

SCANDINAVIAN COLLECTORS CLUB □ COLORADO CHAPTER 27
NOTIFICATION OF THE SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2018 MEETING AT 10:00 AM
AT THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN PHILATELIC LIBRARY (RMPL)

The program for this meeting will be a **“Show-and-Tell”** session, so be sure to bring at least one item to talk about. The rest of the meeting will be a buy, sell, and trade session, so bring your unwanted items and be prepared to do some horse trading. This will not be an auction session, so if you have stuff to sell, have it priced at what you want for it. Jerry Eggleston will bring a selection of SCC Mart Books. Coffee, bagels, and cream cheese spread will be provided.

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Summary of the Saturday, May 5, 2018 Meeting

President Eric Carlson called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. and announced that for all future meetings the Mart Books will not be available until after the business portion of the meeting and presentation is finished, so if you want to peruse the Mart Books, you'll have to stay to view them afterwards. The reason given is that some members were using the actual meeting to look though the Mart Books and not pay attention to the presentation or any of the other proceedings. Roger Cichorz summarized SCC Library Auction #50 results and brought along the unsold lots for sale at their respective opening bids. Jerry announced he has empty Mart Books for anyone who wants to sell off their duplicate and unwanted stamps and covers. Jerry also indicated that the SCC's annual meeting will take place at the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show in 2020, and as the host Chapter we are obliged to plan and provide activities for out-of-town SCC members. This will include as a minimum sponsoring Friday evening dinner at a local restaurant and our May Chapter meeting scheduled to take place at the show on Sunday morning and be open to all SCC members. The last time SCC met at RMSS, Jerry had arranged an all-day seminar with invited speakers at RMPL and our Chapter provided wine and cheese for the occasion. Jerry emphasized that we need a someone to coordinate these activities – any volunteers? One person can serve as coordinator and others can be responsible for arranging activities, so the work can be a shared experience! **Feature Presentation:** Greg Frantz gave a program on “Spitzbergen” and showed a nice selection of the local stamps issued by various companies and ship lines involved with the tourist excursions to this arctic outpost that was historically known for coal mining and as a whaling port. Greg also showed various turn-of-the-20th-century covers and postcards from Spitzbergen, some of which are much sought-after rarities. **Show-and-Tell:** □ Jim Fredlund showed a Netherlands SAL surface mail cover, stolen mail in the form of a 1967 business envelope recovered by USPS authorities and returned to Merrill Lynch in Denver, and several Western Airlines airletters with imprinted stamps, which formerly were listed in *Scott's U.S. Specialized Catalogue*. □ Roger showed one page of WWII-era handstamped Franco Betalt covers from his Faroës collection. □ David Petersen showed a rare 1891 cover from St. Thomas to New Jersey franked with two D.W.I. 1¢ bicolor stamps. □ Steve Nadler showed a U.S. 1902 registered 10c Columbian postal stationery envelope franked with additional 10c Pan Am airmail and 3c Columbus commemorative stamps to Härnösand, Sweden. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM and members were free to peruse the SCC Mart Books.

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Upcoming SCC Chapter 27 Meeting Topics for 2018

2018 meetings: We 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!

July and August: summer hiatus with 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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Wanted: Contributions for future Chapter 27 Meeting Announcement/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. Contact Roger Cichorz: 303-494-8361, or rcichorz@comcast.net. Please note the two nonphilatelic contributions from Paul Albright that appear on Pages 2 and 4 of this Meeting Announcement/Newsletter.

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S.C.C. Chapter 27 Treasurer’s Report

\$984.14 Previous Treasury Balance (4/29/18)*

-\$9.95 baked goods for 5/5/18 meeting

-3.20 printing costs for 5/5/18 meeting notices

\$970.99 Current Treasury Balance (4/29/18)*

\$355.23 Cash on Hand (4/24/18)

* **\$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, 5/11/18

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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.

For Sale: Auction catalogs in runs @ \$1 per issue: Northland (21 1990-2004, much Scandinavian), Lambrect & Bahr (1992-96, #1-10, worldwide stamps and postal history), John Barefoot (ten 1997-2003, WW stamps and postal history), Rodney A. Perry (12 1997-1999, Australian stamps and postal history), Bruun Rasmussen (7 #843-867, Scandinavian), John Barefoot (10 1997-2003, stamps, postal history, and cinderellas), Postal History International (1976-79), Robert Kaufmann (37 1970-91 #3-72, classic U.S., Confederate States, locals, and Western postal history, some of the best offerings of the time, net \$100). Also available (inquire for details): John Kaufmann, Matthew Bennet, Roger Koerber, Daniel Kelleher (extensive holdings, valuable for U.S. postal history), holdings of specialized Confederate States catalogs, and *TreSkillling Yellow* book. Greg Frantz, 303-805-5512, or gfcaptain2@gmail.com.

