

The Postal History Foundation's



Stamp Tracks

Summer 2008

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR PHILATELISTS OF ALL AGES

Chairman's Message

These past few months have been full of excitement with two 1st Day of Issue events, the sale of our attractive Flags of Our Nation 1st Day cachets, the annual member meeting and new summer education projects. It is easy to see how the PHF makes postage stamps a magical and fun experience!

Great news - we now have over 50 regular volunteers! They are the backbone of our operation, performing a myriad of tasks. Long-time volunteers recently received acknowledgment from President Bush- a fun summer surprise for all.

The Board recently amended the Bylaws and approved a Donor's Bill of Rights. Board member Carl LeMar John has resigned due to health reasons, but will stay actively involved.

Everyone at the PHF must face the current global financial crisis. Donations and sales have fallen, indicators of the economic downturn. We will hold off on expansion of the Youth Education

Program and possibly in other areas. As a cost saving measure, the color newsletter will only be available on our website and future editions will be sent electronically. Please read page 8 to

Two 1st Day Events

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Volunteers Honored

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Donor Bill Of Rights

learn about these changes so you don't miss any issues!

We must raise \$50,000 by the end of 2008 to cover our budgeted expenses. If every member and Ranger gives or raises a minimum of \$125 by December 31st, we can meet our goal! Tell your family, neighbors, friends and people you do business with about our valuable youth education program and remarkable collections. Ask for a small donation- most charitable contributions come from individual donors with small to medium incomes. You can use the enclosed envelope for

checks or credit card donations, or visit our website to make a secure online donation. I trust that, with your help, we will move smoothly through this rough period.

Bob Bechtel, Chair

PHF Events Take Center Stage *(continued on pg. 3)*

Ruben Salazar Stamp Reception



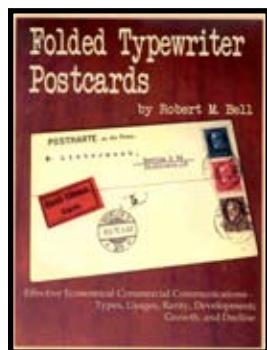
The PHF was honored to host a public reception in the Slusser Library for the Ruben Salazar stamp issuance.

Special guests included Humberto Stevens, Officer of UA Alumni Assn; Olga Briseno, Director of UA Media, Democracy and Policy; Luz McFarland, Mr. Salazar's sister; and Lisa Salazar Johnson, daughter.



Library Corner

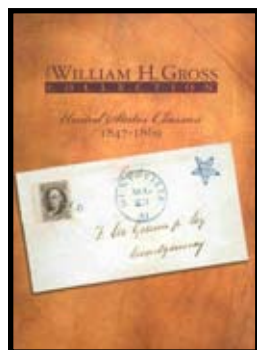
The Library Committee continues to advance services to members and community. Computer stations for visitors and volunteers are now available and the PHF is preparing to hire a part-time library director. Be sure to visit the PHF website for library information, exhibit schedules and events. New acquisitions include:



Folded Typewriter Postcards
Robert M. Bell 2008

United States Classics
1847-1869

The William H. Gross Collection 2008
Efiro World Philatelic Exhibition 2008
Bucharest Romania
June 2008 (Catalogue)



A Short Account of the Great White Fleet, Its Mails and Its History Making Cruise Around the World from December 16, 1907 to February 22, 1909
George Saqqal 2008

The Care and Preservation of Philatelic Materials
T.J.Collings and R.F. Schoolley-West 1989

Acknowledgements

Many thanks to the following for their generosity:

- Gretchen Dowding for her donation of old postal documents and 1930's mailbag
- Luda Soldwedel for acquiring items from our Wish List
- Renate for the USPS educational video
- Reuben Ramkisson for donating a much-needed laminating machine
- British Youth Philatelic Society for a small grant to purchase a new youth activity item for Aripex
- Mary Miner, Barrett and Nancy Behnke, and Paul Nelson for filing cabinets and supplies for Education Dept.
- Dick King for getting a sign holder made for the Raymond Weill sign
- Paul Nelson for donation of computer desk and shelving for the library

Welcome New Members!

