



THE WEBFOOTER

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Happy Valentines Day



Photo courtesy of Dave Elston

Next Meeting – Feb. 18, 2006

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

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Webfooters Celebrate 40 Years

On January 21, 2006, we celebrated our 40th Anniversary to honor the folks who have kept The Webfooters going for over 40 years. Attending the first official meeting was Doris Brockell (member number 11) and Bob Potts (member number 13) and they celebrated with us on our 40th Anniversary. Doris is 97 and Bob is 89. Doris was elected Treasurer and she served on the Show Committee for several years while Bob volunteered to print *The Webfooter*. The highlight of the day was seeing Doris Brockell, who hasn't been able to get around much since she broke her hip a couple years ago. Members new and old were delighted to meet her.

That first meeting of The Webfooters Post Card Club occurred on January 22, 1966 at the Multnomah County Library in Portland. However at least a couple organizational meetings occurred the prior year. In fact, Ernest Cooper had been trying to organize a group in Portland since 1954 as he placed an ad in a national post card publication for persons interested in post cards to form a group of collectors in the Portland area.

On that day when it all began, in January 1966, the group chose "The Webfooters" as the name of the new organization and Webster Webfoot was chosen as the club's mascot. Ernest Cooper was elected President and he designed the very first likeness of Webster.

In the early years, The Webfooters met quarterly. Meetings were held at Far West Federal Bank in Gateway. In 1968, club meetings were held at Pearson's Mortuary. In 1969, meetings were moved to The Oregon Historical Society, where they stayed for the next two years. Our current Treasurer, Al Powers (member number 58), organized The Webfooter's first public Post Card Show which was held June 2-6, 1969. The next show was held on July 6-11, 1970 at Meier & Frank, where 75 frames held displays.

Elections were held on June 20, 1970, and Al Powers was elected President. On July 11, 1970, The Webfooters hosted the International Post Card Association. By October 10, 1970, the club had over \$100 in the bank and it was suggested that they hold monthly meetings.

In 1971, The Webfooters now listed 93 members on their roster. Another Show was held at Meier & Frank in May of 1971. Over the years, several meetings were held in Salem. For a time, The Webfooters held meetings at Hollywood East at 46th & Hancock, then they moved to the Holgate House at 39th & Holgate. After a while, meetings were held at the Sunnyside Masonic Temple at 39th & Hawthorne. For a time they met at the Odd Fellows Hall in St. Johns and then to the basement of the Sellwood Masonic Temple for about five years. Two years ago, we moved to the Russellville Grange at 121st and Prescott.

If we have a fault, it is that we don't always get to know our newer members. Part of the problem is "not knowing everyone's names". That's why we are asking everyone to wear a nametag. Nametags were made for everyone, so there is no excuse not to keep wearing them. Each of us was given the opportunity to tell when we joined The Webfooters and what we collect. Several members shared recollections about days past.

Over 55 people attended our 40th Anniversary meeting and several prizes were given out. A 100-minute prepaid phone card was given to the oldest person in attendance. A new binder with 4-pocket pages and post card sleeves were given to the youngest member. Chevron gift cards were given to the members who drove the furthest. Other members were awarded post card sleeves and post card bucks. We had a printed history of The Webfooters for everyone. Ten years from now, when we celebrate 50 years, some among us will have passed on to post card heaven.

Thanks to John Staub, we have several pictures of our 40th Anniversary Celebration in this issue.

Board Meeting Minutes

The attendees at the January 16, 2006 Webfooters board meeting, held at Elmer's Restaurant, were: Mark Moore (President), Dale Nix (Vice President) and his son (Austin), David Sell (Membership Chair), Jane Burton (Member-at-Large) and her son (David) and Dave Elston (Secretary). After a call to order at 6.37 PM, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published.

In our treasurer's absence, Mark presented a partial financial report which Al Powers had submitted to him. Notable was the dollar amount of club dues collected (\$696) since Nov. 15. This was a result of a number of members paying up to six years dues in advance to take advantage of the old rate prior to the dues increase. Printing costs of \$292.30 for the period reflected charges for the new club roster and new membership applications, as well as the monthly newsletter costs.

Report of Standing Committees:

Constitution and Bylaws Committee-The member-approved Constitution and Bylaws documents have been printed and included in the 2006 Webfooters Roster. These will be made available to all club members at the monthly meetings and upon request.

Membership Committee-David Sell reported that there are 210 active club members as of 1/16/06. He indicated that several people have expressed appreciation at receiving the newsletter (in all of its glorious color) via e-mail. Those no longer wishing to receive a paper copy might let this be known so that printing numbers (and thereby expenses) may be adjusted. However, any member may opt to receive the newsletter both via e-mail as well as by snail mail. Mark said that the current roster was the most extensive and complete of any club type roster that he has seen. Kudos to David Sell. On a somber note, Mark reported that the mother of member Robert Chamberlain (#1664) had called to let the club know that her son had very recently passed away.

