

STAMP
STUDY
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.



May 1985 Issue

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We want to welcome several new members, who have joined our group in the last few weeks. They are: Clarence Doucette, John Muise, Christopher Gallegos, and Lena Sharp.

NSSS extends its sympathies to Judy Hansen. Dr. Hansen passed away in April. Judy said that Robert thoroughly enjoyed the meetings, and in the last three months, the meetings were the only places he visited. We will miss them. Also to Richard Sverid, whose mother passed away during April. She lived in the Detroit area.

Dave Starr asked to notify the members that the planned covers for the Wagon train from Carson city to Placerville, during June, has been cancelled for this year, due to circumstances beyond his control. We appreciate Dave's efforts.

NEVPEX-TOPEX '85 is moving into its final stages, rapidly, thanks to the outstanding work of Dick Dreiling. We have allocated all of the 200 frames and the majority of the bourse tables have been paid for and the remaining assigned. APS will have a representative, as well as, Linn's. Both will service tables at the upstairs entrance. Linn's representative will be Elaine Durnin Boughner, one of their outstanding writers.

The show will be a new high for NSSS, and we are asking that all members to plan to attend and or help in one capacity or another. We know that NSSS is one of the most active and outstanding clubs in the West, and your participation will enhance that reputation.

At our next meeting, Richard Sverid will provide us with information about 'Historical Event Covers of World War II'. Dick has the gift of presenting his subject in a very interesting manner, as attested by his article for the First Day Cover magazine and in his prior talk on obtaining covers.

I was reading a recent article about stamp collecting popularity. This person had visited a 'Minatures' exposition and noted that it cost \$3.00 for the entrance fee, but the place was jammed packed. He later visited a 'Doll' exposition, the price of entry was \$2.50, yet, people were waiting outside to get in. The place was limited in capacity, and one waited for a visitor to leave before one could enter, due to fire regulations. He noted that those in attendance were genuinely and enthusiastic about the subjects they were collecting. He also noted that there was noone buying dolls from one dealer and trying to sell them to another dealer, which seems to prevail at stamp shows. He hinted that this may be one of the reasons stamps have temporarily dropped in popularity. I think we are lucky to be able to enjoy a hobby, such as stamps. In many countries people do not know what the word 'hobby' means. So enjoy it, not monetize it.

The future meetings of NSSS will have a pot-luck dinner at the meeting room on the first meeting in June. The second will be the show. At the first meeting in September, we will have our annual picnic at the Rock Blvd city park. This is the same place we had it last year. From 10:30 a.m. until we go home. Hamburger, hotdogs and drinks will be provided by the club. Desserts and salads will be supplied by the members. We are trying to obtain a slide show on the Virginia and Truckee railroad, which we hope to show at the second meeting in May.

Mexico:

1. What stamp is shown on the 1940 issue marking the centenary of the postage stamp?
- 2, What volcano appears on a 1956 airmail issue?

Posted for fun: A philatelic word puzzle for any age

1. Note added to a completed letter _____
2. Carrying canoes overland _____
3. To daily neglect _____
4. Wrapped parcel _____
5. Eminently wise counselor _____
6. Raised theater flooring _____
7. Succeeding generations _____
8. Pictorial placard _____
9. Fit of fury _____
10. With great speed _____
11. To claim as true _____
12. Meddle, tenacity _____
12. To train, administer _____
14. Closing musical piece _____
15. To impale _____
16. Valices _____
17. Attitude, a pose _____
18. Bowls _____
19. Bowl games _____
20. Situated behind, rump _____

The answer to each clue in this puzzle is a single word either beginning with "POST" or ending with "AGE." For example, the clue "Occurring after birth" would be "postnatal." and "Out of stock, deficit" would be answered with "shortage."

**Philatelic
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GENE H. RUSSELL

Fifteen correct will give you a "First Class" rating with these 20 POSTAGE problems. Have phun!

The Mackinac Bridge

Michigan's Mackinac Bridge marks a correction of geographical and political accidents that separated the two segments of the state, now joined into one for the first time since the glacier receded 20,000 years ago. When the glacier melted away it left a five-mile-wide strait and a peninsula that would have been a natural extension of Wisconsin, a circumstance that statesmen overlooked 113 years ago when Michigan became a state.

