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**Just four years ago,
our mortgage payable was \$512,320.**

**Thanks to your help, we've made great progress
during these last two years.**

**However, we still face a balloon payoff in
February of 2023 of \$202,300.**

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(We tell you how on page 4)



Bob Gordon, Editor

Editor's Corner

Dear Readers- Mark your calendar for the Library's next Open House and Silent Auction this coming May 21st. New this year will be a selection of duplicate philatelic literature for sale. See announcement on page 7.

Speaking of events, WESTPEX 2022 is practically here. The Library will have a modest presence at the show to promote Library membership and our May 21 Open House. See some recent photos on page 6. The Library keeps looking better and better (if we don't say so ourselves!)

Contact the Library at 650-306-9150 or info@fwpl.org

Library Hours: Mon and Thu 9am-1pm (call to verify)

Donations always welcome at the Library's GoFundMe site:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/friends-of-the-western-philatelic-library-inc>

New Members

Welcome and thank you to our newest Life members:

Joseph Coleman (Portola Valley) and PENPEX (Redwood City)

Welcome and thank you to our newest members: Andrew M. Canepa (San Francisco), Daniel Grobani (San Francisco), William Horne (Watsonville) and Helga Silberberg (San Francisco)



Board Minutes

**Friends of the Western Philatelic Library
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, February 12, 2022**

1. Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at **10:03 am** by **Library President Ed Jarvis** as a **Telephone Conference Call** facilitated by **Bob Gordon**.

Roll Call found a **Quorum of 5 Officers and Directors** present: **Richard Clever, Bob Gordon, Ed Jarvis, Nestor Nunez, and Roy Teixeira**. **Regrets for Absence:** **Steve Schumann**.

Recording Secretary: **Russ Samuels**.

2. Minutes of Previous Board Meeting of December 11, 2021: The **Minutes** of the **Meeting** were approved unanimously on a motion by **Nestor Nunez**, seconded by **Roy Teixeira**.

3. Treasurer's Report: **Nestor Nunez** previously e-mailed to the **BOD** the eight-page **Financial Statement** through **January 31, 2022**, detailing the income and expenditures including **Balance Sheets, Profit and Loss Statements, and Cash Receipts** including **Mortgage Fundraising and Building and Safety Funds**. **Ed Jarvis** thanked **Nestor** for getting this out to the **BOD** ahead of today's meeting.

The highlight of the **Report** is that the **Library** has made the significant **Mortgage Reduction** of \$122,000 during 2021 on top of the monthly payments leaving a balance due of \$340,000. This is largely due to the fundraising efforts spearheaded by **Library President Ed Jarvis** and donations from Board members and anonymous donors. Another \$110,000 was paid in **January and February, 2022** from pledges collected. **Nestor** said the **Library** currently has funds available through **June, 2022**. With the balloon payment of \$202,300 due in **February 2023** on the **Mortgage**, and another \$38,000 needed for monthly cash flow for **July 2022 to February 2023**, a total of \$240,000 is needed to be raised in the next year.. The total picture is very positive because of the generosity of our donors. Future **Open Houses** with **Auctions** and **Book Sales** should generate further funds.

Richard Clever moved to accept the **Treasurer's Report**, seconded by **Roy Teixeira** and passed unanimously.

4. Fundraising and Publicity: **Bob Gordon** mentioned receiving a \$2,000 anonymous donation and thanked all other anonymous donors at this meeting. He also said to be aware that we do not have any other major donors at this time and the **Library** could use help or suggestions for new donors. **Bob** previously announced that there is a new link to the **Go Fund Me Page** as the old one closed as of September 30, 2021. The new link was published in the **December 2021 Bay Phil** and has been emailed to the **BOD**. For the record, the new **Go Fund Me** link is:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/friends-of-the-western-philatelic-library-inc>

5. Membership and Mailing Report: **Richard Clever** said that as of **February 8, 2022** the current membership is 218 (which includes 6 overseas). The grand total includes 102 **Life Members**, 35 **Complimentary**, 23 **New Members (since June 2021)**, and 58 **Current Members**. The increase in memberships are from the last **Open House** and various mailings. **Richard** previously sent out letters to the **Complimentary Members** to get email addresses, and he is looking into backing up the mailing list information with **Roy Teixeira**.

