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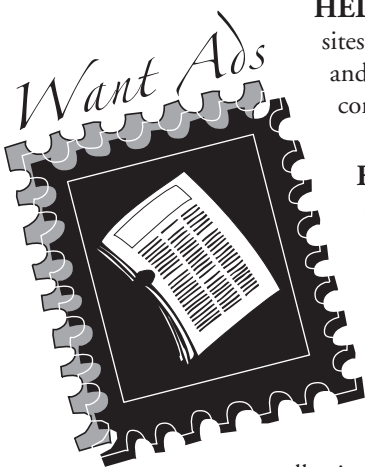
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AWARDS

Colopex 2000—Silver-Bronze
Colopex 2002—Silver-Bronze
STaMpsHOW 03—Silver-Bronze





HELP WANTED: Enjoy working with computers and websites? The ACC NEEDS YOU to help keep our website current and appealing! Check our site at www.alaskaphilatelistic.org/ and contact VP Angela Watson for more information.

FOR SALE: "Grandfather's Collection" Beautiful Alaskan covers, mostly older, 7 hand colored/ drawn cachet with each order. Nice Alaskan covers. 35 covers \$110.00 Guaranteed. Victor Schwez, 10519 Casanes Ave., Downey CA 90241

FOR SALE: I am a longtime vintage paper dealer who is phasing out over the next year. I deal with many museums and websites (on dozens of subjects) who collect for archives and/or sell in shops or on line. I have a large collection of Stamp Collecting Paper...articles, photos, stories, ads, etc... great graphics and information... from all eras and publications. Please contact me for more details: Sandi at gallopingbeggard@adelphia.net

HELP WANTED: I am looking for information about the Anchorage Contract Station 11. I never found anything about it and I do have the numbers 10 and 12 and the existence of Number 11 is then logical. Dirk van Gelderen, Voorkade 74, 2771 ZB Boskoop, Netherlands. Email: info@esveld.nl

WANTED: Any old postal cards or covers from the Chitna, McCarthy, Kennecott area, 1890 - 1950. Please send list to: Thomas Kinzer, P.O. Box 107, Chitna, AK 99566-0107

HELP WANTED: I am looking for mint and used postcards depicting ALASKA LIGHTHOUSES. Russell Bartlett, 5 Saint Clare Street, Braintree, MA 02184-8239

WANTED: Any era postal cards (government preprinted stamps, not picture) used in Alaska. No philatelic, please. Don Glickstein, 1300 University St. #9G, Seattle WA 98101. Email: glickwolf@earthlink.net

WANTED: Censored civilian mail from Alaska and Western Canada from World War II. Eric Knapp, 4201 Folker Street, Unit C102, Anchorage, AK 99508. Email: eknapp@gci.net

WANTED: Mail from the gold rush era Alaska forts. Eric Knapp, 4201 Folker Street, Unit C102, Anchorage, AK 99508. Email: eknapp@gci.net

LOOKING FOR JFK FDCs: I notice that my interest in the 5-cent JFK commemorative stamp issued nationally appears on your web-site. So I ask: Do you have or do you know anybody who might have any 5-cent JFK FDCs from Alaska (i.e. covers postmarked May 29, 1964 with the 5-cent Kennedy stamp? By the way, two more cities can be added to this list: Moose Pass and Seward. Contact Henry B. Scheuer at 800-444-1155.

TAP DEADLINES

ISSUE	DEADLINE
1st Quarter	February 1
2nd Quarter	May 1
3rd Quarter	August 1
4th Quarter	November 1

Alaska Philatelic Cover Catalog Volume 1 & 2

Volume 2 of the Alaska Philatelic Cover Catalog, covering the Alaska Collectors Club, the Gastineau Philatelic Society and the Northern Lights Stamp Club is now available.

The catalog features illustrations of all major and minor covers issued by the three clubs.

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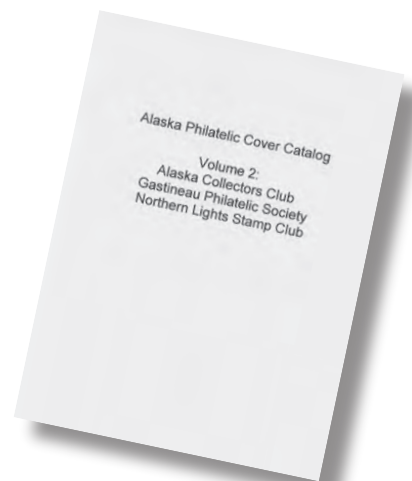
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President's Message

Jim Zuelow (jimzuelow@aol.com)

Thanks to Richard A. Wood of Juneau and Dr. Michael R. Senta of Palmer for agreeing to be ACC Director candidates! Thanks also to Vice President Angela Watson, California; Secretary Treasurer Eric Knapp, Anchorage; and Director Dirk van Gelderen of the Netherlands for agreeing to run again for their respective positions! Special thank you's are also in order for those who will be leaving the ACC Board of Directors, Nelson Gnirke of Missouri, and Bob Spaugy, Anchorage, for their years of service. Caye Carufel, Fairbanks, our Past President, will continue on our Board as long as I'm President, unless we can talk her into running again! Candidate statements appear elsewhere in this issue of *The Alaskan Philatelist*.

Extra special thank you's are also owed to at least three key members who do much of the nuts and bolts work of the ACC: Eric Knapp, for continuing as our most dedicated worker as TAP Editor; Terry Shaw, Oregon, who has worked hard for many years as our Auction Manager; and David Schwantes, Anchorage, a former long-term officer, for working on our Sustaining Cover effort from year to year! Finally, thanks are owed to those who contribute articles to the TAP, and all those who are loyal members of the ACC.

With a far-flung membership, it is difficult for many ACC members to get to know one another. Angela Watson & I had never met each other when we were first elected several years ago so we each agreed to more or less drive half-way and meet in Yuma to discuss ACC matters. It was, in my opinion, a very successful meeting! I also met Eric Knapp for the first time at a 2001 PIPEX meeting in Spokane, Washington, where he was exhibiting his "2,000 Mile War" collection. Perhaps the largest "Outside" meeting of the ACC was at the 1997 Pacific Seminar in San Francisco where 10 members and 9 guests got together! Our 9th Sustaining Member Cover commemorates this event. Please contact me if you have any suggestions for a possible get-together of some of our members in the future.

