



The PHILATELIC REVIEW

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President's message **Many make Federation successful**

By Bill O'Connor

As I write my final message as president of the Federation, I would like to thank all the people who have worked so hard in keeping the Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California operating. Special thanks to Waltraud Helms, our dedicated treasurer, are in order. Charlotte Gulsby has proved a good secretary, and Jerome Kasper as your vice-president has used his computer skills to help in the Federation's business as well as helping with the Web page for SESCAL. John Weigle, our Philatelic Review editor, has worked diligently to get the quarterly issues out, and we thank him for his efforts.

As many of you know, one of our main aims is to promote the yearly SESCAL stamp exhibition. This year, this show will once again be held at the Radis-

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Regency Superior to conduct three auctions at SESCAL

By Wallace Craig

SESCAL chairman

Our show has a major change this year. Michael Rogers has been at our show for the past 15 years and has been a fixture with his Asian auctions. He has told us he must give up his auctions because of the problem of travel by airplane. We appreciate his many years with us and the fine Asian awards that he presented each year.

Regency Superior will conduct business at SESCAL. It will have viewing of auction lots in the San Jose Room from Oct. 7-9. This well-known philatelic auction house will conduct three auctions.

The auctions will be U.S. on Friday, Oct. 7, from 6 p.m. to 9

p.m.; foreign on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 12 noon to 4 p.m.; and collections on Sunday, Oct. 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All of those who work for SESCAL are looking forward to this great addition to our show. We are excited with this outstanding addition to the our stamp show. David Kole, president, and Alan Lipkin, senior vice president, have both been to the Radisson Hotel and understand the facility.

The entire committee is looking forward to working with all the members of the Regency Superior staff.

With the Eire Philatelic Association group and the American

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Federation to meet at SESCAL

The Federation will meet at SESCAL at 3 p.m. Saturday, probably in California Room C (check the schedule of events that will be posted at SESCAL for the final announcement).

The secretary could not attend the June 18 meeting because of car problems so there are no minutes for the Review. Minutes are expected at the Oct. 8 meeting.

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About us

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

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Society of Polar Philatelists, we will have an outstanding show. I would like to ask you to come and help set up and take down. We will have many great exhibits and dealers to help you discover the material which you need to enhance your collection.

One of the great times one can have at a stamp show is meeting people who are interested in the material

that you collect. The meeting of fellow collectors is, in my opinion, the greatest fun there is in going to a stamp show.

We are looking forward to seeing you at SESCAL 2005 on Oct. 7-9 at the Radisson Hotel, 6225 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045. There is a special rate of \$96 for those of you who wish to stay at the hotel.

Two national societies plan annual conventions at SESCAL this year

This year's SESCAL will be host to the national conventions of the Eire Philatelic Association and the American Society of Polar Philatelists.

The theme of this year's show is "Advances in American Aviation." A special cancel will be available.

For details on the SESCAL date, location and hours, see the box in column 2.

Be sure to check the SESCAL Web site, from which most of this information came, for the latest details on exhibits, dealers and meetings. The information was not available in time for the Philatelic Review deadline. The meetings scheduled is expected to be posted by Sept. 10.

SESCAL 2005 will not hold its exhibit of philatelic literature this year.

SESCAL is an APS World Series of Philately exhibition, and the 2005 Grand Award winner is eligible to compete in the APS Champion of Champions exhibition at Stampshow 2006, Aug. 24-27, in Rosemont, Ill.

The United States Postal Service

At a glance ...

WHAT: SESCAL, the 61st annual Stamp Exhibition of Southern California, sponsored by the Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California.

WHEN: Oct. 7 - 9, 2005.

WHERE: The Radisson Los Angeles Airport Hotel, 6225 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles.

HOURS: Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

ADMISSION: Free, validated parking.

FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION:

Check the SESCAL Web site at <http://www.sescal.org>.

and United Nations Postal Administration will have booths at SESCAL, as will the societies holding conventions, the American Philatelic Society and possibly others.

