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July and **AUGUST, 1990**
MEETINGS ON THE 2nd & 4th SATURDAYS

OF EACH MONTH IN ROOM 301 OF THE PHYSICS
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POST BOY

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SOCIETY

- PRESIDENT * ENCLOSED IS THE BALLOT FOR THIS YEARS SLATE OF OFFICERS,
- GUS GEIGER * WE ARE VOTING FOR A VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND ONE
- VICE PRESIDENT * DIRECTOR. MARK YOUR BALLOT, EITHER VOTING FOR ONE OF
- JACK BARRIAGE * THE PEOPLE LISTED, OR IF YOU FEEL SOMEONE ELSE WOULD BE
- SECRETARY * GOOD IN THE JOB WRITE IN THAT PERSONS NAME, OR YOUR OWN
- RUTHE DREILING * IF YOU WISH TO VOLUNTEER, PLACE IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED
- TREASURER * AND MAIL OR BRING TO THE MEETING ON AUGUST 11th. THESE
- WALT SOMMER * BALLOTS MUST BE IN OUR HANDS ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 20, 1990,
- DIRECTORS * SO THEY CAN BE COUNTED AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS WILL
- DICK DREILING * BE AT OUR ANNUAL PICNIC ON AUGUST 25, 1990
- LARRY SCOTT * * * * *
- RON SCHULTZ * ANNUAL PICNIC
- KAY WILLIAMS * WHERE: 29 EAST GAULT WAY, SPARKS, NV.
- MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN * WHEN: SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 1990
- RON SCHULTZ * TIME: 5:30 PM (TO BEAT THE HEAT OF MIDDAY)
- PROGRAM CHAIRMAN * CLUB FURNISHES HAMBURGERS & HOT DOGS, PAPER PLATES AND
- LOIS WILLICK * PLASTIC SILVERWARE, NAPKINS ETC. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO
- SPECIAL EVENTS * BRING YOUR OWN DISHES UNLESS YOU OBJECT TO EATING OFF OF A PAPER PLATE WITH
- NEVPEX * PLASTIC UTENSILS. ICE TEA & SOFT DRINKS WILL ALSO BE FURNISHED BY THE CLUB.
- DICK DREILING * EACH MEMBER IS ASKED TO BRING A SIDE DISH, SALADS, DESSERTS, VEGETABLE PLATES,
- AIR RACES * BAKED BEANS, CHILI BEANS, CORN ON THE COB, BUNS ETC. PLEASE CALL RUTHE AT
- JACK BARRIAGE * 331-2551 DAILY BEFORE 4:00 PM OR 359-2030 AFTER 5:00 PM., TO TELL HER WHAT
- POST BOY EDITOR * YOU WILL BRING OR FIND OUT WHAT IS NEEDED. THIS PICNIC IS OPEN TO YOUR SPOUSE,
- RUTHE DREILING * GIRL FRIEND, BOY FRIEND ETC. WE ALWAYS HAVE A LOT OF FUN, SO JOIN US & HAVE

FUN WITH US. IF YOU HAVE A FOLDING CHAIR OR TWO, PLEASE BRING THEM, I HAVE SOME REDWOOD CHAIRS AND FIVE FOLDING METAL CHAIRS, BUT NOT ENOUGH TO SEAT EVERYONE PLEASE CALL RUTHE AT ONE OF THE ABOVE NUMBERS AND LET HER KNOW IF YOU WILL BE COMING AND HOW MANY IN YOUR PARTY, SO WE KNOW HOW MUCH MEAT TO BUY, WE DON'T WANT TO RUN OUT, BUT NEITHER DO WE WANT TO OVERBUY, SO WE REALLY NEED TO KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING, AND WHAT YOU WILL BRING.....

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING ABOUT SCOTT CATALOGS.

