

P.O. BOX AD, SPARKS, NV 89432

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



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The month of July showed a decrease in membership attendance. Which is expected, as July is one of the better vacation months. We hope that as the year develops attendance will increase back to its normal figures.

I WILL MENTION IT NOW. DUES ARE DUE AT THIS TIME. IF YOU PAY YOUR DUES, \$6.00 per person, \$9.00 per family, \$10.00 dealers, AT THE NEXT MEETING IN AUGUST, ALL WILL BE FORGIVEN. IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND THE MEETING, PLEASE MAIL THE DUES TO P.O. BOX AD, SPARKS, NV 89432. THEY WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE TREAS.

In Sept. we will be having our annual picnic at the Rock Road park on the Truckee River. The time will be from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., on Sept. 8th. Saturday. The club will furnish the hamburgers, hotdogs, and drinks. Please plan to bring a salad or dessert. The board will contact you later this month to find out who will bring what. We will be looking forward to seeing you there and enjoy a nice relaxing afternoon.

Our next club project will be the Reno Air Races, which will be held on Sept. 13, 14, 15, & 16. We hope our covers will be the hit of the show. there has been further developments on this program which will be announced in the near future.

Our program for the coming Sat. will be a guest speaker, Norman Weitzel, who is developing a stamp collecting program for the Washoe County School District.

The USPS has been promoting Stamp Collecting Month, October, and it would be an incentive for NSSS to try to create some ideas for the promotion of our hobby. Al Shay had suggested that we hold an exhibit for the Old Town Mall, however, the Mall changed directors and preparations will have to be made again. There is the idea of manning a booth at the various fairs in the area, with the use of our projector and a variety of slide programs. If anyone has ideas on this subject step forward and present them to the board or at the regular meeting.

The board meeting will be held on Thurs. Aug. 16. 8:00 p.m. at the Riverside Hotel, room 209.

Members are asking how NSSS fared on the NEVPEX show for 1984. The bills for the show have not been completely received at this time, but we hope to have a complete report by the second meeting in August.

We do need programs for the remaining meetings for this year. There is scheduled a white elephant sale for the second meeting in September. If you have any ideas or suggestions or would like to present a program yourself, please contact Al Greene.

The following stamps will be issued in the near future :

United States

Aug. 6 Horace Moses .25 Bloomington, IN 47401  
Aug. 9 Smokey Bear .20 Washington, DC 20066  
Aug. 18 Roberto Clemente, .20 Carolina, PR 00630  
Sept. 7 Dogs, .20 Block of 4, New York, NY 10001  
Sept. John McCormack  
Sept. Crime Prevention  
Oct. 1 Family Unity Shaker Heights, OH 44120

Canada

Aug. 15 Glacier National Park, \$1.00  
Aug. 17 Roman Catholicism  
Aug. 31 Papal Visit  
Sept. 21 Lighthouses, .32 se-tenant  
Oct. 25 Steam Locomotives, set of 4, 2-.32 se-tenant, 1-.37  
1-.64.

United Nations

Sept. 21 Flags, 16 different countries, .20 ea. in sheets, four countries in blocks of 4 per sheet.

The following shows will be presented in the near future:

Sept. 7-8 BNAPEX, '84, Sir Francis Drake Hotel, San Francisco  
Sutter and Powell St.,  
Sept. 8-9 East Bay Collectors, Broadway & 10th St., Oakland.  
Sept. 22-23 NORBAPEX, '84, Santa Rosa, CA El Rancho Tropicana  
2200 Santa Rosa Ave,  
Sept. 29-30 HUBPEX '84. Marysville, CA Peach Tree Mall, 6000  
Lindhurst Ave.,  
Oct. 12-14 CALPEX '84, Scottish Rite Auditorium, 1270 Sutter ST.,  
at Vanness Ave., San Francisco, CA  
Oct. 19-21 SESCOAL, '84, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Blvd.,  
Los Angeles, CA  
Oct. 14 STAMPEX '84, Black Angus Restruant, 220 Commercial SE,  
Salem, OR.

End of the Line at 50

by  
Geoffrey Brewster

The 1-cent Canal Zone stamp with a portrait of Maj. Gen. William Crawford Gorgas reached its 50th and presumably last birthday on Oct. 3, 1978. Under the terms of the Panama Canal treaties the Canal Zone Postal Service is scheduled to be terminated on Oct. 1, 1979.

