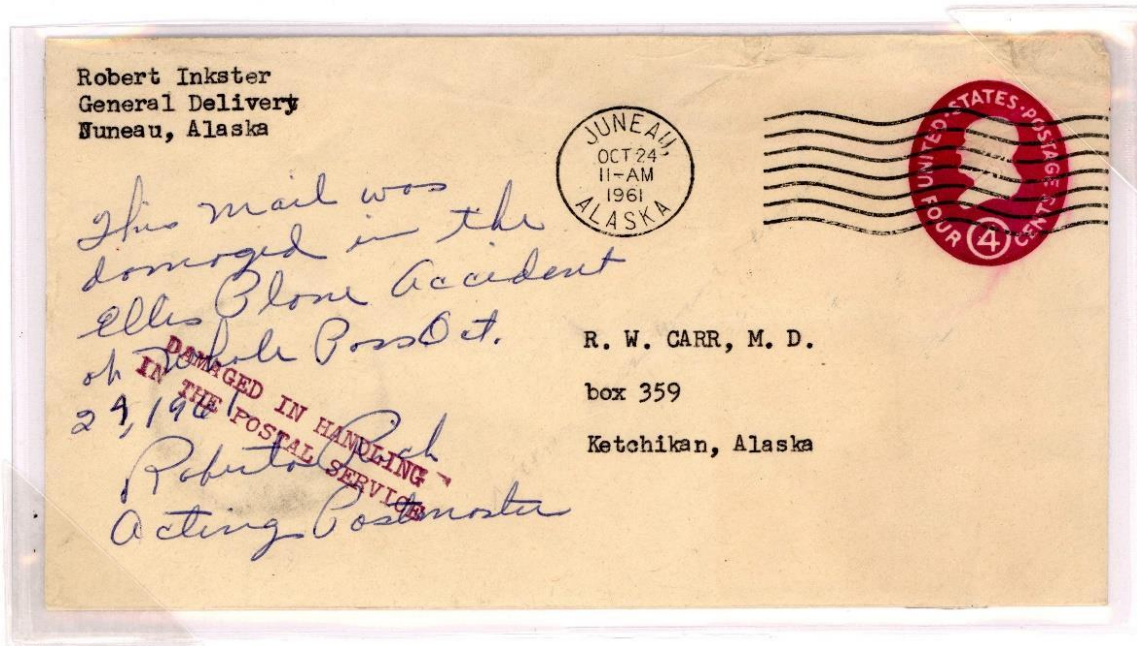
11 March 1943. The plane crashed between Mount Martin volcano and Lack Becharof and was not found until July 4, 1945. Mail as forwarded with postal note.

This letter is one of approximately 4,000 recovered July 4, 1945, from a plane which was wrecked March 11, 1943, at an elevation of 6,000 feet about half way between Mt. Martin volcano and Becharof Lake in the Aleutian Chain of the Alaska Peninsula, Territory of Alaska. The foregoing explains delay in delivery.



