



Columbia Philatelic Society

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May 2024 Newsletter

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Commentary and updates: We had a great meeting in April. Twenty-four people showed up, three of them asking for appraisals for collections they inherited. Jim Sneed gave a fantastic program on cachet covers by Hideaki Nakano.

We had a very unique auction of donated material that was highly successful. There were a number of bidders, and some items generated some spirited bidding. The club put \$182 in our coffers.

Our club treasurer, Bob Anderson, has put together some rules for disbursing club funds. A copy of them is attached to the newsletter. Please look them over and we'll discuss any questions you might have at the May meeting.

The May meeting will include four mint, never hinged, U. S. Duck Hunting stamps from 1972 to 1975 which will be up for auction. Each one will start at 20% of catalog. Check them out and see if you need them for your collection.



We're having trouble finding a venue for the August stamp show. Spring Valley High School isn't responding to our request. The meeting room at the rec center is booked for our weekend.

Rick Miller is looking for volunteers for show and tell, programs and refreshments.

Welcome back, Lewis Boatwright and happy birthday!

Fred McGary



The next meeting will be **Sunday, May 19**, 2 p.m. at the TRI-CITY LEISURE CENTER, 485 Brooks Avenue, West Columbia.



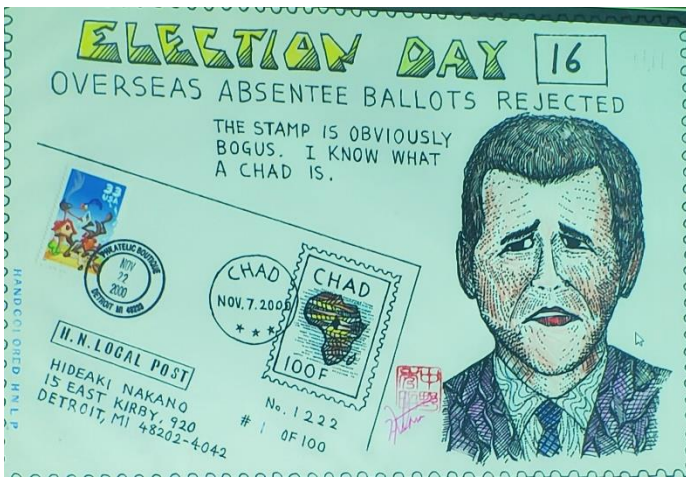
A very Happy Birthday to: Rick Miller (8); Lewis Boatwright (10); Saba Demian (15); David Pugh (21); Herb Estep (22); John Owen (24); Gary Baker (26) Congratulations and many, many more.

PROGRAMS:

“Hideaki Nakano was a Japanese who emigrated to the United States at about the age of 8,” said Jim Sneed.

It seems he had a very interesting sense of humor and viewpoint on many things.

“In the early 1980’s and into the late teens, he began creating commercial first day covers,” Sneed added.



Remember election day 2020? The election hinged on “hanging chads,” part of the punched voting card that may or may not have been punched completely through. The Florida courts ordered a recount in certain counties but the United States Supreme Court overruled the state court which decided the election in favor of George Bush. This is Nagano’s take on the election of 2020.



