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Stein Collectors

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Our August 14 Meeting to be held in San Jose

On a hill overlooking the sprawling Santa Clara Valley, Gene and Marie Carvalho's lovely San Jose home will be the site of our August 14 Golden Gate Zecher meeting. Long-time members Gene and Marie's home is welcoming and filled with a great collection of steins and related treasures. Their collections include beautiful antique furniture, regimentals, Mettlachs, and character steins, all tastefully integrated into a comfortable home setting. You'll enjoy having a beer sitting at Gene's wood-paneled bar, surrounded by those objects of our affection – steins, plaques, clocks, and more!

Our featured speaker at the August General Meeting will be our own



Steve Morris who will be presenting us with a Power Point presentation on "The Character Steins of Ernst Bohne". The program will

closely follow his recent book on the same subject. Steve has just returned from Seattle where he gave the same lecture and will be going to the Twin Cities in Minnesota for their October meeting to do the same. His lecture will cover the history of the company and each of the character steins made by Bohne. He will also explain the

major characteristics and philosophies between the Schierholz and Bohne, the major competitors producing porcelain character steins.

We hope to see you at the August 14th Zecher meeting in San Jose, CA. Come and enjoy the day with your Zecher friends and hear Steve's presentation—it should be a winner!



Two examples
from Ernst Bohne



2010 EVENTS

CALENDAR

Aug 14 GG Zecher –
Carvalho's, San Jose, CA

Sept 9 -11 SCI Convention,
Myrtle Beach, SC

Oct 9 Erste Gruppe—
Hill's Oktoberfest, Ojai, CA

November GG Zecher –
No meeting scheduled

Dec 4 Pacific Stein
Sammler—probably at the
Waring's

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A Message from the President



Dave Lowry

I hope this message and newsletter finds everyone doing well and adding to the stein collections out there! As usual, we have a great Zecher meeting planned at the Carvalho's in San Jose on August 14th. This has always been a nice place to have our meetings because of the hospitality shown by Gene & Marie, the views from their home, and of course their amazing stein collection! Our speaker will be our own Vice-President Steve Morris. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

I hope as many of the Zechers as possible are able to attend the SCI convention in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina! It looks like it will be a good one.

Starting with the first meeting in 2011 we will try a new procedure when registering your reservation for our meetings. Beginning in January we will send our registration slips and payments directly to the hosts so that they have a more timely idea of the total number of attendees and the full amount of money is directly available for purchase of food, beer, etc. But our Treasurer Dick Hughes will still be involved to assist the hosts in this regard as needed.

It was decided at our previous meeting in April that we will not have a regularly scheduled meeting in November. Instead, we hope to attend and support the special stein weekend that is planned for November 19-21 in the Los Angeles area by Ron Fox and Les Paul.

A few details are that 11/19 would be a viewing date for auction items and set up of a stein sales room for sellers/buyers. Within the first two days guest speakers would give forth on some interesting sub-

jects. The auction would be on 11/20. Contact Ron if you would like to consign steins or related objects for this auction. Also, bring steins you wish to sell in the stein sales room. We know that Les will have MANY steins for sale there, but let's all get involved.

We will also try to coordinate a joint chapter event or dinner between the Zechers, Erste Gruppe, and Pacific Stein Sammler that does not interfere with any of the special events. Specifics may change of course, but the fun and steins are guaranteed! Let's make it a true West Coast Stein Event! If we are successful in this regard we could make it a regular occurrence.

We will also have a table(s) for SCI chapter membership generation. I encourage you to support this event to help make it a success and grow our club.

Speaking of membership generation, our newsletter editor Chuck Schoppe has designed and had printed some great business cards and full page advertisements with Zecher information that we all can use to pass out to interested persons and put in our steins for sale. In addition, we are looking into a nice big stein display and informational area at the SFO airport and many of our members are looking into displays at their local libraries and agencies to get the news out there that stein collecting and making stein friends is great and fun! More details on all of this will also be forthcoming.

Take care and hope to see everyone soon. Prosit!

