

ECUADOR STUDY GROUP

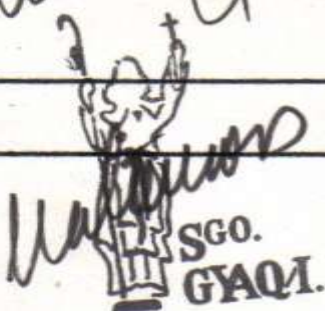
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WELCOME

This is the first newsletter of the newly formed Ecuador Study Group. We are very pleased at the number of collectors who took the time to attend our organizational meeting at Interphil. In addition, many letters have been received by those who could not attend personally; these letters expressed substantial interest as well as support and encouragement. This newsletter is being sent to all those who attended our Interphil meeting on June 1, 1976 as well as to the others who have otherwise expressed interest.

OUR OBJECTIVES

The objectives of our new group, simply stated, are to:

1. Bring together, mainly by written communication, but by possible annual meetings, those who are actively interested in Ecuadorean Philately.
2. Exchange on a regular basis worthwhile information among the members of our group as well as with other groups having similar interests.
3. Stimulate and encourage the special interests of each member and contribute, to the degree possible, quality work or study and research in the areas of our respective interests.
4. In short, to help us each do our own thing a little better.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, PROTEM

(John Harris)

First, I should like to dedicate our new club to two persons whom I would like to think positively influenced its foundation.

The first was my close friend and fellow Ecuadorean collector, the late Dr. John W. Funkhouser. I first began corresponding with JWF in 1948, and kept up a friendship with him for nearly 25 years, until his recent untimely death. JWF was always one step ahead of me in collecting Ecuador; he had a trunkful of stampless letters while I had a few dozen; he had nearly 1000 examples of the Medio Real, blue, while I only had several dozen; it was disparities such as this which kept alive my collecting interest in Ecuador when there literally were only enough Ecuadorean collectors to fill a telephone booth. Above all, it was J. F.'s scholarship and intuition in his careful analysis of the first issue and of the Seebeck issues which have given all of us quite a level of accomplishment to meet. R. I. P. JWF.

The second is John Fosbery, the founder and editor of The Mainsheet. JF in the last three years rekindled and awakened the interest of Philatelists in Latin America, resuming where Peter B. Wright left off too many years ago. JF, through his cheerful and spontaneous way has enriched and enlivened us to be proud of our collecting interests and to form this new club. Stay with us, JF, for we need your help.

This small club will only amount to the sum of what each of the members is willing to contribute. As you will note from our initial membership roster, we all live far apart. Aside, therefore, from isolated and infrequent meetings, all we can do is write. We are now twelve; we will realistically be thirty or more by the end of our first year. Let me, or our secretary Don Freeman, know what we can do to help you and your collecting interests. We have many possible goals, as is elsewhere indicated in this our first mailing. These include research and writing; exhibiting, exchanging stamps and information; and so on. These can be accomplished only through your continued participation.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to any person having an interest in the stamps and postal history of Ecuador who will give some of his or her time, as necessary, in order to contribute, share and communicate appropriate information to other members.

The Ecuador Study Group has the following paid up members, as of this writing:

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Names and addresses of new members will be published from time to time.

The Ecuador Study Group has now been started, but it must grow to be viable. The group cordially invites new members. If any reader is interested in becoming a member simply communicate your interests to our secretary, Mr. D. E. Freeman, 54 Rapids Road, Stamford, CT 06905. Please include \$5.00 (U.S. currency) for a one year membership. (The \$5.00 was established at our organizational meeting as being necessary for start-up, and for handling administrative expenses for one year.)

Our membership fee is exclusive of that for Mr. J. Fosberry's The Mainsteet. Subscription for that publication is separate and should be handled directly with Mr. Fosberry. The Mainsheet is the best and only periodical now in existence devoted to Latin American philately. We encourage your subscription.

In addition, some members may wish to consider subscribing to the periodicals "Ecuador Filatelico" and "Guayaquil Filatelico" of the Club Filatelico. These are first rate publications, and are in Spanish. Information may be obtained from Captain Alboran Dujmovic, P. O. Box 3343, Guayaquil, Ecuador, S. A.

We are exploring how best to relate to or affiliate with the Spanish Main and the three stamp clubs in Ecuador.