The 1-cent was the second stamp issued in the Canal Zone's permanent series. Although it was available for distribution on Oct. 1, 1928, the day the 2-cent first class letter rate stamp with a portrait of Maj. Gen. George Washington Goethals was released, Canal Zone officials chose to issue it two days later, on the birthday of Gen. Gorgas, whose effective control of the mosquito carriers of yellow fever and malaria did much to make construction of the canal possible. Despite its commemorative date of issue, the 1-cent Gorgas is a definitive.

Canal Zone philatelists believe that the 1-cent Gorgas is not only the world's oldest stamp in normal use, but also the holder of the world record for the longevity of normal use of a stamp.

Norway's Posthorn stamps, first issued in 1872 and in use for 106 years, can claim the world's oldest stamp design in continuous use. However, there have been slight changes in design, and changes in denominations, colors and methods of printing, with no single stamp in use as long as 50 years. The 1-cent Gorgas surely has the honors for the stamp in use without any change in design, color or denomination.

The only other stamps that even come close to its record are other Canal Zone issues. The 5-cent Blackburn is only a little less than a year younger; the 10-cent Hodges, 15-cent Smith and 20-cent Rousseau are each well over 46 years old; and the 3-cent Goethals is 44 years old. Other old timers in the permanent series the 2-cent Roosevelt, 5-cent Stevens, 25-cent Wallace and 30-cent Williamson are relative youngsters at between 38 and 20 years old.

The 1-cent Gorgas has undergone some small changes during its half century of use. Printing is still on the same old flatbed presses at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington, from four plates made in 1928 or four more in 1953. The ink varies from the yellow green of 1928 to the green of today. The paper is thicker now. The gum has changed from yellow to white to the 'flat' or dull gum of today. And instead of the sheets of 400 being separated into four panes of 100 by knives cutting along imperforate guide lines, with resultant straight edges, today the guide lines are perforated and the panes separated by tearing along them.

Aside from these small changes the 1-cent Gorgas is the same today as it was in 1928 -- a record not likely to be equaled.

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1. Pulchritude possesses solely cutaneous profundity.
2. Scintillate, scintillate asteroid minified.
3. Members of avian species of identical plumage congregate.
4. Surveillance should precede saltation.

answers next issue.

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How To Get From Here To There  
-A Junior Project

So often it is said that our collectors of tomorrow are our juniors of today. It is every word the truth. Years ago I helped a 6th grade teacher to set up a very simple project to get to her charges. It seemed her students were uninterested in who lived where or how to get there.

I went to the AAA(American Automobile Association) for a road map of our state. Then I took it to a supervisor of a shipping room who had it mounted on a large piece of cardboard. A walk to a stationery store netted me with several boxes of short, round headed pins. The teacher was told to obtain all colors of thread from her students which made them part of the project. Next came a sample of a template to measure 2 x 4 inches. Sat down with the teacher and explained my idea which included having every student bring all the envelopes they could to school.

Each student then cut the upper right corner from the envelope after marking it with the template. Each brought lotsof envelopes as they did not want to be outdone by their neighbor. As the students matched the town names on the cancellation with their locations on the map, they fastened the 2 x 4 on to the outer edge of the map with a coloredpin andmatching pin on the city or town with the colored thread to connect the pins. It caused a sensation! In fact, it shocked the teacher! She did not know how many live wires she had until this project got under way.

Consider other projects on this same theme. Participation is the key.

The above article was taken from the latest APS News Letter.

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Japan.

1. In what year did the first airmail stamps ofJapan appear?
2. What national park is the subject of a 1953issue?

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It was 6 a.m. Sunday morning, much to early for a phone to ring, but it did ring.

"This is Doctor s0-and-so in White Plains. My kid is bugging hell out of me. He insists that he has a stamp exactly like the one you sold for \$7,000. It has Franklin on it, it is green and he is sure it is the rare one. Can we come to see you?"

We tried to assure him on the phone that there were a number of 1c green Franklin stamps, most of which sold for about a cent each, and that one of them even had the exact same perforations as the rare one. His son was not convinced.

"Please let me come to see you. The kid won't leave me alone."  
We told him to proceed; White Plains was only about 20 miles from Shrub Oak.

The doorbell rang, and father and son were at the door. Nervously, the son took out the stamp. It did not have to leave his hand for usto recognize it.

"I am sure it No. 596", the boy said, his hand was shaking as he extended the stamp.

