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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 2013.

November 16  
December 21  
January 18, 2014  
February 15, 2014  
March 15, 2014  
April 19, 2014

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

**Deceased**  
**Alan Anderson**  
**Gil Goodrich**

**Moved**

**New**  
**Richard Vohs (CA)**  
**Michael Turrini (CA) - Life**

## **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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### Editor's Corner

What a wonderful occasion - issue number 300!!!! Forty-two years in the making!! This is definitely a milestone, as many philatelic publications do not make it to even 10 years. You should all be very proud of your organization. And congratulations to you and all former members as it would not have been possible without you and them. And now on to the next 42 years.

I apologize for the lateness of this issue - my wife and I were enjoying an extended vacation in Hawaii. Left there at 86F and arrived home to the 40s.

This is your publication, not mine, and I am always open to suggestions for improvement. I may not implement all suggestions, but I will always read and evaluate them.

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### Ongoing Library Support

The Sunnyvale Public Library provides all of our facilities at the Raynor Activity Center at no charge to the FWPL or patrons using the library. This is a major factor in our ability to stay in operation and enables us to devote the funds of FWPL to maintaining and building the collection itself.

### BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Board Meetings are open to all FWPL members. Meetings begin at 4PM the fourth Wednesday of each month at the WPL at the Raynor Activity Center. 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, electronic and other media;
- To support, extend and enrich the pursuit of knowledge and enjoyment through stamp collecting;
- To provide access and support for beginners, hobbyists, specialists, writers and postal historians;
- To promote knowledge through public educational events and displays; and
- To collaborate and cooperate with other libraries.

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Steve Jacobson (CA) stamp albums with stamps  
Mark R. Tyx (CA) various philatelic periodicals and journals, books and auction catalogues  
Charles J. La Blonde (CO) various philatelic periodicals, auction catalogues, Swiss Booklet Panes, early Geneva Postmarks, Swiss stamps mint and used

### Updated on a Past Volunteer

Roger Skinner wrote to say that he had received an email from Ludmila Samolovtseva who worked at the WPL in January-February 2011 doing computer inputs. She returned to Moscow to finish her University work. She was granted a Green Card and now lives with her sister in Dallas, TX. She is applying for her first job in the US as a sales associate in retail.

### Email to the Editor (as received)

Hello!

I have 25 years old. Once I got a letter with a very original stamp. This stamp so took me, that I decided to start collecting stamps and covers. It became my hobby and life. This hobby brings me joy and I everytime learn something new. My dream is to collect stamps from different countries. Maybe you can help me make my dream come true. If possible please send me by mail any stamps for which I thank You sincerely.

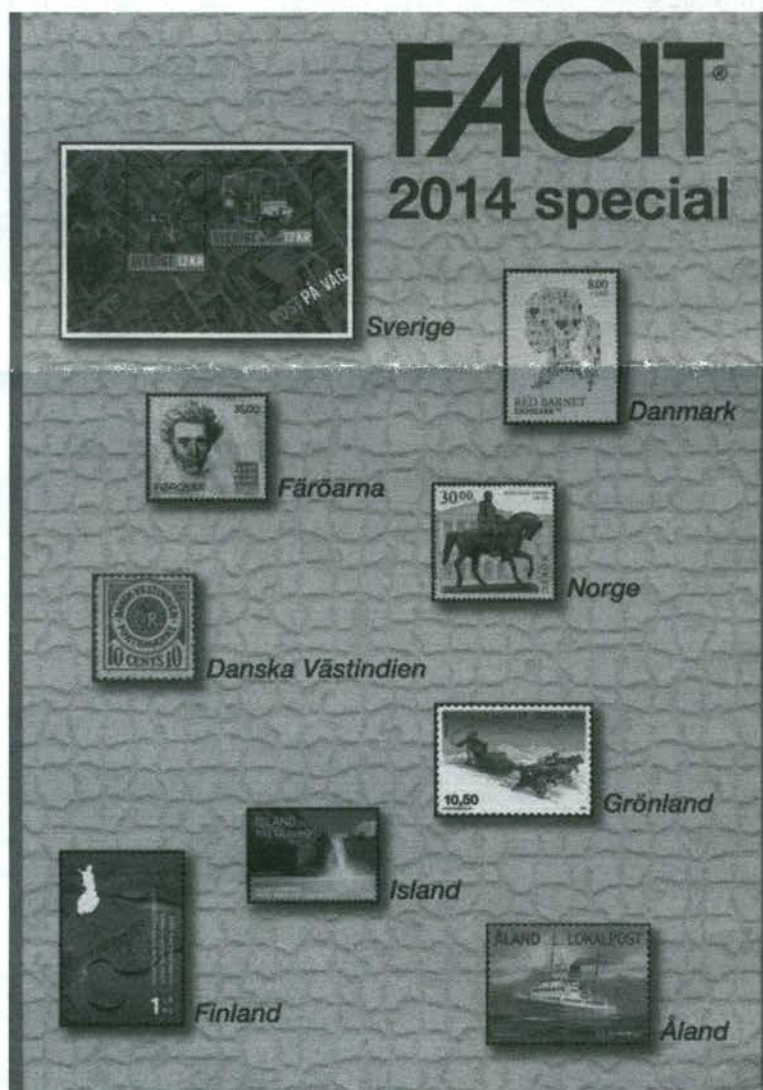
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**Book Review: *FACIT 2014 Special***  
**reviewed by Alan Warren**

