

THE SPACEFILLER

The NEXT
BUSINESS MEETING
will be held

July 10, 2004

At
Pacific Hills
Lutheran Church
90th and Pacific Streets
At 7:30pm



The NEXT
TRADING SESSION
will be held

July 23, 2004

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of the
Omaha Philatelic Society

TMPS Chapter No. 1
APS Chapter No. 1122
APS Member No. 108144



Edited by Richard L. McConnell

AN INVITATION TO TWO PICNICS IN JULY

There are going to be two picnics being held during July which your Editor wishes to bring to your attention. The first is the Omaha Philatelic Society picnic, which will be held on July 10th at the Base Lake at Offutt AFB. This picnic will take the place of the normal July 9th business meeting held at Pacific Hills Lutheran Church, 1110 South 90th Street. The picnic is scheduled to start at 12:00 noon and last until ? Those whose last names begin with A - F are asked to bring appetizers; G - M, a hot dish; and N - Z, desserts. The hamburgers, hot dogs, hamburger buns, hot dog buns, and soft drinks will be provided by OPS. Those who are attending are asked to bring their own silverware, plates, and cups. There will be activities such as baseball, volleyball, horseshoes, and fishing available for those interested in partaking in them. The Offutt Base Lake does have supplies available for the sports, although those interested in fishing should probably plan to bring their own supplies.

If you are planning to attend, please e-mail Richard McConnell at phil81st1@cox.net or give him a call at 342-6896. We would like to have a reasonably accurate head count in order to plan for how much food to procure. We thank you for your assistance in this matter.

The second is picnic which will be held on July 17th at Fort Omaha, 30th and Fort Streets. This picnic will mark the 150th anniversary of the founding of Omaha City, later to be renamed simply Omaha, Nebraska Territory. The following is a press release from the Douglas County Historical Society regarding this event. Elsewhere in this edition of THE SPACEFILLER is a list of the events which are planned for this day-long event.

"The Douglas County Historical Society has been selected by Mayor Fahey and Bruce Lauritzen, chairman, to produce on July 17, 2004 the official city-wide picnic for *150! Omaha's Birthday Celebration*. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at historic Fort Omaha on the grounds and greens surrounding the Historical Society's museum, the General Crook House. Activities include a picnic lunch, recognition of early families, businesses and organizations; Needlework Artists Showcase; Crook House Garden Walk; the Walter P. Chrysler Auto Restorers Club national judging exhibit; interpretive talks by local historians and costumed personalities; military re-enactments, music and entertainment representing our military and ethnic heritage; exhibit of the DCHS (Douglas County Historical Society) Collection of Barker Letters (written in the 1860s), exhibit of an 1857 map and an exhibit of Indian artifacts found near the site of Cabanne's Trading Post in North Omaha. Special features will be available for children, and additional exhibits will be provided by historic businesses and organizations, those in Omaha prior to 1904. The Historical Society will present for the first time its "Harrison Johnson Award" which will recognize an individual or business that has blazed new paths across Omaha.

"All activities and entertainment on the grounds will be free and open to the public. Those attending may bring their own picnic lunches, or may purchase picnic fare, ice cream sundaes, root beer floats and beverages. The admission/donation to tour the General Crook House Museum, its exhibits and special commemorative features will be \$5 adults, \$4 children and \$3 ages 6 through 11. There is no admission to visit exhibits and special attractions arranged in Building 7 and Building 10 at Fort Omaha, now the site of Metropolitan Community College."

If you require further information, you can call the Douglas County Historical Society at 455-9990.

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11TH BUSINESS MEETING

The regular business meeting of the Omaha Philatelic Society was held at 7:30 p.m. on June 11th at Pacific Hills Lutheran Church, 1110 South 90th Street. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 with President Chuck Petterson presiding. There were 20 members present, including one member whom we see far too infrequently—Richard Bouma. We thank his daughter, Judy Bouma, for bringing him.

The minutes of the May 14th business meeting were printed in the June edition of THE SPACEFILLER. There being no additions, changes, or deletions, it was moved by Joe Rende, seconded by Warren Whitted, that they be approved as read. Motion carried. Treasurer Bob Hoff read the May Treasurer's Report. Secretary McConnell reported he had received *The American Philatelist*, the monthly magazine of The American Philatelic Society. Also, *The Trans-Mississippian*, the quarterly publication of the Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society, will be hitting the presses shortly. President Petterson stated he had sent a thank you note to Omaha Postmaster EvaJon Sperling for her assistance in making the first-day of issue ceremony of the Lewis and Clark stamps on May 14th at Lewis and Clark Landing such a rousing success.

Librarian Steve Vickland reported he had Volumes II, III, and VI of the 2004 Scott Catalogs with him at this meeting, and they were available for any OPS members who may want to check them out. He still has the 2004 Volume II, but the 2005 Volume II should be here by the June 25th meeting. Exchange Manager Joe Chytil presented the May Exchange Manager's Report. SPACEFILLER Editor Richard McConnell stated he mailed 60 copies of the June edition of THE SPACEFILLER. This was a drop of 16 from May because of individuals who didn't pay their dues.

