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President's message

## VENPEX in June; 'Star Wars' will be theme for SESCAL

By Jerry Kasper

Those attending the Federation meeting at SANDICAL on Jan. 27 were pleased to hear that VENPEX will be held this year. This will be the 40th Stamp Exhibition sponsored by the Ventura County Philatelic Society. It will be at the Courtyard by Marriott in Oxnard starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, June 9 and 10. In addition to a good selection of dealers, there will be philatelic exhibits judged by APS-qualified judges. The theme is Naval Aviation, and two cachets by Phil Dockter are based on the airships Shenandoah, Los Angeles, Akron and Macon.

The Federation members are delighted to support VENPEX and encourage members of all Southern California clubs to attend and make this show a success. To that end, we are holding our next FPCSC meeting in Oxnard on Saturday, June 9, not far from the show hotel. Lois Evans has generously agreed to host the meeting, and directions will be provided. We do need a count of those attending so please let me know if you will be there. Either contact me by e-mail ([jerome.kasper@gmail.com](mailto:jerome.kasper@gmail.com)) or telephone (559-708-5910). The formal meeting will commence at 1 p.m. and should last about an hour.

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## Federation to meet at VENPEX

VENPEX 2007, the Ventura County Philatelic Society's first show since 2003, will be June 9-10 at the Oxnard Courtyard by Marriott, 600 E. Esplanade Drive, Oxnard. The Federation will meet at 1 p.m. Saturday at a nearby home (see President's message and the box below for all the show details and reservation information for the meeting).

The show will have two cachets and a cancel honoring U.S. Navy airships (see picture on page 3).

The show's return is largely the result of the interest of a new member, Mel Dick, who volunteered to chair the show as long as other members would help with details. The bourse chairman is Steven Pattillo, who is also the SESCAL bourse chairman and the sponsor of many monthly events in Southern California.

### Cancel and covers

The cancel and covers were designed by Phil Dockter of Glendale, a 25-year member of the Southern California Air Mail Society and a collector since the late 1960s.

"I have always liked aviation living

here in Glendale," he said. "We had a historic airport, Grand Central Air Terminal, which opened in 1929 and was the first commercial airport on the West Coast."

He wanted to collect airport-related material but discovered it wasn't easy to find much until he began to find "luggage labels, post cards, flight covers, (and) this led to a real hobby and to other aviation-related fields."

He especially likes the "Golden Age" of aviation in the 1930s because it had "so many rich and colorful personalities, such as Roscoe Turner, Bobbi Trout, Wiley Post and Amelia Earhart and the air races and much to collect on and in those fields."

Many of the pilots carried flight covers, and Dockter is especially proud of two in his collection:

— A cover flown around the world by Wiley Post and his navigator, Harold Gatty, which they both had signed.

— A cover flown over Mach 2 in 1956 and signed by the "fastest man in the world," Col. Frank K. Everest, USAF.

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## VENPEX at a glance

**WHAT:** VENPEX 2007.

**DATES AND HOURS:** June 9-10, 2007; 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday.

**FEDERATION MEETING:** 1 p.m. Saturday at the nearby home of Lois Evans de Violini. Directions will be available at the show, but see president's message at left for reservations information.

**WHERE:** Courtyard by Marriot Hotel, 600 E. Esplanade Drive, Oxnard, Calif. (take Highway 101 to Vineyard Avenue exit and look for the two towers; the hotel is in the same center as the towers)

**ADMISSION:** Free admission, parking.

**THEME:** Naval Aviation

**FEATURES:** 13 dealers; U.S. post office on Saturday, exhibits.

**WEB SITE:** <http://vcphilatelic.com/index.html>.

## About us

The Philatelic Review is published three times a year by The Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California.

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Carl Shaff II

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nia Air Mail Society, he said, "I did not know much about the field, but there were plenty of oldtimers who witnessed many historic flights and who attended our meetings — even a cachet maker from the '30s. We met at the club president's home in the Hollywood Hills, the home in which Betty Hutton once lived. I learned a lot from many collectors."

He has designed covers for several events, and explained:

"I like to celebrate historic aviation milestones and anniversaries, especially if there is a pilot around who did the flight that might autograph the cover. Zeppelins I found to be fascinating. These giants of the air carried an abundance of mail on board that collectors had designed for these flights, and this mail helped finance these flights."

"Now some 25 years later I have designed a philatelic cover commemorating the Naval Airships — Shenandoah, Los Angeles, Akron and Macon — and a pictorial postal cancel," he said.

"My very first cachet design was for Douglas 'Wrong Way' Corrigan's 50th anniversary of his historic flight to Ireland in

1988. Corrigan, in his 80s then, was very much alive and kicking; he was even invited back to Ireland, the scene of the crime for a big celebration!

