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## Society News

### Rossica National Meeting In Atlantic City, NJ in August

ROSSICA will be having their national meeting in conjunction with the APS STAMPSHOW 2002. The meeting will take place on Saturday, 17 August, from 1pm to 3 pm. Agenda for the meeting will be the membership meeting at 1 pm followed by a program. The APS STAMPSHOW is August 15-18, 2002 and is being held at the (The New) Atlantic City Convention Center One Ocean Way, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401. This is nation's largest annual postage stamp show and will include more than 150 dealers, multiple auction sessions, over 14,000 pages of exhibits, rarities such as the Z Grill, Inverted Jenny, and CIA Invert; at least one first day ceremony, and about 130 meetings and seminars. Admission is free but registration is required. To pre-register or for additional information visit the APS website. From [www.stamps.org](http://www.stamps.org) choose Shows and Exhibitions and then STAMPSHOW. Show hours are 10 am to 6 pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The hours are 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday.

The following information has been provided by the APS:

Hotels: The Sheraton, attached to the Convention Center, will serve as the headquarters hotel and has rooms for \$124 single/double. Call 888-627-7212 or 800-325-3535 and identify yourself as a member of

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### Mid Atlantic Chapter Meeting at NAPEX

The Mid Atlantic Chapter of Rossica will hold its next meeting at NAPEX 2002 on Saturday, 1 June 2002. The meeting will be held in the afternoon and will feature two speakers. Mr. Dave Skipton will speak on Russian Prison Mail and Mr. Gary Combs will discuss the Moscow Town Post Mail.

NAPEX is one of the APS National shows and features both a dealers' room and exhibits. It is held at the McLean Hilton at Tysons Corner, Virginia, 31 May through 2 June 2002. This is located just off the Capital Beltway. Hotel rooms are available at a special NAPEX rate of \$99 per night for Friday and Saturday. For reservations contact the Hilton at (703) 761-5111.

### Northern California Chapter Meeting at WESTPEX

The Northern California Chapter's next meeting is at WESTPEX, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 11AM to 1 PM in Room 375. For information contact [ejpjl@attbi.com](mailto:ejpjl@attbi.com).

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## The 2001 Rossica Meeting Report

Rossica had its 2001 national meeting at SESCOAL on Saturday, 6 October 2001. In addition to the National membership meeting on Saturday, we had a social Friday evening and an outstanding showing of Russian area material in the exhibits.

The social, hosted by the Northern California Chapter, was well attended by eight members and 2 guests. It was a great opportunity to meet other members and talk about Russian philately, Rossica business and have a good time. The California chapter did a great job. We had a private room in the convention hotel, hot food and the bar was just outside the door. Ed Laveroni served as host insuring that all were welcomed. There were several lively discussions on a number of topics including member/dealer relationships, the problem with counterfeiting and reminisces of past collectors and their collections. The editor was pleased to meet several members with whom I had only corresponded with in the past. It was good to talk to our members in California and get their views of the society.

The meeting started at 1:30. It did not break up until nearly 5:00! The Vice President, Ray Pietruszka, called the meeting to order. He presented the agenda and received the greetings from the chairman of the show. He apologized for the absence of the other offices due to the events of September 11<sup>th</sup> and noted that several are directly involved in defense work. This was followed by introduction of members. We had 15 members in attendance plus three visitors.

This was followed by a presentation of new business by the Vice President and discussion with the membership. See issue 137 of the Journal for details on the discussions.

The 2002 National meeting will be held at the APS Show in Atlantic City, 15-18 August 2002. This will be followed by NAPEX in 2003. WESTPEX is planned in 2004, Chicago in 2006 for Pan Slav and with 2005 still open.

As part of the discussion on publications, several members would like more articles on forgeries. This generated considerable discussion on the pros and cons of publishing too much detailed information on a forgery as it helps the forger as much as the collector. The end result of these discussions was that the

members would like to have more information on what to look for and how to check. They would be happy to get how-to detect articles as well as general information on the type of forgeries. A few even volunteered to write these articles.

The general membership meeting was followed by two presentations, one from your Vice President on the stamps of the last Tsarist issue and the other by Mr. Andy Cronin, judge, journal editor, and collector extraordinaire.

The VP presented a short presentation on the different printings of the 1909 regular issue of Imperial Russia. The presentation was based on 8 full sheets of the issue showing several of the different printings and their characteristics. These sheets showed the changes in printing techniques caused by World War I and the revolution. He also showed five different printings of the 1-kopec stamp. They ran from the original 1909 printing through the early Soviet printings. Highlights included changes in paper, ink, and sheet markings. Three sheets of the 1-Ruble followed from a 1908 printing though the 1919 Soviet printing.

