

## The Bay Phil

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#### **VOLUNTEER WORK AT LIBRARY!**

Due to popular demand one Saturday each month will be set aside for volunteers to visit the library and put in a few hours helping to work through our many tasks and piles of literature. The third Saturday of each month will be Volunteer Day. Here are the dates for 2015.

> November 21, 2015 December 19, 2015 January 16, 2016 February 20, 2016 March 19, 2016 April 16, 2016 May 21, 2016

#### **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

**Deceased** Richard H. Byne Anton Willem Meijer

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#### **Book Returns**

The WPL exists as a resource for everyone. The lending policy is very lenient for anyone borrowing books or other items. Most members appreciate this service and use it well, including returning the items in a timely manner. However, a few overextend their borrowing time and stretch it to the limit. It makes more work and problems to the few volunteers that we have who need to chase down delinquent borrowers and call them for returns that are sometimes years old. Please check any of your borrowed books and return them so others might benefit from them. The alternative is one we don't like: the limiting of borrowers who are chronic extenders, by denying their borrowing privilege.

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#### **BOARD MEETINGS**

Regular Board Meetings are open to all FWPL members. Meetings begin at 1PM the fourth Wednesday of each month at the WPL at 3004 Spring Street. Feel free to drop in and see what is going on. You might call President Stuart Leven, (408) 978-0193 beforehand to confirm details of location, time and date.

#### **Mission Statement**

The Western Philatelic Library exists to enhance the preservation and dissemination of philatelic knowledge by acquiring, organizing, interpreting and distributing information resources in a globally networked community.

#### WPL Vision Statement

We will be known as setting the standard for providing a responsive, convenient gateway to philatelic knowledge. Our Commitments:

- To build and conserve a world-class collection of printed, of the Friends of the Western Philatelic Library (FWPL), a non-profit
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- To provide access and support for beginners, hobbyists, has always been our policy that material specialists, writers and postal historians; can be used in whole or in part by
- To promote knowledge through public educational events and individuals displays; and
- To collaborate and cooperate with other libraries.



#### **Editor's Corner**

Another year gone, but plenty to look forward to in 2016. First there will be WESTPEX the end of April, followed by NY 2016 the end of May. I have made my plans to attend both and hope that you have made plans to attend at least one of them. If you live in San Francisco, all that you need to do to attend WESTPEX is to take BART to San Francisco Airport and then go outside the Internation Terminal and wait for the Marriott Bayshore shuttle which runs every 20 minutes around the clock.

I have quite a few book reviews in my stack of items and I have therefore decided to expand this issue to 16 pages to clear some of them out. Enjoy!

I am always looking for articles from members (see Jo Skinner on page 4).

If you have any duplicates to get rid of, please remember our Veteran's and any Children's Hospitals near you.

And if you have any free time, I am sure that Roger can find work for you to do at WPL.

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for all of you for the New Year.

Richard M. Hanchett, Editor

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**Richard H. Byne**, born November 22, 1931, died on September 26, 2015 and is now with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Dick retired from the USAF Air Intelligence Command in 1986 after 26 years of civilian service. Dick was an organist, indexer, author of two volumes of Confederate Philatelic subject matter, member of the United States Philatelic Classics Society, Texas Postal History Society, Texas Philatelic Association, San Antonio Philatelic Association, and was a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of London.

**Anton Willem Neijer**, born December 7, 1924, died March 17, 2015. Anton died peacefully from an internal bleeding while recuperating from surgery for a broken arm. Anton was born in the Netherlands. He graduated from the National Aeronautics Research Institute and was recruited in the Netherlands by Lockheed to come to the USA to work on supersonic aircraft. He and his wife moved here in the early 1950s and became US citizens in San Francisco. He also knew and worked with Werner von Braun.

Bernie Henschke's article "Stamp Collecting" in the July/August issue was very interesting and brought to mine some of the reasons we collect what we collect. I am guessing that we all can write a paragraph or two on either what or why we collect a certain subject or can provide a nugget or two of postal history related to your collecting interest and send it to our editor, Richard Hanchett editorofbayphil@cox.net.