Your thoughts about the future of the ACC are always welcome. We need to make sure we are in accord with the interests of our current members and taking steps to increase our membership. A survey of member interests years ago soon after the start of the ACC indicated almost as many interests as there were members!

Finally, if you have diversified Alaska and philatelic interests like me, I've found three websites you might enjoy visiting:

- 1.) Kodiak Military History Museum at www.kadiak.org
- 2.) The Postal History Website at www.postalhistory.org
- 3.) Philatelic Webmasters Organization at www.pwmo.org

Happy collecting!



Secretary Treasurer's Report

Eric Knapp (eknapp@gci.net)

Well, it is March and it is fairly warm here. It is acting like spring, but I think it is fooling us. We will probably get one more blast of winter before spring really arrives.

Financially speaking the Alaska Collectors Club is in good shape. Our membership is holding steady and even growing slightly. The financial report can be seen elsewhere in this issue. We are financially healthy to the point we could probably consider some club project help get the word out about Alaskan Philately. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please let the board know.

We want to thank the following people who have contributed beyond the normal dues level: Wayne Selmar, Michael Senta, Bob Spaugy, Peter Tompkins, and Steven Berlin.

We have two new members to report. Please join me in welcoming them to the club.

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Collecting Interests: Aerophilately, Dog Team Mail, Expeditions and Explorations, and Arctic Mail

#699 • Ken Chotiner

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Collecting Interests: Territorial Era, Dog Team Mail, DPOs, RPOs, First/Last Day Post Offices, Arctic Mail

Closed Album

Robert "Bob" Potts • April 9, 1916 — Dec 5, 2007

Robert "Bob" Potts, 91, of Albany died Wednesday at the Mennonite Home. He was born in Albany, the son of L.L. and M. Louise (Hanke) Potts.

Bob served his country in the military as a ham radio operator during World War II. He continued as a ham radio operator throughout his life.

Bob married Merna Powell on March 17, 1947, in Albany. She preceded him in death on March 11, 1997. Bob married Beverly Welker on Nov. 11, 2000, in Albany.

He was a co-owner of Duedall & Pott's Stationery Store in downtown Albany for many years. He was very involved in the history of Albany and wrote six books on Albany's history, which included many pictures.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to First Assembly of God for retired missionary widows in care of Fisher Funeral Home, 306 Washington St. SW., Albany, OR 97321 (www.fisherfuneralhome.com).

56th Alaska Philatelic Expo Winners

Senior Club Exhibits

Grand Award

Eric Knapp.....*The Gold Rush Forts of Alaska*

Reserve Grand Award

Stan Grove*U.S. Domestic Stampless Letters and Fees, 1816-45*

APEX Theme Award

David Schwantes.....*Iditarod: 35 Years of the Iditarod Race*

Best Alaskan Exhibit

Eric Knapp..... *U.S. First Days of Issue in Alaska*

Best Topical Exhibit

Judy Ireton *Roses are Red, Violets are Blue...*

AAPE* Award of Honor

Nelson Gnirke..... *Early Denmark*

*American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors

Gold Medal

Stan Grove, *U.S. Domestic Stampless Letter Rates and Fees, 1816-45*

David Schwantes, *Iditarod: 35 Years of the Iditarod Race*

Eric Knapp, *The Gold Rush Forts of Alaska*

Eric Knapp, *U.S. First Days of Issue in Alaska*

Silver Medal

Nelson Gnirke, *Early Denmark*

Judy Ireton, *Roses are Red, Violets are Blue...*

Stan Grove, *Post Cards with Baggage*

Sheila Erwin, *Celebrate! It's Holiday Time!*

Non-Competitive Participation

Eric Knapp, *The Infamous Pickett Error*

Stan Grove, *Early U.S. Pictorial Series*

Junior Club Exhibits

Best of Show

Bernadette Williams Wild and Garden Flowers

Seven Through Eleven Years of Age

Gold Medal

Bernadette Williams Wild and Garden Flowers

Silver Medal

Bakari Bishop Cartoon & Comics

Bronze Medal

Creighton Foust American Aviation

Twelve through Sixteen Years of Age

Gold Medal

William Bigelow Antique Automobiles

Tristan Radcliffe Christmas Stamps

Silver Medal

Breyana Ross Famous African Americans

Bronze Medal

Minnie White Alaska Stamps

I Don't Know What to Write About!

Part V

We have asked all the members to write about Alaska history as it pertains to philately for this publication many times. We thought maybe the reason we don't get much response is because the perfect topic was eluding you. So, we have compiled brief list of Alaska history in several parts (other parts will appear in subsequent issues) for you to look over and if something intrigues you, please do a bit a research and write a short piece for inclusion in the next TAP. We really need your assistance.

1958 – Statehood measure passes; President Eisenhower signs statehood bill.

1959 – Statehood proclaimed; state constitution in effect; Sitka pulp mill opens. U.S. Court of Claims issues judgement favoring Tlingit and Haida claims to Southeast Alaska lands.

1964 – Good Friday earthquake.

1966 – Alaska Federation of Natives organized. Interior Secretary Udall imposes a “land freeze” to protect Native use and occupancy of Alaska lands.

1967 – Fairbanks flood.

1968 – Oil pumped from a well at Prudhoe Bay on North Slope. Governor Hickel establishes Alaska Lands Claims Task Force that recommends a 40 million acre land settlement for Alaska Natives.

1969 – North Slope Oil lease sale brings \$900 million. First live satellite telecast in Alaska.

1971 – Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act signed into law.

1972 - Alaska Constitution amended to prohibit sexual discrimination.

1973 - Congress passes the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act; salmon fisheries limited entry program becomes law.

1974 - Alaska voters fail to approve capital move initiative.

1975 - Alaska Legislature appropriates funds to initiate purchase and installation of 100 satellite earth stations for establishment of statewide satellite communications network.