Andrew Cronin gave a wonderful slide show on the many interesting and unusual characteristics of Russian Philately including varieties, postal history, and forgeries. Rare varieties of Imperial and Soviet stamps, Zemstovs, Imperial and Soviet counterfeits, historical postal history from all other periods were included. Many of these generated questions and comments from the group, which Andy gladly answered from his vast store of knowledge. Despite the fact that it ran over an hour and a half, the members wanted more. This presentation was fantastic and greatly enjoyed by all.

As if this was not enough, Mr. Cronin had one more surprise for us. He had brought with him about a half dozen issues of the pre World War II Rossica Journal that he made available for sale to any members that wanted them. I think they were sold before most of the members present were aware of them.

Rossica had a really good turnout of exhibitors this year with eight exhibits by six members. This was more than double last year's showing at the

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**New Members**

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

1795 Torben Mehl Jorgensen  
Blomsterager 405  
2980 Kokkedal  
Denmark

1796 Michael A. Puzio  
108th Military Intelligence Group  
Community Mail Room, 407, Box 933  
APO AE 09098  
USA

1797 David Ellin  
11 Worcester Rd.  
Sharon, MA 02067  
USA

1798 Jean Klimaszewski  
700 North Taylor  
Little Rock, AR 72205  
USA

1799 Ed Brodzinsky  
P.O. Box 314  
Schenevus, NY 12155  
USA

1800 Anthony C. Chipaloski  
36 Darien Road  
Howell, NJ 07731-1849  
USA

1801 Joseph Shealy  
19 Chauncy St., #2a  
Cambridge, MA 02138  
USA

1802 Markku Korhonen  
Sammontie 14 C 12  
Kerava FIN-04230  
Finland

1803 Dale T. La Belle  
58 Springvale Road  
Reading, MA 01867  
USA

**New Publications**

Rossica is proud to announce the publication of "**The Mute Cancellations of Russia**" by Arnold Levin. It is an excellent historical document based "on the world's greatest collection of such cancels." Dave Skipton provides the translation and Gary Combs the editing and layout. Dust off your check book, we hope to offer this publication soon! Due to the high cost of printing this work, it will be offered in an extremely low initial printing of just 25 copies! The work is available for pre-order. Shipping should begin by 29 March 2002. Order your copy now—the cost is to be \$45 PLUS postage. Contact Gary Combs for advanced orders and the final price. Jeff Radcliff, the journal editor is hoping to provide a 'sneak preview' in Journal number 138!

Other recent publications of interest are:

"**Via the Red Skies**" by Adolph Ackerman. A comprehensive study of the development of the Soviet civil air network and airmail service from its beginning in 1922 to World War II. This book provides the airmail collector and postal historian with a basic reference source. Limited edition, 300 pages with nearly 500 b/w figures. Price \$60.00 US plus \$6.00 postage/handling within the USA. Order from the author, 629 Sanbridge Circle E., Worthington, Ohio 43085.

"**St. Petersburg-The Imperial Post, 1765-1914**" by Eric Peel and Ian Baillie. A comprehensive and explanatory record of the postal markings from pre-adhesive times onwards, including city and town postmarks, telegraph and railway station marks, local railway sorting marks, registration marks and labels-plus much more! Can be ordered from the British Society of Russian Philately president, Terry Page (30 Furze Lane, Purley, Sy, CR8-3EG, United Kingdom for \$30 USA in cash.

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**Illegal stamps: Russian Regions**

Reprinted from Linn's Stamps News, February 4, 2002.

The Universal Postal Union's International Bureau Circular No.15, dated Jan. 2002, lists regions of the Russian Federation for which so-called illegal issues of postage stamps have been released.

The names of these regions appear on stamp-like labels even though the regions have no authority to issue their own stamps. The list of regions was supplied by the postal administration of the Russian Federation. The regions are Altai region, Amurskaya province, Antarctic regions of the Russian federation, Jewish autonomous region, Franz Josef Land,

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the American Philatelic Society. Make your reservations early as August is the peak tourist season in Atlantic City and another group also has a large block of rooms at the hotel. Self-parking is \$7/day. Casino hotels will be much more expensive, especially on Friday and Saturday nights, unless you can obtain a complimentary room. Most of the casino hotels have free shuttle transportation to/from the rail station in the Convention Center. Most other downtown hotels are served by Jitney mini buses that offer transportation throughout the city for \$1.50. Hotels by the airport tend to more affordable than downtown. Properties you may wish to consider include:

