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ABOUT THE CLUB

Regular meetings are held in the OSS Building, 4828 NE 33rd Ave. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 8 PM, unless otherwise stated in the monthly calendar.

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.

The *Stamp Collector's Corner* also is an official OSS Bourse, and is held on the fourth Saturday of each month from 10 AM to 4 PM.

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OSS NEWS

Changes of Address

Any member who needs to notify the Society of an address change, should notify Sheryll Ruecker, Membership Chairperson with the necessary information.

Mail to:

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President's Corner

Events Calendar - *NO* 4th Tuesday nightly meeting in December.
NO Collectors Corner in December.

Time is running short for planning our displays at the Multnomah County Library. If you have an idea for an exhibit - please contact George Painter by the end of December. Space is limited - so those who speak up first have the best chance of being selected. Phone: (503) 243-2485 or email: georgenmn2004@yahoo.com.

Our Annual Christmas Party is December 13th. Bring the family, your favorite dish and a good appetite to this potluck affair. Set up begins at 5:00 with dinner by 6:30. If you would like to help with decorations, please contact Caroline Brandt.

And lastly, if you have not paid your membership dues - your financial support of OSS is always appreciated.

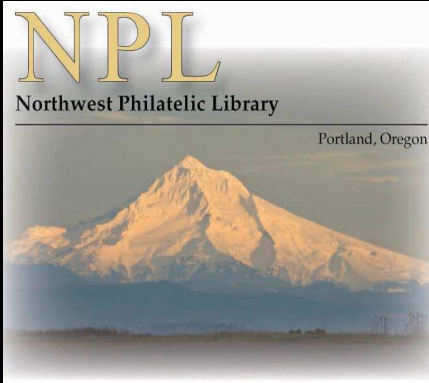


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November-December 2011

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The November-December issue of the Northwest Philatelic Library's Book Reports is available on the NPL website www.nwpl.org

The November-December issue of Book Reports leads with an article by Wayne Holmes and Charles Neyhart "Private Detecting: In Search of a 'Classic's' Identity," followed by "Christmas Seal News Update" by George Painter, and a summary of "Assessing 'Type I, II ...' Stamps" program presentation by Steve Chown and Charles Neyhart. A new "Research Stumper" and the fifth installment of Janice Weinstock's donation of her Aerophilatelic Library are included.

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You can even send your email address to us at nwpl@qwestoffice.net and we will send Book Reports directly to you.

THE DUMPSTER DIVER CHRONICLES #11

by John Lowell

This issue marks the final installment of the dumpster diver chronicles for this run. The dumpster diver has exhausted his ability to irritate the reader with useless irrelevant philatelic nonsense.

A number of themes the dumpster diver has explored as a miserly postal history and markings collector include collecting postal markings pertaining to mails sent by train or rail, military postmarks, diplomatic mail, sock on nose cancels with interesting town names, treaty ports and tracing changes in historical geography by postmarks.

To conclude this series of articles, the dumpster diver will happily nail a couple more nails in his coffin by braying annoyingly about ... nothing in particular. Below are a couple of stamps acquired by the dumpster diver for their postal markings.

The Papua stamp with the Port Moresby cancel and the German



stamp with the Aachen cancel show that heavily cancelled stamps can have their own particular eye appeal with a well placed sock-on-nose cancel.



Next is a pair of stamps, one from Cape of Good Hope and the other from German SW Africa. Both stamps have identical Swakopmund cancels. How the British colonial got a German cancel is open to speculation.

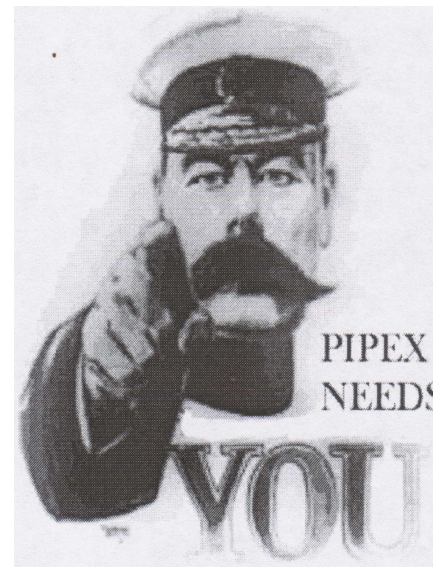


Speaking of speculation, the rumors making the rounds at OSS are false, a full pardon was obtained for those specific allegations. The fifth amendment will suffice as any elaboration for this digression.

