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Closed Album Joe Ross

Joseph Lamond "Joe" Ross, Jr. was born May 17, 1933 in Alameda County, CA. He was a LTC in the U.S. Army in Viet Nam and a longtime resident of Elverta, CA. He died Nov 12, 2020. Joe Ross was 87.

Joe exhibited in the "Court of Honor" at the international show in New York City a couple of years ago. Others there were the block of 4 of the inverted jenny and the unique British Guiana #13, which sold at auction for \$9,500,000, plus a number of others outstanding exhibits. That was quite an honor to be asked to exhibit there. He also had been asked to exhibit at the international show in Israel. Joe was internationally recognized for his revenue expertise.

He will be greatly missed by so many.

Local Stamp Dealer Here To Help

With all shows and club meetings on hold due to the virus, local dealer **Ed Dimmick** is at his shop every day except Mondays. Hours are 10 to 5, and he's very lonely, welcoming visitors. Address is 4020 El Camino Ave., about a half mile east of Watt. There are two requirements: first, you have to **bring your cell phone and his phone number, (916) 571-5884**, to call on arrival because he's inside the building and it's kept locked, so he'll need to let you in,; and second, you're not allowed to bring a virus with you. There's lots of room in the building to keep people apart. Visit Ed and Enjoy finding some treasures!

SPS Wednesday Night Zoom Meetings

Exciting News! **We are now meeting** via Zoom on Wednesday Nights @ 7PM. Joanne is our facilitator and is doing a wonderful job. Please see emails from Robert Pope at thepope66@hotmail.com for link and information. It's super easy and you really only need your laptop, tablet or smart phone to join the conversation and fun.

No preparation is required, just come as you are. If attending a Zoom meeting is new to you and if you need a little (or a lot) of help, please let myself at 916-583-3027 or someone know so you can get assistance and be ready. We've had about 17 in attendance weekly over the past few weeks. Feel free to bring something to share, a new find, what you've been working on stamp wise or just listen in.

Hope to see you!

Stamps Needed For Easter Seals

During the Covid 19 crisis, we have been making bags of our Easter Seals two cent donation stamps available for members to pick up at Ed Dimmick's shop (4020 El Camino Ave, #D4). Members can take them home and return them when done on the Honor System. We are running out of stamps as we are unable to access the materials stored at Easter Seals and we have only recent donations.

If you have stamps you would like to donate, please let us know. You can drop them off at Ed Dimmick's shop or leave them with Ernie (Tahoe Park, susanteays@gmail.com) or Joanne (East Sacramento, joannebe@pacbell.net). We have

volunteers willing to soak stamps so on paper is OK. If you have stamps in mounts or hinged to pages, we

will strip them off for you. Any and all undamaged stamps are appreciated. Now's the time to clean out those cupboards and drawers!

SPS Calendar

Regular meetings are held
Every Wednesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m.
At the Easter Seals Center, 3205 Hurley Way

**All IN PERSON meetings temporarily canceled
due to COVID 19**
PLEASE join us on ZOOM Wednesdays 7-8 pm

Mar	3	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
	10	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
	17	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
	24	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
	31	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
Apr	7	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
	14	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
	21	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
	28	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
May	5	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
	12	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
	19	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting
	26	On-line weekly ZOOM meeting

We normally have our Club Circuit and 2-cent boxes available for your shopping pleasure at each meeting. There are also members who enjoy just talking about their collections or helping you with yours. You might even find a member with a similar interest and you can initiate a stamp swap. Come see us...it's a lot of fun. "Shoe Boxes" of 2¢ stamps can also be taken home to search through during the week

For Sale

FOR SALE

Large U.S. and worldwide collection at bargain prices!

Over 150 countries on album pages.

Buy by country, page, or stamp.

Phone longtime member (#851) Richard Kowaleski,
916-722-1382, for list of countries and description of material.

