

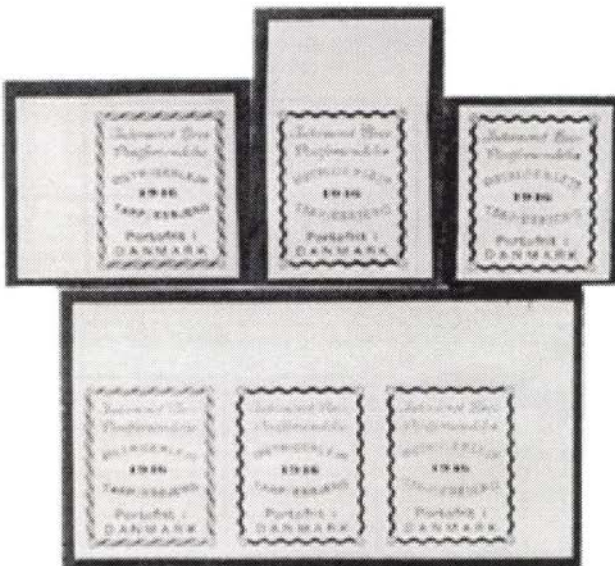


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## AGAIN, LIKE A BAD PENNY, THE TARP STICKERS TURN UP

By W.E. Melberg



*Figure 1. Tarp/Esbjerg labels, noted as types I, III, IV and a strip of types II-IV, differing mainly in the border elements and their arrangements.*

“What do you know about these stickers?” That was the question I recently received, along with some photocopies (Figure 1). This article provides the answer to a recurrent non-philatelic sticker problem.

These absolutely contrived stickers have been promoted as philatelic items without any legitimate foundation. Here begins a tale of greed and deception. The Tarp stickers were manufactured in 1946 by two Austrian refugee stamp dealers as a money-making gimmick. While residents of the Tarp Refugee Camp located near Esbjerg, Denmark (Figure 2), O. Winter and a Mr. Bruunthaler not only made and promoted these stickers, but also started a stamp business giving their address as : DRK (??? Danish Red Cross), Skolegade 54, Esbjerg, or Air Defense Office, Skolegade 54, Esbjerg, or to either man at Skolegade 54, Esbjerg. They sent promotional letters to most stamp dealers in Denmark and many stamp collectors, with offers for “Internee Postage Stamps.” Many letters were sent to bogus addresses and thus were returned by the postal authorities marked





**Figure 3. Tarp/Esbjerg labels in complete imperforate strip showing the four different**

The Tarp stickers were available from March 28, 1946 to May 9, 1946. They came in four types (Figure 3). Tarp's Captain Seehusen allowed the stickers' distribution, but issued a clarifying statement:

Announcement:

The Allied refugees in Denmark have been granted franking privileges for ordinary letters. The letters will be handled postage free provided they show the words "Interneret Postforsendelse, Portofri" (Internee Mail, Postage Free) either handwritten, handstamped or printed, and that the sender could be identified as an internee or refugee.

Every refugee is thus entitled to write postage-free letters and to identify these as postage free by one means or another. The camp leadership had until March 28, 1946, used a rubber stamp for ... (identification of) their letters. From March 28, they have been furnished stickers for this purpose from private sources, which were privately printed. The use of these stickers was permitted by Captain Seehusen. The stickers are not official postage-free-stamps from the camp leadership, and the leadership can not control the issuance of these stickers. Therefore no inhabitant of the camp is compelled to use these stickers. Anyone can make his own or have made for himself his own stickers or the like.

Unfranked letters to (points in) Denmark delivered to the camp leadership will until further notice be provided with these postage-free stickers; *however, because of lack of time a large quantity from any one sender may not be handled in the same day.*



**Figure 4.** Tarp/Esbjerg type IV label tied to cover by Esbjerg-B CDS of April 11, 1946. Many of these covers also bear Danish Red Cross markings rubber stamped in red.

Tarp mail was canceled at the Esbjerg or Guldager post offices (Figure 4); mail with these stickers was cancelled as usual. However, on May 9, 1946, the use of the stickers was forbidden by order of the General Post Directory in a letter to the Esbjerg post office; the order also discontinued the franking privileges in the Tarp Camp, since the interned refugees were neither prisoners of war nor civilian internees. The Tarp Camp was one of 60 camps for non-German refugees set up by the government at the behest of the Red Cross for circa 28 various nationalities of displaced persons in the post-war years, 1945-1947; Tarp was reserved for Austrian refugees. The stickers did cause an uproar in the philatelic community at the time of their creation and use, mostly due to the blatant duplicity shown in promoting them as authentic postage-free internee stamps. Articles condemning them were published in the camp, in the press and in various philatelic journals.

In *Frimærke Nyt* (1946, No. 7/8, July/August), published and edited by Georges Madelung, a Copenhagen stamp dealer, Madelung wondered who did the canceling and under what postal provision it was done. Madelung worried why.

“...can’t the authorities stop this scandalous traffic...it gives an odd impression of the freedom certain refugees enjoy...these uninvited guests were to be kept strictly apart from the Danish inhabitants.”

The Danes were concerned that some of the refugees were Nazi collaborators





Figure 5. Tarp/Esbjerg type I label tied to Danish-censored cover from Guldager (due west of Tarp) to Germany, cleverly used with Danish franking to get the letter abroad. Note that there is no Danish Red Cross marking.



Figure 6. More hanky-panky: a letter from Hobro (190 km away) to the Tarp camp. The label is of a completely different type and is not tied by the postmark.


trying to hide as displaced persons; note the envelope with the post-war Danish censor mark, the Danish stamp and the sticker (Figure 5). On May 22, 1946, the *Vestkysten*, a newspaper in Esbjerg, under a headline "Refugees from the Tarp Camp hit a low with Camp Label Swindle," quoted the camp leader as saying that this was pure swindle and should be stopped immediately. The General Post Directory of Denmark reported publically that these private labels were without value and did not carry any authority for free-franking privileges. On May 21, 1946, in the *Berlingske Tidende*, "Maurice" wrote about the attempt to bluff stamp collectors. Yet the leading Copenhagen newspaper carried in its stamp column on May 26, 1946, the following ad:

1946, 28/3. Lägerpost Tarp/Camp-Post, Tarp

Postfranketimermærke (Lägermærke) Post free stamp (Camp stamp).

Mærkesen udgives af Lägerledningen for de i Tarp ved Esbjerg indreiserede Dan-  
skekone, vilken er dansk postværet bevilget postafrihed som Danmark-ude-  
tiden 28/3-8/5 1946. Avtaimpling på postkontoren i Esbjerg eller Guldbjerg.

The stamps were issued by the Camp Authorities for those Austrians interned at Tarp,  
near Esbjerg. The Danish Postal Authorities granted these internment free postage  
within Denmark during the period 28th March - 8th May 1946. The stamps were  
cancelled at Esbjerg or Guldbjerg Post Offices.



I II III IV

Format/Size 37x46 mm. Type/Types/Four types (I-IV).

Type/Type I och/and II: Flätad ram, men olika hörnornament/Platted frame, but  
with different corner-ornament.

Type/Type III och/and IV: Slät ram/Plain frame. Men typ III/et type III: STARP/  
ESBJERG, i blockstil/in Egyptian Capital; typ/Type IV: TARP/ESBJERG, i or-  
tografisk Roman Capital.

TA 1 A.	antantal/imperforate	30	—	50
TA 1 B.	perf. 10¼x11¼ allstorf 8	40	—	75
I	de två olika typerna i släp (se bild) /two consisting of the two different types (see illustration)	A	120	—
II	från eller brevkäslans cover or postcard	A	—	250
		B	—	350

Uppslag/Quantity printed: A 2.750 av varje typ/ of each type, B 1.000 av varje typ/

Figure 7. Listing of the Tarp/Esbjerg labels in the 1974 *Facit* Catalogue. The Danish Philatelic Group violently protested this listing, which was deleted from subsequent catalogues.

Original Sheet Internee Letter, imperf 30 Kr., perf. 50 Kr.  
4 Genuine Camp letters with Internee Postage Stamps, at only  
60 kr., 4 types complete

Holland AFA 225/26 (31,50) 14,50; Bohemia 113/15 4,00; 72/  
73 8,00; Lichtent. 238-39 14,00; Poland 283/85 7,00; plus post-  
age. Sent collect. O. Winter, Skolegade 54, Esbjerg.

An ad appeared in the *Schweitzer Briefmarken Zeitung*, No. 7, 1946, listing two Winters, the second in Vienna. A translation of the German reveals the swindle. They tried to say that the General Post Directory gave permission for the use of these "stamps"/labels/stickers. Messers Winter and Bruunthaler probably had help from other inhabitants of the camp in fostering this sticker business.

Another sticker of a similar nature was sent from the city of Hobro to the Tarp Camp (Figure 6). Inexplicable, except for the contrived deception.

The problem lay dormant until 1974, when *Facit* on page D-64 included a listing of these items in their annual catalogue as "issued by the camp authorities [not true, as shown in the camp announcement] for those Austrians interned at Tarp, near Esbjerg. The Danish Postal Authorities granted these internees free-postage within Denmark during the period 28 March-8 May, 1946 [all Tarp mail was post-free until May 9, 1946, by marking on it "Intemeret Postforsendelse"]. The stamps [stickers, not stamps, since they carried no official free-postage authority] were cancelled at Esbjerg and Guildager postoffices." (Figure 7) This erroneous listing with its inaccurate information again caused an uproar about this fraud; the listing was not repeated in subsequent editions. Unfortunately, they have also been listed in the *Michel* catalogues (Figure 8).