6. Library Operations Report: **Roy Teixeira** emailed the **BOD "Highlights of Recent Accomplishments at the WPL"** prior to today's meeting:

Richard Clever has been working on organizing and pricing duplicate literature for sale and is currently about 80% completed. There are three rows of USA titles and the balance have been organized in alphabetical order. He has also prepared and mailed listings of duplicate titles to three different Societies, namely **Nepal, Hawaii, and Topicals**.

Sigrid Teixeira has moved and re-arranged all of the books available to the general public. The next phase will be to cross reference the books against our data entries.

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Board Members

Western Philatelic Library APS Chapter 836

Library Board Members

- President:** Edward Jarvis
- Vice President Acquisitions:** Roger Skinner
- Vice President Membership:** Richard Clever
- Secretary:** Steve Schumann
- Treasurer:** Nestor Nunez
- Director, General Operations:** Roy C. Teixeira
- Board Member at large:** Bob Gordon
- Director Emeritus:** Stuart Leven



Volunteers:

- John Corwin** Proofreader
- Wally Jolliff** Auctioneer
- Ken Lewetzow** Auctioneer
- David McNamee** Consultant to Board of Directors
- Jerry Mix** eBay Sales
- Ian "Russ" Samuels** Recording Secretary



Thank you! GoFundMe and Other Donors

Laura Lorman (Sunnyvale) and PENPEX (Redwood City)

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We are awaiting the cement repairs inside the building which has to be re-scheduled due to Covid.

Another **Open House, Silent Auction, and Book Sale** is in the planning stages. Volunteers who helped with the previous Sale will be contacted.

The ongoing sorting of **Journals** is continuing with **Data Entries** being done by **Dave Moore**.

Postal Guides and Auction Catalogs are in process of being relocated.

80% of the books belonging to different Societies and housed at the **WPL** have been integrated with our titles after being donated by them. Two Societies (The **US Cancel Club** and the **Netherlands Society**) still have to respond for our request for their permission to donate.

New titles have been added to our shelves thanks to **Stu Leven's** entries into our Data Base, an ongoing project. Roy also mentioned that he hopes to have the **Library** open **Regular Hours** on **Mondays and Thursdays** from **9:00 am to 1:00 pm**.

Ed Jarvis reported receiving about 24 Exhibit Frames (previously used by **WINEPEX**) from the **Redwood Empire Philatelic Society** for use by the **WPL** to show five to ten frame Color Photocopied Exhibits. Ed also made a point of thanking **Richard Clever** for his work in organizing the duplicate books for sale.

7. Bay Phil: Editor **Bob Gordon** said he is in the process of working on the **April 2022** issue to have it ready for distribution on **April 8** ahead of **WESTPEX**. The **Mortgage Reduction Campaign** as well as the ongoing **Go Fund Me Site** will be featured, and he wants to promote the upcoming **Library Open House, Book Sale and Silent Auction**. **Roy Teixeira, Wally Jolliff, and Richard Clever** have been preparing about 100 to 150 lots, and a list of these will be in the **Bay Phil**, with extra copies available at **WESTPEX**. There will also be a reciprocal ad to promote **WESTPEX 2022** in this issue. **Saturday May 21, 2022** is the proposed date for the **Open House**. **Bob** previously reported that the **Library's** new email address is: info@fwpl.org

8. Website: **Bob Gordon** previously said that **Dave Moore** has been making updates as required. As of today's meeting there is nothing new to report.

