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Society News

Rossica National Meeting

Rossica will hold its national meeting at SESCAL in Los Angeles, CA on Saturday, 6 October 2001. The meeting is currently scheduled for 1:30 PM in the La Jolla Room 'B'. (Please check the show program for last minute changes.) The program following the business meeting will be given by Andrew Cronin and is titled "Stamps and Postal history of Russia and USSR." Mr. Cronin is a life long member of Rossica, a judge at SESCAL and the editor of the "Canadian Journal of Russian Philately." In addition to Mr. Cronin, your Editor, Ray Pietruszka, will give a short presentation based on his collection.

In addition to the National Meeting, there will be several Russian Area exhibits. These will be competing for various awards including the new Rossica National Award. There will also be dealers carrying Russian material and the Society will be manning a booth on the floor.

SESCAL is being held from 5 to 7 October at the Radisson Los Angeles Airport Hotel located at 6225 West Century Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. I understand that this is just 5 minutes from the Airport Terminal.

Journal has new Editor

Jeff Radcliffe is now the editor of the Rossica Journal. In the future, please send all articles to him instead of Karen Lemiski. Ms. Lemiski had to resign

from the editorship due to increased workload with her job. The leadership of Rossica would like to thank Karen for a job well done as editor and good luck on her future endeavors.

Jeff Radcliff can be reached at 1420 Valebrook Lane, Herndon, VA 20170-2544 USA. As always, the journal is in need of new articles and additions to the research base of Russian Philately.

John Briggs has Article in AAPE Journal

In the May and July 2001 issues of *The Philatelic Exhibitor*, member John Briggs presented pages from his award winning exhibit "How to Win a Gold Medal." *The Philatelic Exhibitor* is the official Journal of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors. Of significance to the Russian Collector is that a large percentage of his pages are based on Russian Philately.

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New Rossica Publications

'Rossica Specialized Catalog of the RSFSR'

Ged Seiflow, the Rossica Librarian, has completed SIX sections of his highly acclaimed 'Rossica Specialized Catalog of the RSFSR.' This series, which has been several years in the making, is specialized and represents the fulfillment of a need that has existed for a long time. Ged has started the most comprehensive catalog of the RSFSR issues that has yet been published. This catalog is ideal for the specialist as well as for the new collector. It is profusely illustrated (most catalogs are sadly lacking in this respect when they discuss varieties) and lists every known variety. The complete catalog will consist of 29 sections. It is being produced unbound so that members can store the catalog as they see fit. In order to keep costs as reasonable as possible, updates will be available either as a complete section or as individual pages (the first updates should be available late 2001). Each section is divided into three parts: Introduction, detailed illustrations of varieties, and detailed catalog entries with prices.

The first six sections released are:

Section 0, Introduction: 10 pages (Free with first section ordered).

Section 3, 1st Issue of the RSFSR, The Chainbreakers (35 and 70 kop.) of 1918: 82 pages (US \$10 for members, US \$20 for non-members).

Section 7, 1st Standard Issue of 1921 (1, 2, 5, 20, and 40 rub.): 58 pages (US \$9 for members, US \$18 for non-members).

Section 10, 2nd Standard Issue of 1921 (100 through 1000 rub.): 133 pages (US \$14 for members, US \$28 for non-members).

New!!

Section 11, 4th Anniversary of October Revolution (100 through 1000 rub.): 41 pages (US \$7 for members, US \$14 for non-members).

Section 12, Volga Relief (Charity stamps): 33 pages (US \$6.50 for members, US \$13 for non-members).

Prices include surface mailing costs, dealers interested should inquire about lots of 10 or more. For sales, send a check (drawn on a US bank and made payable to Rossica), or a money order to the Rossica Treasurer – Gary A. Combs, 8241 Chalet Court, Millersville, MD 21108, USA. Orders can also be placed using the Rossica web site (www.rossica.org). Don't delay, supplies are limited!

A Study of the Postmarks of Moscow, 1765-1917:

Part One by Combs, Gary A. and Noel Warr.

Now available in paper!