*FACIT 2014 Special*, Leif Jaråker, ed. 1008 pages, 6 ½ by 9 ½ inches, card covers, perfect bound, Facit Förlags AB, Västerås, Sweden, 2013, ISBN 91-86564-72-2.

This continues to be *the* catalog for collectors of Sweden as well as the other Nordic countries. In addition to those areas mentioned on the cover—Sweden, Denmark, Faroes, Danish West Indies, Iceland, Greenland, Norway, Finland and Åland—the Finnish related areas of Aunus, Karelia, and North Ingermanland are also included. The continuing expansion of the catalog is reflected in the increased number of pages—944 pages in 2011 and now 1008 pages.



Sweden receives special treatment at the beginning of the catalog with all-inclusive subjects like proofs, rarity of early covers by destination, vending machine labels, booklets, officials, postage due, military envelopes with reply stamps, and first day covers. The last item now includes two pages of illustrated pictorial first day and event cancels.

Other specialty areas for Sweden appear only every few years in *Facit*. The table of contents points to those previous annual catalogs for listings of Swedish revenues, postal stationery, locals, reply stamps, and Christmas seals since they are not in this 2014 edition.

The other Nordic countries are similarly treated with FDCs, franking labels and stamp booklets included with the stamp issues. New to this edition is an article by Orla Nielsen in the Iceland section where he lists the largest known multiples, mint and used, of the oval aur issues of 1876-1901.

All stamp illustrations are in color except for certain varieties. The *Facit* catalog continues to be the essential reference for collectors of the Nordic countries.



## **GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN**

**by Jo Skinner**

We are sorry to report that two of our faithful volunteers have passed away this past year and are greatly missed.

**Alan Anderson** specialized in cataloging and storing our collection of media items and philatelic objects. In addition to cataloging, Alan was consistent in making sure the items worked as specified so that patrons could actually see how the device worked and spent many hours finding the right kind of packaging to make the collection available for use by those using the library.

Alan also spent a lot of time working on a scanner for 35 mm slides and finally found one that fit his criteria. It did take an extraordinary amount of time, but you did get a high resolution result.

His side hobby was trains so he enjoyed the Casey Jones library books more than most.

**Gil Goodrich** served many years as a member of the Board of Directors and also helped repair and install shelving for our expanding collection.

Gil was one of those unique people that could solve almost any need you had. He recommended places to go for the things you needed and sometimes provided information from others he knew having similar problems.

He continually brought brochures to the library for youth groups and took library publicity to every stamp club he could find. Gil took heavy loads of duplicate philatelic magazines and auction catalogs to the smaller stamp bourses to be handed out for free to all collectors. Gil's pleasant and congenial personality certainly made most events more pleasant and will be sincerely missed.

## **Move Information**

**by Roger Skinner**

Christina Uribe of the Sunnyvale City Staff visited the library on October 4, to see how our effort at moving was coming along. She stated that the City Council agenda for October 22 had the sale approval of Raynor as one item to be discussed. She also said if they approved the sale it would take another 7 days for both parties to submit the sale for escrow, which takes 45 days. At the end of that period the property would belong to the new owner, and it is expected to be clear of all occupants, including the city.

She seemed to be pleased at our progress in moving stuff so far. We said that it was taking longer than we would like and we would like as much time as possible. She said she would discuss it with other city staff to see how much could be allowed.



**Book Review: *Swissair Special Flights of 20 September 1944***  
**reviewed by Alan Warren**

*Swissair Special Flights of 20 September 1944: Postal History Perspective* by Charles J. La Blonde. 36 pages, 8 ½ by 11 inches, card covers, saddle stitched, self-published by the author, Colorado Springs CO, 2013. ISBN 978-0-9742619-7-3, \$10 postpaid in USA and Canada by cash, check, or PayPal; \$20 postpaid elsewhere by cash or PayPal to clablond@aol.com; or by mail to Charles La Blonde, 15091 Ridgefield Lane, Colorado Springs CO 80921-3554 USA.

Collectors usually attribute the Swissair flights of September 20, 1944 to invented or created circumstances, which in a sense is true. However, the author provides the background that led up to these events and presents postal history aspects of the flights so that collectors can better appreciate what was accomplished.