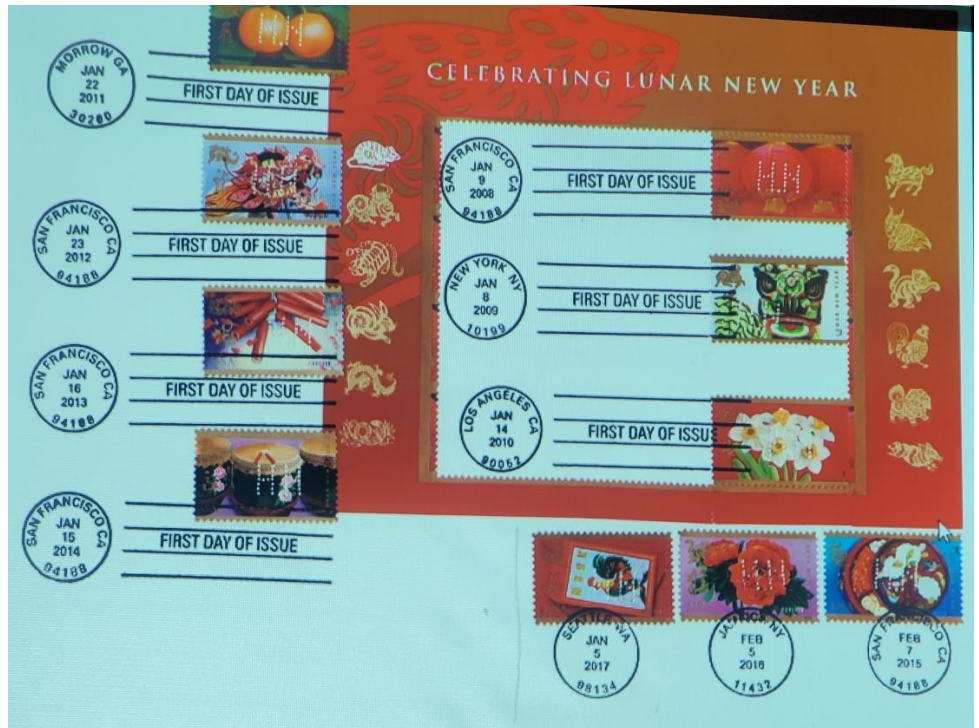
In 1958 Ross Bagdasarian, Sr., also known as David Seville, released a novelty song about being unsuccessful about love until he found a witch doctor who ‘told him what to do.’ Using a tape recorder, he experimented in varying speeds to produce different sounds. The outcome was the voices of Simon, Theodore, and of course, Alvin.

Nagano's 1987 chipmunk first day cover welcomes the trio to the world of stamps.

"This cover shows some patience," Sneed said. "you will notice he has the 2008 to 2017 cancellations celebrating the Chinese Lunar New Year."

"It took some patience to get 12 different annual first day cancellations on the same page," Sneed added.

He concluded, saying, "Most of these postmarks look like they were cancelled in person."



Jim Sneed



A fabulous 1861 Pony Express cover has been bought at auction for \$885,000.

The Wells, Fargo & Co. cover is franked with a \$1 red Pony Express stamp used in combination with an 1855 10-cent green Nesbitt stamped envelope, two 1859 10-cent Washington stamps & two 1857 3-cent dull red Washington stamps.

Charles Snee, Linn's Stamp News

SHOW AND TELL:

"Recently on EBAY, I put South Carolina in 'topics' and found five or six different lots of South Carolina covers," said John Owen.

Those covers included the 1976 Centennial issue, the 1983 22-cent issue, the bicentennial statehood issue and the 1977 Lafayette 13-cent stamp.

"Lafayette is the most honored 'foreigner' on U. S. stamps," Owen



said, “there are five stamps issued in his honor.”



Marquis de Lafayette was a French aristocrat who fought for the fledgling United States during the Revolutionary War. He travelled, at his own expense to the American colonies, arriving in Philadelphia in July 1777. He had no military experience and was not yet 20 years old, however, he was appointed a major-general in the Continental Army. In 2002, he became the fifth person to be granted honorary U.S. citizenship.

“I also developed a collection of post cards honoring the Revolutionary War heroes in South Carolina,” Owen mentioned.

Owen collects anything and everything South Carolina. “You’ll notice the various cancellations on some of these first day covers,” he added. The top two are bicentennials, one cancelled in Columbia, the other in Charleston.

John Owen

NEW ISSUES: The USPS has asked for a postage rate increase of five cents to begin in July. That’s 73 cents. Stock up NOW!