Dave

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Defregger or Not? By Larry Johansen



Painted in the style of the German artist Franz von Defregger, this Tyrolean farm scene by American artist Herman Richard Kissner Dietz has been in the Johansen family for three generations

Well of course, you say, this must be a popular Franz von Defregger scene. But is it really a Defregger? The German artist Defregger was born in the Tyrol in 1835, attended several prestigious art schools, and was famous for his scenes of everyday Tyrolean farm life. He died in 1921.

This painting was actually painted by American artist Herman Richard Kissner Dietz. Dietz was born in Russia, June 24, 1860, and received his first art lessons from his uncle. He left Russia in 1876 during a period of political unrest, immigrated to England, where he continued his art studies for several years. He then left for Australia where he became the official artist for a government-sponsored expedition to New Guinea. In 1889 he moved to San Francisco, opened a studio and was actively painting until the 1906 earthquake.

Unfortunately, many of his works were destroyed. He died in Healdsburg, California on Nov. 10, 1923.

This picture, along with five others, was purchased by my great-grandparents in celebration of their 1896 wedding. My great-grandpa, Peter Paul Knapik was a well-known and talented picture frame maker in San Francisco. He was commissioned by museums, churches, and the San Francisco wealthy, among others. He must have had his studio near Herman Dietz' studio, but I am just guessing as I do not have records of this. Peter Paul did all the frames of our six pictures still in our family collection. Unfortunately, like the artist Dietz, the 1906 earthquake and fire put him out of business.

If you have any information on the artist Dietz, I would appreciate hearing from you.



Two Herman Richard Kissner Dietz paintings in the Johansen family collection. The lower painting is of several family members as children.



West Coast Stein Auction Weekend

November 19, 20, & 21

Hacienda Hotel

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- ◆ **Socialize with lifelong friends, and make new friends, in the beautiful Hacienda Hotel**
- ◆ **Take in some lectures, preview and participate in the Live Auction**
- ◆ **Handle and admire hundreds of rare and unusual Steins.**
- ◆ **View a display of the best steins from collections on the West Coast**
- ◆ **You will be glad you came...**

AGENDA

Friday Night

- Stein Sales Room Opens at 5:00 PM
- Evening Buffet Nosh
- The Best and Most Unusual Character Steins - Les Paul - 8:00 PM

Saturday

- Deluxe Continental Breakfast - 8 AM
- FOX STEIN AUCTION Preview – 9 AM
- FOX AUCTION starts at 12:00 Noon

Saturday Night

- Pewter Repair Demonstration - David Harr - 7:00 PM
- Refreshments: Coffee, Cookies & Brownies

Sunday Morning

- Hot Breakfast Buffet – 8:00 AM
- Glass Manufacturing & Decorating techniques – Ron Fox - 9:00 AM

\$95 Registration Includes:

Fantastic Hospitality Room for 3 Days

Incredible Lectures, by three Master Steinologists

Stein Sales & Socializing

Buffet Nosh, Continental Breakfast, Refreshments & Sunday Hot Breakfast Buffet

Stein Sales Tables are an additional \$20 each, or \$10 for ½ Table

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For room reservations @ the Hacienda, call (800) 421-5900 and ask for the group rate with the Fox Stein Auction Weekend. Room rates are \$89, w/free shuttle to the Airport.

Our April Meeting and Successful Auction at the Elliott's



Terry Hill and some of his Riemerschmid-designed steins.

Terry Hill was our guest speaker at our April meeting at the Elliott's home in Vallejo. Using slides and steins in support of his lecture, Terry spoke on Richard Riemerschmid, the gifted designer, artist, and architect, and perhaps the most influential German designer of the last century. Our annual auction, equally as entertaining as

it was financially beneficial to our chapter treasury, was ably managed by auctioneer Julie Hughes with Peggy Schoppe assisting. Many thanks goes out to our wonderful Zecher members who donated items to the auction, and thanks and congratulations to those who were the "big spenders", taking home some very nice items. And a special thanks to Steve and Suzanne Elliott for being such gracious hosts. Can't wait to do it again next year!

