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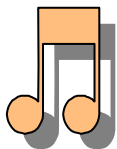
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DUES NOTICE

Dues for the WSCC club year starting JULY 2008 through JUNE 2009 should be sent to :
GERARD MARANDINO, Executive Secretary, 5105 SKYLINE VILLAGE COURT, ALEXANDRIA,
VA 22302. REGULAR MEMBERS \$16, JUNIOR AND NON RESIDENT \$8.

AWARDS DINNER TICKETS TO GO ON SALE JULY 2

The WSCC Annual Awards Dinner will be Wednesday October 1, 2008, 7 PM at
Tony Cheng's Seafood Restaurant, 619 H Street, NW (2nd Floor), Washington, DC 20001.
(SECOND FLOOR is important!!) Tickets for the dinner are \$25/person and will be available starting with
the meeting July 2.

Hungerford Album Competition Attracts Eclectic Collectors

By Martin Fleisher Photos by Janet Hughes

According to Herb Trenchard's 100-year History of the Washington Philatelic Society, the annual competition for the best album was first held in May of 1969 and was named in honor of T. Russell Hungerford. This year's event was held at the May 7th meeting and included 10 diverse and interesting entries.

President C. A. Stillions began the event by explaining the rules, which very simply were that each member submitting an album should describe it to the club. The club members present at the meeting would then vote on the best submission. **President Stillions** described his entry.

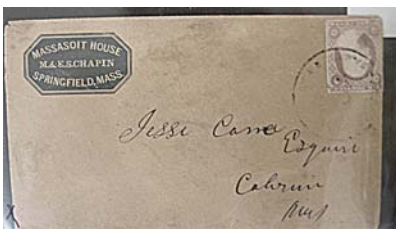


During the Show and Tell "P" Night, **C. A. Stillions** had exhibited one of the rare Newfoundland proofs in his collection. The album that he brought to the club for this competition included that proof as well as many more of the 4th Industrial Issues of Newfoundland. It contained die and plate proofs; stamps both mint and used; plate blocks, some of which contained numbers and some without; and one of the few Newfoundland UPU Congress booklets.

Tadas Osmolskis presented his Iceland album. Its uniqueness is in the fact that Tadas downloaded the pages from the web (www.stampalbums.com) and printed them himself. The layout, as seen here, is chronological and follows the Scott Specialized Catalogue with a space for every stamp issued. Tadas used a good quality, acid-free paper for his pages which took about three evenings to print out.



Seymour Stiss presented a collection of early advertising covers that were generally produced from 1850 – 1860. The corner 'logos' were embossed into the paper and are called 'cameo covers.' Although they can be found in red, green, and brown, they are more generally found in the colors of blue and black. Even though he has some of these covers from New York and one from London, ones from Philadelphia seem to be the easier found. Seymour also gave a demonstration of how the embossing is done to create one of these covers.



Bruce Kellogg presented his Iran album. This particular one is his mint collection.



These pages were laid out by Bruce and are enviously complete up to about 1979.



Virginia Randolph submitted her album already completed and debated whether to retain the handsome one it came in. She house some of the contents that we



on Sweden. She purchased the album transfer the contents to another album or has opted to keep the dark blue album to see here.



Bill Sandrik exhibited part of his famous Czechoslovakia holdings. This album focused on Slovenska (Slovakia). There were lots of fascinating covers here. Slovakia declared its independence from Czechoslovakia in March, 1939, signing a treaty with Germany which assured German protection. Stamps began with over prints on Czech stamps, then indigenous Slovakian issues until 1945. Issues consisted of definitives, commemoratives, semi-postal, air, and personal delivery stamps. A good portion of the contents of the album consists of items from the town where Bill's grandparents lived.

Lorraine Bailey exhibited one of her French Colonies postal history albums. This album was overflowing with unique postal cards, first flights, rocket mail, air mails, crash mail, censored mail, and the like. Her special love has always been Madagascar and that is what was featured in this special album. Here she shows off one of her prized covers which was sent from Madagascar to Switzerland with Swiss postage due.



