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The Viking Bulletin

Steve Lund, Scandinavian Collectors Club, Chapter 14, 383 Grand Ave #5, St. Paul, MN 55102

Events

September 12, 7pm
Chapter 14 meeting
Danish American Center
3030 West River Pkwy S
Minneapolis, MN 55406

September 21, 10am-4pm
Second **Saturday** Show
Maplewood Comm Ctr

October 10, 7pm
Chapter 14 meeting
Danish American Center

October 18-19
Metropex
Roseville Oval

November 10, 10am-4pm
Second Sunday Show
Maplewood Center

November 14, 7pm
Chapter 14 meeting
Fall Auction
Danish American Center

November 22-24
Chicagopex
Itasca, IL

December 8, 10am-4pm
Second Sunday Show
Maplewood Center

December 12, 6pm
Chapter 14 meeting
Julfest
Danish American Center

January 9, 2025, 7pm
Chapter 14 meeting
Danish American Center

February 13, 2025, 7pm
Chapter 14 meeting
Danish American Center

March 13, 2025, 7pm
Chapter 14 meeting
Danish American Center

Chapter 14 Membership dues:

\$25/year for sponsorship
\$10/year for regular

Remit to:

Jay Sandeen
1615 Ford Pkwy #5
St. Paul, MN 55116

Chapter 14 relies on the generosity of its members to support its programs. Thanks for your support.

Regular Meetings Resume

After no Chapter 14 meetings since June it is time to return to regular monthly meetings. We will resume on **September 12, 7pm, at Danish American Center** with the program being "Five Minutes." Over the course of the summer many of us have added items to our collections from Minnesota Stamp Expo dealers and others. This program encourages members to share these. Some members meet at Longfellows prior to the meeting beginning at 5pm.

Gary Reiter



Gary Reiter closed his album for the final time on July 10, 2024. He was a member of Scandinavian Collectors Club since 2013 and rarely missed a Chapter 14 meeting. His main collecting area was Finland from which he made a presentation of the Kalevala Legend in March 2020. Prior to the "Five Minute" program on September 12 life-long friend Garry Peterson will present a short history of Gary's life. Other members may also present remembrances before a final skål is offered.

Mike Schumacher is a Busy Bee

After exhibiting at Minnesota Stamp Expo in July, Mike Schumacher took his exhibits to GASS in Hartford, August 8-11, where he received the National Topical Stamp Show's Most Popular Exhibit Award for *The Match of the Century – A Philatelic Extravaganza!* In *Icelandic Philatelic Magazine, Issue 64/September 2024* Mike has published an extensive article on the Icelandic Horse. The article is well illustrated with stamps and postcards. To top this off Mike serves as the Show Director of FLOREX, December 6-7, 2024. Mike is a man of unlimited energy!

Chicagopex, November 22-24

The annual national meeting of the Scandinavian Collectors Club will be held at Chicagopex, November 22-24, at Westin Chicago Northwest Hotel. Chapters 4 & 14 will co-host a society table, 4 presentations are scheduled, annual board and membership meetings will take place in addition to a SCC reception and Gala Awards Banquet. Mark this in your calendar in ink! Further info at www.chicagopex.org

Obituary for Gary Charles Reiter

A loving grandfather, father, husband, brother, uncle, son, and friend, Gary passed away at the age of 80 on July 10th. He was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and was raised spending summers racing sailboats at Lake Calhoun (Bde Maka Ska) and Lake Minnetonka. His unique upbringing instilled a lifelong passion for water, wind, and sailing. Gary was an avid swimmer and scholar-athlete at Edina High School (class of 1962), received a BA from Carleton College (History), and a law degree (JD) from the University of Minnesota. Gary also received an MS degree in Medical Forensics from Case Western Reserve and was a member of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. He taught at Mitchell Hamline School of Law, worked as an articulate trial attorney and litigator for the State of Minnesota and Hennepin County Attorney General, as well as in private practice for many years.

Gary met his beloved wife Johanna and was married on December 30th, 1971. They shared in a synergistic love and cherished time with family, friends, and neighbors. Gary had a deep appreciation for city, state, and national parks, and experiencing art, history, and the natural world. In 1989, he was a founding member and helped to create the nonprofit Lake Calhoun sailing school (now Minneapolis Sailing Center), seeking to make sailing more accessible to all. He enjoyed friendships during all walks of his life and was an enthusiastic member of the Norwegian Explorers and Scandinavian Stamp Collectors Club. He will be missed dearly by friends and family. Gary is preceded in death by wife Johanna, son Christopher, and parents Erle and Helen Reiter. Gary is survived by brother Bruce (Marilyn), son Nicholas (Jessamyn), daughter Anastasia (Jeff), and grandchildren (Elena and Abram).



I've seen many logging trucks around Lake Michigamme this summer but never seen anything like this before. A local has identified it as some Norwegian species.