Now that the dumpster diver has completed a semblance of a series of articles with a tenuous connection to philately, he can now fade into the background to lurk by any promising piles of bargain stamps that might yield a undetected treasure.

In final parting, the dumpster diver would like to remind the reader that had the Album Page editor had better articles on hand he would have been in a position to prevent the outrage committed over the past months.

Happy stamping! See you at the bargain bins!



PIPEX 2012 needs volunteers to help before, during and after the show.
If you can help, please contact Michael Dixon at mdd10@att.net

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Adopting a New Stamp Collector

by Phil Kumler

We are welcoming a few new collectors that need to be “adopted” by our more experienced philatelists.

If you enjoy mentoring and growing the hobby, read on...

We have asked at our last meeting for everyone to bring into the clubhouse and/or deliver packets to these kids. We're asking for a maximum of 10 selected duplicates with a note explaining why you have collected that same country or topic and something you've learned about collecting them on a note with your name in a sealed envelope. Please mark these for just one of the following new collectors. When any one of them has received a packet they will be removed from our list for a year. You can decide on your own to then continue to offer duplicates and/or mentoring for a specific new collector, through Phil, on a regular or on an occasional basis.

Let's see if Oregon Stamp Society can challenge our new Youth Coordinator, Phil Kumler, to find and/or introduce 120 new collectors, or ten a month, to collecting over the next year.

- ◆ Madison – Australia
- ◆ Lauren – Disney



Everyone enjoys searching through kiloware.



I Found Another Treasure!!

- ◆ Ian – Albania
- ◆ Dick – US State Flowers & Birds Issue
- ◆ Kathy - Cats
- ◆ Brandt – Star Wars / Space
- ◆ Cody – Military
- ◆ Josh – Trains
- ◆ Sydney – Australia
- ◆ Ryan – Dinosaurs

Packets should be sent to:

Phil Kumler
17515 SW 108th Place
Tualatin, OR. 97062



Sometimes, you just don't need words.

Phil Kumler was asked to Chair our Youth Programs committee at our first regular meeting in October - and he accepted. In introducing Phil to the assembled group, our leader stated, "he's new to OSS but not new to collecting." Phil began collecting over 50 years ago as the only nephew (four nieces) of a Walnut Creek, CA stamp dealer. Uncle "Tom" as he was known by Phil & Julie, peaked with seven employees and invented and sold MARLATE stamp mounts. With the full support of his wife Julie, Phil, has quietly started his own "Stamps for Kids" effort. He has recently taken a lead role with Youth Stamp Collector's (YSC) - Carol Edholm's long running and highly successful educational program for young collectors. A 25 year APS member, Phil recently headed up the volunteer Youth Area effort in Columbus Ohio at STAMPSHOW 2011. His front page splash on the local Columbus Dispatch newspaper opened the show under the papers lead story for weekend events. He was also the guest speaker at San Diego's Philatelic Library in October and has volunteered to lead our upcoming Youth effort for PIPEX.

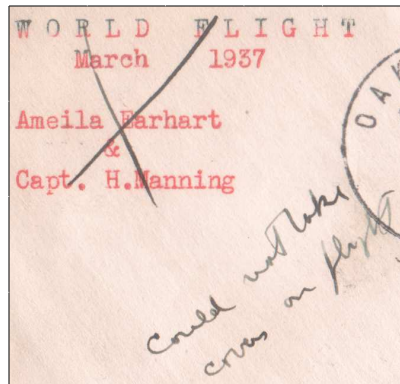


Phil enjoys finding treasures too!

Please introduce yourself and any ideas you might have about growing our hobby the next time you see Phil (pkumler@gmail.com).