Swissair was formed in 1931. In August 1939 Swissair service came to a sudden halt when Germany closed France and Germany to civilian air traffic. The airline decided to cancel both domestic and foreign flights, leaving a company requiring maintenance but having no income.

A business without income cannot survive and the prognosis for Swissair was very bleak. In August 1944 one Swissair flight from Zürich to Stuttgart resulted in loss of its DC-2 when it was mistakenly destroyed at the airport by an Allied bombing mission. However, the Swiss crew was saved and returned to Switzerland. A short time later another Swiss DC-2 landed at Stuttgart and the airport was again attacked. The neutral markings were observed and the DC-2 was not touched although the Germans suffered loss of life and severe facilities destruction.

By September the Swiss Postal Telegraph and Telephone agency (PTT) came to the rescue of the airline. First a set of four stamps were issued September 1 consisting of three airmail values and a special 1.50 Swiss francs stamp all marking the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of airmail service in the country. The 1.50 CHF value was designated for a series of flights and could be used only on those flights on September 20, 1944. It also paid the delivery to domestic and foreign addresses. Twelve legs of service took place among Zürich, Bern, Lausanne, and Geneva.

Special directional labels for each leg, marked "Jubiläums-Postflug," were applied to covers that were prepared and mailed in outer envelopes to designated collection points. Arrival handstamps within Switzerland were applied to the front of the covers, but neither the outgoing nor arrival cancels had any time designation.

Author La Blonde illustrates one or more of these special September 20 covers for each leg, and provides an analysis of rates as well as the number of covers carried on each leg. In addition to registered mail some examples with express labels and the required postage are shown. Covers sent to Germany and elsewhere in Europe were censored, with few exceptions. Other destinations shown include Belgium, Netherlands, Hungary, Sweden, England, Morocco, and the United States. The routing and rates are analyzed.

An appendix reproduces the Swiss PTT announcement of August 22, 1944 that spelled out the requirements for these special flights. A bibliography of sources concludes this booklet that tells an interesting story of interest to Swiss postal history and aerophilately. The Swiss postal service saved the national airline and enabled it to prepare for resumption of postwar operation.





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## Book Review: *Norgeskatalogen* reviewed by Alan Warren

*Norgeskatalogen 2014* (Catalogue of the Postage Stamps of Norway), Oslo Filatelistklubb. 480 pages, 6 ½ by 9 ½ inches, perfect bound, card covers, Oslo Philatelic Club, Oslo, Norway, 2013. ISBN 978-82-997618-8-8, 375 NK (approximately \$65 in Norway).

This 66<sup>th</sup> edition of Norway's premier reference work for collectors continues to set a high bar for outstanding single country catalogs. The introductory material discusses the various types of Norway cancellations and also the areas of caution where forgeries are known. Although the listings are in Norwegian, the colors and varieties are easily discernible and understood by those whose first language is not Norwegian. Where there are extended discussions of printing and paper types, these appear in both Norwegian and English.

The listings go well beyond the traditional postage stamps, coil stamps, officials, and postage dues to include vending machine booklets, franking labels, personalized stamps, returned letter stamps, and special products like souvenir sheets sold by the Norwegian

postal service. The famous Posthorn series again has a section of its own that goes into the cataloging and terminology associated with these stamps. Postal rate tables are brought up to 2013. Prestamp cancellations (1845-1855) are illustrated.

Keeping with this catalog's tradition, two special articles were prepared for this edition. Peer-Christian Ånensen, chairman of the catalog committee, writes about the design and production of the King Haakon VII set of four values issued in 1946. He shows archival material and lists plate flaws.

The other article describes the Swiss type cancels (bridge cancels) developed in Norway 1930-1936. A table lists these cancels by town name with indication of period of use and a rarity grade. The catalog also has a selected bibliography covering a wide range of topics of interest to Norway collectors.





**Book Review: *The World's First Postage Stamp***  
*reviewed by Larry Rosenblum*

*The World's First Postage Stamp*, Alan Holyoake, FRPSL; The Royal Philatelic Society London, 2013, 159 pages with index, hardbound, full color. Available in the US for \$40 postpaid from The Collectors Club, 22 E. 35th Street, New York NY 10016, [info@collectorsclub.org](mailto:info@collectorsclub.org).

*The World's First Postage Stamp* is a record of the first postage stamps, an award-winning exhibit and a personal journey. Alan Holyoake was not a stamp collector when he happened to read about an auction of philatelic material from the Royal Philatelic Collection in 2001. Intrigued by owning items that had belonged to the Queen, he purchased several items in the sale and then jumped head-first into the history of the first postage stamps, the Penny Black and the Twopenny Blue.

