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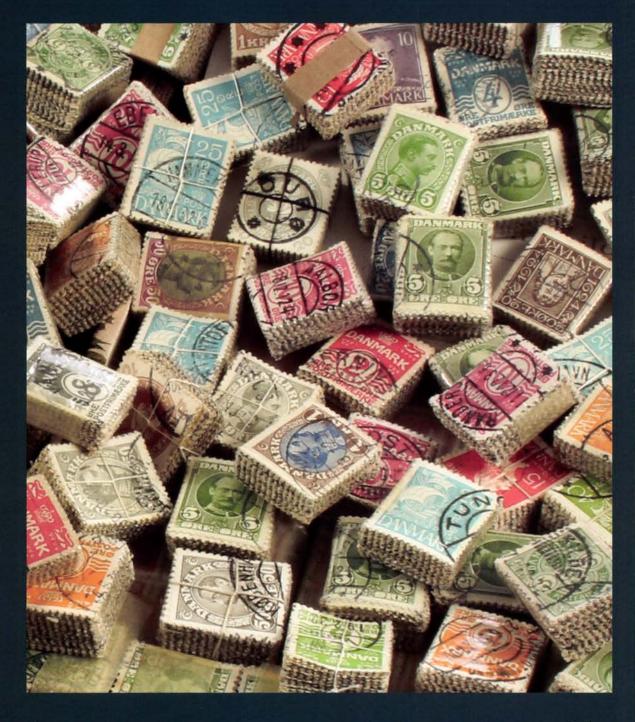
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Editor's Letter

from Scandinavia, kind of...

By Wayne L. Youngblood

Thanks to Everyone!

In my last column, I led off with the following: "Effective Nov. 1, 2016, I will once again dedicate full time to my existing free-lance activities (including *The Posthorn*), adding stamp dealer, private treaty broker and professional appraises to the list of

(including The Posthorn), adding stamp dealer, private treaty broker and professional appraiser to the list of hobby services I already offer (mostly writing and editing)." This is still true, except for The Posthorn part.

I didn't realize at the time that plans were under way to replace me as editor, so this will be my final message in that capacity. Your new editor will be Seija-Riitta Laakso, who may be reached at: <code>seijulaakso@gmail.com</code>. I'm confident Seiju (who you may already know) will do a fine job carrying *The Posthorn* forward.

Although I was not a Scandinavian specialist when I was asked to take over the helm, I rapidly gained an appreciation and fondness for this fascinating area and have thoroughly and completely enjoyed my time as editor. I also have a great deal of admiration for the discipline and care taken by both collectors and exhibitors in preparing their articles for *The Posthorn*. The level of scholarship shown in our journal is one of which to be seriously proud! Much of my editing has been to help authors communicate more clearly and wrestling with creating and maintaining a consistent editorial style throughout. The content has been generated exceedingly well. Although the work and considerable responsibility for producing this multi-gold-medal-winning journal has fallen to me, there is much help that needs to be acknowledged.

In the 30 years that I have been a professional editor of numerous publications, I have never encountered anyone I'd rather have in my corner than Alan Warren. Aside from consistently generating a fair chunk of each issue of this journal (just look for his name in the table of contents and in columns), Alan also has served as a first-rate proofreader, advisor and friend. His presence is also felt considerably in a number of other organizations.

Thanks also go to my wife, Dorothy, a non-collector who patiently reads through the content of each and every issue, finding errors I've either missed or created.

But the thanks don't end there (and I'll likely forget someone). For helping me feel welcomed as a new member and editor then-President Mats Roing and Paul Albright were fantastic, as well as Paul Nelson, Randy Tuuri, Kauko Aro, Jerry Eggleston, Roger Cichorz, Don Brent and many others.

I'll miss editing the magazine tremendously, but look forward to seeing you at a show sometime soon! ■



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President's Letter

By Steve Lund

The Posthorn

Special thanks go to Wayne Youngblood who has served as editor of *The Posthorn* from 2009-2016. His tenure is the second longest continuous editorship in SCC's 81-year history! After his recent return to Wisconsin Wayne will have more time to attend future SCC events. Tack så mycket! Seija-Riitta Laakso has been appointed editor effective Jan. 1, 2017. Her recent books, *Across the Oceans* (2007) and *Collecting & Exhibiting Picture Postcards* (2012) have immediately become significant modern philatelic references. As an exhibitor she has achieved gold at Nordia and London and recently participated in APS Champion of Champions. A career in journalism and multilingualism add to her credentials. SCC welcomes its new editor.

Chicagopex

SCC's annual meeting was held at Chicagopex, Nov. 18-20, 2016. The SCC National Award was presented to Matt Kewriga and new member James Hill was presented the Siverts Award for best one-frame exhibit. Kaj Hellman was honored with a named medal for postal stationery, and Claes Arnrup and Frantz Caspar Moldenhauer II were elected to Honorary Membership. Dana Nielsen, Hugh Galford and Mike Schumacher were elected to the board of directors. Norwegian Hallvard Slettebø was visiting judge and presented *Norway in America – U.S. post office names with Norwegian origin*. Hallvard's and Dag Henriksbø's research offer a fresh view of American postal history seen from the perspective of Norwegian immigration. The Sunday morning frukost was hosted by Chapter 4. Tusen takk!

Westpex

The 2017 annual meeting will be held April 28-30, 2017. Jonas Hällström will serve as visiting judge and will make a presentation about Stockholmia 2019. Information and exhibition applications are available at www.westpex.org.

Finland

Finlandia 2017, a FEPA exhibition, will be held at Tampere, Finland, May 24-28, 2017. The show celebrates 100 years of independence of the Republic of Finland, 1917-2017. On May 23 an SCC Dinner will be hosted by Kauko Aro and Seija-Riitta Laakso. Contact Kauko (*kiaro@roadrunner.com*) to RSVP.

Denmark

Nordia 2017 will be held Oct. 27-29, 2017, in Vejle, Denmark. Preliminary information is available at *nordia2017.dk*, with a June 1, 2017, application deadline. Matt Kewriga will serve as SCC Commissioner. Contact him (*matt@kewriga.com*) for an application. Alan Warren will serve on the jury for the fourth International Polar Philatelic Exhibition held concurrently. Vi ses i Vejle.

Sarasota

The 2018 Annual Meeting has been rescheduled to take place during the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition, Feb. 2-4, 2018. A dress rehearsal will take place Feb. 4, 2017. Mike Schumacher and Ed Fraser will make presentations followed by lunch. Several SCC exhibitors are attending. In 2018 SCC will host a visiting Icelandic judge in preparation for Nordia 2018, May 24-27, 2018, at Reykjavík. ■

Collecting on a Shoestring —

A 1940 Cover from an Icelandic Stamp Exporter

Roger Cichorz

Like the subject of my inaugural feature in the August 2016 issue of *The Posthorn*, I purchased the cover shown nearby (but without contents) from a dealer's net-priced cover box at the 2016 Rocky Mountain Stamp Show. What immediately attracted me to it, besides its modest \$4 price tag, were the reproduction of Iceland's 1934 1kr airmail stamp (albeit in navy blue as contrasted to the dark brown color of the issued stamp) and the fact that the sender, Sig. Helgason, was an Icelandic stamp dealer.

One could argue that because of the sender's stamp-related vocation, this cover is by definition philatelic, but to my way of thinking, it is a nice commercial cover representing a very early single



use of the 1940 comb perf. 14 by 13½ 10a herring definitive (Scott 221b, Facit 245) on a printed matter rate cover to the United States. Its Jan. 29, 1940, "REYKJAVIK" machine cancel ties in nicely with the sender's Reykjavík business address. The 10-aur printed-matter rate indicates this cover was posted via surface mail - not airmail - and most likely contained an invoice or price list rather than an order of stamps.

I was not familiar

with this "Exporter of Icelandic Stamps," so my initial search on the Internet for a stamp dealer named Sig(urður) Helgason began. Sig. Helgason evidently is a relatively common Icelandic name* and many persons, both living and dead, came up among Google's 46,000 entries for "Sigurður Helgason" within quotation marks, and 344 entries for "Sig. Helgason" within quotation marks. Google searches of Sigurður Helgason and Sig. Helgason without quotation marks resulted in 344,000 and 355,000 entries, respectively. However, there were no entries for either of these two names when combined with "stamp dealer" or "stamp exporter" – so my search continued. (*To demonstrate the commonality of this Icelandic name, there are 45 individuals currently posted on Facebook who have the actual name "Sigurður Helgason" or "Sigurður" starting or within a more complex "Helgason" name!)

So, who was Sig. Helgason, "Exporter of Icelandic Stamps"? The Sigurður Helgason who best fit the timeline for this cover was a now-deceased executive of Icelandic Airlines, but I was unsure if these two were one and the same person. So, I contacted two SCC members for help, both of whom are longtime

Iceland stamp collectors, but neither indicated they were familiar with Sig. Helgason. One suggested I send Brian Flack an inquiry along with an illustration of the cover, and Brian kindly posted both in Issue 9 of his *Iceland Philatelic Magazine*. The "answers" were provided by Vilhjálmur Sigurðsson and Magni Magnússon and appeared in Issue 10.

Sigurður Helgason, stamp exporter, is the same Sigurður Helgason who became Director of Loftleiðir, now Icelandair. Wikipedia provides the following details of his life:

"Sigurður Helgason (July 20, 1921 — February 8, 2009) was an innovator in low-cost airlines. He is credited with pioneering Icelandair, the 'hippie airline' that made low-cost air travel to Europe possible for generations of Americans. Born July 20, 1921, in Reykjavík, Sigurður came to the U.S. in his 20s and graduated with a business degree from Columbia University in New York City in 1947. He then returned to Iceland where he managed a cement company.

"In 1953, Sigurður Helgason joined the board of Loftleiðir, a small airline that had been formed by three pilots nine years earlier. Sigurður Helgason managed Icelandair's American operations from 1961 to 1973, at which point he returned to Reykjavík to become CEO of Icelandair. He stepped down as chief executive in 1984, assuming the position of chairman until his retirement in 1991. He then lived in Iceland, Mustique (in the Grenadines), and New York. Sigurður Helgason died aged 87 in Mustique where he spent winters."

Sigurður Helgason's career as an exporter of Iceland stamps must have been from his teens into his mid-20s, but only for a brief period, judging from the January 1940 date on the cover and timeline of his college education and post-1947 career. Magni Magnússon elaborated on this with his personal account that originally appeared in Issue 10 (September 2016) of *Iceland Philatelic Magazine* and is repeated here as follows:

"I knew the late Sigurður Helgason well. Before the war 1939, he was selling stamps and kept a record of all his ads in stamp magazines, and he presented that book to me about 20 years ago. He had to stop selling stamps during the war as mail was difficult to send. During the war, he and his brother Gunnar went to the U.S. to learn to be pilots. This Sigurður became the director and biggest owner in Loftleiðir, which had flights between the U.S. and Luxemburg after the war. In 1947, when the next Icelandic airmail set came out, Pan American flew via Iceland, and he got delivery of this brand new issue. Being the only and first stamp dealer to get these in New York City, he sold well down in Nassau Street and the end of Wall Street.

