

SCANDINAVIAN COLLECTORS CLUB □ COLORADO CHAPTER 27
NOTIFICATION OF THE SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2019 MEETING AT 10:00 AM
AT THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN PHILATELIC LIBRARY (RMPL)

The program for this Saturday's meeting will be on "Ultima Thule" by Jim Fredlund, *Wikipedia* under "Ultima Thule (disambiguation)" lists nine musical entries, four literature entries, and five "other uses" – an additional space exploration category also comes up – but none of these seem to relate to what Jim might be presenting, so to learn "what's this all about?" you had better attend the meeting to find out! 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, bagels, and cream cheese spread will be provided. Make it your New Year's resolution to attend Chapter 27 meetings!

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Summary of Chapter 27's Holiday Party on Sunday, December 2, 2018

Our thirteenth annual Chapter 27 holiday party and potluck dinner was held at RMPL with 15 members and significant others attending. For the impromptu menu, there was an array of delicious appetizers (assortment of imported cheeses and crackers, deviled eggs, and a shrimp ring), scalloped potatoes, Swedish meatballs, and for dessert, pizzelles and white-chocolate-coated strawberries – also three bottles of red wine. As always, a great time was had by all!

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Upcoming SCC Chapter 27 Meeting Schedule for 2019

2019 meetings: We still need programs for the rest of next year's meetings, so please contact Vice President Eric Carlson (**303-694-4252** or [*margeric@comcast.net*](mailto: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! We need to fill up the rest of Chapter 27's 2019 meeting topics calendar ASAP.

February 2: Bill Gunderson on a topic to be announced

March 2: Semi-annual members' auction

April 6: Clark Lyda on a topic to be announced

May and June and September through November: OPEN – please help!

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US Troops Deploy "Overwhelming Force" Against Iceland's Beer Supplies

Source: October 27, 2018 posting by Jared Keller on Task&Purpose.com, submitted by Paul Albright

U.S. troops landed in Iceland last week ahead of the start the largest NATO military exercise since the Cold War, and they apparently left their mark in the most appropriate way possible: by drinking every last beer in the nation's capital. A significant number of bars in downtown Reykjavík were forced to make emergency beer runs under the onslaught of thirsty American sailors and Marines in town for the start of Trident Juncture 18, *Iceland Magazine* reports. Local media estimate that 6,000 and 7,000 U.S. military personnel exhausted beer cellars across the Icelandic capital in the span of a single weekend.

The local news site *Vísir* reports that the brewery Ölgerð Egils Skallagrímssonar, which makes the popular Gull, had to send out emergency supplies to the bars. According to the sources of *Vísir*, the soldiers preferred local beers over imports and were very willing to sample different microbrews as well as the more popular standard lagers.

The local blogger Eiríkur Jónsson spoke to restaurateurs who said they had never experienced a similar situation. Bar owners who ran out of beer tried to solve the issue by borrowing from bars that were better stocked, while members of the delivery team from Ölgerðin were called out to help the bar owners cope, but "they were fighting an overwhelming force," as Eiríkur puts it.

Nearly 50,000 troops from 29 NATO allies (plus Sweden and Finland) are participating in Trident Juncture 18, backed up by 65 naval vessels, 150 aircraft, and more than 10,000 vehicles — all of which makes for thirsty work. And if anything, Trident Juncture will leave NATO leaders with one important strategic conclusion: When all else fails, you can always drink the enemy under the table.

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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 topical/thematics
- **Roger Cichorz:** Åland and Faroes postal history, Iceland stamps (including 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 topical/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 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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SCC Chapter 27 Membership and Meeting Attendance Report for 20187

During 2018, no new members joined our Chapter, one member (George Newland) resigned, and two members (Howard Benson and Gary Rodgers) died, so membership now stands at 20. Member attendance for our nine Chapter 27 meetings in 2018 was 55.0% (94 of 171 possible), a significant decrease from 2017's 64.6% (124 of 192 possible). Eugene Brink, a dues-paying member in good standing who resides in Branson, MO, does not attend meetings because of traveling constraints and consequently is excluded from these attendance statistics. Roger Cichorz and Bill Gunderson attended all nine meetings, sharing the perfect attendance award. Seven members (Eric Carlson, Jerry Eggleston, Jim Kilbane, Clark Lyda, Jeff Modesitt, Steve Nadler, and Harry Pedersen) missed only one or two meetings each. Sadly, six of our members attended only four meetings total. If we exclude these six "no-shows" from the attendance statistics, our remaining 13 "core members" attended 76.9% of the meetings (90 of 117 possible), a significant decrease from 2017's all-time best 85.2% (115 of 135 possible), 2016's 82.9%, and 2015's 83.6%. Overall attendance figures for previous years were 64.6% in 2017, 70.0% in 2016, 70.1% in 2015, 58.7% in 2014, 57.1% in 2013, 50.5% in 2012, 67.6% in 2011, 63.2% in 2010, 56.0% in 2009, 54.5% in 2008, 54.6% in 2007, 61.6% in 2006, 57.6% in 2005, 57.2% in 2004, 50.7% in 2003, and 38.2% in 2002 (the first year attendance records were compiled), so after the relatively static attendance during years 2003 to 2014, there had been an upward trend in attendance from 2015 to 2017, but that ended in 2018. Let's get our attendance back up for 2019, so please make it a point to attend and participate in our monthly meetings as there is always something of newsworthy philatelic interest discussed and presented in addition to the great camaraderie and social interactions! Additionally, Chapter 27 holds two semi-annual auctions and the SCC Mart Books are available at most meetings to provide vital opportunities to purchase items to expand and enhance your collections!

