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Presidents Message

Jan. 3rd MEETING

Welcome to our January-February Newsletter



Wes Falor

Photo by Karen Mckee

After the general meeting, Rick Kunz will show a film entitled "Freaks and Errors." If time permits, there will be a show and tell that begins with the letter "U."

Feb. 7th MEETING

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

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Hope this finds everyone well during the Christmas holidays. The weather has caused a few problems of late, that luckily, passed us mostly by — hope all of you fared as well. I am guessing also that almost everyone has had some problems with power outages, though, hope they were relatively of short duration. In our January meeting, the letter of the month is "U" so "you" can be creative especially if you are phonetically inclined. It would be a nice time to share any new stamp related material that Santa may have dropped down your chimney or that you have recently acquired.

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Going Up Town

by Richard Tarbuck

It was a typical hot muggy day in Nha Trang, South Vietnam . . . the year 1968. I am in the first six months of a year's tour 'in Country', as Navy Advisor to Vietnam Naval Academy and Navy Training Center — Nha Trang — once the French Rivera of Indo China (with interesting stamps).

A stamp collector since age 10 — a time when I was exposed to WWII happenings daily. This led to my increased knowledge of the existence of world stamps. Now, I have found myself in the China-Asian Region where those particular foreign stamps might be available.

"Join the Navy and see the world" Yes — now I was in it — the world and 10,000 miles from my home and family in California . . . so . . . why not — take a jeep run into Nha Trang City Post Office, which, naturally, was located in the Town Center — maybe I could find some great and different stamps.

I am there! It seemed like a good idea at the time. I recall jumping into an armed jeep with driver and with a fixed 30 cal. machine gun rigged in the rear . . . at 60 mph through town — we (the invaders) called it "Indian Country" . . . a war zone.

It seems that my stamp education and interest got me into this situation — what will I find? I don't speak the language — french nor vietnamese. But this was a "stamp'n opportunity" — finding real Indo China stamps, a purchase from a post office, only 20 minutes away.

In and out — armed guard along — stamps in hand — an adventure — yes — foolish — I obviously was not thinking — my stamp collector instinct was in charge!

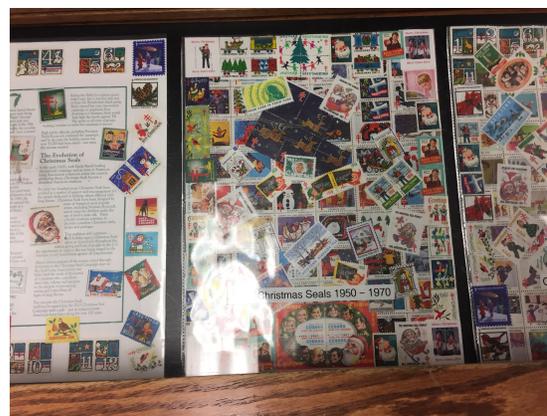
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Santa at Work



photo by Julie Tarbuck

Anyone who has found themselves waiting in line at the Post Office here in Sequim is in for a treat. Don McIntyre (aka Santa) has put together a display that will be up during the holiday season. The display (see below) is made up of a montage of items such as Christmas seals, religious stamps and posters and all manner of other ephemera. The display extends a distance of 10 feet. It is an excuse to make a special trip to the Post Office.



A part of the display



Where do you go from here?



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Going Up Town

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Back at my day job — safe as I could be . . . just an uneventful ride into an unfamiliar town — halfway around the world from my home.

The adventure was real. I am not certain of the value of the stamps I had acquired, but that is what real collectors do.



Stamps from Going Up Town



New Members

Bill Halliday and his daughter, Marcia Gojan, were visitors at our monthly meeting in November. Bill was a long-time member of the Collector's Club in Seattle and recently, moved to Sequim. Marcia said that she and her Dad look forward to future meetings here in Sequim.

Mark Wilson recently moved here from Arizona. Mark specializes in 1918-1927 stamps from Czechoslovakia. In fact, he just won a gold medal at Italia 2018 in Verona for his latest book, *The Hradcany: A Technical History*.

Welcome aboard!

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Secretary Cathie Osborne Notes



November 1st meeting

The November 1st meeting lent itself to another enjoyable evening. Eighteen members were present. First off, the group selected the Centennial Clallam County Fair as the theme for the Show Cancel for next year's Show. The Show date has been set for August 10th at the Masonic Lodge.

The Show and Tell for the month was the letter "S." Judy had a cover from an air festival at St. Hubert in Montreal. Bruce had stamps of some lovely sailing ships of all sizes. Don talked about the 'search' for his 'Santa' exhibit which is now in the Sequim Post Office display cases (see **Santa at Work** elsewhere in the newsletter). Carolyn, a first-timer, showed some covers from Alaska. Jim showed some Civil War 'stickers' or labels. How he obtained them from Art Groton made the story even better. Rick gave us a slide show presentation involving, among others, the mobile post offices on the Spokane-Portland-Seattle routes, Special Delivery HPO covers, the only known Spokane Falls RPO, and the marking "Steamer Sailed."

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RICHARD STUBLER



— R. STUBLER —
 'HEY, DAD! REMEMBER THE STAMP IN YOUR COLLECTION THAT YOU SAID WAS PRICELESS?'

Where do you go from here?

answer

www.christmasphilatelicclub.org



Secretary Cathie Osborne Notes

November 1st Meeting

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Dick showed hockey stamps with their 'skates', and him looking forward to the new NHL team in Seattle. Angela brought leftover Halloween 'snacks', which we found 'scrumptious' since they had chocolate.

The next two mid-monthly meetings at Burger King were set for November 14th and December 12th. At the November 14th meeting, Cathie will have new kiloware from the Victoria show — plus some items from a new donation. All in all, another successful meeting.

December 4th Meeting

The December 4th meeting was attended by 12 members and new member Mark Wilson (see **New Members**). Wes and Cathie brought donated stamps for the club, including the stamps donated by Dean Kennedy.

For the letter "T," Don talked about his Santa exhibit (see **Santa at Work**) and that he still needs the Charlie Brown booklet, if anyone has an extra. Rick showed examples of Traveling post offices and rail cars. He also had a cancel from a Transylvanian traveling post office. Dan had a letter sent to a WWI detention camp with so many markings that it was unclear if the recipient ever received the letter.

Judy had pictures of "Terrible Tillie", a beleaguered lighthouse at Tillamook, Oregon, operated from 1881-1957. Cathie brought stamps and other philatelic material showing Troikas, Russian sleighs pulled by three horses, and usually having a bell on them. Bruce had stamps of toadstools (aka mushrooms) showing their great variety. Bill brought slogan cancels from Tacoma, which among other things, advertised Mt. Rainier, the Daffodil Festival, and the first Narrows Bridge.

The silent auction went off silently, and members went home with boxes of stamps to play with over the holidays.



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For the month of Febuary. the letter to remember is "V" like in Victoria or Venezuela or victory overprints. I am sure many of you will come up with even better connections. We will also have a silent auction, so remember to bring those extra items you have been meaning to sell. I will miss the Febuary meeting so Cathie and Dick will have to lead you.