9. FWPL AT WESTPEX 2022: **Edie and Dale Eggen** of the **WESTPEX Committee** have informed the **FWPL** that the **Monterey Room at the Marriott Hotel** will have to be shared with three or four other booth holders this year due to cutbacks required by the **Hotel**. The **FWPL** will only have the space at the front of the room (between the entry doors) with 8 foot front and back tables and therefore will only be able to bring three boxes of books, one for each of the **Guest Societies**. There will also be a freestanding threefold poster board with 8 x 10 color photos of the **Library** to promote our upcoming **Open House and Sale**. It has been decided not to try to have tours from **WESTPEX** due to problems with logistics, costs, insurance, etc.

10. Preparing the Library to Host Club/Society Meetings: **Wayne Menuz** previously expressed interest in having a meeting of the **Collectors Club of San Francisco** at the **Library**. Unfortunately the members have decided against using the **Library** as a meeting place at this time and are continuing to meet by **Zoom**. It was suggested that the nearby **Sequoia Stamp Club's Board and Membership** be invited to use the **Library** for a meeting or other activity.

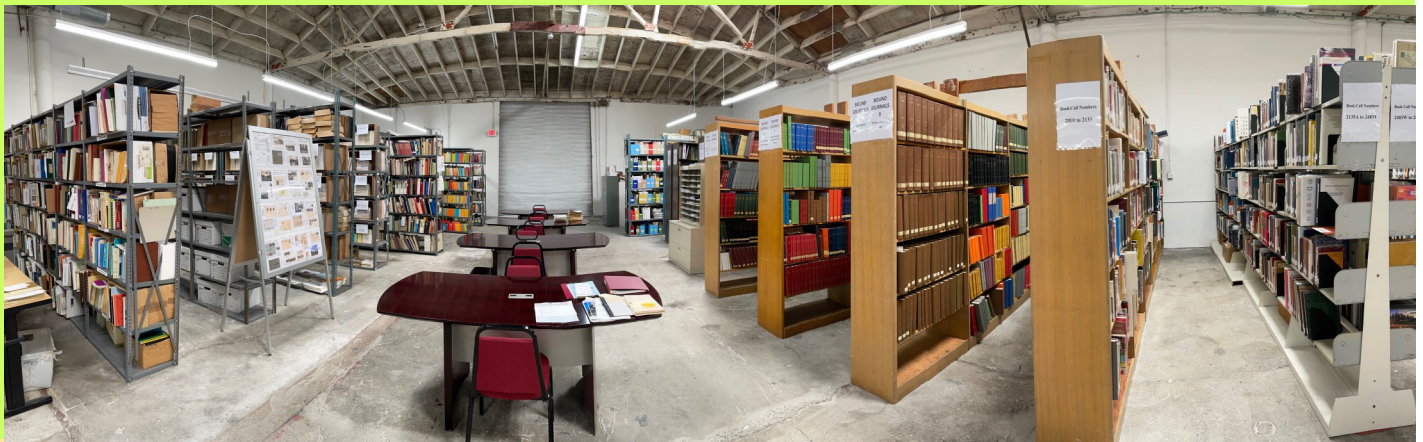
11. Next Board of Director's Meeting: Saturday April 9, 2022 at 10:00 am, hopefully at the **Western Philatelic Library**.

