

Stamp Tracks

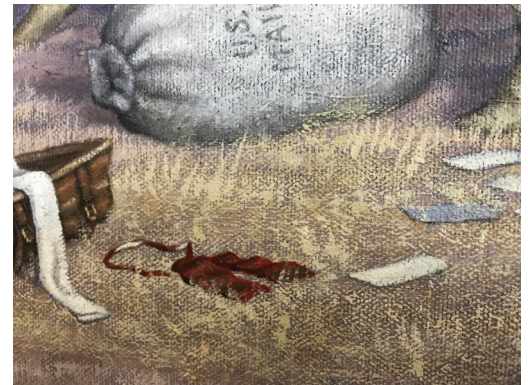
NEWS AND
INFORMATION FOR
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New Exhibit Investigates Wickenburg Murders

Somewhere west of Wickenburg along the stage road I will show a halted stage coach and horses with some of the dead passengers... lying in the road... carpet bags and suitcases will be shown open with their contents scattered about together with slit mail bags and the letters dumped on the road bed. (Artist Cal Peters, in a letter to Western Postal History Museum Director William Alexander, 9 February 1970)

In the late 1960s and early 1970s, artist Cal Peters was commissioned by the Postal History Foundation (then known as the Western Postal History Museum) to create five dioramas and five paintings depicting mail-related events and subjects in Arizona. One of those is a prominent painting that hangs in the Slusser Library, the so-called “Wickenburg Massacre.”

On November 5, 1871, six people were killed, and two escaped, while traveling west from Wickenburg to Ehrenburg on the Arizona Stage Lines. All were white American citizens. The headline published in *The Weekly Arizona Miner* (Prescott, Arizona) immediately following the murders, asked, “Was it Mexicans or Indians?”



Detail from Cal Peter's painting.



Territorial Wickenburg postmark.

demonstrating the mindset of the day. The *Miner* also mocked anyone who suggested alternative theories, such as Americans' intent to incite hostilities towards the native peoples, or Americans who wanted to rob the stage, or possibly cover up other crimes. In modern times, some historians theorize that possibly even one or both of the survivors had a role in the attack.

The point is, there are a lot of theories, and there are no definitive answers.

There were people punished for the murders, in one way or another. Four Mexican “banditos” were arrested and/or killed by local law enforcement. Additionally, either seven or eight Date Creek Yavapai were killed by U.S.

Army soldiers during an attempt to arrest some of them. The ensuing rage of U.S. citizens against Native Americans also fueled the forced relocation of the Yavapai 180 miles away to the San Carlos reservation. Despite the arrests and killings of people in both of these groups, multiple theories persisted as to who the *actual* murderers were.

Cal Peters chose *one* of the various theories to depict in his painting that hangs in the Slusser Library. He was provided with historical information by Sidney Brinkerhoff, then Director of the Arizona Historical Society.

The latest rotating exhibit in the Slusser Library examines various aspects of the event, including a look at the victims, the investigators, the suspects, the physical evidence, and a survivor's eyewitness account. We invite you to put on your detective cap and examine the clues, evaluate the painting, and try to solve the “Wickenburg Murder Mystery.” The exhibit runs through December 2018.

Please check the PHF calendar on the website for library reservations before visiting.





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Chairperson's Message

I am very pleased to tell you that the Postal History Foundation continues its work to improve standards and implement best practices. A group made up of volunteers, staff, and board members developed a new mission statement to help us move forward. I thank them for their work and present to you our new mission statement:

We connect people to postal history, philately, and the world of stamps to inspire curiosity and encourage the enjoyment of life-long learning.

A Vision and Planning group has begun the difficult work of steering the direction of our improvements. One of those improvements is a new arrangement in the main room to help us better serve our philatelic customers and museum visitors. The sales department will change into a more proper philatelic store and move to the west side of the building, near the courtyard door. We are also allocating more space to museum display. We hope you will visit us in the late fall and see the results.

