



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

MEETING STARTS AT 2 p.m. Please be prompt.

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OCTOBER, 1986

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Our first meeting in Sept. was entertaining, but a little dissappointing in attendance. Most of the members present gave very interesting explanations of the items they had brought to the meeting. Ron Schultz furnished the refreshments. Thanks, Ron.

Gus Geiger reported that all bills are now paid, in full and we are back in the black. Thank you to all those members that helped NSSS overcome a large goal. We are now ready for APS in 1988.

Cindy Scott will be taking in the AFDCS show, in Morristown, N.J. on Oct. 11, 12 and 13. She will be exhibiting 80 pages of authors, with 60 of the pages recently revised. We wish her luck and hope she brings back the gold. Also, as a cachet maker, she will participate in a cachet makers conclave, when only the makers will be allowed to bring on shoebox of their covers. Trading will then commence. Knowing Cindy she will make some good bargains.

The Christmas will be held at Numan Hall, again. More details on that in the next issue.

October is stamp collecting month, so talk it up with your friends and lets make NSSS grow.

Ruthe Dreiling asks that all mail be delivered to her home address, 29 E. Gault Way, Sparks, NV 89431. She is NOT associated to P.O. Box number 2324, anymore.

The fall lineup of programs is as follows:

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| Oct. 11, | Jack Barriage, slides from the Balloon and Air Races. |
| Oct. 25, | Marshall Schultz of Hirshland Computer Center, will discuss computers and their use in stamp collecting. |
| Nov. 8, | Slide presentation, Nevada Historical Society. |
| Nov. 22, | Maynard Meyers, a presentation on the Indians of Nevada. Maynard is a retired IBM Mgr. and is associated with the Nevada Historical Society. |
| Dec. 13, | Christmas Party, Numan Hall. |
| Dec. 27 | Undecided. |

We need a program chairman, beginning Jan. 1, 1987. Please contact Jack Barriage or one of the board members to volunteer for this important position. We need your help. It seems that a few do the work and the rest enjoy their efforts. Its about time for some of you to step forward and share the load.

More prizes for the scavenger hunt have been added to the list. They will be displayed at the remaining meetings. They range from \$65.00 to \$5.00. There will philatelic items, dinners, gadget items, and gift certificates. Some have already completed many of the items on the list. So, get a form and get started.

I forgot to mention that Jim Melnik, Reno Coin Club president, was our guest on Oct. 11th. Thank you for your visit, Jim.



MARK HOPKINS

Quiet Williamstown, nestled in the Berkshire mountains, took on an air of festivity on March 14th, 1940, and devoted the day to paying honor to its native son, Mark Hopkins. Mark Hopkins was president of Williams College from 1836 to 1872. He was an author and moral philosopher. His principles of self-education and close student-faculty relations became the standard in U.S. liberal arts colleges.

On that day, Mar. 14th, the largest single purchase was for 22,000 stamps. 21 clerks handled the covers. One collector asked the postmistress to affix a stamp to a Massachusetts auto plate and cancel it on the first day of issue. Mrs. Dempsey obliged to the extent of sending a plate block and a first day cover separately.

Mrs. Mary Dempsey presented James B. Baxter, then President of the college, with a sheet of stamps as well as presenting a sheet of stamps to a great, great, grandson of Mark Hopkins, now attending the college.

After the formal program was over, Mrs. Dempsey went to the home of Susan Hopkins, daughter of the famous educator, and presented her with the third sheet. Susan was confined to bed due to illness.

Every Stamp Has Its Critics



When the 4¢ gray commemorative (No. 788) with pictures of Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson was issued, there were more than a few complaints. Only two stars on the shoulder of General Lee could be seen, making him a lieutenant general; the collar insignia of a general in the Confederate Army were three stars and a laurel wreath. Many Southerners resented Lee's demotion. It was rumored that Congress was going to recall the stamp, but this never happened.

DUCK STAMPS



The above stamp is Scott No. RW21. It depicts the Ring-necked Duck. This bird gets its name from the chestnut-colored feathers around its neck.

The artist for this stamp was Harvey D. Sandstrom. It was designed by Victor S. McCloskey Jr.

This picture depicts both a male and female as they are preparing to land. This unusual bird obtains its meals by diving into fresh-water marshes, located in the North America. It can dive to forty feet below the surface of the water and stay submerged from 8 to 25 seconds.

The pair usually mate for one year. The male leaves the female shortly before the eggs are hatched. The nest site is located near open water. The nest takes about 7 to 10 days to build and there is an average of 8 eggs per hatching. Losses of eggs are to raccoons, snapping turtles, crows and hawks. Adult mortality of the Ring-necked Duck is about 50 percent, however, the mortality through the first year is only about 20.

They dine is plant materials, insects, and small fish. This is similarly a diet to the canvas-back and Redhead ducks. Wild rice, wild celery, water lily and among its favorite food.

It does have other common names such as Muddock, Blackneck, and Ring-Billed.

The stamp was purchased for \$2.00 and there were 2,185,000 sold.

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1. What two birds appear on stamps in the wildlife conservation issue of 1972?
2. What birds appear on RW#1?

One of the most beautiful ways of mounting duck stamps is with the enlarge picture of the birds in the stamp, with the stamp mounted at the bottom of the frame. They worth-while and expensive, but the add so much to the room, while hanging on the wall, in ones den, or living room.