I know it seems like I am always saying it, but it is a constant problem. We need original articles and other material for TAP. I have said it before and I will keep saying it. Everyone has an item that can tell a story and everyone can tell that story. Please take some time and write something for TAP. —Eric Knapp

New Sitka MOB Cancel

reported by Don Glickstein

Just found my second Sitka MOB cancel used postally. The scans of both are attached (one for the front side of the postal cards, the other for the message side).

The cards, both UXC1's, were mailed the same day. I don't think they're genuine nonphilatelic usages, since, although they were clearly written on the same typewriter, are addressed to and signed by different people. The message on the card with the "via air mail" etiquette (label) actually refers to the sender of the other card (Dick). Also, the typing style is different---the double vs single-spacing, indenting vs block addresses, the paragraph indent on one, the date shown on the other.

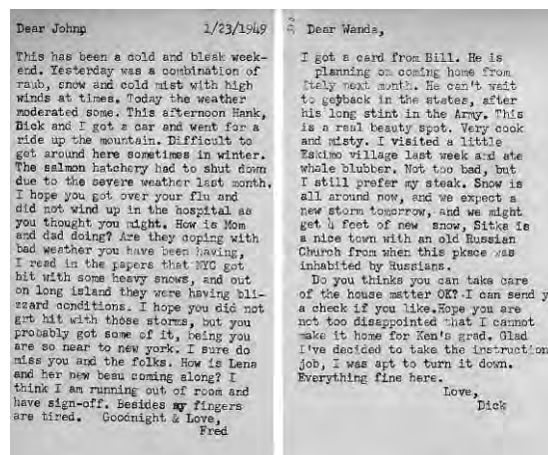
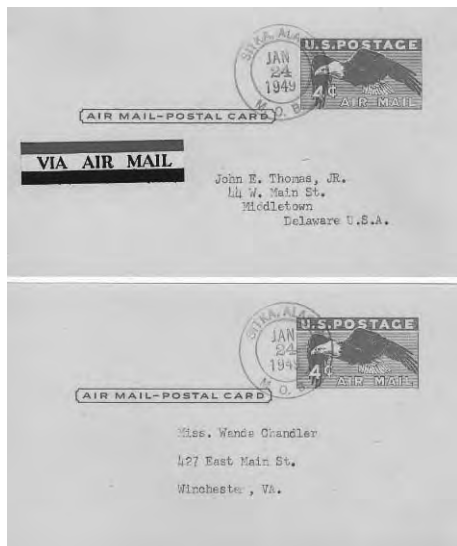
My guess is that senders Dick and Fred (along with Hank) were working or living together, and shared an office or personal typewriter. For convenience sake, they

decided to write cards to their respective loved ones and mail them at the same time. Since the cards were sent in January---not exactly tourism season even in the relatively warm Southeast Alaska panhandle---my guess is they worked in either the fishing industry or for a government entity. Perhaps Dick and Fred were brothers, which might explain why both cards survived, somehow part of a family inheritance.

The messages on both cards are in interesting insight into a Sitka winter, as well as concerns for the folks back home.

This postal usage of the Sitka M.O.B. isn't listed in Postmarks of Territorial Alaska.

In the scans, the card on the top (with the etiquette) belongs to the message on the left.



Gold Nuggets

Starvation and Disease

Stampedeers faced dozens of dangers along the trails into the Klondike. An avalanche in the spring of 1898 killed 63 people along the Chilkoot Pass trail. The previous September, heavy storms and a flood washed away much of the tent town set up at Sheep Camp, also on the Chilkoot Pass trail.

Certainly those who had survived the trails, the river, the White Horse Rapids, and made it

all the way to the gold fields must have believed that they were now safe. Stampedeers who spent the winter of 1897/1898 camped along the trails heard rumors from outgoing travelers of harsh conditions in Dawson, including talk of starvation.

In 1897, over 1,000 stampedeers beat the bulk of the rush and reached Dawson before winter set in. Many of the new arrivals were inadequately prepared and had not brought enough supplies with them to last through the spring. By September 30, 1897, when the last steamship of the season had unladen its cargo at Dawson, officials determined that unless some action was taken, there would not be food enough for everyone that winter.

Newly Found Territorial Postmarks

reported by Dirk van Geldren



Girdwood Double Circle

3 strikes on backside of a registered cover; front has type 3



Sitka Double Circle MOB

1/24/49



Gronwoldt Double Circle

on backside of philatelic card; also known on 11/1/50 cover



Dutch Harbor Double Circle MOB

December 2, 1941 properly used



Juneau Double Circle "TAKE OUT"

on cover from Ketchikan also found on 8/28/40 cover



Ketchikan Contract Station 1

9/4/34 on philatelic cover



Karluk Double Circle

on philatelic card



St. Michael Steamship Co, around 1890

Seen on eBay



Sitka Double Circle

7/15/1900 Transit mark on a cover sent from Portland,
OR on 7/3/1900 to Kodiak, received on 7/26/1900

Newly Found Territorial Postmarks

reported by Dirk van Geldren



Juneau, date not known

Roller cancel on the postage due stamp plus type 25 variety without date slug



Nome Double Circle Advertised Unclaimed 12/1/1906 on mourning cover from Richmond, WA sent 9/20/1906



Nome 4/20/29

Type 20 and double oval cancel on first flight cover to Fairbanks



Craig 9/7/30

Double circle MOB on registered cover to Ketchikan



Fairbanks 10/14/40

Double circle registered together with Type 19 on Registry Dispatch Receipt Card from Lassen.



Wrangell Box together with Type 9 on patriotic cover dated 3/7/45



Tolovana Double Circle on philatelic card together with Type 5

Ask the Expert!

Asked by Don Glickstein; Answered by Dr. William Helbock

Chevak Alaska Cancel
Subject: Chevak cover

Bought a huge lot of postals on eBay—all return cards addressed to the Department of Health asking if the recipient wanted to stay on the mailing list for *Alaska's Health* magazine.

One of them stuck out, because it appears to be a straightline cancel that the Chevak postmaster apparently added in addition to Type 1. The card was sent from the Sercet [sic] Heart Mission.

