



STAMP
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SOCIETY

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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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April Issue, 1985

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The last meeting provided those in attendance with some very good buys. Most of Russ Thayer's material was sold. There are a few items left, which will be placed in the mini-auction until all is gone.

On April 13, Dick Sverid will be our guest speaker. The subject will be Historical Event Covers of World War II. Members will be in for some fine information on this subject, as Dick, as in the past, will indicate an extensive knowledge of this era.

NEVPEX '85 is progressing along most rapidly. We have approximately 160 frames bought and reserved. Which leave about 40 left. If you had planned to enter this show, applications should be in Dick Dreiling or Gus Geiger's hands as soon as possible. When the 200 frames are filled, that will be the end of it for this year. It may be the first time that NEVPEX may have to turn away exhibitors.

Also, with TOPAX, the U.S. Post Office has decided to use Reno for another first day issue. There will be two stamps released on June 21. Postal Authorities will be visiting us again, and a fine program will be presented.

We will be needing a work party for replacing the glass in the frames with plastic. We have 20 frames of plastic, with 20 more being constructed. Sometime in the near future, we will need to have this work completed. One good Sat. or a couple of evenings will be all the time that would be needed to finish the job.

The following shows will be coming up in the month of April. They are as follows:

April 13-14, TUCOPEX VII, at Columbia College Rotunda,
Sawmill Flat Road.
April 26-28, WESTPEX '85, San Francisco, Cathedral Hill
Hotel, Geary and VanNess ave's.

A couple of shows worth attending. Although Linn's lists several shows for the Month of April, April 1, issue, did not list the above shows. Both are listed in Stamp Collector.

April will see 7 issues of Philatelic material by the U.S.P.O.
April 2, Stanley Steamer, 12¢, Kingfield MA, 04947
4, Seashells, booklet pane of 5 designs, Boston, Mass.
02205
17, Love, 22¢, Hollywood, CA 90078.
18, Oil Wagon, 22¢, Oil Center, N.M. 88266.

April 18, Pushcart, 12.5¢, Oil Center, N. M. 88266.
23, John James Audubon, 22¢, New York, N.Y. 10001.
29, Express Mail, \$10.75 each, pane of three, San Francisco,
CA, 94188.

Have Fun.

PHILATELY

Here is one more version of how the term "Philately" was invented. A Frenchman by the Georges Herpin of Paris disliked the term being used at the time for describing those persons interested in collecting stamps. The term was "timbromanie", which was a mixture of French and Greek, and it meant "stamp madness". Mr. Herpin believed that stamp collecting was a "love" and not a "madness", thus developed a new word for this hobby. Using the Greek language as a source and combining it with a reference to taxes, the word "Philately" was coined. The Greek word for love was "Philos", and since the stamps meant that no taxes were now due on the letter, the new meaning became "Love of no tax".

I am sure that some of you wondered how he arrived at that term. So I will explain it as close as I could visualize the process.

First, he concocted the term "Timbrophilos", which would mean "Stamp tax love". This didn't set right with him as he felt that it might be misconstrued as a "woody lover". Then, he reversed the terms to read "Philostimbro". With further adjustments the term became "Philatimbately". That meant "Love of stamp taxes". He realized that few, if any, love taxes of any sort, and also, the term was much too long and difficult for any collector to pronounce, he removed the "timba" and the result was a smooth, easily spoken word, "Philately". Which he said meant, "Love of no tax". Webster's defines it as "Love of stamps".

Oh, well, just another story that got out of hand.

Rose Flavored Adhesive Stamps

Back in 1849, 'Punch', the British journal of humor and satire, suggested that postage stamp gum be made more palatable. This was nine years after the issue of the first postage stamp, the famous British one-penny black. It was less than two years since the release of the first U.S. postage stamp. France printed her first stamp the same year as this "Punch" article was published.

For others, who might need to be enlightened, the term "otto" is a form of "attar" referring to fragrant essence of roses. "Desideratum" means something desired or in the sense used, preferable.

The "Punch" article referred to "otto desideratum" as a suggested flavour.

Imagine now having in one's possession a number of mint stamps of the vintage above. If a new bridegroom should have the occasion to send a few letters, one might wonder if it were the stamp gum or the new bride's cooking that made him ill.

Even today, this subject is hardly explored. We may need a low calorie gum, or one might consider chlorophyll to sweeten one's breath. Or a teeth whitener, antibiotics, the possibilities are infinite.

Think about it and write your stamp advisory committee.

Board Meeting, Mar. 9, 1985

Attendance at the meeting included Jack Barriage, Bill Brew, Dick Dreiling, Ruthe Dreiling, Dorothy Johnson, Jessie Rogers, Al Greene and Gloria Greene.

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Brew. The minutes were read and accepted with a motion by Dick Dreiling and seconded by Ruthe.

The checking account balance, read by Gloria Greene, was \$1,010.30 and the money market certificate was \$1,470.19.

There was a discussion about Russ Thayer's collection---that there would be one more auction.

Dick Dreiling reported on the forthcoming show, and there was a discussion on which cachets to use, and also the cancellations. He said that three judges were lined up, and also, apprentice judges will be sent. He described the ATO Judging.

Ruthe Dreiling made a report on the reservations that had come in for the Riverside at the time of the show.