Comfort Inn North, 609-641-7272  
 Econo Lodge Atlantic City, 609-652-3300  
 Fairfield Inn by Marriott, 609-646-5000  
 Hampton Inn, 609-652-2500

Another option to consider, especially for weekend nights, is to stay at a hotel property near the New Jersey Transit Passenger Rail System which has a stop inside the Atlantic City Convention Center. Fourteen trains run in each direction on a daily basis. The stations and the current one wayfares are Absecon (\$0.85), Egg Harbor City \$1.85), Hammonton (\$2.80), Atco (\$2.85), Lindenwold (\$3.00), Cherry Hill (\$4.00), and Philadelphia (\$6.00). Most of these stations offer free parking so in some cases your roundtrip train fare will be less than the cost of parking at the Convention Center.

Air and Public Transportation Atlantic City has limited jet service and is currently served by only US Airways, Continental and Spirit Airlines. Philadelphia International Airport is one hour away. US Airways is offering discounts of 5% to 15% (with 60 day advance reservations) on most published fares. To obtain this discount, call US Airways' Group and Meeting Reservation Office toll free at 877-876-7687; 8:00 AM - 9:30 PM Eastern Time and refer to Gold File Number 68672299. The discounts are good for fares to Atlantic City, Philadelphia or Newark.

Rail service from downtown Philadelphia to the stop inside the convention center is only \$6. New Jersey Transit, Greyhound and Academy Bus Lines provide scheduled service to Atlantic City from the NY/NJ Port Authority terminal at 41st Street and 8th Avenue in New York City. New Jersey Transit and Greyhound provide scheduled service to Atlantic City from their terminal at 13th and Arch Street, Philadelphia. Greyhound provides scheduled service from their terminals at 1005 First Street, NE in Washington, D.C. and 210 W. Fayette Street, Baltimore.

Car Rental: Avis is offering discounts on car rentals. Reservations may be made by calling 1-800-331-1600 and providing the Avis Worldwide Discount number J097347.

Parking: 1500 parking space are available in a garage beneath the Convention Center. Charge is currently \$5/day.

INFO: Phone: 814-237-3803 ext. 218; Fax: 814-237-6128; E-mail: [stampshow@stamps.org](mailto:stampshow@stamps.org)  
 Website:  
[http://www.stamps.org/directories/dir\\_StampShow\\_intro.htm](http://www.stamps.org/directories/dir_StampShow_intro.htm)

### George Werbizky has Article in APS Journal

In the October 2001 issue of the "American Philatelist," member George Werbizby published an article featuring small covers with Zemstvos entitled "Collecting Small Covers –Russia." "The American Philatelist" is the official Journal of the American Philatelic Society. The theme of the article is the old custom of sending a business or calling card to arrange meetings before the telephone. This custom created the demand for the very small envelopes and since most such communications were local, many feature zemstvo stamps.

## Russia's New Issues

### Sovereignty of the Russian Federation; 12 June 2001



The postage stamp honors the Day of Adoption of the Declaration on State Sovereignty of the Russian Federation on 12 June 1990. The stamp features the national arms of the Russian Federation and the map of Russia. The lower part of the map is a representation of a ribbon bearing the national colors of Russian flag.

Designer: Yu. Artsemenev

Printing: offset + relief printing

Perforation: comb 13 1/2

Face value: 5.00 rbl.

Size: 51 x 37,5 mm (along perforation)

Print quantity: 250 000 copies

Stamps per sheet: 10 values

### State Emblems of the Russian Federation



The postage stamps, in se tenant and a souvenir sheet formats, are dedicated to the State Emblems of the Russian Federation.

Se tenant:

2.50 - State Flag of the Russian Federation

5.00 - State Arms of the Russian Federation

2.50 - National Anthem of the Russian Federation

Souvenir Sheet:

2.50 - State Flag of the Russian Federation

100.00 - State Arms of the Russian Federation

2.50 - National Anthem of the Russian Federation

Designer: A. Moskovets

Printing: offset + relief printing

Perforation of the stamps: comb 13 1/2

Perforation of the souvenir sheet: frame 13 1/2

Size: 37,5 x 51 mm (along perforation)

Size of the souvenir sheet: 150 x 100 mm

Print quantity: 500 000 copies

Souvenir sheet print quantity: 100 000 copies

Stamps per sheet: 18 values (6 se tenants)

Stamps per souvenir sheet: 3 values

### Religious Buildings of the Traditional Religions And Denominations of Russia



The set of 14 postage stamps honors the confessional variety of Russia and the architectural richness of styles of the religious erections created in various historical epochs.  
2.50 - The Cathedral of the Assumption. 1189. Vladimir