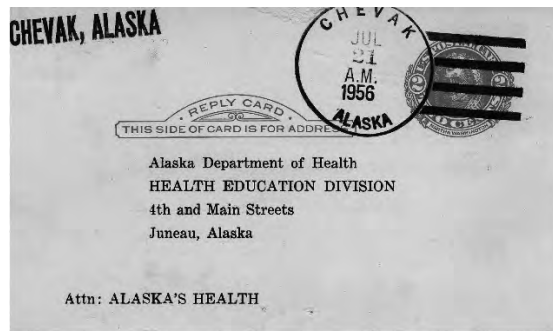
This kind of straightline wasn't on any other of the 220 or so cards in the lot. Has anyone else seen this kind of straightline?

Reply from Bill Helbock

Hi Don,

Thanks for the image. I have seen similar handstamps used on registered mail once in a while from the 1950s. They were probably intended for use on parcel post mail. Too bad the pm used his 4-bar as well, if he had only used the straight-line, we'd be looking at a new postmark type.

Best regards,
Bill



Gold Nugget

By 1900, Nome would have looked very familiar to those who had rushed to the gold fields through Dyea or Skagway. The biggest difference was now in Nome, the now-familiar wild melee of thousands of stampedeers sorting through and hauling their gear out of the surf was compounded by stampedeers digging for gold all along the beach.

In the summer of 1900, Nome was the largest general delivery address in the U.S. postal system.

In his book, *Alaska's First Free Mail Delivery in 1900*, letter carrier Fred Lockley noted that the postal clerks had to use five filing boxes just to sort letters for people named "Johnson."

Whichever route they had chosen, few stampedeers believed it was the easy one. Those arriving from the White Pass trail told horror stories of crossing over rotting animal carcasses in their struggle over the mountain. Those who had carried 2,000 pounds up the "Golden Stairs" argued that nothing could have been worse than their trek.

By the time they were ready to set sail down the Yukon River, the stampedeers could all agree on one thing. Everyone was getting rich but them.

Thank you to all who provided material to make this issue possible. They include: Jim Zuelow, Eric Knapp, Angela Watson, Don Glickstein, Terry Shaw and Dirk van Geldren.

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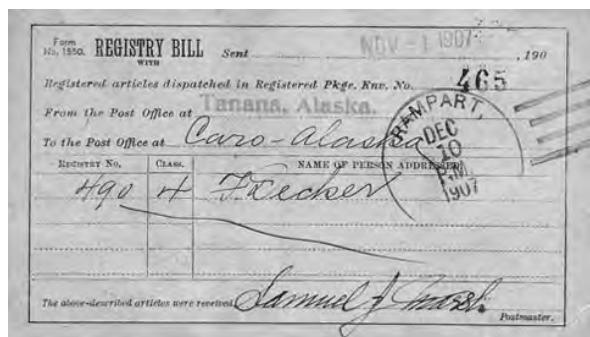
Registry Receipt from Caro

A registry receipt card with a Caro Alaska cancel from Nov 22, 1907 is shown below, both front and back sides.

Caro was a gold mining camp on the Chandalar River in Alaska's Brooks Range, north of the Arctic Circle. It had a post office from 1907-1912.

More interesting is the fact that the mining camp got it's name from the daughter of one of the more famous people in Alaska postal history. Caro was named after Caro Kingsland Clum, the daughter of John P. Clum, Alaska postal inspector during the Klondike gold rush, who was responsible for establishing scores of Alaska post offices, and was later postmaster at Fairbanks.

John Clum was famous for capturing Geronimo, was founder and editor of the Tombstone Epitaph, and was a friend of Wyatt Earp. A biography of John Clum is being written by a postal historian.



Club members want to hear YOUR story (don't be shy!)
 Take the form on page 9 and fill it out. Send it along with a photo and a color copy of your favorite philatelic piece to Angela Watson, 5519 E. Mezzanine Way, Long Beach, CA 90808.

Request for Stampless Cover Information

Dear ACC,

My name is Van Koppersmith and I am the editor of the American Stampless Cover Catalog. I trust that you are familiar with it and may have even worked on it in the past.

We are getting ready for the next edition of the catalog and I need some help in your area. Would you be willing to help? There is probably not much to be added to Alaska, but you and your friends certainly know more than I do.

Thanks very much for your consideration.

Regards,
 Van Koppersmith
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ACC Elections

Rules & Procedures of the Election

The official election ballot is included in this issue of TAP. Please complete the ballot and return it to the address on the ballot by April 30th. Please mark "ACC Election" on the outside of the envelope. This will keep the ballot from being opened early.

The votes will be tabulated by an election board

made up of ACC members who are not running for office. The results will be reported to the current Board of Directors, the candidates, and will be published in the first quarter issue of The Alaskan Philatelist. A news release will also be sent to the philatelic media. The newly elected officers will assume office immediately and hold office until December 31, 2009.

Candidate Statements

CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT

Jim Zuelow

I didn't realize it at the time, but I purchased the first item in my Alaska Postal History collection the first day I was in Anchorage in 1965 while visiting the Lamb's stamp store in the rear of the Book Cache. I was on my way to Chevak to serve as a Bureau of Indian Affairs teacher for a two year stint. That soon changed into a very challenging, exciting, and rewarding 25 year career! Were it not for arthritis, my wife and I would likely still be there.

I didn't find out about The Alaska Collectors' Club until after I retired and moved to Arizona and had more time to pursue my own interests. I discovered a TAP issue in the Postal History Museum, which is located in Tucson. I also collect other Alaskana, and have a reasonably good collection of Alaska books. I've made many new friends through the ACC and am willing to try to continue to serve as President.

CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT

Angela Watson

I, like many other philatelists, developed the stamp collecting bug at an early age, probably about 10 or 11. I have collected nearly all my life and have developed pretty good Canada and Australia collections if I do say so myself. My Alaska Postal History albums are filling with new material all the time, and I enjoy the sense of history when looking at new covers that make their way into my books.

I have been VP under Jim Zuelow for a number of years now and frankly, wouldn't have it any other way. Jim is a great President and he makes the job of being his VP enjoyable. I will continue to work on enhancing the club and also the layout of the TAP newsletter.

CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY-TREASURER

Eric Knapp

I started collecting stamps at age ten under the encouragement of my stamp collecting grandmother. I have been collecting ever since. I have collected Alaska related

material for many years, concentrating on the U.S. Military in Alaska and philatelic covers from Alaska.

