



THE WEBFOOTER

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Happy New Year



Happy 40th Anniversary



Next Meeting – Jan. 21, 2006

At Russellville Grange - 12105 NE Prescott Street
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Calling All Webfooters

Bring your Webfooters memorabilia: rosters, buttons, newsletters and post cards etc.
New Rosters and Membership Applications will be available.

Celebrate 40 Years of Post Card Collecting in Portland by renewing acquaintances old and new. We will celebrate with a dinner to help our members become more acquainted. The club has grown fairly quickly over the past couple of years and there are a lot of new faces. You don't want to miss this meeting as we pass the 40-year milestone. We have built up our membership to over 205 members.

Business Meeting Minutes

The brief business meeting at the December 17, 2005 Webfooters gathering began with a discussion on having a catered dinner at the January 21st meeting, to celebrate the Webfooters 40th Anniversary. Al stated that he would check with Monique, who provided food services at the April 2005 PC Show and see what might be worked out. Mark encouraged all Webfooters to bring their historical club memorabilia to share at the January meeting.

A raffle was held for a book on Oregon postcards (donated by the Linda and Dale Renk) with the proceeds going to general club funds.

Mark reminded those intending to participate as sellers at the Webfooters 2006 Show that dealer table rents increase to \$60 after December 31, 2005.

In the coming year, there will be a presentation on postal history and the dating of postcards. It is hoped that anyone willing to share their knowledge in a particular area of collecting or who just want to have a 'show and tell,' will come forward to host future presentations at Webfooters meetings.

Al stated that he had given a talk on postcards to a local group of school children. He had received a letter from each of the children and he shared several of these entertaining notes with the group.

The idea of having Webfooters 'field trips' during 2006 was met with some favor.

The meeting adjourned and the enjoyable interactions involving the buying and selling of postcards, catching up on news of friends seldom seen, and then feasting on the donated ham and other potluck contributions commenced.

Announcing that the next board meeting would be on January 16th, 2006, Mark adjourned the meeting.

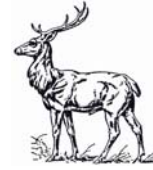
Respectively submitted, Dave Elston

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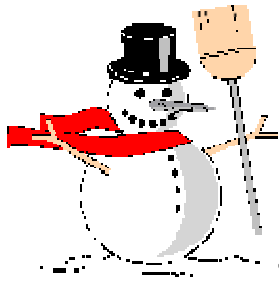
Ma 'n' Pa Strong's Kitchen on 4131 N Vancouver Ave in Portland will
cater the show where BBQ Ribs and Fried Catfish are once again on the menu!

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Snowmen on Post Cards



Ein glückliches neues Jahr

Snowmen on post cards can be very intriguing. In the golden years of post card publishing, 1908 to 1920 and on into the 1930's, Snowmen were a popular subject on post cards, when hundreds of designs were produced, especially around Christmas and New Years. Nearly all of these were produced, many anonymously, in Germany and also in England where Raphael Tuck and Sons created many extraordinary sets in the years before World War I.



Nearly every snowman has a Top Hat and two eyes made of coal. Many carried broomsticks or an umbrella. Many of them were smoking or holding a pipe. They were nearly always surrounded by sledding or dancing children, dogs, cats, pigs and families. Other cards show elves or chimney sweeps cavorting. Many will be wearing mittens or a scarf and others will be ice skating, singing or dancing.



Sometimes you will see elves hoisted up, giving him a little Christmas Cheer. Maybe that's why he's always smiling. Snowman post cards were usually brightly colored and cheerful. Once in a while you will see real photo post cards of snowmen. And there is the rare Snowman Hold to Light card.



But the funnest thing about Snowman cards is to find them with other characters made of snow, such as cats, dogs and pigs. Look for the ones showing several dogs jumping around a snowcat, wondering why he just sits there and doesn't jump and run when they try to chase him.



Please let us know if you have any more information about these and other Snowman Post Cards.



A special word of thanks to Jocelyn Howells for her contributions to this article.



Webfooter Editor Recollections

from Jocelyn Howells.....

Back in the good old days, I edited the Webfooter for six years, while living in Albany. My employer allowed me to use the company Xerox machine at no charge, so there was no copy expense to the club for that period, thus enriching our treasury quite nicely. The machine did break down regularly, and I became quite the repair person during those years, learning just how to burp the baby and pacify it to keep producing good copies.

When it was time to assemble the bulletin, we had a party. Folks came for the day from all over the state. We potlucked at noon time. We started working at 10 or so, and went until the bulletin was collated, stapled, stuffed, stamped, sorted and ready to mail. Collating was a kick, walking around and around our big dining room table, picking up the pages as we walked. There were always 31 pages (both sides), so that meant 16 piles of paper around the table.

