



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.



STAMP  
STUDY  
SOCIETY

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POST BOY

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- Treas: Gloria Greene
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- Representatives:
  - APS: Ruthe Dreiling
  - CNCPS: Jessie Rogers
  - AFDCS: Dick Dreiling
  - COPO: Al Greene

It is now November and a recent glance at the paid renewals indicated that several of our regular members still have not paid their dues. If you are not sure that you have paid them, please contact Gloria Greene. We would miss you very much if you have not renewed your membership.

We removed the exhibits at the Reno Public Library, which have been on display for the month of October. This was in response to the request of Larry Casteel, of the United States Postal Service, and in connection with Stamp Collecting month. The response was very favorable as told us by the Reno Public Library, and they would like to have us do it again next year. I want to thank Jack Barriage, Ruthe Dreiling and Doug Willick for providing exhibits for this event. Without these previously prepared exhibits it would have never been able to do this project on such a short notice. Larry also mentioned that the response from the youngsters at Carson City was also enthusiastic and the end result could be more collectors developing over the years.

On Oct. 13th, Dave Starr presented us with a very interesting program and slide show covering the subject of Postal Cards. The slide show was provided by the Post Card Collectors Society. All those that attended were well rewarded by this fine presentation.

On Oct. 27th, Jack Barriage brought us up to date on the latest information on cachet making and interesting covers. His program was informative and inspiring. He'll make cachet makers out of us, yet.

November 10th, Dick Dreiling will have charge of the program and as past experience has shown, his will be enjoyable, interesting and informative. Don't miss it.

November 24th, Bill Oliver, from Sacramento, will be our guest speaker. His subject will be "The Japanese occupation of the Philippines". This should be another fine program for this year. Bill will be traveling 142 miles to give us this information, and as most of us live within 30 miles of UNR, why not take a little time off from your Saturday duties and give Bill a good reception.

Dec. 8th, will be our annual Christmas party, at Toki-Ono's in Carson City. It was excellent last year, so don't miss this fun event.

Dec. 22nd, Larry Scott will be at the podium and being a fine speaker, Larry will be sure to have an exciting program for us.

In Jan. our first meeting will be presented by Gus Geiger, who will bring us up-to-date on German philately. The second meeting will be a white elephant sale. A good opportunity to pass on those duplicate Christmas gifts.

In Feb. there is the possibility of a philatelic auction, with all members bringing in their duplicate items or other philatelic selections that they would like to pass on to the members.

So please mark the above dates on your calendar, in **BIG BOLD LETTERS**, so as not to miss this set of fine programs.

#### General Meeting, Oct. 13, 1984

The meeting was opened by President Bill Brew. The winner of the on-time drawing was Gloria Greene, who won four covers of the air races. Hugo Havet won the raffle, which amounted to \$7.00.

Dick Dreiling reported on the progress of the 1985 exhibition. Also he stated that the Riverside Hotel offers coupons for gambling, and drinks, along with the reserved rooms. The American Topical Association has requested three rooms- one for the president, one for the executive suite, and the Sierra Room will be for the hospitality room.

Dave Starr presented a very interesting and informative slide program on postal cards.

Dick Dreiling conducted a mini-auction.

Meeting adjourned.

#### Board Meeting, Oct. 13, 1984

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Brew. Those present were Bill Brew, Dick Dreiling, Ruthe Dreiling, Al Greene, Gloria Greene and Dorothy Johnson. Also attending, but not officers, were Dee Dreiling and Dave Starr.

Bill reported that had written a letter to Mr. Waller, of the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies, on June 25th, requesting that the council hold its quarterly meeting, in June 1985, in co-attendance with the ATA. As yet there has not been a response.

Also, Bill reported on a letter received from the Reno Convention Authority wanting to work with us on our future shows.

Al reported that APS hadn't answered his letter.

Treasurer Gloria Greene reported a balance of \$1662.40 in our checking account and a money market balance of \$1425.36.

It was reported that the air races brought us a loss of \$130.20, and Al said that there should have been more advertising. Next year we will have envelopes for mailing the covers, at the show. It was suggested that we get stamps now for next year's air races. The above loss will have to be adjusted to account for damaged covers which we still have not used. An up date on the above figure will be presented at a later date.

Ruthe suggested that we get cachets for the balloon races. She said that if we are interested in covering the balloon races, she will write to them. It was proposed that if we do cover the balloon and air races, Jack Barriage will handle both.

Concerning the American Topical Association show, Dick read letters re TOPEX and NEVPEX. Also, a letter from the Riverside Hotel was read, regarding prices for singles, doubles, etc.

There was a discussion on next year's exhibition, reservations, etc.

There was a motion, after the suggestion by Ruthe, that we invite the extern dealers two weeks before the western dealers, in order to give them time to make reservations. It was made by Dick and seconded by Al.

Ruthe announced that she thinks we need 50 more tableclothes for the bourse tables, and she will contact the owner of Fabrics West, who furnished them before.

