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DRAWING DEPICTS THE ARRIVAL along the coast of Greenland by Erik the Red and his longboat. (Illustration by Ib Eichner-Larsen)

## Postal History of Greenland

### Part I. 982-1492 AD

[This is the first chapter of an unfinished book on Greenland postal history a joint project of Jens Fynbo, former director of Greenland Trade, and Dan Laursen. Fynbo wrote his portion covering the 1938-39 changeover from Danish to Greenland Stamps; however, Dan Laursen who assumed the more arduous research into the ancient Viking era beginning with the *Islandic Sagas* written in the 13th and 14th centuries, which include the tales of the first Viking Norse settlements in Greenland about 982 AD and Leif Eriksson's discovery of the North American Continent in the year 1000 AD — somewhat ahead of that Italian named Columbus. To date Laursen has finished only the first chapter and it seems quite proper to present his findings now in 1992 when most eyes turn toward 1492 and Columbus.

In his editorial instructions, Laursen asks, "If there are any language errors in text, correct them, but please try not to change the wording even if it does not sound like American-English. It will sound Dan Laursen!"]

By Dr. Dan Laursen, PhD

#### 1. Introduction and the first contact.

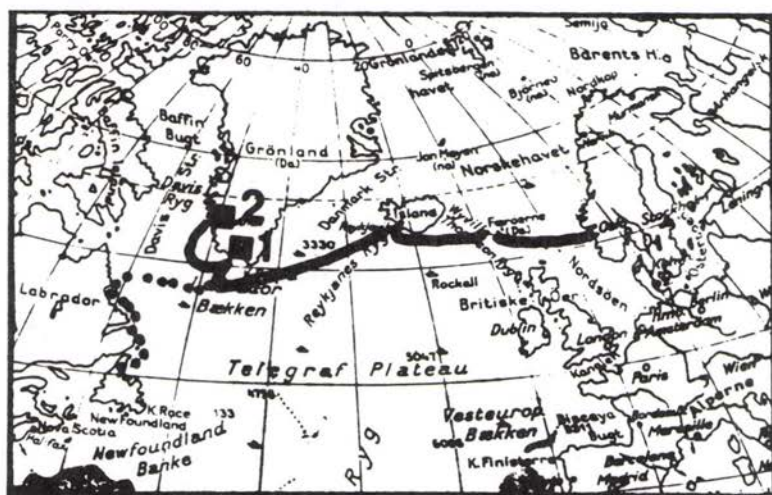
Greenland, the largest island in the world, is situated in the northern part of the Atlantic Ocean at 11°39' to 73°08' east longitude and 59°40' to 83°39' north latitude. The distance from the west coast of Iceland to the east coast of Greenland is approximately 190 nautical miles; and from the Norwegian west coast about 940 nautical miles. The distance to Canada where the narrowest is only 16 miles from Washington Land, North Greenland, to Ellesmere Land, Canada.

The original inhabitants of Greenland were the Inuits, who migrated from the west in several waves from about 2000 BC to 900 AD. According to the *Flatey Book* of Icelandic Sagas, the first Europeans arrived in 982 AD aboard longboats headed by Erikr Thorvaldsson, called Erikr the Red. But the actual colonization of Greenland by the Norsemen occurred during the summer of 985 or 986 AD when 25 ships with 600-700 men, women, and children with all their worldly goods departed from Iceland bound for the newly-discovered Greenland. Only 14 longboats made it, but their arrival marked the first permanent European contact between Greenland and the then known western world. This event opened communication routes, which except for a few interruptions in the 15th and 16th centuries, have lasted to this very day. Until the outbreak of World War II regular contact with Greenland was sustained by ship. Then the airplane took over the transport of passengers and mail, both to and from the island.

## 2. The question of medieval postal connections.

At the beginning of the Norse settlement period it is most likely that a comparatively brisk traffic took place between Greenland on the west side of the Greenland Sea and Iceland and Norway to the east (*Gad I*, p. 69). It is for example known that Lejf Eriksson, called Lejf the Lucky, (son of Erikr the Red and his wife Tjodhilde) in the year 1000 AD returned from a voyage to Norway, where he had adopted Christianity. He was accompanied by several priests to preach the gospel to the Norse settlers. It was, according to some reports, on this return voyage that Lejf the Lucky was driven off course by wind and pushed westward where he discovered the North American Continent which he called Vinland. ●

We know that the Norse used runes to communicate with their surroundings and the outside world. Several examples of runes exist in Greenland. Here we will only mention the Kingigtorsuaq Stone discovered on a small island north of Upernavik (*Gad I*, pp. 168-169); Vigdis' tombstone from Gardar (*Nørlund*, p. 44); and Gudveg's Runestick from a grave in Herjolfsnæs graveyard with the inscription, "This woman was laid overboard in Greenland Sea who was named Gudveg."



MAP SHOWING THE ROUTES most used from Greenland to Norway (Europe) and return, 1.) marks the eastern, and 2.) marks the western settlements of the Norsemen. The dotted trail denotes Lejf Eriksson's route to Vinland.

**Christianity and Clergy**

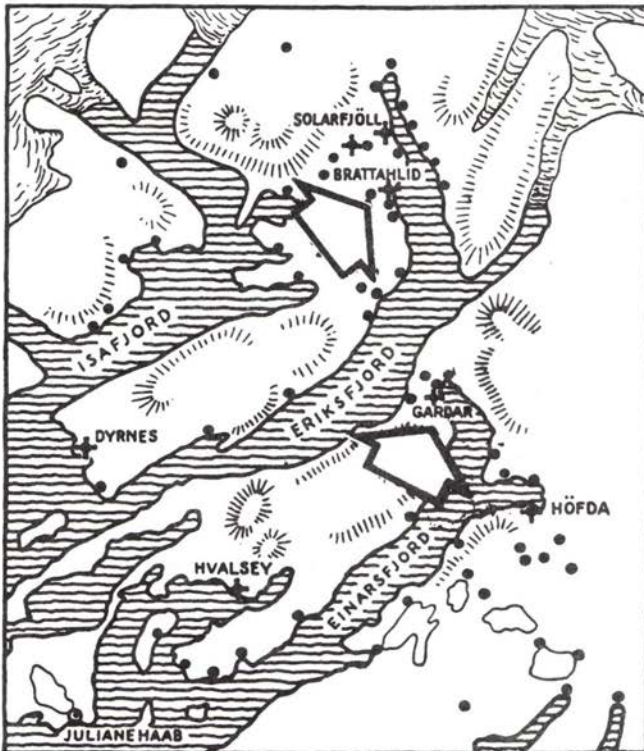
With the arrival of priests the Norsemen got people around them who most likely could read and write Latin or Old Norse, and later on Norwegian/Danish. This language pattern was also true of Priest Ivar Baarsøn, who from 1341 to 1364 resided in Greenland as manager of the estates of the Holy See (*Nørlund, p. 28 and Gad I, p. 173*). Baardson's description of Greenland, however, was written at a much later point in time and in Europe — and therefore not sent to Europe from Greenland (*Finnur Jonsson, pp 278-279*).

To begin with, the Greenland church was under the Archbishop of Bremen, Germany. In 1103 the Greenland diocese was transferred to the newly established Archbishop of Lund (then Denmark, now Sweden). Only 49 years

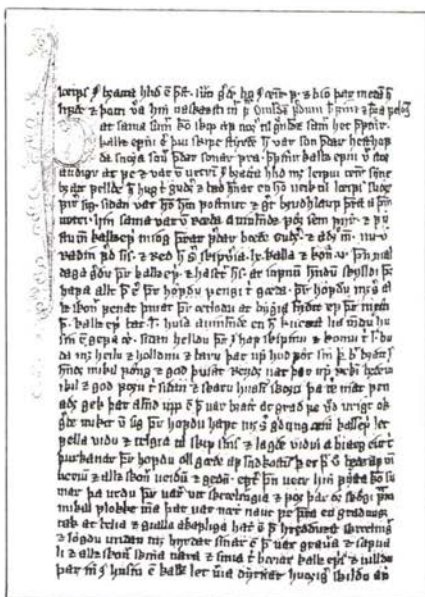
later in 1152, Greenland Christians had been placed within the jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Nidaros (Trondheim), Norway. At the same time the Icelandic church also came under Nidaros.

Earlier in 1112 Gardar was made the Episcopal See of Greenland with Bishop Erik Gnuþsson appointed to the post. As far as history tells he never arrived in Greenland. He was succeeded in 1124 by Bishop Arnald who built the big church in Gardar and had it consecrated to Saint Nicolas, patron saint of sailors.

The church was now firmly under the Pope in Rome. Several times during the next centuries we hear that the Bishop of Gardar via the Archbishop of Nidaros paid tithes to Rome to form of Greenland products such as seal skins,



NORSEMEN IN GREENLAND had to deal with complicated waterways as shown here in the Østerbygden or Eastern Settlement which was the site of Erik's farm at Brattahlid and the Bishop See at Gardar. (Arrows point them out)



ICELANDIC manuscript from *The Flatey Book* of Viking Sagas is typical of its illuminated pages. It was written in 1387, and shown here courtesy of Norröna Society, 1908 Edition.

walrus hides and the teeth of narwhale and walrus.

Due to possibilities that written reports or other kinds of correspondence from Gardar to Rome might exist in the secret archives of the Vatican, I wrote to His Eminence Gabriel-Marie Cardinal Garrone, President of the Precedence of the Pontifical Council for Culture, Citta del Vaticano. In his post the cardinal is responsible for the archives where all documents from medieval Greenland might be stored. My inquiry was of course about the question if any letters, reports or other documents from the Gardar diocese were present in the archives.

#### Searching Secret Archives

Cardinal Garrone placed the search in the hands of Dr. Louis Rey, a distinguished Professor of Arctic Sciences and History, University of Alaska, and President of the Comite Arctique International at La Jaquere,

Switzerland. At the time Dr. Rey was in the process of researching the secret archives for material concerning the church during the medieval era in Greenland for publication. However, the result of his investigation concerning communications from Greenland proved negative! Nothing originating from Greenland was found in the archives. Yet a number of reports of Greenland activities were written either in Iceland or Norway and forwarded through church channels to the archbishop under which Greenland belonged; and from there to Rome, according to written reports from Dr. Rey.

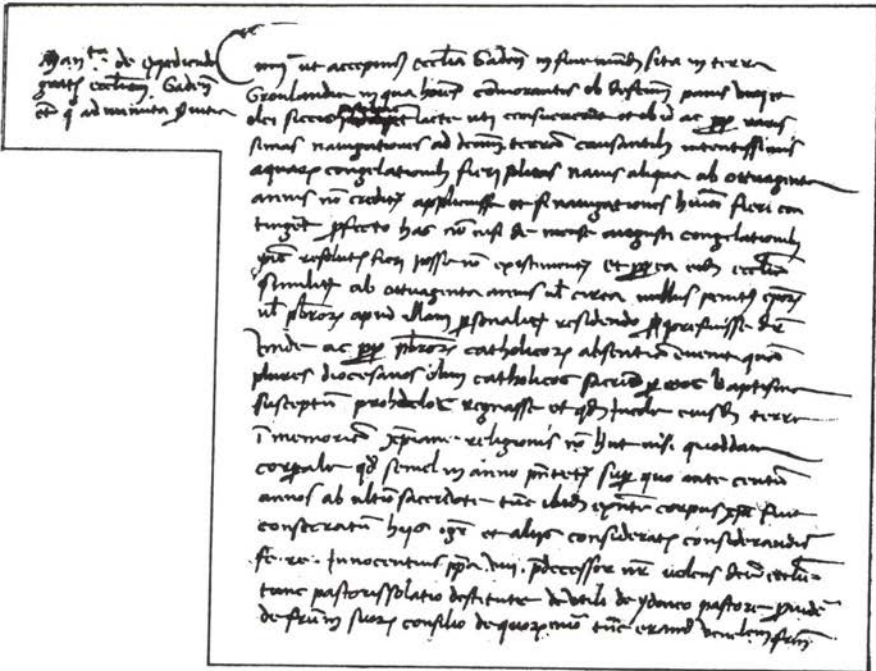
It was a similar situation concerning papal letters from Rome to Greenland. These traveled from the papal offices to various archbishops along the communication chain of church messengers, but they never reached Greenland. At best, some letters reached Iceland.

Copies of papal letters concerning Greenland were discovered in 1902 in Rome and are from various eras from Pope Innocent II in 1206 to about 1495 from Pope Alexander VI. Four letters were addressed to Nidaros, Norway; one to the Bishop of Skálholt in south Iceland; another to the Bishop of Holar in north Iceland; and the last addressed directly to the Bishop of Gardar, Greenland. From the contents, it appears that written communications to and from Greenland were forwarded by ship at lengthy intervals because of bad weather problems in navigating the north Atlantic bound for Greenland (Source: The Norroena Society, 1980), which does not surprise anybody.

#### Question of Existence

The last mentioned letter addressed to Gardar is in a way the most interesting. First, because it is addressed to the Bishop of Gardar. Its date of origin is unknown exactly, only that it was written during the early years of the Pontificate of Pope Alexander VI (1492-1523). [He was





MANUSCRIPT LETTER from Pope Alexander VI to the Church of Gardar, above, is the only known written communication to have been sent directly from Rome to Greenland. Yet it never arrived in Gardar for reasons unknown.

the father of two well-known siblings, Lucrezia and Cesare Borghia.] In his letter it says that, "... no ship is supposed to have landed there (Gardar, Greenland) during the last eighty years." (navis aliqua ab ottuaginta annis non creditur applicuisse").

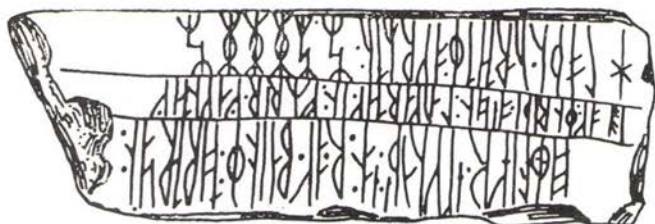
And further on the letter also says that there has not been a bishop or priest in residence at Gardar for eighty years or thereabouts. (et propterea eidem ecclesie similiter ottuaginta annis vel circa nullus penitus episcoporum vel presbyterorum apud illam personaliter residendo prefuisse dicitur.) *OP. Cit. p. 175.*

This notion that eighty years passed since there was a ship in Greenland is in agreement was the last known sailing by the Norse in 1410. Archeological investigations by the Danish Dr. P. Nørlund has proven, however, that there was navigation of Greenland later than

1410 or 1411. This is also confirmed by other sources, (*Medd. Grøn. Vol. 60, p. 146*).

Actually the papal letter to Gardar never reached its destination. By and large it is problematic how much letters and other documents meant to the Norse people. The Danish historian Finn Gad in his *Greenland History I, p. 149* underlines that the envoys from King Håkon of Norway in 1257 arrived safely in Greenland and stated their message from the king. The envoys did not bring a letter which could be handed over on arrival. Such a verbal delivery of important messages by envoys was a common custom in Scandinavia. Historian Gad is also of the opinion that documents did not mean much to the Norse because they did not know the Roman alphabet and were still using runes for their "written" expressions, as mentioned previously.

Furthermore, the old saying "A man



**KINGIGTORSSUAQ RUNE STONE** found at 72°55'20" No. Lat. on the west coast of Greenland. The writing tells that the old Norsemen were far from home and unafraid in their icy foreboding surroundings.

is a man and a word is a word" was what really mattered in those days. It was much later when it became necessary to draw up written agreements.

