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THE 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

We hope that all members will be present at the 1st meeting in August. We would like to present to you the results of NEVPEX'83 and what was accomplished this year. The last three years have shown a vast improvement and we feel that htis year was no exception. One thing that for sure, our club is heading toward the right direction. With the Universal Ship Cancellation Society cosponsoring NEVPEX'84 and the American Topical Association being with us in 1987 and American Philatelic Society possibly meeting with us in 1988, we feel our growth will continue. All that is required for us to have the APS in 1988 is a letter requesting their presence, which has already been written and mailed. At present only 1985 and 1986 are open, and the board members are working on those years. We feel reasonably assured another major national organization will have their meetings here for those years.

The cachets were a success, probably our best year. We did this by ordering and preparing less covers, which resulted in 100% complete sellout. That is the way to do it. These figures may create a bigger demand for future show covers, as collectors realize the market will not be flooded as other shows, including ours, have done in the past.

The nomination and selection for new officers is coming up in August. We will be needing anomination committee again and nominees. I hope that all members that are asked to run for an office will willingly respond to the call. the more active the members are in a club the more successfull the club will become. We have a fine nucleaus for growing.

The following is an update of shows that are to take place in our area:

Aug. 6-7 East Bay Collectors Exhibition and Bourse, Scottish Rite Temple 1547 Lakeside Dr., Okland, CA.

Sept. 24 HUBNEX Marysville, CA. Peachtree Mall.

Sept. 24-5 NORBAPEX, Santa Rosa, CA, El Rancho Tropicana Motel, 2200 Santa Rosa Ave.

Sept. 30-2 CALPEX '83, Scottish Rite Temple, 1270 Sutter At., San Francisco Oct. 14-15 UTAPEX, West Valley City, Utah, VAlley Fair Mall, 3601 S. 2700 W.

The following issues will be on the market in the next few weeks:

U.S.

Aug. ? Civil Service

Aug. 3 Paralysed Veterans

Aug. 5 Olympics

Aug. 14 Eagle

Aug. ? Dorothy Dix

Sept. 2 Treaty of Paris

Sept. 14 Opera

Sept. 21 Inventers

Canada

Aug. 3 Humphrey Gilbert

Aug. 12 Nickle

Sept. 16 Founders

United Nations

Sept. 23 Flags

Meeting convened at 7:45 p.m. with Ruthe Dreiling conducing. Those in attendence were Ruthe Dreiling, Jack Barriage, Doug Willick, Al Greene, Gloria Greene, and Bill Brew.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported that NSSS had \$483.40 plus the treasury certificate Discussion began on the participation of the dealers and their responses to NEVPEX '83. Also the responses of the exhibitors were listed. Both catagories looked promising to a good show.

The auction at the show was discussed as there was a conflict in the time and date with the meeting of the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies. Both had been scheduled to meet at 1 P.M. This problem was resolved.

Frame storage was discussed and it was agreed that after the show the frames would be stored closed to the show site.

The bill from the university was presented and passed to bepaid.

The budget for advertising was increased by \$200.00.

Doug Willick would do the program at the June 11, meeting.

Ruthe Dreiling read a letter from Bill Oliver thanking us for his support to the APS board.

New badges will be made up for members prior to the show. As new members are received their bagdes would be made at that time. Also inactive members would have their badges made up when they renew their membership.

The APS Judges for the show would be Everett Earl, Steve Schuman, and Wayne Menuz.

Jack Barriage reported on the insurance program for the club and the show.

Security for the show was discussed and the furnishing of food was planned. Also local advertising was covered.

Jack Barriage announced that for NEVPEX' 84 the Coast Guard at Lake Tahoe would honor us with the use of their cancel, for our covers.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

## General Meeting July 9, 1983

The meeting started at 2:30 p.m. with the on time award going to Cindy Scott and the raffle was won by Jack Barriage.

Three new members were introduced. Clifton and Louise Fair and Wade Taylor.

Al Greene reported on NEVPEX '83. All show covers were sold.

Gloria presented the treasurers report with the club now having \$1506.74. But, there were a lot of bills outstanding at this time.

Al Greene presented a short discussion on line pairs, which covered the reason of grading by density of the line between the stamps.

The visitors were introduced. Roland Kriel, a new member, Bob Hamilton, Wade Taylor, a new member, Jim Hutchinson and Clifton Fair, a new member.

Cindy Scott presented the main program, which was on Babe Ruth. She had the members present design a cachet relating to baseball andthe Babe. She first covered the history of Babe Ruth to give us a background and an insight to his life. Every one enjoyed the opportunity to participate.

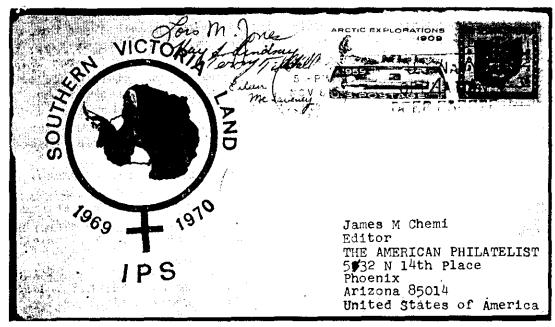
The meeting concluded with the members designing cachets. Adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting convened at 2:30 p.m. with the raffle being won by Laura Brew. The guests were Jamie and Jonna Patton and Clarence H. Brew

Jack discussed the joint show for NEVPEX '87 with the American Topical Association, whose board sent us a letter conforming this. Also Jack mentioned that the Univisal Ship Cancelation Society would be with us in 1984, and that the local baloonist would carry our cachets for the show on a trip from Reno to Stead.