Pricing is as follows for Rossica members:

Paper copy = US \$35 plus postage (weighs 1 pounds 11 ounces)

CD ROM copy - US \$35, postage included worldwide

Special: Paper and CR ROM package = US \$45.

To calculate the postage, please visit the USPS website at <http://www.usps.gov> or contact Gary and he will calculate it for you:

For sales, send a check (drawn on a US bank and made payable to Rossica), or a money order to the Gary A. Combs, 8241 Chalet Court, Millersville, MD 21108, USA. Orders can also be placed using the Rossica web site (www.rossica.org).

WESTPEX 2001 Chapter Meeting

The Northern California chapter held their annual meeting at WESTPEX 2001 on April 28, 2001. Philip Robinson of Great Britain gave a presentation and cover display on Siberia.

The chapter has initiated a new service award to honor a member for their contribution to the chapter. This year's winner was Mike Renfro. This year's award was a figure of a Russian peasant on top of a block of California Redwood. Congratulations to Mike!

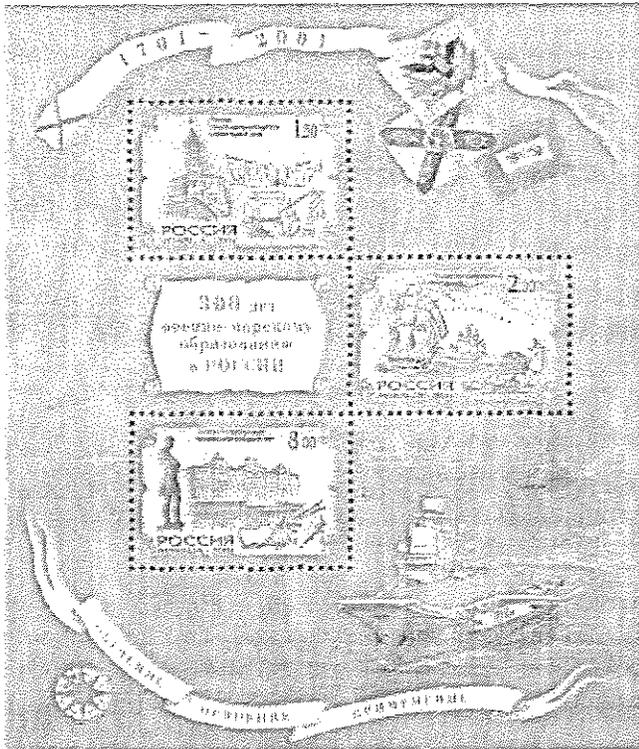
If you live in the Northern California area and are interested in joining the chapter, contact Dr. Ed Laveroni PO Box 320997 Los Gatos, CA 95032-0116.

Internet News

Society leadership decided to open the web site to all viewers. Gone is the membership login needed to get to the articles and other fun areas. This was decided to make information about the Society and Russian Philately available to all! Way to go, Jeff Radcliff, web master!

A new Russian Stamp Album is being offered on the Web by NB Stamps. While Rossica is not endorsing this product, it appears to be a truly specialized album. Check out the site and evaluate it for yourself. NB Stamps is located at www4.tpgi.com.au/users/nbstamps/.

The Stamp Album web site now has pages for all of Russia to 1999 located at www.stampalbum.com.

300th Anniversary of Naval Studies, 10 Jan 01

The souvenir sheet of three stamps is being issued to mark the 300th anniversary of naval education in Russia. The Mathematics and Navigation School was founded in Moscow in 1701 and was the first naval educational institution in Russia. Naval experts, shipbuilders and land-surveyors were trained up there. Naval schools, colleges, and marine academies which were established subsequently in Russia, have given the navy many outstanding military leaders and scientists.

1.50 - Moscow. Mathematics - navigation school

2.00 - Russian geographical expeditions

8.00 - St. Petersburg Naval Institute.