#### Literate Clergy

Among the clergymen there was of course written communication. There is for instance a letter dated June 12, 1308, which was sent from Bishop Arne of Bergen, Norway, to his colleague Bishop Thord Bokke of Garder. It contains an account of events that took place nine years earlier, including the fact that King Erik Magnesson died in 1299. This leads us to suppose that there had not been a ship at the Greenland settlements during that nine year period (*Dipl. Now. X, Nr. 9, p. 14*).

On the other hand, while it seems there was a comparatively brisk sea traffic to and from Greenland during the century following the first settlement, we have according to Gad (*Gad I, p. 151*) only seven confirmed voyages within the 1100's and 13 in the 1200's with only one or possibly two in the

1400's. The reason for this drop in contact and the extinction of the Norse settlers shall not be discussed here, since the major point is that regular communications with Iceland and Norway stopped abruptly!

#### 3. Conclusion

Even if there were documented communications or contact with the Norse until approximately a century before their extinction, it is safe to declare that the Norse settlers in Greenland did not contribute to any early postal history chapter in Greenland.

With the clergy it is a different matter. These men of God conducted an exchange of letters, however infrequent, at great time intervals. Their subject matter dealt with news and events that took place within the sphere of interests of individual clergymen.

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## Partial Double Imprint Reported

By Marvin D. Hunewell

The illustrated Danish West Indies 1 Cent Provisional Postal Card (*DWI Mails #7; Ringstrom #9; Scott #UX7*) has double-imprinting of letters "S, P, O, S, and T" in the top line of imprint, above word "postale." (See the enlargement for specifics on doubling.) None of the other letters in the 5-line heading show any double-imprinting on this card.

Since the double-imprinting was found on the provisional card, the probability exists that it also occurs on the basic card (*DWI Mails #4; Ringstrom #6; Scott #US4*).

Where did I find this card? At a local picture post card show. There was a dealer there from California who also happened to have an assortment of worldwide postal stationery for sale in

addition to post cards most everyone else was far more interested in. Moral of this story is that it pays to visit post card shows in addition to stamp shows as you never know where you may find items you need for your collection.

(*Editor's Note: As reviewed by Victor Engstrom and Roger G. Schnell, MD, of the DWI Study Unit, they add: In Vol. 2, Chapter 12, DWI Mails, page 18, identifies the above card as a Type IV of the 2¢, 5-Line cards. Other points of identification are: 1.) In the upper meander, a link about "FO" is missing its top outer line; 2.) In the lower meander the 18th link from the right has a blur; and 3.) The letters "SELLE" of UNIVERSELLE are placed lower than the other letters.*

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## SCC Events Tied to Columbian Expo '92 Include Talk by Christian Sundman

This year's annual SCC Convention and other related events will feature a talk by Christian Sundman of Finland on Saturday, May 30 at 1 p.m. This will precede the SCC General Meeting scheduled for 1-3 p.m. at the TWA Room of the Hyatt Regency O'Hare Hotel.

An informal gathering of members and guests who arrive on Sunday, May 24, has been tentatively scheduled for the Hyatt Regency's TWA Room, but guests should check at the SCC Table (Booth S19) for possible last minute changes.

The program for World Columbian Stamp Expo '92 scheduled for May 22-31 at Rosemont, (O'Hare), IL, will contain additional information for locations and events related to our Club.

Members should note that Gene Scott has two Scandinavian exhibits (Denmark and Iceland) in the Court of Honor. SCC members Roger Schnell (DWI) and Peer Lorentzen (Denmark) add another two exhibits to the Court. And, this year our Prexy has initiated a new concept of "SCC Tutorials" in the form of half hour tours of the Court of Honor and open competition where exhibitors can "walk and talk through their exhibits" for the benefit of interested members.

### Open Class Competitors

In the open class four members will show their gold medal exhibits. These include: Howard L. Arnould, "DWI Postal History," Michael Hvidonov, "Classic Finland," Roger Quinby, also exhibiting one of his Finland subjects, and Allan Warrington, "Norway."

The site of the show is the O'Hare Exposition Center, 5555 North River Road, in Rosemont, close to Chicago's O'Hare International Airport. The location is easily reached from Chicago and its suburbs by expressways and public transportation.

Quite a few of the hotels and motels located within a few miles of the WCSE

'92 provide guests with shuttle bus service to the Expo Center. Souvenir tickets will feature a design from the 1893 Columbian Expo tickets, taken from the original American Bank Note die; a Daily Ticket will cost \$2.50 and a Season Pass \$20. Youths under 16 will be admitted free of charge. Daily entry tickets good for admission any show day have been printed in *The Posthorn* for February and May. Use a photocopying machine for reproducing as many copies as you need! The show is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The show, which will consist of 2,000 frames of material, includes an International Court of Honor; the APS Spring Exhibition hosted by the Chicago Philatelic Society, the annual exhibition of COMPEX (the combined Philatelic Exhibition of Chicagoland), the world's largest club-sponsored show; junior exhibits and special exhibits honoring Columbus and other explorers. Included in the COMPEX group is SCC Chapter 4. Each society will focus on their own area of philately and award its own exhibits, which traditionally range from the modest efforts of novice exhibitors to world class exhibits.

WCSE '92 will be the first show of its size to include competitions of this nature along with an open competition exhibit and an outstanding court of honor.

Of particular interest to SCC members is an entry from Denmark Editor Dan Laursen in the American Topical Assoc. (ATA) coordinated, non-competitive section devoted to the philatelic commemoration of explorers and exploration. While the obvious majority will be on the voyage and discoveries of Columbus, Laursen's exhibit tells the story of America's discovery from the *Viking Sagas* perspective which should stir up interest between the two opposing beliefs as to who got here first.

All Scandinavian nations have postal representation at the Expo with their nation's stamps for sale. Although the big draw will be new issues, collectors

should recall the many post offices in our area of interest stock prior year sets and possibly a few items of older postal stationery.

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## Hurry for Remaining Accommodations At WSCE and SCC Convention Site

There may still be time for obtaining reservations in the four hotels, where as of April 16th a few rooms were available at special rates. SCC members might first try the Hyatt Regency O'Hare where Club meetings will be held in the TWA Room.

The Hyatt at 9300 West Bryn Mawr Ave. will also serve as the headquarters for World Columbus Stamp Expo '92, and for the major stamp societies, such as the APS and SCC. Directly connected to the Expo Center by a skywalk that crosses the avenue, the Hyatt will host most group meetings, official auctions and receptions.

Expo rates at the Hyatt are \$79 per night for single or double occupancy, \$100 for triple and \$115 for four persons. The Radisson Suite Hotel at 5500 North River Road has been the choice for the dealers holding booths at the Expo. The latter is indirectly connected to the skywalk system. Radisson show rates are \$82 per night for single or double, \$92 for triple and \$102 for quadruple occupancy, and these prices include a full American breakfast and two hours of free snacks and beverages each afternoon.

### Great Offer Appears SRO

Show organizers advise that rooms at the Radisson have been generally unavailable since last year; however, it wouldn't hurt to ask listing your name for late cancellations.

Another popular location for SCC members might be the Holiday Inn O'Hare which has been selected as the informal gathering spot for SCC members arriving on May 24th and where the SCC Convention Dinner is scheduled for Friday, May 29th (cocktails 6:30 and 7:30 and Dinner at 7:30 — tickets \$24 each; see Club

Event Schedule for additional information). The Holiday Inn O'Hare at 5440 North River Road will also host the two-day WCSE '92 international dealers' bourse May 26-27. Room rates here are \$62 per night for single, double, triple or quadruple occupancy. Requests for reservations here should be directed to the Glenview Travel Agency, 1411 Waukegan Road, Glenview, IL 60025.

The Sofitel Hotel at 5550 North River Road, also connected to the skywalk, offers rooms at \$80 for a single or double, \$90 for triple and \$100 for quadruple occupancy. Other hotels in Rosemont are being used by some groups planning events in conjunction with the Expo. The Embassy Suites, about four miles away, is located within reasonable distance if you are driving.

Requests for last minute information should be addressed to: World Columbian Stamp Expo '92, 7137 W. Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 50656. Or, use your own travel agent for making reservations, but always cite your attendance at the Expo and ask for WCSE discounts.

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## Scandinavians Riot in Chicago?

A peaceful demonstration by Scandinavians protesting the deification of Christopher Columbus turned into a riot in this city last night in an Italian neighborhood.

Following a meeting of the Scandinavian Collectors Club, the members poured out of a local restaurant led by their president. About 50 were dressed in full marching regalia consisting of the



## *Schedule of SCC Activities During Expo '92*

- Sunday May 24 Informal social gathering of SCC members and guests at the TWA Room, Hyatt Regency O'Hare. Check at the SCC Booth S19 for time.
- Thursday May 28 Chicago Chapter 4 Dinner (from the menu) and Auction (bring some items for sale) beginning at 6 p.m. in the Golden Flame Restaurant, located at Higgins & Nagel streets — near the Expo Center.
- Friday May 29 SCC Dinner at Holiday Inn O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, (near the Expo Center); cocktails at 6:30-7:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. For tickets (\$24. each): Contact Fred Bloedow, 810 Dobson St. 1A, Evanston, IL 60202. Make checks payable to Fred Bloedow.
- Saturday May 30 Lecture with slides on Finnish Philately 1638-1885 by Christian Sundman in Hyatt Regency's TWA Room at 1 p.m.; followed by SCC General Meeting and Annual Convention. All members welcome. SCC Board meeting convenes at time to be announced.
- Daily May 28-30 30-minute Exhibit Tutorials escorted by individual exhibitors in Open Competition and tentatively in Court of Honor, limited to Scandinavian exhibits and SCC members upon request. Check at Booth S19.

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traditional unflensed reindeer skins and horned headpieces. Waving SCC, SPF and SPLSC banners and chanting, "Christophoro Must Go" and "Up With Leif," they proceeded up that street. A Chicago alderman staggering home asked a laggard what all the stink was about? He learned the banners were initials of secret Norse societies and the uniforms were natural mosquito and moth repellents direct from the old county. UFF DA!

The group came past an Italian-American Club whose members took exception. Quickly the air was filled with flying lutefisk and linguine. By the time the police arrived the street ran red with chili and glog.

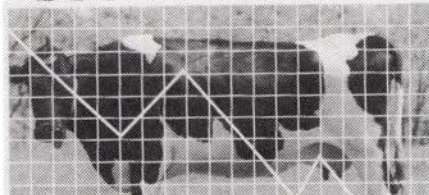
The leaders parleyed and arm-in-arm started into the club when the paddy wagon arrived with bell aclangling, but it was my alarm clock. For once I thanked my lucky stars. Only in America!

The devil made me write it.

Alfred Gruber

### *Editor Gets B(m)ilked By Cow from Librarian*

#### **SCC Get Too Low?**



Fellow members might get a chuckle from the latest off-beat item included in correspondence from Dr. W. E. Melberg, SCC Librarian. He enclosed this cow on a chart that illustrating a headline which said, "Can Your Cow's SCC Get Too Low?" It was a good gag until the accompanying veterinarian medical text explained that a cow's SCC referred to its Somatic Cell Count (whatever that is?), not our stamp club.

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## Iceland's First Airmail Issue and Variety

### *An Incomplete Odyssey Searching for Information*

By Alfred A. Gruber  
with Co-authors Ron Collin and Fred Bloedow



Fig. 1 — An example of the high-wing black overprint drawn for airmail usage, obviously before the low-winged Junkers F-13 floatplane was chartered for the job.

Iceland's Christian X 10 aur red stamp of 1920 was printed twice that year, totaling 1,041,200 stamps intended for use on international post cards. A year later the same value was reprinted in green (following the UPU requirement) in the number of 318,700 stamps, followed by two reprintings for a green grand total of 1,850,250. About a half million red stamps (by UPU rules) remained unused and could only be employed domestically or for a special purpose. Of these 348,500 were overprinted for official use in 1923 and 1936.

When in 1928 an airmail issue was needed, 199,900 of the red stamps were overprinted. That is our subject here! The black overprint (Fig. 1) is a drawing of a single engine, high-wing floatplane in flight. Its special purpose was intended to pay a 10 aur airmail fee, in addition to the normal 20 aur postage for a letter of up to 20 grams. An overprint plate encompassing 50 stamps was prepared by Olafur Hvanndal.

#### Double Pass Necessary

Overprinting was done at Fe-lagsprentsmidjan Reykjavik, a private firm. Each sheet of 100 had to be passed over twice to cover all the stamps. Delivery of the first 100,000 was on May

31, 1928; followed on June 4th with 99,000. Since Iceland was at that time part of the Danish Kingdom, the practice was to send 2,000 stamps of new issues to the Danish Postal Administration — which somehow was reduced to only 600 copies in this case.

#### First Flights

A lack of airfields on Iceland was the cause for the postal service to charter one single-engine, low-wing Junkers F-13 (Note: the overprint shows a high-wing floatplane) from Deutsche Lufthansa. The aircraft was named "Sulan" after the large Gannet seabirds having white plumage and black wing tips which inhabited the northern coastal regions. Similar coloring was used on the Junkers postal aircraft.

As was often the case in these latitudes during the early flying days, the first flight scheduled for Saturday, June 2, 1928, was postponed because of bad weather to June 4th. The "Sulan" (Fig. 2) flew from Reykjavik to Akureyri with intermediate stops at Isafjordur and Siglufjordur. Flight covers are known postmarked both dates at Reykjavik and backstamped June 4th at the three landing points.

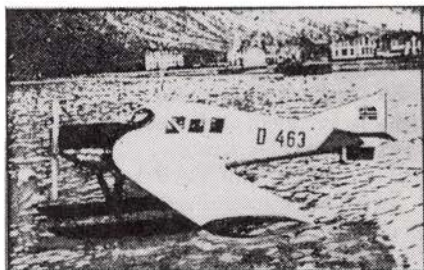


Fig. 2 — The "Sulan" shown here was chartered from Deutsche Lufthansa at Akureyri, Iceland. Note the black and white design and the Icelandic flag on the tail.



Fig. 3 — Here an arrow points to pos. 2 where only three ribs show on the left wing. But there is no ME connection on the left "FRIMERKE."

During the return flight started June 6th the "Sulan" experienced engine trouble and made a forced landing north of the Capitol. A fishing boat towed the plane home on June 7th. Details of early flights are described in *Luftpostens Historia i Norden* (The History of Airmail in Scandinavia) by Orjan Luning (in Swedish and English). Service continued until September when it shut down due to the difficulties of dealing with winter aviation weather.

[The Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum has five of these flight covers from 1928 — the earliest being June 9th to Vestmannæjyar. SCC members at the 1989 National Convention were privileged to see them at the museum during an extracurricular activity.]

#### Overprint Varieties

In sheet positions 2 and 52, the plane's left wing shows three complete ribs (Fig. 3) instead of four. Those positions confirm that full sheets received two overprint passes. The variety was reported by the late Roger A. Swanson, past SCC president, in *Linn's* of March 25, 1968, but has not received catalog

consideration nor any later reported study. We wondered if the entire overprint issue carried the faulty rib positions 2 and 52 but had no material which showed otherwise.

Co-author Ron Collin recently acquired the corner block with full wing ribs (Fig. 3). To add further interest, the connected ME variety (plate damage) in the left margin's vertical "FRIMERKE" of the basic stamp also occurs in position 52 (Fig. 4). That damage occurred during printing so not all pos. 52's have it. Finding the four certain variety combinations is a challenge, but there's more to the story.