From the founder of the International Society of Guatemala Collectors, Mr. Kurt Weiss, I have received his opinion in regard to the new Scott catalog policy. It is not flattering, and I think that we should listen as well to some of the criticism voiced, after having given room to Scott in regard to their policy in our Journal. One part of the criticism is pointed towards the fact, that Linn's and Scott are now owned by the same company, and it is stated that Linn's is the "goldmine" and Scott the "white elephant". I have my squabbles with Linn's due to their rates for Canada, and I have my squabbles with Scott as well, although not being a dealer myself, I have not had the chance to really sit down and find out what the results are for the philatelist in general.

I will quote some of Mr. Weiss' remarks, where I feel his criticism will be helpful and if implemented by Scott. Many protests have already been made in regard to the pricing, so let us look at something else, which Mr. Weiss brings out: Scott's worst enemies are not our loud protests, but its own stubborn way to produce a world catalog in alphabetical order, with B, C, CB, E, CO, O, J, L and RA subclassifications, that only advanced collectors will understand. To collect Central America, one would have to carry around four heavy books instead of one like Michel North America from Germany, which lists everything from Canada to Panama, including the Caribbean on 1653 pages, well bound on good thin paper. Scott could follow this example and publish only the more popular countries on an annual base. At present the new Scott is used by bargainhunters, but for selling the European catalogs are used worldwide now.

Further Mr. Weiss points out the plight of the dealer, who cannot be expected to keep a large stock of common stamps, which do not move for long periods at a time and the actual work involved to go through a wantlist for example from someone who wishes only the lowest marked stamps in Scott at 5¢ is not worth the dealers time. In stead the figure of 20¢ minimum is mentioned.

And Mr. Weiss closes his remarks, with sending cordial greetings and inviting us to Guatemala, to get out of the cold weather. If you get there, please look him up, and also our member and supporter Romeo Routhier.

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REGULAR MEETING: JULY 14, 1990

— BILL OLIVER CAME UP FROM SACRAMENTO, AND GAVE A MOST INTERESTING TALK ON JUDGING, WHICH WAS ENJOYED BY ALL. WE REALLY APPRECIATE THE TIME & EXPERTISE BILL HAS GIVEN US OVER THE YEARS. RON SCHULTZ, JERRY FENWICK & RAY E. ELY WERE THE WINNERS OF THE RAFFLE. JACK BARRIAGE GAVE US AN UPDATE ON THE AIR RACES, THEY WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR, AND WE WILL HAVE OUR BOOTH THIS YEAR ALONG WITH THE POSTOFFICE AS LAST YEAR. JACK WILL NEED SOME VOLUNTEERS TO WORK THE RACES, SEE HIM OR CALL HIM IF YOU CAN ASSIST. HE HAS ASKED THAT EVERYONE PLAN TO ASSIST IN GETTING STOCK READY FOR SALE AT OUR SEPTEMBER 8th MEETING. A SUPER ASSORTMENT OF GOODIES WERE FURNISHED BY DICK & DEE DREILING.

REGULAR MEETING: JULY 28, 1990

(THANKS TO DOROTHY GEIGER, IN MY ABSENCE). THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:15 PM. NO MINUTES WERE READ. TREASURE REPORTED A BANK BALANCE OF \$2,891.94 WITH \$40.00 IN PETTY CASH. RAFFLE WINNERS WERE DR. SANDE, RAY E. ELY, DOROTHY GEIGER, CAROL MC CABE AND HUGO HAVET WINNING THE CASH.

A SLIDE PROGRAM ON STAMP FORGERIES WAS SHOWN, AND REALLY ENJOYED BY ALL. DOROTHY JOHNSON BROUGHT A DELICIOUS CAKE FOR REFRESHMENTS. FRAN JOHNSON, DOROTHY'S DAUGHTER WAS A GUEST.

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LOIS HAS LINED UP SOME SLIDE PROGRAMS FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. THESE PROGRAMS COME FROM APS & AND ARE USUALLY VERY GOOD, SO DON'T MISS THEM, EVERYONE SAID THE ONE ON FORGERIES WAS QUITE GOOD, AM REALLY SORRY THAT I MISSED IT.

