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Sequoia Stamp Club

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President's Message

I am honored to be of service to the Sequoia Stamp Club as your president for 2025. Thank you to Jay Strauss for his steady leadership over the past 2 years. I enjoyed working with him and the other officers to continue SSC's track record of being one of the best-attended and most successful stamp clubs in the country! And a special thanks to John Corwin – our club secretary and behind-the-scenes wizard who juggles many tasks that keep our club running smoothly, including producing this newsletter, which won an APS Star Route GOLD Award this year. Congratulations to John and all the newsletter contributors!



Like many of you, I first learned about this club while attending our annual PENPEX stamp show, which I eagerly anticipated each year. Thank you to Kristin Patterson and all the volunteers for making this year's show a great success. I always enjoyed attending PENPEX as an attendee, but it's an even richer experience working with fellow members to make it happen each year – and getting to know you all better through the shared experience.

Why is SSC so fun? Because of the enthusiasm and dedication of its members! I look forward to continuing to watch this magic at work in 2025, and I encourage all members to volunteer, not just at PENPEX, but throughout the year – by giving presentations, helping with an event like the annual picnic, or bringing items to sell at our swap meets and auctions (yes, that's service too!).

Thanks to the hard work of Tom Hayes, our VP this year, the 2025 SSC calendar is packed with interesting presentations, opportunities to buy/trade stamps, and fun social events with fellow philatelists. But there are still some open presentation slots, so please think of an area you're passionate about and sign up.

It's going to be a great year for Sequoia Stamp Club – I'm looking forward to it!

Kevin Kraemer
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Calendar: Club Meetings (in black) and Other Events (in green)

- ♦ **Jan 14:** Inauguration of Officers. Past Presidents Present. Silent Auction.
- ♦ **Jan 25:** **PENPEX Wrap-up & Appreciation Brunch, 10 AM, Sizzler, 2855 Augustine Drive, Santa Clara.**
- ♦ **Jan 28:** **6 PM SSC Board Meeting (all welcome).** 7 PM Members' Live Auction. Wally Jolliff, auctioneer.
- ♦ **Feb 11:** "Red & Green Revenues" by John Corwin. Silent Auction.
- ♦ **Feb 25:** Swap Meet. Members can rent a table for \$1 for the evening.
- ♦ **Mar 11:** Fourth Phalen Live Auction. Jim Giacomazzi, auctioneer.
- ♦ **Mar 25:** Social Hour for Long-Time Members. Silent Auction.

Meetings on the **underlined dates above** will be hybrid meetings using Zoom. The complete schedule can be found online at www.penpex.org/ssc/calendar.

Message from the Out-Going President

As I write this message to my fellow members of the Sequoia Stamp Club, I am reflecting on the past two years during the term of my being your club President. Last night was my last club meeting as your President and once again we had a large turnout for our holiday party, which emphasized the health of our philatelic club. A few days ago, another very successful PENPEX show was held led by Kristin Patterson for the 19th year, wow..... Kristin was supported through volunteer work by dozens of our club members, and fun times were had by all. The dealers at the show appeared to be quite busy and each of them will hopefully renew their attendance for next year's show. The show's silent auction was again successful. PENPEX even hosted a live auction held by our longest tenured member Ed Rosen.



In closing, hopefully you will have enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. Our club is in good hands with Kevin Kraemer, your new club President and his suite of officers and the new Governing Board.

Respectfully, Jay Strauss

Mini Quiz: Zip Code

- 1) ZIP is an acronym for what phrase?
- 2) ZIP codes were introduced in what year?
- 3) ZIP+4 was introduced in what year?
- 4) The first three digits of a ZIP code identify a facility called what?
- 5) Besides adding ZIP codes, what other change took place with respect to addressing mail?
- 6) The abbreviation for Nebraska was originally NB. Why was it changed to NE?
- 7) The Mr. ZIP character first appeared in what year?
- 8) Three foreign countries have US ZIP codes. Which ones?
- 9) Did you know that a ZIP code may service residents of more than one city?
- 10) Geographically, ZIP codes beginning with zero are mostly found where?

Answers on page 10.

New Members

Peter Hausknecht joined the club in October. He has a worldwide collection.

Eric McCrystal joined the club in November. He inherited his grandfather's collection, and that rekindled his interest in stamp collecting. He collects U.S. and Great Britain plus its territories.

