

SCANDINAVIAN COLLECTORS CLUB COLORADO CHAPTER 27 NEWSLETTER

NOTIFICATION OF THE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2021 MEETING AT 10:00 AM AT THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN PHILATELIC LIBRARY (RMPL)

Roger Cichorz will give the feature program on "Dear Doctor Postcards" – an historical overview with slight emphasis on the Abbott Pentothal cards of the Nordic countries. We will also have a "Show-and-Tell" session, so be sure to bring at least one item to share and talk about. RMPL's Covid-19 requirements and restrictions have been curtailed for meetings, although members may still choose to wear masks and practice social distancing during the meeting.

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Summary of SCC Chapter 27's June 5, 2021 and August 7, 2021 Meetings

SCC Chapter President Steve Nadler called the Saturday, June 5 meeting to order with ten members and one guest (former member Doug Bowman) in attendance. Roger Cichorz gave the Treasurer's report (\$1102.52 balance with \$258.96 of that cash on hand). Vice President Eric Carlson gave the feature presentation on "The Nobel Prize." Eric gave background information on Alfred Nobel and what led to the establishment of the Nobel Prize. Beginning in 1961, 60 years after the first Nobel Prize presentation, Sweden started issuing stamps that pictured Nobel Prize recipients, and Eric discussed the work that led to their awards. Sweden continued to issue "Nobel Prize" stamps annually, changing formats on more than one occasion, and included a 1995 stamp honoring Alfred Nobel himself and a 2004 joint issue with Iceland. A "Show-and-Tell" session followed with two participants: • Roger showed an Abbott Labs Pentothal ad postcard posted February 15, 1960 from Sweden depicting the 1959 Nobel Prize presentation ceremony at the Stockholm Concert Hall and gave it to Eric as a "thank you" for giving his presentation, and • Clark Lyda showed two used Norway postal cards from the 1886 and 1888 printings. Steve McGill announced that he and his wife LuAnn would host this year's Chapter 27 Pot-Luck Holiday Party on Saturday, December 4, and members cheered in agreement. CHERPEX 2021 will be combined with the Denver Postcard & Paper Show and will occur October 15-16 at Denver First Church, 3800 E. Hampden Ave. in Englewood. The meeting adjourned at 10:49 AM.

On Saturday, August 7, Chapter 27 had an informal buy, sell, and trade session that was disappointing as only four members with items to sell showed up. Jerry Eggleston and Eric interacted with their respective items, but Jim Fredlund brought a large stock and experienced no sales. Roger brought seven SCCL lots and sold two of them for \$60, but his used Denmark #1 went unsold. Roger suggested to Jim that he bring all his items to the Chapter 27 auction scheduled for October 2 when more members are likely to be attending this sale.

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SCC Chapter 27 Meeting Schedule for the Rest of 2021

Saturday, October 7 = Chapter 27 Member's auction, **Saturday, November 6** = Steve Nadler (program topic to be announced), and **Saturday, December 4** = Chapter 27's annual Holiday pot-luck party at Steve and LuAnn McGill's home (details to be given as the date draws closer).

We need to start scheduling programs for our Chapter meeting during calendar year 2022, so if you would prefer to volunteer (rather than to be physically coerced) to give a program sometime next year, contact ASAP Chapter Vice-President Eric Carlson at margeric@comcast.net.

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S.C.C. Chapter 27 Treasurer's Report

\$1100.52	Previous Treasury Balance (5/30/21)
-\$93.26	reimbursement for Jerry Eggleston's SCC Stamp Mart Expenses (2018-2020)
<u>-\$3.80</u>	<u>printing costs for 6/5/21 meeting announcement/newsletter</u>
\$1003.46	Current Treasury Balance (6/30/21)
\$162.90	Cash on Hand (6/30/21)
\$840.56	12-month Certificate of Deposit at Elevations Credit Union, Boulder, CO (ECUBC)
Note: \$840.56 was reinvested @ 0.15% per annum interest in a renewed 12-month CD at ECUBC with a maturity date of 2/9/22.	