I started asking questions about these overprints to knowledgeable Iceland collectors more than a year ago. Some remain unanswered. Did the overprint device's left wing rib get broken during use, or did the printing run start with the fault and get corrected later? Recall, that paragraph two points out the two deliveries four days apart! That indicates the possibility of four overprint production runs since each sheet needed two passes. Several people



Fig. 4 — The missing fourth wing rib variety also shows up on pos. 52. The smaller black arrow points out the printer's alignment dot in pencil which always appears on the left margin between pos. 41 and 51.

reminded me that quality control was rather lax in those days, especially at a small private printing shop.

#### Other Unresolved Questions

The next question arises from the second airmail issue carrying the same overprint design, but printed at Prent-smithja Agusts Sigurdssonar, a different shop. Since the broken rib no longer appears, it must have been noticed and corrected. Does that indicate the correction was made before the overprint work was completed on the first stamp? I also asked the experts if they thought the same overprinting clamp-up was used on the second stamp as I noticed many examples look worn. On this point opinion is split.

The Icelanders think the same device was used on both stamps. Yet American experts believe since there were two printers involved, a new plate was made up from stereotypes (cuts) from a single logotype because who would have thought to save the chase of 50 anticipating another use 13 months hence? Also, in any print shop melted type metal is always needed. My rejoinder is: Icelanders being short of resources saved everything, e.g. the half million red 10 aur stamps. A few measurements show a 1 mm difference between overprint spacing on the two issues, but the evidence needs more substantiation.

Would anyone with large multiples

of either the first and/or the second airmail stamp care to submit those for examination; or report the vertical and horizontal dimensions between overprints to any of the authors?

Then to add to the fun of further inquiries, the tail of the airplane overprint got broken on position (??) of the second issue. The *AFA Danmark, Grønland, Island, Dansk Vestindien Specialkatalog, 1971* lists the broken tail variety plus the broken wing variety, but assigns no plate positions. Will this odyssey ever end?

Isn't it time the first Iceland airmail overprint variety achieves catalog recognition?

*Special thanks to SCC members Paul H. Asgeirsson and Frank C. Mooney in Iceland, George W. Sickles in the U.S. and Luren and SCC Librarian Doc Melberg for assistance.*

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## Transfers & Re-entries

By Alan Warren

Denmark is already promoting NORDIA '94 which will be held in Aarhus, in conjunction with the centenary celebration of the Aarhus Philatelic Association that year. The venue will be the Vejlbj-Risskov Hallen which will be rechristened later this year as the Euro Sports Center. In March, Denmark issued a miniature sheet containing two values with portraits of Queen Margaret I, who united Denmark, Norway and Sweden at the end of the 14th century. The sheet carries a surcharge of DKr 12 for the benefit of the show.

One of the decisions approved by the International Federation of Philately (FIP) during PHILANIPPON last fall in Tokyo was a set of regulations governing revenue stamp exhibits. These entries will now be considered under the traditional philately category, and guidelines for judging revenue collections are part of the regulations. Revenues were accepted on an experimental basis a couple of years ago at FINLANDIA, and they are finally obtaining the recognition they deserve.

A release from the Posts and Telecommunications of Finland an-

nounces a change of address. The location is Laippatie 4 in Helsinki, and the postal address is Postimerkkikeskus, Box 654, SF-00101 Helsinki, Finland.

#### British Philatelic Federation

The Yearbook of the BPF always brings some interesting new information. The 1992 book indicates that FINLANDIA '95 will be held May 10-15, 1995. FEPA is the Federation of European Philatelic Associations, and has the purpose of promoting European philately in a broad sense within the objectives of FIP. Much as the European Common Market is bringing together the various countries, FEPA is trying to bring about cooperation between the various country federations and philatelic societies, to promote youth philately and the dissemination of philatelic literature, and to facilitate contact between officials and collectors of these countries.

In another section entitled "Philatelic Lectures and Displays," the names and addresses of speakers are presented so that clubs can attract

## A 40-Year Jubilee

By Dan Laursen

An unusual event in the Scandinavian philatelic world should not pass quietly even if it took place in Copenhagen. On January 22nd the philatelic column "Through the Loup" by Ib Eichner-Larsen published in Denmark's oldest newspaper *Berlingske Tidende* celebrated its 40th anniversary.

In Denmark as well as in the international collectors' world it is unique that a stamp column in a daily newspaper has existed uninterrupted for a period that long with the same author.

Ib Eichner-Larsen is of course our mutual friend, who recently observed his 75th birthday. The title "Through the Loupe" was his own idea and has been an excellent eye-catcher ever since the start on that Tuesday morning in January 1952.

### Interest Began Early

Ib began collecting when he was five-years-old, and I know that his

interesting programs. Of interest in the Nordic area are R. Geraint Jones on Norway postal history from 1744 to 1844, E. F. Keefe on postal history and stamps on both Norway and Finland, and C. Angus Parker on Icelandic postal history and maritime mail.

Meeting locations and contact names and addresses are presented for stamp clubs throughout Great Britain. Individual members of the BPF are listed by name without addresses. Other sections of the handbook list addresses for the major catalog publishers, as well as the philatelic agencies of most countries. A list of postcard collectors clubs and philatelic charities completes the volume. Information on the organization can be obtained by writing to British Philatelic Federation, 107 Charterhouse Street, London EC1M 6PT, England.

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**Ib Eichner-Larsen**

mother was helping him a lot. But he never became a serious collector in his youth. It was not until WWII when he landed a job as criminal court reporter at the *Berlingske* that he became a philatelist. While writing reports about other people's fate, their tragedies, their ordeals and their clash with society that Ib slowly got the urge to write about something more pleasant and enjoyable — something with quite a different perspective.

The stamp column for him became for him a means of recreation. His very first column was about the United Nations and its difficulties in establishing a postal service and first stamp emission. During the following years, Ib was "first" with a number of original ideas. Most important was his fight for getting the three competing Danish stamp organizations together at the negotiation table in order to establish an umbrella organization.

He succeeded and the result was a joint council which led to the establishment of Denmark's Filatelist Union.

The *Posthorn* staff and the SCC membership congratulate our friend and co-worker.

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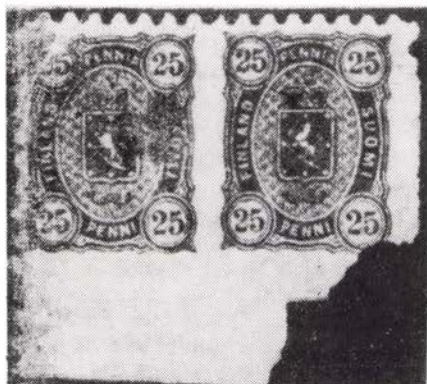




## What's Happening in Finland

By Mike Hvidonov

*Keräilyuutiset* (Collectors News) Mikko Ossa's fine auction (and info) issue of March was full of items of interest, some of which will be a part of this column.



### Ludicrous Forgeries

Pictured is a 25p. pair of the so-called 4-corner stamps with a forged roulette mimicking the roulettes used on the 1866 stamps. These poor attempts are always bogus and should be ignored. When visiting Sweden some years ago, I attended their beautiful new Postal Museum. Nicely constructed cabinetry, the fluid operating machinery permitted easy viewing of stamps from over the world. The only negative item I discerned was a one mark violet stamp from the 1875 emissions with large rouletted teeth . . . similar to the 25p. pair. Its presence without noting that it a forgery can lead a viewer to infer that the item was authentic or rare.

Mikko notes that the 25p. pair was made from a printer's waste sheet or a part therefrom. These waste sheets are hardly seen in these times.



### Pro Filatelia Forgery

The Salli 1m.+4p. Exhibition stamp bogus copies from the 1931 valid issue (*N*: #187) are unusual. The forgery reached 640 FMk at auction which is approximately \$140. This high figure surely suggests that copies of the forgery are not available.



### Birch Tree Booklet Flaw

Booklet collectors should be aware that the upper left corner stamp has appeared with the bottom left corner devoid of color in a semi-circle shape. Booklet *Norma* no. *N*:V14 issued in 1990.

### 1 and 10 Mark stamps of 1929

The large denominations of the 1929 **unwatermarked stamps** are available in hoards in uncanceled state. They are very rare when canceled. After-cancels beyond the dates of validity exist and are of no value. A quantity of 1 mark stamps were sold by the Helsinki P.O. in Sept. of 1930; the 10m. stamps were released in Nov. 1929. All cancels bearing later dates are invalid and garbage unless one is given to collecting forgeries. The demand for authentic copies is unquenchable but the stamps must be certified by experts familiar with these issues of Finland.

The 1m. is estimated catalog-wise at about \$750 and the 10m. over \$600. Floor auctions would find levels higher than this if a certified stamp of either denomination were being "called" at auction.



### 8p. 1886 . . . Roulette IV

Roulette IV on an 8p. stamp is very Rare. This beautiful specimen honored the *Keräilyuutiset* March Mail Auction recently. It confirmed its repute by garnering some 117,000 FMk from one of many competitive entries. This is about \$26,000 in U.S. dollars. It is believed to be the first (and perhaps the only time) that so fine and unusual a rarity was under the hammer in SUOMI!

#### Setting the Record Straight

*(A subject that pleases me no end.)*

For some time I had been

considering commenting on a subject that has irked me for years.

Mr. Ossa, noting that there as been "much talk with no certainty reached on the subject" elected to clear the air for all time.

### Overpostaged 8p. Stamps on 5p. Printed Matter

Eight penni stamps were utilized on domestic printed matter when 5p. stamps would have served as the correct rate. This was due to an unfortunate and inadvertible happenstance, which in many cases proved to be the sudden death of a successful business man.

Several other possibilites head the list. It is quite plausible that the post office in a little town may have simply run out of 5p. stamps necessitating the use of 8p. stamps.

Ossa adds yet another possibility. The bereaved party takes all the printed announcement letters to the P.O. Many were designated for foreign mail which rate was exactly 8p. Now . . . the mailer without thought, under the circumstances, purchases a quantity of 8p. stamps and uses one on each letter. This would allow the possibility that the P.O. had 5p. stamps, but the sender while under stress gave no thought of postal fee economics or the specific mail rates.

Secondarily, if the P.O had no 5p. stamps, she still would have had to use the nearest practical denomination to advise friends and associates of the untimely demise. The mere suggestion that a bereaved and mourning widow might have considered creating overpostaged letters for gain while her husband lay dead is insipid in concept. Nor would such sickly behavior become the thoughts of any person in the funeral. It is not only sad but reprehensible that one man's mind can think in such mire!

Some years ago I purchased one of these fine covers from a Finnish gentleman of fine repute. A short time later I received a letter registering his upset. The letter explained that a "nasty person" had haranged him saying that the

cover was no good because it had made-up postage and therefore was worthless.

He had appealed to someone for support. I could have made "book" on who it was that had made the comments to the old gent. I was not a bit surprised when it was confirmed. Snide comments and vindictive mind has he.

*Editors note: I have added words and comments to Mr. Ossa's ably written article on this subject. However, all of his sound words and ideas are included in the text. I proffer my thanks to him for ending a question and problem of long standing so "it may now rest in peace."*



## Scandinavian Literature Notes

By Alan Warren

In the November 1991 issue of *Luren*, published by the Scandinavian Philatelic Library of Southern California, Stig Kjellander presents a guide to Swedish stamped revenue folio sheets and cut-outs from charta sigillata 1845-1946. In Issue 3/91 of *Philatelistische Nachrichten* published in Germany, Rolf Dörnbach gives an overview of the Greenland town of Ivigtut, and G. Pansegrau discusses paper and gum use for the stamps of Greenland. Hans-Dietrich Reinke describes the airmail route between Stettin and Oslo, established in 1927.

In issue No. 4/1991 of *Posthistorisk Tidsskrift* of Denmark, Erling Berger reviews the postal union and mails between Denmark and Germany/Austria in the middle of the 19th century. Carl Jørgensen reviews the history of Denmark's charges for postal money orders and COD items. The subject of postal money orders is also covered by Ib Krarup Rasmussen with attention to the history of charges for this service between Denmark and Iceland from 1870 to 1907.

### Plaudits

Many thanks to Mikko Ossa for his kind words in the February issue of *Keräilyuutiset* concerning *Posthorn* and the dedication of those who write on the subject of Finnish Philately. His respect for our publication and the fact that we work at covering a goodly part of the globe to "carry the word" is respectfully recorded.

Personal thanks to reviving the beautiful 6-block, 5p tête-bêche, reminding me of the thrill of ownership, which alone makes collecting stamps for hobby or avocation more worth the time, cost or effort . . . for it also establishes wonderful friendships.

In *Scandinavian Contact* for December, Olga Ellis continues her series on the handstamps and cancelers of Christiania, and Roger Partridge presents the third part in his series on the postal history of Scandinavia during WWI, with discussion of the correspondence of R.A. Clarke who was a prisoner of war held at a camp in Norway. In the December issue of *Svensk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift*, one more section of the cataloging of Normal Cancel 10 is presented. Robert Mattson, who is editing the information, is now up to town names beginning with the letter "W".

### Danish Varieties

In the November issue of *Philatelistische Nachrichten* from Germany, author Güther Pansegrau continues his detailed discussion of color, paper and gum varieties of recent Danish stamps. Bernd Fiedler continues his series on the registry labels of the Faroes. Norman Franklin presents a discussion of the valuation of Finnish railway cancellations based on his study of nearly a

quarter century of dealer and auction prices.

An overview on the issues of North Ingermanland, Aunus, and Karelia in the period 1919-1922 is given by Finnish collector Sakari Turunen in the January issue of *The American Philatelist*. The January issue of *Dansk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift* carries some preliminary reports from PHILANIPPON held in Tokyo last November, including the fact that Knud Mohr, president of the Danish Philatelic Federation, won a large gold for his magnificent collection of Danish postal history. Mohr is also a director and the treasurer of FIP.

With the February issue of *Dansk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift*, editor Lennart Weber introduces some changes. There will still be nine issues each year, but instead of not publishing April, June and July numbers, the revised schedule will have no issues in June, July and December. Another change is in the headings for some articles which have

new graphics including black or shaded background for titles, and the by-line on a slant. In that February issue John Barding describes some plate flaws on two of the 10 øre values of the 1921-1933 wavy line issue of Denmark.

In the December issue of *Het Noorderlicht* from Holland, J.L. Jvangean writes about the first flight over the north pole in an airship on which Roald Amundsen, Hjalmar Riiser-Larsen, and Lincoln Ellsworth flew in 1926. The author shows a cover with Italian stamps as well as a "Volo Transpolare 1926" label, which was included in the mail carried on that flight.

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## *Greenland Postal Personnel Changes Announced by Kalaallit Allakkeriviat*

By Dr. Dan Laursen

Hans Bischoff has been appointed the new chief of Philatelic Services at Ammassalik, effective Jan. 1, 1992. He replaces Lar Cortsen, who declined to move from Denmark to that remote Greenland location. As our readers may recall, Ammassalik is a small settlement on the desolate southeast coast where the philatelic sales unit has been moved in stages from Denmark.

Bischoff was originally trained by the Danish P&T, but about 20 years ago he was assigned to the Faroe Islands where he helped organize the Faroese Post Office, which in 1975 opened its own Post Office independent of Denmark. Later, Bischoff took a position in public relations with the Faroese Fish Export Co.

### **Cortsen Supervised Move**

Before announcing his decision, Cortsen supervised the packing and shipment of Greenland's Philatelic Postal Unit from offices in the ancient Nyhavn warehouse of the Royal Trading Company in Copenhagen to the farthest outpost of the Danish Kingdom. We understand his choice; and thank him for a job well done.

