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Filatelic Fiesta II

Nov 13 - 15, 2009

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds

Northern California Trivia

- Q. Colored sand and gravel cliffs led to the naming of what Tehama County town?
- A. Red Bluff.
- Q. Snakehouse Creek is in what county?
- A. Mendocino.

From *Northern California Trivia*

by Ernie & Jill Couch

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New Member

David Occhipinti joined at the July 15th meeting. David's collecting interests are worldwide with emphasis on U.S., Canada, U.N., Vatican, U.S. FDCs, airmails and U.S. postal history. Wow, that's very ambitious—you're a stronger man than I am David.

He is also a member of the APS, AAMS, APC, AFDCS, Americana Unit of the ATA and was a member of the now defunct Szeslaw Siania Study group.

For those unaware, the Szeslaw Siania Study Group library now resides at the Western Philatelic Library in Sunnyvale.

Please welcome and introduce yourself to David at our next meeting.

We Need a Vice President

The time for someone to step up and be our vice-president is long overdue. We don't need an election—we just need one of you to agree to fill the vacancy. The job doesn't require much—even less than Joe Biden does as VP of the country (although there's no junket money)—so please consider filling this position. Thank you.—js

Post Card Club Pot Luck

Yesterday (August 15) was the San Jose Post Card Club's pot-luck. Once again it was held in the home of Darlene Thorne in Cupertino. With no shortage of delicious food, no one went home hungry. From both roast turkey and chicken to salads of all kinds and—well you get the idea.

While the SJSC members were all invited it seems your editor was one of very few that responded. Too bad, as members from the San Francisco Post Card Club plus several dealers were in attendance which afforded an opportunity to meet and talk with all these people. Not important you say? Well, you're wrong. The more people you meet in the two hobbies can only improve your acquisition opportunities—plus they're nice folks.

Filatelic Fiesta

Fiesta is progressing very nicely and now with a committee of 15 people the work load is divided up where no one is on overload. We've 30 dealers signed-up with the show still 2½ months away. The Western Philatelic Library will have their annual fund raising auction of the past years donations. The youth table will be in full swing but we'll be needing more volunteers to man the table plus Brian Jones will have a Boy Scout merit badge meeting with South County Scouts.

Efforts are still underway to have an auction by a professional auction house. To date no firm commitment.

As you can see we've been very busy, however, we can always use your help. If you would like to help make your interest known to any committee member so we can talk.

Clubs and club shows are only as good as the membership. It takes a lot of help and dedication to succeed.

Scouts, etc.

In speaking with Scoutmaster Brian Jones, regarding stamps and kids, I've extended an invitation to have as many Scouts attend our meeting as are interested. Even if it starts with just one, I feel the ball would be in our court to inspire any youngsters to pursue the hobby. It wouldn't hurt if some of the parents became actively involved too. But all this is up to us. We must show interest in anyone, young or old, to have them believe that we do care and want to help them. Strangers have dropped in on our meetings with a mixture of how they were received. Some of you do extend yourselves to try and make them feel at ease, while others of us never show any interest in any visitors—new or old. It's up to all of us to welcome and help feel at ease any visitors. Many are there just to dispose of material, and that's ok. However, once in a while we can help someone new to the hobby, or wanting to re-enter stamp collecting and we should do so with gusto.—js

