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Winter 2017

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Club Meetings

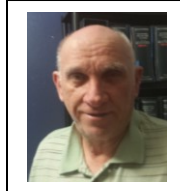
Location: Sandy Senior Center
9310 So. 1300 East, Sandy
First and third Thursdays of each month
6:00 pm until 7:55 pm

Club Officers

President: Joe Ferguson
Vice-President: Dave Blackhurst
Secretary/Treasurer: Linda Snyder
Board Members: Jerry Pitstick, Allan Anderson, Don Marr, Blaine Cox, Rick Huddleston, Joellen Dillard
Newsletter Editor: Ewald Kuefner

Upcoming Events

**Next Stamp Show will be at the
Sons of Utah Pioneers building
February 3rd and 4th 2017 – Stamps only
Friday 10 am to 6 pm
Saturday 10 am to 4 pm
3301 E. Louise St. (2920 So.)
Salt Lake City, Utah**



The President's Corner

Joe Ferguson

I want to thank everyone who voted for me to become president. I am excited to take charge. It is my goal to make the stamp club meetings entertaining and informative. Steve Baldrige was an excellent president and did a great job. I am somewhat apprehensive to take over the position, but with the support of the other officers and the board members, I'm sure I will be able to succeed.

At the last Club meeting, we had a lot of members missing. Perhaps it was because of the weather. I gave a presentation on Monaco. I would like to go over some of the points of interest. Monaco is a small principality located on the French Riviera. Its area is only 7/10 of a square mile. The population is about 37,800 and has the highest per capita income of any country in the world. The cost of real estate is also the highest. There are no income taxes in Monaco. The Monte Carlo Casino provides enough revenue. The principality has been ruled by the Grimaldi family since 1290, with only a few interruptions. The first stamp pictured, was issued in 1885 and shows the image of Prince Charles III. It is part of a ten stamp set with the high value (5 francs) cataloguing at \$3000. Prince Charles III died in 1889. The second set, issued in 1891, shows Prince Albert I. He died in 1922 and was followed by Prince Louis II who lived until 1949 at

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The President's Corner ... continued

which time Prince Rainier III became the ruler. He is famous for having married American actress Grace Kelly who was killed in an auto accident in 1982. Prince Rainier III died in 2005 and left rule to his son Albert II. He married a South African Olympic swimmer, Charlene Wittstock, in 2011.

Remember the stamp show on the 3rd and 4th of February at the Sons of the Utah Pioneers. See you at our next meeting! ##



Prince Charles III



Prince Albert I

A final word from Steve Baldrige

Technically, I'm no longer president of UPS, but I wanted to write this last column as a way of saying "Farewell" and to welcome in the new administration. Elections for the executive committee were held December 1st with the following results: President, Joe Ferguson; Vice-President, Dave Blackhurst; Secretary/Treasurer, Linda Snyder.

We also had two vacancies in the general board, since Ed Howard had resigned because of health issues, and Linda Snyder created a vacancy when she was elected to the executive committee; Blain Cox, Joellen Dillard, Rick Huddleston and Jerry Pitstick. The voting was very close... the tally for two candidates resulted in a tie, so it was motioned and seconded that all four candidates be elected to the general board, voting
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A final word from Steve Baldrige ... continued

in four members instead of just two, still allowed for an odd number of board members, so this was considered an acceptable solution as a tie-breaker.

A year from now, an election will be held for the general board for a full two-year term.

My experience as president has been largely positive. With any organization of this type, personalities of board members will surface to create differences of opinions in operating procedures, but I always managed to keep two things in mind, (1) everyone on the board felt that they were operating in the best interests of the club, and (2) I had good people working with me who helped immensely in keeping the club functioning on an even keel. I would especially like to thank Ed Blaney for his hard work and dedication as secretary/treasurer. And Ewald Kuefner who has done an excellent job as newsletter editor.

I've been a member since about 2003, having become aware of the club during the 2002 Winter Olympics. My knowledge of stamp collecting has improved immeasurably since then, thanks to the knowledge and experience so willingly shared by other members. I hope that other members will come to the same conclusion about their membership, and also do their part in passing on their experience to those who are newer to the hobby. Joe and Dave are both long-term members with previous leadership experience, so I have every confidence that the club is in good hands as we move forward. I hope I have left the club leadership in better shape than when I took over, and I hope the current leadership will say the same when it is their turn to step down.

One final comment. With the start of a new year, I'd like to remind everyone that it is time to renew your membership by payment of dues. This can be done at club meetings, or by mailing a check to the address on page one of the newsletter. Dues haven't been raised since I became president, so I hope you feel that you're getting your money's worth. ##

Boy Scouts featured on US Postage

During WWII everyone pulled their weight for the victory effort. There were much needed paper drives, tin can drives, and Savings Bonds drives. These types of efforts, combined with Victory Gardens and public drives to buy war bonds, truly contributed to a sense of unity in the fight... Even the Boy Scouts gathered Pots and Pans to be recycled to help build Air Force Planes.



World War II Patriotic Cover

Scott Catalogue USA:803

Description: "Pots and Pans To Build New Air Force Planes ... All Out For Defense"

Boy and Girl Scouts Participated in government-led drives for recyclable material during the war. A block of six United States half-cent Scott 803 are tied to the cover by duplex or flange cancel with the Louisville, Kentucky, December 29, 1943, Postmark. The Cachet was designed by Ludwig W. Staehle: Fleetwood Covers of Pleasantville, New York, was the publisher.



"Boy Scouts of America and stamp collecting"



Stamp collecting Badge

How Stamp Collecting became a part of the Boy Scout Program.

In 1931 the Boy Scout merit badge introduced the Stamp Collecting Badge. By adding this badge the Boy Scouts of America acknowledged stamp collecting as an activity worthy of building character in young men.

Prior to making the badge official, stamp collecting and Scouts already enjoy a close relationship. In 1926, the "Lone Scout" program provided boys living in rural area, too sparse for troops, an opportunity to participate in Scouting by organizing stamp collecting clubs.

More than 100,000 boys registered for the "Lone Scout" program. With assistance from members of the American Philatelic Society, the Boy Scout Association crafted requirements for the badge. Scoutmaster and A.P.S. member, William Hoffman, asked fellow members to offer their expertise to local Scout councils across the U.S. and to volunteer as "Expert Examiners."

Stamp collecting in the Scouts was so popular and enjoyed such favor with practicing philatelists that the B.S.A. created a Boy Scout Stamp Club that met in Washington, DC.

It was run by a philatelist who belonged to several societies and who guided them through the stages of earning their badge, and in general collecting practices.

By one estimate, nearly 25% of D.C. area Scouts in 1934, approximately 750 boys, collected stamps and participated in this club. ##



Stamp Club Christmas Party
December 15, 2016



Don Marr, John Peterson, Ed Blaney,
Joe Ferguson and Dave Blackhurst



Don Marr and Blaine & Verla Cox

Our New Officers



Linda Snyder, Secretary/Treasurer,
Dave Blackhurst, Vice President,
Joe Ferguson, President:



Ed Blaney, making a presentation



Hardy Boettcher