



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.



STAMP STUDY SOCIETY

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This is the month for the nominating and electing of new officers and board members. Enclosed are the ballots and a self-addressed envelope. Please complete and return as soon as possible.

We will be needing volunteers for refreshments and programs in the coming months, please contact the board for the dates you would like to help.

We will be having several philatelic auctions and white elephants sales in the near future to raise funds for our new frames. NSSS has set a goal of acquiring 100 new aluminum frames prio to our show of next year. We will receive them after AMERIPEX '86 is completed. We have about a third of the money now, and possible with the sale of our old frames we will be able to raise that amount.

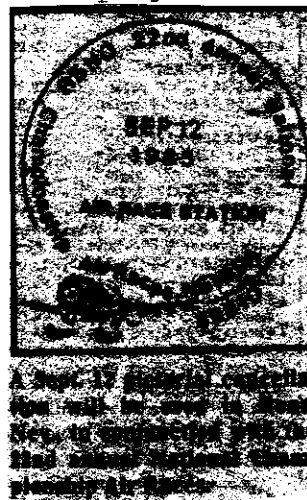
At the next few meetings, there will be sheets of Mint U.S. stamps from the Russ Thayer collection to be auctioned off. Mostly are ¢3 and ¢4, the Indian head sheet, and several Air Mail sheets. So far, we have raised 1250 dollars from Russ,s donation.

COPO has sent us some very nice postcards. There are 12 in a set and the set sells for \$2.50. See Al Greene for details. They are beautiful and would promote stamp collecting by their usage.

On Sept. 7th, Sat. at 11.00a.m. we will have our annual picnic at the Rock Blvd city park, on the Truckee River. Meats and drinks will be furnished by the club. Please plan to attend. It is a lovely place to meet and eat.

On. Sept. 12 to 15, the Reno Air Races will take place and we need volunteers to man the booth. 3 persons per day. A list has been started and will be passed around at each meeting. Please sign up. If you cannot make the meeting call Jack Barriage or Bill Brew stating what days you would like to work. Plan to take a day off and give NSSS a hand with this program. Below is the Reno cancel for that event.

pictorial.)  
AIR RACE Station, Reno,  
Nev. 89510, Sept. 12. (Air  
plane.)





1963 Red Cross Centenary  
by Jack Barriage

Did you know that the 1963 Red Cross Centenary 5¢ (Scott 1238) depicted a ship's stern? The vessel was the Morning Light and it was owned by Waterman Steamship Company. It was built by Moor Dry Docking Co. of Oakland, California. Morning Light was a vessel of 8,210 tons, was 459'6" long and 63'1" wide. She was turbine powered, single screw and capable of 16 knots. The stamp commemorates the role of the Red Cross in the historic Cuban prisoner exchange. Between December 1962 and July 1963, no less than 1,113 Bay of Pigs prisoners and 7,847 Cuban civilians were transported to the United States. The design depicts a group of refugees at the stern of the ship, silhouetted against the sky, while above them flies the Red Cross flag. It is based on a photograph taken by Rudolph Vetter, of the American Red Cross, at the moment the ship docked at Port Everglades on May 24, 1963, carrying 751 refugees.

Thank you, Jack for this interesting bit of information about one of the United States issues.



The Pony Express had a short lived life, but its final days were probably its most exciting times. Especially the run from Reno to Virginia City via Geiger Grade. Wells Fargo had served Virginia City by way of a light two-horse wagon until the railroad came through the Truckee Meadows in 1868, then it found competition from the Union Pacific Express Company. The two firms fought a daily race from the eastbound Central Railroad train station at Reno, to C Street on the Comstock, in Virginia City. Wells Fargo was not to be outdone so they purchased a famous race horse and hired the famous Pony Bob Haslem, of the Overland Express, and decided to set a record. The Union Express met the challenge with a five horse change between Reno and Virginia City. Heavy betting pursued throughout this Western area.

The day was July 3, 1869, when the first run would take place. The streets were lined with residents and visitors eagerly awaiting the big event. The Central Pacific puffed into Reno and with both riders mounted and ready,

a bag tossed first to the Union rider gave him the lead just before the cars stopped. He thundered across the wooden planks at Lake's Crossing just as Pony Bob finished tying his mail bag carefully across his back. The famous rider raced down the main street with all Reno cheering and soon began to close up the gap on his competitor. The UPE rider was changing horses at Huffakers Station. near where Pueblo Street and Virginia meet today, when Pony Bob passed him. Today we pass there not realizing what bit of history took place in that spot.

Pony Bob continued increasing the distance between his competitor, since the Union Pacific Express rider had to stop to make his change of horse. Pony Bob made the trip to Virginia City in one hour and four minutes, almost as fast as we can drive it today. Frank Henderson, the Union rider, took one hour and ten minutes.