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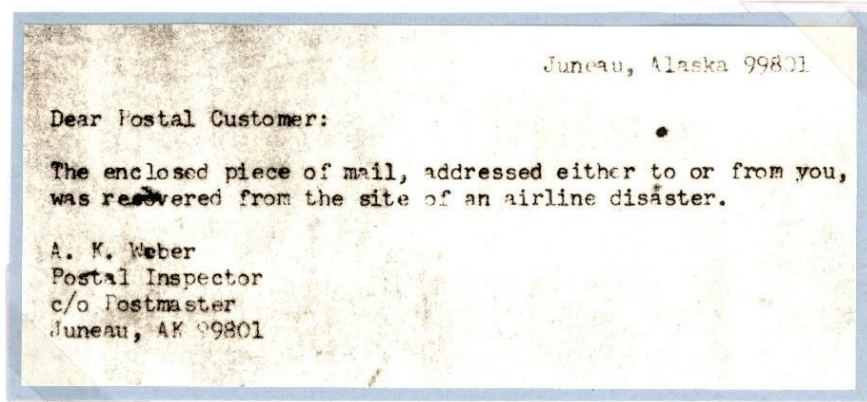
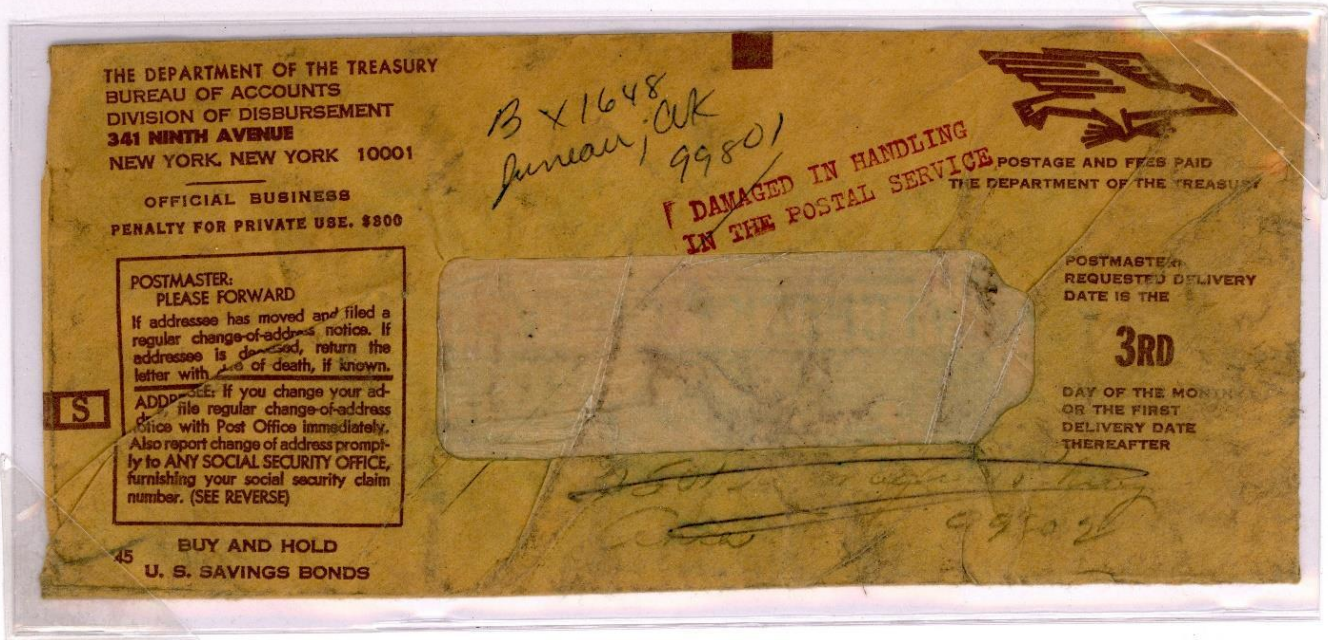
# Ellis Airlines Juneau-Ketchikan 1961



24 October 1961. The plane dunked in the water after nosing over when landing at Ketchikan. No one was injured. The mail in water-soaked condition was salvaged and forwarded endorsed by Roberta Rich, Acting Postmaster and "DAMAGED IN HANDLING" cachet was applied.

Figure 2

# Alaska Airlines Anchorage-Seattle 1971



4 September 1971. The Boeing 727 piloted by R.C. Adams crashed into Chika Mountain, 20 miles northeast to Juneau. 110 people were killed in the crash. Part of the mail was recovered and forwarded after application of "DAMAGED IN HANDLING..." cachet and a post office mimo explaining the poor condition of the piece.

Figure 3





On 4th  
September  
1971 a Boeing  
727 plane of  
Alaska Airlines  
was on a flight  
from Anchorage to  
Seattle with stops  
at Juneau, Cordova  
and Yakust. The plane  
crashed into the Chilk  
mountains, 20 miles N.E.  
of Juneau and all aboard  
were killed.

Helicopters were the only  
means of reaching the  
wreckage and part of the  
mail was recovered and  
forwarded to its destination  
by the Juneau Postmaster.

Figure 4

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Military announced the discovery of the wreckage. It took 7 more years of investigation to finally identify 40 of the remains. A total of 55 years later.