Less than a 100 years ago "Angmagsalik" (now Ammassalik) was discovered by a young naval officer, Gustav Holm, who found a sparse population living off the icy land and sea at a Stone Age level. Relocating the Greenland "Philatelic Window" to this outpost was undoubtedly dictated by socio-political reasons. Basically the newly independent Greenland government needed to create jobs there to take a lot of the unskilled inhabitants off the welfare rolls.

### **Other P.O. Changes**

Also announced was the retirement of Greenland Post Office Inspector Gunnar Kaspersen, as of July 1, 1992. Kaspersen for the past 27 years has been the authoritative but very friendly and extremely helpful chief of the

Greenland Post Office.

In conjunction with the transfer of some postal activities to Greenland, a new chief will be appointed on July 1 and headquartered in Nuuk (Gobthåb). In this transition is a plan to keep Kaspersen on the payroll as a consultant for 18 months during the phase-in process.

Perhaps the biggest change will occur on Jan. 1, 1993, when the Greenland Allakkeriviat transforms into a "separate home-rule" entity with a commonwealth style relationship to Denmark. Greenland has been ruled by a special trading company administration consisting of Inspectors as department heads.

With Gunnar Kaspersen's retirement as Post Office Inspector and era of the old Trading Company with inspectors also disappears. Originally there was an Inspector for Greenland who represented the island's administration in Copenhagen. Later, there were inspectors, one for South Greenland and another for North Greenland — each reigning over his "Inspectorate." These titles were later changed to Landsfogeder and Chief Administrator in Greenland Landshøvding.

However, the title of inspector for the province of East Greenland was retained when in 1933 Einar Mikkelsen assumed that post. Others who retained that unusual title over various allakkeriviat departments in Denmark were the Purchasing and Sales chief called the Handelsinspektør and Kaspersen of the Postal Service when initiated in 1938 became the Post Inspector.

We collectors should especially give Kaspersen our very best thanks for his stamp emission policy. So far it can be said that not a single issue that was not necessary was ever printed and sold under his administration. The USPS could learn a lot from him.

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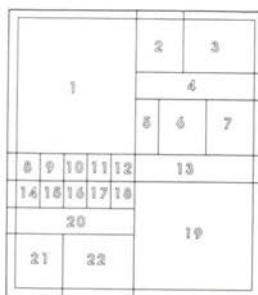
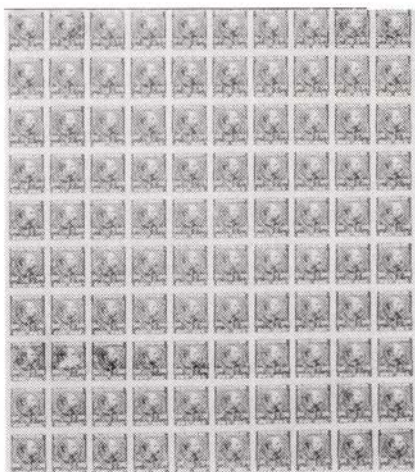
The discovery sheet of a previously unknown imperforate variety Danish definitive was sold to the highest bidder(s) March 31. The sheet, shown right, is the engraved yellowbrown printing of 100 øre King Christian IX issue, normally perf 12-3/4x12-3/4.

No other values of this 1904-05 engraved series are known in imperf condition; however, all five denominations exist with inverted watermarks(Krone III). The imperf sheet was offered in various blocks and singles (see diagram) and as a whole sheet. It was auctioned off by the Copenhagen firm of Thomas Høiland Frimærke A/S of Gamle Kongevej 80, DK-1850 Fredriksberg C, Denmark.

The stamp is listed in catalogs as: *AFA* #51, *Facit* #68, and *Scott* #69. *AFA* and *Facit* also list an olivebrown color version, *Scott* lists it only in ochre and as perf 13.

Auctioneer Høiland followed the common practice of first asking for bids on specific key pieces in a total of eight formats before offering the sheet as a single item. If the full sheet bid tops the total for the parts, then it goes to highest bidder — for entire sheet!

At presstime in late April there was no word yet on how or at what price the sheet sold.



## Reino Merikallio Appointed Chapter Coordinator

A new addition to our editorial staff, Reino Merikallio (SCC 1736) found added responsibilities when Prexy Roger Schnell appointed him to the newly created post of SCC Chapter Coordinator in April. In collecting news reports from all 16 SCC chapters, Reino (Ray) became aware of two things.

First he had accumulated a great deal of information that could be useful to all chapters; and secondly, there was nobody in the Club whose function was to disseminate such information or to pro-

vide assistance to the 16 units.

Ray suggested to Prexy Schnell the creation of such a position. The idea was accepted and Ray got the job. As SCC Chapter Coordinator Ray will assist the Chapters in their activities, distribute helpful information and provide a common interface among our widespread Chapters and the officials of the SCC. He also will assist members in forming new chapters and a new Chapter Resource Section will be started in the next issue of this journal.

## Finland Follow-up

As an addendum to the August 1991 story about East Karelia, a few additional comments can be made. This comes thanks to some research by Ron Collin of Chicago, who also sent along the photos shown here as Figures 1 and 2 on the next page.

Only two post offices remained open after June 1944: Vuokkiniemi until 6 Sept. 1944 and Kontokki until 7 Sept. 1944! A complete listing of the first and last cancel dates for all the post offices in East Karelia, along with a lot of other cancel detail is in Hans Moxter's article on pages 6 and 7 of the February 1986 *Luren*. Moxter's article in the prior issue — January 1986, pages 1, 3 and 4 — has a good hand-drawn map illustrating the locations of these towns as approximately 20 km. into East Karelia from Finland and about 40 km. apart. Vuokkiniemi is about 250

km. north and slightly east of Joensuu.

Lastly, although the weight is not written in, this card shows the same total postage as that shown in Figure 6 of Page 114 of the August *Posthorn*. This probably represents the rate based on a 1 to 3 kg. package, which was 9 marks, with an additional 3-1/2 marks for the registry fee. Some readers may have noticed a typo on Page 115 in the August *Posthorn* which was meant to say that the numbers written in the preprinted spaces in Figure 6 would read "2" kg. and "1/2" gr., except that packages are not typically weighed in half grams. Instead the meaning was almost certainly "1-1/2" kg.

Additional comments appreciated: Ed Fraser c/o Shearson, 275 Broadhollow Road, Melville, N.Y. 11747.

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Figure 1

The front of a field post package card apparently sent by the civil mail, registered and franked with 12 marks, 50 penni. It is canceled at Vuokkiniemi on 4 August 1944.

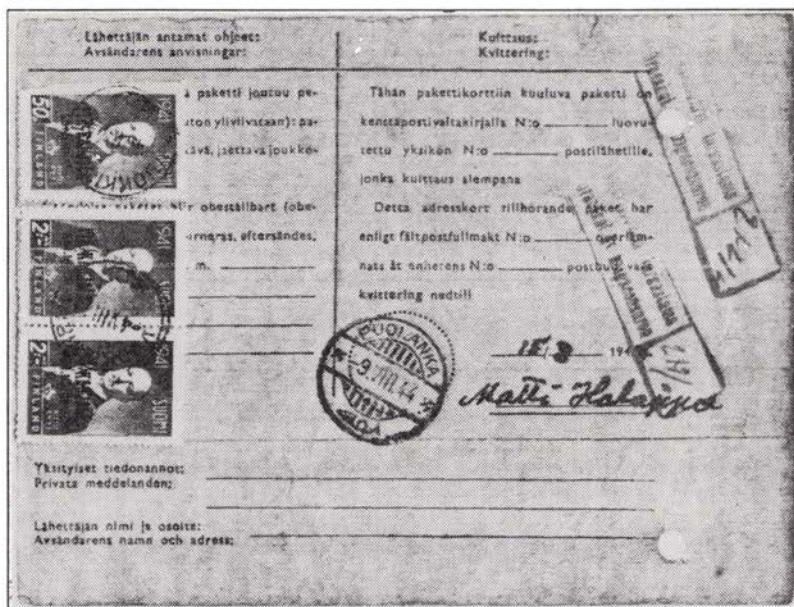


Figure 2

The back of Figure 1. The front had 8 marks franking and the back has an additional 4 marks, 50 penni, all canceled 4 August 1944. There are two censor stamps, a Puolanka 9 August receiving cancel, and a 15 August signature of the addressee.

## DK Parcel Post Is Alive — But Kicking?

By Dr. Dan Laursen, PhD

As announced recently in this journal the UPU (Union Postale Universelle) has abandoned post/postal cards, airmail and small parcels addressed across national borders. This means that now there are only two classes used to post mail abroad: Prioritaire or A Mail for fast delivery; or Economique or B Mail for slower delivery.

These A and B categories also were introduced in Greenland and the Faroe Islands. (Despite this series of bold changes a lot of mail unmarked with A or B still manages to be delivered internationally, especially from private parties in Denmark, Greenland and the Faroe Islands.)

In the initial Danish P&T proclamation nothing was mentioned about Parcel Post. Now they have listed the rules and rates for this mail category. Parcel Post still exists and the UPU is trying to move it at the same pace as letter mail. As with letters, the postage cost determines the speed. At least this is what the wiser heads at the UPU World Conference 1989 in Washington, D.C., say. They plainly must have forgotten the numerous postal workers' unions, the mechanical problems and stoppages inherent in sorting and canceling machines — not to mention the legal and illegal work strikes by workers or delays caused by Mother Nature.

### Who Decided the Zones?

The world is now parcel postally divided in eight rate zones, something similar to the postal rate zones in the USA. But these zones radiate from Denmark!

1.) The North, or limited Scandinavia.

2.) The Faroe Islands.

3.) Greenland.

4.) The remainder of Europe sub divided into:

4a. Germany and Poland.

4b. Belgium, The Netherlands,

Austria, Switzerland and Ireland.

4c. France.

4d. Great Britain and Italy.

5.) North Africa and the Middle East.

6.) North American (USA and Canada).

7.) Central and South America, Africa (minus North Africa and Asia).

8.) Australia and New Zealand.

Further, Parcel Post is divided into: a.) General Parcels, and b.) Airmail Parcels. Within Scandinavia the A and

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## UPS Delivery Service Opens in Denmark

A new United Parcel Service franchise, touted as independent of its USA operation, has opened for business in Denmark. The head office is located at Greve, approx. 15 miles west of Copenhagen's International Airport at Kastrup. Two regional UPS terminals are at Middlefart on the island of Fyn and at Aarhus on the east coast of Jutland. No other details were given.

Until now the majority of parcel traffic has been carried by the DSB railroad-ferryboat-bus system, with smaller and lighter items being delivered by P&T mailpersons. A number of small independent businesses handled regional deliveries for parcels not picked up or delivered by P&T drivers. This category of postal service is expected to be affected by P&T facility consolidations, hence the appearance of UPS.

The American company has been making a dent in international overnight and second-day parcel service. At presstime the U.S. representatives of UPS had not responded to our written inquiry for additional details. But speculation in Denmark is that a lot of small delivery vans there will be painted dark chocolate brown in the near future.

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B system is also introduced for parcels. You are able to send a package either **Blue PAC** and **Green PAC** (the same colors as the A Prioritaire and B Economique letters). Supposedly, the Blue PACs are delivered within three working days from dispatch and the Green PACs within six working days.

Postage price determines the speed of delivery. For example a parcel weight of 2 kg. (approx. 4.4 lbs.) sent from Denmark to Norway will cost:

**Blue PAC** with duty included:

Basis amount DKr 210. (\$30.50) + weight rate per kg. DKr 10., 2x10 = DKr

20. (\$3.00) a total of DKr 230. (\$33.50).

Although the USPS signed the UPU treaty for the USA, it doesn't seem to follow its guidelines. USPS has recently issued several airmail stamps, postal cards and aerograms. Incidentally, the above two kilo (4.4 lbs.) parcel mailed from the USA to Denmark via airmail (Blue PAC) will cost \$29.25 — yet the USPS still claims to be the cheapest postal service in the world. Cheap, I agree, but not the most inexpensive!

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## Scandinavian Area Awards

At the RIPEX show in Rhode Island, Ivor Gustafson won a silver for his "Sweden — Town Cancels on the 10 Öre Issues 1886-1891" along with an AAPE award. Donald Brent received a vermeil at YORCOPEX in York, PA, for his "Denmark's Wavy Lines 1905-1935."

At the 1991 Philatelic Literature Fair held by the Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum in Weston, MA, a number of Scandinavian area publications won medals. In the category of books on foreign subjects, three vermeil awards went to Ingemar Wågerman for *Trelleborg-Sassnitz 1897-1945*, *Svenska-Amerika Liniens Sjöpost 1915-1975*, and *Svensk Järnvagspost Efter 12 Maj 1968*. A vermeil was also awarded to J. Juhl for *Denmark — The Inland Mail 1871-1902*.

A silver was awarded to the

Scandinavian Philatelic Foundation for *Post Offices in Finland 1638-1985*, translated by Anneli Hvidonov. A silver also went to the Greenland Post Office for their publication *Greenland Seen Through 50 Years of Stamps*. In the category of foreign catalogs, gold awards were presented for *Facit Specialkatalog 1990* and *Norgeskatalogen 1990*. Vermeil awards were won for *Norma Finland Special Catalogue 1991* and *Denmark Frimærkekatalog 1990-91*, and a silver was presented for *Skandinavien Frimærkekatalog 1990-91*.

At ARIPEX in Phoenix, Dan Laursen won a silver, the United Postal Stationery Society red certificate, and an AAPE pin for his "Danish Postal Stationery 1954-1908."

—Alan Warren

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## Robert Bechsgaard A/S Celebrates 50 Years at Fredriksberg Location

On April 1 the firm of Robert Bechsgaard A/S marked its 50th anniversary of doing business in Frederiksberg at Julius Thomsens Gade 7, Copenhagen. The stamp shop was opened by the dealer in 1942 from his recently acquired apartment at that address. Within a few years the location attained international status in the world of philately.

During a couple years at Trianglen in eastern Copenhagen, Mr. Bechsgaard still in his 30s had began to sell stamps. This was a business which would eventually develop into one of the most important in Denmark at its new location.

It's not too often that a hobby-based activity grows in stature and is able to celebrate a 50th anniversary at the same address.

### Important Rarities

During these 50 years some of Denmark's greatest stamp rarities have passed through the doors at Frederiksberg. Who can forget the mint block of four 2 Rigsbankskillings stamps that in 1967 was brought back to its homeland from the U.S. Or the important find of the imperforate "Søllested-stamps," of which a strip of three was secured for the Denmark P&T Museum at a price of DKr 100,000 in 1972.

In 1976, another Danish rarity was returned from the U.S. — a complete sheet of the Faroe Islands with the 2 øre overprint error on 5 øre stamp from 1919. This unique object when sold in 1984 brought in DKr 1.5 million which at that time marked the highest price

**Bechsgaard A/S will be represented at World Columbian Expo '92 in Chicago by Frank Banke, who will be here for the Danish stamp dealership to consult with collectors. He will be ready to talk business with buyers and sellers or just to chat about stamps. Banke expressed an interest in the activities of the SCC during the event.**

ever paid for a Danish stamp object. In more recent years other rarities have passed through the Frederiksberg shop; for example one of the most beautiful Danish FDC, a FIRE RBS cover dated 1 April 1851. Only last year the earliest known cover with a "Ferslew 2 Rigsbankskillings" was in Bechsgaard hands.

### Vast Stocks on Hand

Besides being known for its dealings in rare stamps the firm is one of the biggest stamp wholesale enterprises in Scandinavia. Their comprehensive, wide stock forms the basis of the business; and the retail shop can draw on this stock. For years it was said among collectors, "If we cannot get it from Bechsgaard, it will be hard to find."

