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## Society News

### Rossica National Meeting in Chicago in November

### National Meeting held at WESPEX, 9 May 2004

The 2005 National Meeting of Rossica will be held in conjunction with CHICAGOPEX. CHICAGOPEX is being held at the Sheraton Chicago Northwest, 18-20 November 2005. The hotel is located at 3400 West Euclid Ave, Arlington Heights, IL 60005.

CHICAGOPEX is an APS sponsored show, which means a great selection of exhibits and a first class dealers' room.

The meeting will be held at 11AM on Saturday, 19 November. The location of the meeting is still being worked out but will be posted as soon as it is known. Expect a great program as well as the opportunity to meet with your fellow Russian collectors.

Now is also the time to apply for an opportunity to exhibit your collection. No exhibit is too small and as an APS show, the exhibit will be judge by nationally rated judges. So get that collection and turn it into an exhibit. Show the world the wonders of Russian Philately! Enclosed with this bulletin are the application forms for CHICAGOPEX. See you there!

The Sheraton is adjacent to the Arlington Park Race Course and near the Woodfield shopping mall. The hotel is about 10 miles northwest of the O'Hare International Airport. There is a special CHICAGOPEX room rate of \$109 per night.

Two Rossica meetings were held at WESTPEX. The North California Chapter had their meeting on Friday, 7 May 2004. This meeting was as well attended as the National meeting. The National meeting was held on Sunday, 9 May 2004.

The National meeting was brought to order by Gary Combs, president of Rossica. There were 20 members and guests in attendance. The agenda of the meeting was a review of the Society by the president and then two programs.

The first item discussed were dues. They will stay the same for 2005: \$25 a year with a discount of \$5 if renewed before the end of December 2004. The main reason why dues have been held to the same level as last year is that the Journal editor has taken the publication digital. He does the entire

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publication in the computer in final format and then sends the printable image to the printer electronically. This eliminates the paper layout step at the printer, saving time and therefore money. It also means that the editor was not limited to printers in the greater Washington DC area where costs are so high. Members need to send their dues to the Treasurer, not the Vice President or any of the other officers if they expect to get credit for early payment. The Treasurer maintains the membership file. Until he gets your check, you haven't renewed and the publications may be delayed.

The Society has a general description of the average member. He is a 55 year old general collector. He does not exhibit or write articles. Most are stamp collectors as opposed to postal historian as the number of postal historians is dropping rapidly. Final note was that 68% of the members have Internet access and email.

The Society needs to change this! Members have been complaining for years that there have not been enough stamp articles in the Journal. Members need to start writing about their stamps. A one-page article with a picture would be great and the Journal Editor will love you for it. As for exhibiting, give it a try at your local show. Start small but get Russian material in front of the collecting community!

A survey of each new member is also maintained. People join the Society for a few key reasons. First are the first class Journal and the excellent reputation the Society has. Second are the great literature resources we have, the Journal, handbooks and the library itself. A growing strength is the on-line information we have available through the web site. Final reason is our members, people with knowledge and experience who can be accessed. The question on simplifying application for members was raised. Currently it takes two member endorsements for an application. The question was if this could be changed to one plus a philatelic reference like the APS. Gary agreed to put it before the officers for consideration.

The Treasurer also maintains a list of the reasons why members quit. Top of the list is members have gotten too old and are getting rid of

their collection. Second is that the Society's publications are too specialized and there is nothing of interest in them. Final reason is that they don't have enough time for the hobby.

We are losing members a little faster than we are adding members. What is of greater concern is that the number of volunteers is not being maintained. Last year at NAPEX, a group volunteered to help identify actions the Society could take to help improve it self and increase the membership. This for the most part turned into one man's list of ideas-many of them very good but all with a basic flaw, to implement them would take volunteers—something the Society has a shortage. Another suggestion was that more exhibits would be nice. We all agreed and the VP took the action to get the word out to the membership in time for next year's show. (See the appeal else where in the Bulletin.)

The President then moved to the status of the publications. Jeff is doing a great job with the Journal. While paper is here to stay, it is now being offered on CD-ROM. The big advantage of the CD is that you get the pictures in color. The CD can be provided on request or in addition to the paper version.

The Society is working towards having all of the Journals, from 44 to date, converted to electronic media. Through the University of Florida Intra-Library Portal, all but the last few years will be posted on-line. The officers debated whether or not to do this, but given the near zero sales of back issues of the Journal, having the information available to all collectors can only help promote Russian Philately and the Society.