There was a discussion on the exhibit frames.

It was announced that two new coffee pots (10 cups each) have been purchased.

Bill announced that the next board meeting will be held on the first meeting in November.

Meeting adjourned.

#### THE GHOST ON A STAMP

In 1904 Serbia issued a series of stamps to celebrate the coronation of King Peter I. He had come to the throne following the murder, the previous year, of Alexander I. The new stamps bore two portraits, one of King Peter, and the other of Karageorge, founder of the dynasty. Scott's No. All, no.s 79-82.

When the stamps were issued it was found that, by turning the stamp upside down a third face was revealed in that part of the design where the two portraits overlapped. As soon as this discovery was made there was a public outcry, because it was maintained that the third face, a grisly visage, was the death mask of the murdered king.

All sorts of rumours were spread to account for this peculiarity about the stamp. and it was said that the engraver, a Frenchman by the name of E. Mouchon, had been persuaded, or perhaps bribed, by the dead king's mother to include her son's portrait in the design. The gossip became so persistent that the Servian Government decided to take action. The position was made clear to Mouchon, who was in Paris, and he was asked to make an explanation.

He was ill at the time, but so seriously did he view the situation that he rose from his bed, went to the Servian Embassy and strenuously protested his innocence. If there was a third face to be seen on the stamps, he said, it was purely accidental, and unforeseen effect of the lights and shades, and he certainly did not insert the face purposely, nor had he been asked by the king's mother.

His protest was so vehement that the Servian officials accepted his explanation and exonerated him of all blame.

After a time the scandal blew over, but it is a curious fact that Mouchon was never asked to engrave any Servian stamp designs again.

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#### SPAIN:

1. What South American liberators appear on a 1978 set?
2. What was the purpose of the Franchise Stamps of 1869?

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## Lord Baden Powell

During a siege of a king, in the Boer War, a local postal service was organized so that people within the town could communicate with each other. Stamps were needed for use on mail carried by this service, and as a printing press capable of producing stamps in the ordinary way was not available, it was decided to use a photographic method of production. Only two values were required: 1d. and 3d. For the design of the 1d. a picture of Sgt-Major Goodyear on a bicycle was used, and the 3d bore a portrait of Col. (Lord) Baden-Powell, commander of a garrison. Both stamps were printed in blue.

Baden-Powell had not been told that his picture was to be used for the 3d value, and when he was shown a sheet of the stamps for the first time he was greatly surprised. "Why my head?" he asked, "That won't do! What about the Queen?"

He was told that when the question of the portrait on the stamps came to be considered it was decided that, as they were only local use, it would have been an insult to Queen Victoria to put her portrait on them. It was not intended to use these stamps on letters going outside Mafeking, so the designs were made as different as possible from those of ordinary stamps.

Baden-Powell was not very happy at having his own portrait on the stamps. "I don't quite like it," he said, "but as you have them all ready, carry on; it is only a local matter, as you say..."

There was great consternation, however, when it was discovered that some inhabitants of Mafeking had stuck the stamps on letters destined outside the town. Although the stamps had not been intended for that purpose they allowed to pay postage in that manner.

It was rumoured that, when Queen Victoria heard about it she was "not amused" and that Baden-Powell fell from favour. This story is completely untrue and, as Baden-Powell stated in one of his books, the Queen sent him most gracious and appreciative messages both during and after the siege, and herself attended to his promotion to the rank of Major-General.

Such was the life of the founder of the Boy Scout movement.

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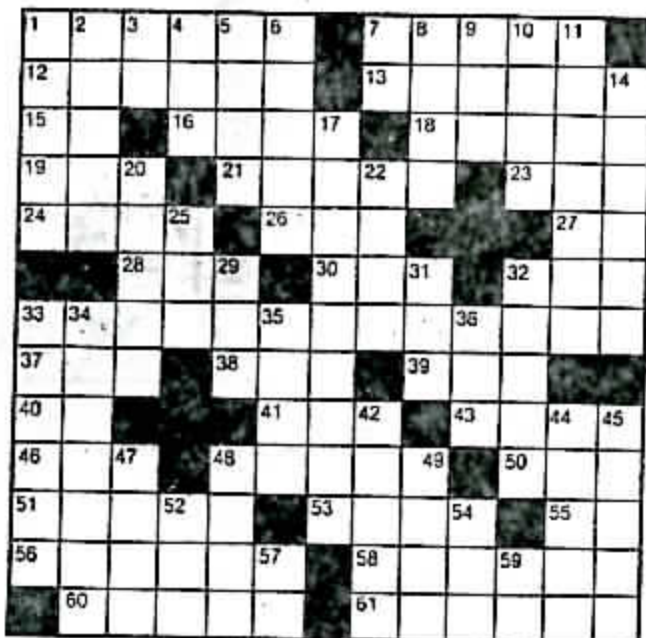
Sometimes I would like to know if these little bits of trivia are being enjoyed by you readers. Maybe you could drop me a postal card and let me know. Also if you would like some special subject to be included in the Post-Boy, please let me know that, too.