WESPTEX 2021

July 30 – August 1, 2021

See attached press release

Current USPS Rates

First-Class/Forever Mail Letter (1 oz.) 55-cents
Each additional oz. 20 cents
Metered Mail 1 oz. 51-cents
Postcard (max. 4-1/2" x 6") 36-cents
Large Flat Envelopes (1 oz.) \$1.00
Each additional oz. 20-cents
Certified Mail \$3.50
Int'l First Class Letter \$1.15
Int'l First Class Postcard \$1.15
Priority Mail Padded \$7.75 to \$7.95
Priority Mail Small Flat Rate \$8.30 to \$8.45
Priority Mail Medium Flat Rate \$15.05 to \$15.50
Priority Mail Large Flat Rate \$21.10 to \$21.90

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WESTPEX[®] 2021 Stamp Show

WESTPEX recognizes the seriousness of the COVID19 pandemic and will wholeheartedly follow recommendations of health authorities.

The exhibitor's prospectus is now available for the sixty first annual WESTPEX show July 30 - August 1, 2021 at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront Hotel, 1800 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame, CA, just a mile south of the San Francisco International Airport. The exhibitor's prospectus and entry forms are available from Ross Towle, 400 Clayton Street, San Francisco, CA 94117 or at www.westpex.org.

This World Series of Philately open exhibition will feature over 280 frames of exhibits, including participation by the American Helvetia Philatelic Society, The Nepal and Tibet Philatelic Study Circle, Collectors Club and Philatelic Foundation. This is a World Series of Philately exhibition with the Grand Award winner eligible at the next Annual Champion of Champions competition.

The shows bourse includes seventy-five national and international dealers in stamps, postal history and stationery along with a four-day auction by Schuyler Rumsey Auctions of San Francisco that will fill the bourse with items for the general collector, the specialist and exhibitor.

Numerous specialty societies, clubs, and study groups will hold a variety of meetings and seminars during the three-day event. There is a WESTPEX sponsored Youth Area with free stamps and supplies for young collectors. On Sunday August 1st a Boy Scout Merit Badge program is scheduled.

Continuing the tradition of a local show theme, WESTPEX 2021 will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Passage of Proposition Q, the Charter Amendment formally protecting San Francisco's Cable Cars. WESTPEX will offer a special Cinderella souvenir sheet as well as cachet covers. The show will officially open at 10 AM, Friday July 30th and you will not want to miss this 61st WESTPEX Stamp Show. Complete show details, reservations, schedules, and theme story will be available at www.westpex.org.



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September 9, 2020

The SPS Board of Directors meeting today recognized that the COVID-19 Pandemic is creating hardships for many Members. The Pandemic has also had the effect of limiting your Society's ability to offer its normal full-range of member benefits including weekly meetings, semi-annual shows, library publications, door prizes, comradery, etc.

Taking all of this into consideration, the Board voted today to extend everyone's membership status as of December 31, 2019, on a complimentary basis, through December 31, 2021.

Waiving the normal membership renewal fees is a recognition, in part, of these challenging times and the desire to allow as many living members as possible to continue on the rolls of the Sacramento Philatelic Society. Members during 2020 and 2021 will not be required to pay any additional membership fees until the normal renewal period begins for calendar year 2022.

While the Board has waived membership dues through December 31, 2021 for its approximately 220 members, it should be noted that the Board will gladly accept voluntary renewals or gifts for the General Fund at any time. Nevertheless, all such membership renewals or gifts of funds are strictly voluntary through calendar year 2021.

In the interim, Members are encouraged to stay safe, to take care of yourselves, and to rediscover some of the fun and enjoyment of our hobby. Many members are joining the weekly online Zoom Meeting Wednesday nights from 7 to 8 p.m. (Contact Robert Pope for access at thepope66@hotmail.com.) Other members are enjoying checking out, on the honor system, bags of the Society's stamps available at Ed Dimmick's Stamp Shop at 4020 El Camino Avenue, Suite D-4, Sacramento, CA 95821. (It's best to call ahead to Ed at 916 571-5884 as to his hours and availability.)

During these challenging times, Members are encouraged to stay well, wear a mask in public, wash your hands, practice social distancing, call a friend or fellow stamp collector who lives alone, and take care of one another. We'll get through this together. Thank you.

Stephen Drew, Secretary
Sacramento Philatelic Society