Larry Scott spoke briefly on his experiences with the Canadian Post Office. Nan Bittner commented on her experiences with the Pony Express cancel and here discussion with the woman who was doing them.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.



Four women scientists from Ohio State University have autographed this Antarctica cover which marks the first time the fairer sex has participated in South Polar research. Cachet shows female sex symbol surrounding map of Antarctica, often referred to as "no woman's land."

## Women "Invade" Antarctica

22 Covers prove it. Yes-Anatarctica-the last "no woman's land" on earth-is or has now been conquered by the fair sex. Not just recently, but in 1970. During the "Operation Deep Freeze", four women scientists from the Ohio State University Institute of Polar Studies, Columbus, Ohio were conducing scientific studies at a base about 50 miles from the McMurdo Naval Station in Antarctica.

These women recorded their feat with the above cover, which includes their signatures. It was canceled on the day of their arrival. There were only 22 of them created.

The women scientists were assigned the task to determine the processes of chemical weathering in the ice free Wright Valley area of Southern Victoria Land from Nov. to Feb. of 1970. They maintained daily radio contact with the remote McMurdo Base and about once each 10 days they fly to the naval station by heliocopter to use the research facilities located there.

The women were Dr. Lois M. Jones, the leader of the group, Mrs.Kay L Lindsay, Miss Terry Lee Tuckhill and Mrs. Eileen R. McSaveney.

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IRELAND-- What religious leader appears on a 1979 commemorative?

Maple leaves appear on a 1967 stamp. What was the occasion?

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## Origin of U. S. Railway Post Office

Probably no other single event in United States postal history put such stress on speed as the inaugural over a century ago of the famed Pony Express. The pony riders were constantly fighting time in their wild dashes between St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California.

Often the riders at the St. Joseph terminal were delayed in their starts while post office clerks consumed valuable time in sorting the newly arrived mail from Eastern points via the only rail link—the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad, which brought mail sacks from West Quincy to St. Joe.

The delay in mail routes once letters reached St. Joe prompted William A. Davis, an assistant to the postmaster, to ponder how delays could be avoided. He came up with the idea: Why not sort mail in transit? He set out to put the idea into operation—and thus was born the first distributing railway post office car, forerunner of today's intriciate nation—wide network of U. S. Railway Post Offices, which of course, has been replaced by other means of transportation.

But, few collectors associate the Pony Express with the origin of the railway post office. It's a fact. Those eager pony riders, dedicated in providing the citizens of California with a quick mail link with the rest of the Union, prodded the U.S. Post Office Department to keep pace with them by putting more speed into transcontinental mail service at the St. Joseph connecting point.

In 1960, a rerun was made with volunteer riders and the help of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad (successor to the old Hannibal & St. Joseph). A cachet was made and cancelled by the Saint Joseph Post Office and the Hannibal & St. Joseph R.R. The later was a reprint of the original cancel. Even the rail car was created in the original design of the old Hannibal post office car. The rail distance was 206 miles and the average speed was 50 mph.

With the inauguration of this new sorting method mail service was speeded up as much as 14 hours, which in those days was great feat. Now you know the reast of the story.

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CANADA-- In 1970 a Canadian Minister of Labor was kidnapped and killed. His picture is on a seven-cent stamp issued in 1971. Who was he?

What birds are shown on the 1946 airmail stamps?

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In today's world stamps from other countries placed on U. S. Máil would not be accepted by the Post Office, with the exception of the United Nations. That goes for other countries in which U.S. Postage was placed on an envelope for mail to the U.S. or whatever country was its destination. But, that was not always so. Next month there will be an article about United States Stamps Used in Japan.

The following members have recently joined NSSS and there are listed as follows so you may correct your roster:

Wade Taylor, 3002 Wrondel Way, Unit #24, 825-3773. Reno, NV Clifton and Louise Fair, 17790 Blackbird Dr., Reno, NV 89506, 677-0444

It is time to renew your membership in NSSS. Please pay your dues to Gloria Greene prior to Aug. 31, 1983. Those members that renew prior to that date will receive their new badges. These will be permanent badges to be cared for by the member. There is the possiblility that in the future there will be certain prizes or awards to be given only to those members present with their badges. That is just a possibility, but it should encourage a member to wear them at the meetings.

With the help of John Bower, a non-member, Al Greene and Bill Brew managed to put together the framework for attaching to the skids, which will nowbe capable of carrying 22 to 25 frames. We will need two more skids to carry the other 50 frames, by 1984. This will facilitate the carrying of the frames to and from shows, which in the past have been a back breaker.

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What U.S. issue of 1901 signalled the dawning of the industrial age? Who is on the twenty-one-cent stamp of the 1938 definitive set?

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At the end of this month a new slate of officers will be nominated for the present positions. The board will be selecting a nominating committee, please be prepared to serve if you are asked to do so.

The form below can be used to submit you renewal and send it to Gloria Greene, P.O.Box AD, Sparks, NV 89431

NSSS Attn: Gloria Greene, Treasurer P.O. Box AD Sparks, NV 89431

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