Cover of The Month Round-The-World Flights of Amelia Earhart —Part II

by Eric Hummel



Enlarged image of the typed cachet / request to be carried on the March 1937 Round-The-World flight.

Last month I began this series showing the only surviving cover of Amelia Earhart's Round-The-World flight attempts. This second installment highlights a "wannabe" round-the-world flight cover. It was sent under separate cover to Earhart with a typed cachet and request on the front "World Flight / March 1937 / Amelia Earhart & Capt. H. Manning". It was nicely franked with single copies of Scott #C20-22, the Transpacific Air Mail stamps issued for use on Pan American Airways

initial regular flights to connect the US with Asia.

The cover was a bit of a gamble, because Amelia had never carried collector submitted mail for her record setting flights. When she did carry covers, they were usually 50 to 75 in number, almost all hand signed. In the case of her round-the-world flight, the endeavor was so expensive that many sponsors were involved. One was Gimbel's Department Store which sold the only covers that were to be carried



Amelia's Lockheed Electra Model 10E. During its modification, the aircraft had most of the cabin windows blanked out and had specially fitted fuselage fuel tanks.

on the flight. So this collector submitted cover was dutifully returned to Miss Florence Langtim of St. Louis Missouri with the notation "Could not take cover on flight". Though it is written in a very "close" hand, I suspect the notation is from Amelia's secretary rather than from her personally. It is post-marked March 11 1937 from Oakland California - just six days prior to the start of Amelia's first flight attempt from Oakland.



L-R, Paul Mantz, Amelia Earhart, Harry Manning and Fred Noonan. Oakland California March 17 1937.

For a couple of years prior to the flight, Amelia had been a member of the Purdue University Faculty. Purdue had its own airfield. This eventually led to the purchase of Amelia's Lockheed Electra model 10E by the Purdue Research Foundation and other contributors such as J. K. Lilly and Vincent Bendix. It was a "Flying Laboratory" with the latest in aeronautical equipment - Sperry Gyro-Pilot (early autopilot), Bendix direction radio finder and Western Electric communica-



Commemorative cover by Richard Tokunaga (ANCS 500) Postmarked from the USS Marblehead on the arrival of Amelia Earhart from Oakland California.

R-T-W Flights of Amelia Earhart-Part II - Cont.

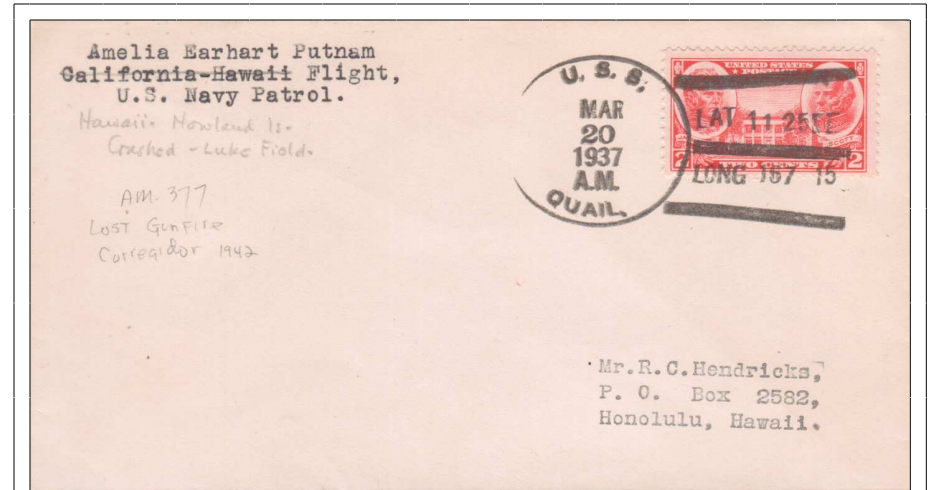
tion equipment installed by Bell Laboratories. The plane was also fitted with additional fuel tanks extending the range of the ship to more than 4000 miles. When fully loaded it weighed 15000 lbs.

