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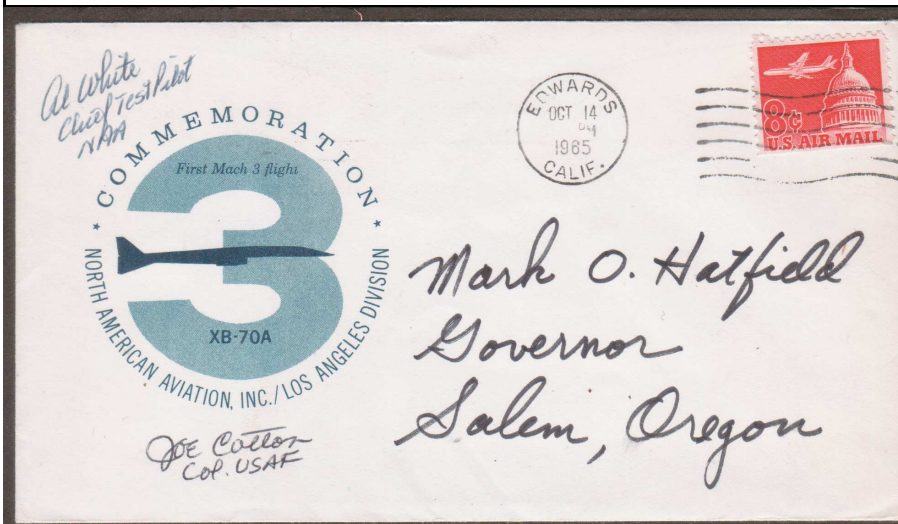
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## Time For Elections

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## Cover of The Month



A commemorative cover marking the first flight at Mach 3 of the XB-70A Valkyrie.

It is signed by Al White, Chief Test Pilot, North American Aviation and by USAF Colonel Joe Cotton, XB-70 Test Force Director.

The cover was mailed to Governor Mark O. Hatfield.

Perhaps something of a coincidence - this prototype bomber from the Cold War was something of a Political football, being cancelled and resurrected several times.

For more about the history of the plane see page 8.

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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.

*Visitors Are Always Welcome*

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## OSS NEWS

At the Board Meeting of April 4th, the Nominating Committee recommended and the Board approved the nominations for Officers of the Society to be voted upon by the attending membership at the regular meeting of May 24th 2011.

President      Albert Hanson  
Eric Hummel

Secretary      Jerry Rottman

Director      Larry Spray

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## THE CASE OF THE LANGUISHING BOOK

By Charles Neyhart

Most of us have had at least one disturbing experience with mail delivery. Here is another one; but, it did leave some interesting postal documentation in its wake.

In early April 2008, I was living in Pacific Beach, California. I ordered the book *Printing Postage Stamps by Line Engraving* from our friend Leonard Hartmann, proprietor of Philatelic Bibliopole in Lexington, Kentucky. I asked Leonard to send it to my Portland address. Leonard sends books via media mail, so I thought the book would be forwarded to Pacific Beach if it was received in Portland before the change of address stop date, or else it would be waiting for me when I returned to Portland. Needless to say, at this point, that book did not make it into my hands.