Prepared by Roger Cichorz, 6/30/21

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Chapter 27 Members' Classified Advertisements

As a no-cost service to all Chapter 27 members, your "buy, sell, or trade" classified ads can appear in future Meeting Notifications. Submit your copy to Roger at rcichorz@comcast.net. Also, take a look at the listing of Chapter members' collecting interests as you may have unwanted items others may be interested in!

For Sale: Roger conducts regular quarterly auctions for the SCC Library, and all Chapter 27 members are on his distribution list. If you have not participated in past auctions, consider submitting bids when the text and stamp lot scans arrive via e-mail? A nice group of literature, ephemera, and stamp and postal history lots will be offered in SCCL Auction #62 scheduled for an October 31, 2021 closing date.

Wanted: Socked-on-the-nose Ålborg (Aalborg) and Denmark numeral "4" cancellations on stamps and stamps on piece, incoming and outgoing Ålborg covers/postal history, and other Ålborg-related items. Contact Eugene Brink, 390 Quail Road, Branson, MO 65616, 417-336-1296, or geno4huskers@suddenlink.net.

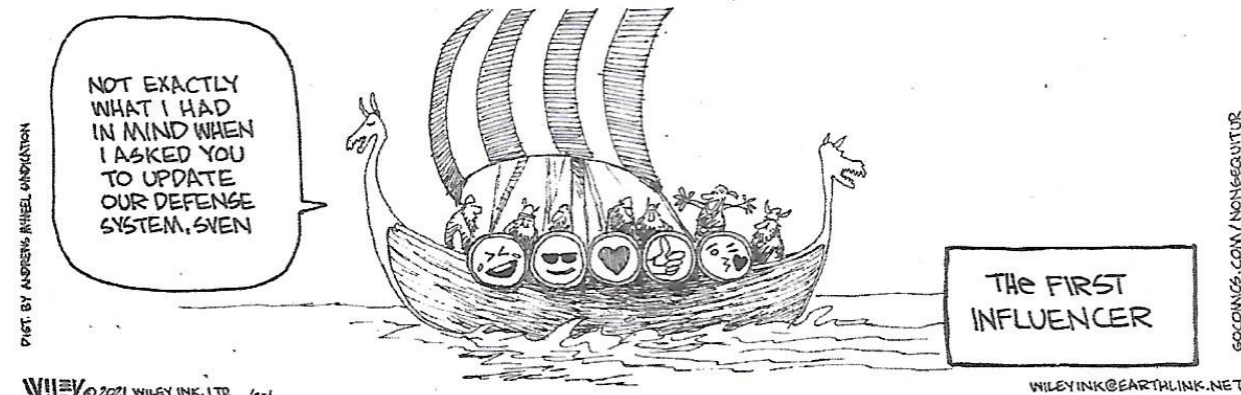
Wanted: Some "New Blood" for SCC Chapter 27! Do you have any friends interested in Nordic philately who might enjoy our meetings and potentially become a member of SCC Chapter 27? Invite them to one of our meetings so they can experience the fun and camaraderie! As an inducement, if you can "sign up" a new member or members, the Secretary-Treasurer will waive your \$10 annual membership dues for each new dues-paying member you can bring into the Chapter! Contact Roger Cichorz, 303-494-8361 or rcichorz@comcast.net.

Wanted: Iceland stamps with "Tollur" (revenue) cancellations: Scott #99, 115, 118, 130, 131, 134, 139, Parliament issues (#156-159 and #161-166), C1-2, C16, C17a, O44, O47, and O48 – also, multiples and on documents. I will pay premium prices over Scott and Facit valuations. Let me know what you have and your asking price, or let me make an offer. Contact Roger Cichorz, 303-494-8361 or rcichorz@comcast.net.

Wanted: 1960s Abbott Laboratories "Dear Doctor" Pentothal advertising postcards, Faroes and Åland covers; and topical material related to puffins and bonsais. Contact Roger Cichorz, 303-494-8361, or rcichorz@comcast.net.