I remember charter member Leo Burton was in charge of stamping the envelopes. He had a special way of separating the stamps and putting them on, and wouldn't let anyone else do that job. Those bulletin parties were lots of fun and looked forward to by many as a way to maintain friendships and make new ones, and do a valuable service to the club at the same time.

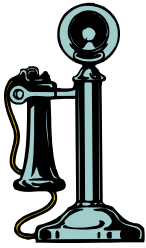
I produced either three or four (can't remember now) of these bulletins per year, like clockwork. I remember that about two weeks before publishing time, I would refuse phone calls, not read my mail, etc., just focusing on writing the bulletin. I had to write most of the stories, but didn't mind, as I was always researching different types of postcards and had lots of ideas.

I would get some nice compliments on different articles or issues from time to time from around the country, which helped keep me going. I only got one nasty letter, which really hurt, as it was from a new member who didn't have a clue, which I realized when I had the (mis)fortune of meeting him in person.

My serving as editor came to a screeching halt one day when I had to flee to protect myself against an abusive spouse in a rapidly escalating and dangerous situation. I packed up my postcards, clothes and some furniture, hired some college guys to load it all into a big U-haul truck, and off I drove in the night towards Portland.

There I went into hiding (first in Walt & Jeanne Koch's basement), and all my things into storage for many months. It was a long time before I saw my postcards and other items again. I was no longer able to edit the bulletin from that point on.





Calling All Webfooters

Come and join us January 21, 2006 as we celebrate our 40th Anniversary. We will meet at 10 am for a brief business meeting, then about 11:30 we will break away from the buying and selling of post cards and go into the dining room. At that time we will go around the room and introduce ourselves. If you have come to a meeting recently, you know there have been a lot of new faces. We want to renew acquaintances old and new, especially those of you we haven't seen for a while. Bring your family and friends.

Be prepared to tell what you collect and if you have any memories of Webfooter history, we want you to share them. Some of you might tell why you joined the Webfooters. We will also award prizes including gas gift cards for the ones who travel the furthest, an award for the member with the lowest number, an award for the oldest member there and for the youngest member there. There will be a raffle and a door prize. Hey dealers, now is your chance to donate something to the cause for our raffle tickets or a door prize.

We expect to eat about noon. On the menu is Chicken Parmesan with Spaghetti, served with Caesar Salad and Garlic Bread. For dessert, we will have Birthday Cake. Our caterer needs to know how many to prepare food for, so please let us know, right away, via email or phone if you will be attending.

David Sell put hundreds of hours into creating our new Membership Roster. It will be available at our meeting. New Membership Applications will also be available.



Membership Report



We welcome new members: Rick Elston of LaPine, Roger Reddekopp of Kodiak, Alaska and his mother, returning member Barbara Kennedy of Portland. Many of you have seen Barbara who has been a dealer at Palmer Wirfs for a number of years and Roger comes down to help her staff the booth and hopefully add to his collection. We also welcome our newest member, Carole Bess White of Portland's Rain of Glass.

AI Powers sent along this reminder: Don't forget, the Club will be celebrating our 40th Anniversary beginning in January and throughout 2006. Help the Club advertise the Celebration by ordering and wearing the 40th Anniversary T-Shirt. For more info, see AI at the meeting.

Calendar

January 21 – Webfooter's Post Card Club Meeting at Russellville Grange
12105 NE Prescott St near 122nd & Sandy Blvd – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
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January 28-29 – Greater Seattle Postcard & Paper Show at Kent Commons
545 - 4th Ave N in Kent, WA – For info: Contact Terry Weis at 503-324-0970

February 5 – Pacific NW Post Card Club Meeting – Lake City Community Center
12531 - 28th Ave NE in Seattle – 11:30 am to 5pm

February 18 – Webfooter's Post Card Club Meeting at Russellville Grange
12105 NE Prescott St near 122nd & Sandy Blvd – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

March 4-5 – Palmer Wirf's Antique and Collectible's Show at the Portland Expo
For info: 503-282-0877

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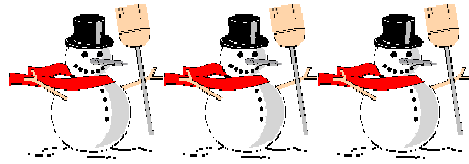
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March 25-26 – Greater Portland Postcard Stamp & Paper Show at the Kleiver Armory
near 33rd & Marine Dr – For info: Contact Terry Weis at 503-324-0970

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