**1961 – Alaska Airlines Flight 779:** A contract cargo flight on July 21, 1961. The flight crashed short of the runway at Shemya Air Force Base with the loss of all six crew members on board. This was a chartered military flight carrying cargo to Japan.

**1963 – Northwest Orient Airlines Flight 293:** This was a military charter flight on June 3, 1963. This flight from Alaska with 101 crew and passengers were all killed when it crashed into the sea off the Alaska coast. Not even any members of this flight were recovered. It was one of the deadliest disasters at this time.

**1968 – Pan Am Flight 799** an international cargo flight from Los Angeles International Airport to Cam Ranh Airport Vietnam. All three crew members were killed. The flight crashed on December 26, 1968, near Anchorage, Alaska. Mechanical issues created the crash to occur on December 26, 1968.

**1968 – Wien Consolidated Airlines Flight 55.** This was a domestic Alaska flight that crashed into Pedro Bay on December 2, 1968. The flight killing all 39 passengers and crew. The flight was a Fairchild F-27B aircraft that was on route to Dillingham from Anchorage, Alaska. The aircraft was a twin-engine prop jet aircraft that was the second worst accident involving this type of aircraft. Apparently, there were a total of three separate crashes with this plane. Weather may have also been a factor.

**1970 – Capital International Airways Flight C2C3/26.** This was a chartered McDonnell Douglas DC-8 military aircraft. This aircraft crashed in a botched take-off attempt from Stevens International Anchorage Airport on November 27, 1970. A total of 229 people on board with 47 people died with 49 persons being injured.

**1975 – Alaska Airlines Flight 1866.** A passenger flight operated from Alaska Airlines from Anchorage to Seattle, Washington. The flight crashed into a mountain on September 4, 1971 about 18 miles west of Juneau. It crashed on June 24, 1975, and at this time was one of the deadliest air crashes as all 171 people died in the crash.

**1975 – Wien Air Alaska Flight 99.** This flight originated in Nome, Alaska bound for Savoonga and Gambell, Alaska. The flight took off on August 30, 1975. The flight from Nome to Savoonga was uneventful. The flight then proceeded to Gambell but hit fog and may have lost direction since there was no tower in Gambell Airport.

After several missed approaches, it turned into other directions and crashed into the Savuokuk Mountain. Most of the passengers were local natives of Nome, Gambell or Savoonga. The weather was the major factor for the crash as visibility created a dangerous approach for the plane to crash. There were 32 occupants, 4 crew, 10 fatalities, 22 injuries and 22 survivors.

**1978 – Alaska Airlines Flight 50** involved a Boeing 727-81 on April 5, 1978. One passenger died, 32 serious injuries and 17 minor injuries. Flight was from Juneau International Airport scheduled to fly to Seattle, Washington. There were 7 crew and 43 passengers. Cause of accident poor visibility in a light snowstorm. One passenger died and the crew and passengers all suffered severe and multiple injuries.

**1983 – Alaska – Midflight collision** on December 23, 1983, when Korean Airlines Flight 084 cargo flight collided with South Central Air Flight 59 on runway in deep fog. South Central Air was on the wrong runway at Anchorage International Airport. Both aircraft destroyed but no fatalities resulted.

**1983 – Reeve Aleutian Airways Flight 8.** This was an American flight from Cold Bay, Alaska to Seattle, Washington on June 8, 1983. Shortly after takeoff one of its propellers broke away from its engine and struck the fuselage damaging controls. The pilot was able to return and made an emergency landing at Anchorage International Airport. Fortunately, no one was injured.

**1989 – KLM Flight 867** from Amsterdam to Narita International Airport Tokyo on December 15, 1989, was forced down in an emergency landing at Anchorage International Airport, Alaska when all engines failed. This plane was only 6 months old. It flew through a heavy cloud of volcanic ash from Mt. Redoubt which erupted the day earlier. The aircraft was able to restart the engines and safely landed the plane. Apparently, the volcano ash caused over \$80 million in damage to the aircraft. Fortunately, there were no passenger deaths.

**1995 – Alaska Boeing E-3 Sentry** accident on September 22, 1995. A US Airforce Boeing E-3 Sentry took off from Elmendorf Airforce Base Alaska and hit a large flock of Canada geese that stopped the number 1 & 2 engines at 250 feet. The plane tried to dump fuel and was unable to land back at the military base and crashed and exploded in a wooded area less than a mile from the airport. All 24 service members dies in this unusual accident.