Respectfully submitted, **Russ Samuels**,
Recording Secretary





Recent Photos of the Library



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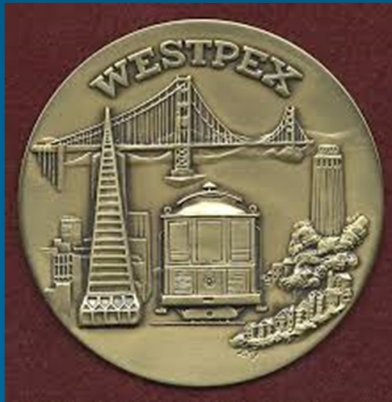
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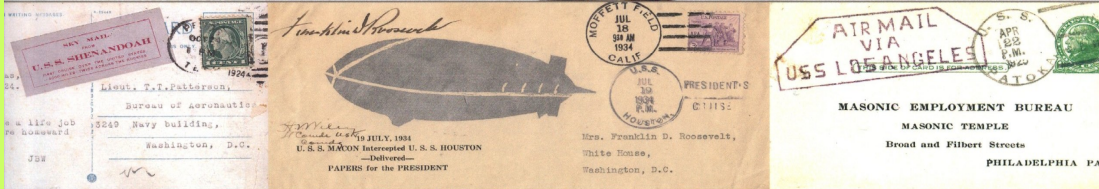
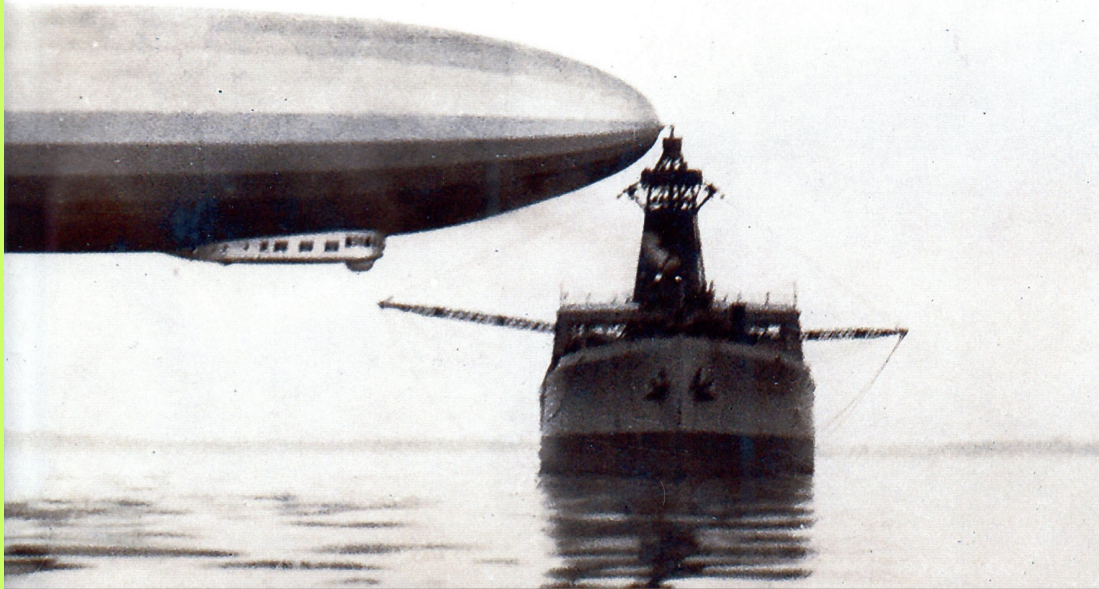
The sixty-second annual WESTPEX show will be held April 22 – 24, 2022 at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront Hotel, 1800 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame, CA, just a mile south of the San Francisco International Airport.

In exhibition will be over 280 frames of exhibits, with participation by the United Postal Stationery Society, Western Cover Society, Hawaiian Philatelic Society and the American Philatelic Society—Spring Meeting.

The show's bourse will include sixty-five national and international dealers in stamps, postal history and stationery and supplies. The show will once again have a large four day auction by Schuyler Rumsey Auctions with a large number of lots ranging from single items to large collections which will be available for pre-auction viewing.

The show opens at 9:30 am, Friday April 22nd. More information is available at www.westpex.org and at <https://www.facebook.com/westpexstampshow/>.