Ged has been doing a great job with managing the library, but it is still grossly underutilized. Right now users fees are not covering insurance. [At this time the library is unavailable. It will be announced as soon as he is up and running again, ed.] A suggestion from the floor was to put the Library Index on line. This is not practical because of it's size. Gary Combs took the

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**New Members**

Please welcome our newest members to the Society:

1842 Kevin Holdridge  
Inglewood, 125 Longslow Road  
Market Drayton  
Shropshire TF9 3QZ  
United Kingdom

1843 Karl-Arne Soderstrom  
Huglajves Silte  
620 11 Havdhem  
Sweden

1844 Alexander Prikhojan  
211 W. 56th Street, #3G  
New York, NY 10019  
USA

1845 William Nagengast  
3155 Grand Concourse #3L  
Bronx, NY 10468  
USA

1846 Gordon McIntyre  
3047-16th W. Lower Apt  
Seattle, WA 98119  
USA

1847 David W. Witter  
109 S. Cottage Rd.  
Sterling, VA 20164  
USA

1848 Dave Flaatt  
P.O. Box 27700  
Bay Point, FL 32411-7700  
USA

1849 Raymond Woloszyn  
317 Kilburn Way Lane  
Kernerville, NC 27284  
USA

1850 Erling Johan

Aune Klaebuveien 46  
7030 Trondheim  
Norway

1851 Anton B. Guliaev  
101 Johnson Lane  
Martinez, CA 94553-4199  
USA

1852 Vadim Rozmanov  
30762 Canterfield Drive  
Temecula, CA 92592  
USA

1853 James D. Hill  
1566 Shenandoah Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45237  
USA

1854 Robert Fagen  
9084 Sheiye Way  
Juneau, AK 99801  
USA

1855 Gary C. Moore  
3517 W. Michigan  
Midland, TX 79703  
USA

1856 Dominick J. Santocki  
398 County Road 71  
Stillwater, NY 12170  
USA

1857 Karen Ham  
235 W. 102nd St., Apt. 17V  
New York, NY 10025-8434  
USA

1858 Derek Sean Anderson  
5517 Vinings Lake Lane  
Mableton, GA 30126  
USA

1859 Stanley T. Wlodek  
17810 Pueblo Vista Lane

San Diego, CA 92127-1272  
USA

1860 Jaan Roots  
Arnulf Overlands VE1 197  
Oslo N-0763  
Norway

1861 Nils Agrell  
73 Roxbury Road  
Garden City, NY 11530-2621  
USA

1862 Nigel G. Wood  
40 Hatch Mead West End  
Southampton  
Hants SO30 3NE  
United Kingdom

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action to look into putting it on CD-ROM.

The Web Site is doing very well. It's a good source for information and we are getting lots of visits.

This was followed by a group discussion of some of the ways the members could help the Society stand out. Show flyers, exhibiting and putting articles in the general philatelic publications were discussed. The Vice President agreed to help promote more exhibiting.

The meeting was then adjured for a short time to setup for the presentation by George Shalminoff on Color Changelings/Anomalies on Soviet Issues.

## Color Changelings and Anomalies in Soviet Issue by George Shalimnoff

This presentation was given at the Rossica National Meeting held at WESTPEX in May 2004.

George, a retired chemist, provided the group with a very informative presentation on two related subjects, color changelings and anomalies in Soviet Issues.

Color Changelings are stamps that have been manipulated to change the color of the stamp. Normally this is done to create a "rarity" to sell to the unknowing collector for a fast ruble. This presentation is based on information collected from the Soviet Philatelic press and George's own experiments with different chemical compounds.

During this presentation, George was able to demonstrate how easy it is to change the color of various stamps. The following "errors" were all created with common chemical compounds:

- Missing Red
- Missing Purple
- Red Proofs
- Removal of all color except Black and Blue
- Change 1 K orange to a Black proof
- Change 1R Brown and Red to Black and Yellow
- Remove Gold type—using a rubber eraser

The second part of his presentation was a slide show showing some of the silly things that happen when most of your stamps are produced for the CTO packet trade. He showed the following examples;

- a. CTO cancel applied before the gold was printed on the stamp. The gold ink would not accept the black ink of the cancel. So they just printed the cancel on the stamp before applying the gold ink.
- b. Some stamps were reissued to commemorate an upcoming event and then were 'overprinted' with the results of that event and issued at a later date. Sometimes the printers reused the CTO stamps so you have cases of stamps being 'cancelled' months before the event that they commemorate.

- c. Then you have the randomly canceled stamps where 'Soviet Style Cancels' were used to CTO RSFSR stamps, Soviet Union stamps, and Romanian Stamps.

His final discussion had to do with fantail stamps and how they can be easily turned into imperforate singles. With the fantail on one side, a stamp can have the rest of its perforations trimmed and still be larger than a normal stamp.

Thank you, George, for a great presentation!

