



# The PHILATELIC REVIEW

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## SESCAL scheduled for Oct. 5-7

SESCAL, the largest club- or federation-sponsored show in Southern California, is scheduled for Oct. 5-7 at the Hilton Los Angeles Airport Hotel, 5711 West Century Boulevard, Los Angeles.

Hours for the 68th annual SESCAL are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free, and reduced \$8 self-parking is available with validation.

The show will celebrate the 1929 Zeppelin Flight Over Japan.

The Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California (FPCSC), a consortium of 24 clubs, societies and chapters from throughout Southern California and a 53-year member of the American Philatelic Society, sponsors SESCAL 2012 (Stamp Exhibition of Southern California).

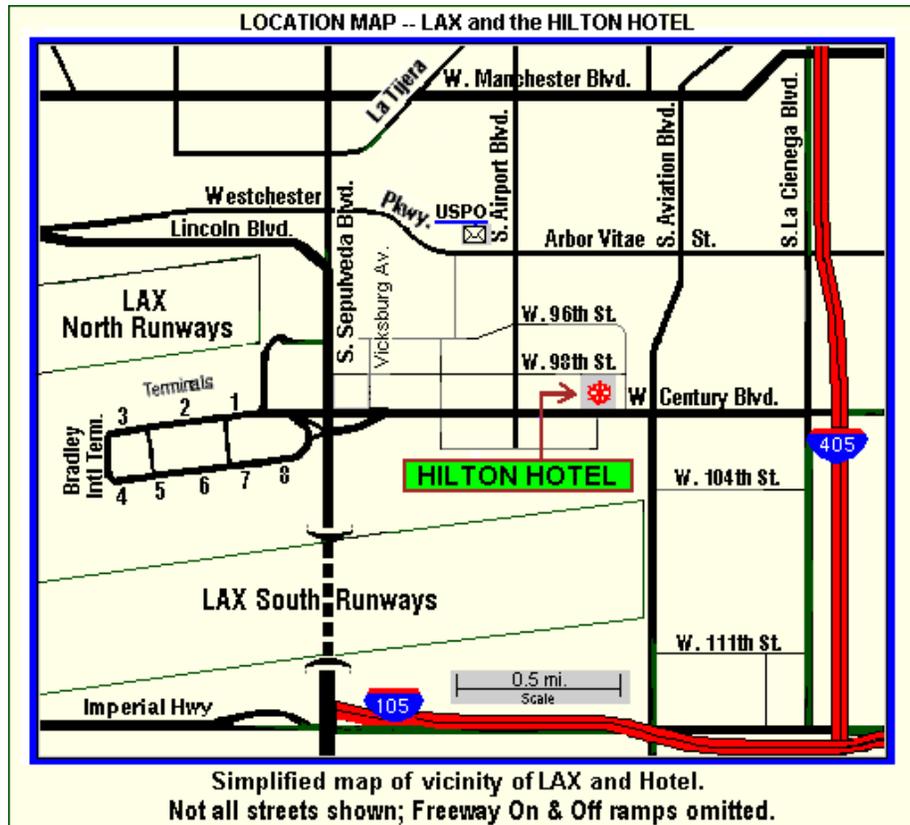
The show will be the host for the national conventions of The International Society for Japanese Philately and the Zeppelin Study Group.

Several societies and philatelic organizations will hold regional meetings at the show, including the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, American First Day Cover Society, Plate Number Coil Collectors Club, U.S. Philatelic Classics Society, The Postal History Foundation/Arizona Rangers, Virtual Stamp Club, and Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California.

The bourse (sales area) is expected to include 40 dealers from across the United States with a wide variety of philatelic material for sale. The United States Postal Service and the United Nations Postal Administration will have booths.

Regency-Superior will hold two auctions of philatelic material, space memorabilia and other collectibles:

Oct. 6: Space, Coins, Autographs



Auction.

Oct. 7: SESCAL Stamp Show Auction.

Lot viewing begins Friday, Oct. 5, from noon to 6 p.m. and continues during show hours until the end of the last auction on Sunday. Viewing of space memorabilia is at the Beverly Hills Office beginning Oct. 4. The auction catalogs can be examined online at <http://www.regencystamps.com/catalog.aspx>.

The exhibition is expected to have more than 150 frames of philatelic material. The awards banquet will start at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Hilton Hotel. The show's grand-award winning exhibitor is eligible to compete in the American Phil-

atelic Society's Champion of Champions competition at Stamp Show 2013 in Columbus, Ohio.

The Arizona Philatelic Rangers will have a banquet Friday at 7:15 p.m.

The American Philatelic Society will offer a two-day educational course on U.S. Bank Note Company Issues: 1870-1890, by Clark Frazier on Oct. 3-4. A registration form is available at [http://stamps.org/education.edu\\_Courses.htm](http://stamps.org/education.edu_Courses.htm).

The fee for the course, \$35 for APS members and \$50 for non-members, has been sharply reduced thanks to the Philatelic Society of Los Angeles, which is sponsoring the course in memory of A.

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The SESCAL articles in this issue were provided by publicity chairman Bill Miller. Many thanks, Bill. Newsletter editors should feel free to use this information in their own newsletters.

## About us

The Philatelic Review is published irregularly 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](http://www.sescal.org).

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## When The Graf Zeppelin landed In Tsuchiura, Japan

In the summer of 1929, Japanese farmers stood out in their fields and heard a distant engine drone. Looking up, they saw the giant Graf Zeppelin sailing towards them. In awe, they watched as the Graf Zeppelin airship glided over them. At 236.6 meters long and 30.5 meters wide, it was like shades of the "Remulakian War Ship-Coneheads" movie, but this was no space alien invasion.