"I knew Corrigan a bit and thought this would be a nice way to honor him. So I came up with a design based on the Artcraft sort of look. I had them professionally printed and made arrangements to have the covers canceled in New York and in Ireland on the anniversary dates. This was a big undertaking for someone who did not know exactly who they were doing, but it all came out. Even the post office in Ireland wanted to make up its own pictorial cancel for some of the covers that I had designed.

"It was almost 10 years later that I did another anniversary cover cachet. By this time, I had become very interested in experimental test flights and the test pilots who flew them. The movie "The Right Stuff" became such a popular movie and got many of us collectors hot into flight tests and those legendary brave test pilots who tore up the skies at Edwards Air Force Base in the high desert of California in the 1950s and '60s. Even these brave test pilots carried small

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ber of club shows in Southern California to five, joining SANDICAL, POWPEX, LOBEX and SESCAL. It is important to help these shows, and sponsoring clubs will welcome any and all assistance with the many and varied show duties.

It is with pleasure that I welcome the new SESCAL co-chairman, Carl Shaff II. Carl will be working this year with Wallace Craig, who has been doing a great job as SESCAL chairman for 15 years. Carl is president of the Philatelic Society of Los Angeles and is a keen philatelist who exhibits used 19th century U.S. plate numbers. One of his goals is to resurrect the youth activities at SESCAL. Regardless of their size, contributions of philatelic items appropriate for beginning collectors will be appreciated and will help attract new collectors to our hobby. Getting young collectors interested in stamp collecting is of value to all of us. Those willing to assist in any way with the activities are asked to contact us. If you know of any youth pro-

gram in the Southern California area, please let us know how to contact them.

SESCAL 2007 will be held on Oct 12-14 at the Radisson Los Angeles Airport Hotel. The theme of the show is "Star Wars." On May 25, the USPS is issuing a sheet with 15 different 41-cent stamps commemorating the 30th anniversary of the release of the first "Star Wars" movie. These stamps and others will be available at SESCAL. A show cachet based on this theme is being designed. A philatelic exhibit prospectus can be found on the Web site, [www.sescal.org](http://www.sescal.org), along with other information about the show.

Over the next months, there will be an increased effort to improve communications between the various member clubs of the Federation.

There is much that we can do for each other and that the Federation can facilitate for the clubs. If you have needs we will do the best we can to help or find help. Please let us know what we can do for you.

Hope to see you at the upcoming shows.

## Minutes of the Oct. 14, 2006, meeting of the Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California

### Minutes: Oct. 14, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by FPCSC President Jerry Kasper in the Newport Room at the Radisson Los Angeles Airport Hotel.

Members and guests present:

Lois Evans de Violini	Ventura
James McGuigan	Poway Stamp Club

Bill O'Connor

Joan Hastings

Wallace A. Craig

FPCSC Past President, Eire Philatelic Association

Treasurer, Beckman Stamp Club

China Stamp Society, SES CAL Chairman

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amounts of mail sent to them by collectors to get onboard their record breaking flights.”

He continued:

“I had become good friends with an early experimental test pilot, Chalmers H. ‘Slick’ Goodlin, an ex-naval pilot who became the chief test pilot for Bell Aircraft in 1945. Slick made the first powered flight of the Bell XS-1 rocket plane in December of 1946 at Muroc Army Air Field, Calif., now Edwards AFB. Later, Capt. Chuck Yeager would break the sound barrier in that rocket plane. Well, Slick’s 50th anniversary of his first powered flight was fast approaching, and what better way to celebrate that occasion and to honor Slick’s record flight than a cover cachet! Mr. Goodlin liked my idea, and off I went.

“I was building up more confidence in my ideas and knowledge of early flight tests and getting to know many more famous test pilots through my association now with the Flight Test Historical Foundation at Edwards. They liked my cover idea I did for Slick Goodlin, so a few months later I approached the foundation with another idea I had for an even more historic anniversary event.

“In October of 1997, the legendary Gen. Chuck Yeager was going to be honored for his historic record flight of the first person to fly supersonic in that little orange rocket plane, the Bell X-1. It was a year before the anniversary, and I already had a cachet design for a No. 10 size envelope — bigger envelope, bigger event! I also was told that



This is one of the two VENPEX covers designed by Phil Dockter, who also designed the cancel. The cachets are \$3.50 each or two for \$6.

the Postal Service was going to commemorate the event with a 32 cent stamp bearing the image of the X-1 rocket plane, ‘Glamorous Glennis.’

Originally, the FDC event was going to be held in Washington, D.C., at the Smithsonian, where the X-1 is on display at the Air & Space Museum. For some reason, the Air Force pulled some strings and the First Day of Issue ceremonies were going to be held at Edwards AFB, where 50 years earlier Capt. Chuck Yeager broke the sound barrier.