"He was a very active man — he had some big companies here in Iceland and was chairman of Loftleiðir. They built a Hotel here in Reykjavík and started a stopover plan for tourists flying between Europe and USA. It was known as the lowest air-fare airline and became very successful. When Sigurður had stopped dealing in stamps and I happened to be on the same flight as him, he made arrangements so we could sit together and talk of stamps. It is funny, but my dear friend, the late Indriði Pálsson, was also on the Board of Loftleiðir."

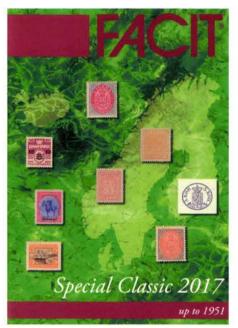
Although this cover lacked contents, I believe it still had an interesting story to tell once some investigating was done and answers were forthcoming. Where else, except in this wonderful hobby of ours, can a \$4 item generate such a story and prompt the participation of others willing to report relevant information and their personal recollections? And what a coincidence that a world-class collector and exhibitor of Iceland stamps (Indriði Pálsson, 1927-2015) was on the board of the same airlines as a former dealer in Iceland stamps, possibly serving at the same time since they were only six years apart in age. I imagine that while crossing paths those two men no doubt enthusiastically shared their "stamp experiences" with one another — but that remains a story for someone else to explore and tell!

Under Review —

FACIT Special Classic 2017

FACIT Special Classic 2017, ed. Gunnar Lithén, 384 pages, 6½ by 9½ inches, card covers, perfect bound, Facit Förlags, Malmö, Sweden 2016. ISBN 91-86564-79-X, €36 plus shipping from www.facitstamps.se or FACIT Förlags, Box 537, 20125 Malmö, Sweden.

The popular FACIT Special catalog that covered Sweden plus the other Nordic countries reached a



number of pages that made it difficult to continue publication as a one-volume compendium. Beginning with the 2016 edition (published in the fall of 2015) the work was split into two volumes. The Classic volume covers all of the Nordic countries up to 1951, including the detailed varieties. The *Norden* volume covers the stamps for all the countries from 1951 to date, but includes the earlier issues without the variety details.

The 2017 *Classic* volume contains only 16 more pages than the previous one. However, there are some significant changes. Several sections have been revised, such as the standards for quality descriptions, the text on coil and booklet stamps of Sweden and the listings for Danish West Indies.

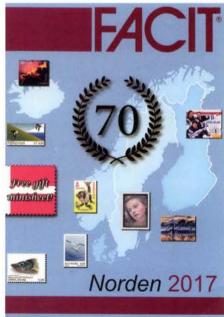
More significant is the addition of new articles in the 2017 book. Mats Ingers provides in-depth discussion of the 11th delivery of the 4-skilling banco stamp. Claes Arnrup elaborates on the scarce Icelandic skilling covers privately held. Arnrup also describes Iceland's rare "3 Prir" overprints on 5-aur stamps that are perforated 14 x 13½. Only 11 unused copies are known and they are all illustrated. The articles are in both Swedish and English.

FACIT Norden 2017

FACIT Norden 2017, ed. Gunnar Lithén. 880 pages, 6 ½ by 9 ½ inches, card covers, perfect bound, Facit Förlags, Malmö, Sweden 2016. ISBN 91-86564-78-1, €46 plus shipping from same sources as previously listed for the Classic catalog.

The *Norden* edition is for the collector who wants to focus on stamps since 1951 for all the Nordic countries. Again, the new 2017 version has only 16 more pages than last year's. However, there are revisions, plus new articles that offer significant changes. The areas that are revised are Sweden's machine-produced booklets, the franking labels of both Denmark and Greenland and the gutter pairs of Åland.

New to the 2017 *Norden* book is a listing of Swedish stamps that were issued jointly with other countries, and an overview of Denmark's so-called aCon self-service franking labels. Another new section is devoted to the franking labels of the Faroe Islands.



As always, the various country listings can easily be found in the catalogs, as the page numbers are preceded by a letter identifying the country ("S" for Sweden, "D" for Denmark, "F" for Finland and so on). However, a nice touch has been added to the 2017 *Norden*, with a small country flag in color in the corner of the country pages.

Both the *Special Classic* and *Norden* catalogs have descriptive text in Swedish and English. However, one problem with both is that the inside margin is so close to the binding it is virtually impossible to scan or photocopy an entire page for research purposes. One other potential problem is that the special articles appear only once in the edition. This is a good marketing ploy to entice collectors to buy the catalogs every year.

- Alan Warren

Icelandic Numeral Cancels 1903-1960: A Quantitative Study on Usage of Cancels 174-300

Icelandic Numeral Cancels 1903-1960: A Quantitative Study on Usage of Cancels 174-300, by Brynjólfur Sigurjónsson, 156 pages, 8¹/₄ by 9³/₄ inches, hardbound, Reykjavík, Iceland, 2016. ISBN 978-9979-72-375-2, \$89.99 plus shipping from www.blurb.com.

This is the second volume by Sigurjónsson that continues from his 2013 book on the numeral



cancellations of Iceland, which covered cancels numbered 1-173. In fact, the page numbering in this second volume begins with page 203, although the numbering defies the convention of odd-numbered pages on the right side. Also there is no introductory text that mentions that this book is a continuation of the first volume.

The format is the same as the first volume. Each numeral cancel is listed with the name of the farm or town, the municipality and the county, followed by the period of use and a rarity grade. Unfortunately, the key to the type numbers and the rarity scale are not defined in this volume, making it imperative that the first volume is handy.

For each numeral type there is an outline map of Iceland showing the location, a chart showing number of cancels reported by year groups from 1902-57, a copy of a cover or a stamp with the postmark and a recent photo of the site of the collecting station. A few lines of text on each page expand on the information and also indicate whether the cancel now resides in the postal museum.

An appendix lists the collecting places in alphabetical order, along with the municipality, the county, the numeral and the page on which it is found in either volume 1 or 2 of this series. The book ends with a list of acknowledgements of those who furnished information or copies of stamps and covers. One non-conventional aspect is that the pages are black with white printed text. The information is easily read, but a few of the darker photographs are not as distinct as they might be.

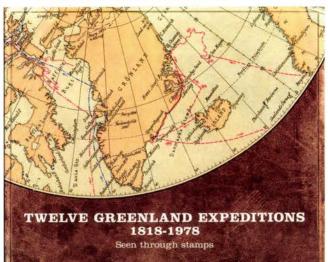
For collectors of the numeral cancellations of Iceland these two books are a must-have, and bring earlier information up to date. A bibliography would help students of these cancels to review the prior work in this field.

- Alan Warren

Twelve Greenland Expeditions 1818-1978 Seen Through Stamps

Twelve Greenland Expeditions 1818-1978 Seen Through Stamps, ed. by Pertti Frandsen, 80 pages, 11 by 10 inches, hardbound, in English, Tele-Post, Greenland, 2014. ISBN 978-87-91951-02-2, 299 DKr (approx. \$45) plus shipping from Greenland Stamps, www.stamps.gl/en, or Tele-Post Filatelia, Postboks 121, 3913 Tasiilaq, Greenland. Specify English, Danish or German language when ordering.

From 2003-14 Greenland issued souvenir sheets depicting these 12 exploratory expeditions, and



they are handsomely mounted in this coffee-table-sized book. The articles on the various expeditions are written by different authors.

Flemming Petersen opens the book with background details on the expedition series of souvenir sheets. He also describes the Danish Literary Greenland Expedition 1902-04, where Knud Rasmussen was interpreter and sledge driver. Ludwig Mylius-Erichsen had the idea of an expedition to explore and record Inuit customs. Later, a missionary station and a trade station were established.

Per Egil Hegge recounts the work of Norwegian explorer Otto Sverdrup and his exploration of Greenland and Canada.

Ariaq Henson reviews the accomplishments of Robert Peary, who proved that Greenland was an island and also explored the area of Northeast Greenland that came to be known as Peary Land. Henson also describes Peary's efforts to reach the North Pole and the important role of Matthew Henson. Ariaq mentions the mixed offspring of both Peary and Henson.

Jörn Thiede provides details of Alfred Wegener's Greenland Expedition. Wegener was considered one of the foremost geologists of the 20th century. Jean-Baptiste Charcot and Paul-Emile Victor and their polar achievements are reviewed by Daphne Victor and Patrick Simonin. The late Fred Goldberg describes the work of Adolf Erik Nordenskiöld, as well as the accomplishments of polar explorer and geographer Otto Nordenskjöld. N. H. Frandsen considers the first Greenlander to conduct polar exploration to be Hans Sakeus, born in 1792. He was an advisor to Sir John Ross.

Naomi Uemura undertook a solo journey across the Greenland ice cap in 1978, as detailed by author Naito Tomoko. N.H. Frandsen retells the life of Greenlander Hans Hendrik and his involvement with four polar expeditions, as well as the exploits of the 19th century Dane Carl Petersen who participated in three polar expeditions. Flemming Petersen concludes the book with an overview of the Denmark Expedition of 1906-08.

Lovely illustrations enhance the book, including correspondence, historic photographs, picture postcards and maps. The book would have benefited from a master index of persons and place names. Greenland Post is to be commended for celebrating the polar communities with this wonderful historic record and its issuance of the series of souvenir sheets.

- Alan Warren

Greenland -

Presidential Provenance

W. Joseph Schlitt

If you collect Greenland postal history as I do, there is a small subset of covers that you can include. This is the material that originated at the U.S. military bases established in Greenland during World War II. Such items were canceled with appropriate APO postmarks, rather than Greenlandic cancels.

I have one such APO cover that seems to fit right in with all the hoopla surrounding this year's presidential nominations and election process. This one is clearly philatelic. There is a typed two-line statement that reads "FIRST DAY COVER/AMERICAN FORCES IN GREENLAND." There is also a modest green cachet showing the North Atlantic area, with Greenland prominently displayed in the top center.

The philatelic portion aside, the cover meets all the criteria for wartime military mail. The sender is identified top left. He is 1st Sgt. E. Van Sant, Btry. "H" 62nd CA (AA), APO 809, c/o Postmaster, NYC, NY. There is an extremely fine boxed race track censor marking for Army Examiner 901 and this is endorsed by Capt. Frederick W. Drew, CA. The cover is franked with the U.S. 3¢ stamp from the National Defense Issue (Scott 901). It was applied upside down for reasons unknown. The stamp is canceled with a superb single ring-bar postmark reading "American Base Forces A.P.O. 809" and is dated July 7, 1941, "A.M." These front-cover markings are all shown in Figure 1.