Betty Ford, April 5th, Rancho Mirage California; Floral Geometry, April 2,

Burlingame, California.

Ansel Adams, May 15, Yosemite National Park, California



PROPOSED MONEY HANDLING PROCEDURES FOR THE COLUMBIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY
Presented by Robert Anderson, Treasurer

INTRO/PURPOSE: Money handling rules are needed to assist in the smooth operation of the club.

SCOPE: This document addresses funds deposited in the club main account (treasurer's account) only and does not extend to the show director's account.

SIX RULES FOR RECEIVING FUNDS, DISPERSING FUNDS,
AND PURCHASING

RULE 1: FOR FUNDS RECEIVED, THE TREASURER OR TREASURER'S AGENT WILL ISSUE A RECEIPT TO PAYOR.* Treasurer or treasurer's agent shall only accept funds after writing and presenting a receipt to the person turning in the funds (payor). A duplicate receipt must be maintained by the treasurer. For funds submitted by postal mail, the treasurer shall mail a receipt to the payor (when a mailing address is available). Treasurer or agent reserves the right to not accept funds from anyone presenting cash for a purpose unknown to the treasurer or agent.

*NOTE: the handling of auction funds is not covered by this rule.

RULE 2: FOR FUNDS DISBURSED: Treasurer has primary signatory authority to disburse funds on behalf of the club. All funds disbursed by the treasurer must be done in accordance with spending rules outlined elsewhere in this document, and within existing club by-laws related to the treasurer's duties. The primary tool for disbursement shall be club account bank check. Debit card may also be used with careful documentation of the disbursement when determined to be more practical. The president has signatory authority, and may use his/her signatory authority in the reasonable absence of the treasurer's capacity to sign checks.

RULE 3: PRESIDENT HAS LIMITED PURCHASING PRIVILEGES AND A RESPONSIBILITY TO TURN IN RECEIPTS

President is preapproved to make purchases for the benefit of the club up to \$200 per year. President must keep all purchase receipts and turn in to treasurer for recording. Upon exhausting the \$200 purchasing limit, president may request additional purchasing privileges from a quorum of officers. Submitting purchase receipts for previous purchases is required for president to request additional purchasing privileges.

RULE 4: NO OTHER CLUB OFFICER OR MEMBER IS PREAPPROVED TO SPEND FUNDS, BUT MAY REQUEST APPROVAL TO DO SO.

No club officer or member besides the president can make purchases with club funds without a majority of officers' approval. Requests for reimbursement for purchases not preapproved by officers' plurality will not be accepted or approved by the treasurer or president. See exception for refreshments purchase.

RULE 5: PROCEDURE FOR PURCHASE APPROVAL, MAKING THE PURCHASE, AND BEING REIMBURSED (FOR MEMBERS)

- TO REQUEST AND RECEIVE APPROVAL: Any club member may submit a written request to the president or the treasurer to purchase goods or services for the benefit of the club. The request must name the item(s) and an accurate cost estimate. The request will be evaluated and voted on for approval by a quorum of club officers. A majority vote by a quorum of club officers and/or voting board members constitutes approval. The approval will be for an amount agreed upon between officers and the requestor. An approved purchaser (may be the requestor) will be designated at time of the purchase approval.
- TO MAKE A PURCHASE: Only the approved purchaser may make the approved purchase in the approved amount.
- REIMBURSEMENT: To be reimbursed, the purchaser must turn in legible receipt to the treasurer showing the vendor, date, subtotals, and total. Receipt should reflect the approved purchase amount. Payment will be made by the club treasurer via bank check in a prompt, timely manner.

RULE 6: REFRESHMENTS PURCHASE PREAPPROVED

The designated club member who provides monthly meeting refreshments is preapproved by this document up to the limit designated by the club. Club member shall turn in refreshments purchases receipts to the treasurer for reimbursement by bank check in a prompt, timely manner.

END OF MONEY HANDLING RULES