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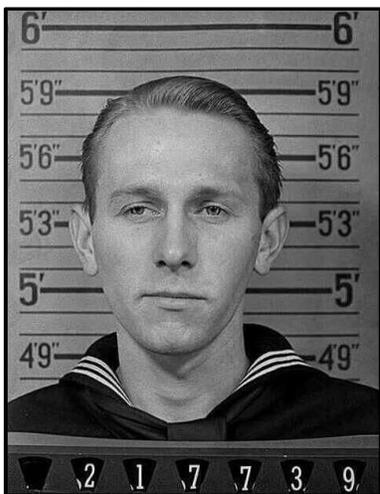
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## “Did They Get Off?” Douglas A. Munro, USCG

by Dennis W. Gill  
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Ask anyone at your next stamp club gathering or perhaps at an upcoming stamp show you plan to attend: “Who was Doug Munro?” Depending on their age, level of military knowledge or how much they might know about Pacific Northwest history, the answers might surprise you. Some may say “Who?” while others you ask might tell you, correctly, that Munro is the Coast Guardsman who is his service’s only recipient of the Medal of Honor. For a young man born in Vancouver, British Columbia, and raised in South Cle Elum, Washington, who gave his last full measure of devotion in the bloody waters off Guadalcanal in the darkest days of World War Two, Douglas Munro deserves to be widely known and honored for his bravery, courage and sacrifice.

Munro’s father James was a U.S. citizen living and working in Vancouver, BC, when Doug was born there in 1919. His mother Edith was of English origin who emigrated to Canada at the age of 15; more on her later. After leaving Canada and settling in South Cle Elum, Munro’s childhood was apparently idyllic. His family weathered the Depression years relatively comfortably, and he enjoyed exploring the outdoors of his rural surroundings. By 1939, having graduated from high school and finding college wasn’t for him, and knowing



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U.S. involvement in Europe’s growing war was inevitable he enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard. The training of recruits in pre-WW II days was a bit less “formal” than in later years. Munro and several others were shipped off to Coast Guard Air Station Port Angeles, Washington, where they performed general duties for a time. When the cutter *Spencer* (WPG-36) arrived in port, needing additional crewmen, Munro and his close friend, Raymond J. Evans, were placed on board. Over the next several years, Munro learned the duties of seamanship, navigation and communication. Once he mastered Morse code and the use of signal flags and blinker lights, he officially became a Signaller, eventually rising to the rank of Signaller First Class (E-6 in today’s pay/rank structure).

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## From the Editor's Desk...

The Federation Board members hope you had a great holiday season and relaxing start to the New Year. Now we are in the Season of Winter Blasts of Ice & Snow, and Girl Scout Cookies. (Except our winter here in Seattle/Puget Sound area is anything but snow and ice...yet.) By the time you receive this issue, we will be at the tail-end of winter with spring just around the corner. In our area, we had some warmer weather in January – so warm that the irises started coming up and the roses were blooming, then froze in icy blankets when we had low-20's the next week.

Happy 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday to our Declaration of Independence and the United States of America! Tell us what philatelic events you are attending; photos bonus.

The NWFSC Annual Report is obviously making the rounds as I am thrilled to receive my first copy of *The Umpqua Valley Stamper* newsletter from the Umpqua Valley Stamp Club via email in mid-December. Nice little journal! Additional club information and Upcoming Shows listings on the last page have been updated; let me know dates of your show if it is not listed. If you have not yet completed the Annual Report for your club, you can find it on page 4.

Fraser Valley and Peace Arch Stamp Clubs are combining to host a brand new stamp show on March 28, 2026 in Langley, British Columbia. My husband and I hope to attend. See ad on page 8.

As you continue reading through this issue, you will see there is so much going on this spring and into the summer: John Arn Symposium registration form, several shows looking for exhibitors, and the Federation looking for nominees for its awards. Besides the various stamp shows in Federation Territory. It's all in here! The John Arn Symposium is in the middle of Washington state. It is quite a drive to Moses Lake – guaranteed you will cross many **weather patterns** as you drive from western Washington, Canada or Oregon. You could very well drive through sunshine, rain, sleet/hail, snow (in the passes) and then back to sunshine -- all in one day! A worthy drive for great speakers, food, comradeship and auctions.

I am excited to print an Aerophilately article from a writer in Kerala, India. There are many philatelic journals published around the world and all contain great articles. Last year, I reprinted an article from a Swiss journal; this issue's article is from *Ananthapuri Stamp Bulletin*, an e-journal out of India that I've been enjoying for many years.

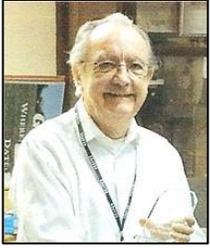
Remember, we are always looking for articles for our journal, whether they be one page or several pages. Our readers love scans to go with those write-ups. Articles are encouraged to be about the Federation locales, but articles about anything philatelic around the world are always accepted. We produce only 4 journals a year, so that gives you more time to write versus writing for a monthly journal.

For those of you who are getting snow, enjoy it for me, and have fun working on your stamps!

--- Carol J. Edholm

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## Executive Secretary's Notes



### **Think Big!**

### **Help the Federation**

Stamp collecting keeps us going. Many of us set impossible tasks as our collecting goals, and we don't recognize it. This is life -- an impossible task. We are not discouraged. What we recognize is each achievement in reaching our goal. Yes, we realize that the goal to make a complete collection is unlikely, but each new stamp or cover is an advancement.

To keep completion from being an end, if we should reach it or maybe just to be able to obtain new material, we add extensions and establish new levels for the collection. As a kid, I loved the colors and shapes of the Mozambique Company stamps. As an adult, I extended that to an exhibit. Yes, only one frame. I chose to title it "*The Success of the Mozambique Company*." Of course, for the investors it was not. But, ah, the reason the Portuguese government wanted the establishment of the company was to strengthen its claim of occupation of the land, especially that encroached on by Cecil Rhodes' British South African Company. Negotiations led to the Anglo-Portuguese Treaty of 1891 in which the Portuguese government was mostly successful. Later, investors took the loss.

I have extended my scope again. Now I am collecting for an exhibit on the Zambezi River and learning a lot. Even if I don't finish it, the learning is an achievement. The River can be related to Heligoland in the North Sea or to the Cape-to-Cairo railroad (which was never finished either) or even to El Dorado, the mythical city of gold in South America.

Stamp collecting is a journey, not a destination.

So, let's come to the present. Stamp collecting -- and the Northwest Federation -- is struggling, but that struggling is a mindset as much as a reality. Yes, there are not as many new collectors as there used to be. Yes, stamp collectors -- and dealers -- are getting old. Yes, border exchanges between the US and Canada are not as easy as earlier. Yes, there are not as many stamp shows as there used to be. Yes, stamps, albums, mounts and even hinges are more expensive. But if that is a downer, it is a just mindset taking over.

Yes, the internet has offered us new routes to obtain stamps and a much wider range than we would have ever found at the local stamp show. Yes, approvals are gone,

but eBay, Colnect, etc. are here. Yes, slide shows are gone as is the loud thunk to change the slide, but multimedia presentations are here. Tedious library research of stamp-related topics is out, but internet searches, which are deeper and faster, are in.

Also the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs is here. We still support the John Arn Philatelic Symposium in Moses Lake, Washington. This year it is April 11. We still promote PIPEX in Clackamas (Portland), Oregon; this year it is May 1-3. We still publish this journal, *The Federated Philatelist*, four times a year. This is issue 249. And because it is distributed electronically and not through the post office, we have a wider distribution (now almost 1000 direct email copies) and without cost -- so much cheaper that club dues are suspended this year. But please, make sure your club has informed us of current information by filling in the Annual Report on page 4.

The Northwest Federation is also changing and will be using the internet. The most important advancement, I believe, is to unite our clubs through a shared system of Zoom programs. The Federation will obtain (this should be -- has obtained by the distribution of this issue) a Zoom license. I, and I'm sure others in the almost two million square miles/over 5 million kilometers of the nine areas of the Federation, have electronic programs to share.

I have given eight PowerPoint presentations, and I am hyped to do a new one on how Heligoland, Cape-to-Cairo railroad and the mythic South American city of gold are connected to the Zambezi River.

To establish this electronic program, what the Federation needs from you, its members, is ---

1. **Web/Zoom hosts:** These will connect speakers and audiences through Zoom. Right now Board Chair Eric Knapp can do this (from Anchorage, Alaska), but I hope that participation in the program will grow so that several people who need only internet connection and time to host will be found throughout the Federation. Eric will train volunteers, via the internet.
2. **Club-contact volunteers:** These will coordinate among speakers, Zoom hosts and the local clubs.
3. **Speakers:** These will prepare and present topics on philately.

Finally, speaking of the size-area of the Federation, there are only six countries with larger land areas: Russia, Canada, China, US, Brazil and Australia. Yes, our population is small, just over 28 million. There are 54 counties with more inhabitants.

**Think big. Help the Federation.**

~ Larry Crain, Executive Secretary

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# Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs

## Annual Report (due 1 April)

submit to Executive Secretary Larry Crain <larry.crain@gmail.com>

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_

# of members: adults \_\_\_\_\_ under 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_

# of members belonging to: APS \_\_\_\_\_ RPSC \_\_\_\_\_ BNAPS \_\_\_\_\_

Is club member of APS \_\_\_\_\_ RPSC \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Meeting times: \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting place: \_\_\_\_\_

Are meetings open to others? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Does your club distribute a newsletter? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If so, please send a copy to the editor of The Federated Philatelist: Carol Edholm [peafowlphilatelics@gmail.com](mailto:peafowlphilatelics@gmail.com)

Club web site (if one): \_\_\_\_\_

Club mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

**NW Fed Web site info:** [www.nwfedstamps.org](http://www.nwfedstamps.org)

The above information will go on our website unless you say no.

Do you want Club NWFSC contacts (below) info on our website? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

**CLUB NWFSC Contacts** (two persons to whom Federation can send email notices, reports, Federated Philatelist, etc.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

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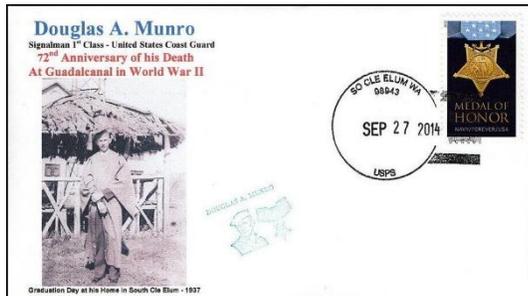
**CLUB PRESIDENT and/or TREASURER if not listed above**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

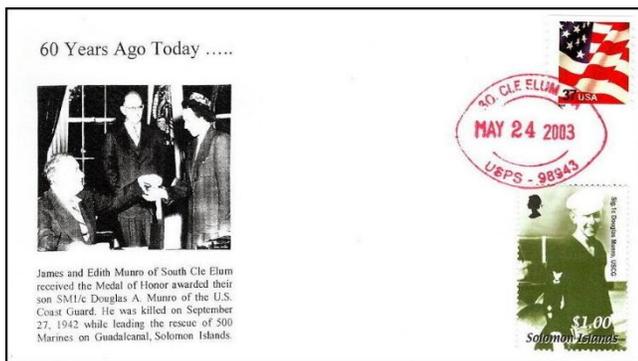
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The war Munro knew was coming to the U.S. did arrive in 1941, and Munro (along with his friend Evans) found themselves Pacific theatre bound. In addition to his signalman duties, Munro trained as a small boat



coxswain, meaning he was qualified to operate Higgins boats, small landing craft used to transport troops from larger ships to shore. On 7 August 1942, U.S. Marines landed on Japanese-held Guadalcanal Island and began the process of retaking Pacific islands, leading ultimately to victory over Japan. Off Guadalcanal, Munro was on the transport USS *McCawley* (APA-10) actively loading his Higgins boat with Marines and landing them on islands near Guadalcanal. On 27 September 1942, he led a group of 24 landing craft to a point on the island behind attacking Japanese forces to land a battalion of Marines at Point Cruz, Guadalcanal. However, as Japanese resistance was found to be too fierce, Munro and the others went back to extract the Marines. While directing other boats to the beach to retrieve the beleaguered force, Munro selflessly placed his boat in the line of Japanese fire as protection. He was struck by a Japanese bullet at the base of his skull and fell to the deck. Moments later he asked his friend Evans "Did they get off?" meaning the Marines from the beach. Evans told him yes and Munro, at age 22, died.