Awards will be presented at the Palmares Banquet at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Top of the Radisson overlooking the LAX south runways.

To ensure seating, those who plan to attend the dinner should buy tickets by Sept. 27. Banquet tickets are \$35 each and can be ordered by mail

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More on SESCAL 2005 plans ...

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from Mrs. Betty Green, 15125 Arlette Drive, Victorville, CA 92394-2001.

Tickets will not be mailed but should be picked up at the show.

Those with dietary requests or restrictions should state them when making the reservation. Changes can not be made the night of the banquet.

More details about the societies that are having their conventions at SESCAL may be obtained at the following Web sites:

Eire Philatelic Association: www.eirephilatelicassoc.org/

home.html

American Society of Polar Philatelists: www.polarphilatelists.org/

The Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California is APS Chapter 246 — a 50-year member of the American Philatelic Society.

It is made up of local stamp clubs and local chapters of national societies.

The Federation sponsors SESCAL. One feature of the show's annual awards banquet is the presentation of the Federation's Distinguished Service Award.

The area encompassed by the Federation is almost 12,000 square miles and extends from San Luis Obispo 260 miles south to San Diego and 90 miles east to the Riverside area.

At the present time, 33 clubs make up the Federation.

Clubs in the area that are not Federation members may contact the Federation secretary for information.

The dues are \$10 per year. That helps cover the cost of printing and mailing copies of The Philatelic Review.

More on president's message ...

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son Hotel, which is located by the Los Angeles International Airport. It is hoped that many clubs in the area will make a special effort to attend the show as well as the regular Federation meeting on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 8.

I think it would be a good idea

for clubs to share ideas and try to communicate with each other in a more regular way than we have in the past. Please bring ideas to the meeting to try to help revitalize our local club activities and maintain a healthy dialogue with each other.

The constant good work provided by Wallace Craig, SES-

CAL chairperson, and Howard Green, the exhibits chairperson, cannot be overestimated. I would like to formally thank all the members of the SESCAL committee for their many years of dedication and service to our hobby.

I hope to see many of you this year at our 61st annual gathering.

POWPEX set for Nov. 12-13

POWPEX, sponsored by the Poway Stamp Club, is scheduled for Nov. 12-13 at the Al Bahr Temple, 5540 Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego. The hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday.

Contact Bill O'Connor, 3803 Foxglove Lane, Fallbrook, CA,

760-723-7372, or e-mail concon@aol.com, for more information. The show is also listed at http://www.stampshows.com/sandiego_psc.html

The show organizers expect 22 dealers and will offer a special cancel. Admission and parking are free.



Editor's corner

How about a trip to Washington 2006?

This issue is a little later than I would have liked, but I spent a week in the hospital early in August for an unexpected gallbladder operation and another week away from the computer for some recovery time. As I write this, I'm still on medical leave from work (the surgeon had to make the long cut, not the through-the-navel procedure), but recovery is moving right along, and I expect to be back at work on Sept. 7. I've even gained back some of the weight I lost (darn it).

With Washington 2006 coming soon, I wonder if the Fed-

eration or any of its member clubs have considered sponsoring a trip to the big show. I have no idea what's involved in setting up such a tour, but I can't help but think it might encourage people from the Federation area to attend if there was a chance to get a break on travel/hotel expenses.

As this issue was being prepared, SESCAL was still short of exhibits. I assume the problem will be solved before the Review is printed and mailed, but if you have an exhibit prepared, it wouldn't hurt to contact the exhibits chairman

through the SESCAL Web site to see if any openings are still available.

I'm sure, however, that there are still openings for people to help out at the show. Except for setting up and tearing down, there's generally no need for heavy lifting. People are needed at the admissions table to answer questions, take tickets and validate parking. If you want to get into the "SESCAL clique" (if such a thing exists) quickly, just volunteer to help, even for just an hour or so.

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