2.50 - The Cathedral of the Nativity of the Virgin. 1405. Zvenigorod

2.50 - The Cathedral of the Intercession of the Virgin of Old Belief Community of Rogozhsk. 1792. Moscow

2.50 - The Roman Catholic Church of the Immaculate

Conception of the Blessed Virgin. 1911. Moscow

2.50 - The Lutheran Church of St.Peter. 1838. St.- Petersburg

2.50 - The Prayer House of the Evangelic Christians

(Pentecostalists). 1999. Lesosibirsk

2.50 - The Revival Church of Evangelical Christian –

Baptists of Bezhitsk district. 1996. Bryansk

2.50 - The Church of Seventh-day Christian – Adventists 1996. Ryazan

2.50 - The Armenian Cathedral Surb Khach. 1792.

Rostov-on-Don. Khachkar. 13th century. The Monastery of St. Daniel. Moscow

2.50 - The 1st Cathedral of a Mosque. 1830. Ufa

2.50 - The Hay Market Mosque. 1849. Kazan

2.50 - The Choral Synagogue. 1891. Moscow

2.50 - The Large Choral Synagogue. 1893. St.-Petersburg

2.50 - Buddhist Sokshin-Dugan. 1976. Ivolginsk Datsan

Designer: L. Zaitsev

Printing: offset

Perforation: comb 11 1/2

Size: 37 x 37 mm (along perforation)

Print quantity: 350 000 copies

Stamps per sheet: 30 values

### First Train in Russia



The souvenir sheet is dedicated to the opening on the 1st of November 1851 of the first in Russia St. Petersburg - Moscow railway. The railway is part of the Oktyabrskaya railway (known under the name Nikolayevskaya before 1923). The fastest in Russia passenger electric trains run along the St. Petersburg - Moscow route. The stamp depicts “Sokol,” the fast

passenger electric train. The margins of the souvenir sheet bear the pictures showing the designs of the sheltered platform of the St. Petersburg railway station and the depot (end of the 1st half of the 19th century), the buildings of the Moscow and Leningrad railway stations in St. Petersburg and Moscow, and the printed six-digit number of the souvenir sheet.

Designer: A. Zharov

Printing: offset

Perforation: frame 12 : 12 1/2

Face value: 12.00 rbl.

Size of souvenir sheet: 90 x 80 mm

Size of the stamp in the souvenir sheet: 40 x 28 mm (along perforation)

Print quantity: 250 000 copies

Stamp per souvenir sheet: 1 value

### S. Titov: 40th Anniversary of the Manned First Long-term Space Flight.



The stamp is dedicated to the 40th anniversary of the manned first long-term space flight. 6-7 August 1961 space pilot of the USSR German S. Titov (1935-2000) performed the second in the human history space flight in the space-ship “Vostok-2”. During 25 hrs 11 minutes the space ship of the second cosmonaut of the planet made 17 circles around the Earth and flew over 700 thousand kilometers. The stamp shows the portrait of the space pilot G. S. Titov. The background picture displays the cosmonaut after the landing.

Designer: A. Kernosov

Printing: offset

Perforation: comb 12 1/2 : 12

Size: 42 x 30 mm (along perforation)

Print quantity: 350 000 copies

Sheetlet print quantity: 85 000 copies

Stamps per sheet: 36 values

Stamp per sheetlet: 6 values

## Rossica Medalists

### ROMPEX 2001, Denver CO, 18-20 May 2001

**Alfred F. Kugel**, "The break-Up of the Austro-Hungarian Empire 1918-1923," Vermeil, Denver Stamp Club Samuel Schlesinger Award.

### APS STAMPSHOW 2001, Rosemont, IL, 23-26 August 2001

**Albert L. Briggs, Jr.**, "How to Win a Gold Medal: Craftiness in Competitive Philately," Gold.

### MILCOPEX 2001, Milwaukee, WI, 14-16 September 2001

**Alfred F. Kugel**, "The break-Up of the Austro-Hungarian Empire 1918-1923," Gold, Postal History Society Medal.

### AIRPEX 2001, Dayton, OH, 29-30 September 2001

**Alfred F. Kugel**, "The Expansion of Serbia 1876-1921," Reserve Grand and Gold.

### CHICAGOPEX 2001, Rosemont IL, 16-18 November 2001

**Jaroslav J. Verner**, "Czechoslovak Siberian Field Post, 1914-1921," Court of Honor.

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

### SESCAL 2001, Los Angeles, CA., 5-7 October 2001

**Vesma Grinfleds**, "Latvian Traveling Post Offices: Rates, Routes, and Cancellations," Gold, Postal History Society Medal.