*Luren* was questioned about these so-called labels/stickers and ran a series of articles and letters about them in Vol. 6, Nos. 6-9, 1974. Svend Yort, one of America's renowned Scandinavian experts and collectors, translated and summarized much of the material from the various Danish sources for those articles. These sources and information from Ib Eichner-Larsen, the eminent stamp journalist of the *Berlinske Tidende*, formed the basis of this article.

It seems that, periodically, after a lapse of a couple of decades, the stickers reappear and the old questions arise since newer dealers and collectors do not know what these items actually are. Inaccurate information once in print, as in *Facit*, is hard to negate.

Currently, several auction houses that specialize in Scandinavian material have



been offering these stickers as “Prisoner of War Labels” or legitimate covers. At least, by now, the originators of the stickers can no longer profit from them, but a SCAM is still a SCAM. CAVEAT EMPTOR: Buyer Beware! □

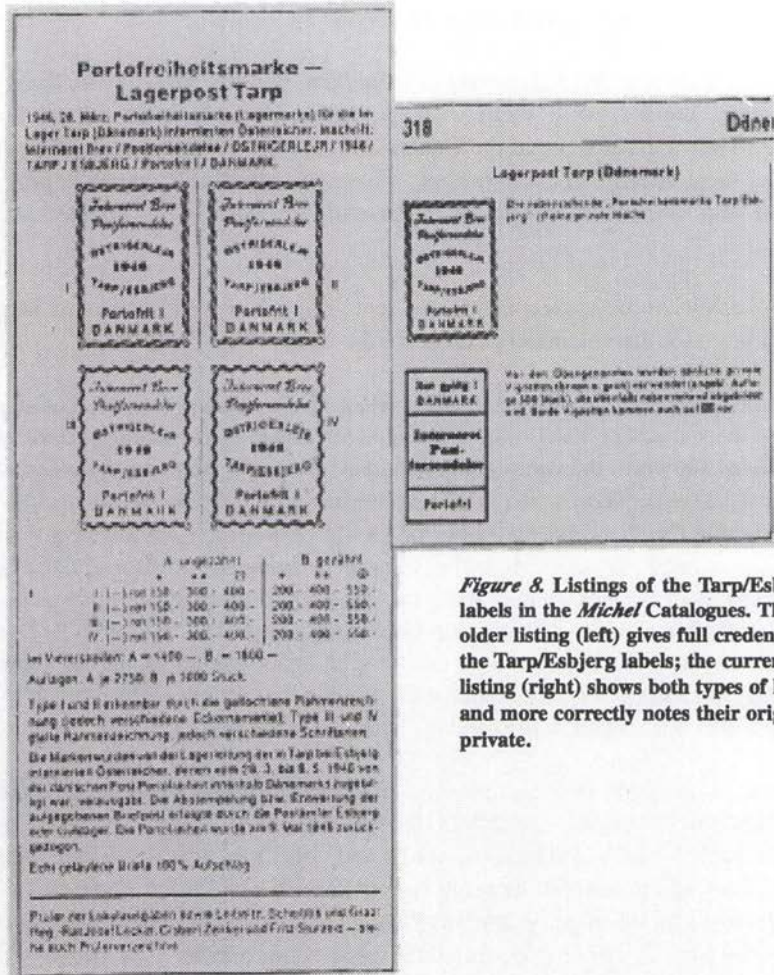


Figure 8. Listings of the Tarp/Esbjerg labels in the Michel Catalogues. The older listing (left) gives full credence to the Tarp/Esbjerg labels; the current listing (right) shows both types of labels and more correctly notes their origin as private.

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## A DANGEROUS THEFT FROM THE FINNISH POSTMUSEUM



WÄRDE ARVO

Pentti Lappalainen translated a full page announcement from the 4/1997 edition of *abophil*, the journal of the Turku Postimerkkikerho (Turku/Abo Philatelic Society) and submitted it to *Luren*. The warning is significant to all Scandinavian collectors and dealers.

Sometime in early April, 1997, the eight marking devices illustrated here were stolen from the Finnish Postmuseum in Helsinki. Apparently, these are the "original" devices, so be very wary of stamps and covers that have these markings applied. If you have ANY covers or stamps that have these markings, and that you have owned since before April of this year, it might be an excellent idea to have them expertized in order to record that fact. Evidence of purchase date would be useful to prove genuineness. Obviously, it would be quite easy to "upgrade" a cover by adding the appropriate marks, so collectors will need to be alert from now on.

If you are offered any material that includes such marks, please notify the Helsinki Police officer responsible for this case, Minna Pavas, telephone 189 4632, fax 189 2820, and/or the Postal Museum officials, Seppo Makeld, phone 0204 514 767, or Leena Karhu, phone 0204 514 768, fax 0204 514 777. □

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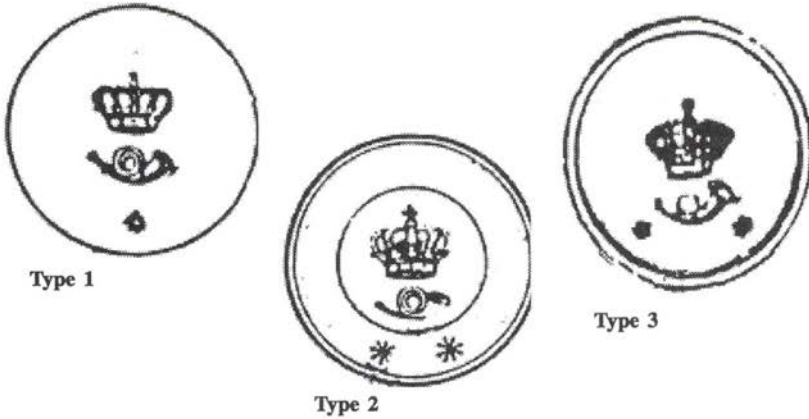
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# ICELAND CROWN & POSTHORN CANCEL BACKWARD INDEX

By Ronald Collin



**Figure 1. Facit Icelandic Crown & Posthorn Types 1, 2, and 3.**

Over many years of collecting Iceland Crown & Posthorn cancels, I have accumulated some examples that are less than ideal. One example is where you only have the tail end of the cancellation. In order to determine the town name, you have to back into it. This is done by taking the letters that appear in the cancel, starting from the last letter, and working your way backwards, one letter at a time. Then you try to locate that cancel in a listing of the Crown & Posthorn towns. This can be a cumbersome way of determining the town name.

In order to simplify this procedure, I have produced a listing of the Crown & Posthorn town names spelled backwards, alphabetized by the three cancellation types, as listed in the *Facit* Specialized Catalog. (Figure 1)

In this listing, I have used the Icelandic characters where necessary. Also, if the town name was misspelled in the cancellation, as is the case with some towns, I have used the misspelling in my listing. With few exceptions, all town names are in upper-case letters. Where lower-case letters appear in the cancel, I have used lower-case letters in this listing.

Though using this listing has simplified the procedure of identifying towns with only the tail end of the cancellation, there are still times when I have only been able to narrow it down to a few possibilities. This is when I use another procedure to act as a "tie-breaker".

If you examine the positioning of the crown in the Crown & Posthorn cancel, you will note that the point of the crown always points to the center of the town name. Therefore, if you have enough of the cancel to reveal the point of the crown, simply count the number of letters to the side of the point, double it, and that will give you the even number of letters in the town name. If the point of the crown points directly at a letter, add one to the count, which will then give you an odd number of letters in the town name. This procedure coupled with the backward listing should allow you to identify most, if not all of your Crown & Posthorn cancellations.



Figure 2



Figure 3

To illustrate these procedures, I will show an example. Say you have a Type 2 cancel that ends in EYRI (Figure 2). Looking at the backward listing gives you four possibilities, i.e.; MELGRASEYRI, STOKKSEYRI, FLATEYRI, and HJALTEYRI. Further examination of the cancel shows that the point of the crown is visible, and points to the left of the E, and not directly at another letter. From this you determine that there are 8 letters in the town name - EYRI times

2. The towns that were our possibilities had 11, 10, 8, and 9 letters respectively in their names, so this proves that FLATEYRI (Figure 3) is the name on your cancel.