Dick Dreiling, referring to the plaque to be made for "Pic" Hobson, asked if he and Dee could have their motel and gas money reimbursed, because it would be necessary to go to Austin to see the people who have been retained to make the plaque, and to choose the suitable type of turquoise and design to be used. A motion was made by Ruthe and seconded by Al Greene to assume the expenses of Dick and Dee to Austin. After this, there was discussion concerning having the same company make the awards for the shows, for this year, as well as the ensuing years.

Ruthe reported on the membership list.

It was announced by Bill that the next board meeting will be the first meeting in April. the 13th.

Al made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Jessie Rogers.

General Meeting, Mar. 9, 1985

The meeting was opened by Bill Brew.

The on-time drawing was won by Larry Scott, who received a set on Australia.

It was reported that the last meeting in March would have the last of the Russ Thayer material to auction.

Dick Dreiling gave an update on the show. He said we have fifteen exhibitors and 105 frames. Also, we will have three judges plus two apprentices.

Al Shay reported on his talk to the postal workers. He left twenty cards, and fifteen were picked up. He said he may get some responses.

Jack Barriage reported on the covers of Jerome Kern, and the cachets.

Bill thanked Dr. and Mrs. Hanson for delicious refreshments--.

Gus Geiger will furnish refreshments on the first meeting in April. Mr. and Mrs. Peake will host on the second meeting in April. The second meeting in March refreshments will be furnished by Roland Kriel.

The program for the first meeting in April will be presented by Dick Sverid. The subject will be "Historic Event Covers of World War II".

Dick Dreiling conducted a mini-auction. He also presented the program, giving the group twenty questions to answer, marking their own at the end of the program. All found out how little they knew. It was very interesting and informative.

Dick announced that the U.S. Post Office will be issuing two new stamps at NEVPEX '85. This is another great feature to add to an already great show.

Competitive Pricing

Competitive pricing began in most unusual way. A coin dealer, William P. Brown realized the new hobby of stamp collecting was bypassing coins, seashells, butterflies, and birds' nests, chanced to meet a Dr. Bond. Dr. Bond was willing to sell Brown his duplicates of stamps. Brown, realized that most of his competitors were selling the common material normally found in the waste baskets was eager to purchase these items. Dr. Bond showed Brown 100 stamps, which excited to try to negotiate a deal. Dr. Bond was relentless and there was nothing Brown could do but pay the man his \$1.00.

Most stamps were selling for 1¢ each and now the price of the stamp Mr. Brown wanted to sell would have to be raised to 2¢, which he did. Believe it or not, this was the first time stamps were sold at competitive prices. As new stamps entered the market, the prices were debated and raised accordingly, 5¢, then 10¢, but, most, settled for the value of 3¢.

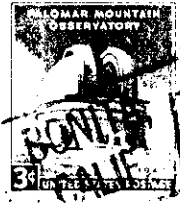
This little episode took place in the 1880's. Which explains the low values.

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Sweden:

1. What is shown on the first two Swedish stamps?
2. What ancient warship, salvaged in 1961, is shown on a 1969 set?

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Mount Palomar Observatory

Ever since Galileo first surveyed the heavens with a telescope, man has tried to learn more about the universe in which he lives.

A giant step in this learning process was the opening in 1948 of the Mount Palomar Observatory in California. Administered by the Carnegie Institute and the Californian Institute of Technology, Mount Palomar is the home of the Hale reflecting telescope, which boasts a 200 inch mirror (lens). This huge instrument, named for an eminent astronomer, weighs more than 500 tons. The Observatory uses it to look into remote areas of space; astronomers have also used it to photograph distant and faint celestial bodies. The telescope has the light-gathering power of 360,000 times that of the naked eye and is capable of looking two billion light years into space.

The above stamp is Scott No. 966,

This week's puzzle is a test of philatelic trivia and general knowledge.

The eight missing words in

4. Pertaining to a North Atlantic republic.
5. French office in the Turkish Empire (two words).

Puzzle

By Charles Wiley

the puzzle are all related to stamps in some way.

The object is to guess each nine-letter word based on the clue given. A glance at a stamp catalog may help in some cases, but try to get them all on your own first.

By crossing out letters in the stockpile as they are used, it may be possible to get the really tough ones by process of elimination. The letter pairs already in the puzzle are not included in the letter stockpile.

1. Common type of stamp material (two words).
2. Capital of Asian Soviet-bloc nation (two words).
3. One of Spain's provisional government issues (1868-69).
4. Pertaining to a North Atlantic republic.
5. French office in the Turkish Empire (two words).
6. Word on many Turkish stamps.
7. Pertaining to former British Caribbean island.
8. Indian feudatory state near Bombay.



Here's a hint to the puzzle. Anyone who knows the capital of the nation that issued this stamp knows one of the answers.

1. L A _____
2. _____ L A _____
3. _____ L A _____
4. _____ L A _____
5. _____ L A _____
6. _____ L A _____
7. _____ L A _____
8. _____ L A _____

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 IIII J L M NNNNN OOOO
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(Puzzle solution on page 65)

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Sweden:

1. Coats of Arms.
2. The "Wasa"

The words in the puzzle are
laid paper, Ulan Bator, Sala-
manca, Icelandic, Port Lagos,
postalari, Anguillan and Raj-
peepla.