Pat Sluby shared her special and eclectic collections material. She is interested in stamps about inventors and scientists and her First Day Covers include George Washington Carver from the Tuskegee Institute, famous African American aviators, and the cover honoring Arthur Ashe, to whom Pat is related. She also has a sheet of Bugs Bunny commemoratives because she 'likes Bugs.' Here we see Pat explaining her second album. Pat's great-grandfather spoke at the Negro exhibit at the 300th Anniversary of Jamestown in 1907. Pat was invited to speak at the 400th Anniversary celebration there last year. Pat has included philatelic material from the Jamestown event in her eclectic album.



The final
contained
While not



item presented was this beautiful old Russian stamp album that had at one time stamps but which were removed. This album was shown by **John Hardies**, technically being of a 'philatelic' nature, this album was striking.



After viewing all of these materials, club members voted **TADAS OSMOLSKIS** the \$25 prize and this year's Hungerford contest winner.

Congratulations to Tadas and to all those who shared with the group.

WSSC Members Scored Big at WESTPEX 2008

By Don Peterson

WSSC member **Patricia Stilwell Walker** won the Grand Award and Gold at WESTPEX 2008, April 25-27, 2008, at San Francisco, California for her 8-frame "Baltimore Postal History: From Colonial Times to the UPU". Pat also won the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society Award-Best U.S. Up to 1894, the Postal History Society Medal-Best Postal History, and the U.S. Cancellation Club-Charles D. Root Memorial Award.

Don Peterson won a Gold Award for his 7-frame "Postal History of the Spanish Philippines, 1854-1898", and also the International Philippine Philatelic Society-Eugene A. Garrett Award-Best Philippine Exhibit. Don, who was newly appointed the Overseas Operations Coordinator of IPPS, participated in an IPPS meeting at the show.

Douglas K. Lehmann won a Vermeil Award for his 4-frame "Philippine Fiscal Stamps Used During the Japanese Occupation, February 1942 to January 1945". Doug also won the American Philatelic Society Award of Excellence, 1940-1980.

W. Dan Walker won a Gold Award for his 1-frame exhibit "Grenada's War Tax Issues". He also won the British Caribbean Philatelic Society Study Group-Gold Award.

Another big surprise at WESTPEX was running into our out-of-town WSCC life-member **Larry MacKallor**, who says hi to all his friends back in DC. All in all, WESTPEX 2008 scored big for WSCC. Congratulations to all our winners.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By C.A. Stillions

Despite the double whammy of high gasoline prices and baseball parking restrictions, our attendance in May and June was very good. The possibility of inconvenience from parking on-street remained just that a possibility. The D. C. Government has yet to post the baseball parking restrictions on the streets around our meeting place, but tow trucks were seen on the baseball evenings. We have two more conflicting dates, both the September meetings. Hopefully they will be no more of a problem than the first conflicting dates.

July is dues month. Please send your dues to the Executive Secretary promptly. The annual dues at \$16.00 for resident members and \$8.00 for non-resident members, just does cover our Newsletter costs. We have a high quality newsletter and I for one want to keep it that way. The sooner you send in your dues the better chance we have of keeping our high quality newsletters coming.

Also, I have just learned that last month's WSCC visit to the National Postal Museum and Library was just the spike in attendance that was needed to get the Library pilot program extended. The NPM Library will continue being open the Third Saturday of the Month from 10 AM to 4 PM in July, August, and September. We'll just have to wait and see if it ever becomes a permanent program. Thanks go to all WSCCers who helped make the continued availability of the NPM Library possible.

Our club booth at NAPEX was a mixed success. The club booth room was in the back and depths of the hotel, therefore there was virtually no traffic. It did allow our members manning the booth to leisurely peruse the offering of the Stamps for the Wounded, also in the same room. I think we sold one item. But, it did get our name out there and that alone made it worthwhile.

