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January 24, 1987

Things seem to be going right along for our upcoming NEVPEX '87. Show Chairman DICK DREILING reports that exhibit prospectuses are ready, Bourse dealers have been notified and are starting to return their requests, The Stanislaus show that we felt might be in competition have moved their show date to the previous weekend, location has been confirmed at the Pioneer Theater Auditorium, so all we need now is ALL YOU MEMBERS to get in touch with Exhibits chairman GUS GEIGER for a prospectus, and put together an exhibit. Frame rental this year is \$5.00 per frame for adults and \$2.50 for kids, but keep in mind that this is for 16 page frames not 12 as we have used previously.

AL SHAY has been working with Scholaris Warehouse Market to help sponsor Junior Collectors, such as with give away packets of stamps to juniors, possible space on their grocery bags about our club etc. We will bring you more details on this as they develop.

We had a great "White Elephant & Philatelic Sale" with DICK DREILING doing his usual capable job of auctioneering and raised a total of \$139.25, and everyone seemed to have a great time as well as making some neat purchases.

February 14, 1987

Our meeting today was well attended and our program "Something I Love, and Why" very well received. Those members who brought a "LOVE" item and talked about them were - BILL BREW, LAURA BREW, HAROLD COLE, CATHERINE COLE, DAVID STARR, JESSIE ROGERS, DOROTHY JOHNSON, WALT SOMMERS, DR. SANDE, CLARENCE DOUCETTE, ART SWANSON, DICK DAVIS, RON SCHULTZ, LARRY SCOTT, DOT GEIGER, GUS GEIGER & JACK BARRIAGE. NAN BITTNER forgot her "Love" item, but talked about it anyway.

February 28, 1987

The Board of Directors have agreed to a NO SMOKING ruling during our club meetings, smoking will be allowed before and after meetings, but not during the meeting itself. GUS & DOT GEIGER have agreed to "send" out the POSTBOY for our new editor CINDY SCOTT to save the club the money it would cost to have CINDY run the sheets and prepare them for mailing.

Think most of you must remember the lovely GLASS DISPLAY CASES, that we have borrowed from the COLES the past couple of years to display our Trophies at each show, CATHERINE announced that She & HAROLD would donate two of the cases to our club. Thank you CATHERINE & HAROLD, they are much appreciated.

DICK DREILING gave a program on "Tools of the Trade", describing and displaying many items that stamp club members "need" to really pursue their hobby. Some of the items were new to some of our collectors, and a remark was made after the meeting that "I learned more today than I have in the last several years". DOROTHY JOHNSON won the raffle in the amount of \$6.00. We had a good mini-auction from item brought by club members, remember gang, these mini-auctions are for you, bring any philatelic items - not to exceed 10, they will be auctioned off, the club keeps 10%, the rest is yours.

Our sympathy to DEE DREILING in the recent death of her Grandmother.

NO CONTEST

Ever hear the expression -- "what if we held a war and nobody
word war substitute contest. As of today,
been no postcards in my mail responding to
a contest. With a silent vote like that I
message: drop the contest.
someone was even mildly interested in the
there are the answers:

means "postage due".
message came from the Philippines.
is on a 13¢ commemorative.

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FROM OUR PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

The Carson City Library has granted the use of their display
case to the NSSS for April to display philatelic items honoring
the 200th Anniversary of the United States Constitution. Jack
Barriage and Dave Starr will set up the display, and any item
with a U.S. Constitution theme that NSSS members desire to loan
for this project will be deeply appreciated. Bring the item
to either of the March meetings.

At the March 14th meeting we will play 'Philatelic Jeopardy'.
The program conductor will furnish the 'answer' and the audience
will furnish the 'question'.

Missed Larry Scott at the last meeting, and have been unable
to reach him on the phone (today March 2nd, before this goes
to the Editor) so will schedule him to tell us about their
recent trip to the USSR during the March 28th meeting.

Those in attendance at the last meeting were made aware of
the many tools of our trade by an expert -- Dick Dreiling.
I am sure we all were enlightened on watermark detection,
perforation gauging and the use of ultra violet lighting. A
tip of the Philatelic Phedora to Dick.

Again, I urge all members who can attend the meetings, please
do so. Mark your calendars, tape a note to your bathroom
mirror, etc. ...

--- Dave Starr

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dave Starr sent me a newsletter from another club, the
Southern Oregon Philatelic Society, dated February 1979. There
was no accompanying note of explanation, but certain items were
highlighted in yellow:

"Condensed Minutes of the January 4th Meeting"
(Was this in response to my plea for meeting notes?)

