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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 are in the process of the changing of the guard. It will be up to the members to decide who will be president, treasurer, secretary and board member for the next two years. The election ballots are included in this issue of Post-Boy. Please mail them in prior to Sept. 9 so they can be counted at the meeting of Sept. 10. You may bring them in to the meeting, which would be the best method. Also have your dues paid to date, so your vote will count.

The first meeting in Sept. Sept. 10th will be a new type of program which is being tested at this time. It will be member's bourse. You bring the table and pay NSSS \$5.00 and you can sell all your dupes or any other philatelic item you may want to part with.

We are trying this is lieu of an auction. The setting up of an auction requires the work of several people, which in turn, results in errors and other problems. If you still want to have an auction after this meeting please let the board know about your desires. If someone would like to take the responsibility to set up an auction from start to finish, on a free-no pay- basis, fell free to let us know. Contact Al Greene first to clear a date for it, as Al is the program chairman.

Al also put the frames onto the skids to the skids are now ready to have the frames placed on them. Al Greene put a lot of work into this project and NSSS thanks him for his effort.

It is great to have Dick and Dee Dreiling back in the neighborhood. Dick is now stationed at Fallon at the Navy Base, where he plans to spend his final hitch with the service. Fallon puts them within hollowing distance now.

The annual picnic will be held on Sept. 24th. The location has not been decided at this time, but the members will be informed of thatat the Sept. 10th meeting.

Last Post-Boy had blank renewal notices in it. I hope that members not attending the meetings toke advantage of that and mailed in their dues. We have set the Meeting at Sept. 10 as the final meeting for receiving dues. We then will have the list sent to the people for making the badges. If we do not receive your dues by then, all badges after that will require a \$2.50 charge. So sent it in now and save some money.

If the members would like to have their annual Christmas party, the board would like to have suggestions about the location. I know it is early to talk about Christmas parties, but many of the locations have already been booked and the sooner we find out what the members want the sooner we can firm up a date. Please let us know your opinions.

General Meeting Aug. 13, 1983

Ruthe Dreiling conducted the meeting which promptly started at 2:30 p.m. The winner of the on-time prize of two tickets for dinner at the Riverside Hotel, donated through the efforts of Ruthe was won by Dorothy Johnson. Catherine Cole was the lucky winner of the raffle.

A nominating committee of Jack Barriage, Cindy Scott, and Dorothy Johnson was selected to produce names for the upcoming elections.

Al Shay noted that Old Towne Mall would like to have a stamp exhibition on their grounds one of these days. A date would be selected later.

Al Greene responded to Ruthe's request for a volunteer to handle the programs. NSSS thanks Al for taking such a difficult task.

Refreshments were volunteered by the following: Jack Barriage for the last meeting in Aug. Jessie Rogers and Dorothy Johnson for Sept. Larry Scott for November. We need Oct. and Dec. filled. Please give us a hand.

It was announced that Sept. 10th would be the members bourse and the election of new officers. Plan to attend.

Bil Mohler announced that his two daughters were leaving for extended trips. Sonja would be going to Saudi Arabia with her mother, and Holly would be going to Geneva, Switzerland. NSSS wished them a pleasant and enjoyable adventure.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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When did the U.S. stop issuing stamps for Cuba?

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Board Meeting Aug. 23, 1983

The meeting convened at the Riverside Hotel, with Ruthe Dreiling conducting and those in attendance were Jack Barriage, Al Greene, Gloria Greene, Jessie Rogers and Bill Brew.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer reported that we now have \$464.07 in the checking account and \$1278.66 in the money market certificate.

The treasurer reported that NEVPEX '83 presented us with a profit of \$1097.54. This will be used for the clubs expenditures for NEVPEX '84 and other necessities to run the club.

Jack Barriage presented a list of nominees for the upcoming elections.

Jack also read a letter from Bob Rollins, who is with the Universal Ship Cancellation Society pertaining to their participation in NEVPEX '84. Jack would respond to Mr. Rollins.

