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Winter 2025

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Club Meetings

Location: Sons of Utah Pioneers bldg. 3301 E. Louise Ave., Millcreek, UT 84109

First and third Thursdays of each month @ 7:00 pm

Club Website: www.utahphilatelic.org

Club Officers

President: Steve Baldridge Vice-President: Craig Edwards Secretary: Judy Maxfield Treasurer: Dee Bird

Board Members: Rick Leimbach, Don Forbes, Vladimir

Makarov, Rick Hendricks, Jack Paradise Newsletter Editor: Steve Baldridge (temporary)

Upcoming Events

THIS YEAR'S STAMP SHOWS

February 7-8 May 16-17 October 10-11

The UPS Board is still looking for a Newsletter editor. The job is simple, but does require a basic understanding of Word. If you would like to fill this important role, please contact Steve Baldridge.

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President's Corner Steve Baldridge

Happy New Year! There are a few items of business that are of interest to stamp club members.

Ewald

I have announced at club meetings the death of Ewald Kuefner, a longtime member who passed away 7 November, at the age of 91. Born in Berlin, Germany, Ewald was a Korean War veteran who was very active in veteran services. He and his wife Aloha served as editors of this newsletter for about seven years. I bought flowers on behalf of the club and presented them to his wife at the viewing. His obituary is available at https://www.memorialutah.com/ obituaries/ewald-kuefner

Election

As we do every year, we had an election in the first meeting of December. This year it was turn to elect members of the general board, for a two-year term. In addition to the incumbents of Rick Leimbach, Rick Hendricks and Vladimir Makarov, the club also elected Don Forbes and Jack Paradise. We are grateful for all those who stood for election and I look forward to working with the board as we conduct business on behalf of the club.

Stamp Shows

See the schedule for shows in the adjacent column.

Stamp Camp

Several years ago I became aware of an outfit called Stamp Camp, which is an office in Pennsylvania that

receives donated stamps for distribution to new collectors and youth. Because my information was old, I wasn't sure if they were still in business and so sent a postcard to the address I had. Later I received a very nice message from the postmaster at the city I had sent the card to, and she informed me that Stamp Camp was no longer open there but had been absorbed by the American Philatelic Society—our very own APS. I called them and was told that Stamp Camp is still active, and that anyone wishing to donate stamps can send them to:

Stamp Camp APS 100 Match Factory Place Bellefonte, PA 16823

This would be a great place to send your unwanted extras, to be put to a good use. Keep in mind that we have our own Youth Corner in this club, which does basically the same thing, so contact Virginia Lee if you have stamps you'd like to give to her. It is important that we do what we can to pass interest in our hobby to younger generations!

Dues

Finally, bear in mind that 2025 club dues can be collected at any time. This is important to the club, because rising expenses have been eating away at our cash reserves. I have previously announced that we have a dues increase, from \$20 to \$25 for a single membership and \$25 to \$30 for a family membership.

NEW STAMP ISSUES

1794 Compass Rose stamp

Recently announced is a new Global issue, a stamp used for mailing to international addresses—this includes Canada and Mexico. The stamp, currently valued at \$1.65, is issued Jan. 24, 2025 in sheets of ten. The design features a colorful, 32-point compass rose drawn by Lucia Wadsworth—the aunt of poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow—in her school geography notebook in 1794.

The description lists a quantity of 4,000,000, but I don't know if this refers to the number of stamps, or sheets. If the latter, the number of stamps is 400,000.

Lunar New Year * Year of the Snake stamp This single-design Forever stamp, issued in panes of 20, is available 14 January 2025 from Boston. This may be of interest to anyone born in the Year of the Snake



