

## **Minutes of the San Jose Stamp Club Meeting on 7 Feb 2018**

Present: Brian Jones (President), David Occhipinti (Vice-President), Stanley Flowerdew (Secretary), Richard Clever (Treasurer), Jim Steinwinder, Jim Sauer and four other SJSC members.

Brian called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Brian brought the 2017 Scott Classic Catalog which the club recently purchased and announced that it is now available for check out from the club's library by any club member.

Brian announced that Scott Publishing now has 2018 album supplements available.

There was discussion regarding likely changes in 2018 leadership of Filatelic Fiesta which was continued in a later board meeting.

### Evening's Programs by David Occhipinti and Hubert Jansen

David Occhipinti presented the first evening's program which included some radiated covers from the ricin scare many years ago. Several covers that had been dipped in ricin were sent through the U.S. mail to Dan Rather and three U.S. senators. Two postal workers died as a result of being exposed to the ricin. As a protective measure, all mail that was sent to Washington, D.C. was radiated to disable the ricin. David passed sample covers round the room for inspection.

Hubert Jansen presented the second evening's program which included historic flight covers that Hubert recently purchased at last month's Great America Stamp Show. The covers were passed around the room.

The covers included ones from the following flights:

- (1) The first 747 flight in October 1970 from Atlanta to LAX.
- (2) The first British West India Airways jet mail from New York to Trinidad on a 707 flight in June 1961.
- (3) The first BOAC VC-10 flight from San Francisco to London in April 1965.
- (4) A Convair 990 flight from NASA-Ames in Mountain View.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Stanley J. Flowerdew, Secretary