

**SCANDINAVIAN COLLECTORS CLUB □ COLORADO CHAPTER 27**  
**NOTIFICATION OF THE SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018 MEETING AT 10:00 AM**  
**AT THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN PHILATELIC LIBRARY (RMPL)**

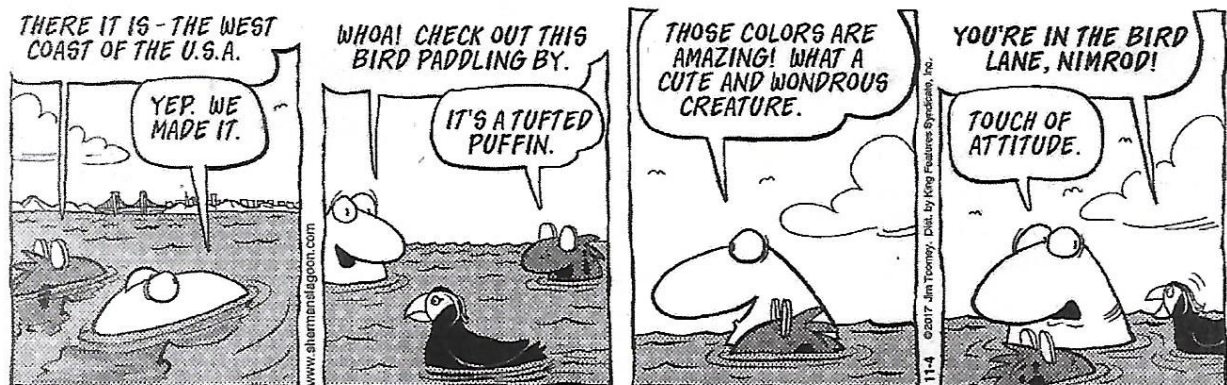
Clark Lyda will give a presentation on some aspects of his collecting interest in Norwegian stamps. There will be the usual **“Show-and-Tell”** session, and members are urged to bring at least one item to the meeting to share! Jerry Eggleston will bring a selection of SCC Mart Books. As customary, coffee, donuts and other pastries will be provided.

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**Summary of the Saturday, November 4, 2017 Meeting**

President Eric Carlson called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM with 15 members in attendance. Jerry Eggleston brought a selection of SCC Mart Books for members to peruse, and bagels and cream cheese spread were provided. Jeff Modesitt announced that he and Leslie would once again host the Chapter 27 holiday get-together and pot luck dinner at their home on Sunday, December 10 beginning at 4:00 PM. Notice of and detailed information about of this party will be sent to Chapter members later in November. Eric mentioned RMPL will host its third local dealers’ stamp bourse on Saturday, November 17. We began the formal part of the meeting with a brief mini-auction of 20 consignment lots from Geno Brink, Gary Rodgers, and Jeff, respectively. 15 lots sold, realizing \$161, with commissions and donations from the consignors totaling \$20.25 going to the Chapter Treasury. Roger Cichorz brought the five unsold literature lots from SCC Library Auction #48, which closed October 15, and two sold at their net price of \$35. **Feature Presentation:** Roger gave an extended “show-and-tell” on “Scandinavian and Nordic Puffins” that featured stamps, souvenir sheets, FDCs, commercial mail and philatelic covers, government and privately issued Christmas and charity seals, postmarks, and other items from the Scandinavian section of his “puffins” topical collection. The items shown all picture the Atlantic puffin (*Fratercula arctica*) and emanated from the Faroes, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden (alas, no Denmark or Finland). **Show-and-Tell:** □ Clark Lyda shared a “Sherman’s Lagoon” comic strip appearing in today’s November 4 *Denver Post* that coincidentally sort of tied in with Roger’s puffin presentation, although this one was one of the two types of Pacific puffins that are not indigenous to Atlantic and Northern European waters.

**SHERMAN’S LAGOON** by J.P. Toomey



□ Jim Fredlund mentioned the second and final day of the Scandinavian Christmas Fair at the Sons of Norway Trollheim Lodge in Lakewood was being held today. He indicated that vendors would be there offering various types of Scandinavian foods for lunch. □ Randy Nilson showed several wartime and censored covers, including a wrapper from San Francisco to the Japanese Consulate in Shanghai, China, a San Francisco cover to the 17<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group in the Philippines with a “Return to Sender/Postal Service Suspended to This Organization” cachet stamped on front, a returned 1943 Italian registered cover, and a 1944 German cover with its “Hitler head” definitive stamp partially torn off to not show “Hitler Der Führer”! Perhaps the most interesting was one addressed to a chaplain at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center in Aurora who later became a POW and survived the Bataan death march only to perish on a prisoner

transport ship that was torpedoed on its way to Japan. □ Bill Gunderson showed four postally used WWI-era Swiss postcards, two of which were franked with Swiss Army poster stamps and