**2002 – Northwest Airlines Flight 85.** International passenger flight from Detroit Wayne County Airport to

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Japan's Narita International Airport. This flight developed mechanical issues on October 9, 2002, that required a landing at Ted Stevens Airport in Anchorage, Alaska. Fortunately, no injuries.

**2010 – Alaska US Airforce C17** crash on July 28, 2010. A C17 Globemaster III Transport plane crashed at Elmendorf Airforce Base in Alaska. The military aircraft was to practice for an upcoming Arctic Thunder Air Show. All 4 service members died. This was the first crash of a C17. It was reported as pilot error.

**2010 – Alaska DHC-3 Otter** crash on August 9, 2010. The private float plane crashed near Aleknagik, Alaska killing 5 of 9 passengers. The passengers were famous from politicians US Senator Ted Stevens became a fatality of this crash. The survivors included the former Administrator of NASA and then CEO of EADS North America Sean O'Keefe, his son and future Deputy Administrator of NASA James Morhand. The crash was due to poor weather. The wreckage was located between 2 fishing sites. There were 8 passengers and the pilot. Five people died.

**2013 – Alaska Central Express Flight 51.** This was an Alaska Central Express from Anchorage to King Salmon/Dillingham, Alaska on March 8 2013. The plane crashed into a mountain. This crash killed both crew members. The flight crash was determined to be due to pilot error.

**2013 – Rediske Air DHC-3 Otter** crash. A single engine de Havilland DHC-3 crashed on take-off carrying 10 passengers and crew. The plane was leaving Soldotna Airport to travel to Bear Mountain Lodge in Kikiski. The crash was due to a plane overload and pilot error.

**2018 – On August 4, 2018,** a de Havilland Canada DHC-2 Beaver aircraft crashed in poor weather near Denali, Alaska. All 5 people on board survived the crash but died before rescuers were able to get to the crash scene to save them. The pilot and four Polish tourist's bodies were recovered.

**2019 – Taquan Air Flight 20.** This being a regular commuter flight from Ketchikan Harbor Seaplane Base. The flight developed trouble when the pilot lost control while landing in the harbor at Metlakatla, Alaska. The plane was destroyed killing both persons on board. The accident was contributed to heavy winds the pilot was unable to handle. This flight on May 20, 2019, occurred on a de Havilland Canada DHC-2 Beaver Float plane and operated by Taquan Air, Ketchikan, Alaska. This aircraft carried mail and freight bound for Metlakatla, Alaska.

**2019 – Pen Air Flight 3296** was a domestic flight with Alaska Airlines. The flight took off from Anchorage International Airport to Unalaksa Airport on Amaknak Island in the Aleutian Chain of Alaska on October 17, 2019. This flight overran the airport runway. There were 42 passengers and crew. One fatality and a severe injury. Ten other passengers had minor injuries. There were wind issues which may have caused it to overrun the runway.

**2019 – Two other aviation accidents** and incidents in Alaska are noted. On May 13, 2019, Alaska mid-air collision. A failure to see oncoming flight over George Inlet, Alaska. This accident resulted in 6 deaths and 10 injured survivors. The Beaver Float plane collided with a Taguan Air de Havilland Float plane causing 5 fatalities. Pilot error.

