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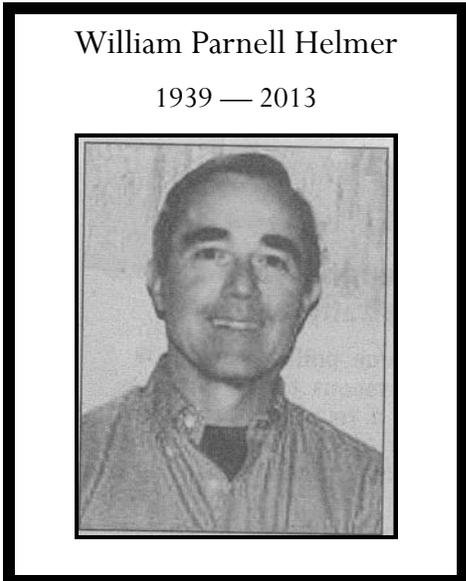
Benjamin Franklin (1706-90), served his country for fifty years as inventor, philosopher, statesman, diplomat, author and scientist. As a statesman he served in the Second Continental Congress and was the Postmaster General for the colonies, helped draft the Declaration of Independence and was one of its signers, as well as was one of thirteen to draft the Articles of Confederation, and was elected to represent Pennsylvania at the Constitutional Convention. As a diplomat he served for many years as the American representative to France, where he enlisted financial and military support for the American Revolutionary cause.

A Bostonian by birth and a Philadelphian by choice, Franklin was also an accomplished printer. He helped develop the first circulating library and the first post office; invented the Franklin stove, the lightning rod, swim fins, musical instruments and bifocal glasses; organized police and fire departments; established colleges; and wrote *Poor Richard's Almanac* and his famous *Autobiography*.

The "father" of the U.S. Postal Service, Franklin has appeared on more U.S. stamps than any other public figure except Washington.

(Although the fifteenth of seventeen children, and taken from school at age 10 to help in his father's business, his self-education earned him honorary degrees from Harvard, Yale, Oxford (in England), and St. Andrews (in Scotland.)

For those interested in American history, further research into this amazing individual will be very rewarding.



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U.S. Stamp Facts 19th Century, © Linn's Stamp News, 1999.

A very good basic manual for information on the 19th Century US Stamps. For anyone who wants to know: the Designer, Engraver, Plate Arrangement, Plate numbers, Plate varieties, Printing varieties, Quantity issued, Largest recorded multiple, Earliest known use, Most typical use, and Estimated surviving covers; all in Scott number order. Included also is an appendix of references for more information and one for identifying the Large banknote issues.

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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:



July is here!

As I write this most of us are (enjoying?) 90+ degree afternoons as this heat wave seems here to stay for a while. As a former Phoenix, Arizona resident, it probably doesn't bother me as much as most (right now they're playing with 115-120 degree afternoons!), but strong advice: Hot is Hot (regardless of what the temp gauge says), stay cool, stay hydrated, stay safe!

We are coming in to a busy time for activities in the club, both internally (projects, etc.) and externally (Picnic in August, Florence meeting in September). This is a good time to get to know fellow collectors, not just inside the club, but throughout our local area!

I want to specifically thank those who have been working at the Library tables both in Springfield and Cottage Grove. These members have been working hard to generate interest in philately and even though we may not show obvious results (i.e. large-scale recruitment of members), I believe the presence is creating an opportunity for people to consider the possibility of restarting their interest, and long-term will have very positive results!

If you have not been by your local PO lately, you may want to check out new issues coming out soon. There are some really interesting new issues coming out soon (especially the Inverted Jenny souvenir sheet in September!). I wonder if any other country has ever issued tribute stamps for an error (NEW TOPICAL!!!). Maybe they could bisect singles? Inverted bisects? hmmm. Enjoy the summer!



Well, there's not doubt summer is here! See page 4 for picnic info! ALL club members are welcome! Luckily articles are trickling in (Thanks, George!) Don't be shy! Write 'em up and send 'em to me! How about some ideas for a club "souvenir sheet"?

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

The ECHOES is published six times a year in January, March, May, July, September, and November. ***If you do NOT get your ECHOES the first week of the issue month, let me know! I will get another mailed out to you! Remember, email delivery = COLOR!!***

DEADLINE AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All submissions of articles, illustrations, letters, etc., by members of the Greater Eugene Stamp Society will be considered. We reserve the right to edit for length and content. Also, any material might be denied publication based on its inflammatory nature, bias, its poor quality, readability, obviously inappropriate subject matter, or the lack of space in the current publication. These deci-

sions are based on the discretion of the editor. All material must arrive typewritten please (!) to the editor either at a scheduled meeting, by mail, or email. Timeliness of submissions and space will determine when they will appear in the Newsletter. Cutoff dates for all submissions will be the 15th of the month prior to the 1st day of the month the issue is to come out. Don't bold, italicize or underline. Do not use cen-

tering. Use a plain background and standard typefaces.