After the death of Robert Bechsgaard in 1982, director Gerda Bechsgaard decided to carry on the activities of the firm with managing director Bent Mathiesen at the helm. During the past decade the business has increased. The firm prides itself on using its many contacts at home and abroad for the benefit of customers wants.

In connection with the golden anniversary, a reception was held in the shop at Julius Thomsens Gade 7 on April 1, during business hours.

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### NOTICE

*Mike Hvidonov's series on  
"Single Traditional Finland"  
resumes in August.*

SCC Chapter 7, New York, NY, THIRD AUCTION  
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The usual auction rules apply. All bids are confidential. Lots are sold at one advance over the second high bid, or at the starting bid if only one bid is received. Starting bids are set by the sellers. Lots are mailed at buyer's expense. There is no bidder's commission. The minimum advances are: up to \$10.00, 50¢ increments; to \$25.00, \$1.00 increments; to \$75.00, \$2.00; to \$150.00, \$5.00, above \$150.00, \$10.00. All bids will be rounded down to the nearest 50¢ increment.

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Telephone (212) 986-8671 if bidding five days or less before the closing date. Bidding will close at 5:00 p.m. Friday, June 26, 1992. In the unlikely event of a printing delay of this *Posthorn*, resulting in its mailing occurring after June 1, 1992, the auction closing date will be extended two weeks, and specifically announced in *Luren*.

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1	*	1c [1]	4 margins, brown gum	175.00 75.00
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3	u	1b [1a]	3 margins, yellow gum	210.00 75.00
4	*	2 [2]	4 margins, large left margin copy	80.00 35.00
5	*	3 [3]	good perfs	160.00 50.00
6	*	5 [5e]	F-VF, 1 cent	25.00 10.00
7	u	6 [6]	F+, 3 cent	17.00 6.00
8	u	6 [6e]	F+, 3 cent	16.00 6.00
9	u	7 [7]	F-VF, 4 cent (few nibbed perfs.)	17.00 5.00
10	*	7b [7]	F-VF, 4 cent	17.00 5.00
11	*	7bV13 [7]	F-VF, 4 cent, cut in upper oval edge	17.00++ 10.00
12	u	8 [8]	F-VF, 5 cent	22.50 7.50
13	u	10 [10]	F-VF, 10 cent, 3 copies good for shades	54.00 18.00
14	*	11 [11]	F-VF, 12 cent	35.00 10.00
15	*	23 [14]	F+, 1 cent on 7 cent	75.00 11.00
16	*	28 [15]	VF, 10 cent on 50 cent	35.00 12.00
17	u	15, 16 [17,18]	F-VF, 3, 4 cent	26.00 10.00
18	*	18 [20]	F, 10 cent	85.00 17.00
19	*	19, 21 [21, 22]	F-VF, 1, 5 cent	15.50 4.00
20	u	19, 21 [21, 22]	F-VF, 1, 5 cent	15.50 5.00
21	*	24 [24]	F, F-VF, 5 copies, good plating varieties	40.00 10.00
22	*	26V1 [25]	F-VF, long base line on E in VEST	25.00 10.00
23	*	26V16 [25a]	F-VF, 1902 with straight foot	27.50 11.00
24	*	25 [27]	F+, 2 cent on 3 cent	25.00 6.00
25	*	27 [28]	F, 8 cent on 10 cent	11.00 3.00
26	u	20, 22 [29, 30]	F-VF, 2, 8 cent	40.50 15.00
27	* , u	32-37 [31-36]	F, 10, 50 bit mint	61.00 15.00
28	*	29-31 [40-42]	F-VF, 1905 overprints	51.50 17.00
29	*	29 [40]	F, 5 bit on 4 cent	22.50 5.00
30	*	30 [41]	F-VF, 5 bit on 8 cent	15.00 5.00
31	*	31 [42]	F-VF, 5 bit on 5 cent	14.00 5.00
32	*	41-48 [43-50]	F-VF, 1907 5-50 bit	145.25 35.00
33	*	44V [46]	F+, 20 bit INV WMK	47.50+ 10.00
34	*	49-56 [51-58]	F-VF, 1915 5 on 5-bit	24.00 8.00

DENMARK

35	u	2 [2]	4 margins, FIRE RBS brown	32.50 12.00
36	u	3 [3]	3 margins, 2 sk blue	35.00 10.00
37	u	5 [5]	4 margins, 8 sk green, 1 margin slim	45.00 11.00
38	u	6 [6]	4 margins, 16 sk gray lilac	110.00 35.00
39	u	8 [8]	4 margins, 8 sk green	60.00 20.00
40	u	30 [27]	F+, 5 øre	35.00 14.00
41	u	47 [79]	F, 35 on 16 øre	30.00 10.00

42	u	48 [80]	F, 35 on 20 øre	25.00	9.00
43	u	50 [35]	F, 5 øre green	90.00	25.00
44	u	52 [37]	F+, 20 øre blue	30.00	10.00
45	u	50, 52 [35, 37]	F+, F-VF, 5 øre has 1 pulled perf	120.00	35.00
46	u	52 [37]	F-VF, inv. wmk, 1 nibbled perf	30.00+	20.00
47	u	50 [35]	F-VF, inv. wmk, 86 cancel	90.00+	50.00
48	u	122 [81]	F, 35 on 32 øre	37.50	14.00
49	u	144 [110]	F, 27 øre	30.00	10.00
50	u	243-245 [B3-5]	F-VF, 1929 set	24.50	8.00
51	*	278-280 [B6-8]	VF, 1937 set	5.75	2.50
53	u	TJ20 [020]	F+, 5 øre chocolate	10.00	4.00
54	u	T17 [P7]	F-VF, 68 øre	11.00	5.00

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55	*		2 pen-10 mk 1889 "SPECIMEN" set [like Scott 38-45], NH		40.00
56	*		ditto, blocks of four, NH [32 stamps]		155.00
57	C		postal card, Norma 25 II, 10 pen. "SPECIMEN" 5000 printed		55.00
58	C		1900 Mourning stamp postal stationery, unused		27.00
59	C	F9 [M9]	4-1/2" x 9" cover Hameenlinna 22.4.83, bkstp		105.00
60	C	F9 [M9]	4-1/2" x 6-1/4" cover Lahti 26.4.83, clean, bkstp		115.00
61	*	1601 [178]	F-VF, with sheet rt selvedge	72.50	30.00
62	C	461 V3 [341b]	VF, Reg. FDC to USA Reprint sheets of 10 with 4 margins, gummed, serp. roulette IV [all teeth]	10.50+	5.00
63	*	5 kop	[Norma 3N]		165.00
64	*	10 kop	[Norma 4N]		155.00

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68	u	14 [14]	specialty lot, 24 copies. Excellent variety. SON FLOOR, 67 and TJOMO, 70 noted	144.00	45.00
69	u	1 [1]	3 margins, 44, Christianssund	85.00	30.00
70	u	2c [2]	F-VF, dark orange	125.00	40.00
71	u	3 [3]	F+, SON Drammen, 1867	65.00	20.00
72	u	3 [3]	F-VF, deep color	65.00	25.00
73	u	6 [6]	F+, Orange-yellow	150.00	45.00
74	u	7 [7]	F, Christiania, 1867, gray	325.00	100.00
75	u	7 [7]	F, Flekkefjord, changeling	325.00	30.00
76	u	7 [7]	VF, Bergen, changeling	325.00	40.00
77	u	8 [8]	F-VF	65.00	20.00
78	u	9 [9]	F, Bergen	27.00	8.00
79	u	10 [10]	F+, Christiania, almost SON	55.00	15.00
80	u	11 [11]	F, lovely CHRA BYP. strike, 1 pulled perf	30.00	7.00
81	u	12 [12]	F+, dull brown-orange	15.00	5.00
82	u	12 [12]	F, bright brown orange	15.00	4.00
83	u	13b [13]	F, clear print, violet-red/violet	60.00	15.00
84	u	15 [15]	F+, 3 ring 169 cancel	27.00+	10.00
85	u	15a [15]	just F, blurred print	27.00	5.00
86	u	15b [15]	F-VF, clear print	27.00++	30.00
87	u	16a [16a]	VF clear print	45.00	15.00
88	u	16c [16]	F+, clear print	9.75	3.00
89	u	16d [16]	F+, blurred print	9.75	3.00
90	u	17a [17b]	F	16.00	4.00
91	u	18b [18]	F-VF, partial numeral cancel	5.00	2.00
92	u	18b [18]	VF, manuscript x, 2 nibbled perfs	5.00	2.00
93	u	19b [19]	VG, brownish violet, thick paper	14.00	4.00
94	u	19aa [19]	F-VF, violet, bluish paper	125.00++	45.00
95	u	20 [20]	F-VF, orange-brown	30.00	8.00
96	u	21a [21]	VG-F, brown	30.00	5.00

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## Norgeskatalogen 1992: A Review and Introduction

By Jeffrey O. Curtis  
Norway Editor

*[This is from our new Norway Editor and his way of introducing himself to collectors. Curtis teaches mathematics at a Toledo, OH, college while working on his masters degree. A graduate of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, his philatelic taste in Norway stamps lean towards Postage Dues among other fields. A keen "intermediate collector" attitude (matching a vast majority of SCC members) was the main reason for his selection as Norway Editor. Curtis' perspective of collecting Norway should benefit a lot of us.]*

Oslo Filatelisklubb and their expert editorial team are once again to be commended for bringing to us "the" indispensable reference work on collecting Norway, their catalog of Norway, *Norgeskatalogen 1992* (hereafter referred to as *NK*), now in its 44th edition.

Each stamp series in the catalog is introduced with a color photograph, date of issue, and a brief biography of the stamp outlining the purpose for issuing it along with details about the stamp's production such as the names of the designer, engraver, and printer, perforation, paper supplier and whether or not a watermark is present.

This information is followed by the *NK* catalog number assigned to the stamp. The numbering system is essentially chronological with semi-postals, airmails and souvenir sheets numbered along with the regular issues, a common sense approach with the added benefit of being directly supported by the Norwegian Postal Bureau in its new issue policy.

The denomination of the stamp, an accurate color description, and the quantity issued are followed by reasonable prices for the stamp in MNH, mint, used, and on cover condition. Known varieties of many issues are also listed along with any special circumstances

applying to the issue such as warnings about forgeries, restrictions on the stamp's use for franking mail, or how a "correct period of use" cancellation affects the stamp's value.

Though an excellent catalog, pricing stamps, stamp multiples, covers, cancellations, booklets, FDCs and other items, this compact 336-page book is also an encyclopedia of knowledge about Norwegian postal history with detailed tables and succinctly written articles about such subjects as pre-stamp philately, early covers, rates, and cancellations.

For example, a table documenting the editors' ongoing survey of covers franked with stamps among catalog numbers 1-46 has been updated since the last edition. It is organized first by destination, then by stamp series, and finally by the total franking on the cover. The individual entries detail franking combinations, a notation about the rate, known quantities of similar covers and price estimates. The table is by no means complete, and perhaps never will be. Many covers sold in recent auctions which are not recorded in this list and the *NK* editors admit to this shortcoming by explicitly soliciting the assistance of their readers in working towards the table's gradual improvement.

Tables of the 3-ring numeral cancellations and early 1-ring cancellations are also provided which identify every known cancellation with its "place of posting." Rarity factors are assigned to each cancel and a guide is given for properly assessing the value of the rarity factor.

As for price movements relative to last year's edition, many changes are noted, especially in MNH material and covers. Most of the price changes are increases. For example, the on-cover prices for the King Oscar II issues of 1878 and the King Haakon VII definitives of 1946 have all doubled. On the downside, a decrease of approximately 10 per cent for the key 12ø matte olive-

green posthorn of 1884 is a notable exception to the otherwise general uptrend.

Actually, it would be easy to criticize the book's pricing if one weren't aware of what an enormously difficult task the editors have accomplished. Many readers will undoubtedly find an occasional price among dealers' stocks or in auction realizations which differs significantly from the prices in *NK*. Yet those who are active in the market, be they buyers or sellers, know how wildly prices can fluctuate. And, in defense of the editors, they responsibly add the usual warnings about the effects which substantial variations in quality can have on price; and the fact that prices for stamps in bulk, such as mixtures, packets, or kiloware, should be significantly less than the sum of the individual prices. In general, readers can rely on the *NK* prices as an initial guide, but not as a substitute for careful monitoring of current auction realizations particularly on key items. After all, it is still the market, where buyer is matched to seller, which determines prices and not a catalog.

Although the *NK* catalog is probably unsurpassed by any other single volume on Norwegian philately, a few humble suggestions will be offered on how it can be still further improved.

There is no section on Norwegian postal stationery and postal history and for cancellation collectors this is a disappointment. Admittedly this is a huge subject but a listing of each piece of postal stationery by type, denomination, color, date of issue, and quantity issued should not overburden the book.

There is also little in the book on the much beloved, and very important, local "bypost" issues. This topic has been unfortunately scandalized by the forgers and fakers recently and its credibility could use a "face-lift."

And, while we're being greedy with suggestions, let's ask for at least a comment on Norwegian revenues, postal forms such as the "følgebrev," postal labels and adhesives.

It would also be nice to see airmail rates added to the table of rates, the absence of which is a recurring source of frustration.

Many additions could be made to the tables of cancellations as well. A current listing of Norway's four-digit postal codes identified by place of posting, for example, would be wonderful for those of us who glean "luxus" cancels from modern kiloware.

The postal history material is enhanced in this year's edition by the addition of an excellent article by Arne J. Bay entitled "Postoppkrav" (cash on delivery). The article graciously provides the reader with numerous illustrations and copies of original postal documents on the subject. Studies of original documents are always invaluable to the postal historian and it is unfortunate that more philatelic writers do not include them in their work.

There are other areas of importance to the collector of Norway worthy of a brief article. While several of these have been dealt with in past editions, it seems that every issue would be strengthened by articles on such topics as Norway's postal conventions with foreign nations and its involvement with the UPU or the postal history of the Nazi Occupation of Norway in 1940-1945.

The book is written in Norwegian but is so well organized that 95 percent of it is readily accessible to those who do not read Norwegian and those diligent enough to dig into their Norwegian dictionaries and grammars will quickly pick up the remainder. If that isn't enough, a vocabulary is provided in the book itself indicating the English and German translations for most of the key words.

My copy of *NK* was purchased from Jay Smith & Associates for \$49.95. This price may trouble some, but those already familiar with *NK* will attest that a few weeks of study and the added knowledge will save the active collector enough to more than pay for the price of the book.



**SCC CHAPTER 13 (DELAWARE)  
 TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL AUCTION  
 JUNE 23, 1992**

General and Specialized Scandinavia.

For 24 years SCC Chapter 13 of Delaware has held a small annual auction of Scandinavian stamps, covers and related philatelic material. All of our auction catalogs since 1973 have been published in the POSTHORN in their entirety. During those years the auction has tripled in size and this year contains nearly 400 lots. Because of this, we believe we cannot justify using the 8 or more pages of our journal that would be needed in this manner.

We always have considered our auction should be a service to all SCC members, consequently we will send a copy of our catalog and pictures of many of the lots POSTPAID to anyone of you who will send us a note or postcard requesting it. The address is: SCC CHAPTER 13, BOX 59, ROCKLAND, DE 19732. If you need more information than the auction catalog and pictures supply, just send a SASE to the above address.

There is NO BUYER'S COMMISSION; a modest commission is charged to the seller, and this is used to cover auction costs and to promote Scandinavian philately.

Here is a SAMPLE SECTION FROM THE AUCTION. Catalog values are from the 1992 FACIT unless otherwise indicated.