The APO cancellation is listed as 203.Enr.01 in the 1997 (16th edition) of the catalog, *GF 6 Greenland Postmarks after 1938.* APO 809 was assigned to Narssarsuaq Air Force Base. Based on the July 7 date on the cover, the base may have been opened earlier than indicated in the catalog, which gives the base opening as July 28, 1941. If so, this cover would provide a new earliest-recorded date for the cancellation at the base. However, it seems that APO 809 may have

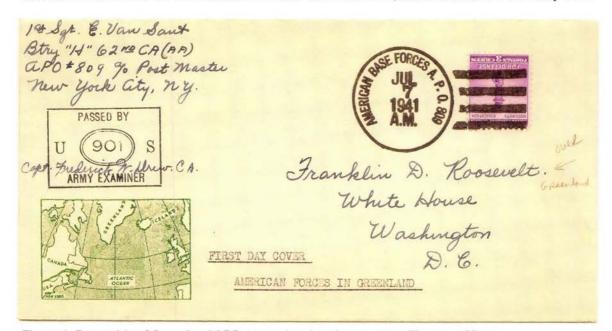


Figure 1. Front side of Greenland APO cover showing the correct military markings.

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been a functioning postal unit prior to the base opening. There are even earlier APO 809 cancels, including one dated June 19, 1941.² This actually precedes the arrival of American forces in Greenland.

From my perspective, the cover becomes even more interesting because of the

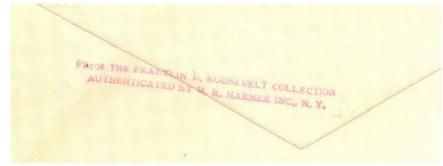


Figure 2. Back of Figure 1 cover, showing Harmer's authenticating handstamp for material from the Roosevelt Collection.

addressee – Franklin D. Roosevelt at the White House. My first question was "Is this legitimate?" Fortunately the provenance is confirmed verso, where there is a two-line red handstamp that reads "From the Franklin D. Roosevelt Collection/Authenticated by H. R. Harmer Inc., N.Y." This is shown in Figure 2.

Thus, when I sit at my desk and admire this cover, I can imagine that 75 years earlier President Roosevelt was sitting at his desk looking at the same cover. ■

Footnotes:

- 1. This is the last update of GF 6 ever published.
- 2. Jay Smith, private communication, May 11, 2016.

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Auction Marketplace

Hellman Auction 99

Jeffrey Stone

Hellman Auction 99 included more than 3,000 lots spread over two days on Oct. 14-15, 2016. At the start of the auction, a minute of silence was observed in memory of Kaj Hellman, founder of Hellman Auctions



Lot 1903.

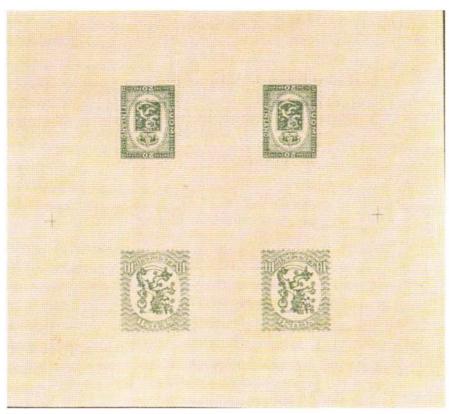
Ltd., who passed away on Aug. 4. The auction catalog contains a fine obituary by Jussi Tuori.

Among the first 400 lots that were sold on the afternoon of the first day was a large section of philatelic literature, the third part of a library from Sweden that contained many rare, early monographs and bound runs of early journals, notably *The Journal of Philatelic Literature* 1908-14 which realized €3,500. The afternoon of the second day was reserved for more than 1,800 lots of Finland, commencing with some very fine 1856 ovals, such as Lot 1903, an unused 5 kopek blue, small pearls, with genuine gum (€4,800) and a pair of 5 kopek large pearls, blue, on cover (€3,000). The star item among the 10 kopek ovals was a strip of three, carminerose, on cover to Norway (€5,200). An unusual item among the 1860 rouletted issue was a 5-kopek light blue on an 1862 5-kopek, plus 10-kopek postal stationery stamped envelope (€1,400), whilst the 1866 rouletted issues included

a 1-markka denomination on cover to London (€3,500). There were a number of unusual items among the 1875 issue, including a rare used pair of the 32-penni Copenhagen printing (€460) and the same stamp on part of a cover to Holland (€3,900). Other rarities

Lot 2041.





Lot 2202.

in this issue included Lot 2041, three 8-penni yellow-green stamps on a third-weight-class printed matter to Sweden (ϵ 6,000), a used 5-penni yellowish orange têtebêche pair (ϵ 2,200) and a used 25-penni light aniline red tête-bêche pair (ex-Lindberg and Fabergé) (ϵ 6,600).

The Russian period was comprehensively covered, including the very rare 1911 40-penni unmounted mint B perforation, with a reserve of €2,000, which sold for €9,600. Proofs and essays were the great attraction among the 1917 Saarinen issue. A sheet with four essays by both Saarinen and Lindberg,

all on the same sheet, Lot 2202, was eventually knocked down to a room bidder for €16,600, followed by a ripple of applause! There was a similar air of expectation over a Zeppelin "1830" printing error, described as "one of the best-known rarities in Finnish philately," but in this case in a pair with the normal stamp on a flown cover (€13,000). Every aspect of Finland stamps and postal history was represented with scarcely an unsold lot. Early first-day covers sold well, with one from the 1917 issue realizing 20 times the reserve. ■

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Auction Marketplace

Frank Banke

Postiljonen No. 212-215, Malmö, Sweden. Oct. 1, 2016.

Rolf Gummesson's Finland collection, which earned him a Grand Prix in 1963 and continued to garner top awards throughout the years until his death in



l his death in 2002, is now being offered at auction

through Postiljonen AB. The first part took place Oct. 1 in Malmö. In total, 179 lots were sold, with prices ranging from low to very high. An iconic Finland rarity, the 20 KOPEK black stationery (FACIT FK5) used from Helsingfors in 1853 to Åbo, sold for the



Lot 2461.

offered price of \$70,000 (Lot 2335). Two tête-bêche blocks of four of the 1856 Arms issue, 5 KOP (FACIT 1Iv3) unused, offered as lot 2370, sold for \$84,000, and 10 KOP (FACIT 2v5) unused, Lot 2417, offered



for \$84,000, found no buyers in the auction room. From Helsingfors Stadspost a unique mint block of six 10-Penni (FACIT 1A), was offered for \$700 and sold for \$7,300 (Lot 2461). This was the first part of the collection; Part II will be offered in the spring of 2017.

The second part of the Indridi Palsson sale, with no fewer than 283 lots, was just like the first part earlier in this year, showing amazing interest in Icelandic philately. Like always, the Skilling covers attracted deserved excitement for their rarity, as well as the the aura that Lot 2014.

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surrounds the Iceland Skilling covers. One of the truly great covers was lot 2014, a letter with 2- and 8-Skilling stamps, sent to London via Granton. It was offered for \$70,000 and finished at \$126,000. A 4 sk. cover from Bjarnarnes, offered as lot 2020, bearing a stamp with a missing corner, was offered for \$21,000 and sold for \$31,000. Lot



Lot 2275.



Lot 2225.

2070, the 20-aur pale violet (FACIT 14a) and extremely rare on cover, started at \$7,000 and

finished at only \$28,000. Crown cancel "MÝRAR," canceled on a 10-aur stamp (FACIT 12d) on cover was offered as lot 2225 for \$2,800, and sold for \$15,400, a possible record for a crown cancel on cover. A magnificent crown cancel, "STADUR," on a pair of 3-aur yellow (21) went for a whopping \$7,900. It was offered as lot 2275 for \$700.

The third great collection to go under the hammer, was Classic



Lot 2603.

Denmark by Wolfgang Weigel. This traditional collection had some fine pieces here and there in excellent quality. Such a piece, for example, was a striking mint never hinged pair of 4 RBS Thiele II blackish brown (FACIT 2IIIA), with complete lower margin clearly



Lot 2705.

showing the burelage (printed as a security printing on the squared Danish stamp), as well as watermark. This pair was offered as lot 2603, for the price of \$7,000 and sold for \$8,700. A 4 RBS Ferslew printing (FACIT 21), used on the first day of the issue for the stamp, April 1, 1851, was offered for \$21,000 and sold for \$38,000 as lot 2514. A mixed franking with Danish and Prussian stamps on cover from Altona to Halle in Germany, was offered for \$4,200 and sold for \$14,700 (lot 2705).

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SCC Convention at Chicagopex a Success

Alan Warren

The greater Chicagoland's wonderful Chicagopex hosted SCC's 2016 annual convention in November. This is one of the top three or four shows in the country. The exhibit results are reported on Page 24.

Friday afternoon Steve Lund presented a seminar on using the specialized catalogs of the Nordic



SCC Steve Lund leads the membership meeting. Lund was seen doing everything from giving a presentation to manning the SCC table.

countries: AFA, Facit, Norgeskatalogen and Lape. On Friday evening, 38 SCCers and guests turned out for a group dinner at Jimmy's Charhouse in nearby Elk Grove Village. SCC members were joined by a few from the Germany Philatelic Society and the Military Postal History Society.

Board Meeting

Saturday morning began with a two-hour meeting of the board of directors. Plans continue for the 2017 convention in April at Westpex, but the 2018 meeting is being moved from Rocky Mountain Stamp Show in Denver to the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition in Florida. The change is due to a conflict of RMSS dates with Nordia in Iceland. A regional meeting is also planned in February 2017 at Sarasota.

The SCC archives are temporarily housed in St. Paul, Minn., and moving them to the SCC Library in Denver is under consideration. Three new directors were elected to serve on the board for the 2017-20 term: Hugh Galford, Dana Nielsen and Michael Schumacher. The remaining incumbent officers will continue to serve in their present capacities.

SCC Honorary Membership was confirmed on Claes Arnrup of Postiljonen, and Frantz-Caspar Moldenhauer of Skanfil, which acquired the family firm. To honor the late Kaj Hellman of Finland, a new award in his name will be offered to the best postal stationery exhibit at our

convention shows. The Hellman medal joins the Paul Jensen, Jed Richter and Victor Engstrom awards.

SCC will have a presence at two international exhibitions in 2017. Steve Schumann is U.S. commissioner for the Finlandia show in Tampere, Finland, in May. Matt Kewriga will serve as SCC commissioner and apprentice judge at Nordia 2017 in Vejle, Denmark, in October.

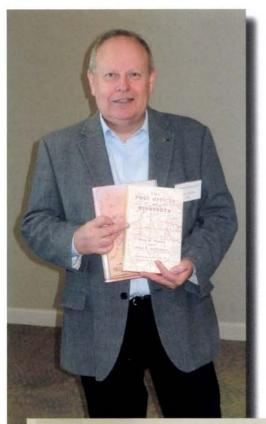
Steve Lund announced that Wayne Youngblood steps down as editor of *The Posthorn* after seven years of service. The new editor will be Seija-Riitta Laakso of Finland.

Membership Meeting

A total of 21 members gathered later Saturday morning and introduced themselves and their collecting interests. Steve Lund reviewed the decisions of the board meeting. He announced those who achieved 25- and 50-year membership in SCC. Sandra Sundfør was present to accept her certificate.