On a very happy note, we want to congratulate our volunteers, Alex and Beppie Lutgendorf, on their 50 years of service to the PHF. Volunteers like Alex and Beppie are what keep the PHF alive and serving the community. Many thanks to Alex and Beppie and all our dedicated volunteers.

Bob Davis



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These Volunteers Were Priceless

By Lisa Dembowski, Education Director

Those who visit the Postal History Foundation realize how essential volunteers are to our existence. Recently, we lost two volunteers who served for many years. We have very fond memories of them and are thankful for the time they spent with us and their dedication to the PHF and its goals.

Bill Radcliff was a volunteer for the Youth Education thru Stamps (YES) department at the Postal History Foundation. Bill started volunteering in 1999 and also served one year as the PHF board treasurer. In 2002, he was inducted into the Arizona Philatelic Rangers because of his dedication to philately. Bill had an entire room in his house dedicated to his stamp collection, which included over 28 four-inch binders with stamps from around the world. Sometimes he would sell his extra stamps to benefit the PHF.



Bill Radcliff

Bill started collecting stamps at the age of ten and then life took over in the form of U.S. Army active duty and reserves for six years, and, then, college, where he earned his degree in Milling Technology at Kansas State. Working for Pillsbury, he traveled to over 60 countries around the world which rekindled his interest in stamp collecting.

Because of his philatelic knowledge, he was indispensable to the education department. He pulled and prepared stamps by topic or Scott number and organized them for classroom lessons. Bill helped maintain the topical files and enjoyed selecting stamps for students who wrote request letters or the topic requests for Stamp Collecting Kit purchases. He was always willing to help at local community events and enjoyed talking with kids and parents about collecting stamps. Preparing for large intricate requests by teachers, scouts, and stamp shows was something he did efficiently.

Bill was very loyal to the education department and was willing to do any task asked of him. He felt that educating children was the most important work done here at the PHF. We will miss his incredible work ethic and his support of our department. I miss talking and working with him every week at the PHF.



Bill Radcliff working with a family at the annual literacy event at the Tucson Children's museum.



Warren Franzen

Warren Franzen started volunteering at the PHF in the mid 1990s. He processed donations and also served as postmaster in the PHF contract station. His philatelic interests were Scandinavian stamps and world-wide airmail. After serving in the Air Force in WWII he earned a Doctorate in Education at the University of Arizona and taught at the University of Arkansas.

Throughout the years, Warren created his own collection of First Day Covers titled "Century of Flight" and exhibited them at the PHF and at ARIPEX in Mesa. The collection includes cachets of the Wright Brothers and WWI airplanes. Another exhibit about censored airmail sent from Sweden to the United States from 1939-1945 earned him a silver

medal.

Warren was a very knowledgeable philatelist. He enjoyed his work here at the foundation and all of his fellow volunteers. He was inducted into the Philatelic Rangers in 1997. After retiring from his volunteer work his daughter Kristine would bring Warren in for visits and to purchase new United States stamps for creating cachets. He enjoyed creating the cachets and seeing them displayed at the PHF. His happy personality and dedication will be missed.



