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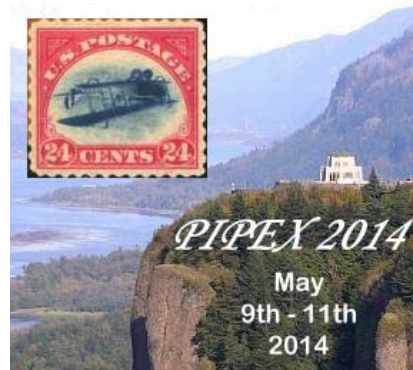
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The *Rose City Stamp Fair* is an official OSS function and is held at the OSS Building on the second Saturday of each month from 10 AM to 4 PM.

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OSS NEWS

OSS one-frame exhibit
Come and admire our efforts at PIPEX!
Visit the exhibits, dealers, auction,
NPL and USPS booths.
Attend Various Club & Society meetings.
Enjoy your visit!
Make new friends and renew old ones!!

President's Corner

PIPEX 2014 is almost here. A great deal of time and effort has gone into the planning for this show. Michael Dixon and Tony Wawrukiewicz and the rest of Portland Philatelic Exhibitions board, should be heartily congratulated for assembling an impressive show. The highlights of the show include two Inverted Jennys, a wide variety of exceptional exhibits, a Harmer-Schau auction and a bourse including national as well as regional dealers. See the article by Lucien Klein on pages 8-9 for more details. This may not be the show of the decade for us (since the APS StampShow is due here in 2016), but it may be a close second. Do not miss it. Come all three days if you can. There will be plenty to see and do. The view of the River and the I-5 bridge from the exhibit hall isn't bad either.

Cover of The Month

The cover of the month doesn't actually exist yet. The design of the cover emphasizes one of the major 'draws' for PIPEX this year. With two Inverted Jennys at one show, the opportunity to commemorate the event drove the design to include both a C3a and a pictorial postmark to complement the franking of last years \$2.00 Inverted Jenny issue. Seemed appropriate to have the Inverted Jenny "flying" over a nice view of the Columbia Gorge. The covers will be in color and we plan to prepare just 150 - 75 #d covers for each of the two days the Bridal Veil Station post office will be at PIPEX. If you are not able to attend PIPEX, you may purchase a cover by writing to OSS, 4828 NE 33rd Ave., Portland OR 97211 (while supplies last). The cost per cover is \$5.00 (free shipping). Proceeds from the sale of the covers will benefit the Bridal Veil Historical Society and the Oregon Stamp Society.



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Two 1929 Letters – Airmail in U.S., Surface Overseas, then Airmail in Europe

By Tony Wawrukiewicz

(editor: This is the first in a series of articles based on the one page material included in the OSS one frame exhibit for PIPEX 2014)

Universal United States and worldwide airmail service began as a somewhat comprehensive service in 1924. Prior to this year, such service was often experimental and/or fragmented. Even the service that began around 1924 was somewhat fragmented in that there was no overseas airmail service but rather only airmail service within a land mass (such as the U.S. and Europe) with only surface connections across the intervening oceans. This complexity existed until the late 1930s when more uniform rates began to develop. Unfortunately, this latter development was then interrupted by WWII and did not really settle into a uniform system until 1946.

The rates that developed from 1924-1939 were voluminous because the Universal Postal Union was not party to them, and, instead, many different entities such as different countries and airline systems were responsible for setting them up. This has resulted in the large books of tables that have been developed (such as my International rate book) in order to document them all. Because of this complexity, it was difficult for postal clerks to be certain that the postage they collected for a particular complex mixed service was correct. Therefore, finding correctly franked items is not easy.

In this article I show two of the three ways that letters from the U.S. received airmail service in 1929. Both letters received air service in the U.S. but only one received air service in Europe. The first cover, in Figure #1 was an up-to-one-ounce letter from Oakland, Cal. to Switzerland. 13¢ were paid, an amount that covered the 4¢ per ounce airmail service across the continental U.S. (airmail surcharge for this), the 5¢ per ounce surface service across the Atlantic Ocean, and 4¢ for the 4¢ per ounce airmail service from London to Switzerland. These rates were in place from Sept. 2, 1927 until July 4, 1930.