### Type 1 cancellation

AGNUTSGOVRIEL  
 ALÚKÐUA  
 ÐILHAJKYER  
 ÐÍLHAKKATS  
 ÐÍLHRAÐATSLÓB  
 DNALAJLES  
 DNÖRTSAGAKS  
 DNÖRTSTOK  
 ÐÓTS  
 ÐRAKS  
 GREBAÐUAR  
 IÐRABLAVS  
 IDRIFSFALÓ Í RIKYER  
 IÐRIFSLIG Í RAFIELK  
 IKKABALGNÖP  
 IKKABRAÐATS  
 IKKABRARYE  
 IKKABSLIG  
 IKKABUTÝRG  
 ILÆBRANRA  
 IRYEÐROB  
 IRYERADREGNRA

LEIRVOGSTUNGA  
 AUÐKÚLA  
 REYKJAHLIÐ  
 STAKKAHLÍÐ  
 BÓLSTAÐARHLÍÐ  
 SELJALAND  
 SKAGASTRÖND  
 KOTSTRÖND  
 STÖÐ  
 SKARÐ  
 RAUÐABERG  
 SVALBARÐI  
 REYKIR Í ÓLAFSFIRDI  
 KLEIFAR Í GILSFIRDI  
 ÞÖNGLABAKKI  
 STAÐARBAKKI  
 EYRARBAKKI  
 GILSBAKKI  
 GRÝTUBAKKI  
 ARNARBÆLI  
 BORÐEYRI  
 ARNGERÐAREYRI

IRYERAÐÚB  
 IRYESNFAR  
 IRYESNIEVS  
 IRYETSEH  
 IRÝMAJSED  
 IRÝMRATS  
 IRÝMSLÖHRUGAF  
 ISENSNTAV A NRÖJT  
 KÍV  
 KIVADNIRG  
 KÍVALFEK  
 KÍVANNURG Í RUÐATS  
 KÍVASÚH  
 KIVSFALO  
 LADRAÐAFRAVS Í NRÖJT  
 LIGANFARH  
 LLEFAFATS  
 LLEFILÆM  
 LLEFRAÐATS  
 LLEFRAGROB  
 LLEFSOM  
 LLOVH  
 LLÖJFÆNS  
 MUTLOH Í SÁ  
 NFÖHRAFUAR  
 NFÖHSKALROÐ  
 NÓL  
 NRÖJTAFLÁK  
 NTAVASÓJL  
 NTAVSTÓJLFLÚ  
 NTOB  
 NUARH  
 NUARHRAÐATS  
 RALÁKSTÚ  
 RALÓH  
 RALÓHTSERP  
 RARÝM  
 RÆBAF R  
 RÆBILKIM  
 RÆBUJKRIK  
 RIÐ B  
 RIÐ  
 RIDATSAFROT  
 RIDATSARAH  
 RIDATSRATÓJL  
 RIDATSSLÓHNRA  
 RIDATSSMIRG  
 RIDATSSKÍRIE  
 RIDATSSNIETS  
 RIKYER  
 RILADÐOG  
 RILLEVINYER  
 RILLEVURÐÖM  
 RUÐATSANNIKS  
 RUÐATSARROKS

BÚDAREYRI  
 RAFNSEYRI  
 SVEINSEYRI  
 HESTEYRI  
 DESJAMÝRI  
 STARMÝRI  
 FAGURHÖLSMÝRI  
 TJÖRN A VATNSNESI  
 VÍK  
 GRINDAVÍK  
 KEFLAVÍK  
 STAÐUR Í GRUNNAVÍK  
 HÚSAVÍK  
 OLAFSVÍK  
 TJÖRN Í SVARFAÐARDAL  
 HRAFNAGIL  
 STAFAFELL  
 MÆLIFELL  
 STAÐARFELL  
 BORGARFELL  
 MOSFELL  
 HVOLL  
 SNÆFJÖLL  
 ÁS Í HOLTUM  
 RAUFARHÖFN  
 ÞORLAKSHÖFN  
 LÓN  
 KÁLFATJÖRN  
 LJÓSAVATN  
 ÚLFLJÓTSVATN  
 BOTN  
 HRAUN  
 STAÐARHRAUN  
 ÚTSKÁLAR  
 HÓLAR  
 PRESTHÓLAR  
 MÝRAR  
 ROFABÆR  
 MIKLIBÆR  
 KIRKJUBÆR  
 BÚÐIR  
 BÚÐIR  
 TORFASTAÐIR  
 HARASTAÐIR  
 LJÓTARSTAÐIR  
 ARNHÓLSSTAÐIR  
 GRIMSSTAÐIR  
 EIRÍKSSTAÐIR  
 STEINSSTAÐIR  
 REYKIR  
 GODDALIR  
 REYNIVELLIR  
 MÖÐRUVELLIR  
 SKINNASTAÐUR  
 SKORRASTAÐUR



**Type 1 cancellation**, continued...

RUDATSATLAJH	HJALTASTAÐUR
RUDATSDLUKSÖH	HÖSKULDSTAÐUR
RUDATSLÓBIÐIERB	BREIÐIBÓLSTAÐUR
RUDATSRADATS	STAÐARSTAÐUR
RUDATSSFOJPLAV	VALPJOFSSSTAÐUR
RUDATSUJYERFLOK	KOLFREYJUSTAÐUR
RUÐRÖJFMUARTS	STRAUMFJÖRÐUR
RUÐRÖJFRADNUNØ	ØNUNДАРFJÖRÐUR
RUÐRÖJFRADNURG	GRUNÐARFJÖRÐUR
RUÐRÖJFRAJKYER	REYKJARFJÖRÐUR
RUÐRÖJFRANFAH	HAFNARFJÖRÐUR
RUÐRÖJFRANRA	ARNARFJÖRÐUR
RUÐRÖJFSKERTAP	PATREKSFJÖRÐUR
RUÐRÖJFULGIS	SIGLUFJÖRÐUR
RUGIET	TEIGUR
RUGOVUJKRIK	KIRKJUVOGUR
RUKÆLSMAJRB	BRJAMSLÆKUR
RULADUFUG	GUFUDALUR
RULLÖVSSOF	FOSSVÖLLUR
RUMMAVH	HVAMMUR
RUTSEH	HESTUR
SENAÐUAS	SAUÐANES
SENAFLÁK	KÁLFANES
SENAGAH	HAGANES
SENARKA	AKRANES
SENRAÐRAJFALLOK	KOLLAFJARÐARNES
SENRAÐROB	BORGARNES
SENSLAVH	HVALSNES
SÓSFOH	HOFÓS
SÓUDNÖLB	BLÖNDUÓS
TLoH	HoLT
TLOHKYER	REYKHOLT
TÓMAJKÆL	LÆKJAMÓT
YETALF	FLATEY

**Type 2 cancellation**

AÐISSIGÆ	ÆGISSIDA
ÁRARÐEV	VEÐRARÁ
ATRE	ERTA
ÐØRT	TRØÐ
GNIDRIHFEJRB	BRJEFHIRDING
IKKAB	BAKKI
IRYESARGLEM	MELGRASEYRI
IRYESKKOTS	STOKKSEYRI
IRYETALF	FLATEYRI
IRYETLAJH	HJALTEYRI
KIVAJKYER	REYKJAVIK
KIVALFEK	KEFLAVIK
KIVLAD	DALVIK
KIVSLADÐIERB	BREIÐDALSVIK
llóH	Hóll
NFÖH	HÖFN

NFÖHSRÓ  
 NFÖHSRÓP  
 RÆBRUÁS  
 RIDATSATLOH  
 RIDATSATSORF  
 RILLEVGNIÐ  
 RUÐATSINYER  
 RUÐRÖJFANROH  
 RUÐRÖJFIÓJM  
 RUÐRÖJFSMMAVH  
 RUÐRÖJFSNTAV  
 RUGIETFOH  
 RULADAKUAH  
 RULADSDANU  
 RULADSKUALDUAS  
 rupúniróts  
 RUTSEH  
 sláh  
 TLOHRANRA  
 YESMÍRG  
 YETALF

ÓRSHÖFN  
 ÞÓRSHÖFN  
 SÁURBÆR  
 HOLTASTAÐIR  
 FROSTASTAÐIR  
 ÞINGVELLIR  
 REYNISTAÐUR  
 HORNAFJÖRÐUR  
 MJÓIFJÖRÐUR  
 HVAMMSFJÖRÐUR  
 VATNSFJÖRÐUR  
 HOFTEIGUR  
 HAUKADALUR  
 UNAÐSDALUR  
 SAUDLAUKSDALUR  
 Stórinúpur  
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*Handbok över Íslandska stämplor*, published by the Iceland Collectors Society of Sweden, 176 loose leaf pages in binder (approx. 10½ by 12½ inches), illustrated, in Swedish, 1997. 450 SEK postpaid from Leif Nilsson, Södersvik 9074, 76194 Norrtälje, Sweden.

This important handbook consists of two parts. The first part is an illustrated listing in numerical order of the numeral cancellations of Iceland with town name, dates of use, and name of the province. There are no values assigned to the different cancels. In many cases the numeral cancel was used for more than one town, and each one is listed with the dates. There is also an alphabetical listing by town name with a cross-reference to the numeral used for it. This part of the handbook is an update of an earlier version of the numeral cancels.

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This handbook does not cover the many types of bridge cancels nor the more recent pictorial postmarks. Background information is provided by several authors including Tore Runeborg, Per Hanner, Valter Fenger, and Ólafur Elfásson as well as the secretary of the Föreningen Íslandssamlarna, Per Olov Abrahamson. A special 4-ring binder comes with the pre-punched pages.

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## FAROE ISLANDS STAMPS: A REVIEW

*Stamps and Story of the Faroe Islands*, Don Brandt, 176 pages, 6 by 8¼ inches, perfect bound, illustrated, Nesútgáfan, Reykjavik, 1996, ISBN 9979-9194-4-2, 135 DKr.

Following on his two earlier volumes on stamps and postal history of Iceland, California transplant Don Brandt has branched out into the popular collecting area of the Faroe Islands. Although the book is geared toward the traveler or those interested in history and geography, there is much here of interest to philatelists as well.