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postmarked. □ Gary Rodgers showed several items, including a stock book of early Netherlands stamps on approval sheets for sale, and two literature selections, a 2000 specialized catalog of Netherlands stamps and *Manual of the Stamps of Netherland Indies, Curacao, and Surinam* by A. Arthur Schiller and Johannes de Kruyf. □ Roger showed a Great Britain promissory note from 1935 to Iceland with an imprinted and embossed “BILL OR NOTE” 2-shilling revenue stamp also with an Icelandic 5kr stimpilmerki (documentary revenue) stamp affixed and tied, and two exhibit pages of Iceland 75-aur Gullfoss stamps overprinted “Greiðslu-/merki” and surcharged “10” (transforming them into revenue fee stamps for affixing to receipts and exchange orders) on and off documents. □ Eric showed three Scandinavian revenue stamps and asked if the SCC Library has any catalogs or handbooks on them? Roger responded that references devoted to revenues are shelved in their specific country sections. □ Jim Kilbane showed three 1957-60 covers addressed to the U.S., two from Norway and one from Denmark. □ Steve Nadler gave a report of his recent trip to Israel and played a video of Beit Lehi reporting on recent significant archaeological finds in Israel. The meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

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### Summary of Chapter 27's Holiday Party on Sunday, December 10, 2017

Leslie and Jeff Modesitt hosted our twelfth annual Chapter 27 holiday party and potluck at their home in Centennial, and 22 members and guests attended. There was the usual great array of delicious appetizers (including Jerry Eggleston's assortment of imported chesses), salads, main dishes (Jean Fredlund's salmon, Roger Cichorz's Swedish meatballs, and our hosts' baked ham), desserts, and an ample supply of fine wines. As always, a great time was had by all! We acknowledged the Modesitts for hosting this wonderful get-together by giving Leslie two Lands End \$50 gift certificates as a token of thanks for their hospitality and once again opening their home to Chapter members and their guests.

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### Upcoming SCC Chapter 27 Meeting Topics for 2018

**2018 meetings:** Help fill up the three remaining month's TBDs below by volunteering to give a presentation so topics for the entire year appear in our future meeting notification/newsletters! As soon as possible, please contact Steve Nadler (**[schlomoX@msn.com](mailto:schlomoX@msn.com) or 303-322-3624**) or Eric Carlson (**[margeric@comcast.net](mailto:margeric@comcast.net) or 303-694-4252**). 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!

**February 3:** Randy Nilson on “Wartime Censor Covers”

**March 3:** semi-annual members' auction

**April 7:** Harry Pedersen on “Denmark's Bicolor Stamps”

**May 5:** Eric Carlson on “Nordic Castles”

**June 2:** To be determined (TBD)

**July-August:** no meetings these two months □ annual potluck picnic instead (date and place TBD)

**September 1:** Roger Cichorz on “Research at the SCC Library”

**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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**Chapter 27 Newsletter Contributions Solicited:** Your Meeting Announcement/Newsletter Editor invites you to submit brief articles, announcements. Scandinavian- and Nordic-related tidbits, etc. for publication. I can use items such as a color scan or photocopy of your “favorite cover” along with a brief explanatory caption, a favorite page from your collection or exhibit, questions you were reluctant to ask (if enough come in, we can have a “Questions & Answers” feature), etc. — just about anything that may be of

interest to Chapter members! My contact information is 3925 Longwood Ave., Boulder, CO 80305-7233, telephone: (303) 494-8361, e-mail: [rcichorz@comcast.net](mailto:rcichorz@comcast.net).

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### 2017 Chapter 27 Membership and Meeting Attendance Report

One new member (David Petersen) joined our Chapter and there were no resignations in 2017, so membership now stands at 23. Member attendance for our nine Chapter 27 meetings in 2017 was 64.6% (124 of 192 possible), a slight drop from the 70% experienced the previous two years. Four members (Eric Carlson, Bill Gunderson, Jim Kilbane, and Gary Rodgers) attended all ten meetings, sharing the perfect attendance award. Five members (Howard Benson, Roger Cichorz, Jerry Eggleston, Steve Nadler, and Tonny van Loij) each missed only one meeting. If we exclude from the attendance statistics the seven members who attended only nine meetings in total, our remaining 15 "core members" attended 82.5% of the meetings (115 of 135 possible), slightly less than 2016's 82.9% and 2015's all-time's best 83.6%. Attendance figures for previous years were 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 kept), so after the relatively static attendance during years 2003 to 2014, there has been a relatively upward trend in attendance from 2015 to 2017. Please continue to attend and participate at our 2018 monthly meetings because 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 excellent opportunities to purchase items to enhance your collections!

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### S.C.C. Chapter 27 Treasurer's Report (need new report)

#### **\$1066.77 Previous Treasury Balance (10/10/17)\***

+\$20.25	commissions and donations from 11/4/17 members' mini-auction
+130.00	13 paid 2018 membership dues received before or at the 11/4/17 meeting
-3.00	printing charges for 11/4/17 meeting announcement/auction lists
-19.60	40 Forever stamps for future USPS mailings of meeting announcements, etc.
-17.07	bagels for 10/7/17 meeting

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#### **\$1177.35 Current Treasury Balance (11/6/17)\***

##### **\$561.19 Cash on Hand (11/6/17)**

\* **\$616.16** 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, 11/6/17

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:rcichorz@comcast.net).