“Everything began to fall into place, and my cover design was blessed by Yeager himself and was to be flown on his F-15, breaking the sound barrier exactly 50 years to the minute. PLUS the official celebration of the post office recognition of that historic event with a stamp.”

## SESCAL corner We have a co-chairman

By Wallace A. Craig

That is correct. We have a chairman in training. Carl Shaff II is taking over my position as general chairman of SESCAL. He has visited some of our chapters and is a very exciting person to be around. Carl has new ideas and is much better at that than I ever was. I really hope you will give him the cooperation I received during my 15 years as general chairman.

This year we are looking to be back in our normal spot. Last year was

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Richard Willing	PSLA, FPCSC Past President
Marian Bowman	Conejo Valley, Simi Valley
Jerry Winerman	MEPSI, Scandinavian Collectors Club
Louise Christian	Beckman Stamp Club
Jim Bowman	Simi Valley, Conejo Valley
Les Lamphear	Philatelic 25
Werner Helms	Long Beach Stamp Club, Orange County Phil Soc
Waltraud Helms	Long Beach Stamp Club
Howard Green	PSLA, SESCAL Exhibits Chairman
Betty Green	Guest, SESCAL Banquet Chairman
David Leeds	PSLA
Jerry Kasper	PSLA, FPCSC President
Jean Kasper	PSLA, FPCSC Acting Secretary
David Kols	Regency-Superior

The minutes from the June 24, 2006, meeting were approved as corrected.

The wording of the paragraph related to SESCAL was changed as follows: Chairman, Wallace Craig, said that Jim and Marian Bowman, the awards chairman, may have to be out of town for the SESCAL 2006 show and in that case a replacement will be needed.

Treasurer's Report: Balance in the FPCSC account as of Sept. 30, 2006, was \$309.06. A copy of the treasurer's report is included with these minutes.

New Business:

Dana Guyer, the new director of shows and exhibitions for the APS, has asked us to help with the following at AmeriStamp Expo in Riverside February 9-11, 2007:

FRAMES: The APS would use ours and pay for shipment to/from Riverside; they would ship the APS frames from the east and sell us one box of 25 new frames (after the show) so that we can retire the worst of our damaged frames.

The above FRAME proposal from the APS was moved, seconded and approved.

There was further discussion re: the boxes that the frames are stored in. They "need work." It may be possible to fix them. However, it is expensive to repair them except in the city of use. It may be possible to put steel bands around them or separators inside them. Jerry Winerman stated that he has a carpenter friend (stamp collector) who might give us a good price on the repairs.

Follow-up:

Jerry Winerman will check with his friend.

Jim Bowman will explore other options.

Federation and SESCAL committees:

Jerry Kasper voiced the Federation's appreciation to Wallace and the rest of the SESCAL Committee for their hard work in bringing the show off. There were MANY

difficulties! In fact, most of the dealers are enjoying the revised dealer set up.

Literature Exhibits: Do we continue to have them at SESCAL?

Jim Bowman moved that we cease having Literature Exhibits as part of SESCAL.

Discussion: SESCAL is one of four shows still having literature exhibits. The goal of these exhibits is to acknowledge philatelic writers. It is difficult to get a person to handle and judge them. The current person has resigned. Consensus: SESCAL will not have literature exhibits for the next three years. Jim Bowman's motion was seconded and passed. Jerry stated that the APS must be notified of this change.

Key issues for follow-up:

Hotel: The hotel where SESCAL is currently held is being sold. We need to look for another venue. The Permanent Exhibition Committee is responsible for selection of venue. The members of the PEC are Federation President, Federation Treasurer, Federation Past-President, SESCAL Chairman and an at-large member. Wallace Craig, Jim Bowman and Howard Green have agreed to investigate alternative locations for SESCAL.

SESCAL Committee: The following jobs need new volunteers:

Chairman; Awards; Dealers; Frame Repair. We also need understudies and documentation re: what each job entails. The current holders of each position have been asked to document what is involved with their job.

David Kols from Regency-Superior made a suggestion that we consider having Regency-Superior run the SESCAL Show in the same manner they run the St. Louis show. Wallace and Jerry will follow up on his suggestion.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Kasper, Acting Secretary**

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a special. There were good and bad points concerning the place we were placed. The main problem was we had to use fewer dealers. This caused us to lose money. One of the situations we have is paying for the storage of our boxes and maintaining a fund to replace frames. In addition, we must save to replace the six boxes which store our frames. The boxes are old and really need replacement.

Jerry Winerman has found a possible person to make us six boxes, and we are currently in talks to determine the costs and method of getting this accomplished. Many thanks to Jerry for his help.

I would like to thank all of you who have helped me during my 15 years. I will be around and backing up Carl all he wants.