Kathy Johnson, Steve Lund and Hallvard Slettebø relax during Sunday morning frukost.















The Frederick A. Brofos award for the best article in the 2015 issues of *The Posthorn* is Ed Fraser, for his article in the August issue on "A WWI 'Undercover Mail Scheme' via Sweden for U.S. Mail to and from Germany and her Allies." SCC's John Siverts award for the best one-frame exhibit at the show went to James Hill for his display of *Graf Zeppelin Iceland Flight*.

The formal meeting was adjourned. Visiting Norway judge Hallvard Slettebø then treated attendees to a wonderful story about the postmarks and place names in the United States that derive from Norwegian origins. Hallvard invested an enormous amount of research into his subject that was reflected not only in his talk but in his Court of Honor exhibit, *Norway in America*.

Sunday morning brought an informal Frukost where members enjoyed fruit, pastry and herring. Over the course of the weekend several new members joined SCC and others renewed to take advantage of the special offer of three-year renewals to obtain one of the new Scandinavian catalogs.

Scandinavian Award Winners at Chicagopex

Visiting Norwegian judge **Hallvard Slettebø** showed five frames of *Norway in America* in the Court of Honor.

Matt Kewriga received a gold, the SCC Paul Jensen postal history award, and the SCC National Award for his Danish West Indies Foreign Mail 1748-UPU. Another gold, the United Postal Stationery Society Marcus White award and the SCC Jed Richter classic award went to Kauko Aro for Finland Postal Stationery with 1875 Stamp Design. Arnold Sorensen also took a gold along with the SCC Victor Engstrom award for research with his Danish West Indies Printed Matter. A final gold, along with the SCC John Siverts best single-frame award went to James Hill for Graf Zeppelin Iceland Flight.

Mike Schumacher received a vermeil and the AAPE creativity award for his *Icelandic Saga:* The 1972 "Match of the Century." Norman Andres took a silver with his The Large Officials of Sweden. SCC's Chapter 4 had an informative non-competitive single-frame display. In the show's philatelic literature category, Wayne Youngblood received a vermeil for The Posthorn.

— Alan Warren

From the Stacks

Roger Cichorz

Swedish Royal Mail Cover with an Atypical Postmark

The following report is another example of "limited research" I attempt to perform for SCC members who inquire about various subjects. The SCC Library (SCCL) is a veritable treasure trove of information that is accessible to all members, and I will do my best to steer members toward the information available to help them in their quests. As I have mentioned previously on several occasions, SCCL's Exhibits and Collections (E&C) section contains many particularly useful holdings to help answer difficult questions.

For a case in point, Warren Grosjean sent me a scan of an 1857 cover posted by Crown Princess Louise of Sweden to Queen Sophia of the Netherlands that he purchased at auction from Björn Jarlvik Filateli, Stockholm, Sweden. This cover is illustrated in Figure 1, and the caption is an excerpt of Jarlvik's auction lot description that was kindly translated from Swedish to English by Peter Bergh.

Warren inquired about the Stockholm postmarks on this cover, indicating he has never seen this "type" before and wondered if perhaps the Royal Palace in Stockholm had its own post office with a distinctive canceling device. The postmarks are a typical Antiqua Stockholm circular datestamp (CDS) type, but with two differing characteristics from normal — a missing arc at the bottom of the circle and a missing year date (a split "18" and "57" that ordinarily would appear, respectively, to the left and right of the "21/10" (Oct. 21) date. Warren indicated that he checked the standard references listing Swedish postmarks of the period



Figure 1. Fantastic letter 60sk to La Haye, Holland, double postage, franked with two 24-skilling Banco and two 6-skilling Banco, canceled Stockholm 21-10-1857 (Oct. 21, 1857). The letter is from the so-called Queen correspondence. HOW Certificate, very good item. Rare high skilling franking; very few known! Exquisite exhibition item. (Note the two anomalies on the Stockholm postmarks: incomplete circle at bottom and no or partial year date.)



Figure 2. Oct. 16, 1857, cover (cert. Obermüller-Wilén) with incomplete Stockholm datestamp from Postiljonen Auction No. 162, March 21-22, 1997. Traces of the year date to the right and left of the "10" are barely visible, and both postmarks show the missing arc at the bottom. The author attributes these characteristics

to a worn or defective handstamp, but Warren Grosjean suggests that they were caused by an improper seating of the "10" month insert, which was corrected when new month "11" was inserted for November. Many examples of this "incomplete" Stockholm postmark were found on stamps and covers, all dated during October 1857, in the author's search through SCCL's E&C holdings of exhibits, collections, and auction catalogs of classic Sweden.





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but could not find this "type" listed, and asked for help. I searched through the numerous Swedish postmark handbooks and catalogs SCCL possesses and could not find this one listed either! Consequently, it was time for me to do some "limited research" in the SCCL E&C section.

After perusing numerous auction catalogs and exhibits containing skilling stamps and covers from this period, I found several items (including another cover from the "Queen's correspondence") with this Stockholm CDS postmark that had the same two aforementioned characteristics (incomplete circle at the bottom and no or partial year date), none of which were described as being a specific type CDS. All of these were from 1857 and had "10" (October) strikes at the bottom, identical to Warren's cover. Several of these with earlier October dates (Figure 2) showed faint year dates, usually partial strikes of the "1" and "7" but the later October dates were marked by a complete disappearance of the "18" and "57"!

What I think is a logical ("Occam's razor") explanation is that one of the ordinary Stockholm CDS cancelling devices — I presume for a large city like Stockholm several cancelers were in service at any given time — experienced damage or deterioration or wear and was in use for some time during that month before being discovered as "faulty" and removed from service. So, in conclusion, not any kind of a special type of previously unreported canceling device for the Royal Palace, but simply "wear and tear" of one of the normal Stockholm CDS cancelers. I have not found any previous mention of this phenomenon in the literature, but perhaps it has been reported in the past?

When Warren read my explanation and reviewed the scans of the similar postmarks I sent him, he responded favorably and offered this explanation:

"A defective dated handstamp in use only for the month of October. Actually, it is likely that the handstamp itself was not defective, but when the date/month inserts were changed on Oct. 1, the month insert was not properly seated. The "10" was set too high blocking the ink depositing on the part of the handstamp where the year and lower ring were supposed to do their jobs. When a new month was inserted into the stamper, this error was corrected. Gee, I thought I had discovered a new postmark!"

Finland's 1865-66 Rouletted Revenue Stamps

Ed Fraser had contacted me in the past that he is aiding a group of foreign revenue stamp specialists in California who are undertaking research on the serpentine-roulette types on Finland's documentary revenue stamps of 1865-66. Much about the subject is recorded in the philatelic literature and SCCL has several useful references that summarize what is presently known. By way of introduction, the printed sheets of these revenue stamps were serpentine rouletted using the same rouletting discs I, II and III used for the Finnish postage stamps of that period, the 1860-67 "large tooth" type M/60 coat-of-arms issues. Since the revenues were in a larger rectangular format (\sim 32 mm x \sim 66 mm) than the postage stamps, their rouletting devices were larger than those used for the postage stamps. In addition, an extra-large disc IV was made especially for the revenues.

Because the revenues were first rouletted horizontally with the aid of a ruler, then separated and the strips rouletted vertically, mixed roulettes on a stamp are common, even to the extent that they are more common than a single roulette on a stamp. However, certain combinations of irregular rouletting — for example, stamps having one side different or with three different roulette types — are rare, with only about 40 examples recorded. Disc III roulettes on revenues are uncommon to rare. The rouletting discs continuously wore down through use and had to be sharpened and resharpened and, through this process, the shape and length of the serpentine roulettes did not remain constant. Also complicating the process, on occasion the revenues were rouletted using the devices intended for the postage stamps.

The inaugural issue (1/1950) of *Libertas Philateliae*, a short-lived (1950-56) periodical dealing with the so-called fringe areas of philately, edited by E. A. Hellman – and soon followed by Björn-Eric Saarinen –

contained a 14-page article titled "The Serpentine Rouletted Stamps of Finland." Alas, SCCL does not have any copies of this journal. Jussi Touri wrote an article in Finnish on the rouletted revenues in *Tabellarius 5* (2003), which SCCL has (FIN B133-2003FE). Fortunately, an English translation by Carita Parker (edited by Sheldon Tobin and Kauko Åro), which contains the same numerous illustrations as the Finnish-text article, appeared in *The Finnish Philatelist*, Vol. 10, No. 4, November 2005, pages 3-13. Color photocopies of the Parker translation are available from the SCCL.

Touri's article is an excellent introduction to the collecting field and details the golden age of Finnish revenue collecting in the 1940s and early 1950s. Three good exhibits in the Helsinki Stamp Exhibition of 1948 that included significant amounts of new research fared poorly in the judging. This situation offended Finnish revenue collectors, who pressed the issue with the newly founded Philatelic Federation of Finland (PFF). When the issue came up on ballot, the majority of PFF members voted unfavorably concerning revenue-stamp collecting, and the PFF went so far as to no longer accept revenue exhibits in PFF-sponsored shows. These actions were the impetus to publish *Libertas Philateliae*, made possible by the generous financial support of distinguished Swedish collector Hans Lagerlöf. Finland's internal ban on revenue exhibiting became moot in 1991 when the Fédération Internationale de Philatélie, the world federation for philately based in Zurich, Switzerland, established a revenue stamp class and a commission to oversee this branch of philately.

Interest in Finnish revenue stamps in Finland has re-emerged in large part thanks to Björn-Eric Saarinen's excellent hardbound catalog titled *Finland and Åland Revenue Stamp and Revenue Stamped Paper Catalog 1998*, edited by Jay Smith and published by Jay Smith & Associates. It is bilingual in English and Finnish and is available for loan from SCCL (FIN B95FE) or for purchase from Jay at \$39.50 plus postage (*www.jaysmith.com/Literature/lit050-fin.html*). This catalog devotes 17 pages to the rouletted documentary issues and illustrates, in addition to the stamps themselves, one of the rouletting devices and the four roulette types. Detailed information on the roulette types, such as how many per 2 cm and the length of roulette teeth, is included.

In my opinion, the best reference to date on the subject is a book titled *Finland – Rouletted Revenue Stamps – The Jussi Tuori Collection* that reproduces, in color, 123 pages from Tuori's Large Gold Award exhibit that was actively shown internationally during 2005-08. This book, published by Corinphila Auctions in 2009 as issue XV of its *Edition D'Or* publication series, contains much of Tuori's original research on the rouletted revenue stamps and serves well as a specialized handbook on the 1865-66 issues. It is available for loan from SCCL (FIN B96E) or for purchase from Corinphila at CHF69 (~\$70) plus postage (*https://corinphila.ch/en/ptshop/?action=show item&id=15#*).