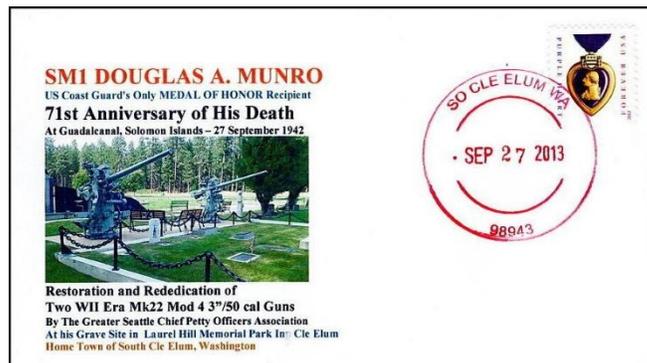
At a ceremony in the White House on 24 May 1943, James and Edith Munro received the posthumous Medal of Honor for the actions of their son. Two days later Edith raised her right hand and was sworn into the U.S. Coast Guard. Despite push-back over her age (she was 48 at the time), Munro's mother persisted, vowing to continue her son's legacy. Eventually she was awarded a commission in the SPARS, the Coast Guard's women's reserve



White House: Medal of Honor presented to mother and father of Douglas A. Munro. (Note the Solomon Islands stamp honoring Munro.)

component and eventually rose to command a Coast Guard barracks in Seattle as a Lieutenant. Determined as she was to carry on her son's legacy, Edith's highest wartime honor was perhaps being chosen as the sponsor for a new U.S. Navy destroyer escort named in her son's honor. In a ceremony on 8 March 1944, she broke a bottle of champagne across the bow of the USS *Douglas A. Munro* (DE-422) as it was launched at a shipyard in Houston, Texas. A second sponsorship awaited Edith, for in 1971 she performed the same duty for USCGC *Munro* (WHEC-724), later renamed *Douglas Munro*. Edith died in 1983, at the age of 88. A third namesake ship, USCGC *Munro* (WMSL-755), was commissioned in 2017.

Through the work of the USS *Puget Sound* Chapter #74 of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society (USCS), and particularly the efforts of past president Bob Clark, a philatelic record of Doug Munro's life and career has been created. Many of the significant milestones in Munro's life were celebrated with covers to mark the event. His graduation from high school is commemorated on a cover, and several others have been created and canceled with a September 27 date marking when he was killed off Guadalcanal. Additionally, covers have been made for the three ships named in Munro's honor.



Douglas A. Munro is buried at Laurel Hill Memorial Park in Cle Elum, Washington. His Medal of Honor is maintained at the U.S. Coast Guard Museum, New London, Connecticut. The citation accompanying the Medal reads, in part: "[He] saved the lives of many who otherwise would have perished. He gallantly gave his life for his country." A true hero.

Dennis W. Gill is the Associate Editor of and a frequent contributor to the Universal Ship Cancellation Society's LOG, an award-winning monthly journal. For anyone interested in naval covers, postmarks and ship history go to <https://uscs.org/> or contact [denny.gill@gmail.com](mailto:denny.gill@gmail.com).

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NORTHWEST FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS PRESENTS  
**THE THIRTY-FOURTH JOHN D. ARN PHILATELIC  
SYMPOSIUM**  
AT MOSES LAKE, WASHINGTON

**\*\* Saturday, April 11, 2026 \*\***

**BEST WESTERN LAKE FRONT INN & CONFERENCE CENTER  
MOSES LAKE, WASHINGTON**

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The Moses Lake Philatelic Day was established in 1990 by John Arn of the Inland Empire Philatelic Society in Spokane. For over 30 years it has served as a popular gathering of philatelic minded people in the northwest. Good fellowship, and a time to renew friendships and meet collectors with similar interests. We have moved the date to April 11 this year to avoid conflict with Easter weekend.

Once again the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs is supporting the symposium by assisting with the cost of the venue. We will have four speakers for the symposium again this year. As usual, we will have two auctions where participants enter the lots. Sellers pay just one contribution of \$4.00 – there are no other Auction fees for the buyers or sellers.

**A complete program will be listed on the Federation website: [www.nwfedstamps.org](http://www.nwfedstamps.org)**

Often we have a little extra time between presentations. Other participants can give short “clothesline” presentations of 5-10 minutes. If willing to do one of these, please indicate on your Registration Form.

I sincerely hope you can help make it a successful event this year.

Jim Hirstein  
jhirstein@hotmail.com

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**FRIDAY EVENING EVENTS (April 10)**

Hospitality Room will be at the Best Western Lake Front Inn from 5:30 – 7:00. Wine and snacks will be available. About 7:00pm, meet at the Super China Buffet, 711 North Stratford Road in Moses Lake, for a **no-host dinner**.

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**TWO AUCTIONS AT THE ARN SYMPOSIUM (SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026)**

**AUCTION I – SILENT AUCTION.** Participants may enter as many lots as they want here. Starting prices should be around \$3.00. Bidding increments are not applicable. Lots are awarded to the highest bidder at the end of the designated time. **The Silent Auction will close during the break after the last talk.**

**AUCTION II – REGULAR FLOOR BID AUCTION.** Everyone is urged to enter at least three lots. Additional lots may be entered at the discretion of the auctioneer. Time constraints limit floor lots to not more than 150. Opening bid will be \$3.00 or the sellers stated minimum selling price. Bidding increments will be announced by the auctioneer. Minimum prices, if any, must be stated on the lot card.

**The Best Western Lake Front Inn offers a reduced rate for participants.  
Be sure to ask for the “Stamp Group” rate.  
Phone number is 1-509-765-9211**

\*\*\*\*\* **REGISTRATION FORM** \*\*\*\*\*

**INCLUDE ALL NAMES  
AND ADDRESSES (PLEASE PRINT)**

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**REGISTER EARLY – IF RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2026,  
I WILL SEND YOU AUCTION TICKETS TO PREPARE IN ADVANCE  
Late registrants on April 10-11 will require a \$5.00 surcharge to any meal fee.**

Participation Ticket (Registration & Lunch only)	\$55.00	Build Your Own Sandwich		
Fellowship Ticket (Registration & Dinner only)	\$65.00	Buffet with Chicken		
Fellowship "Plus" Ticket (Reg., Lunch & Dinner)	\$90.00			
Extra Lunch Ticket	\$30.00			
Extra Dinner Ticket	\$45.00			
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b> <b>(Check or Money Order Only) <u>Payable to James Hirstein</u></b>				

I/we plan to attend the Friday night dinner: \_\_\_\_\_ (No Host – Pay at the Door)

I would like to give a clothesline presentation \_\_\_\_\_

## EDMONTON STAMP CLUB

### 2026 SPRING NATIONAL STAMP SHOW



March 21-22, 2026

Saturday 10-5pm, Sunday 10-4pm

Central Lions Recreational Centre  
113 St & 111 Ave

- Stamp Dealers from across Western Canada
- Exhibits (WSP) contact Stephan Cloutier, [ccloutier1967@sympatico.ca](mailto:ccloutier1967@sympatico.ca)
- Stamp Circuit Books Door Prizes, Junior Table
  - Food Bank Donations Box
  - Free Stamp Evaluations
- For further information: [www.edmontonstampclub.ca](http://www.edmontonstampclub.ca)

This year's show theme:

50 years of Edmonton Stamp Club Meetings at St Joseph High School

The Edmonton Stamp Club is Chapter 6 of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and a Chapter of the American Philatelic Society. The winner of the Grand Prize at the Edmonton Spring National qualifies for entry into the APS Champion of Champions competition.



## Fraser Valley Stamp Club & Peace Arch Stamp Club



### Sea & Valley 2026

When: Saturday March 28, 2026

Time: 9am - 3pm

Where: West Langley Hall

9402 - 208 St. Langley, BC

- \* Free admission & parking
- \* 10 Dealer Bourse
- \* Unsold Peace Arch auction lots
- \* BID & BIN (Buy It Now) Boards
- \* Two mystery box raffle draws

Info can also be found on websites:

- \* <https://www.peacearchstampclub.com/>
- \* <https://fraservalleystampclub.com/>

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## Spring Bourse 2025

### STAMP SALE AND AUCTION

- \* Dealer Tables \* Circuit Books \* Juniors Section \* Auction
- \* Door Prizes \* Refreshments Available \* Free Admission \* Everyone Welcome

Saturday, April 12: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, April 13: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Auction called Sunday at 4:00p.m.

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### Kerby Centre

Ground Floor Gymnasium  
1133 - 7 Ave. S.W., Calgary

Calgary Philatelic Society  
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## Philatelic Tidbits

Your editor grew up in Cowlitz County, Washington. Now there is a book titled *Postal History of Cowlitz County, Washington*, written by Ted Gruber. It earned a Gold medal in the philatelic literature exhibition at GASS last August. If you wish to have this book for your postal history collection, you may order the book for \$35 at [www.cowlitzbook.com](http://www.cowlitzbook.com). (Source *The Oregon Country*, Fall 2025 issue.)

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# PIPEX 2026

An APS World Series of Philately event  
Presented by Portland Philatelic Exhibitions on behalf of  
The Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs.

## **PIPEX 2026 Show Information & Important Dates.**

The PIPEX 2026 stamp show takes place on May 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 at the Hilton Garden Inn Clackamas (formerly the Monarch Hotel), located at 12566 SE 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Clackamas, Oregon. Entrance to the show and parking is free and the hotel offers special room rates for show attendees. The Theme of this year's show is the celebration of the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Portland, Oregon. Special PIPEX 2026 pictorial cancels will be available at the show.

The Exhibitor's entry form and prospectus are available on the PIPEX website [www.pipexstampshow.org](http://www.pipexstampshow.org) or from exhibit chair, Norma Nielson at [norma.nielson@haskayne.calgary.ca](mailto:norma.nielson@haskayne.calgary.ca). Exhibit applications with title/synopses pages should be submitted by **March 20<sup>th</sup> 2026** and virtual copies of exhibits received by **April 16<sup>th</sup>**. The actual exhibits can be shipped to arrive by **April 28<sup>th</sup>** or delivered in person by **April 30<sup>th</sup>**.

All exhibits will be mounted physically at the show and will be judged in the frames. Exhibitors are also encouraged to submit their exhibits virtually to be posted on the website. PIPEX can accept up to sixty competitive exhibits and up to 160 frames physically on the floor.

PIPEX 2026 is an American Philatelic Society World Series of Philately show. The multi-frame grand award winner's exhibit will be eligible for and expected to compete in the Champion of Champions competition at the Boston 2026 World Expo in Boston, Massachusetts, May 23-30, 2026. Similarly, the single-frame grand award winner's exhibit will be eligible for the Champion of Champions single-frame competition at CHICAGOPEX, November 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.

Convening organizations at PIPEX 2026 are the Rossica Society of Russian Philately, Portland Correspondence Co-Op (PDXCC) and the Pacific Northwest Postal History Society. PIPEX is the annual exhibition of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs, which will hold its AGM at the show. Other societies will be represented at the show, hold meetings and offer programs.

An exciting development for PIPEX 2026 is the holding of a major auction during the show. Cherrystone Auctions and Uptown Stamp Show Auctions are hosting the event on Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Hilton Garden Inn Clackamas and will feature many collections and large lots.

There will be 30 dealer booth spaces and other features including Grandma's Attic and a youth area. Show hours will be 10:00am – 6:00pm on Friday and Saturday and 10:00am – 4:00pm on Sunday.