Welcome Peter and Eric!

Also, two people, Jerry Spain and Mary Alice Bowie, submitted applications for membership at PENPEX in December. We will vote on them in January.

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Buddy Holly

By Marsha Brandsdorfer

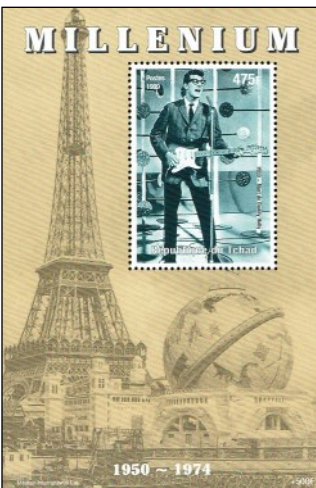
In Rave On: The Biography of Buddy Holly, the author Philip Norman, describes the short life of singer, songwriter, Buddy Holly, who died at the age of 22 in a charter plane crash on February 3, 1959, along with pilot Roger Peterson, J.P. Richardson (the Big Bopper), and Richie Valens.

Born on September 7, 1936, in Lubbock, Texas as Charles Hardin Holley, Buddy would become his nickname. His natural enjoyment was music. His father bought him his first guitar at a pawnshop when he was just ten years old. Buddy performed with friends on the new radio station, KDAV, when he was in high school. This gave Buddy exposure, and he cut a record deal with Decca. The contract misspelled Buddy's last name, so this is when Buddy Holley became Buddy Holly. Nonetheless, his records ended up receiving just mild praise. So, Buddy would receive a letter from Decca terminating his contract.

He then recorded two songs at the Norman Petty Recording Studio in Clovis, New Mexico with two of his friends. His song "That'll Be the Day" was previously recorded by Decca. The record company now released the song under his new group's name "the Crickets," and although Buddy sang on the record, he remained anonymous and did not sign the contract. Instead, Buddy signed a contract with the Decca subsidiary, Coral Records, under his own name where he would release some other songs. The group recorded more music at the Norman Petty Recording Studio.



US #2729



Chad #809b

Buddy met Maria Elena Santiago, who was the receptionist for Murray Deutch, Vice President of Peer-Southern Music, when the Crickets were in New York for a meeting with Mr. Deutch. Buddy ended up dating the attractive woman and they married on August 15, 1958, and moved into a new apartment building in downtown Manhattan. The marriage was not publicized to give the illusion that Buddy was still single and available to his fans, and the general public would not even know of Maria's existence until after Buddy's death.

Buddy was going on a three-week Midwest tour, "Winter Dance Party," which would feature him as a solo act without the Crickets, but with other performers and open on January 23, 1959, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Maria was newly pregnant and wanted to travel with Buddy on the tour, but Buddy did not want her traveling.

The musicians would need to travel through the evenings on a bus to arrive in time for their next appearance. A charter bus company was used for the tour. The problem was that the buses kept breaking down causing the musicians to wait long periods for replacement buses, cutting into their rest times. After their appearance in Clear Lake, Iowa, Buddy decided to charter a plane so he and some others could have time to rest at a hotel before their next show. About five minutes after takeoff, there was a crash which killed all aboard. It was assumed that the result of the crash was weather and/or pilot error.

News of the deaths spread quickly on the radio and on television, and friends and family found out about the tragedy through the media. Maria also found out about her husband's death through television news, and lost her baby the next day, due to shock and sorrow. Buddy Holly is memorialized on U.S. and international postage stamps.



Germany #B666

PENPEX CABOOSE

PENPEX Stamp Show was again a great success with over 300 people in attendance. We had more volunteers and some first-timers who chipped in to make PENPEX 2024 run smoothly. PENPEX will show its thanks by hosting a **Wrap-up and Appreciation Brunch** at Sizzler, 2855 Augustine Dr., Santa Clara (near 101 and Bowers) on Saturday, Jan 25, 2025 at 10:00 am. Please RSVP to Kristin Patterson at email: PENPEXRedwoodCity@yahoo.com or call or text 408-267-6643.

