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WASHINGTON2006: A BIG SUCCESS



photo provided by Tadas Osmolskis

Not only was WASHINGTON2006 a big stamp show by any ones measure, it was also a big success. There was something for everyone, from the unknowing, just interested individual, all the way up to the most well heeled, sophisticated collector. There were stamps to see, over 60,000 album pages, stamps to buy, 200+ dealers and 150+ postal agencies, and people to see, over 200,000 people passed by the counters over the eight days of the show. It all went smoothly. Kudos to all that helped to make WASHINGTON2006 such a memorable event.

Congratulations are in order to our own Richard Winter, Don Peterson, William Sandrik, and Gerhard Wolff for winning medals with their exhibits. Gerhard's *Airmail of the Graf Zeppelin LZ-127 Europa-Pan Am Flight* exhibit received a Gold medal; Don's *Postal History of the Spanish Philippines, 1854-1898* and Bill's one-framer, *Austro-Americana Shipping Line*, exhibits received Vermeil medals; and Dick's book, *Understanding Transatlantic Mail, Volume 1*, received a Gold medal in the Literature class. Very well done, all.

President's message . . .

It's Just Not Fair? But . . . !

The aging of our human bodies is just not fair. A good friend of mine, who is in his 80's, said that he had more fun at Washington 2006 than at any stamp show ever. So did I. So why is "aging" unfair? Because, if the cycle is repeated, the next world class exhibition to come to Washington, DC will not happen until 2046. I don't know about you, but I will be 101 years old, if I am still here. For some reason, I don't think I will enjoy the show as much as I did this one. I hope I am not sounding like Andy Rooney, but really, I did really, really enjoy this show. Whatever you did to make the show memorable is unique, I am sure. It may have been a sale, where you made some money. It may have been a particular purchase that will forever stick in your mind. It may have been lunch in Chinatown with a friend from the West Coast that you otherwise might not have had the chance to see again. The show was fun, and I bet you had great memories that will stick with you forever. I am certain that Gordon Morison and his phenomenal crew would call me crazy if I said "Let's have another one in five years!" Of course, he would be right. The reality is that I'll bet that someone had the best time ever at SIPEX in 1966, and someone, maybe a youngster we gave some stamps to down the street last week, will have the best time ever at the stamp exhibition in 2046. I'd like to think that of all things that can go wrong in this complex world, this is one thing we do that is good and right.

Don Peterson

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Executive Secretary's Report

Dues for the 2006-2007 club year are now due. The newsletter editor has kindly placed a large red X beside your name in the address label on this newsletter signifying that your dues payment had not reached the Executive Secretary as of the 22nd of June. If you have a big red X by your name, please send your dues to the Executive Secretary pronto. Your annual dues provide essential funds for the club to continue its meetings, publish a newsletter, and other activities.

Our two newest members are Ann Craven whose collecting interest include Andorra and the British Commonwealth and Ellen Frost who is particularly interested in Pre-WWII singles M&U of most countries but particularly BNA, Colonies, Latin America and Europe,

Gerry

WASHINGTON 2006 OBSERVATIONS

By Seymour Stiss

As one of the few survivors of the SIPEX Board of Directors, I cannot help but make a few comparisons of the two shows. In planning time for the shows: SIPEX-1966, a little over 2 years; Washington 2006, about 10 years. The 1966 show was held at the Shoreham Hotel, using the hotel garage and 3 ballrooms as compared to the Washington Convention Center used for 2006. The city did not even have a convention center in 1966. Both shows had excellent dealer and foreign government participation, but the 2006 show had many more (because of space available and the fact that there are many more stamp-issuing countries than 40 years ago). P.O.D. participation in 1966 was good (first days=a single stamp, single stamp souvenir sheet, an airmail postcard and different cancels for each day of the show) as compared to a much greater number of first days, both US and foreign at 2006. The show itself in 2006 was much larger. As far the numbers of frames, numbers of meetings, the size of the children's area, the number of banquets, all were bigger or there were more of them. All of the banquets in 2006 cost over \$100.00 per ticket; in 1966, none even approached that figure! Both shows had eager and devoted volunteers who did the many jobs that are needed for a show, but since the 2006 show was so much larger, there were many more needed for mounting and dismounting as well as the bin room group who worked mainly with the Commissioners from the various counties. I cannot laud the leadership team and the volunteers of the 2006 show too highly, but the leadership team and the volunteers of the 1966 show worked just as hard and had the handicaps of being the first international in the U.S. held outside of New York City, was the first international held under FIP patronage and had meager planning time to put on the show! The 2006 leadership team and its many volunteers deserve our highest praise for the most successful international ever held in the U.S.A.!