"The board decided to eliminate the list of club officers
and club affiliations from the masthead of each reminder,..."
(Should we conserve paper?)

Ed



P.R. PROMOTING POSTMASTER

Another pictorial cancel is about to flow from the little village of Volcano, about three miles from Pine Grove. Rosemary White, postmaster of the Volcano post office, will be hand-stamp

muscle sore again as she applies thousands of the newest cancel from her office to mail from near and far. The new pictorial cancel (probably 2" x 3") honors Daffodil Hill, a local scenic wonder, and will be used on mail April 11 and 12. See article below.

Rosemary has been encouraging the use of these types of pictorial cancels for some time now. She asks local artist Martha Thompson to design them whenever an event of local interest comes up. They are very popular, even with non-philatelic buyers.

Fun Times, March 1987 — 23

Daffodil Hill Blossoming

The hundreds of thousands of daffodil blossoms that carpet the four-acre McLaughlin Ranch, located about three miles north of Volcano, come up when conditions are just right. And Daffodil Hill's prime is just around the corner.



As of late February, anyone's guess is as good as another's as to when the early spring splendor will burst forth across this palette of lush green. It all depends on the weather at the 3,000-foot elevation.

That's where the ranch is situated. But 1,000 feet lower, down in Volcano, a few daffodils are beginning to open; so it probably won't be long until the annual pilgrimage of more than 20,000 northern California resi-

dents to this lovely site can begin.

THE BEST bet is to call someone at the ranch. The telephone number is (209) 296-7048.

It is not just the golden daffodils that lure the thousands of visitors, or the multitude of hyacinths, crocuses, tulips, vic'ets, iris and lilacs. It is the total setting of Daffodil Hill in its high foothill setting.

Two good, but narrow, country roads meet in front of the garden. There is clear air and views of the valley floor can be seen. The crystal air is scented by pines and, of course, the flowers.

The old barn, whose upper floor served as a dance hall during turn-of-the-century mining days, is still standing.

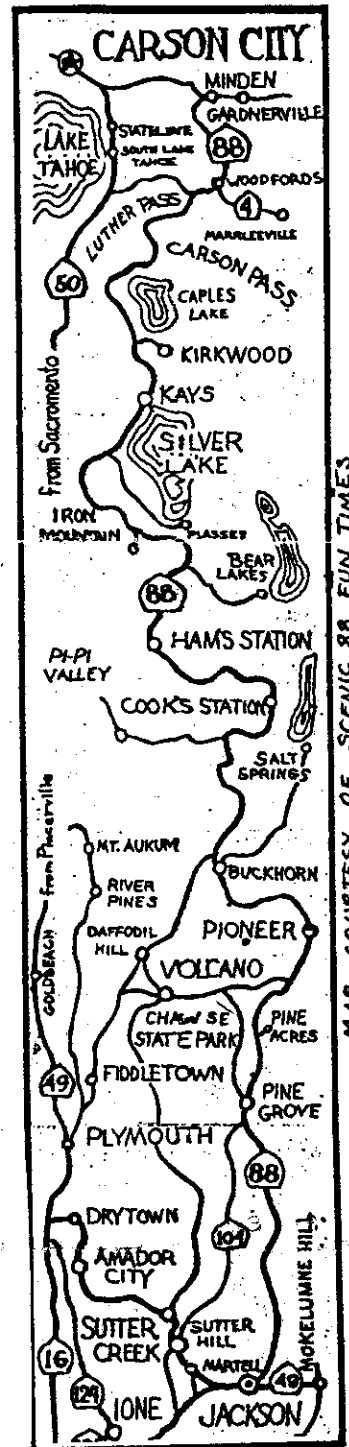
RADIATING out from the barn are landscaped paths that lead guests past old wagons and wheels lying about,

and flowers pushing up from rusing mining equipment, farm tools, bathtubs, barrels and wheelbarrows.

Despite the popularity of Daffodil Hill and the incredible potential for profit-taking, the McLaughlin family refuses to charge admission.

Donations are accepted for the bulb fund, and from this and the family's own funds come the money to plant thousands of new bulbs each year, increasing the size and variation of the garden.

It is well worth the drive to take a day or a weekend and come to Daffodil Hill for spring's early splendor. Just take Shake Ridge Road out of Sutter Creek and travel about 12 miles; or travel from Jackson nine miles to Pine Grove on Scenic 88. Turn left and go down the hills into Volcano. Daffodil Hill is three miles above Volcano on the Ram's Horn Grade.



MAP COURTESY OF SCENIC 88 FUN TIMES

THE VIEWING season usually last for about three weeks to a month, again depending on the weather. Snow, which has fallen in April in the Fun Country, will close the garden down.

