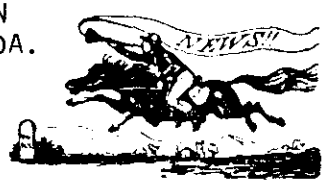




NSSS MEETS THE 2nd and 4th SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH, IN ROOM 203 OF THE PHYSICS BUILDING, UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND.



POST BOY

STAMP STUDY SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER 1986

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We have been through some tough times this summer, but with all the events over, we are sure the club will return to its normal operation, with excellent and informative programs.

TO HELP GET STARTED SEE PAGE TWO.

I am sorry about the delay in putting out the Post-Boy this month, but my back went out and I ended with a three day stint in St. Mary's. They know me by my first name now.

The Reno Air Races provided us with some more funds for the frame program. 1986 proved to be the best year, by far, than any of the past. Jack Barriage asked me to thank all those who helped with manning the booth. Jack, Eric, and Gus for Thurs. Jack, Doug and Lois Willick on Fri. Jack, Pat, and Al Greene on Sat., and Ruthe, Dick, and Dee for Sun. Roger Lauderdale provided us with the source of the miniature pins, which proved to be the top sellers.

The picnic was held at the Rock Blvd River Park and we had a fine time, with plenty to eat. The weather was excellent and the company great. It was sad that more of the members could not have participated.

On the Sept. 27th meeting all members are asked to bring some philatelic item that is special and interesting to them. Each will be asked to give a brief description of the item and why they particularly favor it.

Our meeting times for Oct. will be the 11th and 25th. As yet, a program has not been announced, but whatever it is, it will be enjoyable and interesting. One of the jobs that is open at this time is Program Chairman. Anyone interested in helping out, please contact Jack Barriage.

We want to welcome a new member, Eric Kastel who was encouraged to join through the efforts of Al Shay. We welcome Eric and hope he will enjoy his experiences with NSSS.

U.S.

1. What vehicle is shown on the two-cent coil issued in 1982?
2. The "Minute Man" statue appears on a stamp issued in 1925. What was the denomination?

SCAVENGER HUNT
1986

Our first in a long time. The rules are simple and the ending date will be DEC. 13. This will give you a couple of months to find these items. The prizes will be excellent. Bring all your items to the first meeting in December, the 13th. The person with the most will win first prize. In case of a tie, their names will be placed in a drawing.

If the list does not specify mint or used, then either will be acceptable. US or foreign stamps may be used if the list is not specific. Many of the items you get in the mail every day, but some might take a little time to find. As you acquire each item check it off the list and place it aside. All items will be returned to you at the end of the judging.

1. Used coil line pair.
2. A Cinderella stamp.
3. Coil stamp.
4. Cover with a Sacramento cancel.
5. Stamp with an author's picture.
6. Used stamp with its subject a fish.
7. Postal Card.
8. Post Card with 13¢ on it.
9. A red colored stamp.
10. 5 different Christmas stamps.
11. Stamp with Nevada as its subject.
12. Stamps from 12 different countries.
13. Booklet stamp.
14. An out of date catalog.
15. 3 slogan cancels, different statements.
16. 6 different flag stamps.
17. 1 meter sticker.
18. 1 used embossed envelope.
19. A stamp with a government leader as its subject.
20. A stamp cancelled with holes.
21. Envelope with a precancel stamp.
22. Envelope with a first class hand stamp.
23. Stamp with a bald-headed man as the subject.
24. Envelope with a bulk rate stamp.
25. An imperf stamp.
26. A stamp with "Stamps on Stamps" theme.
27. A stamp with an astronaut as the subject.
28. A stamp with a boat on it.
29. A stamp with a musical instrument.
30. Picture of a stamp on a matchbook.
31. Envelope with a purple cancel.
32. 25 used hinges.
33. 3 different size glassine envelopes.
34. Return postage guaranteed postcard or envelope.
35. Window envelope with a meter cancel.
36. Window envelope with a stamp.
37. 3 different air mail stamps.
38. A cancelled envelope with the stamp upsidedown.



1963 Red Cross Centenary
by Jack Barriage

Did you know that the 1963 Red Cross Centenary 5c (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 dock 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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Ans:

1. Locomotive.
2. Five cents.