Preparations for the flight took many months and involved countless individuals, companies, organizations and governments. Since much of the flight would be over oceans, a navigator was essential. Harry Manning, former Captain of the United States Liner Roosevelt was selected for this role. By the time they took off they had added two more to the "crew". Fred Noonan an experienced aerial navigator, a veteran from many trips across the Pacific flying in the Pan Am Clipper Ships. And Paul Mantz an experienced pilot who could act as relief to Amelia. They took off from Oakland on March 17th and landed 15 hours 47 minutes later at Wheeler field in Hawaii on the 18th - (a new flight time record). Enroute they had passed one of Pan Ams clipper ships bound for Hawaii (piloted by Edwin Musick).

The cover illustrated at the bottom of page 11 was created by Richard Tokunaga (ANCS - American Naval Cancellation Society - #500, active in 1936-37). The printed cachet was his design and he



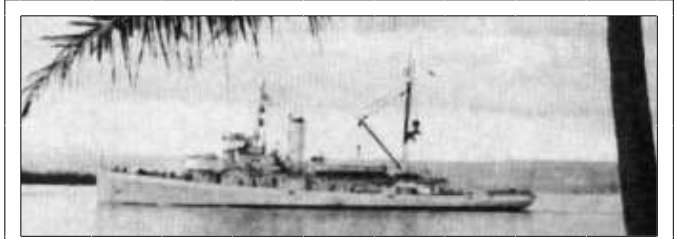
Second commemorative cover by Richard Tokunaga with the same design, but with added text for the crash on Take-off from Luke Field, postmarked March 20 1937.



Cover from the Minesweeper USS Quail stationed on 'plane guard' duty at the midway point to Howland Island on the morning of the take-off from Luke Field. The pencil notes below the Typed Cachet were added later (hull number is wrong).

had it postmarked from the Light Cruiser USS Marblehead CL 12.

Originally the plan was to make a short stop in Hawaii before heading on to Howland Island. However, the latest weather report advised a short delay would be prudent. In the mean time, the engines were checked over and a new piece of navigational equipment was acquired. The plane was moved from Wheeler Field to the 3000 foot concrete runway at Luke Field. When they began take-off on the morning of March 20th, the crew consisted of Amelia, Fred Noonan and Harry Manning. Noonan was scheduled to be dropped off at



Minesweeper USS Quail AM 15 somewhere in the Pacific.

Howland Island and Manning at Darwin Australia. The USS Quail was stationed midway on the route to Howland Island; the USCG Shoshone at Howland Island and the USS Ontario at the midway point between Howland and New Guinea. Unfortunately, these 'plane

R-T-W Flights of Amelia Earhart-Part II - Cont.

guard' deployments were unnecessary. The plane ground looped and the right landing gear failed with subsequent damage to a wing. Some witnesses claimed a tire blew out. Others contended it was pilot error. An official report from a Naval investigation was very carefully worded with both views. The first R-T-W flight attempt by Amelia was over.

Earhart initialed asked that the disabled plane be shipped to San Francisco on an Army Transport ship. Her request was denied and the Electra was eventually shipped back to California on the Matson Liner S.S. Lurline. Over the next two months the engines were overhauled and the plane rebuilt at the Lockheed plant in Burbank. The direction of the next attempt also had to change because of weather patterns. Which also meant all new approvals had to be obtained, domestically and internationally. Part III of the story begins with the May 19th take-off on the 'shakedown' flight from Burbank to Miami.

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December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 OSS Board Meeting 7:00 PM	6	7	8	9	10 Rose City Stamp Fair 10:00-4:00
11	12	13 OSS Christmas Party	14	15 NPL Board Meeting 7:00 PM	16	17
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Upcoming OSS Events

2nd Tuesday - December 13th - Christmas Party. Pot Luck Affair. Set up begins at 5 PM. Dinner at 6:30. OSS will provide Coffee and other beverages. Everyone is encouraged to bring a "dish" of their choice. Family and friends are invited - ***The More The Merrier!!!***

4th Tuesday - Keeping with tradition - there will be no meeting on the night of the 4th Tuesday in December.

Events Around Town

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

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