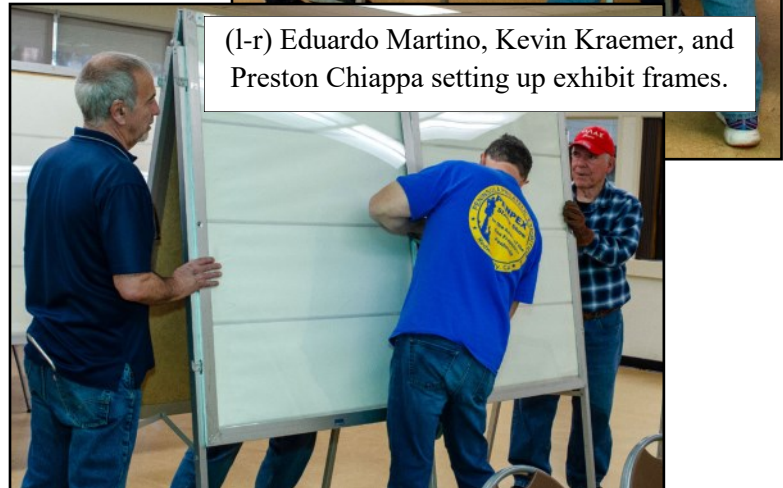


(l-r) John Vogel and Craig Butterworth unloading frames from the trailer.



Photos courtesy of Ken Perkins.

(l-r) Tim Coté and Kjell Enander assembling the exhibit frames.



(l-r) Eduardo Martino, Kevin Kraemer, and Preston Chiappa setting up exhibit frames.



Tom Hayes announcing the Grand Award winner at the Banquet Party. *Banquet photos taken by Kristin Patterson.*

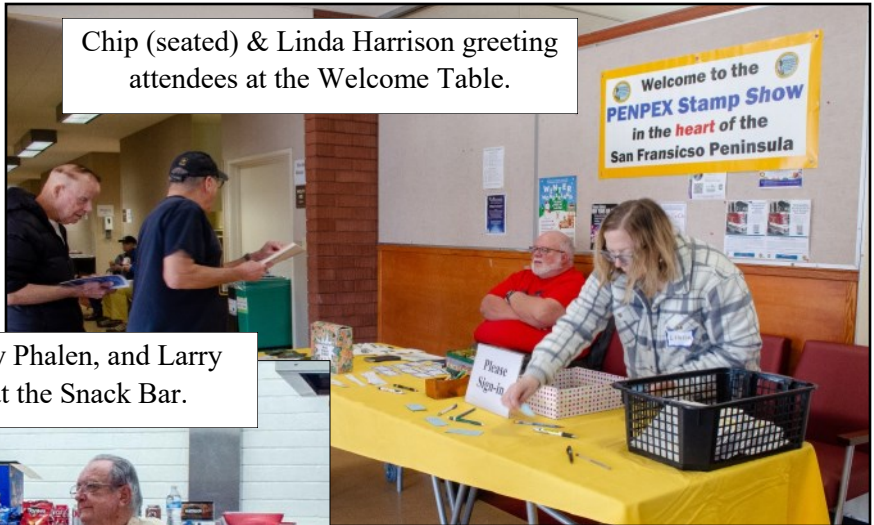


Edie Eggen assembling show programs made by John Corwin.

DURING THE PENPEX SHOW

The 2-day show had lots of activities: Dealers, Flea Market, Silent Auction, House of Zion Auction, Snack Bar, and Banquet Party. Shown here are photos taken during the PENPEX Dec. 7 and 8, 2024 by Ken Perkins.

Chip (seated) & Linda Harrison greeting attendees at the Welcome Table.



Eric McCrystal, Cathy Phalen, and Larry Crain helping out at the Snack Bar.



Craig Butterworth working with a young future collector in the Youth Area.



Kyle Nybo's booth was a popular place during the show.



Kristin Patterson & Annie Wong delivering dealer lunches after making them.



Silent Auction room, busy as usual.



