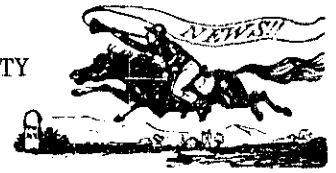


NSSS MEETS THE 2nd and 4th SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH,
AT 2:30 p.m., IN ROOM 203, PHYSICS BUILDING, UNIVERSITY
OF NEVADA. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND.



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POST BOY

NSSS lost another of its founders, Lawrence Wilhite, Larry passed away last Thursday. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Larry and Laura helped form Nevada Stamp Study Society back in 1974. He was one of the forces behind NSSS's first stamp show in Carson City. NSSS owes a lot to Larry and he will be missed.

NSSS's seventh show, NEVPEX 83, is getting closer sooner than we realize. Just three months away. The prospectus is out for both the dealer and the exhibitor. Those persons planning on entering an exhibit should contact the show chairman and obtain the entry form from him. They will be available at all meetings from now until June. We need a lot of participation from our members.

The shows are starting to form up for 1983 so a list of the upcoming events is below. We hope that you will be able to attend a few of these and encourage their members to visit ours in June.

- Mar. 19-20, FRESPEX '83. Fresno County Fair Grounds, Fresno, CA
- Apr. 29-May 1, WESTPEX, Cathedral Hill Hotel, formerly called the Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco, CA

New Issues:

U.S.:

- Mar. 24. 200th anniversary of the treaty of Amity and Commerce between US and Sweden. (Joint issue with Sweden.)
- Apr. 13. Joseph Priestley single commemorative stamp. First day sale at Nothumberland, PA.
- May. 5. 300th anniversary of arrival of German settlers in U.S. First-day sale at Germantown, Pa. (Joint issue with Federal Republic of Germany.)
- May. 17. Brooklyn Bridge 100th anniversary. Single Stamp.
- May. 18. Tennessee Valley Authority 50th anniversary, single stamp.
- May. 25. Railroad Hand Car, regular coil stamp. First day sale, Rochester, N.Y.

What American appears on a 1976 French Stamp?

What harbor, famous in World War II history, appears on a French 1977 stamp?

General Meeting, Feb. 12, 1983

John Ghigliere was the lucky winner of the on-time door prize. Ruthe Dreiling won the raffle. It pays to attend these meetings. They can be rewarding in many ways.

Al Shay commented on his trip to Florida and all the good buys he made at the Miami Beach Stamp Expo.

Ruthe announced the resignation of Gus Geiger, and that she would handle the presidency until Aug. She also read the letter from ATA on their participation in NEVPEX. They left the door open for us to apply in 1987. More on this later.

The mini-auction was held on 5 items, 3 sold.

Ruthe asked each dealer present to give a brief resume of the services they can provide to the members.

Jack Barriage related a letter he received from our industrious member, Cindy Scott. She had received this letter from a collector in New Jersey. He is collecting first day covers on Bobby Jones and Babe Zaharous. Any and all kinds. He would like to contact any member who may have one. This includes the ones we did in the hall, under the instruction of Jack.

A kilo-party followed and all present found some goodies to take home.

Board Meeting, Feb. 23, 1983

The monthly board meeting was held at Ruthe Dreiling's home. Four members were present. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The letter from Linns on the advertising program for NEVPEX was read and noted.

A letter from APS on the nomination of Bill Oliver for director-at-large was presented and signed by those present.

Discussion continued on the need for appointment of a temporary board member and treasurer. Subject was shelved until a full board could be present.

Meeting adjourned with another planned in the near future to handle other subjects that needed full discussion.

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In what U.S. stamp series is the "Broken Hat" issue a variety?

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General Meeting, Feb. 26, 1983

