

JOHN D. ARN PHILATELIC SYMPOSIUM – PROGRAM

MOSES LAKE, WASHINGTON

Saturday, March 29, 2025

- 8:00 A.M. Philatelic Day Registration – Log in Auction Lots – Renew and Make New Acquaintances – Coffee, Rolls, etc.
- 8:50 A.M. Welcome / Announcements
- 9:00 A.M. Joe Voice – *Greenland Letters without Greenland Stamps*
- 10:00 A.M. Clothesline Presentations
- 10:15 A.M. BREAK – Finish Entering Auction Lots and Auction Lot Viewing
- 11:00 A.M. Raymond Villeneuve – *Canada-U.S. Special Delivery Service 1898-1939*
- 12:30 P.M. LUNCH
- 1:30 P.M. Steve Stiff – *The Universal Postal Union Congresses: Who? What? When? Why? Where? (with some stamps)*
- 2:30 P.M. J W Palmer – *War Act of 1898: The Small Change Tax, Dollar Values*
- 3:30 P.M. BREAK – Silent Auction Closes 15 minutes after the last talk
- 3:45 P.M. Registrant’s Participation – Clothesline Items or One-Page Showings
- 4:15 P.M. LIVE AUCTION BEGINS
- 5:30 P.M. LIVE AUCTION ENDS – We will try to settle the auctions before dinner
- 6:00 P.M. DINNER – (We often sit and visit after the dinner)

MEET THE SPEAKERS 2025

Note: Biographies are provided by the speakers.

Joe Voice – Pasco, WA: I have been collecting and researching stamps since about 1996. I started collecting to relieve stresses caused at the day job, working with a stamp dealer at a brick-and-mortar shop in Kennewick that knew how to get a potential collector hooked. That dealer allowed me to take recently acquired collections home to pick through charging just 10 cents for each stamp. Through looking at stamps and catalogs into early morning hours, I got to know a lot about worldwide stamps, narrowing my interests at that time to Greenland, Iceland and Bicycle stamps. I have continued adding to my collection of Greenland postal history. Other current collecting interests include AMG Germany, covers from the 2-cent US Airmail rate period, CAM-5/CAM-32 and the Varney Airgram. Now I enjoy research much more than collecting, leading into philatelic exhibiting starting in 2021. I've written technical articles that have been published in the journal of the Allied Military Government Collectors Club, resulting from research conducted for my US Navy patrol aircraft exhibit that correct and expand upon previously published information that is being incorporated into the latest revision of the Trans-Oceanic Record Flights section of the American Air Mail Catalogue currently in preparation by the American Air Mail Society. I also have a three-frame exhibit on the Varney Airgram that includes a design type catalog developed through my research for the Willamette Valley Exhibition and PIPEX; it also won a Gold Medal and the Marcus White Award for the best postal stationary exhibit at SEAPEX.

Raymond Villeneuve – Calgary, AB: Attending CAPEX 1987 with my youngest son got me started in philately. As an elementary school teacher, I soon found that stamps could be a useful tool with my students. I ran a school stamp club for about 10 years and organized youth club activities in local stamp clubs. Personal collecting interests started with thematics: OLYMPICS - stamps, covers, postmarks and poster stamps from pre-1956 countries where Olympic Games were held; UNESCO and its worldwide mission; Japanese New Year stamps and card traditions. I also got involved in postal history, first with my home county of Russell in Eastern Ontario and then with various auxiliary cancels and postmarks. For almost 15 years, I have been collecting Canadian Special Delivery covers and studying its service along with its forms, labels, and postmarks. I have exhibited on Canada and U.S. Special Delivery service as well. Member and officer of stamp clubs in Ottawa, Calgary, BNAPS, and a contributor to BNA Topics, Maple Leaf Journal, PHSC Journal, and the Calgary Philatelist. Served on the organizing committees for OROPEX and BNAPEX.

J W Palmer – Spokane, WA: I have been collecting for 60 years and have never stopped. Started collecting when I was a child with my Aunt who came over every weekend on Sunday and we worked for 3 or 4 hours mounting stamps. My collecting was in US, Canada, United Nations in singles and plate blocks. In 1984 had a break in and lost my first volumes of US and Canada so decided I needed something new to collect. I bought a lot of proprietary and documentary battleships to try something new. Well it turned into a now a lifelong collecting specialty of "The War Act of 1898" and everything concerning it. I also collect many other countries and have documents from all the tax periods. Have a few topical areas that have grown over the years. I have been involved in various positions from 1989 to 2011 for PIPEX and our local shows in Spokane. Volunteered at AIRPEX in Mesa for 10 years mounting exhibits and so forth. Have won a Grand and two Reserve Grands. He has been a board member of the Inland Empire Philatelic Society for 34 years and the President for over 20 years. Member of ARA, APS, AAPE, BCPSG, IEPS.

Steve Stiff – Missoula, MT: My interest in stamp collecting began in 1960 at the tender age of 7, when my cousin introduced me to the 7¢ red and the 7¢ blue US airmail stamps. Her father worked a plastics manufacturing firm and he shared a wide variety of US and foreign stamps from the mail he received. Needless to say, I was hooked, but life intervened. After many years, and a few fits and spurts, my granddaughter Izzy instigated my return to philately (with a nod to Mike Zak, her substitute teacher). Izzy excitedly showed me stamps Mike had awarded her for participation in class, and she told me about a stamp club in Missoula. That was seven years ago... My stamp collecting is currently focused on pre-1940 issues from the US, Great Britain, France and Canada. I also have an interest in early Hungary, Czechoslovakia and other European countries. I became interested in the Universal Postal Union when I purchased an album page with ten 1894 regular issue stamps; I wanted the damaged \$2 James Madison as a filler for my collection. Upon receiving the stamps, I discovered that what I thought were cancellations turned out to be overprints: UNIVERSAL POSTAL CONGRESS. Serious research directed me to the Specimen Stamps section of the Scott Specialized Catalogue of US Stamps and Covers. Further research showed that these stamps are part of a package of postal items gifted to the attendees of the 1897 Washington, DC, Universal Postal Congress of the UPU. That discovery prompted me to explore the 1897 UPU Congress and, by extension, the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and why it was created. And, of course, the international postal items issued to commemorate the UPU.