For more information on the show, please contact the PIPEX 2025 Chairman, David Epps at: [depps55@gmail.com](mailto:depps55@gmail.com).

Uptown Stamp Show is the Official Corporate Sponsor of PIPEX 2025.



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# ROUNDUP STAMP AND COIN SHOW

Saturday, March 28 2026

9:30 AM - 4 PM

**FREE ADMISSION**

**Exhibits • Dealers • Youth Activities**

**Columbian Hall, 6794 Martin Way E., Lacey, WA 98516**

For one day only, come enjoy fascinating stamp and postal history exhibits and shop from Northwest stamp and coin dealers. Kids can join the fun at the Free Stamps for Kids table or take part in the Scouts Merit Badge Workshop (registration required). If you have a collection you'd like to learn more about, bring it along—knowledgeable club members and dealers will be on site to review and provide informal appraisals. Lots to see and do, so don't miss it!



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## Stamp Collecting Merit Badge Workshop

Learn about the fun and educational hobby of stamp collecting while earning your Stamp Collecting Merit Badge! This workshop is hosted by a registered Merit Badge Counselor, with free stamps and supplies provided. Space is limited, so register early. For questions or registration, email [rbcrooks@comcast.net](mailto:rbcrooks@comcast.net). Please ensure all Scouting Youth Protection guidelines are followed — a parent, guardian, or leader must be copied on all email correspondence.

[www.olympiastampclub.com](http://www.olympiastampclub.com)



## PIPEX 2026

Celebrating the 175th Anniversary of the  
Founding of PORTLAND, OREGON



**MAY 1-3, 2026**

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# Puget Sound Steamboat Mail

## – Route Agent Era Ends

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In *Puget Sound Steamboat Mail – Route Agent Era*, I started a history of Puget Sound Steamboat Mail of the Route Agent Era. This article includes history through the Route Agent Era and the beginning of the Railway Mail Service Era.

Cowlitz Landing and the Cowlitz Trail were integral parts of mail service in the 1850's. In 1852 Alfred Townsend had a contract to carry mail from Fort Vancouver down the Columbia River to the Cowlitz River, then upriver by canoe and over the Cowlitz trail by horseback to Olympia. The post office at Cowlitz Landing was founded April 29, 1854, and remained until November 30, 1880, when the name was changed to Toledo. In 1858 Henry Winsor carried mail to Olympia by stage from Monticello (Longview) via the Military Road. Also, in 1858 a contract was awarded to C. Wallace and Rice Tilley for mail service between Rainier and Steilacoom; Winsor carried the mail between Cowlitz Landing and Boisfort for Wallace and Tilley. In 1860 Winsor won the contract to carry daily mail by stage between Monticello and Olympia, the first daily service north of Vancouver. The completion of the Military Road from Fort Vancouver to Fort Steilacoom in 1861 saw major changes in the Cowlitz corridor. Steamers now ran upstream to Cowlitz Landing; stages ran daily between Monticello, Cowlitz Landing and Olympia.

Cowlitz Landing is about one mile south of Toledo on the Cowlitz River; Exit 59 on I-5 today. Here the Cowlitz Trail started north towards Tenino where it split: the left fork continued to Budd Inlet (Olympia) on Puget Sound; the right fork to the Nisqually River, Puyallup River, and Naches Trail.

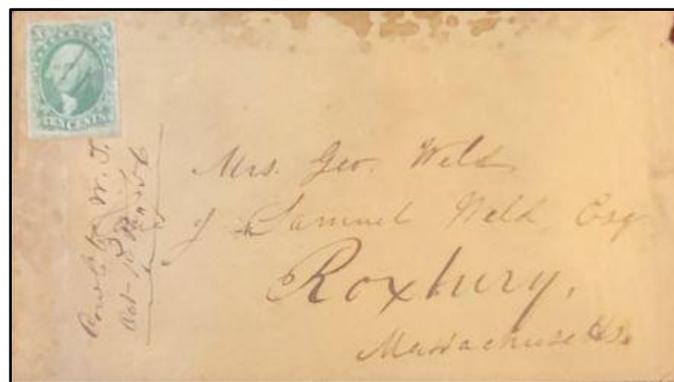


Cowlitz Landing Historic Marker (Linda Smith photo 1/10/25)

Thanks to Larry Durham, here are two 1856 covers mailed from the Cowlitz Washington Territory post office. In the September letter to her sister (Mary from the October letter), Caddie says George (I assume her husband) is very interested in the Military Road. In the October letter George and a Mr. Davis are in hopes of getting the contract for the Military Road.



September 1856 folded letter from Cowlitz W.T. to Roxbury, MA.



October 1856 letter from Cowlitz W.T. to Roxbury, Ma.

In 1854 John Scranton of Olympia appointed himself Puget Sound mail contractor. He never got paid for these services. In 1857 he received an official mail contract to carry mail on the *Major Tomkins* from Olympia, Washington Territory, to Victoria, Vancouver Island. Different contractors and steamboats carried Olympia to Victoria mail until July of 1866.

Hale, Crosby, and Winsor had an interest in the Olympia to Victoria mail contract to further their business interests in freight and mail services. As mentioned above, Henry Winsor had set up a freight, mail and passenger service between Rainier, Oregon, Cowlitz Landing and Olympia. In July 1866 the USPO awarded a mail contract to the firm of Hale, Crosby, and Winsor who put the *Josie McNear* on the mail route and set off a steamboat fare war with the *Eliza Anderson*; the *Eliza Anderson* had the earlier mail contract. The *Josie McNear* proved slow and unreliable;

she was sold and moved to the Columbia River in January 1867. Hale, Crosby, and Winsor bought the *New World* and chartered both the *Colfax* and *J. B. Libby* until March 1867 when the *New World* arrived. Hale, Crosby, and Winsor financially could not compete and by November 1867 the *Eliza Anderson* was back on the mail run.

Captain Nathaniel Crosby, Jr. with partner Thomas H. Smith ran a sawmill during the California Gold Rush, shipping timber in the region. He was active in the sea-trade of timber from the Pacific Northwest to China in the 1850's. He and his brother, Clanrick Crosby, moved their families to Olympia in 1850. Clanrick operated a sawmill and a grist mill along the Tumwater Falls of the Deschutes River. Captain Crosby was the unlucky partner of Hale, Crosby, and Winsor who bought the *Josie McNear*.

Henry Winsor bought the *New World* from the Oregon Steam Navigation Company for Hale, Crosby, and Winsor for \$75,000 in February 1867. The sale had a clause that the *New World* would not be run on the waters of California nor the Columbia River for ten years; if she did run on those waters, a liquidated damage of \$75,000 would incur. Two weeks later Winsor executed a bill of sale for the *New World* to Calvin H. Hale for the same \$75,000. In November 1867 Hale sold the *New World* to Duncan B. Finch for \$50,000. The bill of sale supposedly had the “no operation on California waters” clause although Finch never signed it. Finch took the *New World* to California and ran her there from October 1868 to May 1874. The Oregon Steam Navigation Company then sued Hale, Crosby, and Winsor for \$75,000 plus \$4,000 in legal fees. The territorial court entered a judgement to Finch for this amount. On appeal the Washington Territorial Supreme Court upheld the judgement. Hale, Crosby, and Winsor appealed to United States Supreme Court and lost there as well. Total loss from these transactions, \$29,000 plus attorney and court fees.

The Crosby's did leave a legacy in Olympia – Nathaniel Crosby III built the Crosby House circa 1860 on property owned by his uncle Clanrick. This



Crosby House – Tumwater, WA (Linda Smith Photo 1/10/25)

house still stands along the Deschutes River below Tumwater Falls and south of Capitol Lake, withstanding two I-5 projects taking much of the rear property. It is on the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Tumwater Historic District. Captain Nathaniel Crosby Jr. was the great-grandfather of Bing Crosby. Crosby House Museum is open on Saturday afternoons from April through October.

My earlier article illustrated covers I thought were examples of the only agent routes of the era. Like most collectors of stamps and postal history there is always more to discover; and I expect there will be more. This cover, Sehome and Seattle, Washington Territory, came in a batch of Washington steamboat covers recently purchased.



Route: Sehome (Bellingham) to Seattle, 173 miles

This route was established May 3, 1878, and was discontinued August 1, 1882, when it became Sehome and Seattle RPO.

The “agent era” system was a through mail pouch system with mail sorted and bagged before being placed on steamboats. Route agents were postal employees (sometimes also steamboat ticket agents) who gathered mail at steamboat docks, sold or collected postage, canceled postage, sorted and bagged mail into locked mail pouches for delivery. Route agents sometimes went with the bags/pouches on the steamboats.

Congress set up the Railway Mail Service on May 1, 1865. The Railway Mail Service was officially inaugurated in 1869. The Railway Post Office (RPO) network of railroads, streetcars, steamships and interurban railroads was set up. Route agents now had their own space on steamboats, often a 10' x12' room where they accepted mail, collected postage, postmarked and sorted mail for delivery to various stops along the route and for deposit at the next post office for forwarding.

This cover is an example from the beginning of the Railway Mail Service in Washington.



PORTTOWN & TACOMA R.P.O. Port Townsend and Tacoma RPO  
Route: Port Townsend to Tacoma WA, 87 miles  
This route was established May 21, 1884; November 23, 1887,  
changed to Port Townsend and Seattle.

Included here is *Puget Sound Steamboat Mail Chronology 1850 to circa 1880*. This chronology is a view of steamboats and mail contracts with notes of steamboat failures and successes to the end of the agent era. An era of pioneer spirit and grit that developed our country.

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### Puget Sound Steamboat Mail Chronology 1850 to c1880

August 28, 1850 1852	Olympia becomes first US Post Office in Washington Captain E. Barrington and C.C. Phillips made weekly trips via an Indian canoe from Whidbey to Olympia
August 1853 Summer 1853	Captain Louis Vincent started trips between Seattle and Olympia in the schooner <i>Rover</i> Henry Weaver and Captain Thomas Slater sailed the sloop <i>Sarah Stone</i> on an Olympia, Port Townsend, Whidbey Island route
1854 September 1854	Olympia to Steilacoom was the only Government mail route John H. Scranton, self-appointed mail contractor, and Captain James M. Hunt brought the steamer <i>Major Tomkins</i> to Olympia and started weekly service from Olympia to Victoria, via the US Customs House at Port Townsend
Early 1855	The Post Office Department called for bids on mail routes in Washington Territory, all bids were rejected as being late, likely due to poor East and West Coast communications
February 1855	<i>Major Tomkins</i> is lost in a storm off Macauley Point on February 10
March 1855	Scranton and Hunt put the <i>Water Lily</i> on the mail run
August 1855	With <i>Water Lily</i> at Port Gamble for repairs, Scranton and Hunt announce they are giving up the mail route because they had not received a mail contract by August 1
October 1855	Captain J. G. Parker brings the <i>Traveler</i> to Puget Sound and puts her in service on the Olympia, Steilacoom, Seattle and Port Townsend route with occasional trips to Victoria
May 1857	Scranton receives the first mail contract on May 1 for four years
August 1857	Scranton and Hunt bring the <i>Constitution</i> for weekly trips from Olympia to Steilacoom, Seattle, Port Madison, Port Gamble, Port Ludlow, Port Townsend, Penn's Cove, New Dungeness and Bellingham Bay and twice monthly to Victoria and Semiahmoo Bay