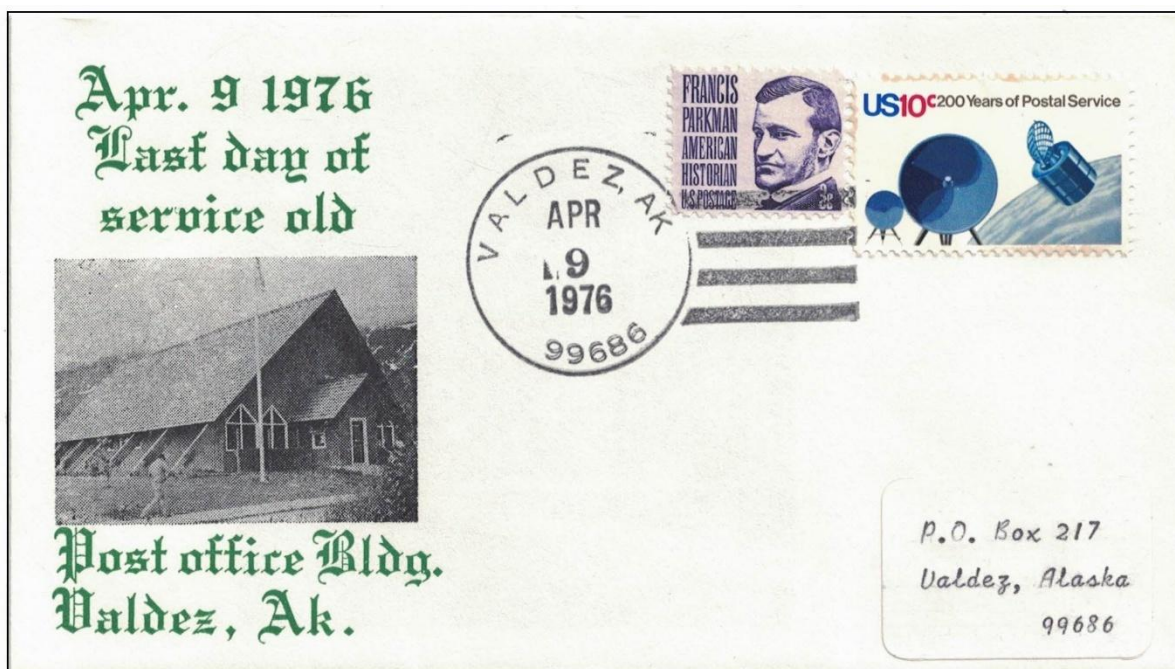
**2020 – Alaska Mid Air Collision** occurred on July 1, 2020. This was a collision of a de Havilland DHC-2 Beaver with a Piper PA-12 over the Kenai Peninsula, Alaska near the Soldotna Airport. A total of 6 people all died in this accident. The pilot of the piper was a member of the Alaskan House of Representative.

**2021 – Palmer, Alaska helicopter crash.** On March 27, 2021. The helicopter, an Airbus AS350B3 crashed into a mountain between Metal Creek and Grasshopper Valley. Five occupants died with one survivor. One of the deaths was Czech billionaire Petz Kellner. Accident is believed to be pilot error. The company is being sued by Kellner's family. No information on the result of this lawsuit.

**2023 – 2 Alaska mid-air collisions** involving two military Apache helicopters from 25th Aviation Regiment at Fort Waynewright collided near Healy, Alaska when returning from an exercise mission on April 27, 2023. A total of 3 deaths occurred and one survivor.

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## Okanagan Stamp Clubs (RPSC #246) Meeting Schedule 2025

[www.okanaganstampclubs.ca](http://www.okanaganstampclubs.ca)

### Date Host Location

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 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:sstevesters@gmail.com)

### Vernon Stamp Club

The People Place  
 3402 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue; Vernon  
 Third Saturday of every month, except August  
 Time: 12:30 PM to 3 PM  
 Contact: Michael at [mfitt@telus.net](mailto: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](mailto:eknapp@gci.net). [www.alaskaphilatellic.org](http://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](http://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](http://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) at 7:00 pm with auction, then presentation. Annual dues \$25 (plus \$10 administration fee for new members). [www.calgaryphilatellicsociety.com](http://www.calgaryphilatellicsociety.com).

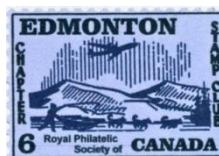


The **Central Oregon Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 2016. Meet first Saturday at 10:00 am at Zion Lutheran. They accept donations in lieu of dues. Contact [info@centraloregonstampclub.org](mailto:info@centraloregonstampclub.org). [www.centraloregonstampclub.org](http://www.centraloregonstampclub.org)



The **Collectors Club of Seattle** has been a Federation member since 1954. Do not have a website or newsletter. Dues \$\_\_. Contact [hstamps1@frontier.com](mailto: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](http://www.edmontonstampclub.com).