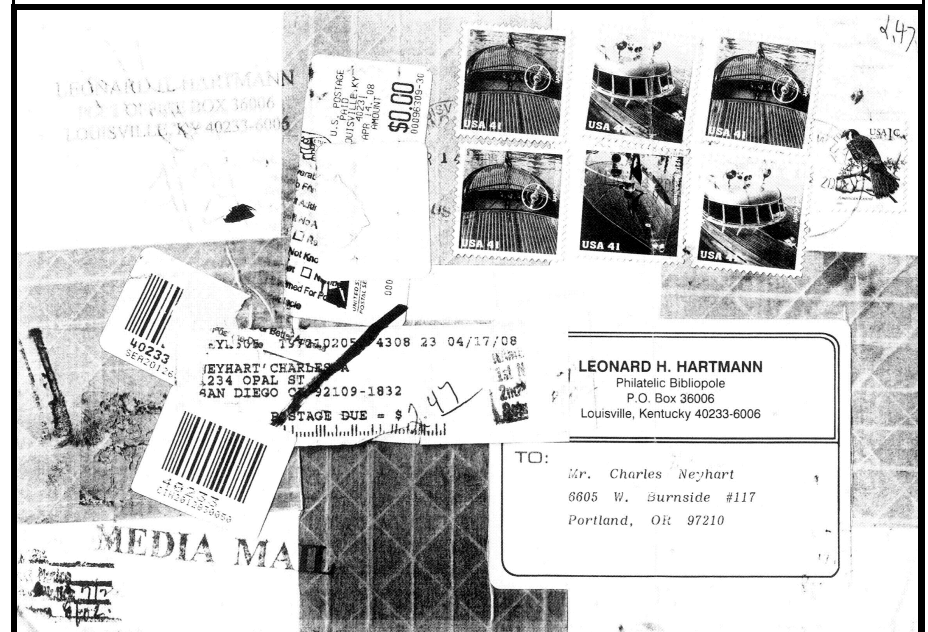
After waiting several weeks for the book to wend its way through the postal system, I contacted Leonard who told me that he had mailed the book to Portland April 14 and, if it had proven to be undeliverable, it would have been returned to him. I suggested that we look into this further. I then entered the netherworld better known as the USPS. My local post office assured me that the book was not forwarded to Pacific Beach, citing some vague rule that proscribed such an action. Their conclusion, of course, was that the book must never have made it to Portland. I then went back to Leonard who kindly volunteered to send me another copy, noting that he was willing to take the loss as a cost of doing business. [He also mentioned that he could count the number of times this situation happened to him on one hand. Ouch!]

In October, six months after the fact, I received a letter from Leonard informing me that I owed him \$2.47. You guessed it – the book had been returned to him in Lexington. He also enclosed a photocopy of the address side of the original packaging. The markings on that wrapper tell a sad and sorry tale.

What I first noticed was the conspicuous yellow mail forwarding label. The book had been forwarded on April 17, contrary to local

post office denials. This is the source of the \$2.47 postage due. I then saw that the book was forwarded to the wrong city - San Diego, not Pacific Beach. The zip code, however, is for Pacific Beach. [If you are not familiar with the area, the only thing standing between Pacific Beach and San Diego is Mission Bay.]

The book languished in the San Diego post office until July 20 when they again tried to sort out delivery. This try was unsuccessful. It was unsuccessful again on August 8. Finally, the book was returned to sender from the San Diego post office and received by Leonard on October 10.



In the end, I was happy for Leonard, but the experience was alarming. Previously, all mail forwarded to me was correctly addressed to Pacific Beach on the forwarding label. Why this item was addressed to San Diego is baffling. The response of my local post office reflects, I think, a lack of knowledge and inexperience, at best. And then, why couldn't the San Diego post office figure out that the answer lay in reading the zip code? Good grief!



## THE DUMPSTER DIVER CHRONICLES #4

by John Lowell

In this episode, the dumpster diver will engage the few remaining readers of this series in a shameless display of self aggrandizement as we embark on a round of what I believe is technically referred to as “ha-ha!, saw something you missed!”

Despite not heeding the warnings of my parents, I did not go blind and in fact, can occasionally spot the oversights of my fellow collectors. In my previous series, I had shown a fake Japan C-1 I found in a circuit book for 15 cents. This installment features two stamps purchased from circuit books for nominal sums that were miss-identified and caught by the eagle eye of the dumpster diver.



Straits Settlements  
Sc. #239A

The first appears to be a common Straits Settlements definitive, but the cancellation was the telltale clue. It is for “Syonnan”, the name given to Singapore during the Japanese occupation. Sure enough, very faintly discernable on the stamp is an orange Japanese occupation overprint. Not the mother lode discovery to be sure but sufficient to send a feeble mind into paroxysms of joy.

The second stamp is a similar oversight. It appears to be a common Manchukuo definitive but faintly visible is the provisional overprint of the communist occupation forces. Again not of significant value but certainly 20-30 times the value of the Manchukuo stamp without the overprint.



Manchukuo  
Sc. #113

The last stamp is one that I have yet to properly identify but which sends tingles up

the diver's spine for its potential. The stamp is a common German definitive found during a kilo night. I picked it up for some odd markings I noted. Diagonally across the stamp are what appears to be typewritten words “feldpost and ..geliefert”. In recent months I have noticed in various auction catalogs various German occupational provisional issues often with typewritten type overprints. The dumpster diver is hoping this stamp is perhaps a provisional occupation issue. Any readers with knowledge that shed light on this stamp, let me know.