February 1858	Scranton and Hunt have financial problems and cede the <i>Constitution</i> to the United States Marshal, they arrange to have the mail carried on the <i>Traveler</i>
March 1858	<i>Traveler</i> sinks off Foulweather Bluff on March 2; March 15 the <i>Constitution</i> is sold at auction to Captain A. B. Gove for \$10,500; March 19 the <i>Constitution</i> is again carrying the mail
April 1858	<i>Constitution</i> is taken to San Francisco from April 2 to May 11, replaced by the <i>Sea Bird</i>
June 1859	Gove removes the <i>Constitution</i> from the mail run, replaced by the <i>Wilson G. Hunt</i> for one month
July 1859	The <i>Julia</i> takes over the mail contract, Scranton as agent; <i>Julia</i> is chartered by the US Army during the San Juan Controversy, replaced by the <i>Eliza Anderson</i> ; Scranton is now general agent for both the <i>Julia</i> and the <i>Eliza Anderson</i>
November 1859	<i>Julia</i> tied up for winter, <i>Wilson G. Hunt</i> chartered for mail run
December 1859	The <i>Eliza Anderson</i> takes over the mail run on December 12
1861	Scranton loses the mail contract and <i>Eliza Anderson</i> refuses to carry mail; mail contract is under Parkinson; the <i>Enterprise</i> is on mail route but loses the fare war after about six months
Mid 1861	<i>Eliza Anderson</i> with partnership of Finch and Wright again has mail contract at \$12,000 per year
July 1866	Hale, Crosby and Winsor have new mail contract at \$10,000 per year, first week mail carried on a small sloop; July 9 the <i>Pioneer</i> chartered to carry the mail; July 30 the <i>Josie McNear</i> starts on the mail route and sets off a steamboat fare war with the <i>Eliza Anderson</i>
January 1867	<i>Josie McNear</i> is sold and moved to the Columbia River; Hale, Crosby and Winsor purchase the <i>New World</i> ; <i>Colfax</i> chartered for mail run
February 1867	After two trips <i>Colfax</i> replaced by <i>J. B. Libby</i>
March 1867	<i>New World</i> starts on mail run
November 1867	Duncan B. Finch purchases the <i>New World</i> and reaches agreement with the <i>Eliza Anderson</i> owners to end the fare war, <i>Eliza Anderson</i> is back on the mail run
December 1869	Finch and Wright replace <i>Eliza Anderson</i> with <i>Olympia</i>
July 1870	Mail route now under control of the Starr brothers, the <i>Alida</i> on route from Olympia to Port Townsend, the <i>Isabel</i> from Port Townsend to Victoria
June 1871	<i>Alida/Isabel</i> replaced by <i>North Pacific</i> on the mail route into the 1880s

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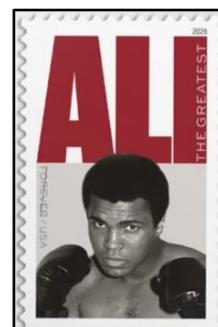
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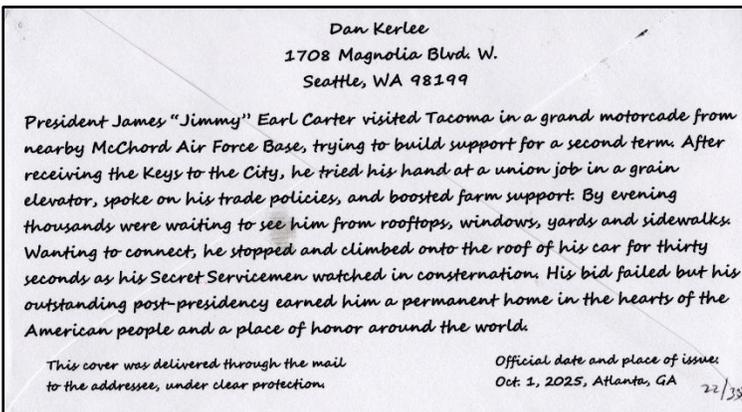
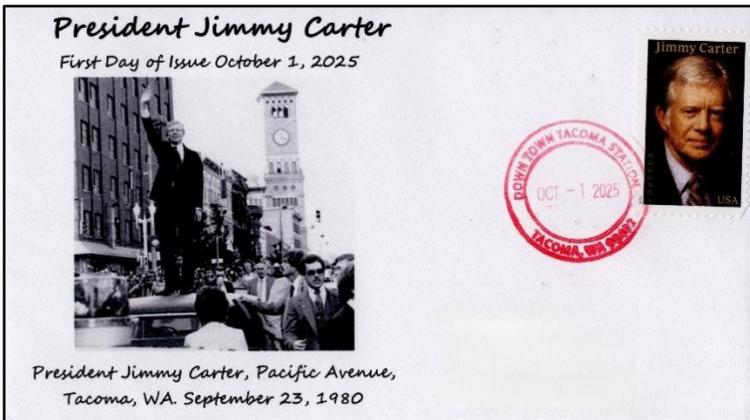


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## Kerlee Corner...

### President Jimmy Carter

by Dan Kerlee, Evergreen Stamp Club



## eRroRs sEroRs

Last issue's **Closed Albums** listed David Schwantes had passed away. It was NOT David who passed, but **Don Faulkenbury**. The editor regrets this error.

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There was an error in our Philatelic Quiz on Page 16:

**20. Who was the first woman on a US postage stamp?**

The answer on Page 31 stated Martha Washington. The real answer is **the Spanish Queen in the Columbian issue set**. Thank you Nestor Nunez for the correct answers.

## An Invitation to Join...

The Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs has some 35 member clubs and philatelic organizations in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington as well as British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan in Canada, and its territories. With the exception of a short period of inactivity during WWII, the organization has served as a common cause meeting ground for organized philatelic interests within these states and provinces. The Federation supports PIPEX (Pacific International Philatelic Exposition), an annual APS World Series of Philately (WSP) show, and the John D. Arn Symposium.

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# Aerophilately and the World is One

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Aerophilately is the branch of philately that specializes in the study of airmail or relating to airmail stamps and flown covers. Aerophilatelists have observed the development of mail transport by air from its beginning, and all aspects of airmail service have been extensively studied and documented. This write-up engaged me to link it to the "*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*", or "The World is one Family". The whole philosophy is an integral part of the Indian psyche and philosophy. The concept originates in the Vedic scripture Maha Upanishad.

## Prologue

Aerophilately, the study and collection of airmail, began in the early 20th century, with early milestones including Pequet's 1911 flight in India and the first scheduled US Air Mail service in 1918. Initially a premium, slow service, airmail became a government-subsidized luxury that grew rapidly, culminating in a 1932 Canadian "first official flight" cover and the 1949 launch of India's Night Air Mail Service. The term "aerophilately" was first used in 1929, and specialized societies like the American Air Mail Society (AAMS) were founded to support collectors through research and publications. Aerophilately's roots lie in the first flights of mail, such as Pèquet's journey in India in 1911 and the first UK official airmail flight between London and Windsor, the same year.



*Pèquet, at the controls of a Sommer Plane*



*Henri Pèquet, France 2011*

He flew the first official flight in India in a Sommer biplane, powered by 50 hp Gnome engine, in 1911. This is also the first recorded airmail flight. He carried more than 6,000 pieces of mail over a distance of 6 miles from Allahabad to Nainital in Northern India. The vicar of the Holy Trinity Church wanted to raise funds to improve a local hotel for Indian students. This gave rise to the idea of transporting mail by air with special markings. The project approved by the Indian Post Office management gave rise to enormous publicity. The Indian government then produced a special stamp that would be affixed to the pieces of mail that were piled up in preparation for this first mail flight from India. The flight took place on February 18, 1911, the date of the Hindu festival of *Purna Kumbha*, which takes place only every twelve years. It is the occasion of a pilgrimage of many Hindus who come to bathe in the Ganges to purify themselves from their sins.



*Allahabad cover flown on the world's first aerial post, India 1911*



*Special Cancel*

The carried covers were provided with the large circular bright magenta postmark "First Aerial Post, U.P. Exhibition Allahabad 1911" cancels - used only for that day; and a few cards were autographed by the pilot. Pequet carried about 6,000 cards and letters on his journey.

I feel the rise of aerophilately has brought the world closer and boundaries have vanished. The Gandhian vision of holistic development and respect for all forms of life; nonviolent conflict resolution embedded in the acceptance of nonviolence both as a creed and strategy; were an extension of the ancient Indian concept of *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*.

### The World Is A Family

*One Is A Relative, The Other Stranger, Say The Small Minded.  
The Entire World Is A Family, Live The Magnanimous.  
Be Detached, Be Magnanimous, Lift Up Your Mind, Enjoy  
The Fruit Of Brahmanic Freedom.*

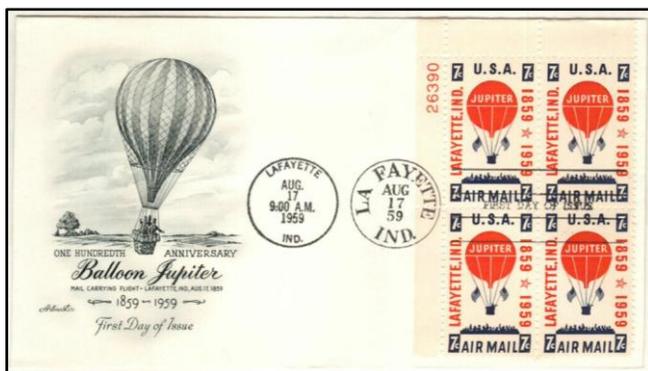
### Maha Upanishad 6.71-75

### Origin & History of Air-Mails

The relationship between aviation and postal service is a closer one than is realized by most aero-historians. The transmittal of written messages free of the obstacles imposed by surface transport is an age-old practice. For example, during the siege of Potidaca in the 5th century BCE, messages were attached to arrows which were shot to spies in the besieged city from the besieging lines. It is recorded that kites were similarly used as early as AD 549 to carry letters from a beleaguered city.

An early form of "air mail," and one that spans the millennia from the Roman Empire to relatively recent times, was the use of carrier pigeons. Numerous are the accounts of messages being carried into and out of besieged cities by carrier pigeons.

But aerophilately cannot be considered to have been born until the advent of manned balloons in the mid-nineteenth century because few, if any, collectible pieces of postal matter exist from eras before that time. One of the earliest, if not the earliest, known true airmail covers was created in connection with the attempted flight of the balloon Jupiter from Lafayette, Indiana, to the east coast on August 17, 1859. Commonly called as the **Balloon Mail**. For years, stamp collectors and aviation historians have searched for covers from the Jupiter flight, with no success. Reportedly, only one was still in existence and was kept in seclusion by its owner. Its value was rumored at anywhere from \$1,000 to \$20,000, if it could be bought. Then, in November 1964, the priceless cover was placed at auction and was bought for \$6,500 by the Smithsonian Institution for public display.



FDC on the centenary of flight in Lafayette - USA 1959



"Balloon Mail"

On that day, veteran balloonist John Wise carried 123 letters and 23 circulars from Lafayette to Crawfordsville, Indiana, a distance of 30 miles, in his balloon Jupiter. Letters carried on this flight were marked "Balloon Mail."

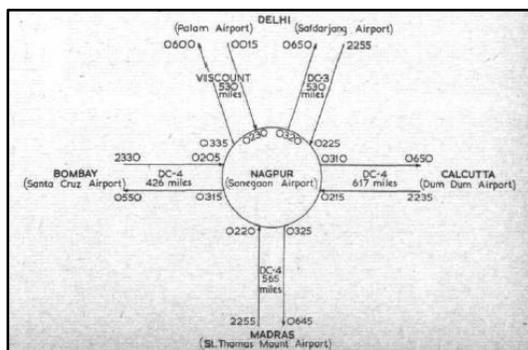


FDC - Zeppelin airmail first flight NY to Germany - USA 1928

On December 17, 1903, Orville and Wilbur Wright made the first sustained, powered airplane flight at Kitty Hawk in North Carolina. Orville flew 120 feet for 12 seconds. No mail was carried. During the following decade, pilots around the world barnstormed the countryside, holding aerial demonstration meets, creating postcards and souvenir labels. Many pioneer pilots carried unofficial mail on their short flights. “Unofficial mail” refers to mail carried privately and postmarked before or after the flight, while the post office authorized and serviced “official mail.”

The first scheduled U.S. **Air Mail** service began on May 15, 1918, with a flight carrying mail from Washington, D.C., to New York City. With government contracts and subsidies, airmail quickly became a preferred service, although it initially struggled to compete with trains for speed and reliability. Aerophilatelic collecting grew significantly, marked by special items which featured a special cachet and a surcharged airmail stamp.