I have been an officer in several clubs and organizations over the years. I have been Secretary Treasurer of the ACC for the last four years. This is a good group and I have enjoyed the job.

These are challenging times for clubs such as ours, but I think we have a great future ahead of us. Let us work together to make this future a reality.

CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR

Dirk van Gelderen

I was born in 1957 in Boskoop, Holland and have always lived there. I started collecting when I was 5 and from the beginning I collected USA stamps which I still do. In the early 1970's my father and I started collecting Bosnia and Herzegovina (nobody then knew where that was) and together we built one of the largest collections now in existence. In 1984 I visited Alaska and as a memento I mailed from all towns visited a card home.

Directly afterwards, but still not really seriously I wrote to all other postmasters asking for a postmark. One was sent in error to the late Ray Fay of Mansfield, OH and he got me really hooked on Alaska Postal History. Currently I am trying to complete my catalogue of Alaska Statehood Postmarks which will be available on CD ROM together with Richard Helbock's work on the Territorials. It is also available on-line at www.esveld.nl/alaska/alaska.htm for free.

Richard Wood

I've been asked to be an ACC Director candidate. Some ACC members are interested in broadening the scope of the club to include all the collecting fields of Alaskana, not just postal history. I assume that postal history would still be the main emphasis. I'm fine with that if that's what folks want (it wasn't my idea). I've collected things most of my life. I don't collect postal history, but I've been a dealer of

Candidate Statements (continued)

all things Alaska since 1982, including postal history.

Oddly, postal history was the very first thing I ever collected. When I was about 6, my parents made a trip to NYC. They returned with a present for me, an album with grid pages for cut-out postmarks. I enjoyed collecting postmarks for a while. Next came matchbook covers.

Later stamps, then coins. When I was a wildlife student at UAF I began collecting Alaska natural history books, then general Alaska books, then I found myself buying and selling Alaska books, then all of Alaskana. I intended to be a wildlife photographer, and did that for 5 years, but the thrill of the hunt for Alaskana pushed that to the back burner. From Fairbanks I'd make two-month buying trips to the northeast, one in the spring and one in the fall (the show seasons). I did that for many years. Everyone on the show circuit knew me and they called me "Mr. Alaska". Some would save great things for me. Oh, those halcyon days...

I also advertised heavily in about 50 different antiques newspapers. I bought & sold hundreds of thousands of Alaska things. I'm still at it. Of course eBay has changed everything. Most of the antiques newspapers are gone, and pickers don't need middlemen like me anymore. Today, I collect very early Alaska photography (my passion), especially stereoviews, magic lantern, and cartes de visite.

I also collect Alaska Native carved silver souvenir spoons, Alaska Native model watercraft, and early Alaska paintings. My expertise is Alaska books, ephemera (member of the Ephemera Society for over 20 years) and pre-1897

Alaska photography. I once read every pre-1895 Alaska newspaper in existence, cover to cover, and saved stacks of xeroxes from that project, including the pertinent postal history. I'll pull the postal history notes together and write that up for the newsletter. I'd be happy to help the ACC in any way I can. Thanks.

Michael Senta

Age 60, born and raised in Minnesota

Married to Penne, an accomplished Alaskan artist, and I have 5 children. Moved to Alaska as a General Surgeon during the pipeline boom in 1980.

I was a stamp collector up to 1980, then immediately became fascinated with Alaska Postal History when I moved here. Slowly over 20 years I sold off the stamp collection, and I have transferred the value and energy of that collection into accumulating a very nice Alaska Postal History collection.

I still work full time as a General and Trauma Surgeon, but am now able to spend a little more time on the hobby.

My other job is a sheep rancher. We live on a ranch with purebred Shetland sheep, plus llamas and bees and chickens. I think it is now the largest sheep ranch in Alaska.

I have been involved with the Alaska Collectors Club and TAP for over 25 years, and I now am able and excited to give something back to it.

Gold Nugget

On April 3, 1898, a series of avalanches struck along the Chilkoot Pass trail. The worst, which hit that morning, killed dozens of stampedes. Civic promoters in Dyea feared that their counterparts in Skagway would use the tragedy to tout the White Pass as the safer trail. They did.

The first stampedes arrived in Skagway less than two weeks after the Portland had docked in Seattle. On July 29, 1897, when the mail steamer Queen landed these first anxious would-be millionaires on the beach, Skagway (then known as Skaguay; the spelling change was made later, possibly by the Post Office Department) was barely a collection of tents.

Dyea and Skagway's rivalry was brief, but heated. Even though the Chilkoot Pass (through Dyea) was the most popular trail, Skagway was always the larger town. In the first half of 1898, when Skagway was teeming with stampedes, it was the biggest town in Alaska.

A Correction

Eric,

My AK Cigarette article on page 79 of the 4Q TAP had an incorrect e-mail address, which may be why I have had no response. Could you put a correction in the next issue?

The correct e-mail address is:

pmartin2020@aol.com

Thank you.

Pete

2007 Financial Statement

Starting Bank Balance \$6,244.98

Income

Dues & Other Contributions..... 2,000.92

Net Auction Profits 320.00

Total income 2,320.92

Expenses

TAP production costs..... 1,631.02

Advertising..... 126.00

Web site expenses 100.45

Sustaining Member Cover Expenses 55.04

Secretary Treasurers Expenses 25.00

Total Expenses..... 1,937.51

Ending Bank Balance \$6,628.39

2007 Auction Report

There was one ACC auction and one Net Price Sale whose results affected the 2007 financial results. The totals for the two auctions are as follows.

Total Sales \$2364.00

Total Paid to members..... 1992.00

Gross profits 372.00

Total mailing expenses..... 52.00

Net Auction profits 320.00

Net Price Sale



**FIRST COME,
FIRST SERVED!**
These are items remaining from the last ACC auction (which is why the #'s are not consecutive).