Covers of the Month

By Jim Giacomazzi

The Japanese occupation of the Philippines during World War II lasted from 1942 to 1945. Japan invaded the Philippines on December 8, 1941, ten hours after the attack on Pearl Harbor. The Imperial Japanese Forces converged swiftly upon the capital city of Manila, which fell to the invaders in less than thirty days. After holding out on the Bataan Peninsula, 76,000 starving and sick American and Filipino defenders surrendered on April 9, 1942, and were forced to endure the infamous Bataan Death March. Survivors on the island of Corregidor surrendered on May 6. General Douglas MacArthur had been ordered out, leaving his men at Corregidor on the night of March 11, 1942. He was evacuated to Australia, but he promised to return.¹

As the war dragged on, the Philippines was enemy-occupied and under the heel of a repressive and often brutal enemy. The Japanese Military Administration of the Philippines took control of all aspects of the Philippine government, and postal service reopened in Manila on March 4, 1942. The civil postal system operated with considerable efficiency during the occupation, and there was a proliferation of purely philatelic material. With few diversions permitted, many Filipinos embraced stamp collecting. By the latter part of 1942, they flocked to the post office to prepare First Day Covers of every new postal emission in relatively enormous quantity.² Figure 1 shows a First Day Cover



Figure 1

dated May 7, 1943, that commemorates the first anniversary of the fall of Bataan and Corregidor. The FDC was mailed to a local collector in Manila and includes a set of stamps, a special cancel, a cachet showing a map of the area, and a marking that shows it was passed by a censor of the Japanese Military Police.



Figure 2

Figure 2 shows a First Day Cover from 1948 to commemorate the 3rd anniversary of the entry of the American Armed Forces with stamps and a cachet honoring MacArthur. Figure 3 shows a cover with stamps overprinted "VICTORY" to celebrate the reopening of the Manila Post Office. Fighting continued until Japan's formal surrender on Sept. 2, 1945, leading to the liberation of the Philippines from the Japanese. The Philippines celebrates their official independence on July 4, 1946.

The Philippine resistance movement opposed the Japanese and their collaborators with active underground and guerrilla activity that increased over the years. Resistance forces controlled sixty percent of the islands, mostly forested and mountainous areas. MacArthur supplied them by submarine and sent reinforcements and officers. The Filipino population remained generally loyal to the United States. General MacArthur kept his promise to return to the Philippines on October 20, 1944. The retaking of Manila by Allied Forces and guerrillas was completed on Feb. 4, 1945.



Figure 3

¹ Garrett, Eugene A, A Postal History of the Japanese Occupation of the Philippines 1942-1945, Pine Hill Press, Inc. (1992).

² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Japanese_occupation_of_the_Philippines

Three SSC Members Win Awards at CHICAGOPEX 2024

By Robert Brilliant

Three Sequoia Stamp Club members won awards for their exhibits at the recently concluded CHICAGOPEX. Held every November in the Windy City, CHICAGOPEX is one of the four largest stamp shows in the country, attracting dealers, exhibitors and stamp enthusiasts from around the nation and the world.

Club members Vesma Grinfelds, Kristin Patterson, and Vivek Chopra were awarded high honors for their respective exhibits.

Vesma, a specialist in the philately of the Baltic states, won a Large Gold award for her multi-frame exhibit: "Cancellations of the Provisional Era in Latvia: 1919-1921." In the Single Frame category, Vesma won a Large Gold for her exhibit: "The Second Banknote Issue and Its Overprints." And if that weren't enough, she also received the Women Exhibitors Award and the Rossica Award given by the Rossica Society, a worldwide society devoted to Russian philately from the pre-stamp days of Imperial Russia to the current post-Soviet era.



Vesma shaking hands with David Wenzelman, immediate past president of the Chicago Philatelic Society.



Kristin with David Wenzelman (seated) and Tim Wait (standing). Tim is the current president of the Chicago Philatelic Society.

Vivek, who specializes in the stamps and postal history of British India, won two awards, both in the Single Frame category: Gold for "First Attempt to Print Stamps in India: The Lion and Palm Tree Essays," and Large Vermeil for "Stamps of the Indian Princely State of Jhalawar." Vivek's Jhalawar exhibit garnered Grand Award distinction at our PENPEX 2024 show.

CHICAGOPEX is a world class philatelic expo, and these recent awards won by our fellow SSC members attest to the quality of our club to produce top notch exhibits that can compete successfully on the stamp world's biggest stages.

Congratulations to Vesma, Kristin, and Vivek for making us all proud!



Vivek with David Wenzelman.

Cradlebaugh Post Office

By Dale Eggen

The town of Cradlebaugh is located in Douglas County, Nevada. Its post office operated in two different time periods. The first was from April 10, 1895 through September 26, 1896, and the second from August 22, 1898 through December 23, 1899.

