

SCANDINAVIAN COLLECTORS CLUB □ COLORADO CHAPTER 27
NOTIFICATION OF THE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2018 MEETING AT 10:00 AM
AT THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN PHILATELIC LIBRARY (RMPL)

For the program for this meeting, Roger Cichorz will present a summary of “Research Projects at the SCC Library” that he had done over the past several years for himself and SCC members, most of which were written up in his “From the Stacks...” columns appearing in *The Posthorn*. There will be a “**Show-and-Tell**” session, so be sure to bring at least one item to talk about. Jerry Eggleston will bring a selection of SCC Mart Books to peruse after the end of the meeting. As customary, coffee, donuts, Danish, and other breakfast sweets will be provided.

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Summary of the Saturday, June 2, 2018 Meeting

President Eric Carlson called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. with ten members in attendance. There was no formal program for this meeting, which consisted of a Show-and-Tell session followed by a members’ buy, sell, and swap session. Unfortunately, there were no SCC Mart Books available as Jerry explained that all were presently out to other Chapters and the Mart manager had too few on hand to mail for our meeting. Jerry stated that the Mart manager apparently has a shortage of books and urges members to get busy and prepare some for sale. Jerry has blank books available for any Chapter members who want to sell their duplicates and unwanted items via the SCC’s Mart Book route. **Show-and-Tell:** □ Steve Nadler showed a selection of Nordic-related postal history items comprising three 1966-1985 Åland covers, a 1923 commercial cover from Stockholm to Evanston, IL franked with a Sweden KGV 15-öre coil line pair, a postcard from Christenstad to Orange, NJ franked with two DWI 1¢ stamps, a Danish airmail cover franked with five 1925-1934 airmail stamps to Rome, Italy and returned to the sender in Fredericia as the addressee was no longer at the address, and a 1945 censor cover from U.S.A. to Sweden franked with one each of the 10c and 20c prexies, □ Roger showed two Abbott Pentothal ad cards posted from Denmark and Finland. □ Jim Kilbane showed a 1948 Iceland cover to Roswell, NM franked with 12a and 25a fish and 35a, 50a, and 1kr volcano stamps. The buy, sell, and swap session held after show-and-tell seemed to go well with several members finding items to add to their collections.

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Upcoming SCC Chapter 27 Meeting Topics for 2018

2018 meetings: We still need a presentation for the November meeting! Please contact Steve Nadler (303-322-3624 or schlomoX@msn.com) or Eric Carlson (303-694-4252 or margeric@comcast.net). Presentations can be talks on any subjects that interest you □ for example, why you chose a particular Scandinavian country’s stamps to collect, details on a particular stamp issue or aspect of postal history, narration for one of the SCC Library’s Audio-Visual programs, or just about any subject you want to share with your fellow members! Also, please plan to give a 2019 presentation as Eric and Steve will be coercing members to do so at the November 3 meeting so we can begin to fill up Chapter 27’s 2019 meeting topics calendar.

October 6: semi-annual members’ auction

November 3: TBD

December: no meeting this month □ annual holiday potluck dinner instead (date and place TBD)

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Summary of the Sunday, July 21, 2018 Picnic and Get-Together

Greg and Anna Frantz invited SCC Chapter 27 members and their significant others to their home in Parker for a sixth annual summer picnic and get-together, featuring grilled bratwursts and hamburgers. In addition to Greg and Anna, 17 other members and guests attended the event. With all the pot-luck appetizers, salads, desserts, and beer and wine that accompanied the grilled meats, plus social interactions, camaraderie, and perfect picnic weather that Sunday afternoon, a great time was had by all! SCC Chapter 27 provided our hosts with a \$25 cash gift (that Greg will use in the future to treat Anna to a Village Inn breakfast) as a modest thank you for opening their home to us once again and sponsoring this fabulous event!