Brandt begins with the discovery and settlement of the islands and devotes separate chapters to folk lore, place names, birds, churches, whaling, the visual arts and other topics. While the text tells about people, places, and customs, the margins are illustrated with stamps and even cancellations. Two rare 19th century covers sent from Iceland to the Faroes are shown. A chapter on postal history describes prestamp mail, bisects, wrappers, cancels, provisionals, etc. The World War II provisionals have a chapter of their own.

The useful easy-to-read English text will provide collectors with background information on the history and culture of the Faroes which is important to understanding many of their stamp issues. The book concludes with a non-philatelic bibliography, but it lacks an index. Copies can be obtained from your favorite literature dealer or directly from the Faroes postal service (they accept VISA and Mastercard): Postverk Føroya, Philatelic Office, 159 Tórshavn, Faroes.

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By Alfred A. Gruber



September 28th, Wilmington, Delaware: the replica of the ship that carried the first Swedish and Finnish settlers to North America was launched today.

Just a stone's throw from the original landing place called "The Rocks," the band playing, "Anchors Aweigh," and black powder cannons firing, the replica of the ship that arrived here in 1638 was launched at high tide. Non-historical accompaniments were the gas powered horns of pleasure boats, the odor of cooking hamburgers and a fountain display by Wilmington Fire Boat No.7. Adding to the gaiety were flags and flowers on the streets, a fleet of boats on the Christina River and a large crowd necessarily bused in from outlying parking areas.

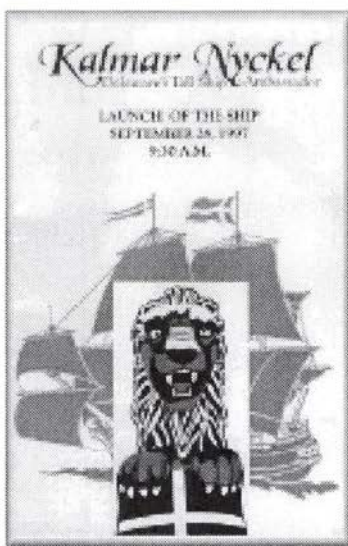
For a quick review of the history of the KALMAR NYCKEL please see my article in the *The Posthorn*, November 1990, page 147. The first stamps showing this plucky vessel appeared in the United States and Sweden for the tercentennial in 1938. She has appeared on stamps and postcards on various occasions into 1988. In that article I wrote, a replica effort was underway. Well, it took seven years mainly because of monetary problems.

Of course she doesn't have her masts yet and the usual lengthy work of inside finishing remains. At 91 feet over the deck plus a huge telephone pole sized bowsprit and painted principally green, brown and white she is a beauty. On the bow is a ferocious regal red lion head. Angels at the stern are a fine decoration. Once KALMAR NYCKEL floated free, she was tenderly grasped by the two masted antique tug, NORFOLK REBEL up from Virginia and nudged to the wharf.



Naturally there were speeches by Swedish, Finnish and Delaware. statesmen and clergy, but the ship's beauty and history overwhelmed everything. We heard the National Anthems of all the mentioned nations plus the Netherlands, where the original ship was built in about 1629. Following the ceremonies were folk dancing, historic re-enactors, food, music and boat rides. Being a history buff, I was particularly pleased to note young people studying the Milles Sculpture commemorating the 1638 and 1938 events. Being a stamp collector, I was not pleased that I could find no evidence of a special cancel for this event. I will try to get this corrected for the commissioning on March 29, 1998, marking the 360th anniversary of the original's arrival here.

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## SCC AT BALPEX

By Alan Warren

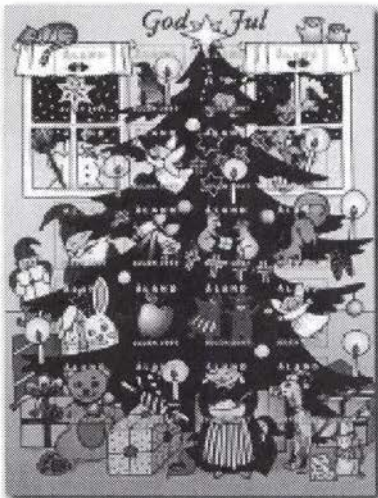
A regional meeting was held in conjunction with the BALPEX show in Hunt Valley, MD, on Aug. 29-31, 1997. Three national SCC officers attended the events including President Roger Quinby, Secretary Don Halpern, Treasurer Howard Schloss, and Executive Secretary Bob Lang. Howard arranged for dinner Friday evening for a group of thirteen at Kosmakos Restaurant. After dinner each person introduced themselves and their collecting interests.

Roger spoke briefly about the coming NORDIA 2001 show which will be held in Arizona. A regional meeting of SCC is planned for Falls Church, VA in July 1998 in conjunction with the American Topical Association exhibition, which will enable collectors who have Scandinavian thematic exhibits to participate.

A slide program based on slides prepared by the late Bob Lipscomb of Chapter 13 was then shown. Some of the material seen included Scandinavian local posts, Winter War covers of Finland, and other miscellaneous items that struck Bob's fancy. The SCC meeting held the following day was run by Chapter 12's president Peter Alten with 15 members and guests attending including Peter Martin, the editor of *Scott's Stamp Monthly*.

Peter Alten presented two slide programs from the SCC Library. The first showed 19th century Norwegian items and was narrated by Bob Frigstad. Some of the items seen included stampless covers, pen cancels, grid cancels, and numeral cancels, many of them on Norway #1. The second program was prepared by Doc Melberg based on his 1996 exhibit of Danish Philatelic Oddities.

Among the unusual items shown were Sunday letters, a cover with stamps cut out from other letters and postal stationery and glued on, miniature stamps sold to children as toys, Tarp Camp labels, World War II covers with many cancels and forwarding marks, a bank savings stamp and also a Christmas seal used in place of postage, a 19th century cover which a poor person was permitted to send without postage, and philatelic lottery tickets from DANIA 68. □



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## NORWAY'S POSTAL SERVICE: A REVIEW

*Alltid underveis: Postverkets historie gjennom 350 år*, Bind 1 1647-1920 by Finn Erhard Johannessen (400 pages), Bind 2 1920-1997 by Lars Thue (432 pages); 9 x 11 inches, hardbound, sewn, in Norwegian, illustrated, published by the Postal Service in cooperation with Elanders Forlag, Oslo 1997, ISBN 82-90545-65-7 for the set of two volumes.

A loosely translated title would be "Always On the Way: Postal Service History Through 350 Years." This magnificently illustrated set of two volumes presents a detailed history of the formation and accomplishments of Norway's postal service for the past three and a half centuries. Nordic country postal service can be traced to the actions of Christian IV in Denmark and Axel Oxenstierna in Sweden in the early part of the 17th century.

In the first volume, author Finn Erhard Johannessen covers the period from the inception of mail service through 1920. At various stages he shows postal routes including by ship. The text is illustrated with many illustrations of such conveyances as the *Prinds Carl*, horsedrawn coaches, and early railway mail cars. Tables of data are also sprinkled throughout with information on number of mail pieces handled in certain cities in a given year, number of pieces to foreign countries in several different years as examples.

Portraits of important officials are found here as well as mail carriers and some old post offices. Mention is made of the local posts. There is discussion of the handling of letters, packages, and money letters. The continuing evolution of postal communications and organization is detailed. The first volume concludes with the effect of World War I on the postal service and its recovery.

In the second volume, author Lars Thue continues the saga of the postal service into modern times. He narrates the continuing changes in the postal service brought on by political events, introduction of the airplane, adoption of new services and forms, and the gradual implementation of automation. Again there are many beautiful illustrations that give us behind-the-scenes glimpses of postal workers and their dauntless mission to deliver the mails.

This book is not so much about "postal history" as we collectors define the term, but rather about the history of Norway's postal service, which gives us much insight as to how the postal regulations and services developed over the years. Although there are some illustrations of stamps and information about rates here and there, the real value of the books lies in the backdrop that completes for the reader the picture of how the handling of the mails evolved.

Both volumes end with source references for each chapter, a bibliography, and an index. The technical aspects of printing and production of the set are exemplary. I do not know the price of the set as it was presented to the Scandinavian Collectors Club and now resides in the SCC library. However, collectors of Norway should obtain the books. Although in Norwegian, the illustrations are worthwhile, and for those who value the craft of book publishing and binding this beautiful set is a lovely addition to one's library.

- Alan Warren



## NORGESKATALOGEN: A REVIEW

*Norgeskatalogen 1998*, 50th edition, perfect bound, soft covers, 6 x 8½ inches, illustrated, 400 pages, in Norwegian and English, Oslo, 1997, ISBN 82-7319-137-7, 240 Nkr plus postage from Oslo Filatelistklubb, Box 298 Sentrum, 0103 Oslo, Norway.

The gold covers of this 50th anniversary edition of the well known catalog of the stamps of Norway tells you it is something special. In fact this stellar reference is more than a catalog of the country's stamps—it contains much of interest for postal history collectors as well.

For many years the catalog appeared in Norwegian language only. Today it has both Norwegian and English for most of the text. The introductory section defines the terms and abbreviations used and provides brief discussions on paper, gum, color, printing, perforations, cancellations and forgeries. A 2-page vocabulary presents major terms in Norwegian, English, and German. A selected bibliography concludes the introduction.

The stamp listings include major varieties and plate flaws, many of which are illustrated in color, as are the stamps themselves. Values are shown for mint, used, and on cover examples. The value on cover is based primarily on single franking for the rate intended when the stamp was issued, and during the period of normal usage (validity). From 1906 on, the listings include the value for first day covers as well.