We extend a warm welcome to our newest members:

Dennis Allen, Green Valley, AZ
Thomas Fogarty, Tucson, AZ
James Frankiewicz, Shelbyville, IN
Cosette Hutton, Tucson, AZ
Robert Kropp, Tucson, AZ
Richard Lemons, Tucson, AZ
Frank & Cindy Ramos, Tucson, AZ
Randy Tuuri, Piedmont, CA
Doug Turner, Ventura, CA
Louis Butler, Green Valley, AZ
Harry Dietzmann, San Antonio, TX
Patricia & Waldon Schwichtenberg, Tucson, AZ

Remembrances

F. Eugene Nelson died Jan 2008
Robert H Confiffe died April 2008

Join The Fun!

Do you know someone who would like to become a member of The Postal History Foundation? Spread the word to help us grow! We offer various membership options. For information, contact Lena Rogers at (520) 623-6652 or at phf3@mindspring.com.

Who's Who

The PHF Family Portfolio

Officers:

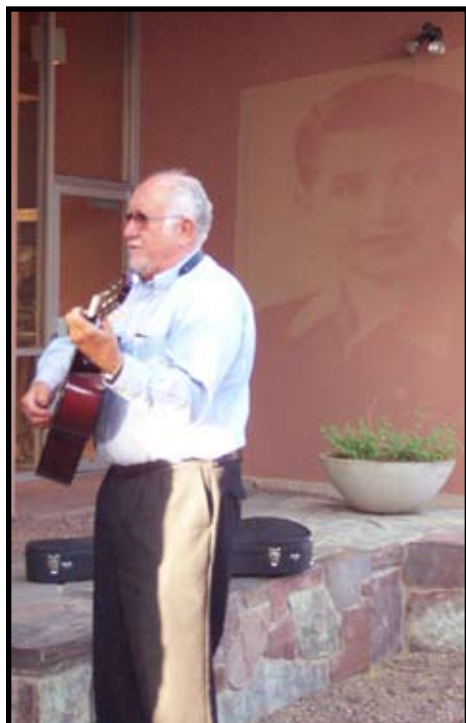
Chairman	Bob Bechtel
Vice Chair	Paul Nelson
Secretary	David Bernheim
Treasurer	Bill Kohl

Staff:

Executive Assistant	Lena Rogers
Youth Education	Lisa Dembowski

PHF Events Take Center Stage *(continued)*

Ruben Salazar Stamp Reception



Beautiful Spanish guitar music filled the PHF courtyard during the Salazar reception.



Ralph Montano helped represent the PHF at the Salazar stamp unveiling, which took place at the University of Arizona.



Salazar exhibit was displayed beautifully in library



Lydia Aranda, VP of Wells Fargo Bank, spoke eloquently about the significance of the Salazar story.

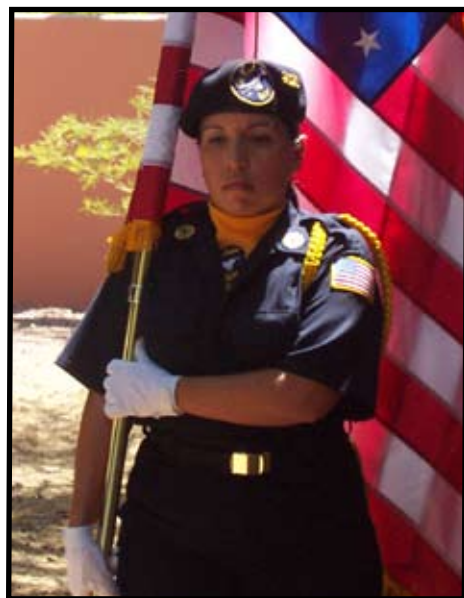


Consuelo Aguilar (right) from the Tucson Unified Schools Mexican-American Studies, provided a video presentation of Salazar's life. Carla Turco (left) helped organize the event and provided a Salazar cachet set for guests to purchase.



Celebration of the Arizona flag "First Day" kicked off the PHF summer events. Tucson Postmaster Carl Grigle, Ruben Ruiz from Congressman Raul Grijalva's office, and City Council woman Nina Trasoff shared the honors of unveiling the stamp for local officials and citizens.