Germany Sc. #543

The next episode will be another costume episode, the suggested attire for reading the article is railroad overalls and firemans cap.



Just as a stray thought, the Dumpster Diver may be having too much fun here. He also didn't write enough, so I need to fill this space. Personally, I gravitate more for the geometric Fancy Cancels. Some are a bit spendy and others are downright dirt cheap. The Negative '9' in a star burst recently sold on eBay for \$115. The Maltese Cross and the Shaded Star cancels, for much less - \$5 or less. And then there is this unidentified geometric design from 1936 which I found in an old mixture. (Ed.)



## Cover of The Month

### First Mach 3+ Flight of the XB-70A Valkyrie

The North American Aviation XB-70A Valkyrie was the prototype version of the proposed B-70 nuclear-armed deep penetration bomber for the United States Air Force's Strategic Air Command. Designed by North American Aviation in the late 1950s, the Valkyrie was a large six-engined aircraft able to fly Mach 3+ at an altitude of 70,000 ft, which would have allowed it to avoid interceptors, the only effective anti-bomber weapon at the time.



The introduction of high altitude surface-to-air missiles, the program's high development costs, and changes in the technological environment with the introduction of ICBMs led to the cancellation of the B-70 program in 1961. Although the proposed fleet of operational B-70 bombers was cancelled, two prototype aircraft were built as the XB-70A and used in supersonic test flights from 1964 to 1969.

XB-70A #1 was completed 7 May 1964 and it first surpassed Mach 3 on 14 October 1965 by reaching Mach 3.02 at 70,000 ft. The #2 aircraft crashed in 1966 after being hit by an F-104 flying in close formation with a number of other aircraft around the XB-70A. The #1 aircraft is on display at the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio.

## FIRST-EVER STAMP EXHIBIT AT THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

by George Painter

The Oregon Stamp Society has secured an exhibit space in the Collins Gallery at the downtown Multnomah County Public Library in 2012. No stamp exhibit has ever been shown in the gallery before. Dates will be April 25 - June 6, 2012 and the theme is "Stamp Collecting Is Alive and Well." The Collins Gallery is located on the third floor of the library. During this time, Portland will host the **2012 PIPEX** show (May 11-13, 2012). There is limited exhibit space for this event in the Collins Gallery of the Library. OSS member George Painter is coordinating this event. Additional details will be forthcoming closer to the actual exhibit time.

Did you know the Library

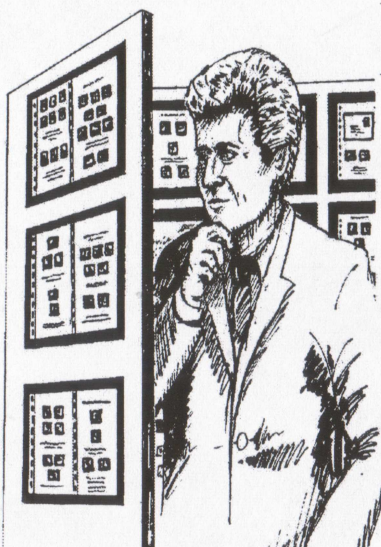
owns one of the 119 surviving copies of the Double Elephant Folio - *Birds of America*

by John James Audubon?

One of the 11 privately owned copies sold in London in 2010 for \$11.5 Million. (ed.)



Sc. #1241 Five Cent Audubon Commemorative



# PIPEX 2012

11, 12 and 13 May - Doubletree Hotel, Lloyd Center, Portland, OR

## The Pacific Northwest Premier Stamp Show

Details at [www.pipexshow.org](http://www.pipexshow.org) or from Michael Dixon (mdd10@att.net)

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## ***Program Notes - 3/22/2011*** ***Flyspecks and Other Oddities***

*By Albert Hanson*

At the membership meeting held on March 22, I did a program on Austrian flyspecks and other varieties from the period of 1915 through 1923. For most specialists in a country, this is what makes collecting fun and interesting.



Illustrated at left is one of the items which was displayed at the membership meeting. It is a block of four showing how plate numbers were inscribed. Unlike US stamps with printed plate numbers, the block shows the plate number scratched into the stone which was used to make the plate.

Another item, shown below, has a label attached to the stamp called an 'Andreas Cross'. An Andreas Cross was used by Austria to fill a



sheet of printed stamps to make an even number of stamps. This would mean that a sheet of stamps would be, for example 100 instead of 104, for easy counting.