Additionally, SCCL has available for loan two earlier revenue catalogs that include information and (now badly outdated) pricing on the rouletted revenues. The pioneering work by E. A. Hellman, titled *Suomen Leimamerkit / Finnish Revenue Stamps* (FIN B92F), published in 1944, is entirely in Finnish and has seven pages on the subject. A priced catalog by Harald Olander entirely in English, titled *The Revenue Stamps of Finland* (FIN B94F), was edited and published in 1969 in Pittsburg, Pa., by William Ittel. Olander's catalog appears more useful than Hellman's earlier catalog in that it contains seven pages of introductory material, listings and prices in U.S. dollars (albeit outdated) on the rouletted revenue issues. However, I do not recommend either of these two catalogs, since the information therein has been superseded by the substantial research done after their publication, much of which is included in the aforementioned Saarinen and Tuori books. Hellman's and Olander's catalogs are retained by SCCL as historical references primarily for an indication of the "catalog values" of these revenues at the time of their respective publication dates

I encourage your comments about the content of this column and any questions you have about the SCCL and its operations. Also, your suggestions for future column topics are always welcome. Please do not hesitate to contact me via email at *rcichorz@comcast.net*, USPS mail at Roger Cichorz, 3925 Longwood Ave, Boulder CO 80305-7233, USA, or by telephone (303) 494-8361. ■

Chapter Reports

Randy Tuuri, Vice President, Chapters

Chapter 21 – Golden Gate

Meetings continue at members' homes with good discussions and purchasing from mart books.

Southern California - Chapter 17

The chapter continues its regular meetings reviewing mart books and fellowship.

Chicago - Chapter 4

Chapter 4 meetings consisted of members showing their recent purchases, with discussions that followed. They also have SCC and APS circuits books at each meeting.

Colorado - Chapter 27

July was a summer picnic and the September meeting had a show and tell, with a video presentation. October was a members' auction, and in November the presentation was on "Finland's Russian Look-alike Stamps."

Twin Cities - Chapter 14

The September meeting featured members' presentations about their summer purchases. October was a presentation on *Collecting Danish Cancels*. The chapter was also active at the Minnesota Stamp Show.

Australia

This new group is continuing to establish itself as the small number of SCC collectors are spread over a very large area. There have been activities in Melbourne and the state of Victoria, notably displays on the early stamps of Norway by Jon Fladeby.



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Transfers and Re-Entries

By Alan Warren

Kathryn Johnson received an APS Nicholas G. Carter volunteer recognition award for national promotion/service. The award was announced at StampShow in Portland, Ore., in August. Jerry Kasper



Kathy Johnson.

was awarded his 50-year American Philatelic Society membership medal at the same show. SCC member Cheryl Ganz is on a roll this year, having won the Lichtenstein award of the Collectors Club, the APS Luff award for contributions to philately, election to the Writer's Unit Hall of Fame and the Smithsonian Philatelic Achievement award. Rodian Sahl, who served the

Copenhagen Philatelist Club (KPK) as program chairman for many years, recently received the KPK medal.

The venerable Swedish auction house **Postiljonen** is aware of the recent concern about mint stamps of Denmark as recorded in articles and letters in the philatelic press in connection with

expertization certificates. The staff has taken a new position on lot descriptions in light of the fact that evidence of hinge use can sometimes be removed. The firm will no longer use the terms NH or Never Hinged. Instead it will use the symbol * for hinged stamps with original gum, and ** for stamps with original gum and no visible trace of hinge use.



Cheryl Ganz.

In September Jørgen Jørgensen was awarded the gold pin of the Danish Philatelic Federation for his contributions to Danish philately,

both domestically and internationally, and was named an honorary member of the federation. DFF's silver pin was awarded to **Bo Høifeldt** of PostNord for his support of Danish philately. The president of DFF, **Søren Chr. Jensen**, recently stepped down, and **Niels Kristian Hansen** took over the office. Søren received the gold pin and was named an honorary member of the federation.

SCC vice president and website coordinator **Chris Dahle** has been elected to the board of directors of the **American Topical Association**.

Plans are moving ahead for Stockholmia 2019 to be held May 29- June 2 that year at the Stockholm



Ari Muhonen.

Waterfront Congress Centre. The show is sponsored by the **Royal Philatelic Society London** in conjunction with a number of auction firms and in partnership with the **Swedish Philatelic Federation** (SFF) and the **International Federation of Stamp Dealer Associations** (IFSDA). The show will celebrate the 150th anniversary of RPSL. Scandinavian author **Christer Brunström** joins the organizing committee as Press Information Officer. **Ari Muhonen** of Finland also joins the show committee as Philatelic Program Manager.

New members joining the Royal Philatelic Society London recently are some names familiar to the Scandinavian philatelic community, namely Steve Lund, Torbjorn Bjork, Lars Liwendahl and Cyril Schwenson.

Phila Taipei 2016 international exhibition was held in October in Taiwan's capital. Show commissioners included Jørgen Jørgensen of

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Denmark, **Ari Muhonen** of Finland (who also served as an apprentice judge), **Arne Thune-Larsen** of Norway, **Jan Berg** of Sweden and **Chris King** of the United Kingdom. Nordic judges for the show were **Lars Engelbrecht** of Denmark and **Erik Hamberg** of Sweden.

Steve Schumann is U.S. commissioner to Finlandia 2017 to be held in Tampere, Finland, May 24-28. Jussi Tuori is president of the jury and Lars Engelbrecht will serve as jury secretary. Also on the panel are the following Finland judges: Raino Heino, Jari Majander, Ari Muhonen, Jussi Murtosaari, Jukka Mäkkinen and Juhani Pietilä.

Additional judges include **Ivar Sundsbø** of Norway, **Bengt Bengtsson** of Sweden and **Peter McCann** for the United States. **Atle Fossmark** is an apprentice juror and **Cyril Schwenson** will be an apprentice on the Expert Group.



Steve Schumann.

The next **Philatelic Summit**, scheduled for April 7-9, 2017, takes place in the Stockholm Waterfront Congress Centre, the venue that will be used two years later for Stockholmia. This seminar will be of interest to serious exhibitors, judges, collectors and philatelic experts. Key presentations will address the subject of "philatelic importance" and Saturday afternoon will be devoted to workshops on traditional philately, postal history, stationery, thematics and open philately. The principal organizer for both the 2017 and 2019 events is **Jonas Hällström**. Further details are available at **www. stockholmia2019.se** or from Jonas at **j.hallstrom@telia.com**.

Svanbjørg Manai recently celebrated her 40th anniversary with Faroes Islands Posta. She joined the firm in 1976, known then as Postverk Føroya, as a temporary employee, largely due to her language skills. At first she did not want to commit to permanent employment as she loves to travel. However her work in the postal administration enabled her opportunities to travel on business.



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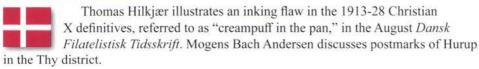
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Scandinavian Literature Notes

By Alan Warren

News from Denmark





Lasse Nielsen illustrates the first proposed hand cancel for Denmark's first stamps in the September *Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift*. The design incorporated a crown within the three rings. The final design had the three rings with a dot in the center and the later three-ring marks had numerals. In the same issue, Jørgen Jørgensen discusses the routing of stamped mail from Denmark to Norway during the winter months of 1854-74.

Niels Erik Thunbo Pedersen recounts the use of ice airmail service during the severe weather in February 1922, with an additional fee for the service, in the September *Posthistorisk Tidsskrift*.

In the October issue of *Dansk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift*, Ib Krarup Rasmussen discusses production of the Christian X issues of the Danish West Indies, and Steffen Riis delves into the first postal cards of Denmark. Hans Birkholm introduces a new column in this issue on varieties of modern Danish stamps.

News from the Faroes

Posta Stamps for April discusses new issues. Anker Eli Petersen describes one set of two stamps that begins a new series that will have counterparts in the next two years depicting native costumes. Of special interest is the new fish stamp that bears a glued piece of cod skin that has been tanned and printed. The result is that each stamp is slightly different due to the natural design of fish skin. Stamp collectors can now obtain stamps of a particular issue that are all slightly different, on purpose!

News from Germany

Rolf Dörnbach continues his island-by-island analysis of the Faroes in the August *Philatelistische Nachrichten* published by the German Nordic country study group. This time he provides data and stamp images related to Süd-Streymoy. In the same issue he also continues his series on the Greenland postal stations with a look at Upernavik Kujalleq and also Ravns Storø. Reinhard Weber examines Finland's figure cancel 470 of Aura in the form of a corner-cross and shows a number of examples of the marking. Gerhard Ludwig reviews the handling of mail between Belgium and the Nordic countries of Denmark, Norway and Sweden during the World War I period and bearing interesting markings with reasons for returning the mail to the sender.

News from Great Britain

Issue 9, August 2016, of Brian Flack's *Iceland Philatelic Magazine* carries part 2 of David Loe's series "Iceland Gazetteer," wherein he describes the post offices and collecting offices of that country. An unsigned article is the second part of a series on commercial uses of Iceland's charity issues, this time the ones released from 1963-72. In the same issue, Ron Collin advises some expert certificates that claim an item is genuine are – in fact – wrong. He also discusses a method of determining perforations of a stamp on cover without using a perf gauge.

Tranquebar, the Danish settlement in India, is the subject of an article by Markand Dave and P.S. Dixit in the July-August *London Philatelist*. Recently discovered early 19th-century documents provide

details on postal arrangements between Denmark and England including an example of free postal service provided to Danish officials.

In the same issue of the *LP*, Gordon Hughmark and Jeffrey Bohn show examples of Danish mail carried by special arrangement to the continent during February 1864 due to the German-Danish war.

Gavin Fryer, in the September issue of *London Philatelist*, illustrates a cover sent to the Guard room on the destroyer depot ship HMS *Hecla*, which was in Iceland in the early part of World War II. The author reviews the history of the British Royal Marines landing in Iceland and the Faroes in 1940 to prevent Germany from establishing a foothold in those countries. He also summarizes the fate of the *Hecla*, which was eventually sunk by a U-boat torpedo in 1942 near Gibraltar.

Issue 10, September 2016, of Brian Flack's *Iceland Philatelic Magazine* has more short items of interest, including a letter from Iceland to the explorer Vilhjálmur Stefansson, a white ring blemish on the shield at the top of the 1938 Leif Ericsson memorial block and some details on the stamp dealer Sigurður Helgason, who later became CEO of Icelandair. *[Editor's Note: For more on Helgason, please see "Collecting on a Shoestring," Page 4.]* The September issue of *Scandinavian Contact* carries an article by John McKay describing the efforts of neutral Sweden during WWI to aid Austro-Hungarian prisoners of war and their relatives to connect. He shows examples of mail sent to the Österreich Ungarischer Hilfsverein (Aid Association) in Stockholm, as well as a printed (in German) postcard sent to those inquiring about relatives.

In the same issue, Peter Hellberg continues his series on Sweden's special postal services with a discussion of Postförskott (cash-on-delivery) during the period 1934-48, and David Bond shows examples of postmarks of the Danish West Indies. Meanwhile, the October *Iceland Philatelic Magazine* has appeared and Brian Flack describes the three types of non-denominated aerogrammes issued by Iceland beginning in October 1963. Flack also provides the first part of an article on the Copenhagen Omkartering (sorting) post office slogan cancellations used on Iceland mail over the years, beginning in 1924.