India's revolutionary **Night Air Mail (NAM)** service launched in 1949, using a hub-and-spoke model to fly mail across the country overnight, making airmail a widely used service. This "All-Up" scheme was revolutionary because it integrated night flights for mail, with Nagpur serving as a central hub for exchanging mail loads from major cities, allowing mail to be delivered across the country at unprecedented speeds.



The Indian NAM Service network



Douglas DC-3

The dominant domestic airline, Indian National Airways, was called in to take over the NAM from Indian Overseas for most of that year until Himalayan Airways took over operation. Later they were amalgamated into the new domestic airline, Indian Airlines. By default, the NAM which at the time was in the hands of Deccan Airways, went over to Indian Airlines which would pretty much operate the NAM for the rest of its history.



FDC - Postmarked NAGPUR AIR / 30-1-49



Post Card, India 1949

During the 1910s, the United States Post Office made a number of experimental trials of carrying mail by air. These were shown by the first stamp in the world to picture an airplane (captioned as "aeroplane carrying mail"), one of the U.S. Parcel Post stamps of 1912–13.



USA First three airmail stamps



Inverted Jenny printed with original dies - USA 2013

The Inverted Jenny (aka, *Upside Down Jenny* or *Jenny Invert*) is a 24 cent United States postage stamp first issued on May 10, 1918, in which the image of the Curtiss JN-4 airplane in the center of the design is printed upside-down; it is one of the most famous errors in American philately.



Airplane Carrying Mail, US 1913



Inverted Jenny, US 1918

Only one pane of 100 of the invert stamps was ever found, making this error one of the most prized in philately. "Inverted Jennies" grew in notoriety; as one writer noted - they "*blossomed into the Taj Mahal of stamps.*"

It was on Tuesday, June 8, 1948, that Air India's aircraft – Malabar Princess, a 40-seater Lockheed L-749 Constellation, registration number, VT-CQS, with Captain K.R. Guzder in command – departed with 35 passengers, bound for London and Geneva.



FDC - "First Official Flight", Canada 1932



Souvenir cover, India 1948

The Malabar Princess was carrying 164 bags containing 772 Kgs of mail on board. A special 12 annas stamp was designed and issued with the photo of a super constellation aircraft, same as what was used to fly the first flight.



India 2011



Aero Club of Canada 1918



Flight Mail Bag

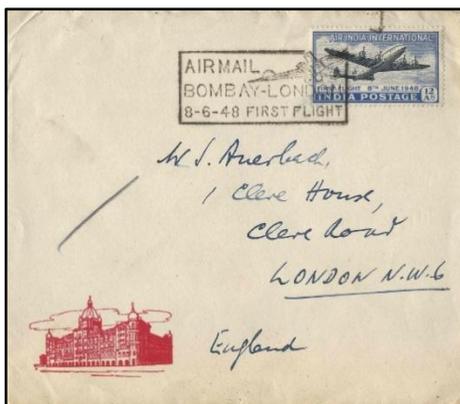


Air Mail Logos

Some philatelists and stamp dealers produced private covers/cachets to commemorate the flight, and sent mail on this service using them. An excellent listing of these was first published by Praful Thakkar in his Collectors Guide to First Day Covers etc. in 2010.



FDC - Private cover with a Douglas D-4 airplane picture and details of the flight, India 1948



Taj Mahal Hotel, Bombay, guest stationery used for a letter mailed to London. On the front is a printed image of the hotel, and on the reverse is a stylized Taj Bombay logo, India 1948

## Aerophilatic Societies



FDC - American Air Mail Society 1993



FDC - Canadian Aerophilatic Society 2024



FDC - AMSIPEX-25 Special Covers - India 2025



The modern trend is to collect commercial airmail in addition to first flight covers. Commercial airmail faces the exhibitor with a greater challenge than covers that are described in a catalog. Also **combi-mail**, such as covers that have been carried partly as airmail and partly as surface mail, are interesting objects. However, ways of collecting vary geographically. Specialized lightweight, foldable documents called aerograms were also developed for airmail to save weight and speed up delivery.



Logos of different Aerophilatic Societies



*Alitalia commemorated the 40th anniversary of the Italy-Brazil cruise with a flight to Rio de Janeiro - 1971*

Aerophilately focuses on airmail stamps, postal history, and aviation-related covers. It encompasses the study and collection of mail that has been transported by air, as well as items commemorating aviation milestones, such as flights, aircraft, and famous aviators. Examples of aerophilately include airmail stamps, covers (envelopes) that have flown, aerogrammes (airmail postcards), postal markings related to air transport, and even material from unique flights like dirigible or rocket mail. Collections might also include etiquettes (small labels indicating air transport) and mail recovered from aircraft accidents.

### Dirigible mail

Dirigible or Zeppelin mail was mail carried on zeppelins, the German airships that saw civilian use from 1908 to 1939.

Almost every zeppelin flight carried mail, sometimes in large quantities; the covers usually received special postmarks, and a number of nations issued postage stamps specifically intended for use on mail carried by the zeppelins.



*Postcard flown on the first North American flight of the Graf Zeppelin - 1928*

### Rocket mail

It is the delivery of mail by rocket or missile. The rocket lands by deploying an internal parachute upon arrival. It has been attempted by various organizations in many countries, with varying levels of success. It has never become widely seen as being a viable option for delivering mail, due to the cost of the schemes and numerous failures. The collection of philatelic material ("stamps") used for (and depicting) rocket mail is part of a specialist branch of aerophilately known as astrophilately, which I would be dealing with in another article.



*SSM-N-8A Regulus Cruise Missile*

In 1959 the U.S. Navy submarine USS Barbero assisted the Post Office Department, predecessor to the United States Postal Service (USPS), in its search for faster mail transportation, with the only delivery of "Missile Mail". On 8 June 1959, Barbero fired a Regulus cruise missile – its nuclear warhead having earlier been replaced by two Post Office Department mail containers – targeted at the Naval Auxiliary Air Station at Naval Station Mayport in Florida. The Regulus cruise missile was launched with a pair of Aerojet-General 3KS-33,000 solid-rocket boosters. A turbojet engine sustained the long-range cruise flight after the boosters were dropped. Twenty-two minutes after launch, the missile arrived at Mayport and landed safely.

The first Indian Rocket Mail experiment had taken place at sea, from Ship to Shore, off Saugor Island on 30th September 1934. The Rocket used was locally manufactured by the first of The Orient Fireworks Company of Calcutta. **Stephen Hector Taylor Smith**, was a pioneering Indian aerospace engineer who developed techniques in delivering mail by rocket.



Finally, the experimenter was himself successful in igniting the fuse of the Rocket, which rose and burst in mid-air. It carried 143 letters, which owing to the mid-air burst, scattered in many directions. 140 letters were saved and 3 were lost. The salvaged letters were handed over to Mr. W. Shenton, the Lighthouse Keeper of Saugor Island, who cancelled the letters with a postmark Saugor Island: 30 SE 34 on both sides. The envelope bears Rocket Fee Rs 2/- violet cachet.

### First flight cover

Also known FFC is mail that has been carried on an inaugural flight of an airline, route, or aircraft normally postmarked with the date of the flight and may have a special flight cachet and/or an arrival postmark. Because many first flight covers are essentially made as collectables they can be considered philatelic mail though others consider them to be postal history.



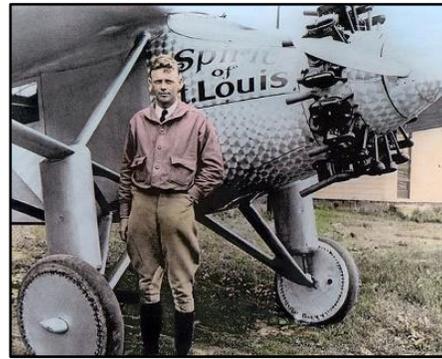
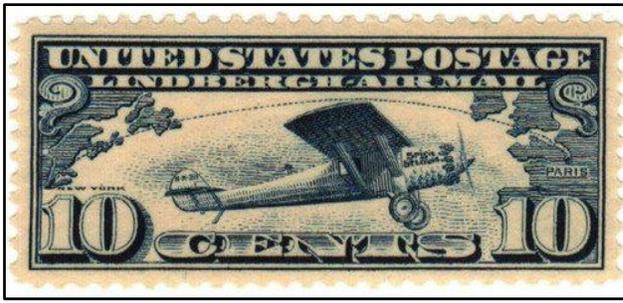
Regd FFC Imperial Airways, Zanzibar 1927



Roessler airmail cover, US 1918

### Airmail Stamps

They are postage stamps intended to pay either an airmail fee that is charged in addition to the surface rate, or the full airmail rate, for an item of mail to be transported by air. Airmail stamps should not be confused with airmail etiquettes, which are affixed to mail as an instruction to the postal authority that the mail should be transmitted by air. Official airmail postage stamps, including stamps issued or overprinted specifically for airmail, are a core component.



First US stamp to honor a living person - Charles A. Lindbergh, USA 1927

**Miscellaneous**



Aerogramme, UK

Postal Stationery: Items like **aerogrammes**, which are lightweight airmail envelopes, and airmail postcards specifically designed for air use. Covers: Envelopes that have been transported by air and bear appropriate stamps, postal markings, and labels indicating the flight.



Imprinted etiquette of Thailand



Imprinted etiquette of Australia

- **Etiquettes/Labels:** Small labels, often applied by postal authorities or the sender, that signify mail has been transported by air.



- **Postal Markings: Postmarks** and other stamps on mail that relate to air transport routes and the specific airmail service.



Salvaged Air Mail Crash Cover, USA 1921



Imperial Airways Athena Crash Mail, Australia 1936

- Incidentally Recovered Mail: Mail that was involved in an aircraft accident or other incident and subsequently recovered, also known as **Crash Covers**. A crash cover is a philatelic term for a type of cover (including the terms air accident cover, interrupted flight cover, wreck cover), meaning an envelope or package that has been recovered from an air crash, train wreck, shipwreck or other accident. Crash covers are a type of interrupted mail.

## Epilogue

Moreover, taking into account that aerophilately is not a specialization of general philately, but a form of collecting that develops parallel to philately, and belongs by right to postal history (having as it, its classical / modern, general / specialized collectors, thematic / marcophiles, passionate about postal stationery and erinophiles), philatelists wanted to associate the term “aerpostal history”, with which they want to represent that useful mixture between aerophilately and postal history. Which is to say two different sensibilities in the way of collecting, from which to develop all possible potential synergies.

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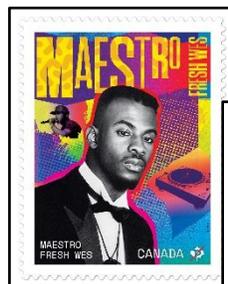


Harriet Powers, Quiltmaker  
2/28/2026



Bruce Lee 2/18/2026

## New Canada Issues



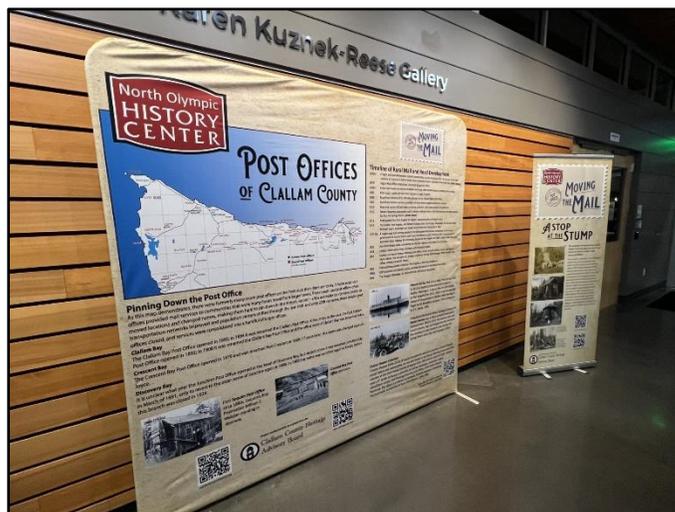
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## Post Offices of Clallam County

by Cathie Osborne  
*Strait Stamp Society*

In a previous issue of *TFP*, I mentioned that Chester Masters of Strait Stamp Society donated his Clallam County postal history material to The North Olympic History Center. They created an exhibit with the material; the display is in the lobby of the Sequim Civic Center from February 2<sup>nd</sup> to February 13<sup>th</sup>, 152 West Cedar Street in Sequim. Unfortunately, I did not find out about the dates until February 1. Following is a brief write-up from the Strait Stamp Society about their club's viewing:

In a real change of pace, February's meeting started at the Sequim City Hall, where a display, "Moving the Mail", was a professional museum display including much of the collection of our former member Chester Masters. The history research, maps, and postcards and covers illustrating Clallam County's postal routes was enjoyed by a crowd of 16, before moving on to the meeting room down the road for our regular get-together. North Olympic History Society gave Chester, whose focus was the history and cancels of Clallam County, full credit.



