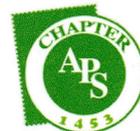




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Presidents Message

Jan. 4th MEETING

Welcome to our January-February Newsletter



Wes Falor

Photo by Karen Mckee

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas Season with family and friends. We neglected to have an official ballot on the cachet for our 2018 show, thus that will be the first item on our Jan. agenda [50 Anniv. of the Sequim Rotary Salmon Bake]. We will celebrate the letter "I" for January and the letter "J" for February plus have a silent auction for the February meeting. Both of the letters give lots of choices to share your interests. Richard Tarbuck has acquired 20 copies of the Washington State album for our club. They will be available starting at our January meeting for \$25.00 each as a fund raiser to defray costs plus some will be used as giveaways at our show as door prizes.

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After the general meeting, there will be a show and tell that begins with the letter "I." Bring any questions you have about stamps or stamp collecting.

Feb. 1st MEETING

After the general meeting, there will be a show and tell that begins with the letter "J." This will be followed by a Silent Auction. Forms can be downloaded from our website straitstamps.org

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New Editor



Photo by Karen McKee

It is with gratitude and appreciation that I take over as editor of Strait Talk from Chester Masters. For 17 years, Chester, as Editor, served as the voice of our Club and the source of information about the news and activities of our members. It will be hard to fill his shoes with the dedication that he demonstrated during the years he served as editor. I will try to follow in his footsteps and provide the type of service to our members as befits our organization. I hope to count on his continued assistance in carrying out my duties as editor. To our members, I encourage everyone to assist me by sending articles and other items of interest. I will try to live up to the task.

-Dick McCammon



"Great news, the burglars only took your stupid stamps."

From American Stamp Dealer & Collector

Washington Stamp Album



In late September, the American Philatelic Society (APS) released free album pages for the State of Washington. The APS offers downloadable mini albums that can be either printed for personal use or distributed free of charge. A special thanks was given to us for assistance in identifying stamps related to the State of Washington. The link to download the album pages is:

<https://stamps.org/userfiles/file/albums/Washington.pdf>

Now for a bit of history. It was some years ago when Gene Haugen showed me an Excel spreadsheet that he had created that contained stamps related to the State of Washington. Taking that as a starting point, I added to what Gene had done and created a more up to date list. Early last year, I contacted the APS to see if they were interested in us preparing the text to go with the stamps and got the response that they would be happy to work with us in preparing an album.

I got back to our members and got positive feedback to proceed. It is fair to say that everyone took on the task of fine tuning the list and writing text to go with the stamps. This was done over the Spring and early Summer.

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Secretary Cathie Osborne Notes

December 7th Meeting

The December 7 meeting of the Strait Stamp Society opened with discussion of our cancel subject, which—since there were no objections to the bossy show chairman—will be the 50th anniversary of the Sequim Rotary Salmon Bake. There was agreement to raise the fees for dealer tables and to purchase 20 copies of the Washington Stamps booklet.

We will be filling a club frame at PIPEX, and need 15 pages of some subject you collect that starts with “H”. Just one page, that’s all. And I’ll gladly accept them for mounting, starting NOW. Rick K. brought fancy candy to go with our coffee, which made the meeting more festive!

We’re looking for storage space for the club’s frames, and we have less than 2 months to find it. They will fit in an area 4X4X8 or smaller. Do you have a corner of a garage that would work?

For the letter H, Dick Mc. had a souvenir folder from Hungary, with a cinderella showing Steve Jobs, his hero. Bruce H. had stamps of hymenopterae.

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Washington Stamp Album

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In the process of fine tuning the list and writing the text, even more stamps were unearthed that were related to the State of Washington. This required rewriting and rearranging of the material, no small task.

At the end of this process, it was time for the final review and that took us into full Summer. It was late Summer when the final version was sent to APS. What came back was the draft of the final product. After some further editing on our part, we gave the final go ahead. On September 17th, the APS uploaded the album pages on their website.

This was a joint effort by all our members in creating what I think are the best album pages of any State yet produced. A job well done.

Dick, 

Spot the Variety!



Check the wonderful pair of the \$1.30 value of the famed Graf Zeppelin set. The stamp on the right has five mistakes in the design. Take a really good look. Can you spot them? At least one of them is really glaring! To see how you did, go to page **4**

What exactly was the intended use of 'coin stamps'?



U.S. Stamp Notes — By John M. Hotchner

Cinderella collecting is often a difficult field because these postage stamp look-alikes are not neatly cataloged and valued the way government issues are. A major reference work that will make cinderella collecting easier and more interesting is Drummond's Catalog of Philatelic Miscellany. Edited by James N. Drummond, the catalog was published in three parts in 2016. According to Drummond, the creator of these cinderella stamps, the Old American Insurance Co., "was established in 1939. The idea behind these 'coin stamps' was that the applicant would apply the stamp over the coin on their insurance application, to pay for the first 30 days of coverage. "The coin to be covered was a dime, and the means of sending it was the "Safe Coin Carrier" which includes these printed instructions: "Place 10¢ in the slot. Paste enclosed coin stamp over 10¢."

Secretary Notes (continued from Page 3)

Cathie showed a cancel from Horsefly, BC. Rick had highway cancels from Havana, Cuba (called ambulante there). And Jim K. showed a set of old advertising covers showing 'horns' (As well as bringing his friends Becky and Rob Hamilton.)

After our silent-auction shopping, Jim gave a great program about the printing of the Scott Catalogue through the years, even bringing some lead cuts of illustrations used on the old press.

Pres. Message (continued from Page 1)

I wish to give a hearty "BIG THANK YOU", to Dick McCammon and Cathie Osborne. Dick, for taking over the news letter, and setting up all of our monthly programs. Cathie, for all of her hard work keeping us on task and headed in the right direction plus starting the mid monthly meetings and doing the Sec-Treas business of the club. Hope all of you have a GREAT 2018!!!

Spot the Variety!



Were you able to find the five errors that are demonstrated in this distinctive copy of C14? Don't look yet! If you've come up with less than five mistakes in the stamp on the left, then take another hard look and see if you can determine the fifth!

From Kelleher's Stamp Collector's Quarterly