**Wanted:** 1960s Abbott Laboratories "Dear Doctor" Pentothal advertising postcards, Faroes and Åland covers; and topical material related to puffins and bonsais. Roger Cichorz, 3925 Longwood Ave., Boulder, CO 80305-7233, 303-494-8361, or [rcichorz@comcast.net](mailto: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, 3925 Longwood Ave., Boulder, CO 80305-7233, 303-494-8361, or rcichorz@comcast.net.

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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
- ❑ **Howard Benson:** mint and used stamps of Scandinavia (including Danish West Indies to 2010), Germany and Austria to 2010, Russia and areas to 1920, "dead countries" (not former colonies), topics (maps and railroads), and encased postage stamps
- ❑ **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, DWI, 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
- ❑ **George Newland:** Denmark and Scandinavia
- ❑ **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)
- ❑ **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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## **Scandinavian Miscellany**

**Word for the Day: ombudsman** \ˈäm-ɪbɔ̃dz-mən\ *noun*: **\*1:** an official who investigates complaints against authorities. **2:** one who investigates reported complaints.

*\*"The court-appointed patient care **ombudsman** ... said conditions at the Fort Oglethorpe hospital have deteriorated so badly that she has notified the state licensing agency."* □The Chattanooga, October 27, 2015

**DID YOU KNOW?** *Ombudsman* was borrowed from Swedish, where it means “representative” and ultimately derives from the Old Norse words *umboth* (“commission”) and *mathr* (“man”). In the early 1800s, Sweden became the first country to appoint an independent official known as an ombudsman to investigate complaints against government officials and agencies. Since then, other countries (such as Finland, Denmark, and New Zealand), as well as some States in the U.S.A., have appointed similar officials. The word *ombudsman* was first used in English in the late 1950s, and by the 1960s, it was also being used to refer to a person who reviews complaints against any organization (such as a school or hospital) or to someone who enforces standards of journalistic ethics at a newspaper.

(Source: *Merriam-Webster Word-of-the-Day Calendar* entry for Wednesday, November 15, 2017.)

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## **How Sheep with Cameras Got Some Tiny Islands onto Google Street View**

By Karin Brulliard (from the November 7, 2017 Edition of *The Washington Post*)

The Faroe Islands, a remote archipelago that juts out of the cold seas between Norway and Iceland, doesn't even appear on some world maps. But as of last week, the verdant slopes, rocky hiking trails, and few roads of the 18 islands are on Google Street View — and a team of camera-toting sheep helped get them there.

When the islands' tourism board decided last year that it wanted to get the company's attention, it knew it would need an unusual pitch. It also knew that its rugged terrain would not be easily traversed by those Google cars that ply city streets worldwide, snapping photos. So it strapped solar-powered, 360-degree cameras onto the backs of a few shaggy Faroese sheep and began uploading the resulting, and very breathtaking, images to Street View itself.

The whole sheep idea — which the tourism board called “Sheepview 360” — was not such a stretch. Sheep are a big deal in the Faroe Islands, an autonomous nation within the Kingdom of Denmark whose name translates to “islands of the sheep.” The islands' distinct breed is believed to have been imported by Norse settlers in the 9th century, and today about 80,000 sheep live there, far outnumbering the 50,000 people. Tourism official Levi Hanssen said most Faroese have some connection to raising sheep, about one-third of which are slaughtered for meat; the others are used for wool and dairy products.

And although all the sheep are owned, they roam freely — usually. “It's not very easy putting cameras on sheep,” Hanssen, the content manager for VisitFaroeIslands.com, said in an interview. “We would just stand there, and they would stand there and look at us. You have to, in some way, get them to move.”

It didn't take long for the media-friendly story to make its way to Google, which pronounced it “shear brilliance.” Last summer, the company visited the islands and loaned out one of its eyeball-like Street View Trekkers, as well as some 360-degree cameras for human use. In a blog post, the former tourism board employee who spearheaded the campaign, Durita Dahl Andreassen, explained that those would be handed out to locals and tourists alike and that they would be attached to “sheep, bikes, backpacks, ships, and even a wheelbarrow.” “We, obviously, couldn't map the whole country with sheep,” Hanssen said.

Last week, the Faroe Islands made its debut on Google Street View. Most images ended up being captured by humans, and they included all public roads and hiking trails. But Hanssen said the tourism board decided to leave some spots out to preserve a bit of the islands' mystery. “Sheepview 360” was charming, but it was at heart a marketing bid — and a successful one according to Hanssen, who said it had a “PR value we could never have bought ourselves.”

Hotel reservation rates, the country's primary yardstick for measuring tourism, are up at least 10 percent this year, he said. Visitors tend to be outdoorsy types, but the islands are also increasingly attracting gourmands who come for “really good, locally sourced food,” Hanssen said. The tourism board has moved on to a new, sheep-free effort to get Google Translate to include Faroese, which descends from Old Norse.

As for the sheep that made Street View happen? They retired from filming, Hanssen said. He wasn't sure, however, whether any ended up as someone's locally sourced dinner. “Their job,” he said, “was done.”

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