

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

OCT ISSUE

STAMP
STUDY
SOCIETY

OFFICERS:

- Pres: Dick Dreiling
- Vice Pres: Jack Barriage
- Secty: Ruthe Dreiling
- Treas: Gus Geiger
- Board Members: Jack Barriage, Dave Starr, Dick Dreiling, Ruthe Dreiling, Gus Geiger, Larry Scott, Kay Williams
- Show Chairman: Dick Dreiling
- Post-Boy Editor: Cindy Scott
- Program Chairman: Tom Morrissey
- Representatives:
 - APS: Ruthe Dreiling
 - AFDCS: Dick Dreiling
 - COPO: Al Greene
 - CNCPS: Bill Brew
 - JAPOS: Cindy Scott
- Membership: Ron Schultz

SEPTEMBER 26, 1987 MEETING NOTES

... excerpts from both board and general meetings
contributed by Ruthe Dreiling.

AIR RACE RESULTS

Jack Barriage submitted a detailed report of our "Air Race Venture" and it was found that after paying all expenses including 25% of gross sales to the Air Race Committee, plus a \$100 booth rental fee, we still made a profit of \$2,478.98 ! (Ed. note -- The booth must have been mobbed all 3 days. I wonder how many post cards and pins were sold? Thanks to Jack and his hard-working crew; what a job!)

Jack is sending a letter on behalf of NSSS to the postmaster at Stead, thanking him and his workers for all their help in getting our Air Race covers cancelled, and will give a set of covers to each of the personnel involved.

Dick called everyone's attention to the fact that the following people:

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| JACK BARRIAGE | BILL BREW | DICK DREILING |
| PAT BARRIAGE | LAURA BREW | DEE DREILING |
| SHELLEY BARRIAGE | AL SHAY | RUTHE DREILING |
| GUS GEIGER | TOM MORRISSEY | DELORES GIANOPOLUS |

were the only club members who were involved in the Air Race sales booth. Two of these are new members and two are non-collecting family members. Where were the thirty-plus other club members? We could have used a lot more help from everyone else.

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

Due to health problems, Dave Starr has resigned as Program Chairman. Tom Morrissey offered to fill that post. If you have any ideas for a program or want to participate, contact Tom.

NEVPEX 88

Roger Lauderdale has arranged with a company from Santa Cruz for them to hold auctions on Friday and Saturday of the show. Elliott-Lindsay Auctions will expect a free table to display the auction lots.

MEETING NOTES continued

The Reno Tahoe Company would like to set up a tour for our NEVPEX visitors and give them an inside look at Gaming. The company's representative, Karen Stephan, said our visitors would get instructions on how to play the games, and then take a trip thru an "eye in the sky" facility to see how gaming looks from behind those two-way mirrors.

Jack suggested we sell stamp pins at our club table during the show. He is finding out how many varieties are available and what they would cost.

The Great ANYWAY-YOU-CAN CACHET Contest

All club members are encouraged to contribute an idea/design for our NEVPEX 88 souvenir cover cachet. It does not have to be your own art. If you have an idea but cannot draw, and know someone who can, have them make it up for you. All cachets must be in Dick's hands no later than December 1. They will be voted on by the members at our December club meeting to select the winner. This early selection date will insure that there is plenty of time to have the covers printed.

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October is Stamp Collecting Month

STEAMING ALONG WITH STAMP COLLECTING -- ALL ABOARD!

is the theme for National Stamp Collecting month.

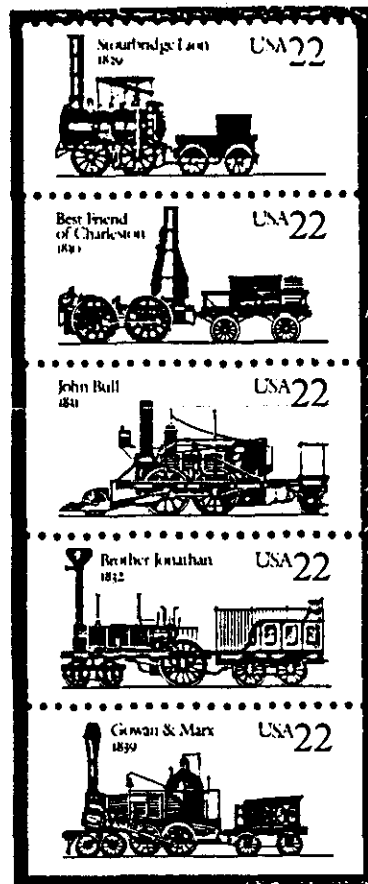
The USPS issued a 20-stamp booklet showing five different steam locomotives, which goes well with the theme promotion. In my home town post office these "train books" are very popular already and I overheard some customers teasing our clerk about being a train ticket seller.