WSCC MEETING PROGRAMS JULY - AUGUST 2006

5 July	Swap n Trade Night
19 July	Philatelic Quiz
2 August	Swap n Trade Night
16 August	Donation Auction

COMING EVENTS

1 – 3 September **BALPEX, annual exhibition and bourse of the Baltimore Philatelic Society, Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn, Shawn Road and I 83, Hunt Valley, Maryland.**

8 – 10 September **Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition, annual exhibition and bourse of the Associated Stamp Clubs of Southeastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (SEPAD), Valley Forge Convention Center, 1160 First Avenue, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania**

CLASSIFIEDS

Members may place classified ads in the newsletter for free on a space available basis. The submission date for ads is the same as for other submissions, the last meeting of even numbered months. Send your copy to the Editor, C. A. Stillions at the address in the panel on the last page. Hand written or typed, mailed or hand delivered, faxed or email, any way is acceptable, but email preferred.

STAMPS FOR SALE

37 + 39 cents Hi-Ends	\$17.00 a pound
34 cents and under Low-Ends	\$ 9.00 a pound
Christmas	\$1.00 a pound
Bulk Stamps	\$1.00 a pound
Appraised value 38 cents and over	5 or 10 cents a piece
Plate # stamps	5 cents a piece
Foreign Stamps	\$15.00 a pound

Order from: **Stamps for a Living Business**, FO18/JHP/OT Dept., 2700 M L King Avenue, S. E., Washington, D. C. 20032-2601.

Long-time collector liquidating large accumulation of stamps, souvenir sheets, booklets, some covers, primarily 1950-1988 though there are some earlier items. Send email to acraven@mindspring.com detailing what you collect (country, era, mint/used, etc.) for a list of items that may interest you. Most countries represented. Heavy British Commonwealth, Andorra, worldwide booklets. Sorry, no classic USA.

Wanted: Military or civilian used air letter sheets from Newfoundland. Top prices paid especially for sheets used in 1942 through 1943. Send scan or photocopy first to C. A. Stillions, 1435 Fourth Street, S. W., #B212, Washington, DC 20024 or castillions@hotmail.com.

Don't forget!

DUES ARE DUE

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May – June Meeting Reports

By Tadas Osmolskis

May 3

The main event at this meeting was the Hungerford competition – members brought in albums, and the membership voted for their favorite. This year, the voting produced a tie – Lorraine Bailey's covers and Milt Holmes' pipe smoking topical got an equal number of votes.

Additionally, Bill Sandrik reported on preparations for the sale of the Turner collection, Lorraine reported on her preparations for the club cover. The call was repeated for volunteers for Washington 2006.

May 17



Bill Sandrik reported on the success of the auction of the Turner Collection at Matthew Bennett.

Last-minute info about Washington 2006 was passed on especially for the volunteers.

June 7

Folks recounted their experiences at the big show.



Don Peterson discussing the membership application form.

June 21

The club held an auction for the benefit of the members. Lorraine Bailey and Tadas Osmolskis took turns as auctioneers. The auction cleared a total of \$328.35.



Members looking over auction lots.



Auctioneers, Lorraine Bailey, and Tadas Osmolskis



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Membership Information may be obtained from the Executive Secretary. Dues are due June 30th and are \$16.00 a year for resident members, \$8.00 a year for non-resident members, and \$8.00 a year for junior members.

Meetings are held the First and Third Wednesdays of the month at Christ United Methodist Church, 900 Fourth Street, S. W., (corner of 4th and I Streets, S. W.) Washington, DC starting at 7:00 PM.

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