Here is my contribution and hope to read yours soon.

#### WHAT I COLLECT By Jo Skinner

I collect Japan and became interested in the scenic woodcuts depicted on stamps and started collecting Japanese woodcuts on stamps. In 1832 artist Hiroshige set out to sketch views along the Tokaido, the route between Edo, which later became Tokyo, and Kyoto. The sketches were made into woodcuts, a popular art form at that time. The Tokaido, a distance of 310 miles, was used by Samurai and Lords who traveled on horseback or sat in Kagos and commoners who traveled on foot. Along the way were 53 stations providing meals and lodging for the travelers

The stations also provided post stations where runners with their letter-boxes strapped on long poles over their shoulders traveled from station to station. In the 1860's when more modern postal services were put into practice the Tokaido made an easy transfer since the stations were already established. The Government of Japan's first attempt to establish a postal system using stamps in payment began on March 1891, and only on the Tokaido between Tokyo, Kyoto and Osaka.

#### MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Life member Stephen D. Schumann has been invited to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists. The Roll was established in 1921 by the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain with the approval of His Majesty King George V, who was the first signatory. An invitation to sign the Roll is widely regarded as the world's pre-eminent philatelic honor. Not including this year's invitations, only 368 people from 41 countries have achieved this distinction. The signing ceremony to induct this year's candidates as Roll of Distinguished Philatelists took place in England on August 7, 2015. Steve's contributions to philately in the USA and worldwide and his particular emphasis on postal stationery, are well known and being recognized. **Congratulations!** 

#### Thank You Emails from Jo Skinner, Treasurer of FWPL

#### **Edward and Judy Jarvis**

Dear Ed and Judy,

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The American Helvetia Philatelic Society is pleased to announce a new CD *Philately of Switzerland—an Introductory Handbook, Second Edition.* The first edition of the book won a large gold at NABA Stans in 2012.

The CD is available for \$10 US postpaid to anywhere in the world. Checks (drawn on a US bank) or cash (Swiss francs or Euros at par) are accepted. You may also pay by PalPay (please add 30 cents to cover their fees) to: treasurer@swiss-stamps.org or send orders to: Secretary, Americal Helvetia Philatelic Society, P.O. Box 15053, Asheville, North Carolina 22813-0053

#### Book Review: 2015 Brookman reviewed by Peter Martin

### 2015 Brookman edited by David S. Macdonald. Bedford, N.H.: Brookman/Barrett & Worthen, 2014. 416 pages, 8.5 by 11 inches, color illus., perfect or spiral bound. Available for \$35.95 (perfect) or \$39.95 (spiral) plus \$5 P&H from: Brookman/Barrett & Worthen, 167 So. River Rd. Unit #3, Bedford, NH 03110; Phone (800) 332-3383.

The 2015 Brookman was released late last year and, as with previous editions covers English speaking North America, including the United States (with territories and possessions such as Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Canal Zone, Marshall Islands, Micronesia and Palau), Canada and United Nations.

Brookman also provides expanded coverage for U.S. back of the book issues, U.S. first day covers, World War II and Korean War Patriotics, postal collectibles and autographs.

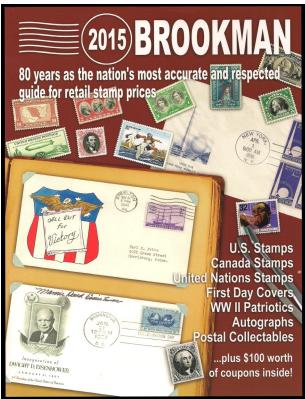
Brookman uses Scott catalog numbers throughout by agreement with Scott Publishing Company.

The standard format consists of two-column listings with some three-column pages.

Like other recent editions, many of the color images are quite dark, especially for modern issues, but they are still useful references. Individual stamp images are provided for most major categories. but others only have selected images.