It was 5 o'clock and the people of Virginia City were waiting for the first rider to appear at the North end of C Street. They were in a cheering mood and lined the entire length to the Wells Fargo building. The biggest crowds were at the post office, and as Pony Bob appeared the cheering began. His horse in a lather, he sped down the final stretch, with handclapping and cheering going wild. It was one of the great rides of Pony Bob's life.

Of course, this did not end the rivalry and each became a special sporting event, with the betting in high stakes. How they managed to race up C street without hitting a pedestrian was a miracle in itself.

Eventually the horses were replaced with the light colorful wagons again, and the excitement wore off. It should be noted that driving around some of those hairpins curves on the Old Geiger Grade required skillfull maneuvering of the horses and wagons, yet, there is no record of any smashups during the course of those eventful hours. All traffic must have waited for them to race on by.

Both express companies continued to serve the public with fast and furious service much to the public's appreciation, for many months thereafter.

So the next time you drive up Geiger Grade, to Virginia City, you can give some imagination of what took place there during 1868. Even today its a wild and wooly drive, except if you stop to pick up the pine nuts that abound along the roadside each year.

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

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

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Ans:

1. Locomotive.
2. Five cents.

Who started the postal system?

The first postal system was started in the Persian Empire under King Cyrus. He started a relay of couriers that stretched to all parts of his empire. He put his grandson, Darius, in charge of the project and he was probably the world's first postmaster general. These relay posts were for government service only and could not be used by ordinary persons.

Next we come to a postal system set up by Emperor Augustus in Rome. This was called the "Circus Publicus", but the name is misleading as it could not be used by the public either. They used "posthouses" or junction places and from this came the word "post".

Marco Polo set up a postal system in the 13th Century. He employed foot runners with bells tied around their necks to announce their arrival in advance.

Another type of courier system was set up in the large universities in Europe so the students could send messages home. In some of the German towns the business men used a courier system to send messages.

The English postal service, an outgrowth of royal courier routes, was established in 1657. In 1858 the adhesive postage stamp or an official envelope came into use.

The United States system was derived from the service established in the colonies by England. Postage stamps were first used in the United States in 1847. Registering of mail started in 1855; city delivery in 1863; money orders in 1864 and penny postcards in 1873. Special delivery service started in 1885; rural delivery in 1896; postal savings in 1811 and parcel post in 1910. Airmail began experimentally in 1910, but did not become a reality until July 1, 1924.

As old Bent Hinge says, "It is not so much what you collect that counts. . . . it is how you collect that matters. Even the cheapest stamps deserve neat mounting. Neatness and stamp collecting are pals. Never part them, rather encourage them as you collect stamps."

On the last page of this issue is a crossword puzzle abstracted from another prominent philatelic periodical. For those who like games, have at it.

THE NEVADA STAMP STUDY SOCIETY

IS VERY HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT, THANKS TO DR. SAM GOUDSMIT,  
WE NOW HAVE A PLACE TO MEET.

HE HAS OBTAINED ROOM 203 IN THE PHYSICS BUILDING, AT THE  
UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA - I HAVE SEEN THE ROOM AND IT IS  
LOVELY, WITH AMPLE PARKING RIGHT SIDE OF THE BUILDING.

OUR MEETINGS WILL BE:

THE SECOND AND FOURTH SATURDAYS OF EVERY MONTH, WITH THE  
REGULAR MEETING STARTING AT 2:30 PM. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
WILL HOLD THEIR MONTHLY MEETINGS EVERY FOURTH SATURDAY  
(PRECEEDING THE REGULAR MEETING) AT 12:00 NOON. REMEMBER  
THESE BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS  
WISHING TO ATTEND, SO IF YOU FEEL YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU  
WANT THE DIRECTORS TO CONSIDER, OR BRING UP BEFORE THE  
REGULAR MEMBERSHIP - COME TO A BOARD MEETING AND LET  
US KNOW ABOUT IT.

IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY - BE THERE ON SATURDAY,  
AND HELP US INITIATE OUR NEW MEETING PLACE.

IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY - COME AND VISIT US,  
AND THINK ABOUT JOINING.

IF YOU ARE A JUNIOR MEMBER JUST GETTING STARTED, COME AND  
JOIN OUR JUNIOR DIVISION, WE HAVE A FINE ADVISOR IN THE  
PERSON OF TONY AMARRAL TO ASSIST THE JUNIOR MEMBER THAT  
FEELS HE OR SHE NEEDS ASSISTANCE.

REMEMBER:

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(See Map on the reverse side of this notice)

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