Following the stamp listings the catalog goes into booklets, vending machine stamps, franking labels, officials, postage due, returned letter stamps (used briefly during the 1870s), year sets, presentation packs, and officially issued exhibition cards and maxicards. One section of the *Norgeskatalogen* is devoted to listing and illustrating the many types and varieties of the posthorn issues to help the newcomer to wade through the intricacies of this field.

Postal history collectors of Norway material will benefit from the detailed table of rates, both domestic and foreign, which are tabulated from 1877 to the present. New to this year's catalog are airmail rates which were actually a supplement to the basic surface rate for many years. This section is followed by a table with values for stamped covers of the 19th century by class (letters, post cards, printed matter, registered, locals, etc). Some of these covers are so scarce that they are simply listed as rare or to be found only in the postal museum.

A tradition of the publisher of *Norgeskatalogen* is to include in each edition a couple of articles on specific subjects. This is a clever marketing ploy, for one is forced to buy the catalog each year to be sure of obtaining all this information. This 50th edition is no exception. One special article, written by Norway's most prolific stamp designer Knut Løkke-Sørensen, looks back on the stamps designed by one of his predecessors, Harald Damsleth, who designed many of the country's stamps in the 1940s.



The other special article in this edition, written by Oddbjørn Sollit, describes and illustrates handstamp and manuscript markings which resulted from postal conventions between Norway and some foreign countries in the 19th century. One final listing in this generous catalog provides the names and addresses of over 100 local and regional stamp clubs that make up the Norwegian Philatelic Federation. As you might have gathered, this reference is a must for the Norway collector. – **Alan Warren** □

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## NORWAY'S DOMESTIC RATES: A REVIEW

*Norske Innenrikske Portotakster & Gebyrer 1877-1995* by Erling Johan Aune and Kristian Aune, 342 pages, 7 by 9½ inches, in Norwegian, illustrated (many in color), Norsk Filatelistforbund, Oslo 1997. ISBN 82-90272-65-0 (softbound), \$87.50 and ISBN 82-90272-64-2 (hardbound), \$105 from Jay Smith & Associates, Box 650, Snow Camp NC 27349.

This book describes in depth the internal rates and fees for various classes of mail and the associated service fees in Norway. Each class of mail is discussed in a separate chapter and tables show the rates over the years by weight steps. The first chapter covers letters and postcards including paid reply cards. The chapter concludes with express mail rates.

The next chapter delves into wrappers, printed matter, and matter for the blind. Bulk mailings and volume sendings are also tabulated by number of pieces and weight, and discounts where appropriate are indicated such as for sorting. Newspapers and insured and registered mail have sections of their own.

Local post and rural mail have their own chapter which again covers letters, cards and paid reply cards, printed matter and registered local mail. Another chapter provides detailed rate tables for parcel mail and the various classes of parcel service. Money orders, COD, and the postal forms used for bankgiro payments are illustrated and described.

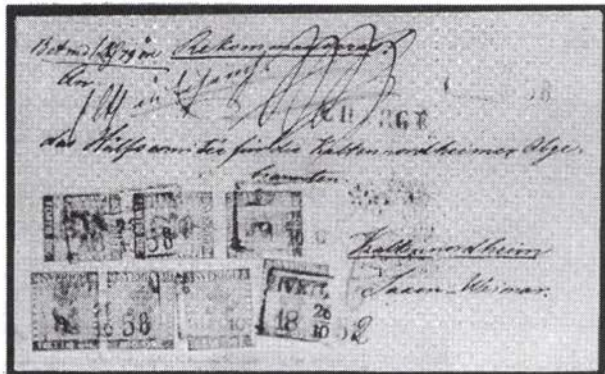
Airmail rates have their own chapter as well, for letters and parcels. The parcel rate tables indicate that the supplement for airmail changed frequently and was based on distance. Unpaid and insufficiently paid mail is covered in some depth and the concluding chapters address fees for a variety of special services.

The text is easy to read and the printing is first rate. Many of the covers are illustrated in color. The tables of data are nicely laid out. Although acknowledgments are given in the Foreword there are no references to sources of the information or other studies that might be of interest to the reader. The book also lacks an index although this is not a real handicap since the table of contents is quite thorough.

The book provides a wealth of information about Norway's domestic rates. Postal historians would love to see a similar treatment of foreign rates.

– **Alan Warren** □

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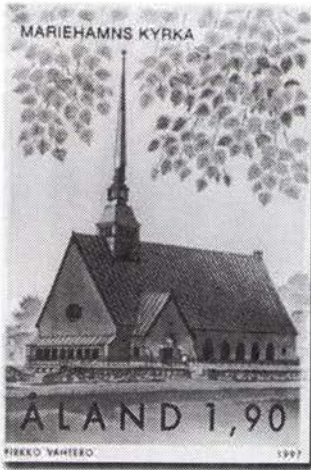
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Nov 1, 1997

The 1997 self-adhesive Christmas seals show a decorated Christmas tree. The sheet, designed by Anni Wikberg, holds twenty seals of different designs. One sheet of Christmas seals costs FIM 15, and all proceeds go to charity. □

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## MINNESOTA STAMP EXPO '97 PALMARES

SCC members made a fine showing at the Minnesota Stamp Expo of 1997. Following is a recap of member awards.

### OPEN EXHIBITION

Ross V. Olson, "The Definitive Postage Stamps of Sweden, 1911-1936," received a Gold.

David A. Anderson, "Swedish Military Covers — The First Eleven Issues," received a Vermeil, as did Alan Warren for "The 3 Cent Byrd on First Day Covers."

Robert E. Paulson, "Study of Sweden's Numeral Type Stamps of 1872-1892," received a Silver.

### SINGLE FRAME EXHIBITS

David A. Anderson, for "The Sweden 2 Öre Stamp of 1851"

### SOCIETY AWARDS

David A. Anderson, "Swedish Military Covers — The First Eleven Issues," garnered the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Award of Honor.

Alan Warren, "The 3 Cent Byrd on First Day Covers," received the American First Day Cover Society Honorable Mention.

### SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Robert E. Paulson, for "Scandinavia First Norden Issue — Five Swans," and "Development of the Scandinavian Flags."

**-Bob Paulson**



### **BOB PAULSON RECEIVES CHAPTER HONOR**

At their spring meeting, members of SCC Chapter 23, Florida West Coast, voted to rename their chapter in honor of long-standing member Bob Paulson. Charlie Seaman made the motion to change the name as a tribute to Bob for forming the chapter, and contributing many dedicated hours for making the chapter a success.



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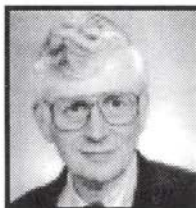
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## President's Letter

**Roger P. Quinby**

As we have mentioned in this letter on several occasions, Bob Lang has asked for someone to volunteer to take over the duties of Executive Secretary. Bob has kept the SCC on an even track for the past seven years, answering correspondence, attracting new members, arranging the annual meeting and otherwise handling countless administrative tasks necessary to keep our international organization functioning smoothly.

Today I am pleased to announce that Donald B. Brent of La Mesa, California will become our new Executive Secretary. Inasmuch as there are quite a few of time consuming tasks remaining to effect this transfer, Bob and Don will share the responsibilities of the office for the next period of time. Continue to correspond with Bob until we provide you with the change of address and other information which will appear in the February issue of *The Posthorn*. We salute Bob for his years of outstanding service and we welcome Don in his new post.

Paul Nelson, President of Nordia 2001, has been meeting with ARIPEX and APS officials to finalize agreements for this important philatelic event. I have asked Paul to provide us with Nordia 2001 updates beginning with the February, 1998 *Posthorn*. Paul is now assembling the show committee team. He is looking for volunteers and contributions. Nordia 2001, Inc. has been granted tax exempt status as a IRS 501(c)(3) corporation. Your gift is tax deductible. Howard Schloss is the Nordia 2001 treasurer.

Just the other day I received a call from Pat Paulson that Bob had passed away on October 3rd following a long illness. Bob has served the SCC with tireless devotion and distinction as a member of the Board of Directors, Chapter Vice-President, and Exhibits Chairperson. He has also written a number of articles for *Linn's* on Swedish stamps and postal history. He was an enthusiastic collector and exhibitor of the Tre Kronor issues. Bob was a treasure to philately; he will be missed.

As I am writing this message well before the annual meeting at VAPEX, I will report on the Directors and Membership meetings in the February issue of *The Posthorn*. Best wishes for a joyous holiday season. □

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## News From the Home Office

**Bob Lang**

This will be a short one, as the Third Quarter is historically our slowest time of year for membership activity. I am busy, however, as you have seen by the Dues Renewal Mailing that went out last month to those who need to pay dues for 1998. Members who are paid up in advance or who are receiving *The Posthorn* free will not be contacted this year. So if you got a letter from me, its because you owe dues for 1998! Your prompt reply will be most appreciated.

We do want to welcome nine new members and one reinstatement to our rolls. It is always a pleasure to see avid collectors of Scandinavia joining our ranks. We hope they will be with us for a long time. Our commitment to you is SERVICE; your commitment to SCC is PARTICIPATION. Please take part in your Society. We are saddened by the loss of five of our stalwart members. It will be difficult to fill their shoes, but we are blessed by the legacy that they leave behind.