Brookman is really a retail price list used by Brookman/Barrett & Worthen, Brookman Stamp Company and a number of stamp dealers around the country. Prices are given for used and unused stamps, often further separated by condition.

U.S. first day covers have their own introduction with listings that start with Scott 5A. Issues



for the 1920s and 1930s include prices for all official cities. The first cachets of major cachetmakers are interspersed.

The postal collectibles section includes such items as souvenir cards, souvenir pages and commemorative panels.

Publisher Arlene Dunn reports that: "Collector interest in first day covers is in the more elusive 1920 to early 1930s first days. Rare material sells immediately, both in auction and in dealers stocks. As in the past, interest in World War II Patriotics remains strong."

Each book contains \$100 worth of coupons and a free one-year subscription to the quarterly *The Brookman Times*.

The 2015 Brookman is available in perfect and spiral bound editions.

The *Brookman* catalog provides first day cover collectors one of the few places where they can check the relative rarity of FDCs in their collections.

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#### Book Review: A History of America in Thirty-Six Stamps reviewed by Alan Warren

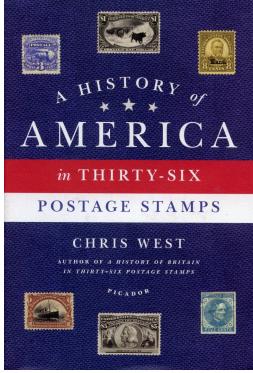
A History of America in Thirty-Six Postage Stamps by Chris West. 350 pages, 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> by 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inches, casebound, dust jacket, Picador, New York, 2014. ISBN 978-1-250-04368-9, \$28.

This book follows the author's earlier one entitled *A History of Britain in Thirty-Six Postage Stamps*. The goal in both cases is to use stamp images to reveal some of the historic moments of the two countries. The stamps are shown in color at the beginning of each chapter along with the stamp subject, denomination, and Scott catalog number.

This book begins not with a "postage stamp" but rather revenue paper that precedes even the postmaster provisionals. The tax was imposed with Britain's 1765 Stamp Act and was intended to raise funds to recoup some of the expenses of England's war with France 1756-1763. The amount of the tax depended on what the paper would be used for—a pamphlet, a license, a contract or whatever. The act incensed the colonists leading to violence and riots, and resulted in repeal of the act after only a few months. Britain then resorted to import tariffs which eventually led to a rather major incident in Boston Harbor with a load of tea.

Author West next uses the 1847 10¢ Washington issue to present a brief profile of the commander and to summarize the war that established the new country under his leadership as General and, later, President.

Some of our country's most familiar stamps lead off subsequent chapters with the  $3\notin$  1869, the \$5 Columbian, the \$1 Trans-Mississippi, the 1919  $3\notin$  Victory stamp, the Fourth Bureau issues and the 1927  $10\notin$  Lindbergh air mail among others. In each chapter the author highlights the events of that time. Commemorative issues appropriately fit the chronology and storytelling in preference to omnibus issues like the Prexies. Post World War II issues include the United



Nations, Young America, NATO, and the Emancipation Proclamation centennial.

The appropriate ending to the history of America to date reflects the technology of new postage stamps using a DIY Stamps.com personal stamp depicting author Chris West. The history lessons are a nice storytelling device stimulated by stamps familiar to United States collectors. There is no postal history here or even images of stamps on covers. The National Postal Museum provided the excellent stamp pictures.

An appendix provides more detail on each of the stamps selected, including issue date, printer, number issued, and a few comments that appeal to both beginners and advanced collectors of the 19<sup>th</sup> century issues. The 20<sup>th</sup> century stamps have just the essentials of designer, printer, date of issue and number printed. A subject index concludes the book.

Beginner collectors, both young and old, will find the historic topics of interest, and more advanced collectors will be informed and entertained as well.