Flyspecks are printing varieties which can do things like add a mustache to a woman's portrait, add a beard to a child, or create new designs which were never intended to be produced. If you ask any collector who specializes in a country, they will be able to tell you about interesting design flaws in the country or countries they specialize in.

A number of these varieties have even picked up a number of nicknames, such as 'Cross in Trees', 'Waterfall', 'Missing umlaut', or any number of similar terms. Don't let the term fool you. Even if a reference name is not in English, there are numerous resources to help you decipher the term.

Since most dealers don't have time to specialize in a country, quite a number of them can be found in dealer's junk boxes or in their regular stock. Most of these flyspecks are not expensive.

In fact, some stamps with the highest number of flyspecks have been issued in the billions. Due to the sheer number of stamps printed, quality control did not exist. This makes some of the flyspecks so common, you can still find whole sheets with the varieties still included.

How do you know if you have a variety? I use both Netto and Michel catalogues as my reference. Both reference catalogues show the position or positions in which one of these varieties exist in the sheet.

Other countries have reference materials that are specific for that country. Is this something you may want to pursue?

Nobody can tell you what to collect or how to collect.

Just get out and have fun and enjoy what you collect, whether it be dots, spots, or other anomalies. Who knows. The next person you talk to about this may end up as a new stamp collector.

## OSS News Cont. from page 3

In addition to the names of candidates submitted for the election on May 24th, the Nominating Committee recommended and the Board approved the appointments to several committees as follows:

### Finance Committee:

Grant Williams, Chair  
Steve Brandt  
Win Bohme  
Steve Chown

### Youth Committee:

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Don Siddall  
William Rizzo  
Ron Sumner  
John Blakeman  
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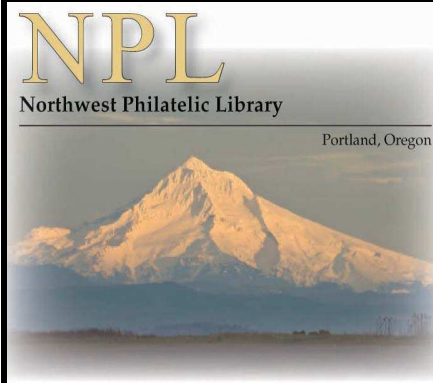
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## NPL 2011 Elections

NPL Officers and Directors to be voted upon at the May 24th general membership meeting:

President: Charles Neyhart  
Treasurer: Wayne Holmes  
Director #1: Darlene Lengacher  
Director #2: Richard Averill

The May-June issue of the Northwest Philatelic Library's Book Reports is available on the NPL website **[www.nwpl.org](http://www.nwpl.org)**

Be sure to read:

The lead article, by Greg Alexander, entitled  
***"Taxpaid Revenues and Special Tax Stamps."***

This is followed by ***"Wardway Station, Northwest Portland,"***  
(the back story of a post office at the Montgomery Ward building)  
by Charles Neyhart.

An installment of Janice Weinstock's aerophilatelic library donation.

Plus the regular feature, Research Stumper,  
to test your philatelic knowledge [and ours].

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( Gary Hoecker )

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## Local Stamp Shows

**Rose City Stamp Fair**  
**Saturday - May 14th at OSS**  
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philatelic items.

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## May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 OSS Board Meeting 7:00 PM	3	4	5 NPL Board Meeting 7:00 PM	6	7
8	9	10 OSS Meeting 8:00 PM Library opens 6:30	11	12	13	14 Rose City Stamp Fair 10:00-4:00
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 OSS Meeting 8:00 PM Library opens 6:30 **** OSS and NPL Elections	25	26	27	28 Collector's Corner 10:00-4:00
29	30	31				

## Upcoming OSS Events

**2nd Tuesday** - May 10th regular evening meeting. Program: "Fun Exhibiting" by Larry Crain.

**4th Tuesday** - May 24th regular evening meeting. 1. Voting for OSS and NPL Officers and Directors. 2. Program: "Postal History of Jackson County Oregon" by Len Lukens.

## Events Around Town

**Westside Stamp Club:** First Monday of each month - 1 PM @ Tigard Senior Center. —**May 2nd**

**Beaver Stamp Club:** Third Tuesday of each month, 1-3 PM @ Lutheran Church - 9800 SE 92nd Ave. Portland, OR. --**May 17th**



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