Even those who had heard the news that the world's largest flying machine was visiting Japan on its around-the-world cruise must have been stunned by the unnerving sight. But can you imagine what it would have been like for some agrarian worker without access to a radio or newspaper to have the sky suddenly obliterated overhead? Many friends would be terrified by the event, because the Graff flew only a couple of hundred meters above the ground.

The Graf Zeppelin was later supplanted by the Hindenburg, which was a few meters longer at 247.8 meters, as the largest manmade object ever to fly. That ship met its fate on May 6, 1937, when it caught fire while attempting to land at Lakehurst, N.J., just outside New York City. Interestingly, it was not the hydrogen-filled tanks that caused the fire, but the flammable aluminum powder-filled paint varnish that covered the outside. (See <http://www.americanhydrogenassociation.org/ahahindenburg.html> for details).

After the Hindenburg disaster, the Graf Zeppelin was dismantled, and no other airship on that scale has been built since. During its nine years of operation, it made more than 650 flights safely carrying more than 18,000 passengers. In addition to its 20-day around-the-

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L. "Toby" Tobias.

A Youth Activities area will be open all three show days for youth and adult beginners. A large selection of stamps for these collectors will be available for free.

Reservations at the Hilton Los Angeles Airport Hotel for SESCAL 2012 must be received by Sept. 9, 2012, in order to receive the SESCAL \$89 rate. Reservations may be made by calling the Hilton Los Angeles Airport Hotel directly at 310-410-4000, or by using the Hilton's nationwide reservations number, 800-HILTONS.

When you call, you must mention the spe-

cial SESCAL Group Code, "FPC" (for Federation of Philatelic Clubs) to get the SESCAL rate.

Reservations may also be made at the Hilton's Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California webpage via the link at <http://www.sescal.org/seshotelres.htm>.

The Hilton Hotel also provides 24-hour complimentary airport shuttle service. Parking is reduced to \$8 a day with in and out privileges. The special rate is available up to three days before and three days after the show.

For the latest show information, including a map of parking, visit the SESCAL 2012 website at [www.sescal.org](http://www.sescal.org).

## SESCAL at a glance

**WHAT:** SESCAL 2012.

**WHERE:** Hilton Los Angeles Airport Hotel, 5711 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles..

**DATES AND HOURS:** Friday, Oct. 5, and Saturday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**FEDERATION MEETING:** Day and time TBA; normally on Saturday afternoon.

**ADMISSION:** Free admission, validated parking \$8.

**FEATURES:** Dealers, exhibits, Regency Superior auction, society meetings.

**WEB SITE:** [www.sescal.org](http://www.sescal.org)



## More on Zeppelin flight ...

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world publicity flight in 1929, it made a trip to the North Pole in 1931.

The 1929 flight was for publicity purposes and was financed by American philanthropist William Randolph Hearst. It left New York City on Aug. 7 and flew to its home base in Germany and from there on across Russia to Japan, a four-day trip. After dazzling people in Tokyo and Yokohama as it flew over, it circled back up to land in Tsuchiura on Aug. 19.

After a four-day layover in Tsuchiura, where the crew and passengers were wine and dined, the Graf Zeppelin headed out across the Pacific to Los Angeles and back to New York, arriving on Aug. 29.

This was only two years after Charles Lindberg became the first person to fly across the Atlantic, and so flying around the world in only 288 hours of flying time was quite a feat indeed. The publicity stunt was a huge success, as “Zeppelin

fever” swept the world, establishing airship travel as the wave of the future. Imagine, a luxurious around-the-world cruise with stopovers in exotic places in far less time than the Queen Mary. What a view it must have been from the luxurious seats.

But that wave was short-lived, as the disastrous end of the Hindenberg), as well as Nazi warmongering and WWII, brought to a close this distinct chapter in aviation history.

### **Please share this issue**

This issue is being emailed to clubs and collectors whose email addresses we have from the member clubs listing at <http://sescal.org/fedclubs.htm>. Because the show is so close there is unlikely to be a mailed printed version, so please feel free to forward this to members of your club or other collectors you know who might be interested. — Editor

**Visit and support the  
SESCAL dealers; they make  
the show possible.**

# Philatelic news and notes

## SANDICAL scheduled for Feb. 8-10

SANDICAL 2013 will be Feb. 8-10 at the Al Bahr Temple, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego (see map at right).

The show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Special events during the show include the following: (from a list at sandical.org):

Friday: 10:30 a.m., "What's in Your Attic?" valuation service.

Saturday: 10:30 a.m., "What's in Your Attic?" valuation service; 11 a.m., Beacon 2-cent Airmail presentation; noon, U.S. Philatelic Classics Society (New York Foreign Mail Cancels & Covers); 1 p.m., Plate Number Collectors meeting; 2 p.m., Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California; 3 p.m., AAPE meeting; 7 p.m., Awards Banquet.

Sunday: 10:30 a.m., What's in Your Attic?: valuation service.



## The Federation needs ...

The newsletter has noted for the past two years that the Federation and SESCAL need volunteers (check the list of empty officers' positions on page 2). Each year, the ice gets thinner, and both groups come closer to falling through and losing everything that has been accomplished in the past years.

Are Southern California collectors really so apathetic that they're willing to let the federation and SESCAL die, while those in Northern California support WESTPEX, which seems to get bigger each year?

We are not being fair to Jerry Kasper, who, despite moving to Northern California and struggling with health issues, is keeping the ship upright and on course. But he can't do it alone, and we should not ask him to.

Please consider volunteering and getting new blood involved.

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