All is well in the kitchen with Suzanne Elliott and her two able helpers Bea Taus and Vicki Guay.



Anxious auction participants Carol Preszler with daughter and son-in-law admire the goods.



Auctioneer Julie Hughes and assistant Peggy Schoppe really know how to whip up the enthusiasm.



After what seemed to be a never-ending winter, the Pacific Stein Sammlers (PSS) finally got some sunshine when they invited me to speak at their June meeting at the incredible German antique-filled home of Phil and Peggy Masenheimer in Tacoma, Washington. Broken clouds let enough sun in making it warm enough to have the meeting outside where they entertained a crowd of 48 members with enough food and spirits to

Sunshine Finally Comes to the Pacific Northwest

By Steve Morris

feed a small army. My talk was on my new book "The Character Steins of Ernst Bohne". At the conclusion of my PowerPoint presentation I provided comparisons between Schierholz and Bohne steins which should make it easier for members to identify each during visits to antique shops, shows and the like.

We flew into Seattle on Wednesday, three days before the meeting, and were met at the airport by the Ayers. Lyn & Janine had planned a delightful short trip to the Olympic National Park. We visited the Rain Forest one day and Hurricane Ridge the second, and all the antique shops. We stayed at the Tudor Inn B&B, located in Port Angeles. We've enjoyed this kind of friendship with the Ayers for many years, proving to be another benefit of being involved with SCI. We do the same for them when they come to California.

After the meeting Nancy flew home and I stayed on for another two days and helped Phil with a photo shoot of his Occupational stein collection for a book he has been thinking about for a few years. We spent almost the entire day "shooting" a total of 458 pictures for his book. This was the start of the process and I think you'll see his book in print in a year or two. It should be a good one. All in all, it was another wonderful SCI experience.

Die Golden Gate Zecher Meeting Sat. April 24 , 2010

Held at the home of Steve & Suzanne Elliott in Vallejo, CA

Board Meeting

Meeting called to order by President Dave Lowry at 1:18pm.

Present were President Dave Lowry, Vice-President Steve Morris, Treasurer Dick Hughes, Newsletter Editor Chuck Schoppe, Board Members Bea Taus and Julie Hughes, and member Peggy Schoppe.

Peggy Schoppe volunteered to record the minutes, as we still are looking for a member to step up and take on these duties.

Motion to accept Board and General Meeting Minutes from Feb. 20 , 2010 made by Chuck Schoppe, 2nd by Dick Hughes, MSP.

Officer Reports :

President – No report.

Vice-President - Steve Morris reports that our speaker, Terry Hill, is present and prepared for our meeting today. Next meeting on Aug. 14, is to be located at the Carvalho's in San Jose, Steve Morris will be our speaker on the subject of Ernst Bohne character steins.

There will be no meeting in Nov. in order to encourage maximum attendance at the Ron Fox / Les Paul event Nov. 19-21. DGGZ and Erste Gruppe wish to have a co-chapter dinner or similar activity during the same event.

Treasurer - Dick Hughes reports that we are in a good financial position. We have a total of 58 members with 7 still in unpaid dues status. All unpaid members will be dropped from the membership rolls.

27 1/2 are confirmed so far for attendance at today's meeting.

Dick Hughes made a motion, beginning in 2011, that members send the \$18.00 reservation per person for meetings directly to the meeting host instead of going first to the Treasurer. 2nd - Julie Hughes. MSP.

Motion by Steve Morris to try the new arrangement for 1 or 2 meetings in 2011 and to make the stipulation that if problems arise with this arrangement, the Treasurer will work to resolve any situation. 2nd-Julie Hughes. MSP.

Updates to the Operational Guidelines will need to be made in sections pertaining to reservation checks, Treasurer duties, and host duties. Chuck will draft the necessary changes and submit for Board approval.

Newsletter Editor - Chuck Schoppe has designed the Zecher business cards for membership generation. Feedback was received on Chuck's presented design. Minor changes were suggested. Chuck will have them printed at the chapter's expense and will be given to members to distribute. We can each also purchase a rubber stamp (at our own expense) to stamp the back side of the cards with personal information, if desired.