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Notice from the Editor: I decided it was time after 20 years to give the Chapter 27 Meeting Notifications a cleaner new look and change typefaces from the previously used serified **Brookman Old Style** to sans serif **Arial**. Also, I chose to change the cumbersome "Meeting Notification" heading and rename it in the title, **Scandinavian Collectors Club Chapter 27 Newsletter**, and thereafter refer to it in the text as SCC Chapter 27 Newsletter, or simply this Newsletter. I will continue to justify (block left and right) the text of meeting announcements and summaries on Page 1 and continue with "ragged right" for the rest of the text. Let me know what you think of these changes. Note that I already was using the Arial typeface for supplementary articles since 2016 and for the lot descriptions in our semi-annual auctions since 2013.

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This space is available. Why not submit something to fill it next time!

Wanted: Contributions to be included in future *Scandinavian Collectors Club Chapter 27 Newsletters* so that I can continue to incorporate additional pages of items of interest each issue. Anything welcome: brief articles, collection and exhibit pages, scans or color photocopies of your favorite stamps or covers (preferably with brief explanatory captions), Scandinavian humor, items for a "Questions and Answers" feature, etc. Submissions to Roger Cichorz, rcichorz@comcast.net.

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Chapter 27 Members' Philatelic-Related Collecting Interests

List your collecting interests (all, not just Scandinavian) here for members to be aware of what you collect and possibly help with or bring attention to items of interest! **Contact Roger to amend your listing.**

- **Paul Albright:** Greenland, and runs of worldwide correspondence to use as historical research material
- **Peter Bergh:** Denmark (in particular the bi-colors and 1882-1905 coat-of-arms series), Malmö and Lund locals, Ireland, and Great Britain QE2 predecimals and KGV Silver Jubilee
- **Geno Brink:** worldwide postally used up to 1970, Denmark used errors and varieties, and Aalborg (cancels on stamps, covers, by post, Christmas seals, and other items related to Aalborg)
- **Eric Carlson:** United States, certain Great Britain (Wildings, Machins, and earlier sets of British Royalty), Sweden, Finland mint Wasa/Vasa issue (*Scott #111-18*), various sets of Denmark, Finland, and Norway, and lighthouses, golf, and baseball as topicals/thematics
- **Roger Cichorz:** Åland and Faroes postal history and revenue stamps, Iceland stamps and revenues, Denmark and Danish West Indies stamps, Lundy and Herm Island (stamps, postal history, and postcards), Abbott Pentothal "Dear Doctor" ad postcards, *HMS Montagu* postcards, and bonsai and puffin items as topicals/thematics
- **Jerry Eggleston:** primary interests = used Denmark, Danish West Indies, Greenland, Iceland, and Norway; secondary interests = Austria, Canada, Estonia, Finland, Great Britain, Greece, Hong Kong, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, and Sweden; postal history interests = Jo Daviess County, Illinois, and Summit County, Colorado
- **Jim Fredlund:** early Finland used stamps and 1980 to present, 1985 to present used Scandinavian stamps, and worldwide stamps
- **Bill Gunderson:** Scandinavia
- **Jim Kilbane:** Iowa and Colorado postal history, registered package envelopes, United States Post Office Department envelopes, revenues, cinderellas, and other miscellaneous
- **Svert Kvamme:** post-2002 used stamps of Åland, Faroes, Greenland, Iceland, and Norway
- **Gary Liggett:** worldwide cinderellas, worldwide revenues (especially on whole documents), early stampless covers and folded letters, and United States definitive stamp proofs
- **Clark Lyda:** Norway, United States, Canada, and Europa
- **Steve McGill:** Great Britain Machins and GB postal mechanization (specialist level) and Antarctic, Austria, China (Republic and PCR), Faroes, Germany, Greenland, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Monaco, Sweden, and United States (fun-to-collect level)
- **Jeff Modesitt:** Denmark (general, postal stationery, and booklets, primary), Åland, Danish West Indies, Faroes, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden (secondary), Great Britain (general, postal stationery), New Zealand (general, penny universals, QEII, 1960 and 1980 definitives), and United States postal stationery
- **Steve Nadler:** all Scandinavian postal history (covers and postmarks), Colorado postal history, United States (streetcar postmarks and covers, flag machine cancels, and advertising covers), worldwide (airmails, perfins on and off cover, pneumatic mail, overrun nations covers, and military mail), Afghanistan, France, Israel, Monaco, and Palestine
- **Randy Nilson:** WWII German SS and police mail, Finnish military mail, Colorado POW/internment camps, and WWII censored airmail/suspended service covers
- **Harry Pedersen:** United States (including revenues), U.S. Possessions, and 1840-1940 worldwide (including Scandinavia)
- **David Petersen:** Danish West Indies and Hawaii
- **Tonny van Loij:** Colorado postal history, Kansas Territory and Colorado Territory postal history, classical music (Bach, Beethoven, Mozart), opera buildings (stamps and postcards), European Union, NATO, European Security Council (KSZE), Thurn and Taxis European postal service from 1499 to 1864 (specializing in foreign destinations), and Scandinavian destinations handled by Thurn and Taxis during 1854-1867