Abbreviations used:

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| BS = Back Stamp | CC = Corner Card return address |
| DCC = Double Circle Cancel | DPO = No Longer Active "Dead" Post Office |
| EAMC = Emergency Airmail Cover | 4BC = Four Bar Cancel |
| FD = First Day | F = Fine |
| FF = First Flight | II = Informative insert |
| LD = Last Day | MC = Machine Cancel |
| NP = Nonphilatelic | PC = Postcard |
| PO = Post Office | PMS = Postmaster signed |
| T = Territorial postmark type from Helbock; 3rd. Ed. | VG = Very Good |
| VF = Very Fine | R = Reserve Bid, only 50¢ unless otherwise noted |

Send purchase list to Terry Shaw, P.O. Box 1435, Prineville, Oregon, 97754; (Phone(541) 416-6600 days; (541) 447-5836 evenings). E-mail cgsarchxx@aol.com. Abbreviations used: BS = Back Stamp; CC = Corner Card return address; DCC = Double Circle Cancel; DPO = No Longer Active "Dead" Post Office; EAMC = Emergency Airmail Cover; 4BC = Four Bar Cancel; FD = First Day; F = Fine; FF = First Flight; II = Informative insert; LD = Last Day; MC = Machine Cancel; PC = Postcard; PO = Post Office; PMS = Postmaster signed; T = Territorial postmark type from Helbock; 3rd. Ed. VG = Very Good; VF = Very Fine; XF = Extra Fine. R = Reserve Bid; only \$1.00 unless otherwise noted (look carefully as many items start at only 50-cents-. Please read carefully and ask for photo copies as desired (5 cents each + SASE), or ask for electronic images sent as JPEG files. Have fun, bid early and often, and with your friends. Let's get more members bidding!

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| 1. Akulurak (8/31/51) T2, LD of DPO. PMS on Gov. PC. F. R = \$2.00. | 22. Cape Yakataga (3/5/44) T1, PMS. Censored EAMC to Cordova (3/13/44) T11. VF. R = \$4.25. |
| 3. Anchorage (12/9/35) T9. EAMC to Susitna (1/14/36) T1, DPO on cover face. F, slight water staining. R = \$3.50. | 24. Chignik , 1932 unused real photo PC of ship loading salmon. VF. R = \$4.00. |
| 7. Anchorage (10/5/49) T9. Ham Radio QSL card for KL7SB. F. R = \$2.00. | 26. Circle (5/10/43) T6. Censored EAMC to Fort Yukon (5/18/43) T4, BS & Fairbanks (5/11/43) T21, BS. VF. R = \$3.75. |
| 11. Andreafski (9/1/51) T1, FD of DPO. Gov. PC, PMS. F. R = \$3.00. | 27. Circle (5/10/44) T6. Censored EAMC, Break-up Flight. F+. R = \$3.00. |
| 13. Barrow (8/15/38) T12. Special Rogers-Post Memorial cachet on a cover also canceled in Dayton Ohio (5/14/38) with a special cachet for National Airmail Week. Unusual dual cancel & cachet. F. R = \$4.00. | 35. Cordova (6/21/ 53) T11, 50 th Anniversary Slogan. PMS. F+. |
| 14. Barrow (5/4/44) T10. Censored EAMC to Kotzebue (5/4/44) T8, BS. F. R = \$3.00. | 36. Council (9/3/1903) T1 as BS on cover from Seattle. Also, Nome Rec'd. (8/18/03). F. R = \$45.00. |
| 17. Bethel (3/4/35) T1. EAMC to Fairbanks (3/7/35) T18, BS. F. R = \$3.00. | 41. Dutch Harbor (6/10/41) T1, DPO. Gov. PC. F+. R = \$2.25. |
| 21. Candle (5/17/44) T5, DPO. Censored EAMC to Kotzebue (6/3/44) T8. Great franking. F+. R = \$3.75. | 43. Edna Bay (6/7/51) T2. DPO. Gov. PC. F. |
| | 44. Eek (2/4/52) T4. Gov. PC. F+. |
| | 45. Elfin Cove (12/5/73) 4BC, PMS. Plain PC. |
| | 48. Entrance Island (5/31/56) T1, DPO. Gov. PC. F+. |

