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Three Societies To Hold Annual Meetings AT NAPEX 2010

Air Mail, Colombia/Panama, Australasian/Oceania To Convene At Washington-Area Show

Three national stamp societies — American Air Mail Society, the Colombia/Panama Philatelic Study Group, and Society of Australasian Specialists/Oceania — will hold their annual meetings during NAPEX 2010, the Washington, D.C.-area stamp show, June 4-6, 2010, at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner in McLean, Va.

NAPEX is a World Series of Philately show, one of about 30 "national" shows, and features not only a competitive exhibition of multi-frame stamp and cover exhibits, but also single-frame and literature competitions. In addition, NAPEX 2010 also will offer the second NAPEX single-frame "Alphabet Challenge," in which all the subjects of all exhibits must start with the letter "J."

The American Air Mail Society is the second oldest aerophilatelic society in the world with over 1,500 members worldwide. In addition to its annual convention, it also sometimes holds a spring meeting at a national stamp exhibition -- such as NAPEX. Its Web site can be found at www.americanairmailssociety.org.

The Colombia/Panama Philatelic Study Group was founded in July 1983, the 200th anniversary of the birth of Simon Bolivar, the liberator of Colombia and its first president. The purpose of COPAPHIL is to promote the philately of Colombia and Panama. More information is available at www.copaphil.org.

The Society of Australasian Specialists/Oceania encourages the study and collection of philatelic material of those Pacific Ocean lands mainly south of the Tropic of Cancer, including Australia, New Zealand, their dependencies, and all the Islands of Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia (including Hawaii). Its Web site is at www.sasoceania.org.

Other groups meeting at NAPEX this year include the Universal Ship Cancellation Society, the American Topical Association, American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, the American First Day Cover Society, the Ebony Society of Philatelic Events and Reflections (ESPER), the International Philippine Philatelic Society, Society of Indo-China Philatelists, the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society, the Virginia Postal History Society, the Virginia Philatelic Federation, the Virtual Stamp Club, the Souvenir Card Collector's Society, and Women Exhibitors.

The three-day NAPEX 2010 will also include more than 70 dealers, the U.S. and United Nations postal administrations and Nordica, which represents several Scandinavian countries, and a first day cover cachetmakers bourse. There is a special hotel rate at the Hilton of \$130 a night for NAPEX visitors.

For more information on NAPEX, visit www.napex.org or contact show chairman Darrell Ertzberger at mteton@aol.com.