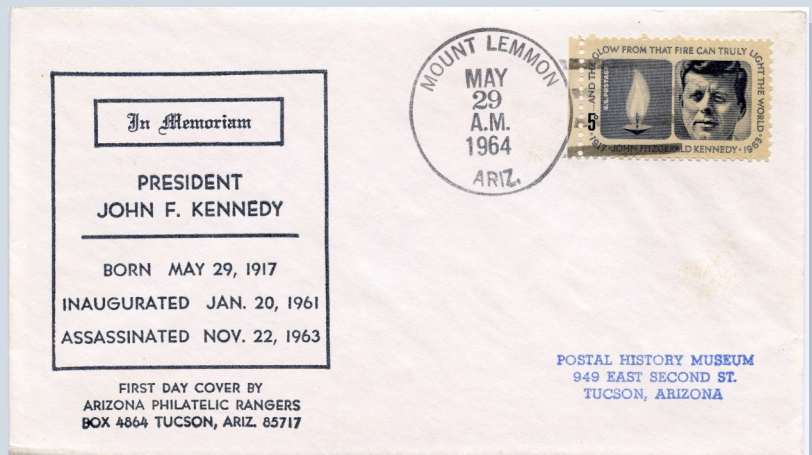
Kennedy Ranger Cachets Revisited

Contribution by Wayne Youngblood

Since my article on Ranger-produced covers for the John F. Kennedy memorial stamp appeared in the last issue of *Stamp Tracks*, I've received a comprehensive list of these Ranger covers from Henry Scheuer. Henry Scheuer has specialized in the Kennedy stamp (including, but also well beyond the scope of, the Ranger covers) for more than 30 years.

When the Kennedy stamp was placed on sale nationwide on May 29, 1964, there were about 34,000 possible post offices in the country that could have produced first-day cancels. Scheuer has documented the existence of about 5,250 different town or city postmarks (or roughly 14% of what could have been possible). The stamp is known postmarked from all 50 states, as well as numerous U.S. territories, several railway post offices, and highway post offices.

In Arizona at the time of the Kennedy stamp issue, there were 230 post offices. One-hundred-twenty-two of those are represented in the postmarks on covers with the Kennedy stamp and the date May 29, 1964. Seventy-three of those post offices are seen on the Ranger covers. That's about 32% of those possible—more than double the national average of post office represented on Kennedy first day covers nationwide.



1964 Kennedy Ranger Cover from the Slusser Library Archives.

The list of 73 additional that have been confirmed by Scheuer include:

Arizona City, Benson, Bisbee, Bisbee-Lowell Station, Bowie, Boys Ranch, Casa Grande, Casa Grande-Eleven Mile Corner Rural Station, Chandler, Chandler Heights, Cochise, Douglas, El Mirage, Elfrida, Elgin, Eloy, Fairbanks, Florence, Fort Huachuca, Fort Thomas, Gila Bend, Gilbert, Globe, Hereford, Higley, Huachuca City, Kearny, Mammoth, Marana, Maricopa, McNeal, Mesa, Miami, Naco, Mount Lemmon, Oracle, Patagonia, Pearce, Peridot, Picacho, Pima, Pomerene, Prescott, Queen Creek, Randolph, Ray, Red Rock, Rillito, Sacaton, Safford, Sahuarita, Saint David, San Carlos, San Jose, San Manuel, Sedona, Sells, Sierra Vista, Silver Bell, Sonoita, Sonora, Stanfield, Superior, Surprise, Tempe, Topawa, Tubac, Tucson-Annex Station, Tucson-Casas Adobes Rural Station, Tucson-Three Points Rural Station, Tumacacori-Amani Rural Station, Vail and Warren. Reports of any additional postmarks would be greatly appreciated.

According to correspondence Scheuer had with Betsy Towle in 1991, May 29 postmarks were "secured" from the following towns, but the location of any extant covers is unknown: Bapchule, Bypas, Central Claypool, Dewey, Dragoon, Humboldt, Inspiration, Mayer, Safford, and Willcox.

Obviously, for a small group of Rangers to have visited every one of these 73 post offices in a single day would have been a herculean effort – and probably a fun road trip, given the distances involved!

Many thanks to Henry Scheuer for this additional (and rather comprehensive) information.

Ride-em Rangers!

