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President's message

SESCAL a success; what's next?

All indications are that SESCAL 2004 was a huge success. Many thanks are in order to the SESCAL committee members for all their hard work and dedication. A full report will be available at the next Federation meeting to be held at SANDICAL, at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Al Bahr Shrine, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road (just off Highway 163 at Clairemont Mesa Boulevard), in San Diego. This location, the same as last year, is always a delight and well worth the visit to San Diego.

I would like to thank the Society of Israel Philatelists for its invitation to visit the Oct. 4 program. Hopefully, I will be able to attend a future meeting. In 2005, I would like to visit a number of local clubs, so please send me particulars concerning your future meetings.

My Poway Stamp Club had Bill Smith from the McDonnell Douglas Philatelic Club as a guest this past month. He gave us a short talk concerning the plans to restructure the club. We wish him and his organization all the best in this endeavor.

The POWPEX show this past Nov. 13 and 14 was well attended. The addition of a bid board created much excitement.

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Photos courtesy of Kari Aist

From left, in photo at left, Madeleine Quackenbush, Susannah Shamlan, and Hanna Aist comb the stamps to find the ones they just HAVE to have. At right, Hanna shows her lumbergram birthday "card" that was sent to cousin Joey in Anchorage.

4-H club learns about stamp collecting as part of mail project

By John Weigle

Editor

One advantage of writing a stamp column for a daily newspaper is that I get calls from individuals and groups interested in learning more about the hobby and periodically get to speak to youth groups.

My most recent talk was to the Mupu 4-H Club, which had already completed several projects involving mail and wanted to learn more about stamps and how they're used.

The night I gave my talk, the members were working on "lumbergrams," just one of the many unusual items their leader has come up with to send

through the mail.

They had carefully sanded blocks of wood to remove any sharp edges, written messages on the blocks, addressed them and put stamps on them so they were ready to mail. The leader had taken a block to the post office to find out what it would cost to mail them and had a variety of stamps of different face values so the club members had an arithmetic lesson in addition to the woodworking.

I discussed stamps in general, handed out the American Stamp Dealers Association beginning albums and literature the Ventura County Philatelic Society has developed for its annual

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About us

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FPCSC minutes**Meetings of Sept. 2 and June 19****Meeting of Sept. 2, 2004**

Members present and club(s) represented:

Wallace Craig, China Society.

Louise Christian, Beckman Club.

R. Willing

Louis Senensieb, Society of Israel Philatelists.

Marian Bowman, Conejo Philatelic Society.

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Jerome Kasper

Charlotte Gulsby, McDonnell Douglas Philatelic Club

Jack Wasserman, SIP-LA

Guests: Bill Smith, McDonnell Douglas Philatelic Club

President Bill O'Connor called the meeting to order at 2:05 in a meeting room of the Radisson at LAX. At this time there was no quorum, the board and four members present.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

The treasurer's report was accepted.

Two visitors were introduced and welcomed.

Old Business:

60th SESCAL framed exhibit. Louise Christian thanked everyone for the material and those who helped in the preparation.

New Business:

Wallace Craig, chairman of 2004 SESCAL, presented an interim report:

There was a problem in setting up the exhibit boards as he was not able to reach the usual volunteers. Workmen and others present at the time assisted so that SESCAL 2004 opened on time. Suggestions were

made that in the future each club be asked to send a representative or two to help.

More dealers than in the past participated; in fact, the ballroom was filled, and there was an overflow into the San Jose Room. Thanks to Steve Pettillo for his help in arranging for the dealers.

The president requested ideas for increasing membership and bringing back old organizations. The following were made:

— The speakers' list be revitalized.

— Federation officers visit clubs.

— We form an e-mail information bulletin to each club. The secretary volunteered to find e-mail address for each.

It was noted that we have competition from other shows held on the same weekend in the Federation area and that we appropriately advertise with advanced notices to prevent this from occurring.

The president announced that SANDICAL will be held during the last weekend of January or the first weekend of February, at which time we shall hold the next Federation meeting. Suggestions were made that we be informed of the prices and address with specific directions to the location.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Gulsby,

Secretary

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Meeting of June 19, 2004

Thanks were given to Louise Christian for the use of her home, a delicious lunch and gracious hospitality.