2004 Omaha Stamp Show Chairman Edgar Hicks gave an update on the upcoming Labor Day weekend show. He's deeply involved in promoting the show in the OPS school system. He recently gave a talk on philately to about 100 students and teachers at Walnut Hill School. He also recently attended a Postmaster's Convention in Lincoln, NE, and promoted the show through the Nebraska postmasters who were in attendance. There was talk about setting up workshops at the show to promote philately among youth. Edgar mentioned that Herb Eveland in putting on a show the weekend of June 11-12 and that Herb had 26 tables spoken for. Bob Loeck said you have to remember that what Herb puts on is a bourse, not a show, and there's a lot more work in putting on a show. We may be able to assist the Boy Scouts in earning their Stamp Collecting Badge. Gene Kathol said he thought such a process would be better conducted on a one to one basis versus doing it as a group. Edgar said we do need facilitators to promote the show and philately among youth, and Chuck Petterson expressed an interest in doing so in Iowa. We are going to ask for volunteers to help in the schools. It was also suggested we check with the Girls and Boys Town Philatelic Center about freebees they might bring to the show.

Joe Rende gave an update on the OPS picnic. It will be held on Saturday, July 10th, at the Base Lake at Offutt AFB. It will be a pot-luck affair. Those whose last names begin with A - F are asked to bring appetizers; G - M, a hot dish; and N - Z, desserts. It was moved by Joe Rende, seconded by Gene Kathol, that OPS provide the hot dogs, hamburgers, and soft drinks. It was mentioned that people will need directions to the Base Lake, and a map has been provided with this month's edition of THE SPACEFILLER. They do have grills there, and Gene Kathol volunteered to cook. He'll provide the charcoal and tools. There will be more discussion of the picnic at the June 25th trading session.

It was reported from the Sign Committee that the Stamp Show signs are being made. Also, an OPS sign is being made. It will have the wording "Friend of the local stamp collector." The total for both of these jobs is \$185.00. It was moved by Paul Janecek, seconded by Allen Hendricksen, that the bill be paid. Motion carried.

There was no old business. Under new business, Steven Vickland gave a plug to Herb Eveland's bourse on June 12-13 at Holiday Inn Central. Gene Kathol also announced he has some 2003 Scott Catalogs for sale.

There being no further business, the floor was turned over to the stamp trading/swapping session.

Richard McConnell, Secretary

OPS SCOTT CATALOG LIBRARY LIST

| <u>CATALOG</u> | <u>WHO HAS IT</u> | <u>PHONE #</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 2005 Volume I | Steve Vickland | 551-2754 |
| 2005 Volume II | Gordon Randall | 572-6774 |
| 2004 Volume III | Steve Vickland | 551-2754 |
| 2004 Volume IV | Steve Vickland | 551-2754 |
| 2004 Volume V | Steve Vickland | 551-2754 |
| 2004 Volume VI | Steve Vickland | 551-2754 |
| 2004 U.S. Specialized | Bob Loeck | 391-9120 |

2004 REFRESHMENT LIST

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| July 23 | Bob Hoff |
| August 13 | Richard McConnell |
| August 27 | Richard McConnell |
| September 10 | Joe Chytil |
| September 24 | Joe Rende |
| October 8 | Hazel Crammer/Pauline F. Jadick |
| October 22 | Steve Vickland |
| November 12 | Joe Rende |
| November 26 | Doug Kagan |
| December 10 | Annual Holiday Party |

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| July 7/10/04 | Picnic at the Offutt Base Lake in lieu of the normal July 9 th business meeting at Pacific Hills Lutheran Church, 1110 South 90 th Street. | July 7/23/04 |
| August 8/13/04 | | August 8/27/04 |
| September 9/10/04 | | September 9/24/05 |
| October 10/8/04 | | October 10/24/04 |
| November 11/12/04 | | November 11/26/04 |
| December 12/10/2004 | | No meeting 12/24/2004 |

INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Except for special holidays, such as religious holidays and those close to Christmas, the Omaha Philatelic Society meets on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. Both meetings are held at Pacific Hills Lutheran Church, which is located on the southwest corner of 90th and Pacific Streets. Enter from the south parking lot through the door with the canopy. The meeting room is in the basement. Both meetings start at 7:30 p.m. The second Friday is a business meeting and a program; the fourth Friday, a trading session. All stamp collectors or philatelists, whichever name you want to use, are welcome to attend. Dues are \$10.00 per year for adults (19 years of age and older and \$5.00 per year for those under 19. Further information or an application to join may be obtained by writing to The Omaha Philatelic Society, Inc., P.O. Box 4013, Omaha, NE 68104-0013.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP CODE:** _____