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I forgot to mention the Scott numbers for the above article. They are on Stamps of Bechuanaland Protectorate, on page 202. Cape of Good Hope. They were issued on Apr. 9, 1900 and are M1, and M2, design, and Scott No. 178, 179. Mint, M1 \$1400, M2 2100. Canceled, M1 \$400.00, and M2 \$650.00. There is Scott no. 180, which is M1, 21mm wide, which catalogs mint at \$7500 and used \$1500. As they do not look like professional stamps, you might just find one of these babies in some type of mixture. Who knows.

# Philatelic Crossword

by WILLIAM CANINE



## ACROSS

- 1—Alechem (Israel, Scott #154).  
 7—Burns, Barrier, and others.  
 12—Before 1903, it was part of Colombia.  
 13—Condition rare for philatelists.  
 15—Auction catalog (abbr.).  
 16—Small cubes.  
 18—Fruit.  
 19—Hive sound.  
 21—Old Estonian postmark.  
 23—Ice in Germany.  
 24—Coin of Spain until 1866.  
 26—Yoko \_\_\_\_\_ Lennon.  
 27—Site of 1984 Fair (abbr.).  
 28—\_\_\_\_\_ de Oro.  
 30—George's lyricist (US, #1484).  
 32—Swiss river.  
 33—Warning on first Navy Jack (US, #1354).  
 37—French feminine article.

- 33—Selvage word.  
 39—Old saying.  
 40—Follows OT.  
 41—Tint.  
 43—Soviet news agency.  
 46—Flying mammal (Japan, #1172).  
 48—"\_\_\_\_\_ Dolly!"  
 50—New York City suburb.  
 51—One of the Netherlands Antilles.  
 53—Organization honored on "Support Our Youth" 1963 US stamp.  
 55—Ave. or Blvd.  
 56—Early \_\_\_\_\_ may find the bargains.  
 58—Nejd's peninsula.  
 60—Giraffe relative on Belgian Congo 1942 high value.  
 61—Resident of Apia.

## DOWN

- 1—Composer on Germany #804a.

- 2—The \_\_\_\_\_, Dutch capital.  
 3—Article.  
 4—"A Shropshire \_\_\_\_\_"  
 5—Leave out.  
 6—Asian Portuguese territory.  
 7—\_\_\_\_\_ Lucia or Helena  
 8—One of the Philippines.  
 9—Form for Keats (Great Britain, #651).  
 10—Wear out.  
 11—Former Dutch colony in South America.  
 14—Indian state, site of Bangalore.  
 17—War correspondent on 16c US regular.  
 20—1914 battle (France, #1108).  
 22—December 7, 1941, war cry.  
 25—Put a flame to.  
 29—Giant Hall of Famer.  
 31—Classifieds.  
 32—\_\_\_\_\_ el Sadat (Egypt, #1079).  
 33—Poet commemorated by United States in 1975.  
 34—Peace Bridge (US, #1721) links New York and \_\_\_\_\_.  
 35—"\_\_\_\_\_ the six hundred" (Tennyson).  
 36—Grain.  
 42—Singer Fitzgerald and others.  
 44—Its 1919 first issues were French overprints.  
 45—Fort de \_\_\_\_\_ on France #1313.  
 47—Feature of pachyderm on US #1338.  
 48—Instrument on 1948 Eire set.  
 49—Gumbo.  
 52—Actress Arthur.  
 54—Nickname for author on US #863.  
 57—In Mexico, yes.  
 59—Slang for a tramp.

(SOLUTION ON PAGE 16)

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Art & La-Retta Swanson  
Canadian & Norway, Used

Ans. to trivia questions:

1. Austria
2. To distribute historical publications by Diego Castell.

### Crossword Solution

S	H	I	A	L	O	M	S	C	O	T	S	
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(Puzzle on page 15)

Maggie Fujii, has a very nice selection of stamps, mint, some hinged and many not hinged, that she would like to sell. The countries listed are the Cocos Islands. Includes 1-34 mint, lh. 40,47,48 missing. 35-106, mint NH, with gutter pairs and FDC cover. Total Cat. \$326.37.  
Niue: 3-26 mint, lh. 35-6,38,41-2,48,53-8,63,65,67-9,73-5,76,77-80,84-5,90-3, 94-221a,232-4,235-359a. plus new issues and FDC, and many semi-postals. Total cat. \$681.74; Norfolk Is. 240-1,237-9,\* ,NH,4 covers.  
Christmas Is; New issue, \$1.89; Tuvalu; 96-113, \* nh Cat. \$29.19; Isle of Man; 1-59,62-108,almost complete from 113 to 223. few numbers missing, several dups, and several used sets, several sheets, Postage due: J17-24 \* nh. Total cat. \$338.32 Please contact Maggie at 359-5941, if you are interested.