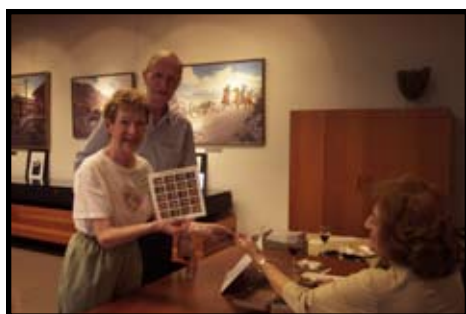
Flag Day Event



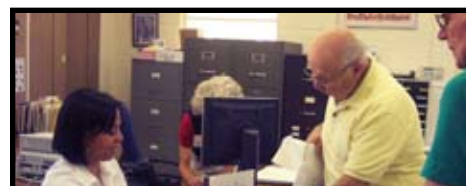
The American Legion Post 109 "Lady Phantoms Color Guard" provided an impressive flag ceremony for the crowd. This all-female squad won 1st place in the 2007 National Color Guard competition.



PHF volunteers Joyce Kagarise, Alex Lutgendorf and Bill Radcliff were deluged with requests for the 1st Day cancel and Flag Day cachets. Thanks to their efforts, we sold over 200 cachets during the morning event.



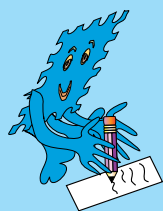
Lena Rogers graciously organized a stamp sales table for reception guests.



Mr. Roland sought an autographed cachet from artist Carla Turco, who was on hand for the festivities. Carla volunteered to design the Flag Day special cancel as well as a cachet. See more of her work at www.carlaturco.com

Notes From Lisa

News from the
Education Department



Dear Mrs. Dembowski,

Thank you for coming in and teaching us about the ocean. It was lots of fun! You did a great job!

I enjoyed doing the "Food Chain." I liked finding out what some ocean animals eat. I also liked the My Ocean Adventure booklet. The stamps we put in it were cool!

I think collecting stamps is awesome! So, I'd like to collect more! This time I'd like some flower, horse and dog stamps. When I get older, I'm still going to collect stamps! By that time my album will be full!

Thank you again for coming in and teaching us about the ocean. I can't wait to see you in the summer!

Reilly, 2nd Grade, Corbett Elementary

I hope all of you have had an enjoyable summer filled with many fantastic adventures! I have added a few Chinese stamps to my collection this summer, due to my recent trip to Beijing with the Catalina Foothills High School Band. How about your stamp collection? Have you added something new?

In the education department we are sizzling! Even though it is summer we still have many projects and things to accomplish!

Kids and families visit us every week to collect more stamps or participate in the Aim4College Scavenger Hunt. We are one of several local museums participating in the Scavenger Hunt for kids. Organizing and going through past files was a goal for this summer and we have just about finished that project. Writing letters to kids that have requested stamps is another activity. Teachers drop by throughout the summer to pull stamps for the new school year. Creating new lessons and power points is another activity



Boy Scouts soak stamps for our education program

as well as visiting various community groups every month. Boy Scouts have been in on Fridays this summer to soak stamps for us.

The Mars Landing Special Event at the University of Arizona was a fun way to connect Robert McCall's artwork and philately with families at the Museum of Art.



Families enjoyed activities at Mars Landing event

One of our next projects is compiling a current list of stamps with connections to the State of Arizona. If you have any suggestions as to which stamps should be added to the list, especially stamps from the past decade, please let me know.

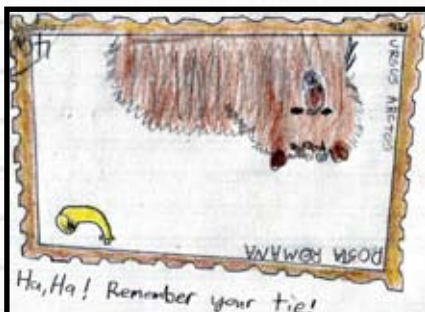
I would like to personally send a big "Thank You, You Are the Best" to all the volunteers and contributors who have sent donations to the Education Department. Because of you, we have worked with over 6,800 students and community members both in the classroom, at special events, and across the country. These students and adults are learning that beautiful stamps are a key to expanding their knowledge of such topics as: history, art, inventors, space, presidents, animals, birds, Arizona, scientists, geography, the world...the list goes on and on. We have distributed 300,000 stamps! Because of their exposure and learning with stamps these people will be more likely to start a stamp collection and keep Philately alive!

