

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Mark Maestrone

SPI Auction Manager FOUND!

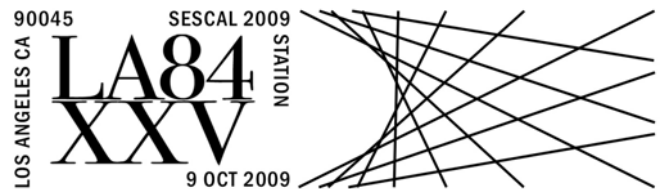
We have a winner! Glenn Estus our “new/old” auction manager has agreed to assume the mantle of command from our temporary king of the auction lots, Andrew Urushima. Glenn, no stranger to this position, served as manager until 2002 when Dale Lilljedahl stepped into the job.

Consignors may begin sending their lots for future auctions directly to: Glenn Estus, PO Box 451, Westport, NY 12993-0451. You may contact Glenn via email at: gestus@westelcom.com.

SPI Convention: Honoring the 25th Anniversary of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games

The time is fast approaching to make your plans to attend the SPI Convention at SESCAL 2009 in Los Angeles from October 9-11.

Our SPI meeting will be on Saturday, Oct. 10 at 1:00 p.m. (time subject to change). The speaker at our meeting will be USPS Art Director, Carl Herrman who has been responsible for the design of over 400 postage stamps for the USPS. These include: Duke Kahanamoku, 1996 Olympic series (three of which are shown below), Beijing Olympics, Sugar Ray Robinson, Babe Ruth, Extreme sports, and Legendary football coaches. The title of his presentation is “Sports Illustrated.”



I am sure that Carl will be happy to sign examples of his artwork following the talk, so don't forget to bring your FD covers, etc.!

This year, SESCAL 2009 is honoring the 25th Anniversary of the Games of the XXIIIrd Olympiad, better known as the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

Courtesy of the Los Angeles Sports Council and U.S. Olympic Committee, we have been permitted to incorporate the official 25th anniversary logo (shown at right) into a special postmark to be used all three days of the show (above).



For those of you with particularly good memories, the design of the postmark (by yours truly) follows the general design of the event postmarks used during those Games, complete with the unusual 3-dimensional killer bars.

Exhibition Venue & Hotel: Radisson Los Angeles Airport, 6225 W. Century Blvd. Rooms are \$125/night single or double occupancy. Call the hotel directly (310-670-9000) to reserve your room no later than September 7 to receive the discount.

Awards Banquet: Sat., Oct. 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Penthouse Ballroom. Tickets are \$45 per person. We'll try to have an SPI table.

Hope to see many of you at the show!

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