Now for some late breaking news! A volunteer has come forward who meets and/or exceeds all the qualifications to become your next Executive Secretary. His name is Don Brent and he hails from La Mesa, California. Don has been named Assistant Executive Secretary by President Roger Quinby so that he can begin to assume some of the duties of this office. I plan to work with Don over the next year such that at our Annual Meeting in Chicago next November, Don can be officially named to the post.

My thanks and best wishes go out to the several other members who also volunteered. It is my hope that they will continue their interest in our organization and find other places to help out the Society. Lord knows we need all the help we can get! Every position in SCC will become vacant in the next few years, so there will be lots of opportunity for each of you to make a contribution to SCC.

If there is something you would like to do, or be considered for at a later date, please let your President or Executive Secretary know. We need a cadre of willing workers. The more the easier it will be for all of us.

Thanks too, to the many friends I've made while serving in this post. THEY ARE THE most rewarding thing about this job! But I'll be around for awhile yet. My Best Wishes and CHEERS go out to all of you. I hope you and yours have a HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!! BOB LANG





## Scandinavian Literature Notes

Alan Warren

In the June issue of *Postal History* from Great Britain, Harry Snarvold writes about Norwegian maritime mail, especially services to Hamburg. He explains various rates including the partial prepayment to the Danish border. Max Meedom discusses the special conditions surrounding the dispatch of mail in Denmark to rural areas and provincial towns during the period 1851-1876 in the June issue of *Posthistorisk Tidsskrift*. In the same issue Flemming Hansen tabulates some of Denmark's printed postal forms (Postanvisning).

Claus Rafner examines the subject of tax stamps used in Denmark on phonograph records in the May issue of *Skilling*. Collectors of Danish locals will be interested in the article on Randers Bypost 1885-1890 by K. Lyngby in the May issue of *Dansk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift*. In the June issue of the Dutch journal *Het Noorderlicht*, J. M. Vroom presents the first part of a series on Finland's Saarinen issues of 1917-1929.

Much of the June-July issue of Sweden's *filatelisten* is devoted to reports from Carlfilex 97 held in Karlstad in April. In the August issue of Denmark's *Skilling*, A. Quist Christensen describes plate flaws of the 25 øre Frederik IX issue, and Jørgen Sømød writes about encased postage stamps of Norway.

In the September issue of *The Airpost Journal*, published by the American Air Mail Society, Paul Davenport describes a new Lindbergh cover apparently not previously recorded, that was sent from Angmagssalik, Greenland to Germany during his survey flight of 1933. The author reviews the flight and the mail associated with it, pointing out that this new item brings to 56 the number of pieces of mail known to have been flown by Lindbergh from Greenland to Reykjavik on August 15, 1933.

### Follo Postal History

In issue 2-97 of the Norwegian journal *Frimerke Forum*, Birger Løvland writes about the postal history of the Follo community, beginning in the 1800s. He describes many of the town cancels including the 4-ring numeral postmarks. Editor Sven Bølum presents a brief overview of DWI postal history.

In the June issue of *Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift* published by KPK, authors Peer Lorentzen and Kurt Hansen take a look at some 19th century covers from Denmark to Stettin. In the same issue Harry Larsen lists the naval vessels stationed in DWI from 1840 to 1885 along with arrival and departure dates and the names of the captains.

In the June issue of *Scandinavian Contact* from Britain, Brian Flack presents the first in a series of three items covering postal rates of Iceland from 1870 up to December 31, 1939. In the same issue authors Les Freestone and Eric Keefe offer



the seventh part of their series on Finnish Fieldpost during the World War II period. Lars Jørgensen gives a nice overview of Denmark's "Sunday Letters".

This popular subject is also retold by authors Detlef Fürth and Rolf Dörnbach in the May issue of the German publication of the FG Nordische Staaten, *Philatelistische Nachrichten*. Author Dörnbach continues his series in the same journal on the mails of the islands associated with Iceland— this time the island of Vigur. Also in this issue is an installment by the Åland study group of the cataloging of the "Automat" stamps of that country.

### Saarinen Issue of Finland

In the September issue of the Dutch journal *Het Noorderlicht*, J. M. Vroom continues his discussion of the interesting Saarinen stamps of Finland during 1917-1929. In the September issue of *Skilling* from Denmark, co-authors Bo Barsøe-Andersson and Ernst Schilling describe the use of handstamped and manuscript markings FRA KOLBERG on covers cancelled at Rønne, and bearing German stamps, in the 1929-1934 period.

K. Lyngby continues his series of articles on the Randers Bypost or locals of 1885-1890 in the September issue of *Dansk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift*. Åke Torkelstam delves into the many precursors and varieties of the Swedish newspaper postmarks used during the first half of the 19th century in an article in the September issue of SFF's *filatelisten*. In the same issue the Iceland Collectors Society of Sweden writes about that country's silhouette issues of 1911-1912. □

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## Library News

**Dr. W.E. Melberg, SCC Librarian**

It sure is great to get *The Posthorn* on a regular schedule. The SCC Library always suffers when this journal is not delivered on time. Many members rely on the Library News column & Alan Warren's comments on new publications & articles to order items.

We were saddened by the loss of Wally Gaarsoe in July. He was a stalwart member and a great contributor to the Library of both books and financial donations. Six of his viking publications were contributed just before his death (see the below listing). His family has notified me that several boxes of his books are destined for our shelves. He will be greatly missed for his expertise, friendship and humor.

Our old computer hit the dust. We purchased one with Windows 95 etc, large capacity so we will be able to get on the Internet and keep up with the exciting new world of philately.

When I met Erik Paaskesen in Milwaukee at STAMPSHOW in August he presented many of his publications to the Library.

### **Library Donations - July 1, 1997 to September 30, 1997**

#### **Publications:**

##### **Russell Anderson**

*"The Bridge"* Several issues.

*"Viewpoint Sweden"*. Several issues.

*SCANDINAVIAN REVIEW*. Spring/Summer 1994.

##### **Atlas Haftes AB**

*ATLAS HANDBOK ÖVER SVENSKA MASKINTILLVERKADE POSTHÄFTEN*. (*Handbook of Swedish Machine-Made Counter Booklets*). R. Åhman. 1997. Supplements. A philatelic encyclopedia containing in depth coverage of this popular collecting area of Sweden.

##### **Leroy Ferber**

*FACIT SPECIAL 1993*

##### **Wally Gaarsoe**

*NJAL'S SAGA*. M. Magnusson & H. Pálsson. 1960. 376pp.

##### **Icelandic sagas.**

*KING HARALD'S SAGA*. Snorri Sturluson. 1966. 181pp. Translated by M. Magnusson & H. Pálsson.

*THE VINLAND SAGAS - THE NORSE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA.* M. Magnusson. & H. Pálsson. 1965. 123pp.

*WESTVIKING - THE ANCIENT NORSE IN GREENLAND AND NORTH AMERICA.* F. Mowat. 1965. 494pp.

*WESTWARD TO VINLAND.* H. Ingstad. 1969. 249pp.

*THE VIKING DIG - THE EXCAVATIONS AT YORK.* R. Hall. 1984. 158pp.

### **Alfred Gruber**

"*Rescue of the Airship Italia Survivors.*" Alfred Gruber. *THE AIRPOST JOURNAL.* 2/97. 4pp.

### **Robert Lipscomb Estate**

*HANDBOG OVER DANSKE FIRMAPERFORERINGER.* Perfinisten. 1983. 150pp. Illustration of each perfin. Gives rarity value.

*KATALOG OVER DANSK BYPOST.* P.C. Sørensen. 120pp. The ultimate book about Danish locals lists and prices all issues. Includes all known varieties. Illus.

*BILLIG'S SPECIALIZED CATALOGUES. VOL. #6. - HANDBOOK OF THE PRIVATE LOCAL POSTS.* E. Hurt and L.N. & M. Williams. 1950. 168pp. Covers Denmark, Finland, Norway & Sweden.

*THIS IS PHILATELY.* Ken Wood. Photocopies of many of these articles that appeared in *STAMP COLLECTOR.*

*SCANDINAVIAN CHECK LIST.* 1948 Edition No. 9. C. Pelander. 58pp.

*SWEDEN POST OFFICES. 1636 to 1910.* F. Billig. 1948. 40pp.

"*Last Weeks of the Postmarks From the 52 Post Offices of East Karelia (1944).*" copy of exhibit by LeRoy W. Ferber.

### **Arvid Løhre**

*ROMERIKS - FILATELISTEN.* Fourteen issues (a complete collection) of a small membership magazine published by five stamp clubs situated in the Romerike area, NE of Oslo.

### **Paul Nelson/Toke Nørby**

*THE SHIPMAIL ROUTES. AARHUS-COPENHAGEN. 1750-1968.* Toke Nørby. Photocopies of an outstanding exhibit that was presented at NORWEX 97.

### **The Norwegian Philatelic Federation.**

*ALLTID UNDERVEIS - POSTVERKETS HISTORIE GJENNOM 350 ÅR - BIND 1: 1647-1920.* Finn Erhard Johannessen. 1996. 399pp. History of the Norwegian Post Office from 1647 to 1920.

*ALLTID UNDERVEIS - POSTVERKETS HISTORIE GJENNOM 350 ÅR - BIND 2: 1920 - 1997.* Lars Tuer. 1996. 431pp. History of the Norwegian Post Office from 1920 to 1997.