This coming January 2009 is the ARIPEX Stamp Show in Tucson. Please consider helping the Education Department with a gift of your time and/or money as we prepare for the event. We need donations to help pay for buses so students using our program can go to the show. Most school districts no longer allow for field trips in their budgets or their buses are not available on Fridays because of "early release" schedules. It has been a tradition at ARIPEX Tucson to bus the kids to the show on the Friday. Please consider helping us keep the tradition going. We also need a permanent banner to be used every year for the "Kids Corner" of the show. I have ideas for new "hands on" activities for the kids to do at the show that require smaller amounts of money. Please consider sponsoring a bus, the banner, or a new activity for the kids at ARIPEX. We would greatly appreciate it. Contact me if you are interested at ldembowski.phf@mindspring.com or 623-6652 ext102.

Please visit the PHF and use our wonderful library and sales department. Feel free to take a little detour through the Education Department and see what we do with all your donations. We are always happy to see our members, volunteers, and meet new people.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Lisa Dembowski, Education Director



Art work by students who participated in PHF's school programs



Shopping The PHF

Don't miss out on our terrific 1st day cover cachets commemorating the "Flags of Our Nations" Arizona flag stamp! We have three stamped cachets available for sale at \$2.50 each or \$2.00 for a cachet envelope.

Local Tucson artist Carla Turco and nationally-known cachet artist Dave Bennett voluntarily produced Arizona-themed designs for the PHF, for which we are enormously grateful. A third cachet features the US flag and looks fantastic with the matching stamp. All cachets feature a special cancel for the Arizona Flag Station, also designed by Ms. Turco.

A beautiful 1oz Titanium Mine is available at \$10 per stamp, set or sheet. Net price \$250. Wait list available by contacting Eileen in the Sales Dept.



People In The News

■ Jim Kelley, one of our volunteer postal clerks, was selected by Linns U.S. Notes Cartoon contest for his humorous entry. He has been entering the contest for years, so happily received his prize - a book, which he then donated to the Slusser Library. Congrats Jim!

■ We congratulate INDYPEX youth winners of Fran Jennings Medals, which are provided by the PHF. Champions include Jared Barron, Sherri Biendarra, Alexander Faulkner, Dzintars Grinfelds, Tim Hodge, Shannon Madigan, Sabrina McGill, Amber O'Reilly, John Phillips, Jenna Smith, Emma Sorenson, Trevor Thomas and Kenny Wesley.

Hacienda del Sol Provides Perfect Setting for 2008 Annual Meeting



Neil Balsino

The 2008 annual member meeting was once again held at one of Tucson's most beautiful resorts. Guests enjoyed a lavish buffet and will long remember the fabulous hot cherry cobbler dessert. Chairman Bob Bechtel recognized the PHF staff and the annual report was distributed (copies available upon request). All in all, a fun Saturday for PHF members to meet and greet.



Ralph Montano, John Wynns, Bill Radcliff and Don Schroeder



M/M Dale Williams and Michael Cusanovich enjoy some social time



M/M Richard Phelps in the lovely resort garden



Steve Staton and Lena Rogers

Upcoming Calendar

September-December

Aripex planning meeting. Visit www.aripexonline.com for dates and times.

October-December

New library exhibit featuring rare Pony Express items and presentations on mail delivery in the West

October 25

7am-2pm

Fall Philatelic Yard Sale at the PHF

November 1

Yard sale rain date

November ??

Check the PHF website for our fall fundraiser details

VIP Notice Regarding Member Newsletter!!!

Wondering what happened to your pretty full color newsletter?? Due to financial constraints, we are taking serious cost cutting measures, including a substantial reduction in the cost of our newsletter. Each mailed full color issue costs nearly \$3, while a single color version costs about \$1. The good news is that a full color version is available at www.postalhistoryfoundation.org and back issues are archived on our website.

Our goal is to reduce newsletter costs to nearly zero by going to an emailed version starting with our next issue. Although we all like that feeling of settling into a comfy chair with reading material in hand, it is not practical from a financial standpoint to continue to mail over 400 issues when many members use email on a regular basis.

In order to make this transition, we need you to give us your correct email address and permission to send it to that address. All emails will be very secure, only to be used by the PHF for this purpose. If you absolutely do not have any access to a computer, this is no problem - we will continue to mail you a printed newsletter.

We hope you will understand the importance of helping us trim costs and contact us by October 15th with the following information:

- **Your Name and Current Email Address**
- **“Yes” I give permission to receive PHF newsletters at this address**
- **“No” I prefer to receive a mailed printed newsletter**

Send To: phf3@mindspring.com ATTN: Lena Rogers

Thanks to everyone for your anticipated positive response as we work towards a more cost-effective way of serving our members!



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