

The PHILATELIC REVIEW

The Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California
And Federation Reporter

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Federation to meet at ORCOPEX

The next regular Federation meeting will be at ORCOPEX at 2 p.m., Saturday, June 9, 2001. The show will be at the Brookhurst Community Center, 2271 W. Crescent Ave. (Crescent at Brookhurst), Anaheim. Take I-5 to Brookhurst.

ORCOPEX 2001 is coming

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ORCOPEX 2001 will be held at the Brookhurst Community Center Friday through Sunday, June 8, 9 and 10. This stamp show and bourse is the oldest in Orange County and this is our 26th show. (Did you know the Orange County Philatelic Society dates back to 1931?) We will not have exhibits this year, as we need to rebuild our club treasury after having to cancel ORCOPEX 2000 last year. We have chosen to have free admission this year to go along with free parking.

We will have door prizes, and plan to have a very special "must be present to win" drawing on Sunday afternoon. (In previous years we have had White Plains souvenir sheets, baby Zepps, duck stamps, etc.) Plan to come and support the club.

We will have approximately 36 dealers of stamps, covers, postcards and supplies. These dealers will have something for you, no matter what or how you collect. We have dealers from as far away as Washington state and Texas, with stamps from all over the world and from any date. Topicals, perfins, covers, collections, stamps in sets and singles, catalogs, mounts, albums, etc. I believe you will find whatever you need at our show. We need your help in getting a strong turn-

out to support the dealers that partake in this show.

All of the revenue from this show is used to support the activities of stamp collecting in the Orange County area. This includes funds which the Orange County Philatelic Society uses to rent the Brookhurst Community Center meeting place (the first Friday of each month) and the La Habra Community Center meeting (the third Friday of each month). This revenue also provides liability insurance, newsletter funds and supports the club in many ways.

Dealers are beginning to move away from shows such as ours to selling on the Internet. That makes it that much tougher to get dealers to pay bourse fees, which we use to both cover all expenses and provide funds for the club activities during the next year.

We need your help! We need your assistance to insure we get a strong turnout from the stamp collecting fraternity to show these dealers that stamp collecting is not dead in Orange County. (The post office has decided that there is insufficient interest in stamp collecting in this area, so there will be no more Mega-Shows in Orange County.)

Tell your stamp collecting friends, buddies,

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About us

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

The SESCAL Web site, which also includes information about the Federation and a list of member clubs, is at <www.sescal.org>

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SESCAL 2001 will be Oct. 6-8 at Radisson Los Angeles Airport Hotel, 6225 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles

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and associates to be sure to attend the show.

Spread tickets around, join car pools to come to the show. Give us your ideas to improve and spark attendance.

Caltrans has finally finished the work

on the I-5 Freeway so that access is really easy to Brookhurst Street and then to Crescent Avenue.

Remember ... free admission and free parking!

Minutes of the Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California meeting of Jan. 27, 2001

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Estes at 2:05 p.m. at the SANDICAL venue in Del Mar. Bill greeted the attendees: 13 in number representing eleven member clubs. Also attending was Chad Snee of Linn's Stamp News.

Reports:

The minutes of the Oct. 7, 2000, meeting at SESCAL were approved as read.

Waltraud Helms presented the treasurer's report for the period of Oct. 1, 2000, through Dec. 31, 2000 (See separate item).

It was moved and seconded to accept the report as presented:

SESCAL report:

Wallace Craig has announced his resignation as SESCAL general chairman. Ray Clary has agreed to try to fill the position of general chairman, with Wallace acting as his mentor. Wallace has agreed to fill the new position of SESCAL assistant general chairman. Wallace was thanked (in absentia) for his years of

service as the SESCAL general chairman. Ray also announced the resignation of Jerry Weinerman as bourse chairman. (Subsequent to the meeting, Steve Patillo has agreed to serve as SESCAL bourse chairman for this year.)

Ray Clary announced that dealers are being lined up for SESCAL 2001, and dealer ideas are being solicited and mailing lists collected. SESCAL will attempt to make more effective use of local advertising this year, including articles in local newspapers and the Chinese Daily newspaper. Ray also indicated that SESCAL will try to get television coverage of the first day that can be shown on the evening news. The last item discussed was to try to get a better parking rate from the hotel for show attendees as parking fees continue to be blamed for declining coverage by the dealers.

Finally, Ray announced a SESCAL Committee meeting will be held at VENPEX at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 17, 2001. There will be a second SESCAL Meeting in April

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at the Clary residence, with time to be established.

Bill Estes presented a status update on the Bob Thompson court case. There has been a continuance in the case. The Federation plans to press for full restitution. Jim Bowman and Wallace Craig are representing the Federation in this action.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Dick Willing announced that the Los Angeles Philatelic Society has requested that he present the following information to the Federation for comment: The LAPS has provided the George Bennet Memorial Grand Award for the SESCAL exhibition. The Society is contemplating to change the name of the award to the Gene Tinsley–Earl Oakley Award. Bill Estes suggested that the Federation would be reluctant to put

strings on an award donated by the Los Angeles Philatelic Society. A suggestion was made to Mr. Willing that the LAPS think about alternating the name of the award from year to year.