ICELAND

LOT NUMBER		CATALOG VALUE	START BID \$
157	* 2 (2) 2sk red, no gum, nice perfs, F-VF	(Kr1000)	42.00
159	o 2 (2) same, postcancelled, a beautiful copy, VF	(Kr 500)	25.00
160	o 3 (3) 3sk brown, type B cxl, rough perfs @L, VG	(Kr6500)	90.00
161	* 5 (5) 3sk gray, no gum, extra nice perfs, FVF	(Kr2200)	95.00
162	o 7 (7) 16sk ty B cds, average perfs, just Fine	(Kr3500)	85.00
163	o 9 (9) 5a blue, light cancel, FVF	(Kr3800)	145.00
164	o 11b,11c(10x2), same, 2 scarcer printings, FVF	(Kr 875)	45.00
165	* 11var (10var) Skipped perf var, nearly VF, LH	(Kr 780)	90.00
167	* 12c (11) 10a, later printing, no gum, VF	(Kr1200)	42.00
168	o 13 (12) 16a, ty B (AKUR)EYRI cds, superb	(Kr 300)	36.00
169	o 13 (12) same, ty B IS(AFJORDUR) cds, VF	(Kr 300)	28.00
170	*13v1,50v1,64v1,68v1,103v1,110v,115v, inverted wmk vars, 13v1 tiny flts, rest sound, FVF lot	(Kr1526)	70.00
171	* 14 (13) 20a violet, excellent perfs, VF LH	(Kr 200)	27.00
172	o 14a (13var) clear ty B cds, minor flts, VG-F	(Kr3000)	48.00
173	o 14a (13var) light ty B cds, T crnrs sl rnd, FVF	(Kr3000)	55.00
174	* 15c (17) 20a blue, v tiny thin, Superb centering	(Kr1500)	38.00
175	o 16 (14) 40a green, v light cds, nearly VF	(Kr1100)	58.00
176	o 16 (14) 1876 40a green, centered T, just F	(Kr1100)	26.00
177	o 17a (18) 40a violet, ty B AKUR(EYRI) cds, near VF	(Kr 300)	25.00
178	* 23 (8) 5a blue, no gum, excellent perfs, VF	(Kr1800)	78.00
179	* 42 (66) 40a ovptd I GILDI '02-'03, OG, Fine+	(Kr 110)	7.00
180	o 42 (66) same used, Fine	(Kr 600)	35.00
181	* 43 (67) 50a I GILDI '02-'03, Fine, OG	(Kr 165)	7.50
182	* 43v3 (67b) the '03-'03 error, 1 pf th, VF OG	(Kr 375)	60.00
184	o 44 (68) 100a I GILDI '02-'03, used, Fine	(Kr 450)	28.00
185	* 44v1 (68a) inverted ovpt, Fine OG	(Kr 450)	75.00
186	o 48 (49) 3a I GILDI '02-'03, tiny th, nearly VF	(Kr3000)	170.00
187	* 49v1 (50b) 3a, inverted ovpt, Fine+ OG	(Kr 100)	14.00
188	o 50 (51) 4a I GILDI, VF	(Kr 300)	27.00
189	**50 (51) same, Never Hinged, nearly VF	(Kr 300)	21.00
190	**50var (51var) inverted watermark, NH, nearly VF	(Kr 200+)	10.00

191	**51	(52) 5a I GILDI (black), Never Hinged, Fine	(Kr2000)	135.00
192	* 52	(53) 6a I GILDI (black), OG, Fine+	(Kr2800)	190.00
193	**57v2	(58a) 40a inv ovpt, Never Hinged, Fine+	(Kr 125)	18.00
194	o 58	(59) 50a I GILDI, 1903 cxl, Fine	(Kr 450)	28.00
195	* 60v1	(46b) 6a inv red I GILDI, VLH, Fine+	(Kr 175)	25.00
196	* 62v1	(48) 25a inv red I GILDI, signed, just Fine	(Kr 150)	18.00
197	* 64v2	(35var) 4a "AUP" variety, OG, Fine+	(Kr 625)	55.00
198	o 76v1	(71var) 1e, right "E" no centerbar, Fine	(Kr 700)	39.00
199	*o 104*	104 raised surcharge var, unpriced	(Kr 55+)	5.00
200	o 107	(143var) raised surcharge, faint th, cntd T	(Kr4000+)	38.00
201	o 108-13	(86-91) 1911 set cpl, FVF	(Kr 525)	26.00
203	o 132v1	(116var) 10a green, ME joined, FVF	(Kr 120)	2.00
204	* 143	(127) 2Kr bicolor, FVF LH	(Kr1400)	85.00
205	* 160v1	(C1var) 10a ME joined var, cntrd T, just F	(Kr 75)	8.00
206	o 161 pr	(C2 pr) ovpt airmail pair, Fine	(Kr1400)	85.00
207	o 169v1	(143var) 10a "nose on M" var, nearly VF	(Kr 50)	3.00
208	* 173v	(152var) "side door", 2 ragged pfs @ R, VFLH	(Kr 300)	38.00
209	* 174v2	(153var) 5a "spot on 5" small flts, VF LH	(Kr 250)	20.00
210	* 179v1	(158var) 25a "wh spot" var, hh, FVF	(Kr 125)	14.00
212	o 188	(C3) 10a blue, light Millenary cxl, VF	(Kr 400)	48.00
213	o 204-9	(C15-20, C16a, 7a), cpl incl perf vars, VF	(Kr 700)	52.00
216	* 228, 232	(204, 208) 1938 Geyser key values, VF LH	(Kr 315)	24.00
217	C 243	(x3), 246(x6), 249(x5) on oversized FDC to NYC, several NYC backstamps, unlisted as such in Facit	EST (Kr 800)	45.00
218	* 255	(216) 1939 2Kr World's Fair hival, near VF	(Kr 400)	29.00
219	**263-4, 280	(229a-231a) perf 11 1/2 set, near VF NH	(Kr 950)	60.00
221	**263-4, 280	another set, near VF NH	(Kr 950)	50.00
222	C 268-73	Republic set on large registered FDC, corner off, not affecting stamps which are FVF, stamps value is	(Kr 800)	45.00
223	C 274-9	on unaddressed FDC, folded(not affecting stamps) nr VF		5.00
224	C 288-92	on registered folded FDC(not affecting stps) FVF		3.50
225	C 297-9, 301-2, 304-6	unaddressed FDC on air letter envelope, FVF		22.00
227	**378v	(328var) 5.5Kr "spot in wheel" var, VF NH	(Kr 85)	13.00
228	**424v	(369var) 10Kr "snowball on shoe" var, VF NH	(Kr 120)	18.00
229	* Tj3	(O3) 1873 4s green, usual rough perfs, FVF	(Kr 425)	22.00
231	* Tj4-9	(O4-9) 1876 set cpl, Tj9 just F, rest FVF	(Kr1050)	42.00
232	* Tj5a	(O5var) 5a brown, thin paper var, VF LH	(Kr 900)	70.00
233	* Tj6a	(O6a) 10a ultra, ng, bright copy, nearly VF	(Kr2400)	65.00
234	* Tj15	(O25) 3 a I GILDI '02-'03, SCARCE, Fine OG	(Kr1800)	135.00
235	* Tj16v1	(O26a) 5a inv ovpt, signed, OG, Fine+	(Kr 90)	12.00
236	* Tj17	(O27) 10a I GILDI '02-'03, Signed, F, VLH	(Kr2500)	160.00
237	o Tj18	(O28) 16a I GILDI '02-'03, ods, near VF	(Kr 375)	20.00
238	* Tj18v3	(O28c) 16a, dbl ovpt, 1 invrtd, OG, near VF	(Kr 500)	80.00
239	* Tj19v4	(O29b) 20a, I GILDI '03-'03 error, nearly F	(Kr 650)	65.00
240	o Tj20v1	(O30a) 50a, no first I variety, Fine	(Kr 500)	65.00
241	* Tj20N	50a I GILDI Berne reprint, FVF OG	(Kr 350)	18.00
242	* Tj21a, Tj21b	(O20vars) Tj21a is VLH, FVF VLH/NH	(Kr3500)	300.00
243	* Tj22v1	(O21b) 4a, inverted I GILDI ovpt, FVF OG	(Kr 120)	16.00
244	* Tj24(x2), Tj24v4	strip of 3, L only error, just F	(Kr 168)	14.00
245	o Tj53I, 53II, 54	(O50-1, 50a) Cameo officials cpl, FVF	(Kr2350)	165.00
246	* Tj59-74	(O53-067), Millenary offic cpl, FVF OG	(Kr5500)	350.00
248	* LC15	lettercard, mint condition	(Kr 80)	5.50
249	* PC11	ty II postcard, I GILDI ovpt, mint condition	(Kr 90)	6.00
250	* PC12	ty I, postcard, I GILDI ovpt, mint	(Kr 170)	13.00
251	* PC12	ty II, postcard, ovpt variety, mint	(Kr 135)	9.00
252	* PC12	ty IV, Berne reprint postcard, mint condition	(Kr 75)	5.00
253	o PC17,	v sl cr @ B, postally used, ods 17.11.1905	(Kr 110)	10.00
254	* PC42	+ Ship advertisement, mint condition	(Kr 200)	16.00
255	* PC42,	DC28 single & double postcards, mint	(Kr 170)	12.00
256	* DC12	ty II dbl postcard, w I GILDI ovpt, mint	(Kr 175)	13.00
257	* DC13-16	cpl set, mint condition	(Kr 140)	11.00
258	* DC20	10a two kings, double postcard, mint	(Kr 110)	8.50
259	* DC28	20a building, double postcard, mint condition	(Kr 110)	8.50
260	* DC25	double postcard, mint condition	(Kr 150)	10.00

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## Arthur J. Anderson, Jr. 1918-1992

By Wayne Rindone, Chapter 5

It is my unhappy duty to report the sudden passing of a longtime SCC member Arthur J. Anderson, Jr., 74, on St. Valentine's Day, February 14th. Arthur had just completed a typical day's work at the Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum the day before, and he was packing his dealer stock for a stamp show that weekend when he collapsed from a heart attack on Friday morning. He and his wife Caroline were weekend dealers at local stamp bourses.

Arthur will be missed by many people, not the least by members of New England Chapter 5. His SCC number was 864 attesting to the fact that he joined late in 1959 or early 1960. He had been active in at least two earlier incarnations of Chapter 5.

I first met Arthur and his wife, Caroline Frey Anderson, at a bourse and quickly saw that their small dealership included a good concentration of specialty Swedish material which matched my own interests. In 1977, Arthur mentioned the SCC and encouraged me to join.

Once in the SCC, Arthur explained about the dormant chapter and with the aid of other collectors we reactivated Chapter 5 in the spring of 1978. Mr. Anderson became the SCC Regional Director for our unit and served in that capacity until 1990.

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Additionally, Mr. Anderson was one of the founders of the Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum. He became manager of the Museum Store and Curator of the Card. Spellman Museum's collection. An active person, Arthur Anderson also was past president of the Veteran Motor Car Club of America and a life member of the Train Collectors Club.

His wife Caroline plans to continue their stamp dealership, although she will cutback on the number of shows on her schedule. Arthur's family has requested donations in his name be made to the Card. Spellman Philatelic Museum, 235 Wellesly St., Weston, MA 02193.

### SCANDINAVIAN COLLECTORS CLUB Consolidated Treasurers Report for 1991

#### Stamp Mart:

Commissions earned	\$3,069.08
Expenses	3,780.61
Mart Deficit	<u>- 711.53</u>

#### Library:

Income	856.29
Expenses	379.17
	<u>+ 477.12</u>

#### Posthorn:

Advertising Inc.	3,878.00
Expenses	9,357.49
	<u>-5,479.49</u>

#### Administration:

Interest Income	3,812.43
Dues	3,056.94
Other Income	463.66
Exec.Secty. Stipend	1,040.00
Printing Expense	936.37
Postage Expense	673.67
Other Expenses	1,787.76
Admin. gain	<u>+2,895.23</u>

1991 Deficit: - 2,818.67

Increase in Dues paid in advance	+ 8,177.00
Cash 1-1-91	<u>+58,951.02</u>

Balance: 12-31-91 \$64,309.35

Respectfully submitted

*Jared H. Richter*  
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# The Scandinavian Collectors Club

—*Founded, Nov. 25, 1935*—

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## President's Message

By Dr. Roger G. Schnell, MD

1992 has all the makings of a great year in Scandinavian philately. Our annual meeting will be held in conjunction with the World Columbian Stamp Expo '92, May 22-31, in Chicago. The SCC dinner is planned for Friday evening, May 29 at the Holiday Inn with the general SCC meeting Saturday afternoon, May 30th. As a special treat Scandinavian exhibitors in the Court of Honor and the open competition, have agreed to "walk through" their exhibits with interested SCC members on May 29-30th. Sign up at the SCC table S19. There you will find our new executive secretary, Bob Lang. Drop by and say "Hello."

The second event of 1992 will be the regional meeting of the SCC in Oakland, California, August 27 to 30th at STaMpsHow '92. Finally, NORDIA '92 will be held in Kristiansand, Norway, October 8 to 11th. Each of these shows will be exciting and offer an excellent opportunity to meet Nordic collectors of like interests, get acquainted with your SCC officers and have a good time.

### Encourages New Study Groups

As your new president I would welcome your comments, suggestions and recommendations. One area that has been successful with other organizations has been special study groups. Areas that we could pursue include: Scandinavian Postal Stationery, Pioneer Airmail of Scandinavia, Scandinavian Postal History, Revenue stamps, Railroad or Shipmail markings. Perhaps you have a special project or activity that you feel would develop interest and benefit the society. The Scandinavian field is a diverse one, with at least seven different postal agencies, and subjects that range from classic to modern, early postal history to modern first day covers. This diversity allows unlimited areas of interest, but also presents a challenge to be "all things to all people." With your input I hope to provide the leadership that can accomplish this goal.

### Hellos and Goodbyes

I'd like to welcome the new officers: Jed Richter - Treasurer; Bob Lang - Executive Secretary; as well as Marvin D. Hunewell, our new Publicity Chairman. Likewise, I'll offer a thanks to retiring Executive Secretary Bill Lamkin who has been a stalward pillar in the organization for many years, and a "well done" to Jed Richter who has provided a "steady hand" as immediate Past President.

A viable organization thrives on growth, and I have set a two-year goal of 1200 members. Difficult, no not really. If each of us would sign up one new member, we would have it "made in the shade." Let's start by making a "stampede" to Chicago. I'll see you there.

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## The Executvie Secretary Speaks

By Bob Lang

### SCC Home Office News

Greetings!! This is Bob Lang, your new Executive Secretary speaking! After seven years of Bill Lamkin's light-hearted patter in this column I will try to carry on that tradition as capably as he did. Bill did an excellent job as SCC Administrator, and I hope I can do an equally fine job as his replacement. Many of you know Bill well through frequent correspondence and I know he will miss hearing from you. So, when you get a chance, drop him a card just to say "hello"!

When I volunteered for this job I didn't realize its scope, but I think after several weeks getting acclimated I will be able to respond quickly and efficiently to the organization's needs. To make the transition a little easier, I visited with both Bill and President Roger Schnell recently. It gave me a chance to pick up the SCC computer and club records from Bill and to discuss future directions with Roger. This should stand me in good stead as we move forward in our quest to make SCC even more responsive to the needs and desires of its membership. For it is for "YOU," and because of "YOU" that SCC exists at all!

Because of the early cutoff for this quarter's *Posthorn* the membership statistics will be preliminary! We are holding pretty well, as best I can tell, because there were some delays in delivery of the November *Posthorn* to our overseas members.