The pleasure of collecting topicals is being emphasized this month. The topic of trains is an easy subject to display -- there are lots of trains on stamps from the U.S. and all over the world.

With that idea in mind, I am putting together a seven page display of trains on stamps and covers for my post office. They are contributing a 14" by 21" poster promoting the "Steaming Along..." theme. The poster and seven pages fit perfectly in a glass case in the lobby.

This is something any of you could do in your local branch post office. Most USPS clerks should be eager to have outside help in pushing the hobby; my local postmaster says they are all "ordered" to do these types of things by upper management.

Help spread some of the fun around -- work with your local post office.



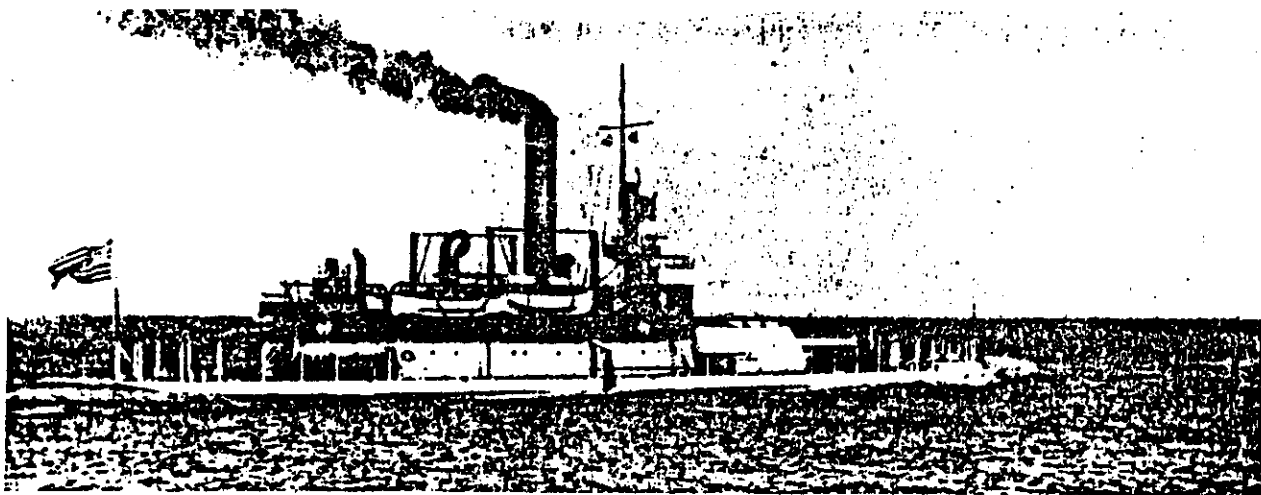
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The U.S.S. NEVADA BB36

by Tom Morrissey

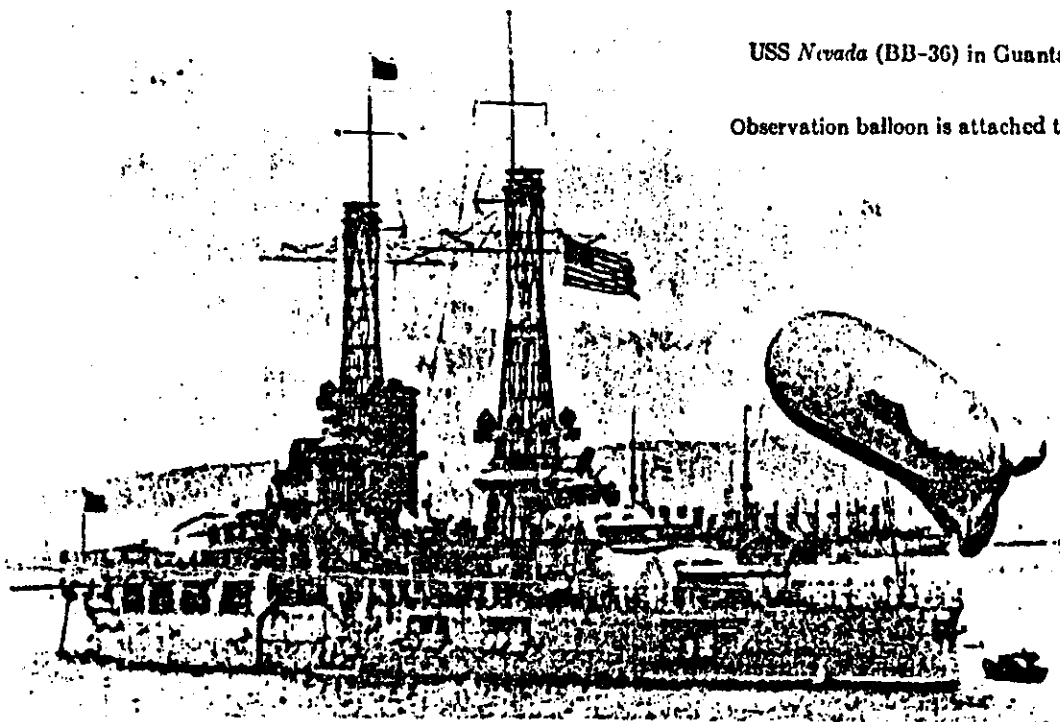
Although I've never served on board a battleship while in the Navy, I have seen them in action and sailed in ships along side of them. (Which is probably why Tom is interested in this topical area. - Ed.)