Wishing you a philatelic active summer, C. A. Stillions, President

WSCC MEETING PROGRAMS July and August 2008

- 2 July** **Speaker** – Helen Young, Conservator for the National Postal Museum
16 July **Swap and Trade**
6 August **Show & Tell “D” Night** Members are to bring a philatelic item that involves the letter “D”
20 August **Donation Auction**

COMING PHILATELIC EVENTS

Upcoming area and regional club sponsored stamp shows and other philatelic events

August 9-10 **Vienna Quarterly Coin and Stamp Show**, Vienna Community Center, Vienna, VA Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

August 22-24 **AMERICOVER, American First Day Cover Society**, Fairview Park Marriott, 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church, Virginia. Contact Doug Kelsey, americoverexpo@aol.com; www.afdcs.org.

August 29-31 **BALPEX, Baltimore Philatelic Society**, Marriott’s Hunt Valley Inn, 245 Shawan Road, I-83 Exit 20E. Contact Robert E. Gibson, Sr., balpex@aol.com, 410-332-4741.

September 26-27 **The Postal History Symposium**, National Postal History Museum, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, N. E., Washington, DC. Contact Allison Marsh, marsha@si.edu.

PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITY AT THE SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

From June 25 – July 4, Bhutan, a tiny Himalayan nation nestled between two geographic giants of China and India, will be the featured nation at the 42nd annual Smithsonian Folklife Festival. On June 25, 2008, Bhutanese Prince Jigyel Ugyen Wangchuck will present first day covers of three stamps created by the Bhutan Post to commemorate Bhutan's participation in the 42nd annual Smithsonian Folklife Festival. Acting Undersecretary of the Smithsonian Richard Kurin will accept the First Day Covers on behalf of the Smithsonian Institution. This event is open to the public and will take place at 3:30 p.m. at the Bhutan Hospitality Tent near the Bhutanese Temple in the center of the Bhutan program area on the National Mall. It will also feature a Direct-to-Bhutan-Post mailbox where visitors can mail postcards that will be cancelled and mailed through the Bhutan Post.

STAMPS FOR A LIVING CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

By Don Peterson

Stamps for a Living, operated out of St. Elizabeth’s Hospital, has celebrated their 10th Anniversary. The German founder of the outreach program came to Washington, D.C. to participate in the celebration. . At this time, the group takes in over ONE MILLION stamps in donation per month. The next WSCC excursion to Stamps for a Living will take place on July 8. If you are interested in participating in this trip, please contact Don Peterson immediately to be added to the list of attendees.

A Morning at the National Postal Museum By Phil Uhlmann Photos by Tadas Osmolskis

On Saturday, May 17, Dan Piazza, Assistant NPM Curator and WSCC member, invited members of the club to tour the National Postal Museum and Library. Six members of the WSCC and one member of the Mr. Beasley Stamp Club of Chevy Chase, MD attended. Dan gave the “inside story” of the amazing Miller

Collection, on loan from the New York Public Library. Then we entered the Postal Library itself. Here Dan described for us the many and varied resources available to anyone for research on an article or book he/she might be writing. I was especially intrigued by the “3rd Postmaster General Files”, which show the voluminous political and legal give and take

that typically precedes the issuance of any stamp.



Dan used the 3 cent “Poultry Industry” stamp of 1948 (Scott 968) as an example. The pre-issuing controversy about this stamp was barely containable in three thick manila envelopes! Thanks to Dan for a great day at the Museum and Library! More photos can be found at the web site:



www.flickr.com/photos/tosmolskis/sets/72157605203395289



President C.A. Stillions Awaits the Tour



C.A. Stillions with Bill and Janet Hughes Editors of the WSCC Newsletter



Virginia Randolph enjoys the Miller Collection Tour



New WSCC Members at the Museum (They specialize in covers!)



Gears on the NPM Vault Tadas' favorite computer wallpaper!