51. **Fairbanks** (5/12/44) T21. Censored EAMC to Flat (5/22/44) T6, BS. F+. R = \$3.25.
52. **Fairbanks** (8/14/52) T29. Ham Radio QSL card for KL7AOU. F. R = \$2.00.
54. **Fairbanks** (8/30/61) MC. First Flight Alaska Airlines Convair 880 Golden Nugget Jet to Seattle (8/30/61) MC, BS. F+. R = \$2.00.
56. **False Pass** (7/4/42) T6. Gov. PC. F. R = \$1.50.
62. **Goodnews Bay** (12/5/73) 4BC. PMS on plain PC. F.
67. **Haycock** (5/31/57) T3, DPO. PMS on Gov PC. F+. R = \$2.00.
70. **Holy Cross** (12/1/36) T1. Likely EAMC (no cachet) to Flat (11/30/36) T4. F. R = \$2.75 (note date reversal).
71. **Homer** (7/31/50) T7. Ham Radio QSL card for KL7FN. F. R = \$2.00.
74. **Hooper Bay** (10/11/41) T1. Gov PC. PMS message about village. F. R = \$2.75.
75. **Hooper Bay** (7/25/89) Large DCC. Plain PC. F+. R = only 50-cents.
76. **Hot Springs** (8/7/08) T1, DPO. Cover, rough open right. VG. R = \$45.00.
77. **Hot Springs** (12/20/35) T2, DPO. PMS on EAMC to Fairbanks (12/24/35) T16, BS. F. R = \$2.50.
79. **Hyder** (5/21/21) T2, later than listed, DPO. Real photo PC of Hyder. VG - F. R = \$40.00.
81. **Ikatan** (6/1/50) T1, DPO. FD of PO; PMS on cover. F+. R = \$3.00.
84. **Juneau** (11/16/09) T15. Registered Dept. of Interior C-10 sized cover. F. R = \$12.50.
86. **Juneau** (3/13/34) T23. Great 50th Anniversary of Civil Government cachet on cover. F+. R = \$5.00.
87. **Juneau** (5/10/40) T32. Great Ham Radio QSL card for K7GSC. F. R = \$3.50.
93. **Juneau** (11/14/59) T32. First PANEX stamp show cachet on cover; scarce. VF. R = \$5.50.
102. **Ketchikan** (5/23/44) T13. Censored EAMC to Klawock (5/23/44) T7, BS. F. R = \$3.00.
108. **Kiana** (5/18/44) T3. Censored EAMC to Kotzebue (5/19/44) T8, BS. F+. R = \$3.00.
110. **Killisnoo** (6/7/1898) T2, DPO. Cover with three letters enclosed! VG-F, "Kil" weak, rest strong. R = \$150.00.
111. **Killisnoo** (7/8/15) T3, DPO. Real photo PC of S.S. Spokane. F+. R = \$60.00.
112. **King Salmon** (11/9/55) T2. Scarce "Pirate" Pacific Northern Airways cachet as a First Day of issues cover for the King Salmon stamp, Scott # 1079 (Seattle was the only official City for this FD). F+. R = \$40.00.
116. **Kodiak** (8/16/15) T4. C-10 sized cover from Dr. F+. R = \$9.00.
117. **Kodiak** (3/13/42) T11, earlier than listed. Censored, registered cover. F+. R = 9.75.
119. **Kodiak** (4/1/47) T12. Great Kodiak Guides vintage movie projector cachet, C-10 sized airmail cover. F+. R = \$7.50.
121. **Kokhanok Bay** (11/16/52) T1, FD of DPO. Unsevered send & return portions of Gov. PC, PMS. F+. R = \$4.00.
124. **Kwigilingok** (3/31/44) T1. Cover (old censor tape removed) to Bethel (4/18/44) T4 BS. F. R = \$2.00.
125. **Kwigilingok** (11/30/73) 4BC. PMS on plain PC. VF.
127. **Kwiguk** (7/1/42) T1, DPO. Gov. PC, PM signed message about the village. F. R = \$3.00.
128. **Larsen Bay** (11/1/50) T1. FD of new PO. PMS on Gov. PC. VF. R = \$1.75.
129. **Latouche** (2/22/10) T2, DPO. Dogsled PC. F. R = \$52.50.
132. **Livengood** (9/3/35) T3, DPO. C-10 sized Post Office penalty env. VG-F. R = \$1.50.
133. **Lost River** (3/14/53) T1, DPO. C-10 sized airmail cover. F. R = \$3.25.
137. **McGrath** (7/23/43) T5. Gov. PC. VF. R = \$1.75.
141. **Moose Pass** (5/17/40) T2. Gov. PC; interesting note about village, likely from PM. F+. R = \$2.00.
142. **Moose Pass** (11/28/73) 4BC. PMS on plain PC. VF.
144. **Naknek** (12/9/43) T5. Unusual censored, Free Frank cover via Woodley Airways. F+. R = \$37.50.
147. **Napamute** (3/14/54) T3, DPO. Registered, C-10 sized airmail cover; great franking. F. R = \$5.25.
148. **New Knock Hock** (9/1/50) T1, FD of DPO. Gov. PC. VF. R = \$4.00.
149. **Nightmute** (9/1/52) T1, FD of DPO. Gov. PC. VF. R = \$2.25.
150. **Nikolai** (4/30/51) T1, DPO. Gov. PC. VF. R = \$2.25.
151. **Nolan** (3/31/18) T1, DPO. Registered cover; great franking. VG-F. R = \$125.00.

153. Nome (10/18/30) T19. PMS & Pilot signed Airmail cover to Deering (10/18/31) T4 BS. F+. R = \$10.00.
157. North Pole (10/8/96) First Day for Christmas stamp. Great, Anchorage Philatelic cachet by Sarge. XF. R = \$3.50 (donation).
160. Ophir (8/28/54) T7, DPO. Gov. PC. F.
166. Pedro Bay (12/10/58) T2, DPO. Plain PC. F. R = \$1.75.
168. Perryville (5/1/52) T3. FD or re-opened PO; PMS on Gov PC. F. R = \$1.50.
170. Petersburg (6/21/12) T3. Birthday PC. F+. R = \$3.00.
172. Pilot Point (8/13/37) T1. EAMC to Anchorage (8/23/37) T8 BS; PMS. F+. R = \$3.00.
174. Pilot Station (12/17/73) 4BC. PMS on plain PC. F+.
175. Platinum (12/18/73) 4BC. PMS on plain PC. F.
181. Rampart (8/9/43) T7, DPO. Censored EAMC to Fairbanks (8/11/43) T15 BS & on cover face. F+. R = \$3.25.
184. Ruby (9/15/33) T2. PMS on EAMC to Deering (9/24/33) T4 BS. F. R = \$3.75.
185. Russian Mission (12/7/73) DCC. PMs on plain PC. VF.
186. Saint Michael (6/5/07) Recd. as backstamp on cover from MI. VG. R = \$5.00.
187. Saint Michael (11/15/43) T14. Censored EAMC to Flat (11/30/43) T6, BS. F. R = \$3.00.
188. Saint Michael (11/15/43) T14. EAMC to Nome (12/1/43) T21, BS. F. R = \$2.50.
189. Saint Paul Island (4/7/47) Ham Radio QSL card for K7GYL. Filled-in and likely enclosed in a mailing envelope. F. R = \$3.00.
191. Savoonga (6/26/89) DCC & 4BC. Plain PC. VF. R = only 50-cents.
196. Seattle, Air Mail Field (10/1/51). FF cachet on air mail Gov. PC to Anchorage (10/1/51) T13 BS. F+. R = \$1.50.
197. Seattle, APO 942 (3/20/53) & Anchorage, Ft. Richardson Br (3/20/53) T3 on registered airmail cover (great Prexie franking) to Anacortes, WA (3/12/53) DCC, BS. F (old fold). R = \$15.50.
198. Seattle (8/30/61) MC. Alaska Airlines FF, Convair 880 cachet on cover to Anchorage (8/30/61) MC BS. F. R = \$1.50.
199. Seattle & Skagway R.P.O. (8/13/31) duplex cancel on totem PC. F. R = \$2.25.
200. Selawik (5/20/91) 4BC. Gov. PC. VF. R = only 50-cents.
202. Seldovia (4/17/89) DCC & 4BC. PMS on cover. VF.
204. Seward (2/21/36) T11. Ham Radio QSL Card for K7ENA. F+. R = \$3.50.
206. Shakan (9/5/16) T4, DPO. PC of Wrangell Narrows. F+. R = \$37.50.
209. Sheldon Point (3/24/52) T1, DPO -- earlier than listed. Gov. PC. F+. R = \$4.00.
210. Shishmaref (9/7/43) T2, green ink. Censored EAMC to Nome (9/7/43) T21, BS. F. R = \$3.50.
212. Sitka (5/31/43) T23. Censored EAMC. F. R = \$2.00.
214. Sitka (2/4/88) 4BC. Gov. PC. VF. R = only 50-cents.
216. Skagway (11/19/86) 4BC. Gov. PC. F+. R = only 50-cents.
219. Stebins (2/14/89) 4BC. Gov. PC. VF. R = only 50-cents.
220. Stevens Village (10/24/43) T1. Censored EAMC to Fairbanks (11/1/43) T15, BS. VF. R = \$3.75.
221. Stony River (11/15/53) T2, DPO. Plain PC. VF. R = \$2.00.
222. Sulzer (9/23/12) T1, later than listed, DPO. Ketchikan real photo PC. F+. R = \$85.00.
226. Tanana (12/25/11) T3 (later than listed). Metlakatla PC. F. R = \$25.00.
228. Tanacross 1946 Ham Radio QSL card for KL7AD. Filled-in and likely enclosed in a mailing envelope. F. R = \$2.00.
229. Tatitlek (4/12/89) 4BC. Plain PC. VF. R = only 50-cents.
230. Teller (12/23/46) T5. Gov. PC. F. R = \$1.50.
231. Tenakee Springs (8/2/40) T1. Gov. PC. F. R = \$1.50.
233. Thorne Bay 1970 Ham Radio QSL card for KL7GDU; mailed from Ketchikan (6/1/70) MC slogan. VF. R = \$2.25.
234. Togiak (6/13/89) DCC & 4BC. Plain PC. VF. R = only 50-cents.
235. Tok (1/3/59) 4BC. FD of Statehood cancel; Gov. PC. F. R = only 50-cents.
238. Tuluksak (2/16/50) T1, DPO. Gov. PC, PMS. FD of PO. F+. R = \$2.75.
239. Ugashik (3/28/35) T1, DPO. EAMC to Anchorage (5/1/35) T9. VF. R = \$3.75.