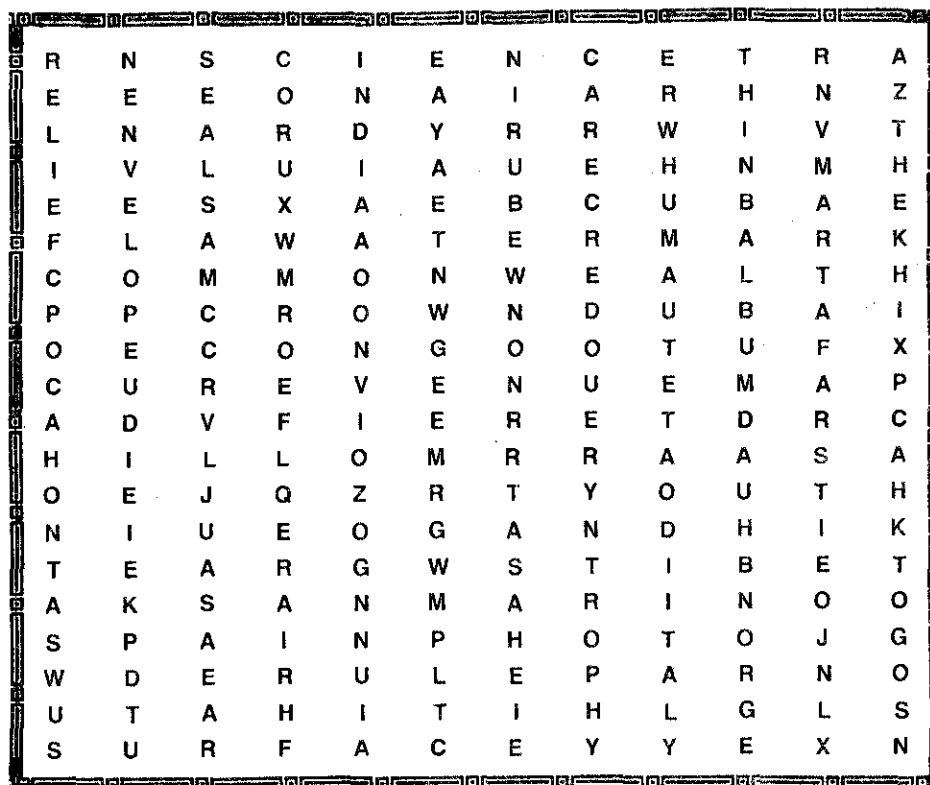
"I'm sorry", we told him, "but I can see without picking it up that it is not No. 596. It is No. 597."

"Damn it", the boy said, adding a few other choice profanities to the remark, "I missed it by one!"

The above story actualy happened after the headlines were printed that "COMMON ONE CENT STAMP BRINGS OVER \$7,000, was printed in a local paper.

## STAMPUZZLE

### The Philatelic Find-a-Word



Hidden in this puzzle are words familiar to stamp collectors everywhere. The words run forward, backward, and diagonally, upward or downward. See how many of the terms listed below you can find in the STAMPUZZLE (then turn to page 56 for the solution).

#### PHILATELIC TERMS

cover  
envelope  
thin  
flaw  
tear  
surface  
photo  
revenue  
album  
seals  
error  
die  
trophy  
pelure  
relief  
mart  
burin  
watermark  
perforations

#### U.S. STAMPS

<i>Scott No.</i>	<i>Name</i>
1439	Care
1174	Gandhi
858	Map
330	Pocahontas
1237	Science
950	Utah
1342	Youth
1139	Credo

#### PHILATELIC HISTORY

Hill  
Steinway

#### REGIONS

Norge  
Italy  
Togo  
China  
Afars  
Commonwealth  
Saar  
Cuba  
Congo  
Sudan  
Spain  
Tibet  
India  
Eire  
San Marino  
Dubai  
Barbados  
Tahiti  
Niue

Rudick Enterprizes  
P.O.Box 2324  
Sparks, NV 89432  
Dick & Dee Dreiling

Sierra Stamps Etc,  
P.O.Box 922  
Sparks, NV 89432  
Bill & Laura Brew

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

Silver State Stamps  
P.O.Box 2083  
Sparks, NV 89432  
Art & La-Retta Swanson  
Canadian & Norway, Used

Japan:

1. 1919 (Air Post Stamps)
2. Unzen National Park

Ans. to jumble sayings and puzzle will be printed next issue