Designer: A. Fedulov

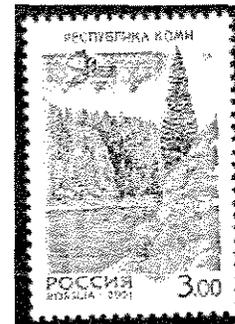
Printing: offset

Perforation: frame 12:12 1/2

Size of the souvenir sheet: 110 x 130 mm

Size of the stamps in the souvenir sheet: 37 x 26 mm

Print quantity: 300 000 copies stamps per souvenir sheet: 3 values and coupon



The set of five postage stamps continues the theme of the Russian regions commemorating various administrative regions of Russia. The stamps show the most typical landscapes of the regions, provinces, and republics of Russia, and architectural and sculptural monuments located on their territories as well as traditional art.

3.00 - Republic of Dagestan

3.00 - Republic of Kabardino-Balkaria

3.00 - Komi Republic

3.00 - Province of Samara

3.00 - Province of Chita

Designer: V. Beilin

Printing: offset Perforation: comb 12:12 1/2; 12 1/2:12

Size: 40x28; 28x40 mm (along perforation)

Print quantity: 250 000 copies of each stamp

Stamps per sheet: 36

Tulips 2 Feb. 2001



The set of five postage stamps features tulips. These flowers are bright and multicolored. Each stamp bears either congratulation inscription or a wish.

- 2.00 - Khiberniya Tulip - "Happy Birthday!"
- 2.00 - Princess Irena Tulip - "Be Happy!"
- 2.00 - Sweet Harmony Tulip - "Congratulations!"
- 2.00 - Fleming Parrot Tulip - "Good Luck!"
- 2.00 - Canopus Tulip - "With Love!"

Designer: O. Zobnina

Printing: offset

Perforation: comb 12 1/2:12

Size: 26x37 mm

Print quantity: 600 000 copies of each stamp

Stamps per sheet: 50 values (10 se tenants)

Third Regular Issue



Four definitive stamps bearing printing security devices against counterfeiting are being issued with the following themes and values.

- 10.00 - Ballet
- 25.00 - Rhythmic gymnastics
- 50.00 - Information technologies and communications
- 100.00 - Universal Postal Union emblem

Designer: Yu. Arsimenev

Printing: offset

Perforation: comb 12 : 12 1/2

Size: 18 1/2 x 26 mm

Print quantity: 1 mln., 1 mln., 0.5 mln., 0.5 mln. copies

Stamps per sheet: 100

A.M. Matveev (1701-1739), 15 Feb 01



Two postage stamps and a coupon are being issued to mark the 300th birth anniversary of Russian painter Andrei M. Matveev (1701-1739). Andrei M. Matveev was one of the founders of Russian secular painting.

3.00 - A.M. Matveev. Portrait of I.A. Galitsin. 1728

3.00 - A.M. Matveev. Portrait of A.P. Galitsina. 1728

The coupon bears the portrait of Andrei A. Matveev.

Art design: A. Pletnev

Printing: offset

Perforation: comb 12

Size: 37 x 50 mm (along perforation)

Print quantity: 350 000 copies

Stamps per sheet: 10 stamps & 5 coupons (5 se tenants)

V. A. Tropinin; 15 Feb. 2001



Two postage stamps and a coupon are being issued to mark the 225th birth anniversary of Russian painter Vasily A. Tropinin (1776 (1780) - 1857). Vasily A. Tropinin was portrait-painter who strove for living, natural characterization of a person.

3.00 - V.A. Tropinin. Portrait of P.A. Bulakhov. 1823

3.00 - V.A. Tropinin. Portrait of E.I. Karzinkina. 1838

The coupon bears the portrait of Vasily A. Tropinin.

Art design: A. Pletnev

Printing: offset

Perforation: comb 12

Size: 37 x 50 mm (along perforation)

Print quantity: 350 000 copies

Stamps per sheet: 10 stamps & 5 coupons (5 se tenants)

St. Petersburg; 15 Mar 2001



The set of five postage stamps is being issued to mark the 300th anniversary of St. Petersburg. The stamps reproduce watercolors of the 18th-19th centuries showing a unique appearance of "the north capital".
 1.00 - Senate Square and Peter the Great Monument. B.Patersen. 1799
 2.00 - English Embankment near Senate. B.Patersen. 1801
 3.00 - View of Mikhailovsky Castle from Fontanka Embankment. B. Patersen. 1801