In the November issue of 238, Journal of the Faroe Islands Study Circle, Rolf Dörnbach continues his description of Faroes Islands with related stamps, this time with a focus on Suðuroy. Peter Sondhelm offers the fifth part in his series on World War I censorship of Faroe mails showing examples from the 1917-19 period.

Brian Flack's November issue of *Iceland Philatelic Magazine* carries the first part of a series on use of Edinburgh's registry marking on Iceland covers, and David Loe continues with the fifth part of his series on an *Iceland Gazetteer*.

News from the Netherlands

In the September *Het Noorderlicht*, Wiebe ten Wolde illustrates some of the recent postmark varieties used in Sweden, and F.C.J.K. Hertel discusses briefly the many definitive series used in Finland since 1917.

News from Norway

Arvid Løhre shows, in the 3/2016 issue of *INFO*, examples of an unusual rubber stamp that is sometimes seen on the backs of covers sent to or within Norway. The boxed marking is known in two different measurements and contains three lines of wording: "B. SEDDEL / DISTR.______." It might be a routing mark, as there are handwritten numbers on the two lines. The earliest known example is from 1945 and it is known on several covers during the 1960s.

Arvid Løhre writes on another topic in the May issue of *Budstikka*, journal of the Norwegian Postal History Society. This time he summarizes information about the Postgiro payment system in Norway and shows a number of the forms used for that service. In the August issue, Oddbjørn Salte reports his research in the archives in Trondheim that established the Nordlands Post Express in 1805.

In the same issue, Bjørn Muggerud and John Torstad discuss a 1938 Norway Tourist stamp issue that has been seen canceled with a "Deutsche Kriegsmarine Schiffspost" marking. More than one has been observed and they all seem to have the same date of April 8, 1940. The cancellation device is believed to be in private hands and such stamps are viewed as philatelic creations, and not legitimate.

Knut Glasø continues his series on railway parcel stamps in the October *NFF-Varianten*, with a focus on the new set of 1950 with design in green and values in black. The design has the wording "Norges Statsbaner" at the top and beneath the value is "Øre Betalt." Knut Arveng describes the roles of Norwegian women in the Korean war in the June issue of *Norwegian War and Field Post Journal*, using some examples of mail and many photographs.

In the same issue, John Torstad highlights the life of pioneer and military aviator Trygve Gran and shows some examples of use of the well-known 1944 stamp marking the anniversary of his flight across the North Sea. In the issue 5/2016 of Norsk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift, Faroes Post director Svanbjørg Manai discusses the past and future of that country's stamps on the 40th anniversary of its stamp-issuing independence. In the same issue, Helge Fritsen describes a variety of the minicancels used in Kristiania. A further article on these "miniatyrstempel" is planned for the next issue of this journal.

Tom Bloch-Nakkerud shares some wonderful early picture postcards with views of Kristiania taken from balloons, including one dating from 1895 in issue 6/2016 of *Norsk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift*. Odd Gunnar Skagestad presents Norwegian stamps with polar themes, the earliest one being the Svalbard stamps of 1925. Dag Henriksbø offers another in his series on Norwegian place names in the United States, this time citing the Utah town of Widsoe.

News from Sweden

In issue 5/2016 of Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift, Peter Nordin continues his series on the registration labels of Sweden with a focus on those printed in black ink. Bo Dahlner's installment of his series on the coil stamps of Sweden features the 300th anniversary of the Swedish postal service. Peter Lorentzon illustrates gumming problems on the postage due stamps with examples of incomplete coverage and also application of the gum to the face-side of the stamp sheets.

Bo Dahlner continues his series in issue 6/2016 of *SFT* with a brief overview of the 1936 Bromma airport issue. Peter Nordin's installment on the registry labels examines town name changes such as Trädet to Blidsberg 3 and Lundsbrunn to Götene 2. In the same issue, Christer Brunström shows some essays of Austrian stamps by Ludwig Hessheimer, who designed Iceland's Parliament set.

News from the United States

Christer Brunström tells the origin of the Swedish holiday celebrated every June 6, and known as Swedish Flag Day or National Day, in the Sept. 19 issue of *Linn's Stamp News*. He uses a number of Swedish poster stamps to help tell the story. Denise McCarty describes the new stamp and souvenir issues of Finland that will be released in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the country's independence, in the Nov. 14 *Linn's*. The anniversary will also be commemorated at the Finlandia 2017 exhibition next May in Tampere.

Harry K. Charles, Jr. and Clarke Yarbrough review the postage due stamps of United States possessions in the November *The United States Specialist*, journal of the United States Stamp Society. Twelve pages of the article are devoted to the postage due stamps of the Danish West Indies. ■

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Scandinavian Area Awards

Awards from several recent shows at home and abroad

William Ellis won a gold and the AAPE novice award at Balpex in September for his *The Stampless Era Postal History of Stettin, Pomerania, 1815-1871*. Dickson Preston received a gold and the APS 1940-1980 medal of excellence at Seapex in Seattle, Wash., in September with his *U.S. Army Post Offices in Greenland*. Dickson Preston also won a gold at Sescal in Los Angeles in September for his *Greenland Postal History 1938-1985*.

A number of Scandinavian exhibits at the Philataipei 2016 show received significant awards. The FIP show was held in Taipei, Taiwan, in October. Jørgen Jørgensen's Mail from Denmark to Foreign Destinations during the Skilling Period 1854-1874 and Douglas Storckenfeldt's Iceland until 1901 were shown in the Championship class. Richard Bodin's Swedish Militaries and Volunteers in War, Campaigns or in Active Service Abroad 1582-1905 received a large gold with special prize and was a candidate for the Grand Prix International. Other awards were as follows:

Large Gold

Fredrick Ydell, Airmail Within, From and to Denmark 1809-1928 Peter Wittsten, Sweden 1855-1872 The First Five Stamp Issues

Gold

Roger Quinby, Classic Postal Cards of Finland 1871-1875 Åke Rietz, Sweden: Circle Type Stamps 1872-1879 Terje Heskestad, Postal History from the Southern Coast of Norway until GPU Hallvard Slettebø, Interrupted Mail of Scandinavia Gunnar Lithén, Cancellations from Swedish Steamship Mail Post Offices from 1869 up to 1951

Large Vermeil

Robert Hisey, The First Definitives of Independent Finland 1917-1930 Erkki Toivakka, Postal History of the Åland Islands Christopher King, Denmark and the First World War 1914-1920 Gunnar Lithén, FACIT Special Classic 2016 Catalogue Gunnar Lithén, FACIT Norden 2016 Catalogue

Vermeil

Frank Gilberg, Denmark Advertising Labels Johan Agren, Sweden 1885-1911

Large Silver

Niels Kristian Hansen, Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift Ib Krarup Rasmussen, Dansk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift Otto Kjærgaard, Posthistorisk Tidsskrift

Single Frame

Staffan Ferden, Routes for Swedish Mail to Australia 1866-1900, 93 points
Staffan Ferden, Swedish Mail to Latin America and West Indies 1858-1899, 91 points
Birthe King, Jutlandia: A Danish Hospital Ship in the Korean War 1950-1953, 86 points
Odd Arve Kvinnesland, The Postal History of a Small Norwegian Steamship 1908-2016, 71 points.

Alan Warren

Albums Closed

Roland Frahm, 1935-2016

Swedish expert, judge, exhibitor and author Roland Frahm died Nov. 1, 2016, at age 80 after a brief illness.



He was a board member of the Swedish Philatelic Federation for more than 20 years and served as a member and president of SFF's expert committee. He served as judge at numerous FIP, FEPA, Nordia and national exhibitions.

Frahm specialized in the Swedish coil stamps 1920-36, wrote about them and exhibited them. In 1981 he co-authored, with Kjell Nilsson and Leif Andersson, the Handbok över Avarter på Svenska Bandmärken, 1920-1936 (Handbook of Varieties of Swedish Coil Stamps, 1920-1936). He served as commissioner general for Nordia 2005 and in 2002 was awarded the Strandell Medal.

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SCC and Scandinavian Show Calendar

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Westpex (SCC National Meeting), April 28-30, San Francisco, Calif.

Finlandia 2017 FIP exhibition, May 24-28, Tampere, Finland

APS StampShow (SCC booth and dinner), Aug. 3-6, Richmond, Va.

Nordia 2017, Oct. 27-29, Vejle, Denmark

2018

Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition (SCC National Meeting), Feb. 2-4, Sarasota, Fla. APS StampShow (SCC booth and dinner), Aug. 2-5, Columbus, Ohio Nordia 2018, Iceland

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Seapex, September (SCC National Meeting), Seattle, Wash.

SCC Library Auction No. 45

(Closing Date Feb. 1, 2017)

This is the 45th auction of items being offered to SCC members. These 47 lots are excess to current SCC Library holdings. Auction realizations will be used to purchase future literature acquisitions for the SCC Library. Place bids with Roger Cichorz, 3925 Longwood Ave, Boulder CO 80305-7233, USA; telephone (303) 494-8361, or email: rcichorz@comcast.net. This auction closes Feb. 1, 2017.

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- 1. The minimum bid accepted for a lot is the starting bid. Wherever possible, the auctioneer's estimated market value (EMV) or actual current market value from dealers' pricelists (CMV) is included in the lot description as a guideline for bidders.
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- 4. Successful bidders will be informed of their winning bids shortly after the close of the auction. Invoices will be included with the dispatched auction lots. Postage (and insurance, if applicable) will be added to the price of the successful bid(s). Payment can be made in U.S. funds by check (to the "SCC Library"), USPS postal money order, bank draft or in currency (at sender's risk, auctioneer suggests certified or insured mail). Sorry, credit-card payments are not accepted, although payments via PayPal can be arranged (inquire with the auctioneer).
- 5. Lots may be returned for a refund if grossly misdescribed. Lots consisting of multiple non-book items are only approximately described, so slight inaccuracies in the item counts and description of the lots are not cause for return. Books, catalogs and periodicals are generally used library copies in serviceable condition, unless otherwise noted in the lot descriptions.
- Prices realized for lots are published in *The Posthorn* and on the SCC website. Unsold lots are noted at the end of the prices realized list and are available on a first-come, first-served basis at their starting bids.