U.S. Zeppelin and Airship Mail Flights



Cheryl R. Ganz

U.S. Zeppelin and Airship Mail Flights

by Cheryl R. Ganz

280 pages, 8 3/4 by 11 1/4 inches, hardbound, Self-Published, 2021

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[Editor's Note: This book is available at the Library]

Book Review—Alan Warren

Review of: U.S. Zeppelin and Airship Mail Flights

Author Cheryl Ganz is a recognized authority on zeppelins and other airships. In her newest book she focuses only on United States' airships including zeppelins, and not on foreign owned zeppelins and similar aircraft. Those selected carried mail on some flights, either officially or unofficially. The vessels are discussed chronologically.

Using rare archival documents and photographs as well as examples of mail, she tells the story of each airship. The first is the ZR-1, the Navy's first rigid airship built in Philadelphia and based on the design of Germany's zeppelin L-49. The ZR-1 was named *Shenandoah* and flew from September 1923 to September 1925 when it crashed. Photographs and text tell the story of the airship, its various flights, and examples of mail that it carried.

The treatment of the *Shenandoah* sets the scheme for the entire book. After the story of its construction and highlights of its flights, the flown mail is listed by flight number with date and route and a current market value based on a scale of \$ = \$1-50 up to \$\$\$\$\$ = over \$4,000. The chapter concludes with a flight log from the maiden flight #1 until #57 when it crashed at Ava, Ohio. The logs show flight number, origin and destination, departure and arrival date and time, and a comment on the type of flight—trial, training, repair, emergency, transcontinental, etc.

Following the *Shenandoah* are the other Navy vessels. The short-lived ZR-2 was purchased from Great Britain and underwent four trial flights in that country, the last one ending in a crash in the Humber River. 44 of the 49 crew members, both English and American, were lost. No official mail was carried but there were a couple of pieces of private letters dropped to family and friends.

The Navy's ZR-3 was built by the Zeppelin Company in Germany as LZ-126. The Navy named it *Los Angeles*, and it served from 1924 to 1932. It was the only Navy rigid airship that did not crash. It flew 331 flights and was decommissioned in 1932. It carried both official and unofficial mail. Over 40 covers are shown.

The ZRS-4 was built by the Goodyear-Zeppelin Company in Akron, Ohio, and was in fact named *Akron*. It flew 73 flights between September 1931 and April 3, 1933 when it crashed in a storm off Barnegat, N.J. Many covers are illustrated including some event-related airplane mail, and some ship mail marking the crash.

The *Akron*'s sister airship *Macon* (ZRS-5) achieved 54 flights from April 1933 until it also crashed during a storm in February, 1935 near Point Sur, Cal. *Akron* did not carry any official mail but there were private pieces including drop mail. One of the key events in 1934 was dropping mail and newspapers from the airship and its scouting planes to the USS *Houston* that was sailing from the Panama Canal to Hawaii with President Franklin Roosevelt aboard. One of the author's value-added attractions to the cover descriptions are brief notes about the cachet makers.

One chapter is devoted collectively to the Navy's many pressure airships plus semi-rigid and non-rigid vessels. An extensive listing identifies mail flown on many of these airships, as well as pieces related to airship bases and squadrons.

The United States Army also had a lighter-than-air program. Although the airships were intended for observation purposes along borders and coastlines, they were used largely for training purposes, public relations at airshows, and mail pickup and delivery. Covers are scarce since many pieces were unofficially flown and, in some cases, not even marked as flown. Some examples that can be identified are shown.

Private and commercial airships have a chapter of their own. These include the *America* used by William Wellman in an attempt to reach the north pole, the private air yacht designed by Anton Heinen that was short-lived due to accidents, and the popular Goodyear and other advertising blimps, many of which carried mail. Some identified mail is listed but details are slim since the flight logs are not available. However flights and related mail continue to this day.

References are listed at the end of the book for each chapter, and an index of proper names concludes the work. The 2-column format works well and provides nicely laid out pages. Many photographs bring added interest to readers by illustrating pilots and other crew members, hangars, insignia, factory interiors, and picture postcards in addition to the airships themselves. The history and postal history of this field of aerophilately are well documented and thus provide collectors with an important resource in identifying their acquisitions.

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