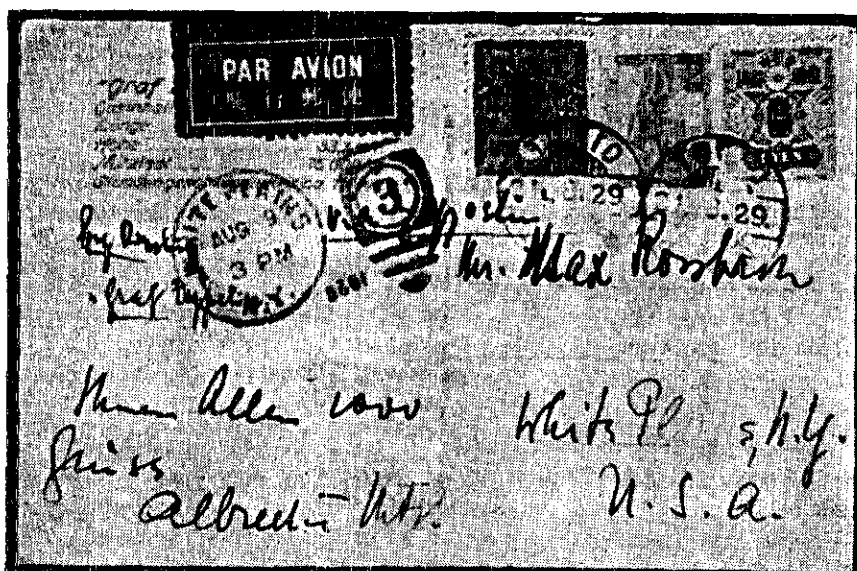
Al Shay was the lucky winner for the early-bird prize, and Bob Norris won the raffle. These winners are getting some nice prizes, so it pays to attend and it pays to be on-time. The drawings start precisely at 2:30 p.m.

These two winners were followed by some more winners at the mini-auction. Many a good item can be bought at very reasonable prices. Another good reason for attending the meetings.

Al Greene reported on the progress of NEVPEX '83. He covered the selection of the cachet and the cancel being provided by the Post Office. Also he asked

for a volunteer to help with the advertising for the program. Al Shay responded, for which, NSSS greatly appreciates his help.

Bob Norris presented a program based on the history of his activities in stamp collecting. Reminiscing on the effect that stamp collecting had on his life and his family. A very interesting side to philately, proving that all those who delve into this fascinating hobby, do so with for a variety of reasons. NSSS thanks Bob for his efforts and his help in the program department.



— Photo by Packy Rossbach

A POSTCARD TO MY FATHER

by J. Howard Rossbach

The illustration shows the address side of a Graf Zeppelin picture post card mailed from Tokyo, Japan, to my late father, Max J. H. Rossbach, at his farm in White Plains, N.Y. via the Graf Zeppelin. At first glance, the speed of the mail seems terrific, since it is postmarked in Tokyo on August 21, 1929 and marked received in White Plains August 9 -- twelve days earlier. An inspection of the lighter, inverted cancel at the bottom of the card shows it arrived in Lakehurst, N.J. on August 29 at 9AM, and it no doubt arrived in White Plains that afternoon.

The sender was the late Count Albrecht von Montgelas, a life-long friend of my father. The message is apparently, "Meinen Allen 1000 Gruse", or, "My many, many greetings". How did Count Montgelas happen to be in Tokyo? Well, he was an adventurous person and was a passenger on the Graf Zeppelin's round-the-world flight. He was a popular man with amny friends to whom he doubtlessly also sent cards. Zeppelin buffs, puzzling over signatures, may get help from this card.

Of course, it can be pointed out that, as a passenger, Count Montgelas could have saved himself some maney by mailing the card from Lakehurst. We are so glad he didn't.

FIRST ROUTE OFFICIALLY OPENED IN WENTWORTH--
THIRTY-SEVEN BOXES UP.

Hamilton, Oct. 10. --- Rural Mail Delivery in Canada along existing stage routes was inaugurated between Hamilton and Ancaster to-day on soil rich in historic interest and typical of older Canada in its comfort, wealth and educational advancement. Nearly two and a half centuries ago LaSalle wandered up Ancaster way in the journey that resulted in his memorable meeting with Joliet before the latter's discovery of the Mississippi. Later came the foundation of Ancaster and the dreams of future greatness, only to be dispelled by the upspringing in turn of Dundas from the Desjardins Canal, and on Hamilton from the coming of the railway. For many years now Ancaster has brooded from her mountain eyrie on her wonderous past, gazing on her greater rivals in the valley below. A little while ago came the steam railway; recently the trolley brought more modernity, and now comes Rural Mail Delivery, the latest word in luxury for farm life.

A red mail collecting wagon of the style familiar to residents of the large cities left the Hamilton post office at 2 o'clock with letters and papers for the people having boxes along the route. This was driven by Captain W. R. Ecclestone, of the Hamilton Post Office, who will be remembered for his excellent postal work with the Canadian troops in South Africa. No letters were gathered until the 25th box -- that of Mr. Walter Vansickle -- was reached at the junction of the Dundas and Ancaster roads. Here a simple ceremonial took place, in which the presiding officer was Mr. George Ross, Chief Superintendent of Post Offices for the Dominion, whose energetic hand is in charge of the installation of the Rural Mail Delivery. Mr. Ross, who was accompanied by Mr. Adam Brown, the veteran postmaster of Hamilton, here found quite a gathering of farmers and others.