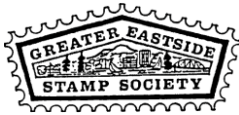


The **Evergreen Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 1976. Publish monthly newsletter. Meet third Wednesday at 7:00 pm at Kent Commons Rec Center. The club is preparing for their show in mid-April. Dues \$20 per year. <http://stamps.org/Evergreen-Stamp-Club>.

The **Fraser Valley Philatelic Club** has been a Federation member since 2017. Do not publish newsletter. Subject to school availability, meet third Tuesday of September and second Tuesday every other month (except July and August) at 6:00 pm at the W. J. Mouat School in Abbotsford. Annual dues \$\_\_. <http://stampclub.ca/fraservalley/>.

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/>.

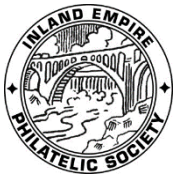
The **Gastineau Philatelic Society** has been a Federation member since 1974. Do not publish newsletter. Meet third Thursday at 6:00 pm at 360 Egan Drive, Juneau.



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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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. Dues \$\_\_\_ per year. Contact Dave Burger: [dave@thegreenbarn.com](mailto:dave@thegreenbarn.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](mailto: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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 7-9pm), Penticton (Seniors Drop-in Centre Society, first Sunday at 2-4pm) and Vernon (The People Place, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. <http://olympiaphilatelic.society.org/>.

The **Olympic Philatelic Society** has been a Federation member since 1953. Do not publish newsletter, nor have website. Meet fourth Tuesday at 6:30 pm at DK Enterprises store, 10 NE Silve Pine Drive; Bremerton, WA. Contact [stamps@dickkeiser.com](mailto:stamps@dickkeiser.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](http://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 4:30 pm at the Brella Community Services, 15008 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue; Surrey, B.C. Dues \$20 per year. [www.peacearchstampclub.com/](http://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](mailto: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 **Salem Stamp Society** has been a Federation member since 1948. Publish monthly newsletter, *Willamette Stamp & Tongs*. Meet third Wednesday at 7:30 pm at Scottish Rite Center (with Zoom option). Dues \$10 per year for individuals, \$15 for couples. [www.salemstampsociety.org](http://www.salemstampsociety.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 Methodist Church, 607 West Main; Medford. Club is preparing for their annual show in early June. Dues \$15 per year. <https://classic.stamps.org/SOPS>



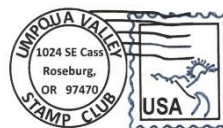
The **Strait Stamp Society** has been a Federation member since 1977. Publish bi-monthly newsletter, *Strait Stamp Talk*. Meet first Thursday at 6:00 pm at Sequim Bible Church. Also hold informal mid-month morning meeting at local Burger King. This year, members at the monthly meetings are sharing philatelic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

The **Tacoma Stamp Club** is a founding member of the Federation. Publish monthly newsletter, *Tacoma Philatelist*. Meet first Monday at 6:00 pm at Bay

**CLOSED – another covid fatality**

Terrace Community Center in Tacoma. Dues \$15 per year. Contact [sharwilkey@gmail.com](mailto:sharwilkey@gmail.com).

The **Tri-Cities Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 1966. Publish monthly newsletter, *The Triangle*. Meet fourth Wednesday at 7:00 pm at Royal Colombian Retirement Inn activities room in Kennewick. Dues \$\_\_ per year for adults, \$\_\_ for students. Website:



The **Umpqua Valley Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 2018. Publish monthly newsletter, *Umpqua Valley Stamper*. Do not have website. Meet third Monday, except June and December, at 7:15 pm in St. George Episcopal Parish Hall in Roseburg. Dues \$15 per year. Contact [adams@mcsi.net](mailto:adams@mcsi.net).