The original U.S.S. Nevada was a single turret monitor in use around 1905. On March 2, 1909 she was renamed U.S.S. Tonopah in order to allow a new battleship 36 to be named Nevada.



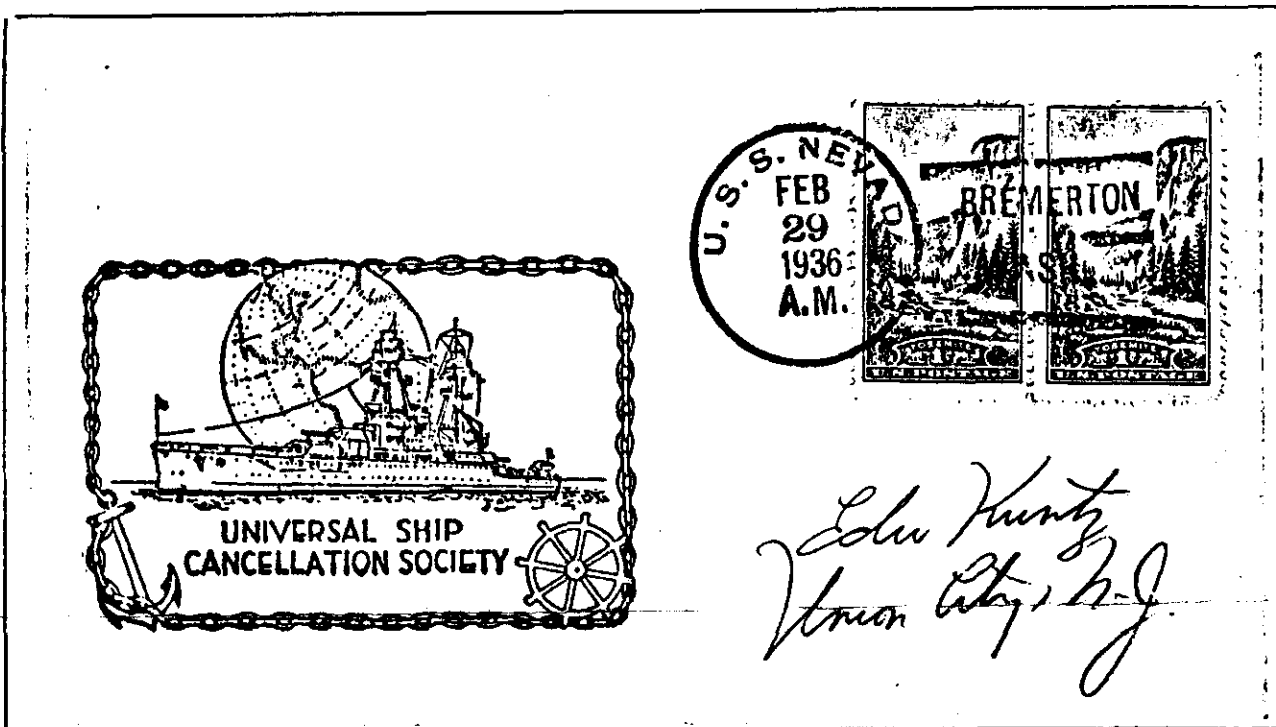
USS Nevada, a single turret, harbor defense monitor, circa 1905. She was later renamed *Tonopah* and reclassified a monitor second line (BM-8). She was a coal burner.

The U.S.S. Nevada BB36 was commissioned March 11, 1916 and participated in World War One. Between the two big wars, Nevada served both in the Atlantic and Pacific fleets, and made many good-will cruises.



USS Nevada (BB-36) in Guantánamo Bay, 1919.

Observation balloon is attached to the battleship.



(The U.S.C.S. shows its age here. - Ed.)