President Bill O'Connor brought the meeting to order at 1:10 pm, with the pledge to the flag.

Attendance sheet was passed for attendees to sign.

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More on President's message ...

Thanks are in order for the entire club for its participation in this endeavor.

Please think about writing an article or two for The Philatelic Review.

Let us know something about your club

activities and what plans you may have for the future. I would like to wish all of our members a very happy holiday season. We have much to be thankful for in this great nation of ours.

If I could design my own stamp ...



As part of the Ventura County Philatelic Society's 14th annual Youth Stamp Fair on Oct. 30, the club sponsored a design-a-stamp contest on the Young Star page of the Ventura County Star. The weekly Young Star page is devoted to youth activities, usually writing a paragraph or two on a specific subject. Many teachers make the writing a class project, and several did the same with the design-a-stamp contest. This year's designs had to have clouds as a major part of the design (the Cloudscapes stamps were issued for National Stamp Collecting Month).

The first-place winners are shown here. From left, in the top row: Steven Porta Jr. of Thousand Oaks, 7 and under

age group; Jenna R. Wall of Oak Park, 8-10 years old; and Alec Beltran of Oxnard, 11 and up. One class of students with physical or learning disabilities also submitted entries, and the society established a special Outstanding Achievement category for them because several of the contestants did not include the required "USA" and "37" as part of the design. Kyler Gregory won first, and his stamp is at right.

The black-and-white reproductions don't have the full effect of the color designs, but they at least give an idea of what some of our younger artists can do.

Youths who attended the Youth Stamp Fair could take part in a cachet contest and a guess the number of



4-H Club mails its own special letters

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Youth Stamp Fair and had a box of U.S. and a box of foreign stamps for them to search through.

Not surprisingly, the boxes of stamps got the most attention, although all the girls seemed to enjoy looking at the samples of different kinds of stamps and covers I passed around.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the program and ended up with stamps of their

own choosing.

I have no way to know how many, if any, will collect any more stamps than they got that night, but at least they were introduced to our favorite hobby.

Some pictures of the members in action, taken by their leader, are on page 1.

Here's another one of the whole group showing off lumbergrams (that's your editor in the back row, left).



What can the Federation do to increase membership and promote stamp collecting?
Send your ideas to President Bill O'Connor (see his column on page 1).

More on minutes ...

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There were no minutes from the last meeting to review.

Richard Willing will investigate the by-laws for dating and descriptions of officers' duties.

Treasurer reported a balance of \$409.21 as of May 31, 2004.

Five clubs have not paid annual dues for this year.

Discussions and suggestions:

Free entrance to SESCAL: Should there be an entrance fee for nonclub members so that there is a benefit to club members? For 2004 there will be no fee; we shall hold further discussion for next year.

Revival of the Speakers List: will hold discussion later.

Use of PEC funds, SESCAL funds and Federation dues. Amount of each is in the last set of minutes.

SESCAL: Wallace Craig, chairman, advised us of the following:

Desert testing

Lost file.

Hotel Planning: Room night credit for Internet room reservations.

Eight tables have been rented.

Four ads have been placed for the program.

There will be a delegation of Chinese Philatelists.

Theme: Sixtieth Anniversary of SESCAL and VE Day.

A publicity chairman is needed.

Web: Jerry Casper

Anniversary: The president explained material, frames and placement.

Awards and Banquet were discussed.

The president requested ideas for increasing club participation in the Federation. It was suggested that we ask for small single task assistance from the various clubs.

**Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Gulsby,
Secretary**

SANDICAL details

WHAT: SANDICAL Stamp Expo 2005, a World Series of Philately show.

WHEN: Friday, Jan. 28, 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 29, 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.; Sunday, Jan. 30, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

WHERE: Al Bahr Shrine Auditorium (behind Hampton Inn, exit I-163 at Clairmont Mesa Drive, go west one block, turn right), 5440 Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego.

ADMISSION AND PARKING: Free.

EXHIBITS: 192 frames.

OTHER: Youth area, U.S. post office, Mexico post office, special show cachets and postmarks. Club meetings include Canal Zone Study Group, M.E.P.S.I., Postal History Society of China, and U.S. Classics Society.

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