Now comes the sales pitch! We are a "graying and thinning" club and our lifeblood is new members. Roger and I are asking each of you to do your best at recruiting one new SCC member in 1992. Membership recruiting incentives will be announced soon and we will be putting on a big push for a new prospects at the Columbian Expo in Chicago in May. I am designing a new membership application which hopefully will be ready for that event, and then for widespread distribution to our current membership.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you for the first time in Chicago. But also I hope to contact many more through the mail. If there is ANYTHING I can ever do for you, just drop me a line. Oh, you should note that my Zip Code was incorrectly reported in the Feb. *PH*! It should be 19715-0125.

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## Editor's Notebook

By Gene Lesney



Join your present Editor in welcoming his replacement John Lindholm of Fergus Falls, MN, who assumes the title beginning with the August issue. Following almost five years of philatelic phun at the helm, Gene Lesney shall remain in sunny California and be available to assist Lindholm through the morass of editorial mine fields that lay before him. Lesney shall also be available to handle special publications pro-

jects for SCC; thus, keeping our new Editor's hands free for *The Posthorn* workload.

Lindholm will be getting a full staff of editors for every Scandinavian nation, who can read, write and translate the language of that nation. Additionally, the list of Resident Associate Editors living in each nation grows constantly. This objective had been one of the targets of retiring Editor Lesney, who quickly learned that, with few exceptions, *The Posthorn* "Associate Editors" he inherited in 1987 could not translate articles written in languages of their responsibility.

Articles for the August issue of *The Posthorn* should be addressed to:

**John Lindholm, Editor**  
*The Posthorn*  
 1214 Lakeview Drive  
 Fergus Falls, MN 56537

Most of our readers will remember the August and November 1989 issues edited by Lindholm, during Lesney's absence. We can expect more of his excellent work in the future. He currently writes a column for a New York publication and has a book in the works (with some words still on the keys of his typewriter, at last word)

#### Finally, a Chapter News Editor

After years of inactivity in obtaining news from our 16 SCC Chapters, we have a new Chapter News Editor, Reino "Ray" Merikallio of New Canaan, CT. Actually, Ray is returning to the post he held in the 1970's — and from early reports, he's a real fireball!

#### May Issue Another Trial

Both editorial and press production delays can be attributed to the fact, recently explained here, that it takes at least an additional 10-14 days before our printer can print, assemble, package and mail *The Posthorn* after he receives the final page proofs. Wilcox Publishing & Printing in Madrid, IA, also publishes a weekly newspaper that has typesetting and press priority, and another stamp journal. We shall compensate for the 10-14 day delay by setting deadlines back two weeks. So if we are late arriving, contact the USPS delivery person. We will be on time!

#### Airmail Turkeys-out in November

Of primary interest to overseas members who pay extra for speedy airmail delivery, the November issue was a fiasco — a real turkey (a bird that doesn't fly far). So the problem deserves an explanation. Simply told, your Editor got too smart solving the airmail label identification problem which involves finding the 41 labels among the 196 foreign addresses after they leave our Executive Secretary's computer! Printing the airmails from the computer's menu was no problem, except that they all look alike on Avery labels. Your Editor asked for color-tinted labels, but instead got labels marked with a yellow strip of fluorescent highlighter.

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disappeared under a combination of fluorescent and daylight illumination. Luckily the mail sorters picked out at least half by memory. Sorry about the rest! Airmail members saw orange on their February issue labels and on-time *Posthorns*.

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This report is going in earlier than usual because of a cut-off deadline due to the big show, COLUMBIAN '92. *The Posthorn* staff hopes to get the May issue in members' hands by the first of May so that you can familiarize yourselves with the Scandinavian Collectors Club schedule and programs. The big happening is the appearance of **Christian Sundman** from Finland. His exhibit is in the *COURT OF HONOR* and he will be honoring us by presenting a slide program and talk about this top collection. This is planned for Saturday afternoon, the 30th of May. Let's have a big turnout for this event. The slides and photocopies of his exhibit are expected to be in the Library's hands for future use by members and Chapters.

I just received a call from Jerry Moore, he has added a new twist to Chapter 21 meeting programming. He ordered a bunch of books, articles and exhibit photocopies for the group to look over. Their Chapter has taken advantage of most of the slide programs over the years and now they want to try something different.

The new *1993 SCC Library Index* will be available at our booth in Chicago. We have been working feverishly to get it ready. Thanks to Gene Lesney and my son Hans we have gotten it cut down to 96-pages and "camera ready" in order to save the Club big bucks. Now you members will have to do your part by borrowing from the Library. Books, like manure, just sit and stink if not spread around!!!

#### Library donations January 1, 1992 to March 11, 1992

##### Cash:

Dave Bennett, Alfred Gruber, Arthur Hecker and Roberta Palen.

##### Publications:

##### Fred Bloedow

*Iceland Cancel "287"*. Fred Bloedow. 1992. 50pp. Study papers and correspondence. English.

##### William E. Beatty

*New Issue Notices. Finnish Philatelic Services. 1973-1990.* Accumulation of stamp announcements.

##### Ronald Collin

Icelandic clippings

##### Richard Doyen

*Billig's Specialized Catalogues — Norway — Plating of the First Issues.* J. Jellestad, A. Odfjell and J. Anderssen. 1948. 62pp. Plating of Scott #1, 3 and 4.

*SCANDINAVIA 20/68.* Pricelist of Hans Elmgren. 1968. 28pp. English.

Scandinavian clippings.

##### Erick Hemmingsen

*Danske Censurstempler 1914-18 og 1939-49.* B. Jakobsen and E. Menne Larsen. 1979. 96pp. Danish.

##### Mike Ilvidonov

*Suomen Postileimojen Käsikirja II.* Juhani Olamo. 144pp. Handbook of the Finnish two-ringed postmarks.

##### Earl Jacobson Fund

Card File. Scandinavian International Philately (Netherlands). Index of subjects, pertaining to Scandinavian philately, found in various journals.

##### George Koplowitz

*Fire Rigsbankskilling — Pladning AF Plate III og IV.* H. Schønning and E. Paaskesen. 1981. 128pp. Plating of Denmark #1 - 3rd and 4th plates. Danish.



- AFA Specialkatalog 1981-82*. 9pp. Revisions and supplement. Danish.  
*Five Northern Countries Pull Together*. V. Slettin. 92pp. English.  
*Suomen Vanhimmät Paikkauntaleimat* — The Early Postmarks of Finland. R. Gummesson, M. Ossa and K. Stenberg. 1974. 142pp. Finnish.  
*The Swedish Exhibition Collection*. Postmuseum in Stockholm. 1974. 12pp. English.  
*Sveriges och Norges Svarslösenmärken Samt Helsaker 1968-1978*. L. Liwendahl. 96pp. Catalog of Swedish and Norwegian "reply" stamps and postal stationery. Swedish.  
*Julemærke Katalog 1975*. Menmark. 190pp. Catalog of Nordic Christmas seals. Danish.  
*Frimärket 125 år 1855-1980*. J. Gabriellsson. 16pp. Swedish Post Office brochure promoting 125 years of Swedish stamps. Swedish with English summary.  
*Suomi Postimerkkiluettelo*. L. Pettonen. 1975. 266pp. Catalog and pricelist of Finnish stamps. Describes all issues.  
*Liste over Poststeder som er Nedlagt eller har Endret Navn I Tiden 1900-1969*. 1969. 46pp. List of post offices that have been vacated or have had a name change from 1900 to 1969.
- Linn's Stamp News**  
*Guidelines for Writers*. Linn's Stamp News. 1991. 8pp.
- Scandinavian Philatelic Foundation**  
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*P&T's Historie til 1711*. O. Madsen. 1991. 440pp. Postal history of Denmark until 1771.

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## Membership Report

- New Members for March 1992**
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3183	L'HEUREUX, ROBERT A., 20000 US 19 North, Lot 816, Clearwater, FL 34624
3311	NADLER, STEPHEN D., 5524 E. Mansfield, Denver, CO 80237-1064
3276	COLLIN, BENT, PSC 3, APO AE 09021
2467	GRANT, HUNTLY W., P.O. Box 26133, Tampa, FL 33623
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1100 BOWMAN	2708 CHRISTENSEN	3247 BATES
1389 NELSON	2737 GOEHRING	3249 RASMUSSEN
1476 NEILSEN	2757 NORDQUIST	3250 LUND
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1759 REED	2885 SIVERTSON	3264 LEVENTER
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## Chapter News

By Reino Merikallio

### New Chapter News Editor

*Reino Merikallio (SCC 1736) of New York Chapter 7 has been appointed Chapter News Editor of The Posthorn, a post that he held for several years in the 1970's. Ray had a copy deadline of just two weeks for this Posthorn which he met with continent-wide phone calls that resulted in reports from all 16 active SCC Chapters. Ray's hope and goal is to have quarterly news reports in each Posthorn from all active chapters.*

### SCC Chapters

- Chapter 1: Seattle Washington,**  
Director: Arnold Knudson, 2626 S. 148th St., Seattle, WA 98168, 206-243-9693  
Meetings: Members' homes
- Chapter 3: Detroit, Michigan**  
President: Dr. Sik Woo Ting  
Secretary: Petter A. Poppe, 1028 Montrose, Royal Oak, MI 48073, 313-588-3052  
Director: Petter A. Poppe  
Meetings: Ferndale Community Center, 9 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month
- Chapter 4: Chicago, Illinois**  
President: Anders Melberg, 9123 Stevenson Drive - 1F, Des Plaines, IL 60016, 708-259-1108  
Secretary: C. Norman Andrews, P.O. Box 731, Park Ridge, IL 60067, 708-259-1108  
Director: Fred Bloedow  
Meetings: Golden Flame Restaurant, 6417 West Higgins, Chicago, 4th Thursday of each month except May, July & August; combined Nov./Dec. meeting on 1st Thursday of December
- Chapter 5: New England**  
President: Paul Carlton  
Secretary: J. M. Hilton  
Director: Wayne Rindone, P.O. Box 276, Newtonville, MA 02160, 617-964-2180  
Meetings: Cardinal Spellman Museum, Regis College, 235 Wellesley Street, Weston, MA; 1st Thursday of every month

- Chapter 7: New York, New York**  
President: George Ganim Jr., 122 E. 42 St., New York, NY 10901, 212-986-8671  
Secretary: Walter Wolff  
Director: George Ganim  
Meetings: The Collectors Club, 26 East 35th Street, New York, NY  
2nd Wednesday of each month, except July & August
- Chapter 9: Northern New Jersey**  
President: Vacant  
Secretary: Warren J. Grosjean, 32 Juniper Rd., Wayne, NJ 07470, 201-839-6383  
Director: George W. Sickels  
Meetings: Members' homes on 3rd Wednesday of each month
- Chapter 12: Washington, D.C.**  
President: Dr. Jeffrey Crown, 850 Flagler Dr., Gaithersburg, MD 20878, 301-963-9096  
Secretary: George J. Donegan, P.O. Box 28054, Washington, D.C.  
Director: Howard H. Schloss  
Meetings: At various local stamp shows, generally with a luncheon
- Chapter 13: Delaware**  
President: Annette Gruber, P.O. Box 1073, Newark, DE 19715, 302-738-9674  
Secretary: Robert D. Lipscomb, P.O. Box 59, Rockland, DE 19732, 302-658-5551  
Director: Robert D. Lipscomb  
Meetings: Members' homes on 4th Tuesday of each month
- Chapter 14: Twin Cities, Minnesota**  
President: Ross Olson, P.O. Box 23377, Richfield, MN 55423, 612-920-0996  
Secretary: Robert A. Frigstad  
Director: Robert A. Frigstad  
Meetings: Coffman Union, 6th floor, Univ. of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 2nd  
Thursday of each month, except July and August
- Chapter 15: Rochester, New York**  
President: Dr. Roy Johnston, 60 Gibson St., Canandaigua, NY 14424, 717-394-1155  
Secretary: Robert Gustafson, 877 Helendale Rd., Rochester, NY 14609  
Director: Robert Gustafson, 716-288-1121  
Meetings: Robert Gustafson's home; 1st Monday of each month
- Chapter 17: Southern California (Los Angeles, CA area)**  
President: George Koplowitz  
Secretary: Ray Newburn  
Director: Paul Nelson, P.O. Box 57379, Los Angeles, CA 90057, 714-626-1764  
Meetings: Union Federal Bldg., 13300 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks, CA  
2nd Tuesday of each month
- Chapter 21: Golden Gate (San Francisco, CA, area)**  
President: Jerry Moore, 615 Woodbine Dr., San Rafael, CA 94903, 415-492-0361  
Secretary: Thomas Olson, 4 Woodmont Court, Berkeley, CA 94708, 510-527-7118  
Director: David Ludden, 2069 San Gabriel, Fairfield, CA 94533, 707-422-2984  
Meetings: At various major stamp shows
- Chapter 22: Houston, Texas**  
President: Berlin Guillory  
Secretary: Mary Jane Menzel, 3476 Ella Blvd., Houston, TX 70018, 713-686-3642  
Director: Berlin Guillory  
Chap. News: Mary Jan Menzel  
Meetings: Members' homes on a Sunday of each month
- Chapter 23: Tampa, Florida**  
President: Warren Lange, 1351 Normandy Blvd., Holiday, FL 34691, 813-938-4879  
Secretary: Charles Seaman, 48 Dogwood Court, Safety Harbor, FL 34695  
Director: J. Edward Evan  
Meetings: Poecidon Restaurant, 2370 U.S. 19 North, Clearwater, FL  
3rd Monday of each month

**Chapter 24: Winnipeg, Manitoba**

President: Roger Fontaine

Secretary: Glenn Hansen, 222 Burrin Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R2V 1E4, 204-339-3901

Director: Glenn Hansen

Meetings: Scandinavian Cultural Centre, 764 Erin Street, Winnipeg, MB  
2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month**Chapter 25: Tucson, Arizona**

President: Jack F. Schmidt, 805 W. Hermosa Pl., Green Valley, AZ 85614, 602-648-0034

Secretary: Warren Franzen

Director: Jack F. Schmidt

Meetings: Members' homes on 4th Tuesday of month, except June, July &amp; August

**Overview of News and Activities — March, 1992****Basic SCC Chapter Activities**

All of the SCC chapters engage in the following basic and vital activities: sharing philatelic information, purchasing stamps and covers from SCC Mart books, trading and selling materials, hearing talks by members or by visiting speakers, and watching slide shows.

**Benefits of Chapter Membership**

Participation in the above chapter activities is a big bonus for SCC members. Members who live near chapters should call and attend a meeting to learn more about the group. The "SCC Chapters" section lists the meeting locations, times and contacts. In areas that are currently without an SCC chapter members are encouraged to form a new chapter by contacting the SCC Chapter Coordinator, (Reino Merikallio).

**Different Styles of Chapter Activities**

The 16 active SCC chapters exhibit a wide variety of styles in how they operate. Chapters may find inspiration for new ways of doing things in these various approaches.

**Meeting Dates**

Most chapters meet on a fixed monthly schedule. Some meet twice a month. Several chapters meet at local stamp shows during weekend daylight hours. This combines a chapter meeting with a stamp show, and avoids evening travel. Many chapters have special meeting dates such as a Christmas party or a summer picnic. Many clubs do not meet during the summer months of July and August, and sometimes June.

**Meeting Locations**

Chapters meet in several kinds of locations: fixed buildings, restaurants, members' homes on a rotating or a fixed basis, stamp shows, and special locations for special events such as Christmas parties and summer picnics. The Winnipeg chapter may have the nicest location, the Scandinavian Cultural Centre in Winnipeg, which is described below in their chapter news. The Detroit chapter meets in conjunction with the larger and more general Ferndale Stamp Club, thereby sharing the rental cost of the Ferndale Community Center. (Note the spelling of "Center" in Detroit and "Centre" in Winnipeg.)