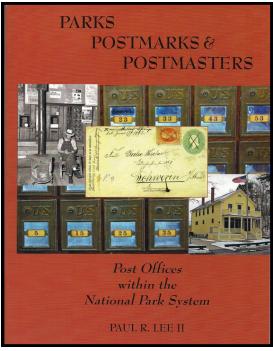
#### Book Review: Parks, Postmarks & Postmasters: Post Offices Within the National Park System reviewed by Peter Martin

Parks, Postmarks & Postmasters: Post Offices Within the National Park System by Paul R. Lee II. Denver, Colo.: Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library, 2014. Perfect bound and hardbound, 8.25 x 10.75 inches, 259pp., illus.

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One of my collecting specialties is the postal history of the United States national parks, so I was delighted to see a book about the subject appear in the marketplace. And *Parks, Postmarks & Postmasters: Post Offices Within the National Park System* by Paul R. Lee II does not disappoint.

While my primary focus is the 59 entities that are called national parks, Lee, a retired member of the National Park Service took on the much larger task of examining the 407 entities that are part of the National Park system. These include national monuments, national historical parks, national seashores, national recreation areas and national historic sites, to name a few.



Naturally, not all those entities had post offices but, through his contacts throughout the park system, Lee was able to identify 300 post offices in those 110 park units that did and, as the title describes, to provide information about the park, the postmasters and the postmarks.

It does provide a brief description of the park, along with its location and purpose, a listing of the postmasters and their years of service and, whenever possible, illustrations of the post office and a sampling of postmarks used at the location. Included are some post offices that were operated on ships, trains, military bases, historic trails, and even a prison. Lee also provides endnotes for many of the park listings that will help identify sources for additional research.

Lee's includes not only post offices that don't exist anymore, but he also includes the much more difficult listing of what I call forerunners, post offices that were once located in what is now national park property.

Through his contacts, Lee was able to dig out information about the many small mining, logging, ranching, and fishing communities that had post offices for a short time.

The extensive table of contents makes finding any specific park very easy and the twocolumn format is simple to follow. The book is well illustrated, mostly in color, and the images are almost universally of high quality.

An excellent bibliography and an index of parks and post offices complete the work.

#### Book Review: Return to Sender: Devices Used to Identify Service Suspended Mails during WW II reviewed by Alan Warren

*Return to Sender: Devices Used to Identify Service Suspended Mails during WW II*, second edition, by Michael B. Deery. 344 pages, 8 ½ by 11 inches, spiral bound, Wallaceburg, Ontario, Canada, 2015, ISBN 978-0-9869145-1-5. Postpaid to USA addresses: hardbound \$30, from Charles LaBlonde, 15091 Ridgefield Lane, Colorado Springs CO 80921-3554, or on CD in PDF format \$13.50 from Michael Deery, 28726 Island View Road, Wallaceburg ON N8A 4K9, Canada. For book or CD pricing to other countries, contact Deery (michderr@kent.net).

This second edition expands the information related to devices and markings applied to returned mail during the Second World War by 80 pages over the 2011 first edition. The scope is worldwide and includes both allied and axis powers, and is presented geographically by country. Aspects of suspended mail include service interrupted, mail not forwardable, refused, no service available, or diversion from air to surface mail.

The introductory pages include a list of acronyms and abbreviations, and explain the organization of the catalog. The devices focus on handstamp, label, machine cancel, memo or enclosed slip, and manuscript items. The figure numbering of the first edition is retained and where new images are introduced they carry new numbers beginning with 175. There are over 250 cover illustrations in this edition.

Each device is illustrated and its measurements given in millimeters along with a catalog number, earliest and latest recorded use, color, and any specific notes. Rarity factors are not presented although the author does give the number of examples studied for each entry from his database.

The first section shows an overview of generic devices that imply suspended mail service. These include pointing finger handstamps and other labels or markings denoting return for a



variety of reasons. The generic markings are shown for nine different countries. In some cases the covers were censored as well. The time period is just before and just after the declaration of war.

The remaining sections of the catalog present the suspended mail services and devices used throughout the war for the British Commonwealth nations, United States, European countries, Central and South America, and Asia. An appendix lists a few unidentified markings for which the author has seen only one example, and he provides a few details about the pieces but seeks more information. Another appendix lists all figures in numerical order with a brief description and page number. All illustrations are in black and white. Four pages are devoted to an extensive bibliography.