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Vikings Created a Massive Boat in a Volcanic Cave to Ward Off the Apocalypse

Source: April 26, 2021 *Live Science* article by Owen Jarus

Article Abstract: Viking ship inside cave may have been used for rituals

The remains of a huge ship-like structure have been found inside a cave in Iceland and may have been built by Vikings to use in rituals to stave off a feared apocalypse they called Ragnarök, suggests a study in the *Journal of Archaeological Science*. Researchers stated that a volcanic eruption there about 1,100 years ago may have spurred the Vikings, who had just colonized the area, to construct the structure in which they would have conducted rituals to soothe the elemental being Surtr, who they believed would kill the gods and end the world.

Archaeological Discovery and Inferences

Archaeologists have discovered the remains of rare artifacts from the Middle East in an Icelandic cave that the Vikings associated with Ragnarök ("Doom of the Gods"), an end-times event in which the gods would be killed and the world engulfed in flames. The cave is located by a volcano that erupted almost 1,100 years ago. At the time of that eruption, the Vikings had recently colonized Iceland. "The impacts of this eruption must have been unsettling, posing existential challenges for Iceland's newly arrived settlers," a team of researchers wrote in a paper published recently in the *Journal of Archaeological Science*. Archaeological work shows that after the lava cooled, the Vikings entered the cave and constructed a boat-shaped structure made out of rocks. Within this structure, the Vikings would have burned animal bones, including those of sheep, goat, cattle, horses and pigs, at high temperatures as a sacrifice. This may have been done in an effort to avert Ragnarök.



Archaeologists found that the Vikings constructed this boat-shaped structure out of rocks. Inside the structure, the Vikings burned animal bones at a high temperature.

Near the structure, archaeologists discovered 63 beads, three of which came from Iraq, according to Kevin Smith, deputy director and chief curator of the Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology at Brown University, who leads the team excavating the cave. The team also found remains of orpiment, a mineral from eastern Turkey, near the stone structure. Orpiment was used at the time to decorate objects, but very few examples have been found in Scandinavia. "Finding it inside this cave was a great shock," said Smith.

Historical records indicate that the Vikings associated the cave with Surtr, a giant in Norse mythology who would ultimately cause the series of events known as Ragnarök. According to Viking mythology, "the world would end when Surtr, an elemental being present at the world's creation, would kill the last of the gods in the battle of Ragnarök and then engulf the world in flames," the team reported.

Cave Mystery

The archaeologists don't know why such rare goods from as far away as the Middle East were left in the cave. The Vikings traveled as far as the Middle East and these goods may have made their way to Iceland through trade routes. One possibility is that they were meant to appease Surtr, in hopes that he would refrain from destroying the world. Another possibility is that the goods were meant to strengthen Freyr, a Viking fertility god who fought Surtr.

In the Ragnarök story, Freyr dies fighting Surtr and is unable to stop the end of the world. Smith stated the presence of numerous animal bones – animals being part of a fertile landscape given that they reproduce – supports the idea the objects were placed in the cave to strengthen Freyr in hopes that he could defeat Surtr and stop Ragnarök.

Converting to Christianity

People in Iceland converted to Christianity around 1,000 years ago, and shortly after that, they stopped depositing objects in the cave. The last objects placed in the boat-shaped stone structure included a "set of scale weights with one in the form of a Christian cross," the team wrote. However, even when the Icelandic people adopted Christianity, they still associated the cave with the end of the world. One Icelandic tradition considers the cave to be "the place where Satan would emerge on Judgment Day," the team wrote.