DISCLAIMER

As the Study Group gets underway, it is reasonable to expect that some viewing of each others stamps, or even trading among members will occur. This is fine, but please be advised that the Ecuador Study Group assumes no liability or responsibility of any loss, theft or damage of any nature whatsoever which might result from this activity. Know your correspondents!

SHOW AND TELL DEPARTMENT

Awards at Interphil 76. The following were award winners during competition at the seventh U.S.A. International Philatelic Exhibition in Philadelphia for their fine exhibits of Ecuador:

1. Captain Alboran Dujmovic of Ecuador
2. Mr. L. J. Harris of U. S.
3. Melvin D. Hoyos Galarza of Ecuador
4. Carlos Wong Silva of Ecuador

Congratulations!!!

Mr. D. E. Freeman plans to participate in a U. S. Bicentennial show in Darien, Connecticut sponsored by the old Kings Highway Stamp Club. This is a local exhibit scheduled for October, 1976. This will be Mr. Freeman's first exhibit, and perhaps the first Ecuador to be shown in the New England area in many, many years.

A prospective member, N. H. Kasper, wishes to know what stamp dealers currently have Ecuador material for approvals. Write care of our secretary.

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

The next issue of this newsletter is targeted for November, 1976. We encourage a letter by September 15, 1976 from each member and prospective member containing the following information:

1. Your reaction to this newsletter and suggestions for its improvement.
2. Your ideas on a logo and/or newsletter format.

3. A paragraph or two (or as long as necessary) on your special interests in Ecuadorean and other Philately, and what your current or planned project is. This should be suitable for inclusion in our newsletter.
4. What projects you think might be worthwhile for us to undertake as a group.
5. A news item for our Show and Tell Department.

ORGANIZATION OF THE STUDY GROUP

Our officers (Protem) are Mr. L. J. Harris, President, Mr. D. E. Freeman, Secretary/Treasurer.

Our area representatives are:

West Coast	-	Dr. R. B. Wiener
East Coast	-	Dr. F. Herz
Mid-West	-	L. J. Harris
Latin America	-	Capt. Alboran Dujmovic
Great Britain & Europe	-	J. Fosbery
Australia	-	J. Martin

Your secretary saw the following article by Kenneth Wood recently and thought it most appropriate. It is suggested that we each save it and re-read it periodically.

Western Stamp Collector, Saturday, May 1, 1976

Editorial

The rewards are proportional

Ask the average collector what his major responsibility becomes when he joins a club or society and nine times out of ten he will say "to pay my dues."

While this is important, there is another even more vital responsibility which devolves upon every member and that is to participate in the organization's activities.

If this participation is withheld, the organization will eventually wither and die, but fortunately, there are usually one or two dedicated individuals whose enthusiasm keeps the endeavor afloat and compensates for the inaction of the vast bulk of the membership. Philately owes such people a debt which can never be repaid.

One of the saddest things noted in the course of our philatelic reading is the plea of editors of club and society publications for articles and material from the membership. It is repeated again and again, in publication after publication.

This lack of participation is a great pity since we all have something to contribute and the organization to which we belong would be immeasurably better for our help. By giving, we would also become a recipient in terms of satisfaction, not to mention the friends we would make and the additional information which would come our way as a result of any attempt to share that which we possess.

Some time ago, we heard of a new specialty group which, instead of the usual cash dues, required a contribution in the form of an article. New collectors and those actually unable to provide articles would be permitted to join in the normal way and pay cash dues, but the principle here is a good one.

Membership in any philatelic organization should represent a group of collectors getting together to render mutual assistance and to give as well as to receive.

Unfortunately, most collectors seem to feel that their responsibility ends when they mail their dues check. If this silent majority would become active, then the face of organized philately could be completely changed—and for the better.

Write to your society journal editor and offer your services, contact your club president and ask how you can help, then follow up on their suggestions and requests. Don't be one of those objectionable folk who complain about 'one man rule' in your group without being prepared to become involved yourself in its activities and its day-to-day operation. 'One man rule' is the only alternative when the membership is apathetic and does not pitch in and help.

It is true that philately can be solitary and still be satisfying, but it is when you come into direct contact with other like-minded collectors that full enjoyment becomes possible.

Then, you will find that the rewards are indeed proportional.