



# San Jose Stamp Club Newsletter



Whole number 134

June 2009

## 2008 Club Officers

### President

James Sauer ..... 408.445.2694  
hjamesauer@yahoo.com

### Vice President

**WE NEED A VP!!!**

### Secretary

David Gilman ..... 408.264.1953  
janddgilman@earthlink.net

### Treasurer

Richard Clever ..... 408.238.0893  
asiaphil@concentric.net

### Newsletter Editor

James Sauer ..... 408.445.2694  
hjamesauer@yahoo.com

### Filatelice Fiesta

#### General Chairman

Steve Schumann ..... 510.785.4794  
sdsch@earthlink.net

#### Exhibits Chairman

Dr. Edward Laveroni ..... 408.356.7561

#### Bourse Chairman

Wayne Menuz ..... 408.265.5539

**Visit our website at:  
filatelicefiesta.org**

## Northern California Trivia

- Q. Who plotted the town of Pittsburg?  
A. William Tecumseh Sherman.
- Q. What town was once called Dougherty's Station?  
A. Dublin.

From Northern California Trivia  
by Ernie & Jill Couch

### Contents

Potpourri .....	2
Nat Turner's Rebellion .....	3
UN 1969 Postal Cards Wmk ID .....	4
PRC Philatelists .....	5
Getting It Right—Right .....	5
The First Stamps of Palau .....	6
Cover of the Month .....	7

## June Program

I've arranged for a speaker for June 17th. Kristin Patterson, whom many of you know, will speak on the U.S. 1st issue playing card revenues. Kristin has exhibited playing card revenues in the past, winning gold for her efforts. She will talk about a new exhibit on this subject which she'll be showing soon.

Kristin is an accomplished speaker and is both knowledgeable about the subject and entertaining in the presentation.

I really urge you to attend so we may give her the audience that's deserved for her talk.

I have other collectors willing to give talks on a number of subjects that I feel would be of interest to our members, however, we must make a showing to justify their talks. Yes, I know we are a rather small club, but this is all the more reason for you to make the effort to attend to encourage others to speak at one of our meetings.

For the June 3rd meeting we can share items from our collections we feel are of particular interest or are very difficult to find. Please note I said "difficult to find" not expensive to acquire. There are a great many inexpensive stamps that are very elusive and difficult to find.

An alternative to the above is to share stamps or covers that you were particularly pleased to locate or are simply a great favorite with you. A "my favorite philatelic find" if you will. And, we should not limit it to stamps and covers. Post cards, stamp boxes and related literature are just some of the areas that could be covered.

Stamp clubs shouldn't be just to acquire or dispose of material. Much more important by far is the learning or teaching of all the various facets of the hobby. Sharing knowledge will benefit us all. Knowing something that perhaps a dealer doesn't, could very well lead to a very beneficial purchase. Dealers can't know it all.

## Feedback

I've often asked for membership input which I feel is necessary for the improvement of our meetings. I have received the first feedback in the form of an e-mail. I would like to share these thoughts with you.

These comments from one of our new members who, instead of not returning, has chosen to contribute with hopes of helping the club to improve. Interesting and insightful.

*"Here are a few observations from the meetings I have attended. A speaker would be nice but I agree with you that we would need a larger audience. Maybe we could have a theme for each meeting that is announced ahead of time so that each member could prepare their input. An example might be "my favorite stamp or cover". I think we all have favorites that may or may not belong to our main area of collecting. It could be the colors, subject, size, shape or whatever that makes this stamp interesting to us. Your scam covers are a good example of something unique and interesting. Or we could all bring in an unidentified stamp or "Cinderella" to pass around and listen to the opinions."*

*"One thing that might promote more discussion would be to place the tables next to each other to form a square. We seem to get small conversations at each end of the table because of the distance from one end to the other. Our comments need to stay on the subject and should not ramble on forever. I think the discussion about the post office's handling of the proof of delivery at our last meeting was a tad bit long. Our club's greatest asset is the knowledge and expertise that our members have achieved throughout their philatelic lifetime. This is the kind of information that needs to be shared during our meetings. I think I've rambled on long enough for now, see you Wednesday."*

