

# *Stephen Reinhard to Receive the Alfred Lichtenstein Award*



The Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award for Distinguished Service to Philately is annually given to a living individual for outstanding service to philately. Stephen Reinhard has earned this honor for his hard work and dedication, over several decades, in so many of the facets of our great hobby.

Stephen has been a hobby leader for over 25 years, during that time serving as presidents of the American Philatelic Society, the Collectors Club, the American Air Mail Society, and FISA (the International Federation of Aerophilatic Societies) and vice-chair and secretary of the Philatelic Foundation. He led the FIP Commission for Aerophilately for eight years and was instrumental on the Organizing Committee of World Stamp Show-NY 2016, leading the 4,200-frame exhibit selection and coordinating the 60+ judges and experts. For six years, Steve chaired the judging committee for the APS (CANEJ), which was responsible for exhibiting at the 30+ national shows, and the rules and regulations of the judges. He is presently a member of the Council of Philatelists of the Smithsonian National Postal Museum. He is the longest serving current member of the Collectors Club Board of Governors.

But it is not just the leadership roles that Stephen volunteers for; he has been the treasurer of the American Air Mail Society since 1990, collecting dues from the 1,000 members annually and keeping the Society books. Philately is his life, and he dedicates a majority of his time to it. Few have served philately as he has done. Honors bestowed on Steve include

- Elected to Aerophilatic Hall of Fame (2000)
- Fellow, Royal Philatelic Society London (2001)
- Angers Award for Service to Aerophilately (AAMS)
- FISA Gold Medal for service to International Aerophilately
- FISA Gold Pin for Service to Philately
- National Merit Award, Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition, 2008
- Honorary Life Membership, American Air Mail Society, 2015

## **Publications**

- Managing Editor, *The American Air Mail Catalogue*, sixth Edition, Volumes I, II, III (1998-2004)
- “An Old Collection Finally Verifies Old Reference Works: The San Francisco Pioneer Airmail of 1912” *Opinions VI, Philatelic Expertizing - An Inside View*, (New York, The Philatelic Foundation, 1992)
- Nine research articles on early airmail. *The Airpost Journal*
- Two research articles in the *Zeppelin Post Journal*
- *Linn's Weekly Stamp News* columnist in late 1960s

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expanded that coverage, and in the same issue, the Colin Capill book on New Zealand O.P.S.O. overprints did the same. In 2015, an article in *Gibbons Stamp Monthly* by Wilson Wong on Independent Anguilla added to that coverage. The latter is of interest to a few Collectors Club members of the British Empire Study Group. In September 1967, the Group's secretary mailed the meeting notices from Independent Anguilla, where he happened to be vacationing, and he used the first issue. My envelope was saved, but it was moved when my office was rearranged while I was away on a trip for TWA, and I've never been able to find it since.

Specimens were in many cases once listed as footnotes. In 2015 some of them were moved to receive full listing. Last year's issue had new discoveries from the Australian States and illustrations of flaws on a popular New Zealand issue. The changes are gradual, and it is hard to predict when any will affect a given collecting area, except that the appearance of a definitive book on a subject is likely to precede changes a year or two down the road.

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### Exhibiting and Judging

· Exhibited "U.S. Pioneer Airmail 1910-1916" in FIP Championship Class after winning four Large Gold medals

· Judged 15 International philatelic exhibitions and about 70 U.S. National exhibition  
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Pricing information, both up and down, comes from a fairly large advisory group that keeps track of market trends and auction sales. It is safe to say that the Red Gibbons is the key reference used worldwide when it comes to pricing.

One cannot leave this discussion without mentioning what may be the most overlooked and useful resource in the catalogue, the fourteen pages about importance of condition and general philatelic information. These are refined and augmented as needed from year to year. Every philatelist should read and absorb the information here. Answers to questions raised by others, even knowledgeable philatelists, may surprise you. For example, a recent discussion of the meaning and nature of fakes vs. forgeries would have been nipped in the bud if the participants had simply read the entry in this section.

So collectors of these areas are well advised to obtain a new copy, particularly if their old one is five or more years old.

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