4.00 - View of the River Moika near the building of Stable Department. A. E. Martynov. 19th century
 5.00 - View of the Neva from the Peter-and-Paul Fortress. K. P. Beggrov 19th century.
 Art design: Yu. Artsemenev
 Printing: offset
 Perforation: comb 12
 Size: 50 x 37 mm (along perforation)
 Print quantity: 400 000 copies of each stamp
 Stamps per sheet: 25 values
 Stamps per sheetlet: 5 values & 1 coupon

Dragon Flies, Apr 2001



The set of five postage stamps feature extremely beautiful and graceful dragon-flies. Dragonflies attract us with their bright diverse coloration and impetuous flying.
 1.00 - *Pyrrhosoma numphula* Sulz.
 1.50 - *Epitheca bimaculata* Charp.
 2.00 - *Aeschna grandis* L.
 3.00 - *Libellula depressa* L.
 5.00 - *Coenagrion hastulatum* Charp.
 Designer: I.Kozlov
 Printing: offset
 Perforation: comb 12:12 1/2
 Size: 37 x 26 mm (along perforation)
 Print quantity: 350 000 copies
 Stamps per sheet: 25 values & 5 coupons (5 se tenants)

Gararin's Space Flight, 12 Apr 01



Two stamps se-tenant are being issued to mark the 40th anniversary of First Manned Space Flight. On April 12, 1961, Yuri A. Gagarin, pilot-cosmonaut of the USSR, made the first space flight aboard the "Vostok" spaceship and orbited the Globe for 108 minutes. The first stamp features Yuri A. Gagarin and Sergei P. Korolev on Baikonur space-vehicle launching site before the flight. The second stamp features Yuri A. Gagarin reporting about space mission. Both stamps bear space flight diagram.

Designer: A. Kernosov

Printing: offset

Perforation: comb 12 1/2 : 12

Face value: 3.00 rbl. each stamp

Size: 42 x 30 mm (along perforation)

Print quantity: 350 000 copies of each stamp

Stamps per sheet: 36 values (18 se tenants)

Stamps per sheetlet: 6 values (3 se tenants)

First Day of issue postmark designer: A. Batov

EUROPA, 5 May 01



The postage stamp is being issued according to the 2001 Europa Stamp Issue commemorating water – a natural treasure of our planet. The stamp features a view of the lake of Baikal. The lake is situated in the south of East Siberia of the Russian Federation. The lake of Baikal contains about 1/5 part of the world's freshwater reserves.

Photographer: S. Volkov

Art design: A. Batov

Printing: offset

Perforation: comb 12:121/2

Face value: 8.00 rbl.

Size: 58 x 26 mm (along perforation)

Print quantity: 300 000 copies

Sheetlet print quantity: 80 000 copies

Stamps per sheet: 28 values

Stamp per sheetlet: 6 values

First Day of issue postmark designer: A. Batov

75th Anniversary of FIP, 17 May 01



The postage stamp is being issued to mark the 75th anniversary of the International Federation of Philately which was founded in Paris in 1926. The aim of the International Federation of Philately (F.I.P.) is to promote philately in all its aspects on the international level. The stamp features the emblem of the International Federation of Philately, philatelic accessories and stamps.

Designer: S. Sukharev

Printing: offset

Perforation: comb 11 1/2

Face value: 2.50 rbl.

Size: 37 x 37 mm (along perforation)

Print quantity: 400 000 copies

Stamps per sheet: 60 values

First Day of issue postmark designer: A. Tarasov

These new issues are brought to you by the Marka Internet Site. Marka is the Russian stamp printing works.

For those with internet access, Marka has changed their address. It is now

<http://www.stamp2000.ru>. The stamps are pictured under the heading of "Old Stamps," which is a complete listing all of their releases. The New Issue Schedule does not list all of the stamps. It is also harder to call up the English version. Get into the submenus and select "English" at the bottom. Enjoy, Ed.

Rossica Medalists

WESTPEX 2000, San Francisco, CA, 28-30 April 2000

Alberich von Fafner, "How to Win a Gold Medal in the Third Millennium: Craftiness in Competitive Philately," Gold. (Albert L. Briggs, Jr.).

