

WESTPEX report By John Walter

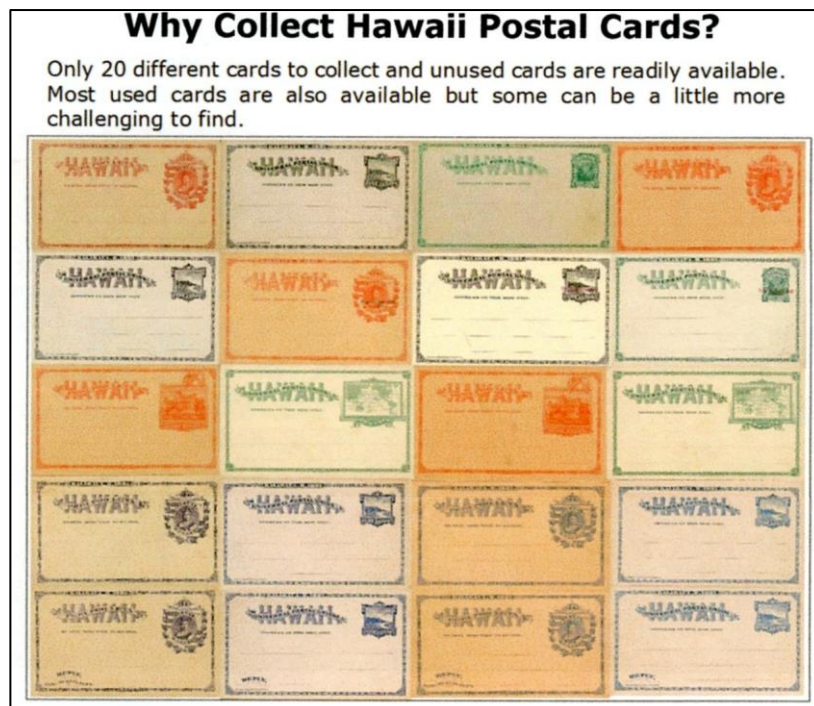
July 30, 2021 – August 1, 2021

John Walter, Dave Gehringer and Howard Kadohiro attended the WESTPEX stamp show in Burlingame, CA.

Howard Kadohiro is very active in the Hawaii Philatelic Society which meets every year at WESTPEX. This year the society had a presentation about the pre-U.S. postal cards “Hawaii Postal Cards 1882-1900.” It seems to be an easy area to collect since only 20 cards have major Scott numbers. One of the exhibits featured all the postal cards.

Looking at <http://WESTPEX.org>, this exhibit won the Grand Award.

On the right are all 20 Hawaii postal cards.



John Walter collects the Ryukyu Islands and enjoys attending the annual meeting of the Ryukyu Philatelic Society. This year the presentation was on Scott #17 “Subduing the Mysteries of Ryukyu Islands 100 Yen Cornerstone of the Ryukyu Philatelic Collection.” Last summer John purchased an unused pair of these stamps. So, the presentation was especially educational discussing the plating of all 100 stamps. The 10 or so members at the meeting also discussed some show-and-tell items that members worked on during the pandemic year. Included was the exhausting plating of 100 stamps for Scott #14. Everyone walked away with a T-shirt with an image of a pair of #17. Very nice!



Scott #17 and #17c pair owned by John Walter.

Dave Gehringer is active in the Universal Ship Cancellation Society which had their local Saginaw Chapter meeting. **John Walter** is also a member, and the six members in attendance shared some show-and-tell covers purchased at the show. Dave is now collecting destroyer covers and John is starting to collect hospital ship cancels. Only 20 hospital ships built – How hard can it be?

John represented the Nevada Stamp Study Society at the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies meeting. He has represented our stamp club since 2015 at Council meetings.

In addition to the society meetings, there were 62 dealers to browse for endless items. John also collects used U.S. aerograms addressed to foreign destinations. He hit the jackpot with Stephen Taylor, a dealer from the UK. Dave also was successful with some purchases from the Rumsey auction and other dealers. Looks like some show-and-tell items for our stamp club presentations.

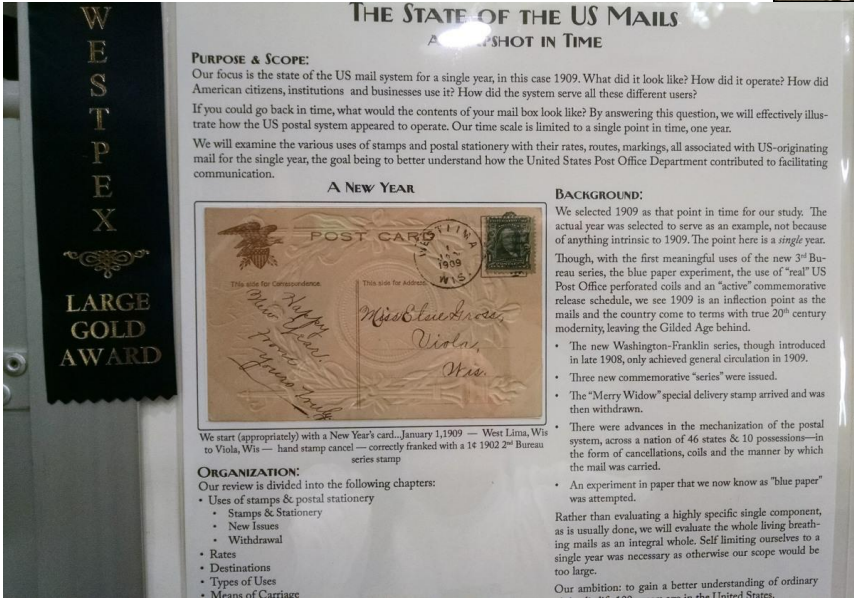
Top exhibits were displayed in 202 frames with the Grand Award winner to compete at StampShow 2022 World Series of Philately Competition for the highest national award, “Champion of Champions.”

Usually, the show admission is \$5 for all 3 days, this year it was free (for first 1000 attendees registering). Nice! Also, the usual Marriott parking of \$20/day was at a reduced rate of \$5/day with a WESTPEX ticket.



Exhibit area with 202 frames

Dave Gehringer wondering around the dealer area looking for bargains.



Example title page from a Large Gold Award winner entitled “The State of the US Mails.” The exhibit looked at the US mail system in the year 1909. What did it look like? How did it operate? How did American citizens, institutions and businesses use it?

A great story was told using various stamps, post cards, covers, etc.