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2020 WINEPEX Virtual Exhibit October 2-3-4

The Redwood Empire Collectors Club is sponsoring a non-competitive virtual exhibit that will be shown on-line on October 2, 3 and 4, 2020. Exhibitors are encouraged to prepare display exhibits that focus on limited content. Exhibits may range from a traditional philatelic study to a more creative or innovative endeavor.

The **deadline** for exhibit submission is **September 15, 2020**. There are no rules as to content. The exhibit is open to all, and there are no exhibit fees. A "Peoples' Choice" award will be given based on the preferences of exhibit viewers. Voting will be done on line and the procedures for voting will be placed on the exhibit website.

Exhibits are 4 to 6 pages. Scan each page at 300 dpi (no higher please) and save as a .jpeg file. Each page scan title should include your name, abbreviated exhibit title, and a page number to ensure proper sequencing. Use this link to submit an exhibit: <https://www.stampsrhistory.com/contact-info.html>

Individuals may submit up to two separate exhibits. All philatelic items displayed in the exhibit should be owned by the exhibitor. However, you should not use copyrighted photos as supplementary material.

Exhibits may be viewed at <https://www.stampsrhistory.com/winepex.html>

President's Message

Fellow collectors,

Change. Platitudes abound about change because it's a part of everyone's life. Too much change can appear like chaos causing adverse effects such as stress. Too little change is not a panacea coming with its own downsides.

Curious behaviours can arise from an individual's desire to avoid change. A friend once spent weeks in Europe dining solely in a popular fast food chain famous for how many burgers sold. Imagine being unable to sample pizza in Italy because of psychological inertia caused by change avoidance.

Another symptom more germane to the philatelic arena is a remark often heard where philatelists gather. "I've been doing (insert activity or event) for (insert number greater than 20) years and it's always been done this way." As Dries van Noten said, "Change is not always bad. Change can be good." Furthermore, change can be healthy.

It appears that 2020 will have its fair share of change. I start my tenure as President of the Council. This letter appears in the Council Courier sporting a new editor, immediate past President Larry Crain, who has complete latitude to exact change. Other changes include a new Webmaster, Robert Pope. There are also vacant positions at the Council that can be an instrument for change so please consider volunteering.

In the larger philatelic world, you can embrace change by volunteering for many different positions or activities. (continued on p.2)

The positive news

This issue of the Courier is short, but stamp collecting is active. Although there will be no Council in-person stamp show in 2020 (PENPEX in December is cancelled because venue is not available), there are dealers online. There are auction sites online. There are stamp organizations online. Visit these.

Yes, there are no in-person stamp shows. But there are exhibitions online. APS just held one and a friend mentioned it was a joy to look carefully at exhibits without tired feet. To the north of us SEAPEX is Sept. 11-13 and there are exhibitors from the Council area. Attend at <http://seapexshow.org> Exhibits can be seen now. Dealers on opening day. There will be meetings and presentations. Registration for these opens September 1. Registration is necessary because they are on Zoom and an invite from the host needs to be sent to each participant.

The Redwood Empire Collectors Club will host an online, virtual stamp show October 2-4. Dennis Buss, president, is pleased to report the 2020 VIRTUAL WINEPEX SHOW. Information is on the RECC website by Victor Ivashin. Go to <https://www.redwoodempirecollectorsclub.org/about.html> Ron Matteri's website <https://www.stampsrhistory.com/winepex.html> is where to submit exhibits and/or to view them. The virtual WINEPEX format of the exhibits is unusual (see p. 1) but the club hopes to attract interest from both exhibitors and viewers to see and enjoy something a bit different.

Larry Crain

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President's Message from p.1 Perhaps you can change your routine to include exhibiting. Perhaps you can engage in a course to learn more about a new collecting area. Perhaps you can write an article about your favourite stamp or cover and send it to a journal or newsletter. Change can be very good.

Nigel Moriarty

Postscript: I have enjoyed other change including online meetings for stamp clubs as well as in my profession. Stamp dealers, however, can't pivot as quickly to the virtual world so please contact a dealer and buy some stamps from them.