## Dedication and Opening of the Alaska Highway

by Eric Knapp, (*eknapp49@gmail.com*)  
*Anchorage, Alaska*

The Alaska Highway, or rather the pioneer road that became the Alaska Highway, was completed on October 28, 1942. This meant that it was theoretically possible to pass over the whole length of the road in the winter. Large sections were still an ice road.

Nevertheless, it was time to celebrate. The Northwest Service Command decided on November 20, 1942 as the date and "Soldiers Summit," 165 miles west of Whitehorse Yukon, was chosen as the site. Soldier's Summit was not a camp or a station of any kind. It was simply the spot chosen for the ceremony. It had the advantage of an impressive view of Kluane Lake.

At 9:30 am, the 200 invited guests arrived at the site and the ceremony dedicating the highway was conducted.

### Pioneer Road Completed

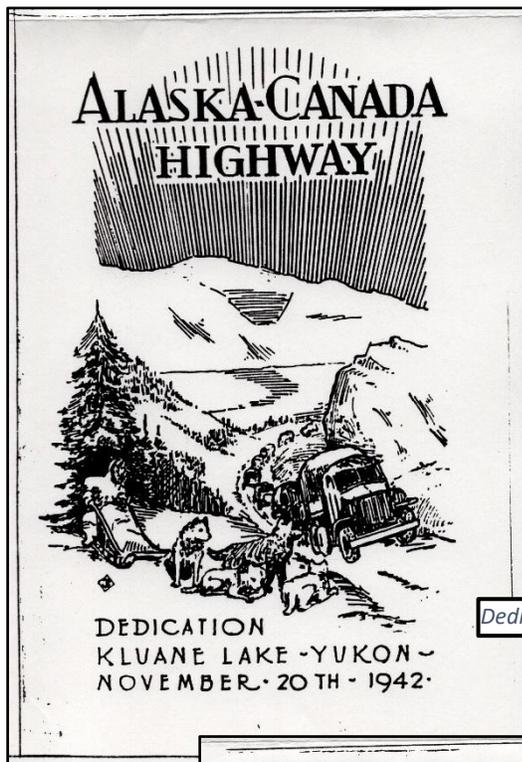
Although it was completed on October 28, 1942, and its completion was celebrated at Soldier's Summit, Yukon on November 21, the "highway" was not usable by general vehicles until 1943. Even then there were many steep

grades, a poor surface, switchbacks to gain and descend hills, and few guardrails. Bridges, which progressed during 1942 from pontoon bridges to temporary log bridges, were replaced with steel bridges where necessary.



*The official Canadian-American opening of the Alaska Highway. Postcard printed by the Provincial News Company Ltd. Photoengraved postcard. Approved by Northwest Service Command, U.S. Army.*

There were enough stamp collecting savvy people at the Northwest Service Command that they realized that dedication covers would be a good idea.



Dedication Program

### Program

Invocation *Father Charles Hamel, O.M.I.*  
 Opening Remarks *Col. K. D. Bush, G.S.C.*  
*Master of Ceremonies*  
 Reading of Messages *Col. John W. Wheeler, G.E.*  
 Introduction  
*Col. E. G. Paules - Whitehorse Sector*  
*Col. Robert D. Ingalls - Ft. St. John Sector*  
 Enlisted Men who will hold the Ribbon:  
*Corp. Retires Sims Jr., Pvt. Alfred Jalutka*  
*Whitehorse Sector*  
*Mrstr. Sgt. Andrew E. Doyle, Corp. John J. Reilly*  
*Fort St. John Sector*  
 Message from the Canadian Armed Forces  
*Maj. Gen. George R. Pearkes*  
 Message from Public Roads Administration  
 and Civilian Contractors  
*Mr. J. S. Bright, District Engineer*  
 Message from the Premier of Alberta  
 by *Hon. W. A. Fallow*  
 Further Reading of Messages *Col. Bush*  
 Remarks *Dr. Charles Gausell*  
*Commissioner Northwest Territories*  
 Introduction of *Insp. William Grennan, R.C.M.P.*  
 Speech for Dominion of Canada and Reading of  
 Message from the Prime Minister by *Honlan Mackenzie*  
 Speech for Territory of Alaska and Reading of  
 Message from the Governor by *Hon. E. L. Dorrlett*  
 Response on behalf of the American Army,  
*Brig. Gen. James O'Connor, commanding N.W. Sector, Command*  
 Cutting of Ribbon *Mr. Mackenzie, Mr. Dorrlett*  
 "GOD SAVE THE KING" - "THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER"  
*U.S. Army Bands*  
 Benediction *Capt. Erwin T. May, Chaplain, U.S.A.*

### Menu

#### SUPPER

Thursday, November 19, 1942, 6 PM

ST. ELIAS MOUNTAIN SHEEP  
 Horkeep Drown Gravy  
 Spinach à la Kloo - Takkini Corn  
 Tanana Potatoes  
 SLIMS RIVER SALAD  
 Chirana Apple Sauce - Swark Gekin  
 Coffee à la Yukon  
 China-Way Tea  
 Moose Milk  
 Sour Dough Bread - Dull-Dozer Butter

#### BREAKFAST

Friday, November 20, 7:15 AM

Durwark Pruxer  
 Grapefruit Juice - Alcan - Tomato Juice  
 Alberta Farina  
 Aiskikik Sausage - Dezadeash Eggs  
 Toast - Butter  
 Coffee - Sugar - Milk

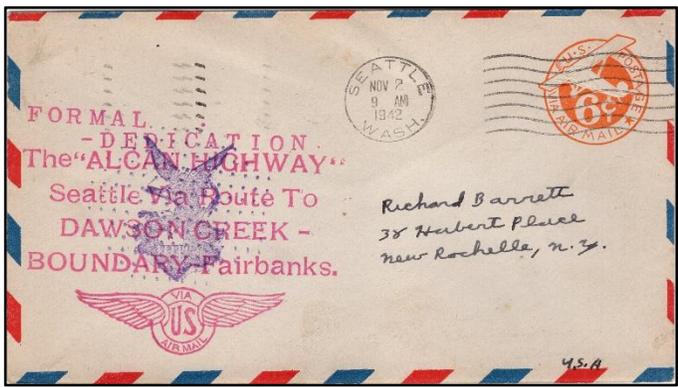
#### DINNER

Friday, November 20, 12 Noon

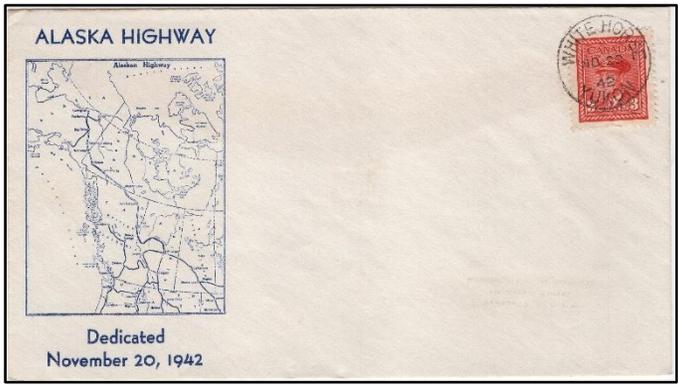
CHAMPAGNE SOUP  
 MOOSE STEAK à la Dorjet  
 Pickhandle Beans - Kaskawulsk Potatoes  
 Naberna Peas and Carrots  
 KLUANE SALAD  
 HORSE CAMP PUDDING  
 Dawson Creek Crackers - Fairbanks Cheese  
 1630 Miles Coffee  
 Tea - Orange Juice - Milk  
 Bread - Butter



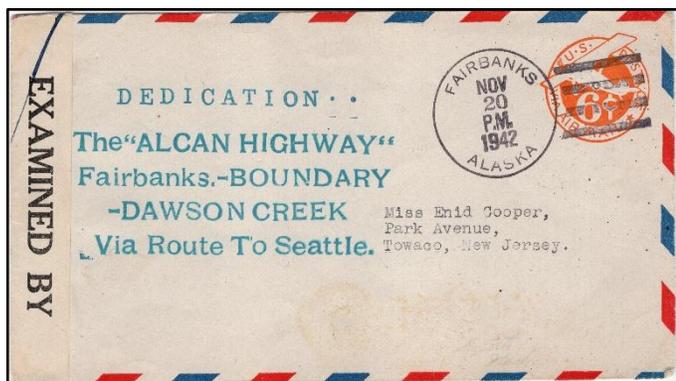
COMMITTEE: *Col. T. W. Essig, Maj. R. C. Luckow,  
 Maj. L. N. Stone, Capt. P. L. Reed, Capt. R. K. Jolasoa,  
 Lt. P. C. Bishop, Lt. B. B. Miller, Lt. R. L. Reubergier*



Northbound convoy left Seattle on November 2 and was present at the dedication. Backstamped on arrival in Fairbanks, November 23, 1942.



Dedication Covers



Southbound convoy left Fairbanks on November 20. Backstamped on arrival in Seattle, December 19, 1942.

These covers shown here were included in the first convoys to travel the length of the highway from both directions.

### Alaska Highway, To Nome?

The Alaska Highway project as completed was originally "Phase 1" of a larger highway project. This was a highway to Nome.

The plan was to continue west from Fairbanks once the Dawson Creek to Big Delta portion was opened.

The 97th Engineer Regiment began building north and west out of Fairbanks and continued until the project was cancelled.

This road became the basis for the Elliott Highway that today runs from Fairbanks to Manley Hot Springs.

### Public Roads Administration

The construction of the Alaska Highway was a joint project of the US Army and the US Public Roads Administration.

The Public Roads Administration (PRA) was part of the Federal Works Agency and was responsible for the coordination of federal road projects.

The Army completed the pioneer road and turned the project over to the PRA for upgrading to a permanent highway.

During the project, the PRA hired five management companies who coordinated forty-seven subcontractors with 7,500 employees in 1942, and eighty-one subcontractors and 14,100 employees in 1943.

PRA employees and contractors used the Canadian Civil post office and Canadian stamps.

### Traffic Begins, Rebuild Begins

As soon as the highway was passible by trucks, convoys of trucks began to use the highway.

Even as these convoys began to roll, the Public Roads Administration (PRA) took over the effort to improve the highway.

The PRA and its civilian contractors would spend the rest of the war upgrading, realigning and generally improving the original pioneer road into a usable highway.

**SHOW ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Pacific Northwest Postal History Society will host a sale at the Oregon Stamp Society

March 21, 2026  
10:00am - 4:00pm  
4828 NE 33rd Ave.  
Portland, Oregon

Seven or eight members will be offering postal history for sale. The public is welcome.