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## OPEN LETTER TO ZEMSTVO COLLECTORS

With the help of others, I have started collecting data on zemstvo covers in order to establish availability/rarity of these covers. I'd appreciate it if folks with zemstvo covers were to send me simply the number of covers items by zemstvo in the following categories: Covers, Notices, Postal wrappers, Postal cards (central government) with zemstvo stamps, Picture postcards with zemstvo stamps, Mint stamped enveloped, Used stamped envelopes, Stampless official zemstvo mail, usually with paper or handstamp seal. Mail from abroad to a zemstvo or mail from a zemstvo to a foreign country. England is already participating in this project and I hope that US collectors will join us. The data should be sent to:

George G. Werbizky  
409 Jones Road

Vestal, NY 13850-3246, USA,

The results of this study will be published in philatelic journals.

**New Issues of Russia-Fall of 2004**

**Birth Centenary of N.L. Dukhov, Designer**

8 September 2004



5 Rubles

Painter: A. Moscovets

200,000 issued

**Birth Centenary of B.G. Muzrukov, Organizer of Defense Industry**

8 September 2004



5 Rubles

Painter: A. Moscovets

200,000 issued

**History of the Russian State  
250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Paul I, Russian Tsar**

10 September 2004



10 Rubles: Paul as Statesman

10 Rubles: Paul as the Grand Master of Maltese Order

Painter: A Zharov

200,000 of each issued

20 Ruble, Sheet

100,000 issued

**Birth Centenary of S.N. Rerikh, Painter**

16 September 2004



4 Rubles

Illustrator: V. Beltyukov

250,000 issued

**History of the Russian State**

**850<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Vsevolod the Big Nest**

7 October 2004



12 Rubles

Painter: D. Skvortsov

200,000 issued

**200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Kazan State University**

20 October 2004



5 Rubles

Painter: A Kernosov

300,000 issued



**Russian Silverware of the late 19<sup>th</sup>-early 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries**

26 October 2004



Photographer: V. Dorodnykh  
 4.70 Rubles: Vase 1880-1890  
 4.70 Rubles: Milk Jug 1900  
 4.70 Rubles: Vase 1900-1908  
 4.70 Rubles: Ladle 1910  
 5,000,000 issued of each

**Happy New Year**  
 12 November 2004



Painter: v. Beltyukov  
 5 Rubles  
 500,000 issued

**Golden Mountains of Altai**

18 November 2004



Illustrator: A. Umurkulov  
 2 Rubles: Belikha Mountain  
 3 Rubles: Katun River  
 5 Rubles: Teleskoye Lake  
 200,000 of each

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Baikonur Cosmodrome**

1 December 2004



Painter: I Komarov  
 2.50 Rubles: R-7 missile  
 3.50 Rubles: Proton booster  
 4.00 Rubles: Soyuz booster  
 6.00 Rubles: Zenit booster  
 300,000 of each issued

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## Rossica Medallist

### **COLOPEC 2004, Columbus, OH, 13-15 February 2004**

**George V. Shalinoff & George B. Shaw**, Catalog of Propaganda Adverting Cards of the USSR, 1927-1934, Literature Gold for Handbooks.

**Jeff Radcliffe**, *Rossica Society Journal*, Literature Vermeil for Periodicals.

### **TEXPEX 2004, Dallas, TX, 2-5 April 2004**

**Alfred F. Kugel**, "Allied Intervention in Russia 1918-1925," Gold, APS 1900-1940 Medal of Excellence.

### **PLYMOUTH SHOW 2004, Phymouth, MI, 24-25 April 2004**

**G. Adolph Ackerman**, "Via Red Skies – Development of Soviet Air Mail Services, 1922-1945," Vermeil.

### **ROCKY MOUNTAIN STAMP SHOW 2004, Denver, CO, 14-16 May 2004**

**G. Adolph Ackerman**, "For the Red Fleet," Gold, APS 1900-1940 Medal of Excellence, APS Research Medal, and Rossica Award.

### **NAPEX 2004, McLean, VA, 4-6 June 2004**

**G. Adolph Ackerman**, "Via Red Skies – Development of Soviet Air Mail Services, 1922-1945," Gold.

**G. Adolph Ackerman**, Via Red Skies, Gold for Literature-Handbooks and Felicitations for Research.

**G. Adolph Ackerman**, Soviet Air Fleet/ Osoaviakhim Stamps/Labels, Vermeil for Literature-Handbooks.

**George V. Shalinoff & George B. Shaw**, Catalog of Propaganda Adverting Cards of the USSR, 1927-1934, Gold for Literature-Handbooks.