Bill Estes announced the resignation of Pete Balliett as president-elect due to health problems. Jerry Harwood is the new president-elect, and the Federation is seeking a new vice president.

The next regular Federation meeting will be at ORCOPEX at 2 p.m., Saturday, June 9, 2001, followed by the meeting at SESCAL on October 6, 2001. He reminded members of the informal meeting at VENPEX on March 17, 2001, at 20 p.m..

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Treasurer's report

By Waltraud Helms, Treasurer

Treasurer's report for the period of Oct. 1, 2000, through Dec. 31, 2000.

Balance as of Oct. 1, 2000	\$222.74
Income:	.00
	\$ 0.00 +
Expenses:	
Distinguished Service Award	70.04
Philatelic Review Printing	48.71
Philatelic Review Postage	33.66
Regular Postage	4.95
	\$157.36 –

Balance as of Dec. 31, 2000:	\$ 65.36

SESCAL 2001 in good shape

Fears expressed last year that SESCAL 2001 might have to be moved or canceled have proved unfounded.

At a SESCAL meeting at VENPEX in March, Wallace Craig reported that the Radisson Hotel (formerly the Wyndham) at LAX will be up and running well before the show and that the new owners have agreed to honor contacts made by the previous owners.

Wallace said he and others have been in the hotel – hard hats required, he noted – and that the group was assured the work is coming along as planned.

He said there will be some remodeling of the rooms where SESCAL is held, so it was impossible to discuss floor plans and layouts at that meeting. The SESCAL dates are Friday-Sunday, Oct. 5-7, 2001.

Editor's corner by John Weigle

This issue is a little late, for which I apologize. I had a July, rather than June, date in mind for ORCOPEX and time sneaked up on me.

See the article on page 1 from the Orange County Philatelic Society newsletter on the importance of the show to the club's treasury, and encourage members of your club or society to attend. Club shows are few and far between these days, and even the larger federation-sponsored shows are having troubles. As collectors, we should support the ones that remain unless we want to do all our buying and selling on the Internet.

VENPEX, the annual show of the Ventura County Philatelic Society, is seriously considering moving from the Ventura County Fairgrounds. The Fairgrounds is a nice site and easy to find, but it's also expensive and the fair board has raised the parking fee (although it gave the manager the right to negotiate fees for smaller events). The committee is considering at least one other site, which would be less expensive but also not as easy to find. Unfortunately, Ventura County cities are short of recreation centers that are large enough to have a stamp show.

Is there a future for club shows or even mid-sized federation-sponsored shows? Many of us hope so, of course, but the answer depends on all of us. If we don't support the shows and the dealers – and volunteer to work at the events sponsored by our own clubs – they'll cease to

exist. If we do support them, they'll continue. Ultimately, the decision is ours, not the proverbial George's (of "let George do it" fame).

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As this is being written, the news is full of reports that the Postal Service plans another rate increase effective July 1.

Among other rates that will go up are those for postal cards and for first-class mail weighing more than one ounce.

To no one's surprise, there is a lot of criticism of the idea, with some calling for closure of some post offices and other economy moves rather than increasing prices. And bonuses paid to high-ranking officials are also drawing a lot of fire.

No one is thrilled with higher costs, but I suppose there is some good news for collectors — if more stamps can be called good news. We're likely to see new issues to meet the new rates (and postal historians will have another chance to find last-day uses of unusual rates.)

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Once again, let me renew my request to be added to your mailing list for your newsletter. The Federation should report its members' activities, but we can't do it if no one tells us about them. My address is in the masthead.

— John Weigle

VENPEX 2001 Awards

Judge Gregg Memorial Award (Grand)

Carl Shaff II: United States of America: A Sampling of Used Plate Numbers
Prior to 1908

Also APS Certificate of Award

Vermeil

George Lyon: Costa Rica, The Issue of 1901

Also Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California Award (Reserve Grand)
Tom Massa: Upheaval in China, 1949, as Shown by the Postal History of Canton
(one frame)

Gordon Williams: The AMG Story as Told on Stamps

Silver

Patricia V. Lix: Giraffes: Tall, Fast & S(sh)ilent

Also ATA best topical first award

Jerry Harwood: Occupied Countries (one frame)

Silver Bronze

Dr. David T. Huang: 1980 Guyana Rotary Stamps and Their "Overprints" (one frame)

Steve Turchik: My French Collection: Selected Pages from 1849-1960

Chelsea Sidwell: Walt Disney Characters on Stamps (youth)

Jerry Harwood: Expeditionary Forces (one frame)

Jerry Harwood: Island (one frame)

Bronze

Jerry Harwood: Tonga Postal Cards 1891-1916 (one frame)

Jerry Harwood: Antarctica (display class; one frame)

Jerry Harwood: Monaco (one frame)

Non-competitive

Robert L. Smith: Great Britain Definitives: The Middle Years

Jay Shoemaker: World Refugee Year

Jay Shoemaker: Canada, 3-cent Small Queens

Jay Shoemaker: China, The Pa Kua Cancels

VENPEX was held March 17-18 at the Ventura County Fairgrounds at Seaside Park in Ventura and was sponsored by the Ventura County Philatelic Society.

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