Contact: Steve King - (503) 620-6879 - skvk47@gmail.com

Source – *The Album Page*, Oregon Stamp Society, February 2026

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# PROSPECTUS SOPEX 2026

sponsored by the Southern Oregon Philatelic Society  
Friday, June 5 (11-5) & Saturday, June 6 (10-3)  
First United Methodist Church, 607 W. Main. Medford, OR

1. **Eligibility:** SOPEX 2026 is open to all exhibitors. Entries must be the property of the exhibitor or the exhibitor's immediate family.

2. **Entry:** Entries must be made on SOPEX entry form or copy. Each exhibitor agrees to accept the rules of SOPEX 2026. Exhibitors may enter multiple exhibits. Exhibits that have won Gold in a previous SOPEX must show significant change to again be eligible for competitive awards. Exhibits that have won a gold at any WSP show are not eligible. SOPEX committee will return an entry for any exhibit entered in violation of these rules. With each entry include either electronic versions of title page/synopsis (pdf file, not jpeg) or print copies.

3. **Closing Date:** Wednesday, May 13, 2026, or when all available frames are spoken for. Entries to: Larry Crain, P.O. Box 4395, Medford, OR 97501-0170 or to larry.crain@gmail.com.

4. **Classifications / frames:** adult, junior, free-style. Exhibits will be mounted in 12-page or 16-page frames (pages 8.5"x 11"). Adult exhibits are limited to 48 pages. Juniors exhibits are limited to 32 pages. Free-style exhibits 4 to 32 pages and will be put in either size of frames. They are not be eligible for major awards or for SOPEX ribbons.

5. **Fees:** There are no fees. Funds sufficient to cover postage and insurance must accompany exhibits that are to be returned by mail.

6. **Judging:** Two qualified philatelists will judge SOPEX 2026 as an open show. They may withhold an award if, in their opinion, no exhibit warrants it. Judges' decisions are final.

7. **Delivery / Pick up:** Exhibits, if mailed, must arrive by Wednesday, June 3 and, if not mailed, should be delivered to the First United Methodist Church between 6 and 8 pm, Thursday, June 4 or before 9 am, Friday morning. There is security Thursday night. Judging will begin at 9 am. Exhibits cannot be picked up until after 3 pm Saturday, June 8.

8. **Liability / Security:** The exhibitor agrees that the First United Methodist Church and Southern Oregon Philatelic Society, officers and members, assume no responsibility for damage or loss of exhibit materials. Every reasonable precaution will be taken to safeguard all exhibits. No exhibit frame may be opened or removed during the show without the permission of the show chairman.

9. **Awards: Grand** - best exhibit. (The Grand may not win any of the major awards.)

**Major Awards:** **President's** - outstanding exhibit by non-SOPS member. For SOPS members only: **Bryan Trophy** - interesting use of cachet covers, **Carley Memorial** - outstanding U.S., **Clyde Smith Founders** - outstanding foreign, **Herbert Memorial** - outstanding thematic, **Patterson Memorial** - outstanding postal history, **Sterton Memorial** - outstanding post or postal cards.

**Society Awards:** APS (for APS member), ATA (best topical/thematic exhibit), AAPE (non-gold exhibit of merit), NW Federation Thunderbird Ribbon (non-gold exhibit of merit by exhibitor living in NW Federation), WE Achievement (promising exhibit selection or treatment) and more awards if available.

**Ribbons:** SOPEX gold, vermeil, silver, bronze; novice and junior. Peoples' Choice award.

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# SOPEX 2026 ENTRY FORM

June 5-6 [Friday/Saturday], 2026

First United Methodist Church, 607 W. Main. Medford, OR

Separate entry form must be submitted for each exhibit.

Deadline for entries: Wednesday, May 13

Name \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit Title \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclose one print copy of title page and/or synopsis with entry  
or an electronic version of same (pdf file, not jpeg).**

# of pages \_\_\_\_\_

Please enter my exhibit (circle one): adult [48 pp max] junior [32 pp max] free-style [4 to 32 pages]

Have you exhibited before? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you an APS member? \_\_\_\_\_

Feedback: There will be oral feedback at the frames. \_\_\_\_\_ I also wish written feedback.

I declare that I or my immediate family and I own all the material in this exhibit. I understand and agree that, while reasonable precaution will be taken by Southern Oregon Philatelic Society, SOPEX Committee and First United Methodist Church every, none of these will be held responsible for any loss or damage to my exhibit or to any material submitted, for any cause whatsoever. I agree to SOPEX rules as stated in prospectus.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

For Juniors: birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_

My designated delivery / pick up representative is \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailed exhibits MUST be received by Wednesday, June 3, 2024.**

If the exhibit is to be returned by mail, include sufficient funds for the return postage, insurance and shipping packaging.

for postage and insurance \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Insure for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Larry Crain (SOPEX), Box 4395, Medford, OR 97501-0170 or larry.crain@gmail.com

## CLOSED ALBUMS

**Kathy McLean.** Kathy was the former IEPS Philatelist of the Year in 2014 and supported the club in many ways. Kathy and her husband, Mike, were longtime owners of Vintage Postcards & Stamps. Kathy, her welcoming smile, and positive attitude will be missed. *The Lilac Hinge, January 2026 issue; Inland Empire Philatelic Society*

**Dorlon Himber** of Eugene, Oregon. A Great of Oregon Postal History, secretary of PNWPHS. *The Oregon Country, Fall 2025 issue.*

**Hal Vogel**, longtime member of Alaska Collectors Club and Polar Expert. *The Alaskan Philatelist, 4th quarter 2025 issue.*

**Paul G. Price** of Tumwater, Washington, passed on December 5, 2025. He was a long-time member of the Sno-King Stamp Club and a more recent decade+ member of Olympia Stamp Club. He worked for (started in 1968) and retired after 35 years from BNSF (Burlington Northern Santa Fe). Since retirement, he enjoyed his US and worldwide stamp collection, which he started around 12 years of age.

## OKANAGAN STAMP CLUBS RPSC #246

[www.okanaganstampclubs.ca](http://www.okanaganstampclubs.ca)

### Date Host Location

Jan 25 Penticton - meet in Summerland, St. Stephens Anglican Church  
March 22 Kelowna - meet in Kelowna, Mission Creek Alliance Church  
May 24 Penticton Summerland, St. Stephens Anglican Church  
Sept 20 Vernon The People Place; also Vernon's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration  
Nov 22 Kelowna, Mission Creek Alliance Church

### Kelowna Stamp Club

Seniors Citizens Association Branch 17  
1353 Richter Street (Corner of Richter & Fuller); Kelowna  
Second Wednesday of every month, except July and August  
Time: 7 PM to 9 PM  
Contact: Ed at [stampshop101@gmail.com](mailto:stampshop101@gmail.com)

### Penticton Stamp Club

Seniors Drop-In Centre Society  
2965 South Main Street; Penticton  
First Sunday of every month, except June, July and August  
Time: 2 PM to 4 PM  
Contact: Steve at [sstevesters@gmail.com](mailto:sstevesters@gmail.com)

### Vernon Stamp Club

The People Place  
3402 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue; Vernon  
Third Saturday of every month, except August  
Time: 12:30 PM to 3 PM  
Contact: Michael at [mfitt@telus.net](mailto:mfitt@telus.net)

## CLUB ACTIVITIES



The **Alaska Collectors' Club** has been a Federation member since 2016. Publish quarterly journal, *The Alaskan Philatelist*. Annual dues \$15 for US members and \$20 for members from elsewhere. Contact Eric Knapp [eknapp@gci.net](mailto:eknapp@gci.net). [www.alaskaphilatellic.org](http://www.alaskaphilatellic.org)



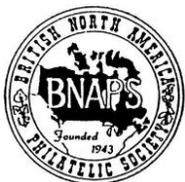
The **American Air Mail Society – Northwest Chapter** has been a Federation member since 1983. Publish quarterly newsletter *Air Mail Northwest*. No website. Dues \$\_\_ per year for print and \$\_\_ for electronic distribution.



The **Anchorage Philatelic Society** has been a Federation member since 1963. Publish quarterly newsletter, *The Anchorage Philatelist*. Meet second and fourth Wednesday at Turnagain United Methodist Church. Dues \$10 per year, \$15 for families and \$2 for youth. [www.anchoragephilatellic.org](http://www.anchoragephilatellic.org)



The **British Columbia Philatelic Society** is a Charter member of the Federation that joined in 1936. Meet Wednesdays at 7:30 pm church hall of South Burnaby United Church in Burnaby. Third Wednesday usually monthly auction. Dues \$20 per year for individuals, \$30 for families and \$7.50 for students younger than 18. [www.bcphilatellic.org](http://www.bcphilatellic.org).



The **British North America Philatelic Society** (Pacific Northwest Regional Group) joined the Federation in 1998. Publish *West Coast Express*. Hold regional group meeting at VANPEX. In our area, are the Calgary, Edmonton and Pacific Northwest Chapters. PNW Chapter publishes the *British Columbia Postal History Newsletter*. Dues \$30USD/\$35CDA for all. <http://www.bnaps.org/regional/pnwr/RG-pnwr.php>.

**Calgary Philatelic Society** has been a Federation members since \_\_\_\_\_. Meet first Wednesday (except July, August & December) at 7:00 pm with auction, then presentation. Annual dues \$25 (plus \$10 administration fee for new members). [www.calgaryphilatellicsociety.com](http://www.calgaryphilatellicsociety.com).

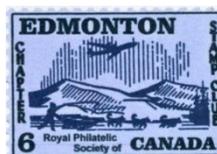


The **Central Oregon Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 2016. Meet first Saturday at 10:00 am at Zion Lutheran. They accept donations in lieu of dues. Contact [info@centraloregonstampclub.org](mailto:info@centraloregonstampclub.org). [www.centraloregonstampclub.org](http://www.centraloregonstampclub.org)



The **Collectors Club of Seattle** has been a Federation member since 1954. Do not have a website or newsletter. Contact [hstamps1@frontier.com](mailto:hstamps1@frontier.com).

The **Eagle Stamp and Postcard Club** has been a Federation member since 2015. Do not publish newsletter. Hold auctions four times per year. Meet first Wednesday at 7:00 pm at Eagle Methodist Church. No dues listed. <http://www.eaglestampandpostcardclub.com/>.



The **Edmonton Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 2009. Publish monthly newsletter, *Bulletin*. Each edition is full of interesting news and articles. Meet second and fourth Mondays at 6:00 pm at St. Joseph Catholic High School. Dues \$30 per year for individuals, \$40 for families. One-time \$8 fee for name tag. [www.edmontonstampclub.com](http://www.edmontonstampclub.com).

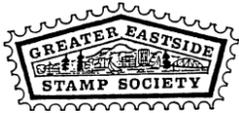


The **Evergreen Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 1976. Publish monthly newsletter. Meet third Wednesday at 7:00 pm at Kent Commons Rec Center. The club is preparing for their show in mid-April. Dues \$20 per year. <http://stamps.org/Evergreen-Stamp-Club>.

The **Fraser Valley Philatelic Club** has been a Federation member since 2017. Do not publish newsletter. Subject to school availability, meet second Tuesday each month (except July and August) at 6:00 pm at the W.J. Mouat Secondary School in Abbotsford. Annual dues \$10. <https://fraservalleystampclub.com/>.

The **Garden City Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 1999. Do not publish newsletter. Meet first Wednesday and third Monday at 7:00 pm at Atonement Lutheran Church in Missoula. Annual dues \$10. <http://gardencitystampclub.com/>.

The **Gastineau Philatelic Society** has been a Federation member since 1974. Do not publish newsletter. Meet third Thursday at 6:00 pm at 360 Egan Drive, Juneau.



The **Greater Eastside Stamp Society** has been a Federation member since 2013. Publish *GESS Newsletter* via e-mail only. Do not have website. Meet first and third Thursday at 7:00 pm at Redmond Panera Bread café in the Bear Creek Shopping Center. Contact [dananielsen@comcast.net](mailto:dananielsen@comcast.net).



The **Greater Eugene Stamp Society** has been a Federation member since 2003. Meet second and fourth Wednesday at 7:00 pm at Saint Jude's Catholic Church. Dues \$15 and \$5 for youth. <http://greater.eugenestampclub.weebly.com/>.