Lot Numbers and Descriptions:

Literature Lots

- 1. Denmark/Danish Areas: AFA Specialkatalog 1981-82, in Danish, Lars Boes (Ed.), Aarhus Frimærkehandel, Aarhus, Denmark, 1981, 448 pages, profusely illustrated, hardbound, ISBN 87-7012-087-0, pristine. The standard priced stamp catalog in Denmark where AFA catalog numbers are used extensively, with detailed specialized listings of the stamps of Denmark, Faroes, Greenland and Danish West Indies. Though superseded by later editions, this out-of-print, seldom-offered 1981-82 effort remains an essential reference handbook, containing several important one-off articles, including 108 pages of detailed, specialized information on the Denmark and DWI bi-color issues. This lot includes a separate 10-page paperback supplement listing additional die varieties. CMV = \$54, Starting bid = \$13.
- 2. Denmark/Danish Areas: AFA Specialkatalog 1987-88, in Danish, Lars Boes (Ed.), Aarhus Frimærkehandel, Aarhus, Denmark, 1987, 592 pages, profusely illustrated, hardbound, ISBN 87-7012-164-8, pristine. Priced catalog with detailed listings of the stamps of Denmark, Faroes, Greenland, Danish West Indies and Slesvig (Schleswig-Holstein). Though superseded by later editions, this 1987-88 effort remains an essential reference handbook, containing several important one-off articles, including 146 pages of Slesvig and Greenland postal markings, Greenland parcel cards, plate flaws of Danish 1918-33 Christian X issues, Danish postal etiquettes, Danish essays and proofs and Danish booklets, with detailed tables of Danish postal rates from 1851-1981. Out-of-print, high-demand reference work. CMV = \$69, Starting bid = \$17.
- 3. Denmark/Danish Areas: AFA Specialkatalog 1995, in Danish, Lars Boes (Ed.), Aarhus Frimærkehandel, Aarhus, Denmark, 1994, 720 pages, profusely illustrated, hardbound, ISBN 87-7012-232-6, with matching slipcase, good condition (slight binding separation). Priced catalog with detailed listings of the stamps of Denmark, Faroes, Greenland, Danish West Indies, Slesvig and Iceland. Though superseded by later editions, this 1995 effort remains an essential reference handbook in that added are a specialized Iceland stamp section, Iceland postmark types and postal rates, extensive listings of Danish numeral cancellations, Danish-English vocabulary list and special articles on Denmark's 1882-1904 coat-of-arms 20-øre issues and production of Danish stamps. CMV = \$82, Starting bid = \$20.

- 4. Denmark/Danish Areas: AFA Specialkatalog 2002, in Danish, Lars Boes (Ed.), AFA-Forlaget, Otterup, Denmark, 2001, 800 pages, profusely illustrated in color, hardbound, ISBN 87-7012-306-3, pristine. Priced catalog with detailed listings of the stamps of Denmark, Faroes, Greenland, Danish West Indies and Slesvig, including varieties, watermarks, coils, booklets, ad pairs, covers, more. No Iceland coverage in this edition, but for the first time color is used throughout for stamp illustrations. This 2002 effort remains an essential reference handbook in that added are a specialized 102-page treatise on the color plates of all printings of Denmark No. 1 through the bi-colors and 24 pages of priced listings of Danish and DWI essays, proofs, and reprints, both by the prominent expert, Lasse Nielsen. CMV = \$80, Starting bid = \$20.
- 5. Denmark: Frimærke Årbogen / Stamp Yearbook, in Danish, four different softbound yearbooks by Ib Eichner-Larsen, 1967-68, 1968-69, 1969-70 and 1976-77 editions, poor condition (water damaged and staining, but all pages are readable), consequently discounted from CMV. Each edition contains 148-160 pages and is an anthology of illustrated articles on Danish stamps, postmarks and personages. CMV = \$30, Starting bid = \$3.
- 6. Finland: LaPe Suomi Postimerkkiluettelo 1976 / LaPe Finland Stamp Catalog 1976, bilingual in Finnish and Swedish, Lauri Peltonen (Ed.), Lauri Peltonen Ky, Hanko, Finland, 1975, 224 pages, profusely illustrated, softbound, good condition (marred cover, but pages excellent). This specialized priced catalog remains a useful reference for its extensive information on every stamp issued, details of stamp varieties and postal stationery, treatment of the 1901-15 issues of Russian designs with Finnish denominations, and sections on postal history, postmarks and the 1856 imperforate and 1860-66 rouletted issues. EMV = \$10, Starting bid = \$2
- 7. Iceland: Postal Service in Iceland, 1776 May 13th 1951, in English, by Guðmundur Hlíðdal, Iceland Post and Telegraph Administration, Reykjavík 1951, 52 pages, illustrated, softbound, fine condition. Useful account of Iceland's Postal Charter of 1776 (excellent six-page English translation of this historical document) and more on the subsequent development of the Icelandic Postal Service. CMV = \$20, Starting bid = \$8.
- 8. Iceland: Two items, including Catalogue of the Specialised Collection of Iceland Formed by an Eminent Continental Philatelist, Harmer Rooke & Co. Ltd., London, catalog for April 9, 1965, auction of 424 lots of Iceland stamps and postal history, with list of prices realized, vi +34 +2 pages, profusely illustrated (seven pages of color plates), paperback, good condition (cover marred and detached from contents pages), and Iceland, A Bibliography, Philatelic Books and Articles in the English Language, by Lester Winick, Supplement to The Posthorn, Vol. 35, No. 3, August 1978 (reprinted from the American Philatelic Library's Philatelic Literature Review), 32 pages, paperback, good condition (cover marred). EMV = \$15, Starting bid = \$4.
- 9. Norway: Phenomenal treasure trove of information in English on Norwegian philately, consisting of three 7- by 9-inch black three-ring binders chock full of photocopied articles from decades-past issues of *The Posthorn*, Binder 1 = 1943-57 (138 pages), binder 2 = 1958-67 (157 pages) and binder 3 = 1967-74 (190 pages). An enormous range of subjects covered, including stamps, locals, revenues, cinderellas, postmarks and postal history much research and lengthy in-depth articles in addition to those of one-to-two pages. EMV = \$60, Starting bid = \$25.
- 10. Norway: Norgeskatalogen 1971 / Norway Catalog 1971, in Norwegian and English, Catalog committee of the Oslo Filatelistklubb (Ed.), 168 pages, profusely illustrated, softbound, pristine. Despite its outdated prices, this specialized priced catalog remains a useful reference for its introduction, vocabulary list and table of contents in English, listings of varieties, plate flaws and back-of-the-book issues, as well as stand-alone article on Norwegian airmail postmarks from 1920-60. EMV = \$5, Starting bid = \$2.
- 11 Norway/Nobel Prize: 100 År Nobels Fredspris / 100 Years Nobel Peace Prize, in Norwegian, Posten Norge, 2001, profusely illustrated, 58-spiral bound pages mounted within protective hardcover, with custom slipcase, ISBN 82-995127-1-9. Gorgeous souvenir book produced by the Norwegian Post to celebrate the Nobel Prize centenary, containing mounted within Norway's 2001 mint Nobel set and souvenir sheet (Scott Nos. 1308-15 and 1310a), four first-day covers for the set with se-tenant blocks of four and FDC for the s/s, mint Sweden 2415 and U.S. 3504 joint-issue Nobel stamps, and an uncataloged, serial-numbered (No. 5922) souvenir sheet of three progressive design proofs of Norway Scott 1313 picturing the head of 1922 Nobel recipient Frídtjof Nansen, probably only available from this book and overlooked by specialist Norway collectors! Scott CV for mint and used stamps = \$66.45 and EMV of the uncataloged s/s = \$40. EMV = \$100, Starting bid = \$50.
- 12. Sweden: "Sweden Its Pre-Adhesive Postal History and Covers," by Eric Hallar, reprint of article from *The Collectors Club Philatelist*, Vol. XXX, No. 2, March 1951, pp. 85-98, profusely illustrated, stapled pages. Authoritative article on the subject the title says it all! EMV = \$5, Starting bid = \$2.

- 13. Sweden: Postryttaren Årsbok för Postmusei Vänner 2015 (Årgang 65) / Post Rider 2015 Yearbook of Friends of the Swedish Postal Museum (Issue 65), in Swedish, Erik Hamberg (Editor), 148 pages, profusely illustrated in color, hardbound, ISSN 0586-6758, pristine. Anthology of eight feature articles on Sweden's first great collector Ernst Ljungström, fake postmarks in philately, Sweden Post's first principals, Karl-Erik Forsberg's stamps and postal stationery, collectible joy an overview of Cinderella philately, Farmiljen Bagge's postage stamp printing during 1868-92 and Adrian Johansson, a Småland postcard photographer and private steamers in the Post Office's service during 1824-69. CMV = \$35, Starting bid = \$12.
- 14. Scandinavian/Nordic: Facit Special 1987, in Swedish and English, 510 pages, softbound. Includes bilingual articles on Swedish postal documentation before the stamp period, values of Swedish stamps on covers to domestic and foreign destinations, rarity rankings of Swedish covers abroad 1855-1919, Swedish proofs-reprints-forgeries, Norwegian prephilately, Icelandic covers and cancellations and prephilatelic postmarks of Finland. CMV = \$8, Starting bid = \$3.
- 15. Scandinavian/Nordic: Facit Special 1991, in Swedish and English, 672 pages, softbound. Includes bilingual preliminary catalog information and articles on stamp production and explanations, values of Swedish stamps on domestic covers and to foreign destinations, rarity rankings of Swedish covers abroad 1855-1938, Norwegian prephilately, Icelandic covers and cancellations and prephilatelic postmarks of Finland, also extensive "back of the book" listings. CMV = \$8, Starting bid = \$3.
- 16. Scandinavian/Nordic: Ten different Nordia 1999-2013 show catalogs, bulletins, and palmarès, useful for 18 specialized articles therein, in English, Swedish, Norwegian, Icelandic, and Finnish. Articles include Finnish steamboat mail, Rogaland stamps, Iceland stamps, a Norwegian basilica, counterfeit & misused Finnish stamps, exhibiting picture postcards, postal history of two Icelandic towns, and Scandinavian mail abroad during the Napoleonic Era. EMV = \$20, Starting bid = \$5.
- 17. Scandinavia/Nordic/Periodical: Philatelistischen Nachrichten / Philatelic News, quarterly philatelic journal of Forschungsgemeinschaft Nordische Staaten e.V. (Nordic States Research Community), complete 2015 issues, No. 169-172. The 2015 run of this 8¼" by 11¾" German-language journal is 32 pages per issue, is profusely illustrated in black-and-white, and contains articles ranging from postal history to modern stamps of the eight Nordic areas (Åland, Denmark, Faroes, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden). The annual PN subscription cost is €26 (~\$7.50 per issue). CMV = \$30, Starting bid = \$6.
- 18. Germany: Germany 1872-1900, A Philatelic & Postal History Handbook of Germany and Her Colonies, Darryl Hinton-Blaker, Album Publishing Co., Raleigh, N.C., 1996, xviii + 238 pages, profusely illustrated, hardbound with dust cover, pristine, ISBN 1-885184-00-x. Useful treatment in English of subject compiled by the author from Germantext sources, catalog listings and research. CMV = \$25, Starting bid = \$10.
- 19. Philately: Stamp Collector's Guide to Europe, by Jon L. Allen and Paul H. Silverstone, Arco Publishing Co., New York City, 1974, x + 320 pages, profusely illustrated, softbound, ISBN 0-688-0344-4, pristine. Although information in this book is dated, it is worthwhile as a nostalgic trip down memory lane for its philatelic tour of 34 countries, featuring postal systems, philatelic services, stamp markets, stamp dealers, publications, collectors & collections and postal museums. CMV = \$15, Starting bid = \$2.
- 20. Philately: three profusely illustrated softbound books on fundamentals of the hobby How to Collect Stamps, Coins and Paper Money, by Ervin J. Felix, Windsor Press, Chicago, Ill., 1954, 160 pages, good condition, Collecting Stamps, by Paul Villiard, Signet, New York City, 1966, x + 166 pages, pristine, and An Introduction to Stamp Collecting, by Steven J. Rod, Amos Press, Sidney, Ohio, 1989, vi + 186 pages, ISBN 0-940403-10-2, good condition. Nostalgic look on stamp collecting over a span of four decades. CMV = \$30, Starting bid = \$5.
- 21. Sports/Olympics: Seoul Calgary 1988, The Official Publication of the U.S. Olympic Committee, Lisa H. Albertson (editor), Commemorative Publications, Salt Lake City, Utah, 1988, 128 pages, profusely illustrated, hardbound, ISBN 0-918883-02-4. Gorgeous nonphilatelic coffee-table book useful to Olympic sports topicalists and enthusiasts. CMV = \$8, Starting bid = \$2.