Show Committee-Mark's report indicated that 25 dealer tables have been rented (paid for) for the April Webfooters show. There are tables still available at \$60 each. Mark indicated that he had placed an advertisement for the show to appear in the March-April issue of Old Stuff (collector's publication).

Website-In the absence of our Webmaster, the board members spoke of the need for timely updates to the Webfooters Internet website. The website includes a brief introduction to the club, a printable member application form, as well as a calendar of the Webfooters activities and other post card related events.

However, some of the graphics used on the website are no longer used on current publications. It was suggested that we update some of the graphics on our web pages to more accurately represent current logos and illustrations used on applications, rosters, newsletters and other publications. It was suggested that we meet at a future date to discuss club logos and graphic illustrations that would make our newsletters and website reflect similar themes. Anyone with a suggestion or idea to update Webster (WEBfooted-youngSTER) is invited to submit your illustrations to board members for approval.

Business Arising From the Previous Meeting:

Program Committee-Due to a full schedule of events at the January 40th Anniversary meeting of the club, the program on post card history and dating will be delayed until a later club meeting.

Closet Housekeeping-David Sell and Dave Elston offered to clean up and organize the Russellville Grange club closet early in the morning prior to the Jan. 20th meeting.

Board Meeting Minutes (continued)

Appointed committee Openings:

Refreshments and Hospitality-Belinda Stewart has offered to take charge of signing up people to bring monthly refreshments to the club meetings.

Librarian and Historian-Steve Kuryk has indicated a willingness to act as club historian. The club history is housed in the club library, located at Russellville Grange.

There are always opportunities for members to help out in any of these, and many other, Webfooters positions and activities. We also need to find someone who would like to be a Librarian and to make our library available to the membership.

Events to Celebrate 40th Anniversary-Mark indicated that there would be door prizes, gas coupons, and other items offered at the 40th Anniversary January meeting. The board voted on budgets for banners, coupons, etc. Arrangements were made to insure that some of the most senior members of the club could be in attendance. Catered meals, including a celebratory cake, are to be provided at the meeting. (It is hoped that all members who could attend had a great time and learned a bit more about their fellow collectors.)

New Business:

Recent Donations-The club wishes to thank the following members for their recent post card donations: Richard Dreger, Stuart Kammerman, Adolphe Colson, and Donna Miller. If any member has cards or related items that they wish to donate to the club, please present them to any board member. Dave Elston has volunteered to organize the cards and make them more readily available for purchase at subsequent meetings. The secretary has repeatedly noticed that cards that may be of small interest to one member are often of greater interest to another. Collection cleaning, like closet cleaning, can be liberating.

Club Membership Card-David Sell indicated that he would be working on a "wallet-sized" Webfooters membership card. A special "40th Anniversary" card may become a future collectible?

With no further business to be discussed, and the enjoyable dinner conversations between all board members over, the president adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM and announced that the next board meeting would be on March 13th, 2006 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Elston

Club Officers

President.....Mark Moore
Vice President.....Dale Nix
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Upcoming Show: Kent, WA – June 24th and 25th, 2006

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Remembering our 40th Anniversary



Doris Brockell shares a memory of times past at The Webfooters



Members gather to get better acquainted before having dinner



Photo: John Staub 2006

Beverly and Bob Potts share a light moment at our 40th Anniversary Celebration



Al Powers gives a report on the club's finances



Photo: John F. Staub, 2006

Members eagerly await dinner



Doris Brockell shares a memory with past President Alan Viewwig



A word of thanks to John Staub for documenting our 40th Anniversary Celebration



Calendar

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

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

March 13 – Webfooter’s Board Meeting at Elmer’s Restaurant (no host)
10001 NE Sandy Blvd – 6:30 pm

March 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 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

April 2 – Pacific NW Post Card Club Meeting – Lake City Community Center
12531 - 28th Ave NE in Seattle – 11:30 am to 5pm



April 15-16 – Webfooter’s Post Card Club Annual Show and Sale
Jackson Armory – 6255 NE Cornfoot Rd in Portland
Sat: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm – Sun: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

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Membership Report

We welcome new members: Barbara Steinberg (mother of Jane Burton) of Salem as well as Ron Crawford and Kevin Thomas of Portland.

Members in the News

Members Irene Adams (#1628), Steve Kenney (#644), Mark Moore (#923), Gary Randall (#1582), Vivian Randall (#1612), Ed Walston (#1665) and Bill White (#468) helped celebrate the Mt. Hood Railroad’s Centennial Celebrations in Hood River and O’Dell on Feb. 2. Gary Randall designed the two 100th Anniversary Pictorial Cancellations used at Hood River and O’Dell. Participants were treated to two excursions on the train.

It is with regret that we report the passing of Eugene Robertson of Dallas, OR. We send our deepest sympathy to his wife Jean.

Doris Brockell will be having an estate sale at her house on February 18-19, 2006 at 10:00 am at 5014 NE 25th Ave. She has several boxes of post cards that will be for sale and bids will be taken on her albums of post cards.



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