WSSC MEMBERS DISPLAY THE “K”

By Don Peterson Photos by Tadas Osmolskis

On a night when a particularly powerful thunderstorm ripped through the area, spawning tornadoes in Maryland and creating power outages from D.C. to western Virginia, the WSSC held their meeting on June 4th and shared philatelic items that involved the letter “K.” **C.A. Stillions** displayed Katanga. **Joyce Adams** showed mail from Kosovo. **Tadas Osmolskis** focused on U.S. Offices in Shanghai (which Scott lists with “K” numbers). **Virginia Randolph** showed examples of the Portuguese colony of Kionga. **Bruce Kellogg** entertained the club with Eastern Karelia stamps. **Doug Lehmann** showed a page of Kilogram-rated revenue stamps of the Philippines. **Matt Cassetta** exhibited pictures and stamps of the kingfisher. “K”udos to all the WSSC members who braved the storm.



ACCOUNTS OF MEETINGS

By Martin Fleischer, Recording Secretary

7 May 2008 President **C.A. Stillions** presiding, 22 members and 1 guest present. **VIRGINIA RANDOLPH** reported that NAPEX has offered a free table for the club at the show from June 6 – 8. Pros and cons were offered about acceptance. **C.A. STILLIONS** saw a consensus to go ahead and accept the offer. **LORRAINE BAILEY** will provide WSCC cachet covers for sale at the table. **C.A. STILLIONS** noted that he would investigate obtaining a banner with the club logo.

DON PETERSON announced the recent passing of **Col. James T. DeVoss** and noted that the extensive obituaries in various philatelic publications failed to note **Col. DeVoss's** connection with Washington, D.C. philately. **Col. DeVoss** was a long standing member of the Washington Philatelic Society (member #721, 1945) and president of the WPS from 1958 – 1961. **Col. DeVoss** was very active in the WPS. **SEYMOUR STISS**, a long standing friend, stated that **JIM DeVOSS** was often out of the country for a few years on end but always kept in touch. President **STILLIONS** will contact the philatelic magazines to add vital WPS – D.C. information to **Col. DeVoss'** philatelic contributions.

21 May 2008 President **C.A. Stillions** presiding, 20 members and 1 guest present. **C.A. STILLIONS** formally welcomed **JOYCE ADAMS** as a new club member. **JOYCE** is a specialist collector of late 19th century Guatemalan Postal Stationary.

DAN PIAZZA reported that 1 Mr. Beasley and 11 WSCC member attended his special tour at the National Postal Museum on May 17. If anyone missed this tour, **DAN** will repeat the tour on June 21st for member of the Graebner Chapter and all are welcome. **C.A. STILLIONS** announced that WSCC will have a table at NAPEX. Club cachet covers and various publications of the Washington Philatelic Society will be for sale. At our club meeting on June 4, **VIRGINIA RANDOLPH** will sign up members to man the table during the show. **MAY DAY TAYLOR** announced an interesting array of events scheduled for NAPEX. There will be a First Day of Issue Ceremony for the new Mt. Rushmore Priority Mail stamp. **PATRICK REYNOLDS** will speak on historical insights of Mt. Rushmore. There will be a U.N. ceremony for a series of six new stamps recognizing the U.N. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The U.S.P.S. will present a ceremony for the First Day of Issue of the new 1 cent Tiffany coil stamp. **PATRICK REYNOLDS** will speak and the designer of the stamp, **LOUIS NOLAN**, will be present. The Boy Scouts of America will also hold a Stamp Collecting Merit Badge seminar.

MILTON HOLMES announced the passing of long time club member **CLEMENT (“SHORTY”) WELLS**. **SHORTY** was very active in club matters in the days when CCW met at the Odd Fellows Hall on 7th St., N.W. **MILTON** noted that **SHORTY** formed a superb collection of world-wide birds on stamps and was also a jazz vibraphonist of distinction. **C.A. STILLIONS** asked **MILTON** to prepare a special obituary article to be included in the WSCC newsletter.