A discussion continued on badges for members and the use of envelopes with the NSSS logo in the mailing of the Post-Boy. Bill Brew would look into the cost of the envelopes.

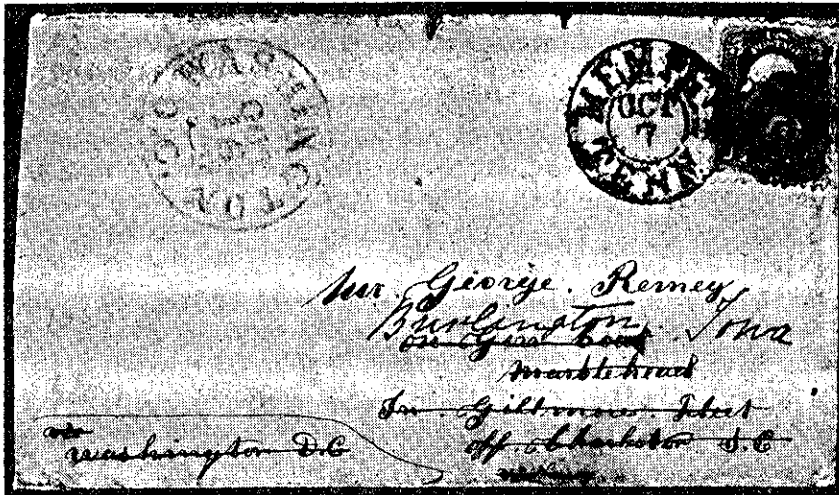
It was voted that John Bower would be reimbursed for his materials that he used to construct the frames for the skids.

The awards for NEVPEX '84 were discussed and it was decided that new awards along with the plaques and ribbons. One ounce silver bars was suggested and approved.

It was proposed and approved that the Junior bourse table be abolished due to lack of interest.

The next board meeting will be held on Sept. 22nd at the Riverside Hotel. Members are invited to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



The Story Behind the Cover

by A. Colton Park

What anyone sees in a cover such as this depends on his viewpoint. A non-collector would see "an old envelope with a stamp on it". The philatelist would see "a good US No. 65 killed by black concentrics and tied to the cover by double circle MEMPHIS TENN OCT 7 with a second postmark at upper left WASHINGTON D.C. OCT 1863 (year date faint)". A philatist-historian would see all this plus the pleasure of researching the story behind the cover.

Our cover is addressed

Mr. George Remy
on Gun boat Marblehead
In Gilmores Fleet
off Charleston S. C.

with the notation in the lower left corner "via Washington D.C." All but the George Remy has been crossed out and a forwarding to Burlington, Iowa written over. Who was Remy? Was there a Marblehead? What was Gilmores Fleet? And why was delivery not made to the addressee "off Charleston"?

George Remy was United States Navy Lieutenant George C Remy and there was a U.S.S. Marblehead on which Lieutenant Remy served. He was second in command of the vessel, originally under Lieutenant (late Lieutenant Commander) Somerville Nicholson and the from January to August 1863 under Lieutenant Commander Robert W. Scott.

The U.S.S. Marblehead was indeed, as our cover says, a Federal gunboat, Marblehead had been built by private contractors and launched at Newburyport, Massachusetts October 16, 1861. She was commissioned at Boston Navy Yard March 8 the following year and ten days later put to sea for Hampton Roads and support of General George C. McClellan on the Peninsula. In July of

1862 Secretary of the Navy Gideon Welles ordered her south to Port Roayl and the South Atlantic Blockading Squadron and Marblehead was on blockade duty when Admiral Dahlgren ordered Lieutenant Remy detached for special service.

The addressing to "Gillmores Fleet" slowed our search a bit. Seeking a naval officer named Gillmore, with sufficient rank to command a fleet, was to no avail. It turned out, of course, that Gillmore was Army - - not Navy - - and any fleet he might have would be of such small launches and oar-propelled boats as an army unit stationed along a body of water might be expected to have. Why Lieutenant Remy's friend in Memphis thought Gillmore was Navy and had a "fleet" we do not know.