Many thanks for all who send material! We really appreciate it!



Electronic submissions via email preferred!

GESS HISTORY MOMENT

SUBMITTED BY GEORGE STUBLE

At PIPEX in late May, attendees were surprised when Kathy Jaeger brought an award cup that had last been awarded to J.R. Robinson, who was very active in GESS until his death in 1978 and is fondly remembered by older members of GESS. The large silver cup was awarded to the best US exhibit at PIPEX from 1952 to 1976 (but not every year). The cup was given by the Washington Philatelic Society. It was awarded to H.R. Robinson three times, and after the third time, in 1976, he was told to keep it. His granddaughter, Kathy Jaeger, presented it to the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs, which sponsors PIPEX, because Kathy's family believes this is more appropriate than to keep it in the family. Tentative plans are to keep it in a trophy case at the clubhouse of the Oregon Stamp Society in Portland. The photo shows Kathy Jaeger presenting the cup to Lawrence Clay, chair of the Board of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs.



Ed. Note: The September, 1976 issue of Echoes lists H.R. "Dick" Robinson, member #349 as a new member from Salem, Oregon, joining GESS in August.

SUPPORT OUR CLUB MEMBERS !!

Carol Furness has **Carol Furness Postcards** in her home in Drain. Please call her for an appointment. She is also a regular at Piccadilly. Drop in!

Mike Hardy sells on eBay as "Mkhard69". (He also sells from his home! Call him!)

Paul Renner sells as "PNC" on eBay and has been known to sell at Piccadilly. He is now a full-time dealer!

Clarín Lewis has a booth in The Mercantile Vintage Mall at 145 Pioneer Parkway East, Springfield. He is also now a dealer.

Mike Luttio is a full time dealer who sells at our shows and at buy, sell, trade nights. Call and leave a message if you'd like to deal with him outside of "hours."

Bill Witcraft, of Dothan Alabama sells on eBay as "Sergeantmajorbill."

Space is available at no charge for club members who wish to let others know they are available to sell philatelic items!

Make your own "Topical Catalog" with Excel

Rather than a "book" review, here is a simple way to keep from buying duplicates in your topical collecting area. If you are familiar with Microsoft Excel, or another Spreadsheet program, create a separate worksheet for each country within the Spreadsheet. Change the name of each from "worksheet 1,2,3, etc." to the Country name. I put only the numbers in a cell..that way I can put them in numerical order. The Scott Prefix (B=semi postal, C=airmail, etc.), or suffix (such as S/S (souvenir sheet), FDC or C (first day cover, or cover) etc. go in the cell before, or after the numeric identifier of the stamp. When I finish entering the data into a worksheet, I create the "print area" and then save that worksheet. I then move onto the next country. Save the entire Spreadsheet with the name of your Topic. If you wish, print out the whole thing and keep the pages in a 3 ring binder, tabbed alphabetically. Make additions in pencil or pen and periodically update the worksheet. If you get stamps for a country you do not have a worksheet for...no problem, just "insert" it where it belongs, alphabetically, and then enter your data. It can be time consuming (if you have a large topical area like mine...Watercraft on Stamps), but it can be fun, and it will keep or enhance your computer skills. It is also a good reference should you, or your heirs wish to dispose of the collection later.