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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 or contact Roger at 303-494-8361 or rcichorz@comcast.net.

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. Eugene Brink, 390 Quail Road, Branson, MO 65616, 417-336-1296, or geno4huskers@suddenlink.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, O48, and O52. Also, multiples and on documents. I will pay premium prices over Scott and Facit valuations. Let me know what you have and your asking prices. Roger Cichorz, 303-494-8361 or rcichorz@comcast.net.

Wanted: Contributions to include in future Chapter 27 Newsletters. Anything: brief articles, collection and exhibit pages, color scans or photocopies of your favorite covers (preferably with brief explanatory captions), your questions for a "Questions and Answers" feature, Scandinavian humor, etc. Roger Cichorz, 303-494-8361 or rcichorz@comcast.net.

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

\$1243.05 Previous Treasury Balance (11/13/18)*

+20.00 two 2019 dues payments
-2.52 12 x 21¢ postage stamps for last two mailings
-4.20 printing costs for 12/2/18 holiday party announcement/newsletter

\$1256.33 Current Treasury Balance (12/14/18)*

\$640.57 Cash on Hand (12/14/18)

* **\$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, 12/14/18

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Thousands of Human Bones Reveal 'Barbarian' Battle Rituals

By Kristin Romey

Source: Kristin Romey is an editor and writer covering archaeology and paleontology for *National Geographic*. Her article was published May 21, 2018.

The discovery of victims of a Germanic army that fought 2,000 years ago are surprising archaeologists for several reasons. Archaeologists working in a sprawling wetland in Denmark have uncovered 2,000-year-old human remains that are challenging traditional ideas about "barbarian" warfare in northern Europe. The research, which was published today in the journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, also provides a unique look at how Germanic tribes memorialized their battles.

What the team found:

Archaeologists excavated 2,095 human bones and bone fragments—comprising the remains of at least 82 people—across 185 acres of wetland at the site of Alken Enge, on the shore of Lake Mossø on Denmark's Jutland Peninsula. Scientific studies indicate that most of the individuals were young male adults, and they all died in a single event in the early first century A.D. Unhealed trauma wounds on the remains, as well as finds of weapons, suggest that the individuals died in battle. The team didn't dig up the entire 185 acres, but the researchers extrapolated that more than 380 people may have been interred in boggy waters along the lakeshore some 2,000 years ago, based on the distribution of the remains that were excavated.

Why is this discovery so important?

The find significantly increases the estimated size of armies in Iron Age Europe.

Despite all of the accounts from Roman writers about the "wild and savage" "barbarians" of Germania, we know very little about the battle capability of Germanic tribes. The few known battle sites in Germany itself (most notably centered around the Battle of the Teutoburg Forest) contain very little in the way of well-preserved remains, and questions abound about how large "barbarian" armies actually were and how they were organized. An army of several hundred people far exceeds the population scale of Iron Age villages in the region, the new paper notes, suggesting that a war band of this many men required the right kinds of organization and leadership skills to recruit fighters from far distances.

Princeton University archaeologist and Barbarians author Peter Bogucki (who did not take part in the study) notes that, until now, the working size for martial bands in Iron Age south Scandinavia was roughly 80 individuals, an estimate based on ritually sacrificed weapons discovered at Hjortspring that would support a band of that size. "If the [paper's] estimates are correct," Bogucki says, "these armies may have been several times larger."

Why would people be fighting in a marsh? That doesn't sound ideal.

Here's where it gets really interesting: Many of the human remains show animal gnaw marks consistent with bodies left exposed somewhere else for six months to a year before being submerged in the wetland. Others bones are deliberately arranged in bundles with stones brought in from other areas, and in one case, fragments of hip bones from four different individuals were threaded on a tree branch.

This leads researchers to suspect that after a period of time, the remains were collected from a yet-to-be discovered battlefield and ritually deposited in the marsh. However, the southern areas of the site also revealed many very small bones, which could easily be overlooked when gathering skeletonized remains. This may indicate archaeologists "could actually be very close to the actual battle site," says study coauthor Mads Kähler Holst, an archaeologist at Aarhus University and executive director of the Mosegaard Museum.

Noting the millennia-long ceremonial and ritual importance of bogs and shallow lakes across northern Europe, Bogucki believes the removal of bodies from the battlefield after a period of time and their interment in the marsh may likely be the action of the victors trying to memorialize their triumph. "This is 'memory work' after the battle," Bogucki explains. "They are deliberately trying to create some collective memory of the event."

So, who was battling who?

Although they battled Germanic tribes across much of Europe in the first century A.D., Roman armies never made it as far north as southern Scandinavia, and the team didn't find evidence for direct Roman involvement in this battle. "The trauma [on the bodies] is also consistent with what we would expect from an encounter with a well-equipped Germanic army," adds Holst.

Bogucki agrees: "This was barbarian-on-barbarian," he says, noting that the military organization and scale of the conflict between Germanic armies some 2,000 years ago in Denmark wasn't necessarily motivated or influenced by contemporary Roman incursions into barbarian areas south of Scandinavia.

"It's indigenously generated. This continues a pattern of endemic, intergroup violence in the region that goes back into prehistory," Bogucki adds. "It's just that the groups got larger and larger, and the weapons got more and more lethal."

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