**Jeff Radcliffe**, *Rossica Society Journal*, Vermeil for Literature – Periodicals.

### **INDYPEX 2004, Indianapolis, IN, 9-11 July 2004**

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

### **APS StampShow 2004, Sacramento, CA, 12-15 August 2004**

**George V. Shalinoff**, "The Romanov Tercentenary Issue of Russia," Vermeil.

### **2004 OMAHA STAMP SHOW, Omaha, NE, 4-6 September 2004**

**Roger P. Quinby**, "The First Postal Cards of the Republic of Finland 1917-1930," Gold, APS 1900-1940 Medal of Excellence.

### **VAPEX 2004, Virginia Beach, VA, 5-7 November 2004**

**Alfred F. Kugel**, "Allied Intervention in Russia 1918-1925," Gold, the American Philatelic Congress Award, and the Postal History Society Posthorn.

**Buyer Beware**

By  
Ray Pietruszka

‘Buyer Beware’ should be the official motto of Ebay. It was a lovely item, a prewar photocard of Saint Petersburg with a singleton usage of the 1922 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 10R brown and black stamp (see Figure). It was cheap and I should have checked my references, but I was traveling that day and didn’t have the time. Now I’m a proud owner of a lovely fake.

What’s wrong with it? There are at least three major problems, anyone of which I would have caught if I had taken my time. Some of the particulars: It was mailed from Petrograd on 29 September 1922—a nice sharp cancel. It was received at Odessa on 1 October 1922—a clear enough cancel there, not an unreasonable time period.

And the problems are:

1. The Stamp was issued in November 1922—two months after this card was mailed.
2. The Postal Rate in September 1922 was 20R in the currency of the stamp issue. The rate actual dropped in November 1922 to 10R. So the wrong rate!
3. The top half of the Petrograd postmark, the part on the stamp, has thinner lines than the bottom half.

My conclusion is that the stamp and postmark were added to a used postcard. It most likely had a 20Kop Arms issue on it.

It would have been an easy fake to spot at a show where you have the time to study the item and check your references or another collector. On the internet, with a poor scan—easier to make a mistake. Lucky for me it was cheap. Buyer beware!

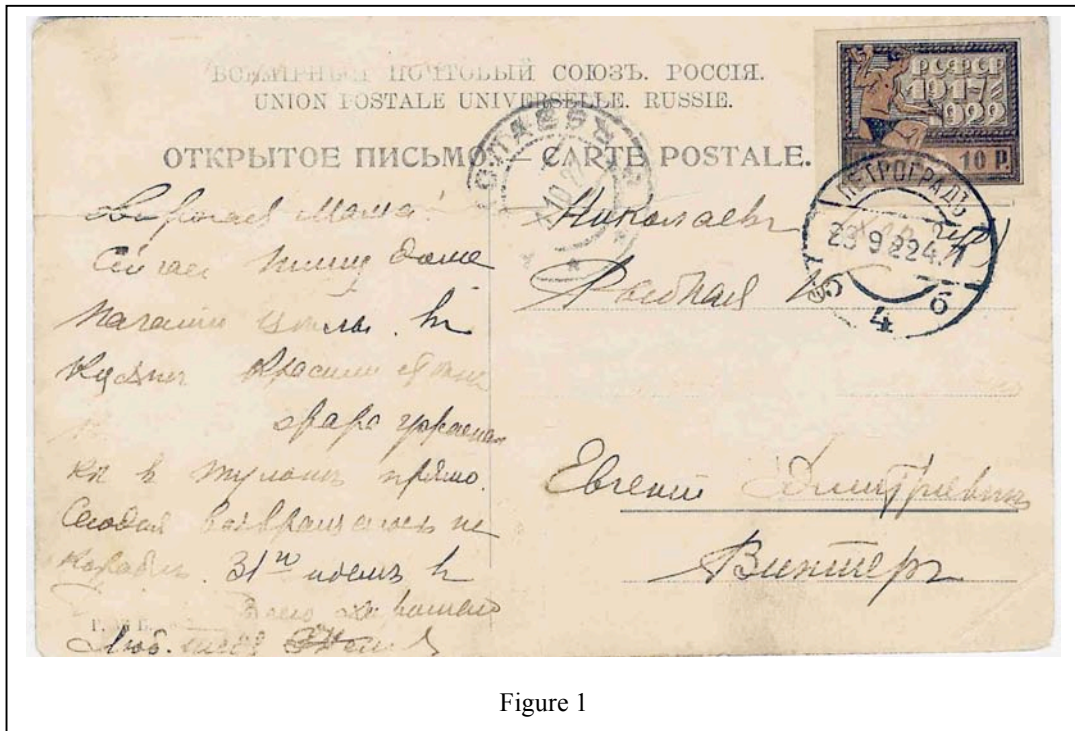


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