**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](http://www.uscs.org).



The **Victoria Stamp Club/Vancouver Inland Philatelic Society** is a Charter member of the Federation that joined in 1936 and has been a continuous member since then. Publish monthly newsletter, *The Guideline*. Philatelic library for members. Meetings include a small auction. Meet second and/or third Friday at 7:00 pm at St. Peter's Anglican Church Hall (second) or Windsor Park Pavilion (third). Dues \$\_\_. Website: [www.vicstamps.com](http://www.vicstamps.com)



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



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

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

## UPCOMING STAMP SHOWS / BOURSES 2025

Show Dates			Major events in bold / <i>PNW events in Italic</i>	Revised: 17 January 2025	
FRI	SAT	SUN	SHOW NAME	LOCATION	TYPE
	25 Jan	26 Jan	Greater Eastside Show	Redmond, WA	Bourse
		9 Feb	Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair	Victoria, BC	Bourse
	15 Feb	16 Feb	Regina, Saskatchewan Stamp Show, Regina Senior Citizens Centre (always 3 <sup>rd</sup> weekend)	Regina, SK	Show
21 Feb	22 Feb	23 Feb	APEX, 100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary Serum Run	Anchorage, AK	<b>Show</b>
	22 Feb		Vancouver Coins, Stamps & Collectibles Show	Burnaby, BC	Bourse
	7 Mar		Sno-King Stamp Club Show (2026)	Kenmore, WA	Bourse
	15 Mar		Eugene Stamp Show	Eugene, OR	Bourse
	15 Mar		PNWPHS at Oregon Stamp Society clubhouse	Portland, OR	Bourse
		16 Mar	Salem Stamp Show	Salem, OR	Bourse
	29 Mar	30 Mar	Edmonton Spring National Stamp Show	Edmonton, BC	<b>Show</b>
	11 Apr		John D. Arn Philatelic Symposium (2026)	Moses Lake, WA	Event
	5 Apr		Olympia Philatelic Society Spring Roundup	Lacey, WA	Bourse
	12 Apr	13 Apr	Evergreen Stamp Club Spring Show; Kent Commons (a week earlier due to Easter being our usual weekend)	Kent, WA	Bourse
<b>25 Apr</b>	<b>26 Apr</b>	<b>27 Apr</b>	<b>WESTPEX (WSP)</b>	<b>Burlingame CA</b>	<b>Show</b>
		<b>27 Apr</b>	<b>AMPEX</b> (Fraser Valley Philatelic Club)	Abbotsford, BC	Bourse
<b>2 May</b>	<b>3 May</b>	<b>4 May</b>	<b>PIPEX (WSP)</b>	<b>Clackamas, OR</b>	<b>Show</b>
		4 May	Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair	Victoria, BC	Bourse
	10 May		Garden City Stamp Club Wallace Weekend event	Missoula, MT	Event
	10 May		North Shore Coins, Stamps & Collectibles Show	Burnaby, BC	Bourse
6 Jun	7 Jun		SOPEX (Southern Oregon Philatelic Exhibition)	Medford, OR	Show
	19 Jul	20 Jul	Evergreen Stamp Club Summer Show; Kent Commons	2025 Kent, WA	Bourse
	9 Aug		Strait Stamp Show	Sequim, WA	Show
12 Sept	13 Sept		SEAPEX	Tukwila, WA	Bourse
	13 Sept		North Shore Coins, Stamps & Collectibles Show	Burnaby, BC	Bourse
		14 Sept	Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair	Victoria, BC	Bourse
19 Sept	20 Sept		Antique Paper Roundup; Lloyd Center (Thursday-Saturday)	Portland, OR	Bourse
<b>19 Sept</b>	<b>20 Sept</b>	<b>21 Sept</b>	<b>BNAPEX (76<sup>th</sup> annual BNAPS Convention)</b>	<b>Vernon, BC</b>	<b>Show</b>
		21 Sept	STAMPEX	Salem, OR	Bourse
	4 Oct		Eugene Stamp Show	Eugene, OR	Bourse
		5 Oct	Salem Stamp Show	Salem, OR	Bourse
			Central Oregon Stamp Show	Redmond, OR	Bourse
			VANPEX	Burnaby, BC	Show
			CALTAPEX; Kerby Centre Gymnasium	Calgary, AB	Show
			Olympia Philatelic Society Fall Roundup	Lacey, WA	Bourse
		16 Nov	Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair	Victoria, BC	Bourse
			Vancouver Stamp Fair; Holiday Inn Express	Vancouver, BC	Bourse
	22 Nov		North Shore Coins, Stamps & Collectibles Show	Burnaby, BC	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