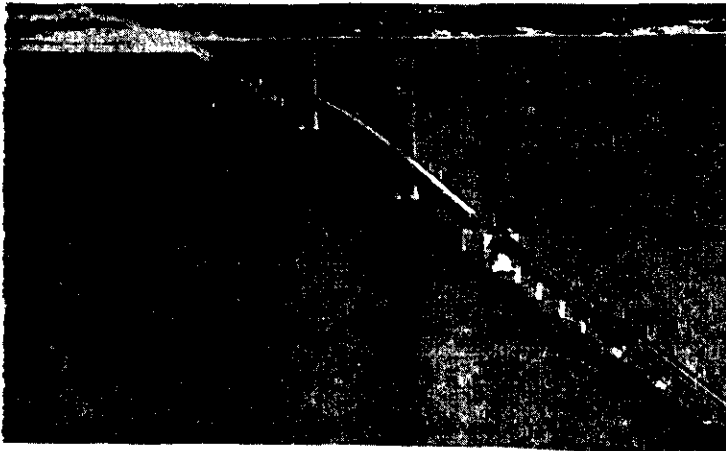
The correction was costly. The narrow ribbon of steel and concrete connecting Michigan's upper and lower peninsulas cost nearly \$100,000,000.

People thought about bridging the Straits of Mackinac seventy three years before the actual completion of the bridge. The dedication of the Brooklyn Bridge probably prompted the Michigan newspaper editors to say that a bridge or tunnel was needed if the a great east-west route through Michigan was ever to be established.

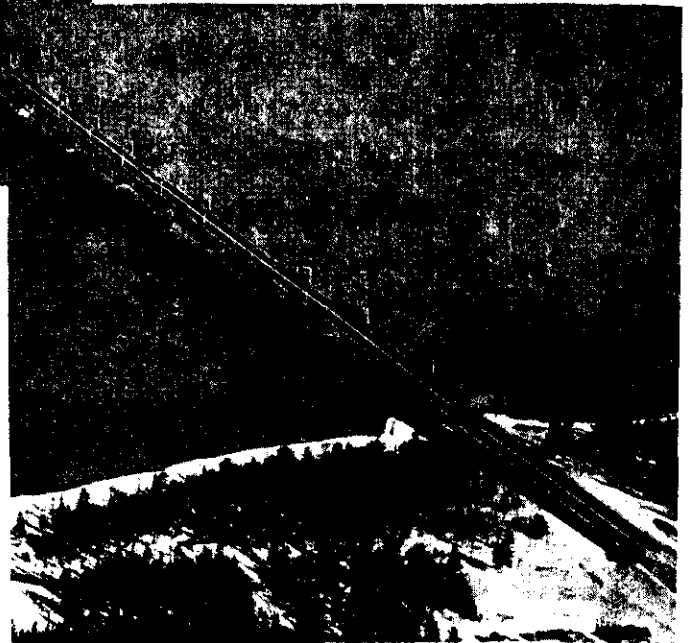
In 1920 there was more talk of connecting the two peninsulas and three years later Gov. Fred Green ordered the state highway department to establish a ferry system. traffic became so heavy that the governor ordered a study made of a bridge. The study cost \$30,000,000. And that was just for the estimate.

Other studies in the 30's and 40's were made, and in 1947 the legislature established the Mackinac Straits Authority. In 1950 Gov. G. Mennen Williams appointed the members of the authority. In 1953 an engineer was retained and work commenced on the foundations in May 1954. Cable spinning was done in 1956 and the suspended spans were completed in July 1957.

The Mackinac Straits Bridge was dedicated on June 25, 1958. There were first day cancels, but postal meters had advertised the opening for a year before the actual event.



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Interesting Facts

Length of Main Span	3,800 Ft.
Length of Suspension Bridge (Including Anchorages)	8,614 Ft.
Total Length of Steel Superstructure	17,918 Ft.
Length of North Approach (Including Mole)	7,791 Ft.
Length of South Approach	735 Ft.
Total Length of Bridge and Approaches	26,444 Ft.
Height of Main Towers Above Water	552 Ft.
Depth of Tower Piers Below Water	206 Ft.
Number of Main Cables	2
Diameter of Main Cables	24½ Inches
Number of Wires in Each Cable	12,580
Diameter of each Wire	0.196 Inches
Total Length of Cable Wire	41,000 Miles
Weight of Cable, Wire and Fittings	12,500 Tons
Total Estimated Weight of Superstructure.....	66,500 Tons
Mid-span Clearance	155 Feet

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Mexico:

1. Penny Black of 1840.
2. Paricutin.

1. postscript; 2. portage; 3. postpone; 4. package; 5. sage;
6. stage; 7. posterity; 8. poster; 9. rage; 10. posthaste; 11.
postulate; 12. courage; 13. manage; 14. postulate; 15.
damage; 16. luggage or baggage; 17. posture; 18. wage; 19.
postseason; 20. posterior.

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