Quincy Adams Gillmore, was commissioned Brigadier of Volunteers April 28, 1862 and Major General July 10, 1863, was of an engineering background. He was Chief Engineer of the Port Royal expedition of 1861-62 and it was he who devised the plans that reduced Fort Pulaski at Savannah. General Gillmore went on to important service as commander of Federal land forces planning the recapture of Fort Sumter in the summer of '63. His Navy counterpart was Admiral Dahlgren.

By the first week of September 1863 there was agreement between Dahlgren, at sea off Charleston, and Gillmore on Morris Island, that an assault should be made against the fort in Charleston harbor. At 11:45 the morning of Sept. 8 Admiral Dahlgren sent word from his Flag Steamer Philadelphia to General Gillmore that "I am organizing an expedition for to-night....." It was the Admiral's intention that some 150 Navy officers and men would be involved, under the direction of Lieutenant George C. Remy. During the day this force was increased to 500, to be headed by Commander T. H. Stevens. AT 7:00 p.m. that evening Gillmore sent a telegram (by visual signal) to Dahlgren that he intended to do the same and that there should be one commander.

The Navy thought there should be a Navy Commander and this conflicted with the Army. As a result an operation began which was doomed at the start.

Due to lack of organization and untried in tactical maneuvers, the Navy had three killed and 20 wounded and left 100 officers and seamen to be captured. Included was Lt. Remy.

That George Remy had been taken prisoner at Sumter was not known to his Memphis friend when the friend wrote on Oct. 7. But the Navy Dept. knew and on Oct. 16 sent the letter to Burlington, no doubt Remy's home city. We find one more reference to our lieutenant, From Richland Jail, Columbia South Carolina dated May 10, 1864 was transmitted the request of Lt. Commander E. P. Williams, U.S. Navy to Commodore Rowan then commanding the South Atlantic Blockading Squadron, that he be given \$840 in gold for distribution among the Union officers being held prisoner there, including \$100 for Lt. Remy. There is no record that Remy received the \$100. We don't know that he received this letter from his Memphis friend either. But we do know that the cover from Memphis to Charleston via Washington did make the base for this "Story".

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What ship is shown on a tree-cent commemorative issued in 1947?

What ship appears on the fourteen-cent postal card of 1978?

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General Meeting Aug. 27, 1983

Ruthe Dreiling conducted the meeting and Bill Brew was the on time winner of two dinner tickets to the Riverside Hotel, and Dick Dreiling was the raffle winner.

Ruthe announced that dues must be paid now as it is holding up the stamping of the badges for the members who have their dues paid at this time. Ruthe also announced that the junior bourse table was being disbanded and the material will be donated to the VA hospital or some organization that could use it.

It was announced that a work party would be held on Wed. the 31st at the stroage room to finish up the skids and placing the frames on them.

The first meeting in Sept. will be the members bourse tables. If a member plans to participate, it will be \$5.00 to the club and bring ones own card table.

The Post-Boy edition will contain the ballots with the new nominees for pres. secty, treas, and board member. The election will be held at the Sept. 10th meeting. All members who have paid their dues will be elligable to vote.

Larry Scott presented a fine slide presenation on their recenttrip to China. In spite of the beauty of the area and the friendliness of the people, America is still the best place to live. The Scotts spent 21 days there and covered a lot of the China area. Some not on the scheduled tour, but from the descriptions Larry and his wife presented to us and the slides to illustrate and enlighten us, those present felt it would be a fascinating place to visit.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

MAIL THE ENCLOSED BALLOT TO

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Rudick Enterprizes
P.O.Box 2324
Sparks, NV 89431
Dick & Dee Dreiling

Sierra Stamps Etc.,
P.O. Box 922,
Sparks, NV 80431
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

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

Ans. to quiz questions:

1. Pope John Paul II (IRELAND)
2. The Centenary of Canadian Confederation (IRELAND)
3. Pierre Laporte (CANADA)
4. Canadian Geese (CANADA)
5. The Pan American Exposition Series (USA)
6. Chester A. Arthur (USA)