Our rather dry winter this year may hold through spring. But it is wise to call first before starting out.

LETTERS continued

"Your scribe, Dave Starr"

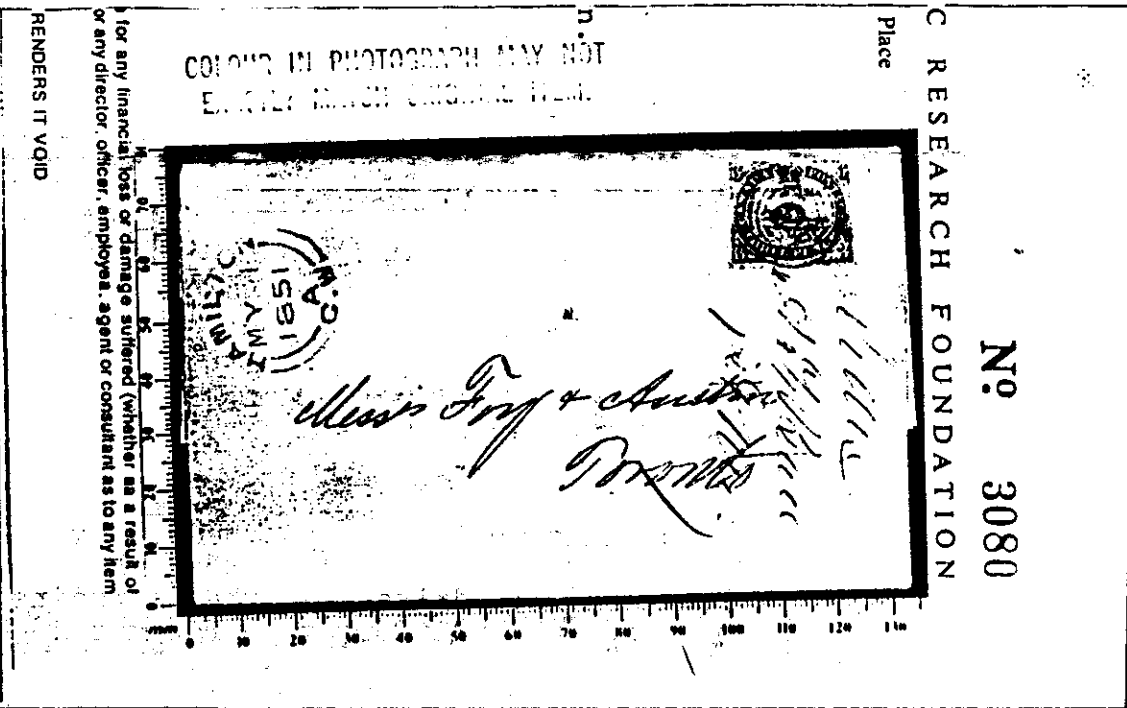
(I get it now. Dave was passing on some sample of his work as a newsletter editor, with some suggestions. Thank you, Dave.)

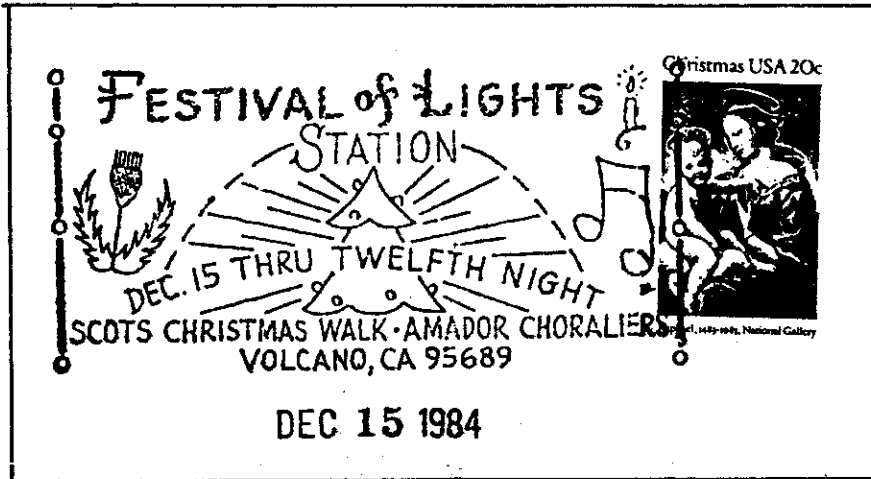
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CANADA #1

One of my Anon E. Mouse customers wrote a newsy letter to me recently, and I'd like to share part of it with you. Roger Listwan got to attend AMERIPEX and was very active in the frenzy to buy and service the new President stamps. While there, he also did some special "shopping" -- read this from his letter:

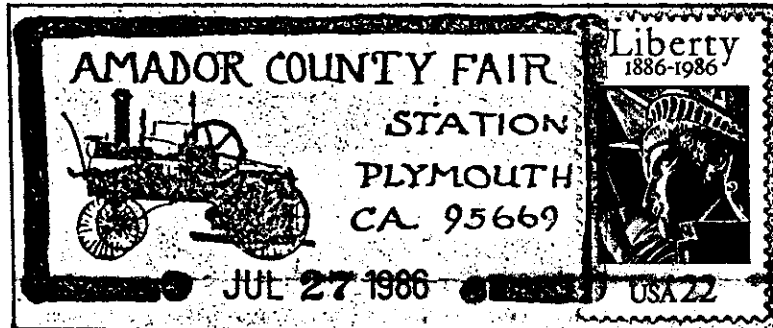
And I also got the FDC "deal of a lifetime" there. A dealer from New York was selling a Canada #1 "earliest known use"(one of only 2 known) cover for \$1000. It was worth much more but the PF would only give him a "no opinion" since it wasn't clearly tied by cancel. Well that price was a bit stiff for me, so I just looked at it several times and went home and thought about it and several weeks later called him up and offered \$800. He called me several names but finally agreed. After receiving, I sent it to the Greene Foundation in Toronto and they declared it genuine. Several major Canadian dealers have estimated its true value now, with a good certificate, at \$4-5,000. I just recently admitted to my wife that I spent \$800 on a single cover (her immediate reaction--let's sell it and take a trip to Hawaii). This cover was featured in Linn's "Cover of the Week" on Feb 16.





Here are two more samples of the pictorial cancellations coming from the Volcano area. The one above calls attention to four different local events that occur around Christmas time: a holiday lighting extravaganza, the Serbian celebration of their holy season, a gathering of Scottish clans in their kilts, and a concert given by a local choral group.

The Amador County Fair cancellation below depicts an old-fashioned one cylinder tractor. Every year at the fair there is a group of hobbyists who reconstruct and exhibit working models of all kinds of one-stroke combustion engines.



If you would like covers canceled with the Daffodil Hill pictorial, send your self-addressed stamped envelopes to:

Daffodil Hill Station
April 11
Postmaster
Volcano, CA 95689

(or April 12)

It's usually a good idea to do this about 10 days ahead of time.

Better yet, and far more exciting: drive over the mountains and visit Daffodil Hill in person! Don't forget your camera!

J. F. Kennedy

Nov. 22, 1963

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E became a modern Moses;
When his mate had dropped the roses;
And our flag was draped in blackness thereupon.
For his work upon this planet,
Will give others reign to man it;
It will leave a message all will carry on.

What our country does for us; nay,
What instead we do for it, may
Well determine all our fate and freedom's end;
And the world will e'er embellish,
Those who rather would see perish;
Liberty; God's grace to man intend.

E'er to love than hate can merit,
Mankind everywhere to share it,
That which can't be bought with life or death but must;
With all generation's fire;
Be it ever to aspire
All on earth to earn his brother's trust.

Dogwood trees will grow above him,
Tell the world and all who love him;
That the fire that burns the everlasting flame,
Will remind one to remember
That grey cold day in November;
When all nations never more forget his name.

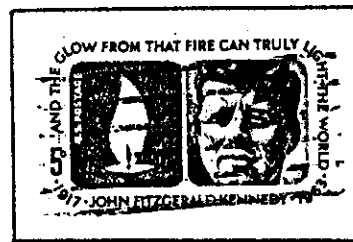
— NAN BITTNER

OUR OWN POETIC PHILATELIST - NAN BITTNER

Collectors of JFK on stamps should know about this poetic tribute to him written by a fellow collector. In 1963 when the tragedy was fresh and a shock to us all, Nan composed this poem in his honor.

Nan tells us that she received thanks and acknowledgement from several important people of that time:

- a letter edged in black from John's wife, Jacqueline Kennedy
 - a note from Robert Kennedy, then attorney general
 - words from Nancy Dickerson of NBC
 - Grant Sawyer, governor of Nevada
 - Alan Bible, senator
 - Walter Baring, representative
 - Mrs. Joseph Kennedy
 - Regina Fisher, editor of the official magazine of the Elks (BPOE)
- Thank you, Nan, for sharing this with us.



"When power leads man towards arrogance, poetry reminds him of his limitations. When power narrows the area of man's concern, poetry reminds him of the richness and diversity of his existence. When power corrupts, poetry cleanses."

— John F. Kennedy