**Erik Paaskesen**

*DAKA BYPOST 1996*. Erik Paaskesen. 1996. 144pp. A new catalog on Danish Locals.

*GRØNLAND 1996-97 - DAKA GF 5*. E. Paaskesen & E. v. Wowern. 192pp. Detailed Handbook (Catalog) of Greenland postal stamps.

*FØROYAR 1995-96 - DAKA GF-10*. E. Paaskesen & E. Wowern. 176pp. prices all stamps, cancellations and markings.

*DAKA HÅNDBOG 1996 - KLASSICK - ISLAND - GRØNLAND - FÆRØERNE*. E. Paaskesen. 1995. 184pp. This book brings together the popular collecting areas of the North Atlantic countries for the first time. Pocket-sized edition.

*DAKA HÅNDBOG 1997 - KLASSISK DANMARK*. E. Paaskesen. 1996. 192pp. Pocket sized pricing catalog of the classic stamps and cancels of Denmark.

*DAKA HÅNDBOG 1997 - DANSK VESTINDIEN*. E. Paaskesen. 1996. 84pp. Pocket sized pricing catalog of the classic stamps and cancels of Danish West Indies.

*GRØNLAND 1997 - POSTSTEMPLER EFTER 1938. GF 6* 16th edition. E. Paaskesen & E. v. Wowern. 1997. 128pp. Catalogs cancels after 1938.

**Postiljonen AB**

*HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE NYMAN LARGE GOLD COLLECTION. (NORWAY)*. 48pp. Postiljonen AB auction. 27 September, 1997.

**Scandinavian Philatelic Foundation**

*ICELAND SPECIALIZED CATALOG 1997*. English translation of the Iceland section of *AFA SCANDINAVIAN SPECIALKATALOG 1995*. 100pp. Translated, revised, and updated with permission of Lars Boes by Boes, Jay Smith & Alan Warren. Demand-publishing by Press for Philately and purchasable through the Scandinavian Philatelic Foundation.

**Ivar Sundsbø**

*NORSKE BREV FØR 1855*. I. Sundsbø. 1989. 142pp. Postal history of Norwegian letters before 1855.

**Siggy Þorsteinsson.**

*1995 - ÁRSSKYRSLA*. 24pp. Postal Yearbook of Iceland.

*ÁRSSKYRSLA*. Postal Yearbooks of Iceland. Set of 24 bound volumes. 1932 through 1986.

**Alan Warren**

*ROYAL DENMARK - CULTURE & NATURE*. Jarl Boye-Møller. 1995. 36pp. Danish Tourist Board publication.

*PACIFIC 97 - BULLETIN 1*

*NORDIA 96 - BULLETIN 1*



## Chapter News

### Colorado Chapter 27

The two-hour long Oct. 4th meeting introduced a new member, Frank Kirchman of Denver. He collects all of Scandinavia, with special interest in Denmark and Norway. Members in attendance included B. Anderson, P. Bergh, F. Campbell, J. Eggleston, G. Franz, B. Gunderson, F. Kirchman, S. Kvamme, J. Modesitt, S. Nadler, and S. Silverberg.

Show and tell started the program, with several interesting items. Members were reminded that our second annual auction will be held Saturday Dec. 6 at our meeting. 10% of the hammer price goes to the club treasury, and 5% or more to the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library. The meeting concluded with an SCC slide show, "Philatelic Oddities of Denmark." - Stuart O. Silverberg

### Delaware Chapter 13

Chapter 13 is well into our 1997-8 season. Our Sep. meeting consisted of individual reports on "Projects in Process", which varied from specialized Scandinavian stamp interests to estate planning. Our Oct. meeting was a talk by Keith Marsh who conducts Dutch County Stamp Auctions, by far the most vibrant philatelic outlet in our area. In Nov. we will start work on our annual auction, and on Jan. 3, we will have our annual dinner party. We are also into a series (irregularly scheduled) where each member reports in some Scandinavian project connected to "The Letter A, B, C, etc." (letter different for each meeting). For the most part the presentations have been quite creative and not pornographic or otherwise irrelevant to stamp collecting.

Our chapter roster lists 18 SCC members from Delaware, southeast Pennsylvania and one fine gentleman from New Jersey. We usually meet in members homes and welcome guests. If you are in our area on the last Tuesday of any month contact Al Gruber, Bob Lang or me for time and location.

Our annual auction is scheduled for Jun. 30, 1998, and we will be happy to list materials received by Jan. and/or supply a catalogue when finalized to those interested. Contact either:

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We wish you all the best of Scandinavian stamp collecting.  
- George Colvard

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## SCC CHAPTER MEETINGS AND CONTACTS

- 4. CHICAGO:** 4th Thursday (except July and August) at Golden Flame, 6417 W Higgins. CONTACT: Ron Collin, PO Box 63, River Grove IL 60171-0063
- 5. NEW ENGLAND:** First Wednesday at The Swedish Home, 206 Waltham St, W Newton, MA at 7:30 in the Board Room. CONTACT: John L. DuBois, 873 Hill Rd., Boxborough, MA 01719
- 7. NEW YORK:** 2nd Wednesday (except July and August) at The Collectors Club, 26 E 35th St. CONTACT: Carl Probst, PO Box 8056, Hicksville, NY 11802
- 9. N. NEW JERSEY:** 3rd Wednesday at members' homes. CONTACT: Warren J. Grosjean, 32 Juniper Rd, Wayne, NJ 07470
- 12. WASHINGTON, DC:** Third Thurs (at the McLean Community Center, 7:30) unless there is a major show or it is summer. CONTACT: Peter Alten, 9300 Main St., Manassas, VA 22110
- 13. DELAWARE:** Last Tuesday at members' homes. CONTACT: George Colvard, 311 Plymouth Rd, Wilmington DE 19803
- 14. TWIN CITIES:** 2nd Thursday (except July and August) at Lynnhurst Community Center, 50th St. and West Minnehaha Parkway, Minneapolis MN. CONTACT: Ross Olson, PO Box 23377, Richfield, MN 55423
- 15. ROCHESTER:** 1st Monday at Robert Gustafson's home. CONTACT: Robert Gustafson, 877 Helendale Rd, Rochester, NY 14609
- 17. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:** 1st Wednesday at Glendale Federal Bldg, 13300 Ventura Blvd, Sherman Oaks. CONTACT: Paul Nelson, PO Box 310, Claremont, CA 91711
- 21. GOLDEN GATE:** Meets at major stamp shows throughout year. CONTACT: Thomas Olson, 4 Woodmont Court, Berkeley, CA 94708
- 22. HOUSTON:** Periodically at stamp shop of Mary Jane Menzel, 2015 W. 34th Street, Houston, TX (selected Sunday afternoons). CONTACT: Eric Roberts, PO Box 460201, Houston, TX 77056
- 23. BOB PAULSON:** 3rd Monday, 6:00 PM at "Kissin Cuzzins" restaurant, on US 19 North and Curlew, Clearwater. CONTACT: Doris Wendling, 4673 Devonshire Blvd, Palm Harbor FL 34685
- 24. MANITOBA:** 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at Scandinavian Cultural Centre, 764 Erin Street. CONTACT: Glenn Hansen, 113-211 Watson St., Winnipeg, MB R2P 2E1
- 25. TUCSON:** 4th Tuesday (except July and August) at members' homes. CONTACT: Jack F. Schmidt, 805 W. Hermosa Pl, Green Valley, AZ 85614
- 26. TIDEWATER:** Meets at shows and members' homes throughout the year. CONTACT: Michael Falls, 575 Virginian Drive, Norfolk VA 23505-4242
- 27. COLORADO:** First Saturday from September through June, 10 AM at the Rocky Mt. Philatelic Library, 2038 S. Pontiac Way, Denver. CONTACT: Stuart Silverberg, 23509 Shingle Creek Rd, Golden, CO 80401 □



## Editor's Notes

Sandra Downs

Life is a precious thing.

I've grown more aware of the fragility of my friends, family, and colleagues this year, as more of them struggle with health problems.

I first heard about Bob Paulson's difficulties this spring, but his cheery notes belied his poor health. His articles in *Linn's* this summer were a sheer joy. I especially appreciated the piece on Icelandic geology on stamps, as geology is another of my near and dear interests. Although I never knew Bob except through his writing, I looked forward to his articles – and I apologize for accidentally crediting Bob Lang with Bob Paulson's Tre Kroner article on the table of contents in August. The last piece I received from him was the Minnesota Expo Palmares in this issue, and with it a short note: "Sorry not to be in touch, but have been laid up with a bad fall." A few weeks later, I received word that he'd passed away.

Another unexpected blow came when I learned Joe Frye had been hospitalized for problems with diabetes. I worked closely with Joe on the August issue, and didn't expect to find myself plodding through the layouts alone. Joe now requires personal care, and it's questionable he will return as editor. With a nod from Roger Quinby, I'm putting out a call for volunteers: please see the job descriptions at the end of this article. Alan Warren and Roger are assisting in the interim.

Striking closest to home, I've spent the last two months housing and assisting my younger sister, who fell victim to an insidious form of inoperable brain tumor. She's lived in Europe for the past three years, and her diagnosis in England was grim. Fortunately the doctors here in Pittsburgh have access to unusual radiation techniques that seem to be working. I've learned more about cancer in the past few months than I'd ever wanted to know. It's shocking what a difference in medical care there is between the top European hospitals and the top U.S. ones, and I feel sorry for our friends overseas who don't have easy access to these life-saving techniques. But I digress.