4 June 2008 President **C.A. Stillions** presiding, 18 members present. President **Stillions** invited members to “man” the WSCC table at the NAPEX 2008. The exhibition will be held at the McLean Hilton in McLean, Virginia, June 6-8, 2008. **DON PETERSON** had a WSCC logo hanging backdrop made for the table and for other events in the future. The program was a “show and tell ‘K’ night” featuring a philatelic item that began with the letter “K”. Details are in this newsletter.

18 June 2008 President **C. A. Stillions** presiding, 26 members and 1 guest present. **VIRGINIA RANDOLPH** reported on the WSCC table at NAPEX 2008. It was situated in the lower level area, the Club Room, and was a bit off the beaten track. However, there were some visitors and this translates into potential club interest on their part. Sales take was very low. **C.A. STILLIONS** officially announced that club dues are now called for. Yearly resident dues are \$16 and may be submitted at any club meeting or sent to the Executive Secretary, **GERARD MARANDINO**, 5105 Skyline Village Court, Alexandria, VA 22302.

DANIEL PIAZZA again encouraged members to attend his guided tour of the Miller Collection and NPM Research Library on Saturday, June 21. **JANET HUGHES** announced that tickets for the October WSCC Awards Banquet will be available beginning July 2. **DON PETERSON** reported on Stamps for a Living and the upcoming excursion on July 8.

The “main event” of the evening was the members’ auction. Huge quantities of material were placed and, come to think of “main events”, there was a great original photo print of Cassius Clay while dining at a local D.C. restaurant! Something for everyone from flags to clocks to shirts and bags. At least 10 albums were offered (one battled over from \$10 to a final knockdown at \$21). Scott catalogues, stock books and pages and over 20 large bags of country collections (just about A thru Z!). Similar country offerings were found in folders and in a few Mystery Boxes. Members earned \$350.00 for their efforts at a spring clean-up of their Stamps Attics.

CLASSIFIEDS

Members may place classified ads in the newsletter for free on a space available basis. The submission date for ads is the same as for other submissions, the last meeting of even numbered months. Send your copy to the Editor, Bill and Janet Hughes at the address in the panel on the last page. Hand written or typed, mailed or hand delivered, faxed or emailed, any way is acceptable, but email is preferred.

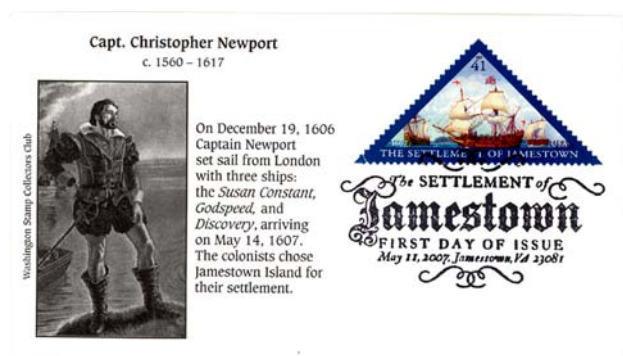
STAMPS FOR SALE

37 + 39 cents Hi-Ends \$17.00 a pound
34 cents and under Low-Ends \$ 9.00 a pound
Christmas \$ 1.00 a pound
Bulk Stamps \$ 1.00 a pound

Appraised value 38 cents and over 5 or 10 cents a piece
Plate # stamps 5 cents a piece
Foreign Stamps \$15.00 a pound

Order from Stamps for a Living Business, FO18/JHP/OT Dept., 2700 M L King Avenue, S. E., Washington, DC 20032-2601.

LORRAINE BAILEY posts the following covers for sale. Please see her at the meetings for more details.



One stamp covers are \$3.00.



A cover with 2 stamps is \$6.00.

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Membership information may be obtained from the Executive Secretary. Dues are due June 30th and are \$16.00 a year for resident members, \$8.00 a year for non-resident members, and \$8.00 a year for junior members.

Meeting are held the First and Third Wednesdays of the month at Christ United Methodist Church, 900 Fourth Street, S. W., Washington, DC starting at 7:00 PM. (Enter Church Education wing from I Street, S.W.)