The Realities of a Teenage Stamp Club

The following article was written by Robert F. Welt, who has been integrating postage stamps into the classroom since 1974. On his way to earning Eagle Scout, his first scout merit badge was Stamp Collecting. Later, he joined the Navy and served four years active duty during the Viet Nam War. After his discharge, he joined the Navy Reserve and retired as a lieutenant commander. He is also a graduate of the Senior Cryptologic Reserve Officer Course. He began his teaching career in Mystic, Connecticut, in 1974 and retired in 2014. He still volunteers as the stamp club advisor at Cutler Jr. High in Mystic. Mr. Welt wrote a regular column called "Hands-On History" for the *Global Stamp News*, was a consultant to the National Postal Museum for their project *We Were There: Letters From the Battle Front*, and was honored by the American Philatelic Society with the Kehr Award in 2004. The Kehr Award is given to a living person for enduring contributions that help guarantee the future of the hobby. The Postal History Foundation has been supplying Mr. Welt with stamps for his classroom and stamp clubs for a decade.

Lisa Dembowski, YES Education Director

Several years ago when I was still writing for *Global Stamp News*, I received a phone call at home from a reader who asked about youth stamp clubs. I told him the answer to a successful stamp club for school kids was simple; bring cookies. Kids need a snack after school, and I provide it. Before I retired from teaching, when I had my own classroom with a small refrigerator in it, I brought in milk. Now that I'm operating out of the back of my Volvo, I get juice pouches and inexpensive cookies. (Last year, just for a treat, I brought in Twinkies. Only one kid had ever heard of them!)

If you're fortunate enough to be asked to advise a middle school club, remember the age of the kids. Right now I have ten girls and three boys. The youngest kids may not be eleven yet, and the oldest thirteen. They are full of energy and have short attention spans, and you're getting them after school at a time when they need to release that energy. So, of course, you feed them a lot of sugar!



Mr. Welt, standing in back, with the stamp club at the 2018 Philatelic Show in Boxborough, Massachusetts, last May.



Students preparing for their Flag Day displays.

Don't be surprised if your attendance varies from week to week. These kids have a number of activities open to them, from ballet to baseball. Drama club rehearsals will take some of your kids. You'll see an increase when the play is over. The same holds true for band and chorus concerts, not to mention soccer and softball. I take the kids on a field trip in May to a major stamp show, and I tell them that one of my criteria for going on the trip is attendance at meetings. Be sure to have them sign in each week.

I've found it beneficial to have a project planned for each week, often keyed to holidays or to what they're studying in Social Studies class. We just finished Memorial Day displays

of stamps honoring our fallen service personnel. I wanted them to understand the difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Or, if you have a good quantity of used stamps, try searches. Have them try to find six Presidentials or Transportation coils. How about stamps showing women or children? Maybe they could find a stamp from each continent. As a retired social studies teacher, I like to have them find stamps from countries that no longer exist. I recommend *Linn's Stamp Identifier*. The object of these exercises is simply to expose middle school students to the many, many different directions a collection can take.

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This Ranger's Star Shines Brightly

Contribution by Wayne Youngblood

One of the newer Philatelic Rangers who has become very involved with the organization is Clyde Homen of Hollister, California. Mr. Homen, an experienced exhibitor and author, has been very involved with numerous aspects of organized philately.

Most recently, Mr. Homen took over this year as chair of the prestigious WESTPEX show, with which he has been involved for a number of years. He served as vice chair 2011-2017 under Ed Jarvis. In addition to his involvement with WESTPEX, Mr. Homen also has been a committee member of the Philatelic Fiesta stamp show and has been very involved with the International Society for Portuguese Philately. He has served on the board of directors of that organization since 1986, became secretary-treasurer in 1992, and continues to serve in that capacity now as executive director. Mr. Homen is a life member of the International Society for Portuguese Philately, American Philatelic Society, Friends of the Western Philatelic Library, American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors and the Western Cover Society. He also belongs to Clube Filatelico de Portugal, Portuguese Philatelic Society of Great Britain, the Collectors Club of San Francisco, the Rhodesian Study Circle, and the Postal History Foundation.