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Chapter 27 Members' Collecting Interests

List your stamp-collecting interests (all, not just Scandinavian) here for other 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, Iceland stamps (including revenues), 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 = Sweden, Finland, Greece, Hong Kong, Japan, Canada, and Great Britain; and postal history interests = Jo Daviess County, Illinois, and Summit County, Colorado
- Greg Frantz:** QSL postcards, Spitzbergen postal history, Scandinavian/Nordic locals and steamship mail, United States banknotes postal history, worldwide classic stamp issues, and cinderellas
- 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
- Severt Kvamme:** post-2002 used stamps of Åland, Faroes, Greenland, Iceland, and Norway
- Clark Lyda:** Norway and Europa
- Steve McGill:** Great Britain Machins and GB postal mechanization (specialist level) and Canada, Antarctic, Iceland, Faroes, 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, and military mail), Afghanistan, France, Monaco, Israel, 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
- Gary Rodgers:** rhinoceros (topical)
- Gary Shaver:** worldwide with specialties in United States, Canada, Germany, Great Britain, Hong Kong, Netherlands, Norway, and Sweden
- 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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An Orgy in Iceland

By William Germano

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At least there was no orgy on board the plane. I say this with some relief, and also embarrassment, since I should have known better, language-wise. The message peeking over the top of the seat pocket read ÖRYGGYI UM BORD. No need to panic — this was Iceland, and the heading merely announced “Safety on Board,” with a card that mimed the familiar visuals — international, wordless — in which imagined persons act out with imagined calm the necessary precautions.

Iceland is a ridiculously beautiful place, but what I had not remembered from a visit more than two decades ago is that the Icelandic language, famously our closest living relative to Old Norse, is mysteriously beautiful, too. Unlike my medievalist friends, I don’t get to play in the world of the early Germanic languages, but if you thought you might become a medievalist, Iceland is the place to visit and Icelandic the language to hear.

There you will discover a small country famous for its literacy, the English-language competence of its inhabitants, the alarming cost of food, fumaroles, glaciers, puffins, the landscape’s rapid-fire delivery of visual stunners, the home of the first European parliament, and the place where the tectonic plates of North America and Eurasia meet. Also, a written language with those two visually appealing dental fricatives, both of which appear in, for instance, the word það (“that”).

Iceland is everywhere a language lesson. I listened to a guide patiently explaining to our group that Icelandic was a “cousin” of English, none of which immediately helped with mastering an insouciant delivery of “Eyjafjallajökull,” the name of the glacier over the volcano that paralyzed air traffic to Western Europe in 2010.

In Iceland, the disposal of trash is systematized through categories — no longer a rarity in the U.S. — but there was still something delightful in coming across almost-familiar words. Discarded “papers and cardboard” should be deposited in the bin marked “Pappír og Pappi,” which seemed like an excellent name for a children’s show, possibly with gently misbehaving puppets. One quickly learns not to misread signs for Háskóli Íslands as “the Haskoli Islands” but as the University of Iceland.

And everywhere the double shadow of the Vikings — the historic past of the peoples who came to this island, and the cinematic northerners of HBO. I asked a cashier where *Game of Thrones* was filmed, and he obligingly pointed to a spot on a map. For literature types, the medieval Icelandic Eddas mark one end of the historic spectrum and Halldór Laxness, Iceland’s 1955 Nobel in Literature, the other. Reykjavik’s bookstores have plenty in both Icelandic and English.

I’ve already been telling friends that should a cable-TV series need an extra, possibly one set in the fictional Haskoli Islands, I’ve picked out my name: Bjór Garðurinn. Yes, it means Beer Garden (and was the name of the pub in my hotel), but it just looks so Icelandic. The fan base would spread, and I might even gain a loveable nickname (the “Thirstquencher”). I’m sure það would smarten up my Curriculum Vitae.

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S.C.C. Chapter 27 Treasurer’s Report

\$970.99 Previous Treasury Balance (5/11/18)*

-\$16.88 bagels for 6/2/18 meeting
-25.00 gift to Greg and Anna Frantz for hosting summer picnic
-68.29 food for 7/21/18 summer picnic
-3.40 printing costs for 6/2/18 meeting notices

\$857.42 Current Treasury Balance (7/22/18)*

\$241.66 Cash on Hand (7/22/18)

* **\$615.76** was renewed in a 24-month Certificate of Deposit at the Elevations Credit Union, Boulder, CO (CD = 0.60% per annum interest of ~\$8.13 due 2/9/19)

Prepared by Roger Cichorz, 7/22/18

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