Pages lack a header with the title of the book and the section that is under discussion. The page numbering has even numbers on the right hand pages instead of the usual

convention of odd pages on the right.

There is an enormous wealth of information in this catalog, not only defining the various returned mail or suspended mail circumstances, but especially the images of the devices that were used for these services. Many of the covers shown are also censored, but the censorship markings are beyond the scope of this excellent catalog.

#### Book Review: The Encyclopaedia of Jamaican Philately, Vol. 9: Military Mails reviewed by Alan Warren

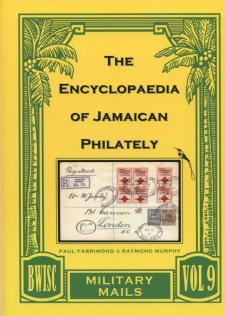
*The Encyclopaedia of Jamaican Philately, Vol. 9: Military Mails* by Paul Farrimond and Raymond Murphy. 466 pages, perfect bound, 8 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> by 11 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches, The British West Indies Study Circle, Javea, Alicante, Spain, 2015. ISBN 978-1-907481-24-6, £29 plus shipping; details from http://www.bwisc.org/index.html.

This handbook is the definitive source for information pertaining to military mails of Jamaica including censorship and patriotic covers. This new edition is totally revised with renumbering of labels in some cases and the addition of new information. The discussion goes beyond World War II.

Some historic background, including the Spanish influence and then the early years of the British presence, sets the stage for the modern period starting with the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The chapter on the British Army lists various handstamp markings in chronological order by type. In each case there is an image of the mark and brief mention of its purpose with earliest and latest known dates of use. The British Field Post Offices (BFPOs) after independence are listed. Registered mail markings are shown as well as censor handstamps.

The next chapter deals with the Royal Navy in Jamaica. World Wars I and II are examined as well as the period between the wars. Markings described include the Naval Intelligence Center, British Packet, Fleet Mail Office, and some censorship markings. The Royal Air Force has a short chapter of its own.

Another chapter focuses on prisoners of war, internees, and evacuees and the markings found



on their mail. A separate chapter is devoted to censorship services in WW I and WW II with details of handstamp markings and labels. This is one of the more expansive sections and incorporates images of covers and sometimes maps that show air mail routes.

Additional chapters address the handling of mail in Jamaica for Canadian forces, American forces (with cacheted naval covers from between the wars), and Provincial forces of the West Indies and Jamaica. Patriotic covers handled in Jamaica have a section of their own.

Each chapter is followed immediately with several appendixes that reproduce official letters of instruction, listings of vessels and units, censor numbers, and cross references to previous editions of this handbook. Each marking has a catalog number of its own.

There is no master index for this book but a useful search tool is an index of handstamp markings and the pages where they are found. A 2-page listing of references will lead readers to related sources of information. Rarity factors are not shown.

Despite the complexity of the subject the book is designed to be useful for collectors of military mail. The text is not crowded and the illustrations are clear and distinct, and in color when covers are shown. The attention to detail of the handling of military mail in just one of the British West Indies islands is truly amazing.

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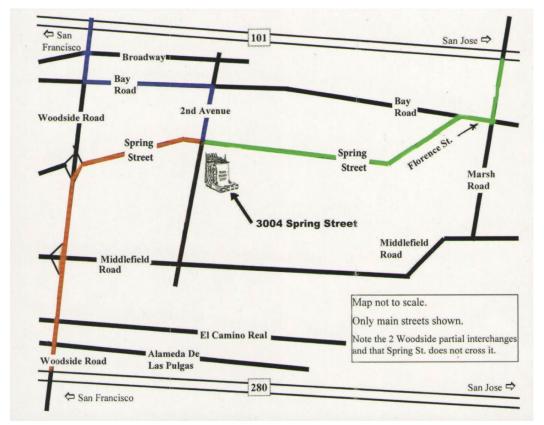
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