The Royal Philatelic Collection was developed by King George V (1910-1936), who was an ardent philatelist and used his position and wealth to obtain truly outstanding material. His descendants have maintained and enhanced the collection, though none has been actively involved. The post of Keeper of the Royal Philatelic Collection was created by King George V, and it continues to the present day.

In the process of enhancing the Collection, in 2001 the Keeper wanted to purchase a cover with a block of 10 Penny Blacks canceled on the first day of use, May 6, 1840. To make funds available for the cover, the Keeper sold some duplicate items.

After his purchase, Holyoake began to study the first stamps and the history behind them. He became fascinated with the first plates used to print the stamps - Plates 1 and 2 of the Penny Black and Plate 1 of the Twopenny Blue.

In under 10 years, Holyoake put together an astounding exhibit of stamps from those plates and covers franked with those stamps. He included peripheral material, such as entries from the 1839 Treasury Competition, in which entrants submitted proposed designs for postage stamps. There are also items from the 'Rainbow' Trials conducted in 1840 to develop an alternative to the black color of the penny stamps; it had been found that it was too easy to remove the cancel from a black stamp and then reuse it.

Holyoake also presents the historical importance of the postal reform that led to the postage stamps and a summary of events that occurred at the time. These essays help the viewer place the material in perspective.

His collection won the Grand Prix at the 2010 London International Stamp Exhibition as well as several other awards. Fortunately for us, Holyoake decided to create a record of his collection before it was broken up. In their Forward, Roger Brody and Wade Saadi of The Collectors Club, New York, say that the book is "a visual feast of the material generated in the events surrounding the birth of philately."

This book is of interest to anyone interested in the world's first two postage stamps and how they came about. It pictures items that even experienced collectors of early British stamps rarely, if ever, get to see. It is well worth a place on the philatelic bookshelf.



**Book Review: *Proceedings of the First International Symposium on  
Analytical Methods in Philately***  
reviewed by Alan Warren

*Proceedings of the First International Symposium on Analytical Methods in Philately*, ed. Thomas Lera, John H. Barwis and David L. Herendeen. 132 pages, 8 ½ by 11 inches, perfect bound, card covers, Smithsonian Institution Scholarly Press, Washington DC, 2013. ISSN 1948-5999 (print) and 1948-6006 (online). Available as text or PDF® at [www.scholarlypress.si.edu](http://www.scholarlypress.si.edu).

The Institute for Analytical Philately, Inc. (IAP) is a non-profit organization established in 2010 by the late David L. Herendeen. Its purpose is to use scientific technology to expand our knowledge of philately. In November 2012 the IAP held its first symposium at the Smithsonian National Postal Museum in Washington DC with a panel of invited speakers. The symposium venue had limited space and was quickly sold out. The papers presented at the meeting are collected here and published incorporating the graphics used by the speakers.

The keynote address by David Beech, past president of the Royal Philatelic Society London, emphasizes the need for scientific equipment in “forensic philately.” John Barwis differentiates among the National, Continental, and two American Banknote Company printings through measurement of paper thickness, and permeability relative to the type of sizing agent used. Thomas Lera et al discuss scientific analysis of the first issues of Chile by examining the paper and printing inks of the four London printings.

David Herendeen points up the importance of documenting scientific philately in key journals like the *London Philatelist*, the *Collectors Club Philatelist* and elsewhere. Using infrared spectroscopy and x-ray diffraction, Harry Brittain studies the typographed 5-cent stamps of the Confederate States of America. Abed Najjar describes scientific testing on a partial cover in the handwriting of Victor Hugo that bears three copies of the Great Britain 1858-1879 1d from the rare plate 77. Despite Philatelic Foundation and RPSL certificates claiming the stamps are fakes altered from plate 73, the author had a battery of instrumental tests performed and the results examined by five scientific experts, concluding the stamps are genuine.

James Allen and Thomas Lera performed instrumental tests on the U.S. 1851 3-cent issue to better understand the composition of the inks used in the various shades. Thomas Gill found that the Mulitas issues of Mexico were printed using paper and inks different from earlier Mexican issues by examining them with proton-induced x-ray emission spectrometry.

David Herendeen and Gary White describe statistical methods for determining rare stamp populations. Lyman Caswell demonstrates the use of reflectance spectroscopy to study the measurements and colors of overprints in order to identify counterfeits. Three other papers from the symposium are mentioned briefly in these proceedings with an indication that their PowerPoint presentations may be found at the IAP web site [www.analyticalphilately.org/symposium.html](http://www.analyticalphilately.org/symposium.html).

The IAP has accomplished a lot in advancing our philatelic knowledge through the use of scientific instrumentation and methodology. The National Postal Museum has acquired several laboratory instruments, some of which were used to prepare data for these papers. The IAP is making research grants available and the NPM offers scholarships that can be used for scientific research in philately. All of these efforts are extending the horizons of our hobby. Plans are underway to hold a second symposium in the near future.



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