DUES ARE DUE - \$3.00 FOR JUNIORS \$10.00 FOR A SINGLE \$15.00 FAMILY
PLEASE GET YOUR DUES IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND FOR YOU NEW MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT RETURNED YOUR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION SHEET, PLEASE GET IT IN TOO, WE NEED IT TO COMPLETE THE NEW ROSTER.

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PIN A ROSE ON ME

WHEN I QUIT THIS MORTAL SHORE, AND MOSEY ROUND THIS EARTH NO MORE,
DON'T WEEP, DON'T SIGH, DON'T SOB, I MAY HAVE STRUCK A BETTER JOB,
DON'T GO AND BUY A LARGE BOUQUET FOR WHICH YOU'LL FIND IT HARD TO PAY,
DON'T MOPE AROUND AND FEEL ALL BLUE, I MAY BE BETTER OFF THAN YOU,
DON'T TELL THE FOLKS I WAS A SAINT, OR ANY OTHER THING I AINT,
IF YOU HAVE JAM LIKE THAT TO SPREAD, PLEASE HAND IT OUT BEFORE I'M DEAD
IF YOU HAVE ROSES, BLESS MY SOUL, JUST PIN ONE IN MY BUTTON HOLE.

(THANX, RON SCHULTZ)

Who's in Charge?



by Dale Speirs
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Who's in charge here? The answer for most clubs is "the officers." But there are officers and there are officers. This article considers some important points in the organization and operation of a club.

There are a number of clubs where the membership has said, in effect, "Who needs all that legal mumbo-jumbo?" For very small, informal groups, it may be that such mumbo-jumbo is not required, and they can exist without formal procedures and directorships. However, for any club, a formal organization is desirable because it makes the club more efficient, reduces liability, and presents a better public image.

Formally organizing a club with officers or directors having specific responsibilities and general policies will allow the club to operate with less confusion and duplication of services. Each officer knows his/her duties and does not duplicate the work of others, thereby wasting time, energy, and money. Conversely, each officer is solely responsible for certain tasks, preventing the situation of "I thought you were going to do it," and ensuring accountability.

This requires that directors know what they are supposed to be doing. Written job descriptions, club bylaws, written policies and standing orders, annual and monthly financial statements, and minutes of the meetings help to keep everyone informed. The emphasis is on getting it all in writing. People forget what was said at the last meeting, or they misinterpreted, or did not hear correctly. Putting it on paper helps to remind everyone of what was agreed upon and who is to do what. (It also serves as the historical record: every club should have an archives, even if it is only a cardboard box full of papers.)

Most clubs begin as informal organizations and later incorporate into registered societies. The advantages of incorporation include the ability of the club to enter into contracts in its own name, rather than that of a member. Incorporation also reduces liability. It does not eliminate liability, as many club directors often believe, but does reduce their exposure. Some people are under the impression that officers of an incorporated society cannot be sued for anything, but this is not necessarily so. Because every province, state, and federal government has different laws, it is impossible to be precise about liability, so consult with a local lawyer. In general though, officers can be sued where negligence can be shown--something that is easier and easier to do in the courts today. This includes such things as operating the club in violation of bylaws, not keeping proper records such as financial statements or membership lists, and in general, not acting in a prudent manner. Officers are not immune to criminal court action where the organization violated a law. In some places, directors can be held liable for wages of any paid employee of the society.

An incorporated club presents a better public image to the general public. Part of this comes from the simple prestige of being incorporated. Another part comes from the fact that incorporated clubs tend to be better organized because they are forced to be so by government regulations. Incorporated clubs are required to make annual reports to the government, provide a copy of the bylaws (often checked by legal staff and sent back for revision by the club), and hold formal annual general meetings. This reduces the chances of the club drifting along without leadership or procedures of operation.

Sample bylaws, standard operating procedures, job descriptions, etc., should be shared through Karen Weigt's "Document Exchange." (See back cover of this CACN).