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Scandinavian Humor?

Each Friday night after work, Ole would fire up his outdoor grill on the shore of Big Lake Wissota and cook a venison steak. But, all of Ole’s neighbors were Catholic. And since it was Lent, they were forbidden from eating meat on Friday. The delicious aroma from the grilled venison steaks wafted over Wissota all the way to Chippewa Falls, and was causing such a problem for the Catholic faithful that they finally talked to their priest.

The Priest came to visit Ole and suggested that he become a Catholic. After several classes and much study, Ole attended Mass, and as the priest sprinkled holy water over him to signify his religious conversion, he said, "You were born a Lutheran, and raised a Lutheran, but now you are a Catholic!"

Ole’s neighbors were relieved, until Friday night arrived, and the wonderful aroma of grilled venison once again filled the neighborhood. The Priest was called immediately by the neighbors and as he rushed into Ole’s yard, clutching a rosary and prepared to scold him, he stopped and watched in amazement.

There stood Ole, clutching a small bottle of holy water that he carefully sprinkled over the grilling meat, and chanted: "You vuz born a deer, you vuz raised a deer, but now you is a walleye!"

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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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WEIRD & WILD

Puffin Beaks Glow in Surprising Discovery

By Carrie Arnold

As soon as Jamie Dunning flipped on the black light in his lab, the Atlantic puffin's beak lit up like a neon Christmas tree. The University of Nottingham research student was studying the dead animal as part of his work on bird genetics when he remembered something a colleague had told him: crested auklet feathers glow when viewed under a UV light. Since puffins are closely related to auklets, Dunning's curiosity was piqued – and sure enough, his specimen's beak glowed orange.

(Source: April 30, 2018 Sigma Xi *SmartBrief* "Science in the News" item culled by Roger Cichorz.)

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Fifth Century Massacre on Öland

Swedish archaeologists find evidence of a 5th century massacre on southeastern Öland.

In a paper published in the journal *Antiquity*, the team writes about the 1,500-year-old attack at Sandby borg.

(Note: Sandby borg is an Iron Age ringfort, one of at least 15 on the island of Öland, Sweden. It sits about two kilometers southeast of Södra Sandby village in Sandby parish in southeastern Öland, close to the village of Gårdby.)

Dozens of corpses have been found in the walled fort, their bodies left to rot where they fell. All of the victims were killed with "brutal force," team leader Helena Victor said. Some victims were found inside houses, others in the streets. The archaeologists discovered decapitated bodies, blunt force trauma wounds to victims' heads, and even one person who seemed to have fallen into a fireplace in his final moments. Even the corpse of a newborn was found among the dead, suggesting nobody was spared, the authors say.

The perpetrators of the massacre are not known, but it took place during a turbulent period of intense migration when the Western Roman empire was collapsing and the Huns invading. The Baltic island of Öland was never under Roman rule.

Local authorities asked staff at the Kalmar Lans Museum to examine the area after treasure hunters found items at the site. The first dig lasted only three days, but after the discovery of the walls of houses the team quickly found human remains. Ms. Victor says the bodies in the houses raised alarm bells, as historically corpses were usually cremated – and certainly were not left in people's homes. "You don't find people lying around in houses," Ms. Victor told the BBC. "[People] don't do it today and didn't do it then."

While villagers normally lived outside the walled fort, they would shelter there in times of danger. Between 200 and 250 people are thought to have lived in the fort, and Ms. Victor says it does not look as if they defended themselves. "People seem to have been killed without defending themselves," said team leader Helena Victor. "It seems like treason." She suggests someone may have left a door open and "let them in at night".

The team have also found opulent jewelry at the site, as well as Roman gold coins, hair ornaments, and scraps from final meals. The summary for the journal paper describes the find as "a unique snapshot of domestic life and abrupt death in the Scandinavian Migration Period."

Öland island in the south-east of Sweden has been inhabited since about 6000 BC, according to archaeological records. There are at least 15 ring-forts on the island, although this is the first that seems to have suffered such a gruesome fate.

Despite the huge amount found so far, there is still a great deal to examine. Only three of more than 50 houses have so far been excavated, with the team looking for further funds to carry on the dig. "There is huge interest in this," Ms. Victor says. "It's just the beginning for us."

(Source: April 24, 2018 Sigma Xi *SmartBrief* "Science in the News" item culled by Roger Cichorz.)

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