2013 POTLUCK PICNIC BY PHIL BRONNER

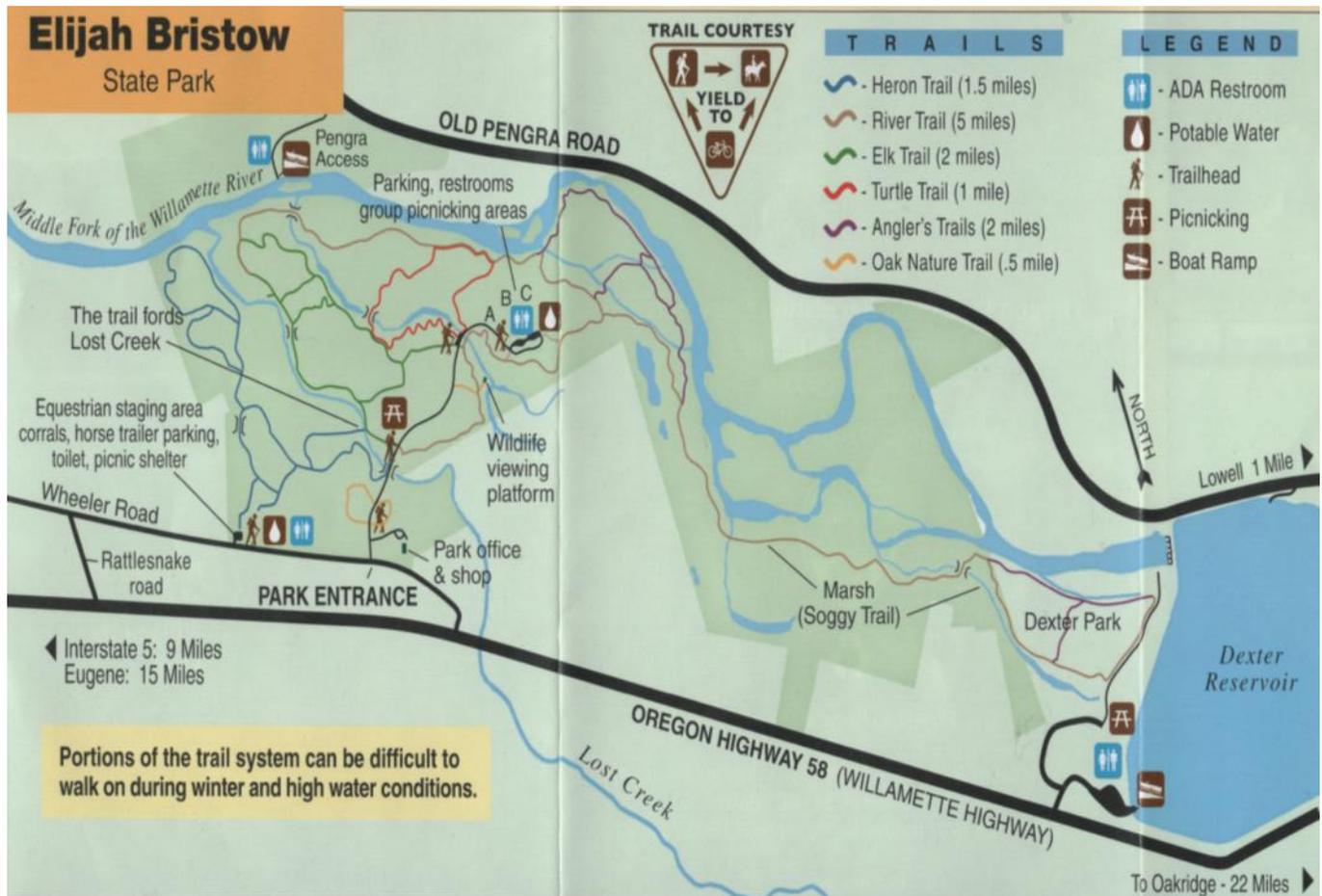
The G.E.S.S. Annual Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, August 17, at Elijah Bristow State Park. It will be held at the same picnic area (A on the map below) as in the past two years. To get to the park, Take I-5 South, exiting at Highway 58 headed East. Go 9 miles, and when you see the Chevron Station/Mini-Mart on the left side, take a LEFT turn onto Wheeler Road. The Park Entrance is about 1/10th mile on the right. Follow the main road through the park until arriving at a large grassy parking area on the left. You will see the brick restrooms ahead of you at the “loop” parking area.

For those with GPS capability...the park is located at: N 43°56.496' W 122°50.151' (that should put you right in the picnic site parking lot!) There is NO entrance or parking fee needed!

A signup sheet for attendance and side dish will be available at the July meetings. If you don't attend the meetings, but would like to attend the picnic..by all means, call, write or email one of the individuals listed on page 2 and he'll get you put on the list!

You can arrive anytime...but we do have the site from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. If anyone would like to get there early for a short hike on one of the trails, let me know! I can be there early! (Some of the trails can be completed in as little as 20 minutes...) If you're into bird watching, bring your binoculars, and I'll show you a couple of spots to sit on a bench and watch to your heart's content!

My wife and I hike there frequently with our dogs (we even hike from EB Park over to Dexter Dam and back!) If you have questions, please feel free to contact me! Dogs must be on leash, and trails MAY be shared with equestrians, mountain bikers and other hikers; depending on the trail taken, weather, time of day, etc.)