**Activities**

The basic activities of all SCC chapters are listed above. Several chapters meet for dinner or lunch before their formal meeting. Talks by chapter members and visiting speakers, and slide shows are the most frequent main programs. Christmas parties, summer picnics and dinners with wives are frequent special events.

"Show-and-Tell" by all the chapter members is a popular main program. Twin Cities Chapter 14 has a different Show-and-Tell country for each meeting. New England Chapter 5 has a 10 to 15 minute Show-and-Tell by one member at each meeting.

Several chapters get 20 to 25 APS Scandinavian circuit books for each meeting, in addition to 22 SCC Mart books. Several chapters hold annual auctions of Scandinavian material. Many chapters exhibit in stamp shows and some have recruiting tables at the show. Several chapters actually run stamp shows, either on their own or by teaming up with other local stamp clubs. The Twin Cities chapter contracts many details of its show to a stamp show promoter.

**Reino Merikallio**  
**Chapter News Editor**

### Seattle Chapter 1 News

Seattle Chapter 1 engages in the basic SCC chapter activities described in the Overview Section above.

—Arnold Knudson

### Detroit Chapter 3 News

Detroit Chapter 3 meets twice a month in conjunction with meetings of the larger and more general Ferndale Stamp Club, thereby sharing the rental costs of the Ferndale Community Center. The chapter engages in the basic SCC chapter activities described in the Overview Section above.

—Petter Poppe

### Chicago Chapter 4 News

It's been one year since the last news report. At the March 1991 meeting 15 excellent slides on Swedish Rate covers from the SCC Library were presented. The April meeting featured "Islandic Airmails — The Early Years" presented by Harvey Gudmunson. May activities always involved running the annual COMPEX Stamp Show with other Chicago area stamp clubs. Frames and exhibits are set up on Thursday, and a banquet is attended by many people on Friday. The regional SCC meeting and an auction are held on Saturday.

The June 1991 meeting featured the second portion of the Swedish Postal Documentation slides from the SCC Library. The annual Wisconsin Picnic again proved to be great with almost 30 people attending on a beautiful July Sunday. Good weather, food, drinks, and wonderful camaraderie. The annual September "Show-and-Tell" get-together, which has proved to be a big winner, spotlighted a "pot-pourri" of summer-acquired philatelic items. Annette Gruber's Christmas Seal Slide Show was a real crowd pleaser at the October meeting.

The year-end December meeting always features an auction with Norm Andrews squeezing members' wallets for more nickels and dimes for the chapter treasury. Robert Klein spoke about his slides on "The Great Americans on Stamps" at the January 1992 meeting. A very enlightening program. The annual February kiloware scramble again proved to be a winner. Norm Andrews purchases a Scandinavian kiloware bundle of about one pound which is broken up a number of times at several tables of chapter members. Many album spaces are filled by the attendees.

—Dr. W. E. Melberg

### New England Chapter 5 News

In past years New England Chapter 5 held periodic "Show-and-Tell" nights. Every member would bring something interesting and describe it. This is always enjoyable but after such a meeting one's recollection of what had been shown tended to be quite a blur. The members unlucky enough to talk toward the end of the meeting found a relatively tired and distracted audience.

Chapter President Paul Carlton came up with a suggestion that spreads the Show-and-Tell activity throughout all the meetings of the year, rather than doing it all at once in each meeting. About 10 active members each picked a meeting night at which they would spend 10 to 15 minutes showing something interesting from their collection. These little presentations are given before the regular program.

So far there have been seven presentations. In September Tom Bergendahl showed some

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Norwegian local issues and revenues that few had seen before. In October Arthur Anderson (who sad to say suddenly passed away in February ) showed parts of his collection of Swedish-American Line ship covers. Nancy Meyer's presentation in November demonstrated how to use the decision trees technique for categorizing the frame varieties of Denmark's 19th century bi-colored issues. In December Paul Carlton showed a gift book from a Swedish relative with associated engravings and posters that commemorated Czeslaw Slania's 70th birthday. Bill Mann showed his Danish West Indies collection in January. In February Wayne Rindone showed his collection of cancellations and maps for Kalmar County from which his great grandparents emigrated to the U.S. In March Lee Coldwell showed Scandinavian covers with funny round punch holes which, as described by Doc Melberg in a *Posthorn* article, are the result of keeping postal covers in an office filing system.

There is no doubt that this Show-and-Tell approach has provided an opportunity to learn about and appreciate many different facets of Scandinavian philately. Each presentation has led to much informal followup conversation throughout the remainder of the meeting.

The chapter will be host of an SCC Regional Meeting at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, during Philatelic Show '92. The show is at the Boxborough Host Hotel in Boxborough, Massachusetts, which is at the Route 111 exit off I-495. The program will be a slide presentation on the stamps of Norway being prepared by chapter member Tom Bergendahl.

—Wayne Rindone

#### New York Chapter 7 News

At the February meeting Donald Halpern showed exhibit pages on "Danish Foreign Mail During the Napoleonic Period 1789-1914." Danish mail went to and from the continent through port cities such as Hamburg and Lubeck. The Hamburg covers showed the effects on the mails of the French taking Hamburg and subsequently leaving. The exhibit pages were produced with desktop publishing (DTP) programs on a PC computer. Various cancellations on each cover were scanned into computer image files which were incorporated into the exhibit page for the particular cover, together with comment text. There will undoubtedly be increasing use of DTP programs and scanned images to produce exhibit pages.

In January several chapter members met on a Sunday afternoon and evening at the computer store of chapter member Paul Helgesen to experiment with the scanning of stamps and covers into computer image files. The images can be examined and compared to identify varieties of shades, plates and cancellations and to detect forgeries. Chapter 7 will be pleased to share its experiences in the use of DTP and scanned images with other SCC members and chapters.

Chapter 7 is planning on an energetic recruiting campaign in 1992 to attract new members to its monthly meetings at the world famous Collectors Club in mid Manhattan. Publicity material will be mailed to SCC members in the New York City area, as well as to an APS mailing list of APS members with Scandinavian collecting interests who have ZIP codes in the NYC area.

—Reino Merikallio

#### Northern New Jersey Chapter 9 News

Northern New Jersey Chapter 9 engages in the basic SCC chapter activities described in the Overview Section above.

—Warren Grosjean

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#### Washington D.C. Chapter 12 News

Washington Chapter 12 is currently undergoing a rejuvenation. The Fall 1991 meeting at the RockyGate Show in Gaithersburg, Maryland, elected a new chapter President, Jeff Crown. Heartfelt appreciation is extended to former president Howard Schloss for his many years of fine service to the chapter. The Spring 1992 meeting at SpringPex, in Springfield, Virginia, will elect the other chapter officers. The start of a quarterly chapter newsletter is anticipated this summer. The summer meeting will be held at NAPEX with fall meetings scheduled in conjunction with the BALPEX and Rocky Gate shows.

—Dr. Jeffrey Crown

#### Delaware Chapter 13 News

In January Otto Ofjord showed lovely slides of his trip to Iceland last summer. The February meeting was devoted to planning the chapter's 25th annual stamp auction. This year only a portion of the stamps will be listed in *The Posthorn*. The complete auction catalogue can be obtained by mail. Roe Blume spoke at the March meeting on the Norwegian Yearbook which is issued by the Norwegian Philatelic Agency and contains articles and \$30 dollars worth of new stamps.

—Robert Lipscomb

#### Twin Cities Chapter 14 News

Twin Cities Chapter 14 ran their annual SNOWPEX Show in January at the new Minneapolis Convention Center. The chapter contracts with a stamp show promoter to handle many of the show details such as getting 20 dealers to attend the show. The chapter sets up the members' non-competitive exhibits before the show and staffs the reception desk during the show days. There is no admission charge unlike other shows at the Center that charge attendance fees. The chapter subsequently spends the nominal profit from the show at a June dinner meeting to which wives are invited. Chapter members who exhibit in January are treated to a free dinner. So rather than "sing for your supper" the chapter members can exhibit in January for a June supper.

Chapter 14 has its own version of "Show-and-Tell." Each meeting has Show-and-Tell for one of the Scandinavian countries on a rotating basis. The rotating countries include DWI, Greenland, and "Miscellaneous" consisting of Åland, Aunus, Faeroes, Karelia, North Ingermanland and Schlesvig.

—Ross Olson

#### Rochester Chapter 15 News

The chapter engages in the basic activities described in the Overview Section above.

—Robert Gustafson

#### Southern California Chapter 17 News

Southern California Chapter 17 also operates as the Scandinavian Philatelic Library of Southern California (SPLSC) which is a tax exempt non-profit corporation. The chapter expects an active year in 1992, with several new members and continuing good attendance at the monthly meetings. The Chapter is still saddened by the passing in the late 1991 of two long-time members, Harry Hagen in October and Don Himer in December. They will be remembered for a long time.

The chapter is happy to have a new location for its library materials. The library had been in Don Himer's home for several years. Watch *Luren* for details. SCC members might consider joining SPLSC — it offers a monthly newsletter, *Luren*, that contains information of interest to Scandinavian collectors. The annual dues are \$10. For a free copy of *Luren* write to P.O. Box 741639, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

—Paul Nelson

#### Golden Gate Chapter 21 News

Chapter 21 meets next from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 21 during the WESTPEX Stamp Show at Cathedral Hill Hotel., Van Ness and Geary, San Francisco. Out-of-town SCC members attending STAmPSHOW in Oakland during August 27-30 will meet during that show.

—Thomas Olson

#### Houston Chapter 22 News

The formerly inactive Houston Chapter 22 will resume monthly Sunday meeting in April. The chapter will engage in the basic SCC chapter activities described in the Overview Section above.

—Mary Jane Menzel



### Tampa Chapter 23 News

The April 1991 meeting was Show-and-Tell by the members on a variety of interesting stamps. The May program was SCC slides on Greenland's parcel post stamps, the Pakke Porto poplar bear issue. The June meeting was another slide program on Norwegian Steam Ship Mail. August featured exhibits on maximum cards. October was a demonstration of crafts with stamps, such as boxes and book marks covered with stamps. November was an assemblage of the stamps of Denmark. December was a Christmas party with wives invited. January 1992 had slides and comments on the stamps of Norway.

The February 1992 meeting exemplified the chapter's great interest in working with young junior members and interesting them in philately. VP Carol Barker and her two daughters, ages 12 and 14, conducted a potluck dinner at a local church, with members of a junior club and their parents in attendance. The juniors, under Mrs. Barker's direction, had prepared stamp exhibits which they described in excellent manner. Prizes were awarded and the juniors won them all. The Tampa Postmaster contributed posters, books on collecting, and first day covers. All in all, a different meeting and most enjoyable.

—Charles Seaman

### Winnipeg Chapter 24 News

Winnipeg Chapter 24, SCC's only active Canadian chapter, held its first annual auction on March 25 in accordance with its 1990 charter. Other fixed annual events are a Christmas party at the home of a member who has owned several successful Danish restaurants; a summer barbecue at a member's country home; and another summer outing at the Lake of the Woods area. During the rest of the year the chapter meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, September through May, at the Scandinavian Cultural Centre. The Centre offers meeting rooms, licensed ("liquor & beer") premises, a small snack bar with a Scandinavian menu and a melding of the cultures of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. At the regular meetings the chapter engages in the basic SCC chapter activities described in the Overview Section above.

—Glenn Hansen

### Tucson Chapter 25 News

Meetings during the past year included programs on Swedish Postal History illustrated with slides, Denmark Wavy Line Typographical Issues, Stockholmia-74, and Denmark Postal History. The chapter engages in the basic SCC chapter activities described in the Overview Section.

—Jack Schmidt

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**WANTED:** Covers and postcards canceled on the Danish island of Endelave. Also covers and postcards pen-ink canceled on Ferry S/S Agda. Paul Oberlin, PSC #1 Box 443, Andrews AFB, MD 20331-5364. (3246-1)

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**TRADE:** My used Iceland for your used Scandinavian on my want list. Send SASE for want list and details. Please specify countries you wish to trade, Lyle Siefert, RR #1, Oskaloosa, IA 525 (3230-2)

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**WANTED;** Anything U.S. Coast Guard related in Greenland area. Corner cards, postmarks or other markings. H. Rosman, P.O. Box 1171, Somerset, PA 15505. (SCC 3230-2)

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**SINO-SCANDINAVIAN TRADING POST:** Want MNH China to 1986; Covers from China to Scandinavia or USA prior to 1955. Can offer in exchange: MNH Sweden 1960s on, recent Denmark & Finland, SAS First Flight Covers, Scandinavian aerogrammes. Paul Kadull, Jr., 3516 Fort Roberdeau Ave., Altoona, PA 16602-3222. (SCC 3370-2)

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**WANTED:** Back issues of Posthorn, No. 1 to 1984, complete or as many as possible. Roger P. Quinby, 5 Oak Tree Lane, Schenectady, NY 12309. (SCC 2999-2)

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**AUNUS FORGERIES WANTED** for study and reference purposes. Purchase or loan, please let me know what you have. Roger P. Quinby, 5 Oak Lane, Schenectady, NY 12309. (SCC 2888-2)

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**WANTED BY ICELAND RESEARCHER:** I GILDI errors in singles, multiples and sheets; also normal varieties in complete sheets. Top prices paid or will trade for other quality Scandinavian material. Submit offers, including photocopies to: E. Glatt, P.O. Box 2080 Ventura, CA 9300. (SCC 1808-2)

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**FOR SALE:** Canceled Denmark & Norway. 1991 Scott \$1,088.45. Will sell for \$340. postpaid/insured. Photocopy is available for \$1 and SASE. Jim Burgeson, 2266 Kinclair Dr., Pasadena, CA 91107. (LM 37-1)

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**FINLAND!! WANT TO BUY** small or large accumulations of the common 1917-29 "Saarinens" (Scott type A19) for study purposes. Please send all you can for my check payment. Jacob Kisner, 254 Park Avenue South, PHF, New York, NY 11010. (SCC 2899-1)

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**BOOK FOR SALE:** "The Postage Stamps of Denmark 1851-1951," by J. Schmidt-Andersen, 1951. 293 pp. With originals reprints of Denmark's first stamp. \$150. Hardbound. Contact: Dr. W. E. Melberg, 6229 Wildlife, Allenton, WI 53002 (Acting for the member-owner).

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**ALSO FOR SALE:** "The United States Postage Stamps of the 19th Century - Volumes 1, 2, 3" by Lester G. Brookman. Total of 882 pages. Autographed copies set. Make offer! Contact: Dr. W. E. Melberg (Acting for the member-owner) See address above.

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**THE POSTHORN** has received a letter from a collector in Eesti asking to correspond with collectors in the U.S. So, with the usual word of caution to set ground rules before beginning any trades or transactions, he is: Margus Praks, Yarue 7-2, EE-0013 Tallinn, Estonia. Good Luck?

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**DENMARK STAR PUZZLERS?** Identify Faareveile or Udslebne. Dispatch the few identifiable letters for computer printout of possibilities. Enclose 10¢ for each, plus SASE to SCC Delaware Chapter, Box 325, Rockland, DE 19732. (5)

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**WANTED: SWEDISH COMMERCIAL COVERS** dated Dec. 1 to Dec. 31 of years 1968-90 showing regular postage rates (not Christmas cards or holiday letters). R. Svenson, 107 Blue Hill Lane, Akron, OH 44333. (2317-1)



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