COLLECTING INTERESTS: _____

The following is a draft of the activities planned for July 17th in celebration of **150! Omaha's Birthday Celebration Picnic At Fort Omaha**. The hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Continuous Activities

Location

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| Exhibits: Including Barker Letters, Trans-Mississippi Exposition Historical Association, Visiting Nurses Association, Ponca Indians, Indian Artifacts by Walt Duda, Nebraska Jewish Historical Society, Mormons, Florence Mill, Prospect Hill Cemetery, and more | Building 7 |
| Play with History: Children's area for play with period Games, crafts, and viewing artifacts from Fort Omaha digs. Small toys and candy for sale. | Building 10, West Green |
| Historic Family Check-in: Recording of families participating in Picnic. Directions for individual families being recognized at ceremony. Honorarium, for all families registered with Douglas County Historical Society. | Building 9, Green |
| Recording of Historic Families Memories: Historic families are invited to share stories. Video recordings will be made to be shared with current and future generations. | Building 7 |
| Video of Panel on Omaha in 1854: Continuous showing of 15-minute video. | Building 7 |
| Needlework Artists Showcase: Display of various types of needlework, demonstrations, and instruction.* | Crook House |
| Garden Walk: Kinghorn Gardens staff as guides.* | Crook House |
| Stamp Cancellation: Special commemorative stamp cancellation marking Omaha's 150 th birthday. | |
| Civil War Re-enactors: Visit campgrounds, find out what it was like to be a Civil War soldier. | Small Green, South West Side |
| Native American Camp: | |
| Scandinavian Egg Lady: Enjoy stories of Hans Christian Anderson | Wandering through the crowd |
| Clowns: | Wandering through the crowd |
| Souvenir Kiosk: Books, t-shirts, small souvenirs, cleaning supplies for antiques. | North Road Green |
| Ollie the Trolley: Ride the trolley to events and hear all about Fort Crook. | List Trolley Stops |

* Included in \$5 entry fee to Crook House

Scheduled Activity: Didgeridoo and Dulcimer, Too
Performer/Presenter: Phyllis and Bob Dunne
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Building 7

Scheduled Activity: What is a Victorian Garden? (presentation) *
Performer/Presenter: Bryan Kinghorn
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Location: Crook House

Scheduled Activity: Entertainment
Performer/Presenter: To be assigned
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Location: To be determined

Scheduled Activity: Front Porch Harmonica Music
Performer/Presenter: Capt. Ivan Griswold
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Location: Crook House Porch

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Location: Crook House Porch

Scheduled Activity: 19th Century Country Music
Performer/Presenter: Roundhouse
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Location: Tent

Scheduled Activity: Entertainment
Performer/Presenter: To be assigned
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: To be determined

Scheduled Activity: Didgeridoo and Dulcimer, Too
Performer/Presenter: Phyllis and Bob Dunne
Time: 12:00 noon
Location: Building 7

Scheduled Activity: Entertainment
Performer/Presenter: To be assigned
Time: 12:00 noon
Location: To be determined

Scheduled Activity: Program honoring historic families, with presentation of Harrison Johnson Award
Performer/Presenter: Mayor Fahey, Betty Davis, and others
Time: 12:30 p.m.
Location: Main Stage

Scheduled Activity: Black Powder Salute
Performer/Presenter: 1st Nebraska Infantry
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Main Stage

Scheduled Activity: The Importance of a Thread (presentation)*
Performer/Presenter: Shirley Carter, Kathy Rotella, and Beth Rosenquist
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Crook House

Scheduled Activity: Civil War Music
Performer/Presenter: Dave Krecek's Civil War Band
Time: 1:15 p.m.
Location: Main Stage

Scheduled Activity: Entertainment
Performer/Presenter: To be assigned
Time: 1:15 p.m.
Location: To be determined

Scheduled Activity: Entertainment
Performer/Presenter: To be assigned
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Location: To be determined

Scheduled Activity: Dulcimer Music
Performer/Presenter: Phyllis Dunne
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Building 7

Scheduled Activity: Dances from Scotland
Performer/Presenter: Scottish Dancers
Time: 2:15 p.m.
Location: East Road Green

Scheduled Activity: Nebraska Has Iowa Roots (presentation)*
Performer/Presenter: Ryan Roenfeld
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Location: Crook House

Scheduled Activity: Music from Eastern Europe
Performer/Presenter: Inspirations
Time: 2:45 p.m.
Location: East Road Green

Scheduled Activity: Historic Music

Performer/Presenter: (Historic) Omaha Musicians Association

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: Main Stage

Food and Refreshments

Hy-Vee: Hot dogs, sausages, hamburgers, and barbecued beef. Plate lunches and individual items.
Soda and water.

Coca-Cola Truck

Roberts Dairy: Sundaes, lemonade, chocolate milk.

Sweet and Sour: Pickles and old-fashioned candies.

O'Keefe Elevator Popcorn Machine