CHICAGOPEX 2000, Rosemont, IL, 17-19 November 2000

Andrew Oleksiuk, "Postal Systems in Ukraine," Silver-Bronze.

ARIPEX 2001, Tucson, AZ, 19-21 January 2001

Alfred Kugel, "Kingdom of Serbia Postal History 1882-1921," Silver.

COLOPEX 2001, Columbus, OH, 9-11 March 2001

G. Adolph Ackerman, "Via the Red Skies," Gold, Rossica Award for Best Russian Exhibit.

ROPEX 2001, Rochester, NY, 16-18 March 2001

Alfred Kugel, "German World War I Military & Occupation Mail," Gold, APS 1900-1940 Award of Excellence and Postal History Award.

Garfield-Perry March Party 2001, Cleveland, OH, 23-25 March 2001

G. Adolph Ackerman, "The Russian Arctic," Vermeil.

Postage Stamp Mega Event, New York City, NY, 29 March-1 April 2001

Alfred Kugel, "German World War I Military & Occupation Mail from Allied & Enemy Territory," Vermeil.

TEXPEX 2001, Dallas, TX, 6-8 April 2001

Alberich von Fafner, "How to Win A Gold Medal," Vermeil. (John Briggs).

The Plymouth Show 2001, Plymouth, MI, 18-19 April 2001

Alfred Kugel, "German World War I Military & Occupation Mail from Allied & Enemy Territory," Vermeil and APS Research Award.

Andrew Oleksiuk, "Ukraine: Postal History 1900-1945," Silver.

WESTPEX 2001, San Francisco, CA, 27-29 April, 2001

Dzintars Grinfelds (son of Vesma Grinfelds), "The "3-Star" Coat of Arms Issues of Latvia 1923-33," Youth Gold and Junior Philatelists

of America Outstanding New Exhibits Award and Rossica Award.

OKPEX 2001, Oklahoma City, OK, 4-6 May 2001

Alberich von Fafner, "How to Win A Gold Medal," Gold and AAPE Creativity Award. (John Briggs).

[Congratulations one and all! My apologies to anyone I've missed. PLEASE send me palmers of any show you attend or exhibit or where a Rossica member exhibited. Thanks! ED.]

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New Members

Let's all welcome the new members of our Society:

Erich von Hungen
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London NW1 4SA
England

John Pecoraro
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Chesapeake VA 23320

Vladimir Ioffe
535 W. Saint Johns Ct.
Milwaukee WI 53217

Postage Rates Increase

Due to the tremendous increase in the cost of mailing items outside the USA, Rossica is amending its policy of including postage for society philatelic literature. Beginning 1 January 2002, members must include the additional cost of postage when ordering items. Currently, this does not affect the journal.

For example, to mail a journal at media (surface) rate within the US the cost is \$1.33. For a member living in Australia, it costs \$4.05 per issue to ship. Rates for other society publications will be included in the next Bulletin and/or the October

journal. This amended policy will also apply for Library material and requests that weigh more than 1 ounce.

For 2001, Rossica will ship journals to members outside the USA at surface rate only, unless the member sends in the extra cost associated with shipping. For example, airmail to Australia would cost an additional \$8.40 - \$1.33 (cost of surface within the US) or US \$7.07 per journal.

We are sorry that we have to take such steps, but sales of society material have not been flourishing and we can no longer absorb the cost of doing business with the current member rates. We are lowering the prices on all publications in the hope that increased sales will cover the difference for the next year. If it does not, we will be forced to raise dues yet again to cover the increased cost of postage.

*****Letter from the Editor*****

America at WAR

At 8:42 AM EST, on 11 September 2001, America was attacked by a new enemy: terrorist. Our lives will never be the same again. This is now a time to stare the real world in the face and take stock of what is and is not important. It is also a time to mourn those who have died and to prepare to fight back. In the months and years to come, many of us will be called to serve and other will find themselves involved as unwilling participants. Our hobbies will have to be set aside at times as these events unfold. We all know what is really important: the freedom we have and must defend. So please understand when issues of the Bulletin and Journal are late or are canceled all together. And above all, let us pray for those who have died for no other reason than that they were Americans. Editor.