Around the Council: Clubs and Members

[Information is taken from the clubs' newsletter and submissions to larry.crain@gmail.com]

Nevada Stamp Society: June Zoom meetings had 17 and 21 attendees. Two new member joined, both out of state! Articles included one on leather cards - "It doesn't matter that 'leather cards' look similar to postcards ... [they] are not postcards."

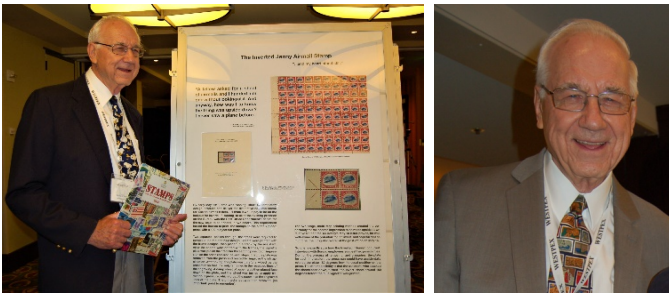
San Jose Stamp Club: Attendance at Zoom meetings is growing. It allows out of the area members to attend. However, there is still concern about staying connected with each other. The September issues includes great articles on Canada's semi-official airmails of the 20s and early 30s, on Scouting, on the Berlin airlift - Operation Vittles, on the Mailomat self-service, coin-operated meter machines from 1939 on and five expensive world rarities.

Southern Oregon Philatelic Society: Regular meetings are suspended until possibly January but the third Thursday swaps are continuing. An article about the ladies of the club since its formation in the 50s was in the August issue.

U.S.S. Saginaw Chapter 59: Nine covers were illustrated and discussed in the July issue.

George Shalimoff

With sadness the passing of George Shalimoff on August 17 is reported. He died quietly at home.



A true gentleman, Shalimoff (1930-2020) was an exhibitor of Russian material, chair of WESTPEX 1994 to 2002, occasional emcee of WINEPEX banquets and member of several Council organizations. He was out-going, enthusiastic about the hobby and helpful with other collectors. In his name, donations may be made to Friends of the Western Philatelic Library.

Sequoia Stamp Club Goes to Zoom

On March 12, 2020, San Mateo County Authorities issued a shelter-in-place order as did many of the San Francisco Bay Area Counties, requiring all residents to stay at home. This meant that Sequoia Stamp Club (SSC) could no longer hold their meetings at the Redwood City Community Activities Building.

But the Covid cases increased and more restrictions were put in place. So, with the initiative of SSC Treasurer, Jay Strauss, who suggested that we hold meetings online, the SSC Board held a meeting on April 21. It ran very smoothly and the Board decided to move forward with purchasing a Zoom account.

A Zoom meeting was new to many of our members, but SSC Secretary, John Corwin, sent out instructions to all members on how to access the meetings via their computer or by phone along with links for members to test their connections.

SSC held their first Zoom meeting on April 28. While only 19 people attended (whereas our in-person meetings have around 35 to 40), we had the honor of SSC member Scott English, APS Executive Director, joining from Bellefonte, PA.

Some had trouble joining or were confused about the instructions. John Corwin offered to do test runs with members before the next meeting. Now meetings have around 28 people in attendance to see presentations or participate in live auctions.

Our newest member, Jim Ferone, is from New Jersey. Starting in August, SSC has been listing on the APS website as holding our meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 pm PDT. Jim said he wanted something philatelic to do on Tuesday so he emailed us and joined the meeting on August 11. He enjoyed it so much, that he mailed in his application for membership and is now our newest member.

Even though members miss seeing and talking with each other, SSC has found a way to continue sharing our passions. Last month, we had "Other Hobby Night" where members could show non-philatelic items that they collect. As members sat in their living room or computer room, we saw and learned about sculptor Wah Ming Chang, National Park Passports, member's acrylic paintings, sports memorabilia and Argentinian tea cups to name a few items.

We hold a live auction. Members who are online bid using the chat feature and members on the phone bid by calling out their bids. So, the opportunity to add to your collection is available at each SSC meeting as it was when we were meeting in-person.

The times are changing, but it will not stop us from enjoying our hobby and our friends. In some cases, the Zoom meetings take less time as there is no commute. Also, for "Other Hobby Night" members could show items that may have been difficult to transport. Lastly, members are able to attend from anywhere in the world.