A proud man today is Mr. George Wilcox, of Springford. For years with tongue and pen, through the press, by means of private correspondence and otherwise, he has been advocating the cause of Free Rural Mail Delivery. He has encountered many obstacles but has never been discouraged. Even when there was scarcely a glimmer of light ahead, he kept right on. Readers of the Sentinel-Review have been familiar with his work for years. An now that the realization of his great hope is in sight, he is happy. He deserves to be happy.

And so it came about that on the 10th day of October, 1908, a Rural Mail Delivery wagon left the Hamilton Post Office en route for Ancaster, depositing and collecting the country people's mails between the two places, so the newspapers said. I did not see it myself, though my eyesight then was as good as anybody's. It would have been a great pleasure for me to have witnessed the start in business of what they say is a child of mine.

I wish it to be understood that I do not claim to have been the whole thing in the Post Reform Agitation. The farmers of Canada owe a debt of gratitude to Joseph E. Armstrong, M.P., for East Lambton, for valuable assistance in Parliament, and to other members as Hansard would show, and to M.S. Schell, then M.P. for South Oxford, who, in party caucus, urged the Government to give the system a trial, and to the newspapers and farm journals who gave space so freely to my manuscripts and to other Rural Mail Delivery campaign literature, and to also, especially, the Woodstock Sentinel-Review, and the Canadian Daryman and Farming World.

Note: The above article about the first Rural Mail Delivery program was written by George Wilcox, whose efforts resulted in that program being installed.

In the last issue I mentioned a phrase that I recently read concerning the area of collecting. It went like this, "In order to acquire the widest possible philatelic education you should collect as widely as you can". The author continues to explain this statement as an answer to the question, "Where to begin"?, once you have acquired the interest to start stamp collecting. His theory is for the beginning collector to take all the different stamps you can acquire and covering all the different countries you locate, identify them and place them into a general collection. As you develop more information about stamps, countries, and subjects, you will increase your knowledge to the point where you will then begin to specialize. Don't worry about completeness at this time, but tailor your subjects to your ability to pay for them. One can start collecting stamps, free, by just soaking them off the mail one has access to.

At this stage of the game, collecting should be for the fun of it and for acquiring knowledge. Not that collecting will change from fun to seriousness, it should not be for the chance of making money.

Beginners can make mistakes without the proper knowledge. At the beginning of my collecting I can recall going through all the old mail in the attic of our home in Chicago, trying to find stamps I did not have. They were mostly of the issue of the early 1900's. When I found one, I would tear it off the envelope and soak it off the paper and hinge to my album. I wish I would have kept the whole envelope, intact. Especially the less common stamps that circulated in those days. My ambition was to locate the 'bear', from St. Louis. My cousin and I had heard about someone who found some of these St. Louis bears in a trash bin, and we had heard how valuable they were and now we had hopes of doing the same thing. I still have not seen one.

So at the beginning of stamp collecting you start with a lot, sort out the good stuff, set a goal and start learning.

The quote, by the way, was from Ken Wood's, "Bais Philately".

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What is shown on the air post special delivery stamps of 1934?

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Sparks, NV 89431
Dick & Dee Dreiling

Sierra Stamps Etc.,
P.O.Box 922,
Sparks, NV 89431
Bill & Laura Brew

Silver Circle Stamps
522 California Ave.,
Reno, NV 89509
Roger Lauderdale

Silver State Stamps
P.O.Box 2083
Sparks, NV 89431
Art Swanson
Canadian & Norway, Used

Whichcraft Covers
P.O. Box 1481
Sparks, NV 89431
Lois Willick

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FOR SALE

COLLECTIONS ARE IN SPECIALTY ALBUMS

ACCUMULATIONS ARE SCOTT NUMBERED AND IN GLASSINES AND CLASSIFIERS

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BR.OCEANIA INCLUDING NEW
ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA
CANADA
ARGENTINA
BOLIVIA
BRASIL

CANAL ZONE
COLOMBIA
COSTA RICA
CUBA

DOMINICAN REP.
ECUADOR
GUATAMALA
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PARAGUAY
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EL SALVADOR
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Ans:

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2. Dunkirk.
3. 1893 Columbian Series.
4. The Great Seal of the United States.

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