CALENDAR

SIGN-UP SHEETS WILL BE AVAILABLE
AT THE MEETINGS!

JULY

- 4: Independence Day
- 6: CG Library, 1-3 p.m.,
VanderPlaat
- 10: Club Mtg., 7-9 p.m., Pro-
gram & CM TBA.
- 13: Springfield Library, 1-3 p.m.,
TBA.
- 24: Club Mtg., Buy, Sell, Trade
Night, CM TBA.

AUGUST

- 3: CG Library, 1-3 p.m. Van-
derPlaat.
- 10: Springfield Library, 1-3 p.m.,
TBA.
- 10: Strait Stamp Club Show,
Sequim, WA
- 8-11 APS Show, Milwaukee, WI
- 14: Club Mtg., 7-9 p.m., Pro-
gram and CM TBA.
- 17: Club Picnic, 8 a.m.—8
p.m., Elijah Bristow Park.
(See page 4.)
- 18: Victoria Stamp & Coin Fair,
Victoria, BC, Bourse.
- 28: Club Mtg., 7-9 p.m., Club
Auction, CM TBA.

NOTE: Northwest Philatelic Library is
open on Saturdays, 10 am-2 pm, dur-
ing the Stamp Fair and Collector's Cor-
ner.

JULY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 	5	6 
7	8	9	10 	11	12	13 
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

AUGUST 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 
11	12	13	14 	15	16	17 
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 	29	30	31

Repetitive Events:

Rose City Stamp Fair, 2nd Saturday of the month, OSS Clubhouse, Portland.

Collectors Corner, 4th Saturday of the month, OSS Clubhouse, Portland.



GREATER EUGENE STAMP SOCIETY

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The Greater Eugene Stamp Society (G.E.S.S.) meets the second and fourth Wednesday at Saint Jude's Catholic Church, 43rd Avenue and Willamette Street. Visitors are always welcome! Doors open at 7:00 p.m. for trading, bid board, and socializing. The regular meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

Applications are available at the meetings, at the GESS sponsored local Stamp Show held in March and September each year, or by contacting the club at the above address. Dues are \$15 a year for adults, \$5 a year for juveniles under 18 years of age. Visit us on the web at: www.greatereugenestampclub.org

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BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

July: Anker; Brown; Eschliman; Furness; Hardy; Jackson; Struble; Weyers; Yurchak.

August: Kendall, D; Reanier; Snow; Tanner.

BIRTH MONTHS NEEDED!

In order to include everyone in the "Birthday Wishes" section in the Echoes, I ***STILL*** need birth months for the following:

Adler, Forster, Shepherd, and Wood.

I don't need the day or year.....just the month!! **(That shouldn't embarrass anyone !)** Thanks, Ed.

1. National Parks
2. Herbert Hoover
3. Pennsylvania
4. Secretary of State 1933-44
5. Minnesota
6. James A. Garfield
7. One and one-quarter cents
8. Train
9. Blue green
10. Cities, Parks, Streets and Highways

**Answers to the quiz below:
Don't Peek!!!! Cover this box with a piece of paper!**

U.S. Stamp Quiz No. 23

(from 100 Trivia Quizzes for Stamp Collectors by Bill Olcheski copyright 1982, APS)

1. *The U.S. issued a series of stamps in 1934 which came to be known as "Farley's Follies." What was the subject of the series?*
2. *What American President appears on a 1964 commemorative?*
3. *Toleware from what state is shown on the 1979 American Folk Art issue?*
4. *Cordell Hull is shown on a 1963 commemorative. What was his job?*
5. *Fort Snelling appears on a 1970 anniversary stamp. In what state is it located?*
6. *Who is on the twenty-cent 1939 definitive?*
7. *What is the denomination of the Palace of the Governors issue of 1960?*
8. *What method of transportation is shown on the five-cent parcel post stamp of 1912?*
9. *In the Famous American series of 1940, what is the color of the Horace Mann stamp?*
10. *What four areas are singled out for beautification on the series of six-cent stamps?*

Give yourself five points for each correct answer for numbers 1-4.

Give yourself ten points for each correct answer for numbers 5-7.

Give yourself twenty-five points for each correct answer for numbers 8-9.

Give yourself fifty points for a correct answer to number 10.

Remember to:

Check the Sign up sheets for Springfield Library Saturdays; Cookie Monster (CM); Presentations; Show setup, teardown and cleanup; Show Exhibit, Ride Share, and New Member Guide!

Also, let's each try to get one new member to join our Club in 2013 !!!