The post office was located on the postal route between Genoa and Carson City. The location of the post office was a little west of present-day US highway 395 and a little south of the Carson River. There is only one canceler known to be used, and it was applicable to both time periods; it was used for both sending and receiving postmarks; it was a 27.5 mm circular date stamp that contained the year (see Figures 1 and 3).

The postal route for the first time period was designated US Postal Route 75146 and for the second time period it was designated route number 75153. Both route numbers appear to cover the exact same path between Genoa and Carson City. When Cradlebaugh was included on this postal route, a slight deviation from the route was necessary to go into the hamlet of about 40 people.



Figure 1: Cradlebaugh postmark on dispatched mail from the post office



Figure 2: The original Cradlebaugh Bridge

William, see Figure 2. (This bridge was about a quarter mile west on the Carson River from the present-day Cradlebaugh Bridge.)

Their sister, Leoline Lewis is stated as being a resident of the hamlet, and one of the surviving letters with a Cradlebaugh back stamp is addressed to Leoline (see Figure 3).

Cradlebaugh is also credited as being the home of the Ferris Wheel. George Ferris grew up on a ranch between Minden and Carson City. A water wheel slowly turned near the original Cradlebaugh Bridge, scooping up water and delivered it to thirsty travelers and animals. George Ferris was very familiar with this water wheel. When he learned that the Chicago Exposition was looking for innovative ideas, he gave it some serious thought. He came up with the idea of people riding around on this water wheel. Thus, this water wheel became the basis of a detailed plan he formulated and submitted to the Chicago World's Columbian Exposition in 1893, and it was accepted.

Coincidentally, Leoline Lewis (the Cradlebaughs' sister) lived for a while on the ranch by the original Cradlebaugh Bridge where the water wheel was located.

For the second time period, the postmaster was Marvin B. Seaman, who was commissioned September 14, 1898, or 23 days after the post office is listed as opening. Exactly who was the postmaster for the first time period was not able to be determined from research performed to date. The host for the post office is unknown at this time but speculation is that it was in someone's home which was typical of post offices for very small hamlets during this time.

There were two brothers, William and John Cradlebaugh who came from Ohio. John was a lawyer and a judge, and he became the first Nevada representative to Congress for Nevada Territory. The hamlet of Cradlebaugh is said to have been named for John. However, the original Cradlebaugh Bridge over the Carson River is accredited to



Figure 3: Postmark on received mail at the post office

Picture Gallery



Long-time friends and long-time collectors, Richard Griffone and Jim Mosso, recently received their APS medallions recognizing 50 years of continuous APS membership.



Instead of our usual pizza party, this year we ate at Celia's Mexican Restaurant in Menlo Park on October 29, 2024. *Photo courtesy of Jim Stratton.*



On November 26, 2024, we had our first "Cover Swap" night. Members could sell their own covers or select from the many covers at 25 cents each.

At left, in the foreground, (l-r) Preston Chiappa, Kjell Enander, and Tim Coté search through the covers. At right, Patrick Ford and Joe Spina enjoy looking through the covers.



Except for upper right picture, the photos are courtesy of Ken Perkins.



In 2025, the USPS will issue some interesting new stamps, including this unusual global forever stamp picturing a 32-point compass rose drawn by 10-year-old Lucia Wadsworth in her school geography workbook in 1794. She was the aunt of poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.



On October 22, 2024 at our New Members Reception, these "newish" members talked about their collecting interests and how they like the club. (l-r) Geoff Purkis, Norman Bardsley, Eric McCrystal, Tim Coté, Lyle Okamoto, Joe Spina, Tom Hayes, and Harold Tuchfeld.

Picture Gallery - continued



Holiday Wishes on a yummy cake!

Holiday Party

December 10, 2024



Malcolm Catchatoorian was in a festive mood.



Eduardo Martino (left) and Mike McGee watch as Eric McCrystal examines the raffle prizes.

Photos courtesy of Ken Perkins

Answers to Quiz on Page 2: 1) Zone Improvement Plan. 2) 1963. 3) 1983. 4) Sectional center facility. 5) Standardizing two-letter state abbreviations. 6) Canada requested the change to avoid confusion with the province of New Brunswick. 7) 1967. 8) Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Republic of Palau. 9) 90210, famous for Beverly Hills, also is the ZIP code for some residents of the City of Los Angeles. 10) New England states.

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