Figure #1

The second example of these services is illustrated in Figure #2. This is a Dec. 11, 1929 up-to-one-ounce letter sent from Merced, Cal. to Denmark. In this case 9¢ were paid, an amount that again covered the 4¢ per ounce airmail service across the continental U.S. and the 5¢ per ounce surface service across the Atlantic Ocean. Since no additional postage was paid, the remaining service to Denmark was by surface. In fact this is indicated by the two purple lines through the 'VIA AIR MAIL' endorsement, lines that indicate that no further airmail service was available for this letter.



Figure #2

The description of the service received for these two covers only scratches the surface of the complications that one finds as one attempts to understand the international airmail service that letters received from 1924 to 1939 and even later.

PIPEX 2014

By Lucien Klein

An APS World Series of Philately event presented by Portland Philatelic Exhibitions on behalf of Oregon Stamp Society and the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs

PIPEX 2014 IN PORTLAND, OREGON MAY 9 – 11

PIPEX 2014, the World Series of Philately show in the Pacific Northwest, will take place on May 9, 10, and 11 at the Red Lion Hotel on the River, at Jantzen Beach, located at 909 N. Hayden Island Drive, in Portland, Oregon. The hotel offers special room rates to show attendees, free airport shuttle for those flying into Portland, and free parking for those who drive to the show. Admission to PIPEX 2014 is free. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. The show features a 40 booth dealer bourse, a cachetmakers bourse, USPS participation, 4000 pages of exhibits, *Grandma's Attic*, specialist society meetings, and many seminars, lectures and meetings. Two Inverted Jenny stamps (Scott catalogue number C3a) will be on display at the show.

Harmer-Schau Auctions Northwest will conduct a 825 lot auction on Sunday, May 11. The lots may be viewed each day at the show and online at www.harmershau.com.

For youth, free stamps by the bucket will be offered each day of the show. Boy Scout merit badge classes will be held on Saturday, May 10.

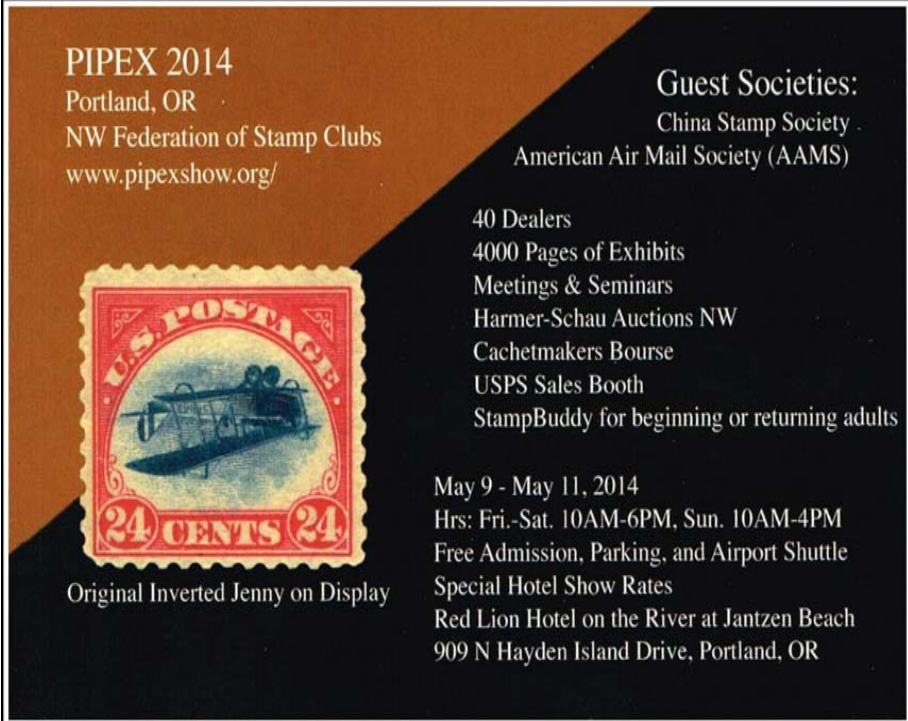
For adults, the show, each day, offers StampBuddy for beginning or returning adult collectors.

The American Air Mail Society and The China Stamp Society will hold their annual meetings at PIPEX 2014. Organizations

holding regional meetings/programs at the show include Northwest Philatelic Library, American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, Universal Ship Cancellation Society, Pacific Northwest Postal History Society, and the Auxiliary Markings Club. PIPEX is the annual exhibition of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs, which will hold its annual general meeting at the show.