Chuck announced that he is working to change the look and design of the newsletter masthead, and other changes. Look for the changes in upcoming issues. Many kudos were voiced on the great job that Chuck does on the newsletter and his other contributions to the club.

Old Business -

We still need a Secretary.

November stein auction event - Ron Fox and Les Paul involved, with location to be near LAX. More information to follow.

Member retention and generation committee - Les Paul has an idea of setting up a stein and informational display at SFO since he has seen other similar displays there before. Dave Lowry is in touch with the curator/manager to get more information.

Julie Hughes mentioned that it may be a good idea to set up a display in each of our areas of the Bay Area. She mentioned Twin Pines Center in Belmont during Oktoberfest time. Steve Morris mentioned the Arts & Cultural Committee in Foster City. Chuck Schoppe added the importance to curate (design/plan/setup) these exhibits so that they have the desired effect and attract interest.

Les Paul has a binder of steins for sale at the German restaurant in Alameda and is interested in having a one-page advertisement of our club meetings included with information on what we do at meetings, what would interest a new collector. We can also use these for further membership generation. Chuck & Dave will work on this.

New Business -

Dave Lowry announced that he has received the nomination forms for Master Steinologist and the Jack Heiman Service Awards from SCI. Do we want to recommend anyone? Dick Hughes made a motion that we nominate Steve Morris for Master Steinologist, 2nd by Bea Taus, passed unanimously.

Motion made to nominate Chuck Schoppe for the Jack Heiman Service Award by Bea Taus, 2nd by Julie Hughes, passed unanimously. Dave Lowry will send nominations to SCI on the Zecher's behalf.

Les Paul suggested we continue to have the "Know Your Zecher" column in the newsletter again. Dave Lowry will speak to Carol Preszler about again taking on coordination of this.

Board Meeting adjourned at 2:21pm

General Membership Meeting

Meeting called to order at 3:10pm by President Dave Lowry.

Peggy Schoppe volunteered to record the minutes, as we still need a member to step up and take on these duties.

Thanks were given to our gracious hosts Steve & Suzanne Elliott.

New attendees: Carl Lofthouse attended his 2nd meeting with us and guest Gary Kirsner was also welcomed.

Steve Morris announced the Aug. meeting at the Carvalho's in San Jose and the Ron Fox event in November near LAX.

Dick Hughes provided the financial report as was reported in the Board Meeting Minutes.



Chuck Schoppe asked if anyone has any suggestions or complaints about the newsletter to please let him know. Please submit articles for publication.

New Business -

President Dave Lowry mentioned a November stein auction event near LAX. Erste Gruppe wants to have a get-together with us. A great time is promised, so plan on attending.

Larry Johansen mentioned that his daughter is pregnant. Congratulations!

Chuck has designed DGGZ business cards. Chuck will have them printed and available to the members at the August meeting.

Exhibits of stein displays: Larry Johansen mentioned having a set-up at the Alameda County Fair. A display of musical instruments is at the Oakland Airport, another possible venue for a stein display. Tell Dave Lowry if you have ideas in this regard. Spencer Guay mentioned that he could provide pictures of steins for these displays.

Dick Hughes asked about TSACO's next auction. Gary Kirsner said that the catalog for the May 27th auction will be in the mail on Mon. 4/26.

General Membership Meeting adjourned at 3:22pm.

A very good and informative talk, with slides and stein examples, was then given by Terry Hill of Erste Gruppe on the subject of Richard Riemerschmid, one of Germany's premier industrial, art, and stein designers.

Respectfully Submitted by Dave Lowry, President

Addendum: The annual member's auction held after the meeting, with Julie Hughes again doing a great job as our auctioneer and Peggy Schoppe doing an equally great job as her assistant. A total of \$811.00 was raised for our chapter's coffers! Thank you everyone for supplying the goods and providing the funds!

A thank you card has been sent to our hosts, Steve & Suzanne Elliott.



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