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Stamps, Covers, and Postal Stationery Lots

The first eight lots consist primarily of Finland railway-related covers, stationery and postal cards from a generous donation by an SCC member-exhibitor of Finnish railway postal history. The items are in F-VF condition unless otherwise noted. They are only briefly described to save space (scans available upon request via e-mail only). Starting bids are only one-fourth of market value, so this an excellent opportunity to cheaply acquire these difficult-to-find items. Purchase all these lots and have enough material to put together an award-winning one-frame exhibit of Finnish postal history! "Buy" bids will not be accepted for the individual lots, but a "Buy" bid for lot SC, all eight lots combined as a single lot, will be accepted provided that a maximum bid amount is specified by the bidder.

- S1. Finland/Covers: Two internal Finnish covers: 1895 postal stationery with 20p Finnish arms indicia (LAPE No. 32II) to Viborg, double-circle bilingual "H.FORS-ST.P.BURG/No. 1" black-circle (night train) railway postmarks, bilingual "VIBORG WIIPURI" and "PYHÄJÄRVI.Wp.L." routing/receiving datestamps on back; 1897 Lati to Lemu cover franked with 1890 Finnish-arms pair of 10p definitives tied by double-circle bilingual "H.FORS-ST.P.BURG/No. 2" railway postmarks, bilingual "LEMU" and "ABO TURKU" routing/receiving datestamps on back. EMV = \$30, Starting bid = \$8.
- S2. Finland/Postcards: Six light blue free-franked (no postage stamp or indicia) "weather report" cards, posted 1898-99 from various Finnish towns to pre-printed addressee "Finska Vetenskaps-Societeten / Helsingfors" (Finnish Society of Science and Letters, Helsinki), railway double-circle bilingual "H.FORS-ST.P.BURG/No. 2" black-circle (night train) postmarks on front. EMV = \$90, Starting bid = \$23.
- S3. Finland/Covers: Group of 11 internal Finnish covers and one front from 1905-12 franked with Finland 1901-11 Russian-arms-series, Finnish-denominated definitives (eight @ 20p, three with multiple-stamp frankings, one roughly opened at top and three @ 5p), tied by double-circle bilingual "H.FORS-ST.P.BURG/No. 2" railway postmarks, six having "HYVINKÄÄ" or "HELSINKI" routing or receiving datestamps on back. Scott Classic CV for covers franked with these (cheapest listed) stamps = \$35 minimum, but stamps not checked for varieties or perforation gauge, so possibly some "sleepers" here. EMV = \$100+, Starting bid = \$25.
- S4. Finland-Russia/Covers: Three 1907-12 covers from St. Petersburg to Hyvinkää, Finland, each franked with a different Russian 1883-1902 series 7k definitive, tied by double-circle bilingual "H.FORS-ST.P.BURG/No. 2" railway postmarks, two have "HYVINKÄÄ" receiving datestamps on back. EMV = \$45, Starting bid = \$11.
- S5. Finland-Russia/Covers: Two 1915-16 censored covers from St. Petersburg to Hyvinkää, Finland, franked with a 1909 Russian 10k definitive, tied by double-circle bilingual "H.FORS-P-GRAD/No. 2" railway postmarks, violet censor cachet on front (1915 = two-line text and 1916 = circular), trilingual "HELSINKI" routing and bilingual "HYVINKÄÄ" receiving datestamps on back; small (~10 mm) tears on right and left sides of 1916 cover. EMV = \$60, Starting bid = \$15.
- S6. Finland/Postal Cards: Group of 15 UPU-stipulated postal cards with Finnish arms 10p printed indicia, two 1879 quadrilateral design (LAPE No. 12) used 1880, and 13 1881 broken frame design (LAPE No. 13) used 1881-88, all different postally used internally except 1881 card to Dresden, all are railway conveyance with "Kupé" and "PostExped(ition)" postmarks and most have two or more postal markings. LAPE CV = 667 (~\$76) without premiums for the many scarce railway postmarks herein. EMV = \$185, Starting bid = \$46.
- S7. Finland/Postal Cards: Four 1888 design postal reply cards with ring type 10p printed indicia, used halves 1889-94, 3 x (LAPE No. 20), all railway with "KUPEN" etc. postmarks and receipt postal markings. LAPE CV = €12 (~\$13) without premiums for the scarce railway postmarks herein. EMV = \$30, Starting bid = \$8.
- S8. Finland/Postal Cards: Six 1901 eagle type postal reply cards with Russian arms 10p printed indicia (LAPE Nos. 24-35), all internal used halves (no railway postmarks), four with receipt postmarks, 4 x 1903-11 + 2 x 1918, LAPE CV = €34 (~\$38). EMV = \$24, Starting bid = \$6.
- SC. Finland/Postal History: Lots S1 through S8 (49 items total) offered as one combined lot (SC). If the high bid for this SC lot exceeds the cumulative high bids for the eight individual lots (S1-S8), or if all eight lots fail to receive bids, SC will be sold as a single combined lot. Cumulative EMV = \$564, Starting bid = \$170.

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- S9. Sweden/Isö: Complete pane of 20 phantasy stamps (four across by five down) with margins and inscriptions, 1970 "four famous statesmen" issue, depicting Sir Winston Churchill, John F. Kennedy, Dag Hammarskjold, and K. Adenauer, respectively, purported Swedish locals denominated 50, 75, 1.25 and 2.50 (no currency symbol), respectively, seldom-offered, fun Cinderella topical item. CMV = \$13, Starting bid = \$2.
- **S10.** Europe: Group of 16 stamps + two s/s, all mint, Liechtenstein 1983 No. 646 and 762-65, Switzerland 1963 Nos. 422-28 and B324-28, and Russia (USSR) 1985 5375, Scott CV = \$21.35. EMV = \$10, Starting bid = \$1.
- S11. Bermuda/Columbia: Four used stamps, Bermuda F-VF Nos. 67-68 and Columbia VF C92-93, Scott CV = \$67.35. EMV = \$10, Starting bid = \$1.
- NP. Net-Price Item/Finland/Stamp Booklet: As-issued, mint intact 1985 Finnish Bank Note Printing booklet containing a mint pane of eight se-tenant stamps (Scott 706 complete booklet @ \$9 / Facit No. H7, 962-69 @ SEK60/~ \$6.74), CMV = \$7.50. Total of 12 booklets are available at net price of \$4 each specify quantity if more than one is desired and auctioneer will try to accommodate orders based on demand. Net price = \$4 each.

Year Pack Lots

The next 14 lots are official year packs produced by the Danish & Greenlandic postal administrations. All year packs are in pristine, as-issued condition, in their original sealed protective poly sleeve packing. The stamp counts given for the Denmark packs are estimated from the Facit listings for stamps issued that year, not from actual examination of the yearbook contents, so counts may vary slightly from those given.

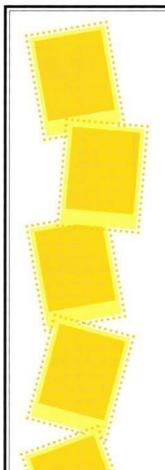
- **YP1.** Denmark 1976 year pack (24 stamps). CMV = \$14, Starting bid = \$7.
- YP2. Denmark 1977 year pack (20 stamps). CMV = \$17, Starting bid = \$9.
- YP3. Denmark 1978 year pack (20 stamps). CMV = \$15, Starting bid = \$8.
- YP4. Denmark 1979 year pack (22 stamps). CMV = \$18, Starting bid = \$9.
- YP5. Denmark 1980 year pack (21 stamps). CMV = \$20, Starting bid = \$10.
- YP6. Denmark 1981 year pack (29 stamps). CMV = \$25, Starting bid = \$13.
- YP7. Denmark 1982 year pack (21 stamps). CMV = \$23, Starting bid = \$12.
- YP8. Denmark 1983 year pack (25 stamps). CMV = \$30, Starting bid = \$15.
- YP9. Greenland 1978 year pack (9 stamps). CMV = \$8.50, Starting bid = \$4.
- YP10. Greenland 1979 year pack (9 stamps). CMV = \$8, Starting bid = \$4.
- YP11. Greenland 1980 year pack (10 stamps). CMV = \$9.50, Starting bid = \$5.
- YP12. Greenland 1981 year pack (8 stamps). CMV = \$14.50, Starting bid = \$7.
- YP13. Greenland 1982 year pack (10 stamps). CMV = \$10, Starting bid = \$5.
- YP14. Greenland 1983 year pack (8 stamps). CMV = \$23, Starting bid = \$12.

Prices Realized – SCC Library Auction #44 (Closed Nov. 1, 2016)

Summary: For this auction, there were 17 bidders, 13 of whom were successful in winning one or more lots. A total of 31 of 37 lots sold, with realizations totaling \$603.50 against cumulative starting bids of \$483.

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#1 = $7, #2 = $43, #3 = $10, #4 = $7, #5 = $23, #6 = $2, #7 = $8, #8 = $2, #9 = NS, #10 = NS, #11 = $4, #12 = $5, #13 = $14, #14 = NS, #15 = $8, #16 = $55, #17 = NS, #18 = $10, #19 = $2, #20 = NS, #S1 = $135, #S2 = $14, #S3 = $11, #S4 = $15, #S5 = $1.50, #S6 = $12, #S7 = $13, #S8 = $19, #S9 = $38, #S10 = $7, #S11 = $20, #S12 = $19, #S13 = $25, #S14 = $21, #S15 = $42, #S16 = $11 and #S17 = NS.
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NS indicates the following six lots were unsold and are available for sale at their respective starting bids on a first-come, first-served basis: #9 (\$1), #10 (\$2.50), #14 (\$5), #17 (\$2), #20 (\$1) and #S17 (\$30). Additionally, duplicate lots #6 (\$2), #S3 (\$11) and #NP (net price Finland booklets at \$4 each) are also available. If you are interested in buying any of these unsold lots, contact Roger Cichorz: reichorz@comcast.net or (303) 494-8361.



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