240. **Ugashik** (10/21/41) T2, DPO. Unusual hand-painted salmon cachet on C-10 sized cover. VF. R = \$10.00.
241. **Ugashik** (1/21/44) T2, DPO. Censored EAMC. F. R = \$3.00.
245. **Valdez** (9/14/52) T17, 2-years later than listed!. Airport Dedication, airmail cover. F+. R = \$10.00.
246. **Venetie** (3/16/52) T2. FD of re-opened PO. Gov. PC. F. R = \$1.25.
248. **Wacker** (5/17/43) T2, DPO. Censored EAMC. VF. R = \$3.50.
250. **Wainwright** (5/1/44) T2. Censored EAMC to Kotzebue (5/4/44) T8. F+. R = \$4.00.
251. **Wainwright** (11/8/49) T1. Dog Team cachet on PC. VF. R = \$4.00.
253. **Wales** (7/31/43) T3. Censored EAMC to Nome (8/9/43) T21. F. R = \$3.25.
255. **Ward Cove** (11/1/54) T1 FD of new PO name. Gov. PC. VF. R = \$1.25.
257. **Wasilla** (3/8/89) 4BC. Plain PC. VF. R = only 50-cents.
259. **Whittier** (1/14/81) 4BC. Gov. PV. F. R = only 50-cents.
261. **Wiseman** (4/19/44) T2, DPO. Censored EAMC to Fairbanks (4/20/44) T15 BS. F. R = \$4.50.
263. **Wrangell** (2/16/89) DCC & 4BC. Plain PC. R = only 50-cents.
266. **Yakutat** (12/11/73) 4BC. PMS on plain PC.
267. **US Army Postal Service, AP0 726 {Attu}**, 1945 (no date in cancel; dates comes from note on back of censored airmail cover). F. R = \$8.50.
268. **US Army Postal Service, APO 726 {Attu}** (4/14/85) MC. Censored airmail cover with great Crosby Alaska map cachet. F. R = \$7.50.
269. **US Army Postal Service, APO 728 MC** on Ham Radio QSL card for KL7WAF from Kenai, Alaska. VF. R = \$4.00.
272. **AP0 942 {Fort Richardson}** (7/10/42) 4BC. Censored airmail, C-10 sized cover from Red Cross Field Director. F+. R = \$7.50.
273. **AP0 947 {Fort Spencer}** (9/14/45) 4BC. Airmail cover; great letter enclosed VG-F. R = \$6.50.
292. **USS Edsall @ Shanghi, China** PC to **Luckyshot** (5/26/38) T1, DPO cancel on card face. F. R = \$8.00.
293. **USS Holland** (7/4/34) & (7/24/34) 2 covers, one at San Francisco, one at Sitka. Great map cachet for the Alaska Cruise, Submarine Division Twelve. F. R = 7.00.
294. **USS Partridge @ Ketchikan** (6/8/34) Nice "In Alaskan Waters" cachet on cover. F. R = \$5.00.
298. Full sheet of twenty, 500-share dividend certificates for the **Alaska Mexican Gold Mining Co.** All certificates are canceled by perforation. F+. R = \$7.50. Multiple copies available.



Skagway Registered Oval Cancel: Verrrry Interesting!

by Jim Zuelow

The Helbeck catalogs, for the most part, show postmarks applied to first class mail. Registry markings and cancels have been included "...only if known as the only postmark on a cover or card. This does not include registry postmarks used alone on registry package receipts, M.O.B. slips, registered package envelopes, or other Post Office Department items. (Postmarks of Territorial Alaska, 3rd Ed., p.iv)" Shown is an apparent Skagway oval registered mail cancel on the front, and a type C31 double circle registered cancel on the back of a Department of the Interior Official Business envelope. Have any ACC members found copies of this oval cancel on a regular first class mail cover? Is any member aware of a listing of Alaskan registry postmarks?



The illustrated cover was purchased on e-Bay in 2006.