The fact is, we're all getting older, and we never know when illness or incapacitation will strike. Look around the next stamp show you attend, and see how many young collectors are exhibiting. You can probably count the number on one hand, and it's a shame. As with many other collectible hobbies – I find this true with the rock and mineral clubs I attend – there are few opportunities for the younger folks to get involved. I know my reluctance to exhibit has been twofold: the time involved in doing detailed research on a subject, and the cost involved in pulling together the philatelic materials necessary.

The American Philatelic Society boasts record memberships, yet specialty clubs such as ours are struggling to maintain members. I've yet to hear anyone

give a good reason why. Certainly there are still a lot of specialty collectors out there -- I know I've bumped into a good number of Finland collectors at shows. My personal involvement in the club, despite my age and lack of exhibition material, grew from an interest in seeing what I perceived as an "older" group have promotional materials on the Internet. A lot of older philatelists see e-mail as counter to mail with stamps. Given the rapidity with which messages fly -- and most of mine are short requests -- I see e-mail as more of a replacement for short phone calls. For instance, e-mail makes it possible for Roger, Bob Lang, Alan, and I to have multi-way conversations to quickly resolve a club issue.

Little did I suspect my inclination to volunteerism, through the website, would lead to the responsibilities I now hold within our club. I'd like to encourage other younger members to help take up the flag from our older generation of leaders and run with it. We can use volunteers of all stripes: researchers submitting articles, leaders organizing exhibits, committee members, and the like. It helps us all when the work is spread around! □

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*The Posthorn* needs you! Please submit your research articles (bibliographies are appreciated by our readers) and your musings on Scandinavian philately to Sandra Downs, 120 Old Gate Rd, Level Green PA 15085. I regret to inform our readers that Joe Frye's e-mail address is no longer active; you can submit your materials to me at <downs@nb.net>.

## Transfers & Re-entries

By Alan Warren

One of the four 1997 signatories to the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists is Juhani Olamo of Finland. He is a member of the FIP Commission for Literature and is an international judge. Olamo owns an extensive philatelic library and is the author of a number of works including the *Bibliography of Finnish Philatelic Literature*. He received a gold at SOFIA 89 for his collection of the 1875 issue of Finland.

Olamo is also a revenue collector and is the president of the new FIP Commission for Revenues. He is president of the Finnish Federation's Expert Committee and is a member of the FIP Commission for the Prevention of Forgeries. He is also a board member of the Federation. Since establishment of the RDP in 1921, over 300 distinguished philatelists from 37 different countries have signed the roll.

### Iceland P&T Annuals

Through the kind generosity of Sigurur H. Þorsteinsson of Iceland, the SCC Library now has a complete run of the *Póstur og Sími Ársskýrsla*, Póst og Símamálastofnunin of Reykjavík, from 1932 to 1986. The first three volumes cover the years 1932 to 1966 with several years in each book. The remaining volumes are for individual years.

The volumes contain tables and charts of statistics on postal, telephone, telegraph, and radio communications and often include outline maps of the country showing the service connections. There are also occasional photos of new postal facilities and major stamp shows. There are color illustrations of the new stamps which issued during the year and depictions of special cancels used. The text is in Icelandic.

Sig is an Honorary Life Member of SCC and was recently elected to the American Philatelic Society Writers Hall of Fame. He has received many honors nationally and internationally for his promotion of Iceland as well as world philately. His latest collecting interest is the rate change or "letter" stamps of the U.S.

Sig and his wife Torfhildur were in the U.S. in June, attending the annual meeting of the International Association of Lions Clubs. Although he says he has retired from his former occupation of teacher and school principal, he is as busy as ever with the Lions organization, just having been elected to serve as District Governor for 1997-1998. During the coming year he will be traveling around to the 100 Lions Club units in his home country.

The Danish auction firm of Thomas Høiland has moved effective August 1997. Their new quarters are located at Frydendalsvej 27, 1809 Frederiksberg C, Denmark. Write to them for a copy of their next auction catalog.



### Engstrom Honored

Victor E. Engstrom was honored once again, this time by the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society, during their meeting at PACIFIC 97. Vic received the society's Distinguished Philatelist Award. He edited and wrote parts of the DWI classic multivolume work, *Danish West Indies Mails*. He is a past president of SCC and an Honorary member, and has previously won the Pelander award, the Jacobsen award, and the APS Luff award.

Many issues of the monthly periodical, *The Stamp Wholesaler*, feature a dealer in the stamp business. The August 1997 issue presented a profile of veteran Scandinavian dealer and faithful *Posthorn* advertiser Jay Smith & Associates written by M. Lynn Burnette. One of the things that attracted Jay to Scandinavian philately was the first time he looked at an engraved stamp executed by Czeslaw Slania.

Since he started in the Scandinavian arena in 1973, Jay has built his business, first in Madison WI and now in Snow Camp NC, to four full time and two part time employees. Despite his participation in several stamp show bourses each year, 99% of his business is conducted via mail order.

Jay advises that one key to success is studying the material in great depth. He has built one of the most formidable Scandinavian area libraries outside the nordic countries. He also feels that knowledgeable collectors will buy more and better materials and so he has an extensive list of in-print as well as out-of-print Scandinavian philatelic literature.

Danmarks Filatelist Forbund president Hans Jørgen Høy suddenly stepped down due to personal and business reasons. Vice president Flemming Skov Jensen took over the federation until the next regular elections are held in October 1998.

Congratulations to the former SCC Mart Manager Wade H. Beery of Florida who became a 50-year member of the American Philatelic Society this year.

### Norwegian Yearbook

Each year a number of important articles which have appeared on Norwegian philately are collected into an annual known as the *Filatelistisk Årbok* of the Norwegian Philatelic Federation. The 1996 book carries nearly three dozen articles including illustrations of the commemorative cancellations used throughout the year. Sources for the articles are the major philatelic journals of Norway as well as exhibition catalogs. Copies of the 1996 annual as well as those of previous years are available from *Posthorn* advertiser Jay Smith.

The noted Danish philatelist Tage Buntzen died earlier this year at the age of 98. He was active in the Slagelse Stamp Club, the Copenhagen Philatelist Club (KPK), and the Danish federation. He received the Strandell medal and at HAFNIA 94 was presented with the F.I.P. Award of Appreciation. Buntzen was president of HAFNIA 76. And speaking of KPK, Poul Olsen takes over duties as club librarian from Pierre Terrisse.

The June issue of *Scandinavian Contact*, published by the Scandinavian Philatelic Society of Great Britain, begins a new volume. Editor Alan Totten has taken the opportunity to introduce some formatting changes, especially a larger type-

face which makes the journal easier to read. Other changes at SPS itself include a new president Andrew Riddell, who takes over from Susan Oliver, and new treasurer Mike Edwards, who replaces Peter Sondhelm.

*Greenland Collector* is the title of the journal sent to those who subscribe to the Greenland post office new stamp issues. The July issue carries a short profile of the artist Aage Gitz-Johansen (1897-1977) who lived in Greenland for a number of years. The Greenland Inuit influenced his artistic work. The same issue also has an article about Greenland's northernmost post office, 3971 Qaanaaq (Thule). For information on the bulletin and the country's new issues, write to Greenland Postal Service, Box 115, 3951 Qasigianguit, Greenland.

### NORDIA 98

Next year's NORDIA exhibition with 1,000 frames of material will be held in the Congress Center of Odense, Denmark. One of the sponsoring organizations is the Odense Frimærke Klub. SCC members are eligible to exhibit at the show which will have major categories such as traditional, postal history and postal markings, stationery, airmail, thematic, literature, youth, and an open class. A copy of the first bulletin on NORDIA 98 and an application can be obtained from the USA Commissioner Paul Nelson, Box 310, Claremont CA 91711. Deadline for applications is December 31, 1997.

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New Members.....	+9
Reinstated.....	+1
Deceased.....	-5
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SCC Staff & Library.....	74
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## **ALBUM CLOSED: WHITEY JOHNSON**

By Robert Frigstad

Willard S. "Whitey" Johnson  
Born St. Paul, MN 3 December 1923  
Died Minnetonka, MN 19 October 1997

Whitey was a member of the Scandinavian Collectors Club for many years and a charter member of Minnesota SCC Chapter 14 (member #1). He served as chief ballot counter, along with other Chapter 14 members, for the National SCC elections accompanied by pizza, beer and aquavit.

His main collecting interest was Sweden, followed by Great Britain, Japan and anything else that appealed to him. Whitey was an avid reader of philatelic literature and his wide range of philatelic knowledge was legendary.

Whitey never failed to attend Chicago's COMPEX shows and the associated Chapter 4 gatherings. To meet Whitey was to be his friend and he was blessed with a wonderful memory for names. He will be missed by many in the Chicago area.

As a young man Whitey started work in Racine WI as an iron construction worker on buildings. There was not much work during the winter months in Wisconsin so Whitey moved to Los Angeles, California, where he met and married his wife, Shirley. Whitey and Shirley moved to Minneapolis in 1957, where he became an estimator for interior supplies and materials for new building construction.

Whitey is survived by his wife of 42 years Shirley and two sons, Mark and Joel, and an extended family.

Right now Whitey is probably discussing stamps with new friends and old ones who preceded him, Dr. Earl Jacobsen, Svend Yort, and Einar Lundstrom.



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