His horse expired and his mule went lame,
And he lost his cow in a poker game.

A Hurrican came to town one day,
Carrying his house and barn away.

The Tax collector came around,
Charged him with a hole in the ground.

It is hard to believe, but NSSS is now going into its 11th year, having been founded, Aug. 5th, 1975. We have grown in many ways. Exhibition wise, program wise, membership wise, and financial wise. It would be a sad thing if we let our club fade away. Encourage the young, the middleage, and the elderly to visit us and hopefully join NSSS.

As editor, it would be nice if more members participated in the writing of this journal. Jack Barriage has elected to submit articles on U.S.S. Naval First Day Covers. Cindy Scott will be submitting articles on postal history of the small old towns of California, in her area.

This editor would greatly appreciate an article from the membership about every other month. It would make the Post-Boy more personal to you.

I enjoy relating the various philatelic stories that I run across, in my library, but you members should have the opportunity to participate in this club's bulletins. Do not worry about spelling, typing errors, or English, In my limited way those will, hopefully, be corrected. The only criteria would be accuracy. Your name would be listed below the title, so you would receive credit for your work.

We will still work with a 3 sheet, (6 pages), maximum, since postage would increase if any heavier than that limit.

No matter what your stories or articles are about, preferably philatelic, it would be used. Even letters to the editor.

Dave Starr asked that the following information be inserted in the next Post-Boy.

APS will not be printing a new roster. This is due to thefts that may be attributed to some person or persons using it as a guest invitation in the dead of night, to politely remove some valuable collections from the premises. They also added that the expense of printing such a volumn was becoming prohibited.

Thank you, Dave.

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Ans:

1. Cardinal and Brown Pelican.
2. Mallards.

G-R-A-S-S , the name of this article stands for GOVERNMENT RECEIVING AND SENDING SERVICE.

G-R-A-S-S is the name of the organization that took over from the old and defunct UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE in 2034. Well, here it is 2082 and you want to send a letter to someone. How are you going to do it ?

You will probably step up to a booth or kiosk in a regional shopping center or at any government office and insert your GIC (Government Identification Card) which was issued to you at birth.

This action will release a head-phone like instrument, called the TTD, (Thought Transference Device) which you will then attach to you own personel TD (Transference Disk) which was attached to your earlobes at birth.

You will then send your message to a central computer by thought waves which will store them until picked up by the correct receiving party. You will not have to say anything out loud, because the device will pick up any thoughts that are going through your mind while you are attached to the TTD.

It is suggested that you have everything that you want to send correctly organized in your mind before you attach yourself to the device because any thoughts that go through your mind while attached to the disk will be sent to the central computer and will be received by the receiving party.

To receive any messages that might be waiting for you in the central computer, merely attach yourself to the correct device as explained above, send a thought wave that you are ready to receive and any messages stored in the central computer for you will then be received by you as thoughts in your mind.

If you miss any part of the message sent to you, merely let the computer know and it will repeat the message for you for a slight additional fee.

All messages for you, including so called "junk mail" will be sent to you in this manner unless you have filled out Government Form # ab3865472 requesting that you not receive any advertisements or any other kind of junk mail.

How are you going to pay for all of this service ? Any messages sent to you or received by you will be registered and your own personal GCA (Government Checking Account) will then be debited for the correct amount. It will be necessary to charge for both sending and receiving messages in this manner. Your GCA was set up for you at birth and since money as we know it is now obsolete, it will be necessary for all transactions to go through your GCA.

How about packages or other articles either sent by or sent to you ? In that case, it will be necessary for you to go to your nearest CRS (Central Receiving Station) to obtain or send them. At the CRS, you will again be attached to a TD and your GCA will again be debited. Again it will be necessary to charge for both sending or receiving anything through the CRS.

How about philately ? If you desire to collect stamps or other philatelic items, attach yourself to the TD and then place your order for the latest commemorative or definitive stamp issued. Your GCA will be debited for the amount of your purchase plus a small handling and service charge.

On wall displays will be shown all of the issues available at the present time. According to Government Regulations any issue that is older than six months will not be available through the CRS. For those older issues that you might want, it will be necessary to order them through your local stamp dealers.

You may order any issue available in one of twelve different ways. All issues will come perforated and gummed, perforated and no gum and perforated and sealed. The sealed issues will come to you in a thin plastic like covering so you can rest assured that you are receiving them with original gum. You can also order all of the type of issues described above in an imperforate condition for a slight additional charge.

Since the inception of CRS made all stamps obsolete, as we understand them, used stamps are unavailable as such. To solve this problem for all Government registered stamp collectors, G-R-A-S-S has made available all issues in cancelled-to-order condition for a slight additional fee.

Any messages to a foreign destination will be sent the same as the messages within the continental United States. However, the procedure will vary slightly. Your message will go to a regional computer which will transfer it to the national computer located at Wespy, Wyoming and from there it will be transferred to the International Computer located at Esperanto, Greenland. The international computer will translate your message into the language of the receiving country and forward it to the national computer of the host country.

The above is merely one person's thoughts as to how mail as we know it will be handled in 2082. Why don't you write down your thoughts as to how mail will be handled in the future and submit it to the editor of the POSTBOY. Simply let your thoughts and imagination run wild and write it down. Some fascinating ideas should come out of all of this.

This article first appeared in the POSTBOY some four or five years ago but thought it was timely since the October 25 meeting will be about computers and stamp collecting.