As a World Series of Philately show, the grand award winner's exhibit is expected to compete in the Champion of Champions competition at StampShow 2014 in Hartford, Connecticut. The show awards banquet will take place Saturday evening at the show hotel. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting Steve Brandt at: zbear@att.net. Early reservations are encouraged because the event may sell out before the show opens.

For additional details, including a schedule of events, see the show website at: www.pipexshow.org.



PIPEX 2014
Portland, OR
NW Federation of Stamp Clubs
www.pipexshow.org/

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China Stamp Society
American Air Mail Society (AAMS)

40 Dealers
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Meetings & Seminars
Harmer-Schau Auctions NW
Cachetmakers Bourse
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May 9 - May 11, 2014
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Special Hotel Show Rates
Red Lion Hotel on the River at Jantzen Beach
909 N Hayden Island Drive, Portland, OR

Original Inverted Jenny on Display

SEAPEX - Call for Exhibits and Volunteers

By Eric Bustad, SEAPEX Vice President

To: all NW Federation Stamp Clubs

SEAPEX 2014 is looking for exhibits to fill 140+ exhibit frames for the philatelic exhibition's last probationary year to become a World Series of Philately national show. SEAPEX 2014 will be held September 12-14, 2014 at the Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Ave S, Tukwila, Washington.

The Exhibit Prospectus and Entry Form can be found on our website at ==> <http://www.seapexshow.org/exhibitors.html>. Paper copies can be obtained by mailing a request to SEAPEX, PO Box 20760, Seattle, WA 98102.

Non-judged, single frame "club" exhibits will also be accepted. This could be a good means of prompting your club! An entry form for club exhibits can be found on the above web page. (ed. OSS will have a one frame exhibit at this show)

Volunteers are also needed to help in running the show. Fortunately, the community center is setting up and taking down the venue and we have a crew to put up and take down the frames, so none of the work will involve hard labor. Those interested can check our mail webpage at ==> <http://www.seapexshow.org/> (scroll to the bottom of the page) or directly contact Jack Congrove at jackcongrove@comcast.net or 753-279-5607.

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Belgian Railway Parcel Post Stamps

By Eric Hummel

Ever wonder why the railway parcel post stamps of Belgium are so plentiful? How such a small country would have such a need for so many parcel post stamps? Questions like these and the appearance of these train stamps with very large cancels have fueled my collecting of them for several decades. I recently acquired a 2003 monograph from the Belgian Study Circle in the UK. It is an update of the 1974 publication by Tom Jones "The Railway Parcel Post Cancellations of Belgium". It will be the basis for a series of articles beginning next month. As a teaser, these two illustrations are



of labels which were applied to "waybills" (shipping documents) for parcels. Parcel post stamps were affixed and cancelled to the "waybills". The 'wine glass' indicated "Fragile" contents and the 'chicken, dog and bull' label was used for live animals.



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May 2014

PIPEX 2014, May 9-11, Portland OR (Red Lion, Jantzen Beach)

For Details ==> www.pipexshow.org

Rocky Mountain Stamp Show, May 16-18, Denver CO

For Details ==>www.rocky mountain stamp show.com

June 2014

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Bourse

July 2014

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<http://evergreenstampclub.org/default.aspx>

Local Stamp Shows

Rose City Stamp Fair

Please see your favorite dealers at PIPEX 2014
on May 9,10,11th

Rose City will return to OSS Clubhouse
on June 14th

Collector's Corner

Saturday - May 24th at the OSS Clubhouse

If you haven't joined in on the fun in some time, come and see the extensive stocks of stamps and covers of our regular dealers:

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and Paul Malan.

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May 2014

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| 4 | 5 OSS Board Meeting 7:00 PM | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 PIPEX 2014 | 10 PIPEX 2014 |
| 11 PIPEX 2014 | 12 | 13 OSS Meeting 8:00 PM Library opens 6:30 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 NPL Board Meeting 1:00 PM | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Collector's Corner 10:00-4:00 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 OSS Meeting 8:00 PM Library opens 6:30 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

Upcoming OSS Events

2nd Tuesday May 13th - ATA Program: *Maps on Stamps*.

4th Tuesday May 27th - Annual General Meeting - voting for officers. Plus an ATA Program: *Orchestration on Stamps* (formerly known as *That's Entertainment*).

Events Around Town

Westside Stamp Club: First Monday of each month - 1 PM @ Tigard Senior Center. —**May 5th**

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