The **Inland Empire Philatelic Society** is a Founding member of the Federation that joined in 1935. Publish monthly newsletter, *The Lilac Hinge*. Meet second (mixture/board meeting @ 5:00pm) and fourth (regular meeting/program/ auction @ 6:30pm) Tuesdays (except July and December), Spokane Valley Eagles Hall, 16801 East Sprague Avenue; Spokane Valley, WA. July picnic and December holiday dinner. Dues \$10 per year for individuals, \$15 for families and \$5 for youth under 18. [www.ieps-stamps.com](http://www.ieps-stamps.com).

The **Linn County Philatelic Society** has been a Federation member since 2012. Do not publish newsletter, nor have website. Meet second Thursday at 7:00 pm at The Villas. Contact George Larson: [larsonglf@mindspring.com](mailto:larsonglf@mindspring.com).

The **Lynden Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 2017. Do not publish newsletter, nor have website. Meet last Tuesday at 6:00 pm at Lynden City Hall conference room. Contact Mike Marsh [lyndenstampclub@gmail.com](mailto:lyndenstampclub@gmail.com).

The **Lynn Valley Stamp Club** joined the Federation in 2018. Do not publish newsletter, nor have website. Meet second and fourth Wednesday 1:00 to 3:30 pm at Molly Nye House in North Vancouver, BC. Dues \$\_\_\_ per year. Contact Neil Worley: [sandnworley@shaw.ca](mailto:sandnworley@shaw.ca).

**Northwest Philatelic Library**. Open second and fourth Saturday at OSS Clubhouse. <https://nwpl.org/>.

The **Okanagan Mainline Philatelic Association** has been a Federation member since 1996. Publish *OMPA News*. Meet five times a year in January, March, May, September and November. They are members clubs in Kelowna (Seniors Citizens Association Branch 17, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 7-9pm), Penticton (Seniors Drop-in Centre Society, first Sunday at 2-4pm) and Vernon (The People Place, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 1-3pm). Dues \$12.00 per year; \$15.00 for family. <https://www.okanaganstampclubs.ca/>

The **Olympia Philatelic Society** has been a Federation member since 2012. Publish electronic newsletter. Meet second and fourth Monday at 6:00 pm at Tumwater Mobile Estates Clubhouse. Dues \$12 for individuals, \$15 for families and Free for youth per year. <https://olympiastampclub.com/>



The **Oregon Stamp Society** has been a Federation member since 1937. Publish monthly newsletter, *The Album Page*. Meet second (2:00 pm) and fourth (8:00 pm) Tuesday at their clubhouse. Dues \$28 per year for regular members, \$26 for associate members who reside outside the area, and \$26 for youth. <https://oregonstampsociety.com/>

The **Pacific Northwest Postal History Society** has been a Federation member since 2001. Meet annually at PIPEX. Publish quarterly journal, *The Oregon Country*. Each issue has articles with historical images and nice illustrations of NW postal historical material. Dues \$20 per year. [www.pnwphs.org](http://www.pnwphs.org).



The **Peace Arch Stamp Club** was first a Federation member in 2014. Do not publish newsletter. Meet first Wednesday (except July and August) at 5:00 pm at Brella Community Services, 15008 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue; Surrey, B.C. Dues \$20 per year. [www.peacearchstampclub.com/](http://www.peacearchstampclub.com/).

**Portland Philatelic Exhibitions.** <https://www.pipexstampshow.org/>

The **Puget Sound Collectors' Club** has been a Federation member since 2017. Do not publish newsletter, nor have website. Membership is by invitation. Members bring interesting philatelic items to discuss or resolve a mystery. Anyone interested in joining the club should contact the Secretary, Thomas Matthiesen, via email at [meconopst@earthlink.net](mailto:meconopst@earthlink.net).

The **Regina Philatelic Club** has been a member of the Federation since 2017. Publish quarterly newsletter, *Regina Philatelic Quarterly*. Meet first and third Wednesday from September through May at 7:30 pm at Access Communications Cooperative, second floor boardroom, 2250 Park Street, Regina, SK. Dues \$20 per year. <https://regina stampclub.ca/>



The **Umpqua Valley Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 2018. Publish monthly newsletter, *Umpqua Valley Stamper*. Facebook: [www.facebook.com/UmpquaValleyStampClub](http://www.facebook.com/UmpquaValleyStampClub). Meet third Monday, except June and December, at 7:15 pm in St. George Episcopal Parish Hall; Roseburg. Dues \$15 per year. Contact [adams@mcsi.net](mailto:adams@mcsi.net).



The **Salem Stamp Society** has been a Federation member since 1948. Publish monthly newsletter, *Willamette Stamp & Tongs*. Meet third Wednesday at 7:00 pm at Scottish Rite Center (with Zoom option). Dues \$10 per year for individuals, \$15 for couples. [www.salemstampsociety.org](http://www.salemstampsociety.org).



**USS Puget Sound Chapter 74** of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society has been a Federation member since 1978. Do not have chapter newsletter, but the Society publishes the monthly *USCS Log*. Annual dues \$19 for US, \$58 international and \$19 electronic delivery. [www.uscs.org](http://www.uscs.org).



The **Sno-King Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 1963. Publish monthly newsletter, *Sno-King Stamp Club Philatelic News*. Meet second Wednesday at Snohomish County PUD in Everett. Edmonds meetings on hold until further notice. Dues \$10 per year, \$5 for youth under 18. <http://sno-kingstampclub.freehostia.com>.



The **Southern Oregon Philatelic Society** has been a Federation member since 1955. Publish monthly newsletter. Meet first and third Thursdays (except December) at 7:00 pm at First United Methodist Church, 607 West Main Street; Medford. Club is preparing for their annual show in early June. Dues \$15 per year. <https://www.sopex.info>



The **Washington State Philatelic Society** is a Founding member of the Federation that joined in 1935. Does not publish newsletter, nor have website. Meet second and fourth Thursday at 7:00 pm at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Seattle.

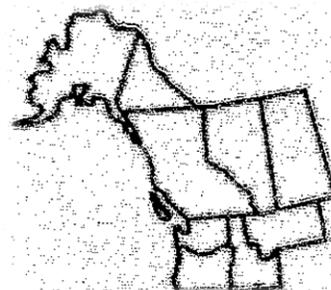
The **Strait Stamp Society** has been a Federation member since 1977. Publish bi-monthly newsletter, *Strait Stamp Talk*. Meet first Thursday at 6:00 pm at Sequim Bible Church. Also hold informal mid-month morning meeting at local Burger King. This year, members at the monthly meetings are sharing philatelic items starting with a number; April is #4. No dues, but accept donations. <https://straitstampsoc.org/>



The **Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs** publishes this quarterly journal. Holds a Board meeting at PIPEX each year in May.

The **Tri-Cities Stamp Club** has been a Federation member since 1966. No newsletter or website. Meet fourth Wednesday 7:00 pm. at Margaret Dunn's home, 463 Sundance Drive; Richland, WA 99352. Third Wednesday in November and December. Dues \$10.00 per year for adults, \$1.00 for students.

[Ed. Note: If you would like to have news about your club activities and upcoming plans published in future columns, please email details to me @ [peafowlphilatelics@gmail.com](mailto:peafowlphilatelics@gmail.com).]



## UPCOMING STAMP SHOWS / BOURSES 2026

Show Dates			Major events in bold / <i>PNW events in Italic</i>	Revised: 18 November 2025	
FRI	SAT	SUN	SHOW NAME	LOCATION	TYPE
	31 Jan	1 Feb	Greater Eastside Show	Redmond, WA	Bourse
	7 Feb		NSNS Coins, Stamps & Collectibles Show Nikkei National Museum and Cultural Centre	Burnaby, BC	Mixed
		8 Feb	Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair	Victoria, BC	Bourse
	Feb	Feb	Regina, Saskatchewan Stamp Show, Regina Senior Citizens Centre (always 3 <sup>rd</sup> weekend)	Regina, SK	Show
27 Feb	28 Feb	1 Mar	APEX, 100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary Serum Run	Anchorage, AK	Show
	7 Mar		Sno-King Stamp Club Show	Kenmore, WA	Bourse
	14 Mar		Eugene Stamp Show	Eugene, OR	Bourse
	Mar		PNWPHS at Oregon Stamp Society clubhouse	Portland, OR	Bourse
		Mar	Salem Stamp Show	Salem, OR	Bourse
	21 Mar	22 Mar	Edmonton Spring National Stamp Show	Edmonton, BC	Show
	28 Mar		Olympia Philatelic Society Spring Roundup	Lacey, WA	Bourse
	28 Mar		Sea & Valley Expo 2026	Langley, BC	Bourse
	11 Apr		John D. Arn Philatelic Symposium	Moses Lake, WA	Event
	Apr	Apr	Calgary Philatelic Society Spring Bourse	Calgary, AB	Bourse
	18 Apr	19 Apr	Evergreen Stamp Club Spring Show; Kent Commons	Kent, WA	Bourse
		Apr	Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair	Victoria, BC	Bourse
<b>24 Apr</b>	<b>25 Apr</b>	<b>26 Apr</b>	<b>WESTPEX (WSP)</b>	<b>Burlingame CA</b>	<b>Show</b>
		Apr	AMPEX (Fraser Valley Philatelic Club)	Abbotsford, BC	Bourse
<b>1 May</b>	<b>2 May</b>	<b>3 May</b>	<b>PIPEX (WSP)</b>	<b>Clackamas, OR</b>	<b>Show</b>
	9 May		NSNS Coins, Stamps & Collectibles Show	Burnaby, BC	Mixed
	May		Garden City Stamp Club Wallace Weekend event	Missoula, MT	Event
	<b>23 May</b>	<b>30 May</b>	<b>Boston 2026 World Expo</b>	<b>Boston, MA</b>	<b>Show</b>
5 Jun	6 Jun		SOPEX (Southern Oregon Philatelic Exhibition)	Medford, OR	Show
	18 Jul	19 Jul	Evergreen Stamp Club Summer Show; Kent Commons	Kent, WA	Bourse
	8 Aug		Strait Stamp Show	Sequim, WA	Show
Sept	Sept		SEAPEX	Tukwila, WA	Bourse
	12 Sept		NSNS Coins, Stamps & Collectibles Show	Burnaby, BC	Bourse
Sept	Sept		Antique Paper Roundup; Lloyd Center (Thursday-Saturday)	Portland, OR	Bourse
<b>17-18 Sept</b>	<b>19 Sept</b>	<b>20 Sept</b>	<b>BNAPEX (76<sup>th</sup> annual BNAPS Convention)</b>	<b>Valleyfield, QC</b>	<b>Show</b>
	Sept		Eugene Stamp Show	Eugene, OR	Bourse
		Sept	Salem Stamp Show	Salem, OR	Bourse
	Sept		Central Oregon Stamp Show	Redmond, OR	Bourse
		27 Sept	Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair	Victoria, BC	Bourse
			VANPEX	Burnaby, BC	Show
			CALTAPEX; Kerby Centre Gymnasium	Calgary, AB	Show
	Oct		Olympia Philatelic Society Fall Roundup	Lacey, WA	Bourse
		22 Nov	Victoria Stamp & Postcard Fair	Victoria, BC	Bourse
			SACAPEX (with exhibits)	Sacramento, CA	Bourse
			Vancouver Stamp Fair; Holiday Inn Express	Vancouver, BC	Mixed
	21 Nov		NSNS Coins, Stamps & Collectibles Show	Burnaby, BC	Mixed
	5 Dec	6 Dec	PENPEX	RedwoodCity, CA	Bourse
	20 Dec	21 Dec	Salem Coin & Stamp Show; Polk County Fairgrounds	Rickreall, OR	Bourse

- Second Saturday each month Rose City Stamp Fair. OSS Clubhouse; Portland, OR; Bourse
- Fourth Saturday each month Collector's Corner. OSS Clubhouse; Portland, OR; Bourse