**Alan Warren**, "Tibet: Stamps and Postal History," Gold, APS 1900-1940 Medal of Excellence, SESCAL Chairman's Award.

**Raymond Pietruszka**, "Russian Soviet Federated Socialist Republic," Vermeil.

**M.R. Renfro**, "Russia Used Abroad: The Far East," Vermeil, **Rossica Award**.

**George V. Shalimoff**, "The Romanov Tercentenary Issue of Russia," Vermeil, **Rossica President's Award**.

**George V. Shalimoff**, "St. Petersburg Geometric Numeral Cancellations," Single Frame Silver.

[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.]

### National Meeting at SESCAL

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meeting show. The exhibits won two Golds, three Vermeils, and one Silver.

Non-member Dzintars Grinfeld was placed in the Court of Honor for his exhibit "3-Star" Coat of Arms Issue of Latvia: 1923-1933." Non-member Richard Clever's exhibit, "Tanna Tuva 1921-1943," won the Rossica National Award. Check out the rest of the awards on Page X of this bulletin. In addition to these awards, Ross Marshall of the New Zealand and Australian Russian Philatelic Society, won a Vermeil in

Literature for this CD-ROM version of "Pochta" and a Silver for this year's paper.

The bourse was pretty good. As has been the trend in recent years, good or interesting Russian Area material is very difficult to find. Only a few dealers had good stock. Comments from fellow members indicated that there was not much new on the floor. This also seems to be a trend in shows. Except for a few of the really large shows, the dealers and the collectors are from the same region of the country. So it stands to reason that given a specialized field like ours, a collector will have seen all there is to see at the bourse. Coming from the South, where there are almost no dealers of Russian material, I got to see

all new material and found lots of items for my collection. If you are tired of seeing the same old material, you need to plan on going to a show in a different part of the country. This year's National meeting will be in Atlantic City at the APS show.

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autonomous region of Evenkia, republic of Kabard-Balkaria, Kamchatka region. Republic of Karachay-Cherkessia, autonomous region of Koriakia, Kuril islands, Novosibirsk islands, Kolguev Island, Kunashir island, Novaya Zemla, Spitsbergen Island, republic of Adygea, republic of Bashkortostan, republic of Buryatia, Republic of Dagestan, republic of Ingushetia, republic of Ishkeria, republic of Kalmykia, republic of Karelia, Komi republic, Mari-El republic, republic of Mordovia, republic of Sakha (Yakutia), Republic of North Ossetia, republic of Tatarstan, republic of Tuva, Khakass republic, Sakhalin region, republic of Udmurtia, Chechen republic and republic of Chuvashia

A letter from the federation's postal administration to the UPU reads:

"As a member of the universal Postal Union, the postal administration of the Russian Federation issues postage stamps in accordance with the provisions of the Universal Postal Convention and the Letter Post Regulations.

"However, there have recently appeared on world philatelic markets a large number of illicit stamp issues distributed on behalf of official territorial entities of the Russian federation. These issues feature 'fashionable' subjects such as political figures, sports celebrities, Hollywood movie stars, etc.

"The postal administration of the Russian federation draws your attention to the fact that the regions on whose behalf these stamps have been issued form an integral part the Russian Federation and according to the provisions of the UPU regulations and Russian Federation legislation, they are not authorized to issue postage stamps independently. All stamps issued on behalf of official territorial entities of the Russian Federation must therefore be regarded as illegal. They have no connection with the post and cannot be used as an official

means of indicating prepayment Russian postage."

"These forged stamps are being issued by anonymous, private companies operating outside Russia and have no direct connection with the official territorial entities of the Russian Federation. The distribution of illegal postage stamps does serious moral and economic harm to the Russian federation, discredits the Russian Postal Service in the eyes of the world philatelic community and encourages collectors to avoid buying not only illegal but also perfectly legal stamp issues."

The UPU supplies circulars regarding so-called illegal stamps to its member nations and to the media. Circular No.15 is signed by K.J.S. McKeown, the UPU director of communications and postal markets. For further information about the UPU's International Bureau Circular No. 15, contact the International Bureau, Universal Postal Union, 3000 Bern 15, Switzerland. Or visit the URL listed here: <http://www.askphil.org/b.htm>. Scroll down and on the lower-right side you will see "UPU Illegal Stamps." The circulars are listed as well as other information.

### **National Award for 2002**

The award for this year's National Meeting Show is a crystal Paperweight showing St Basil's Cathedral in Moscow.

Now is the time to enter your exhibit. This year's meeting is at the STAMSPHOW in Atlantic City-see page one for details. See you there!

