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(One of the founders of the San Jose Stamp Club)

Everett C. Erle

(May 10, 1906 – May 10, 1990) Oakland



Erle was a lifelong collector, exhibitor, writer, and editor who took an active part in international, national, and San Francisco Bay Area philately. His earliest interests were in aerophilately; he was editor of the West Coast Air Mail Society *Journal*. By the 1930s, he was a frequent writer in the journals of the time on ship cancels and other aspects of postal history.

Erle was a founder of the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies, sponsors of the annual WESTPEX exhibition, and received its Chaloner award for outstanding service. He was president of the Philatelic Research Society of Oakland which later became the Western Philatelic Library, now located in Sunnyvale, Calif. [In 1927 he helped found the San Jose Stamp Club.](#)

Erle edited *Western Express* for the Western Cover Society from 1974 to 1986. He served WESTPEX for 25 years from its beginning, and held the title of Honorary Director at his death. He was a member of the Oakland Philatelic Society (now the East Bay Philatelic club) for 60 years and was its treasurer when he died. Erle had collections and exhibits that covered a wide range of topics. He supported many smaller clubs with frames of interesting material for their local exhibitions.

He joined the APS in 1925 and received his 50-year APS Membership medal in 1975. Erle attended many of its conventions, and following the death of “Uncle Billy” Stone, he was often the person present with the lowest APS Membership number (7772) at the general meetings of the society. He was thus given the honor of adjourning the meeting, “*sine die*.” Erle died while attending the London 1990 International Philatelic Exhibition