Clyde Homen

Mr. Homen has been very active in other civic groups. Since 1973, he has served in the Boy Scouts of America as an assistant scoutmaster, Explorer post advisor, District Commissioner, area board member, and more. As a 48-year member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Clyde has served as president ("Exalted Ruler"), secretary, trustee board member, and chairs of the West Central District Offices scholarship, major projects, and Elks training committees.

Mr. Homen taught high school from 1969-2001 at San Benito High School. The courses he taught were government, economics, ancient history, world history, California history, anthropology, sociology, and advanced placement psychology. He was also responsible for administering home and independent studies programs.

Mr. Homen is married and has two children, six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. His hobbies include photography, marksmanship, and travel education.

And he still has time for stamps!

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In terms of what the kids want to collect, your interests are probably not the same as theirs. If you show them a collection of Washington-Franklins that you've worked on for years, you'll be able to watch their eyes glass over. Let's face it; those stamps all look alike. On the other hand, some kids seem to like Machins, which also all look alike, but the colors are beautiful. From time to time, you may find a youngster, who is interested in a U.S. album, but for the most part, these kids are topical collectors. The Postal History Foundation's list of topical is about as extensive as any I've seen, and my kids have selected from it often. Be careful of spelling when ordering from the list; desert is not the same as dessert!



Finding the date of a stamp using a catalogue.

For putting together topical collections, Canceled to Orders (CTOs), while scoffed at by serious collectors, appeal to the kids. They are bright and colorful and that's what youngsters like. Supplies probably are going to come out of your pocket. Hinges, while challenging to use, are relatively cheap. Mounts, on the other hand, can be expensive. Topical albums can be downloaded from the American Stamp Dealers Association site. Kenmore and Mystic are happy to supply catalogues and Mystic will include beginner kits if asked. The Postal History Foundation provides stamps and lessons at no charge and beginner albums upon request. Starter kits are available for sale.

If you get to work with middle school youngsters, have fun and be prepared. Remember, one day they'll be twelve going on twenty, and the next day they're twelve going on six!

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Club members looking over a new batch of world-wide stamps, meet one last time with Mr. Welt before summer.

Make a Tax Deductible Gift

Consider a tax deductible gift to the Postal History Foundation!

There are many ways to help support the children and philately:

- ⇒ Make a sustaining or legacy gift.
- ⇒ Contribute to a specific program:
 - ◇ **Youth Education thru Stamps (YES)**
 - ◇ **Slusser Library**
- ⇒ Donate stamps: Cull your collections and accumulations.

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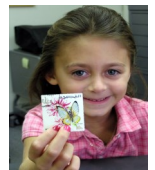
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August 4, 2018

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August 18, 2018

Cherry Topicals

September 1, 2018

Chess Topicals

September 15, 2018

Medical Topicals

October 6, 2018

Motion Picture Topicals

October 20, 2018

Philippines Topicals

PHF Calendar

August 20, Monday

Unveiling Ceremony for the
Tucson Birthday Stamp Design Contest

10am

Slusser Library

New Members

Carl Breitman

Los Angeles, CA

Lynn Davidson-Stroh

Gallup, NM

Barry S. Kues

Albuquerque, NM

Mark Lewis

St. David, AZ

W. Bradford Rutledge

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Stephen Tyler

Tucson, AZ

Michael Zolno

Phoenix, AZ

Tucson Postcard Club

Meets every second Sunday at the PHF
from 1- 3pm

Contact **Joyce Kagarise** at
dkagar@dakotacom.net or **520-682-8424**

Meetings will resume on Sunday,
September 9th, 2018

In Memoriam

Warren Franzen

Volunteer, Member & Ranger

Clarence Gauldin

Member

Edward Murphy

Volunteer & Member

Bill Radcliff

Volunteer, Member & Ranger

Civil War Roundtable

Meets every second Friday at the PHF
at 11:30 am, except summer.

Contact **Bob Burdick** at:
bobandglandaburdic@q.com

The Civil War Roundtable
will have their next meeting on
Friday, September 14, 2018

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