On December 7, 1941 the U.S.S. Nevada was moored singly off Ford Island. During the Japanese attack, Nevada managed to get underway but was hit by a torpedo and two or three bombs. Fearing she might block the channel, she was beached at Hospital Point. Gutted forward, casualties were 50 killed and 109 wounded.

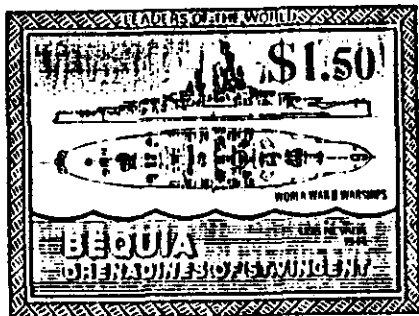
Refloated February 12, 1942 Nevada was repaired at the Pearl Harbor and Puget Sound Navy yards. Her First action following repair was to provide fire support for the capture of Attu, Alaska.

The following year, off of Okinawa, a main turret was hit by a suicide plane, killing eleven of her crew. Later, while moored in the same location, two more of her crew were killed by shore fire.

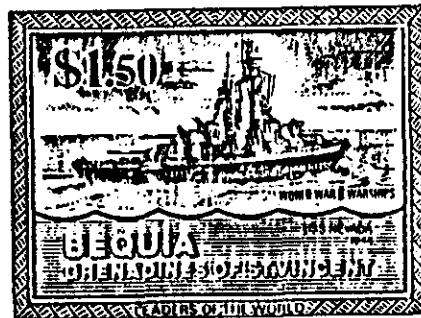
In 1944 Nevada participated in the invasion of Normandy, dueling with naval guns which the Germans had removed from scuttled French battleships.

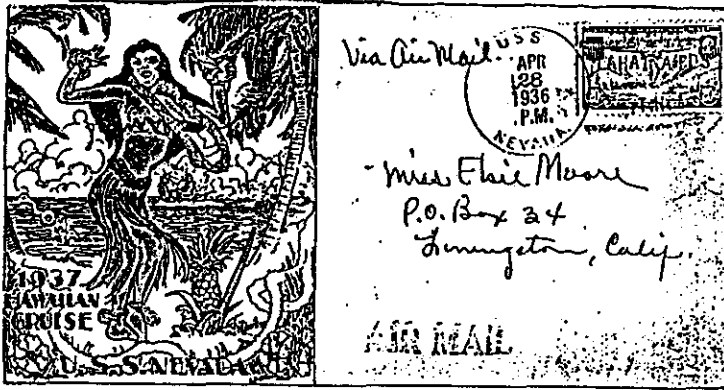
When the war ended, Nevada had a brief Occupation assignment and then returned to Pearl Harbor. There she was surveyed and designated as a target ship for the Bikini Atoll Atomic experiments. The tough old veteran survived the atomic blast of July 1946. Nevada returned to Pearl Harbor again, was decommissioned and sunk by gunfire and torpedos off Hawaii July 31, 1948.

U.S.S. Nevada was one of two classes of battleships. Her sister ship was U.S.S. Oklahoma BB37, sunk at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

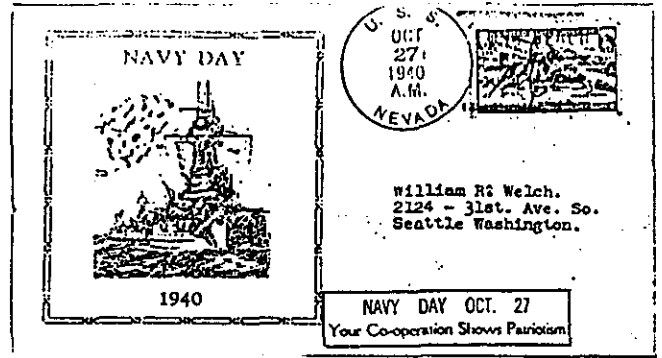
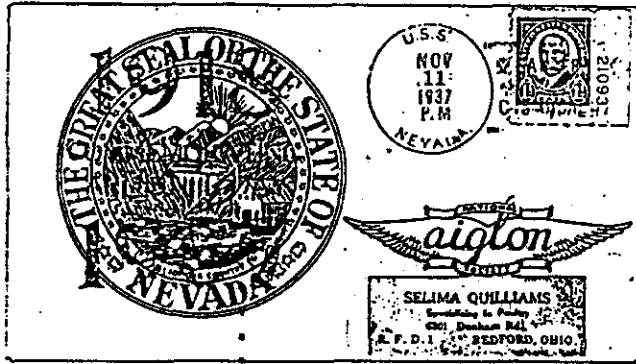


St. Vincent has issued two stamps honoring the U.S.S. Nevada.

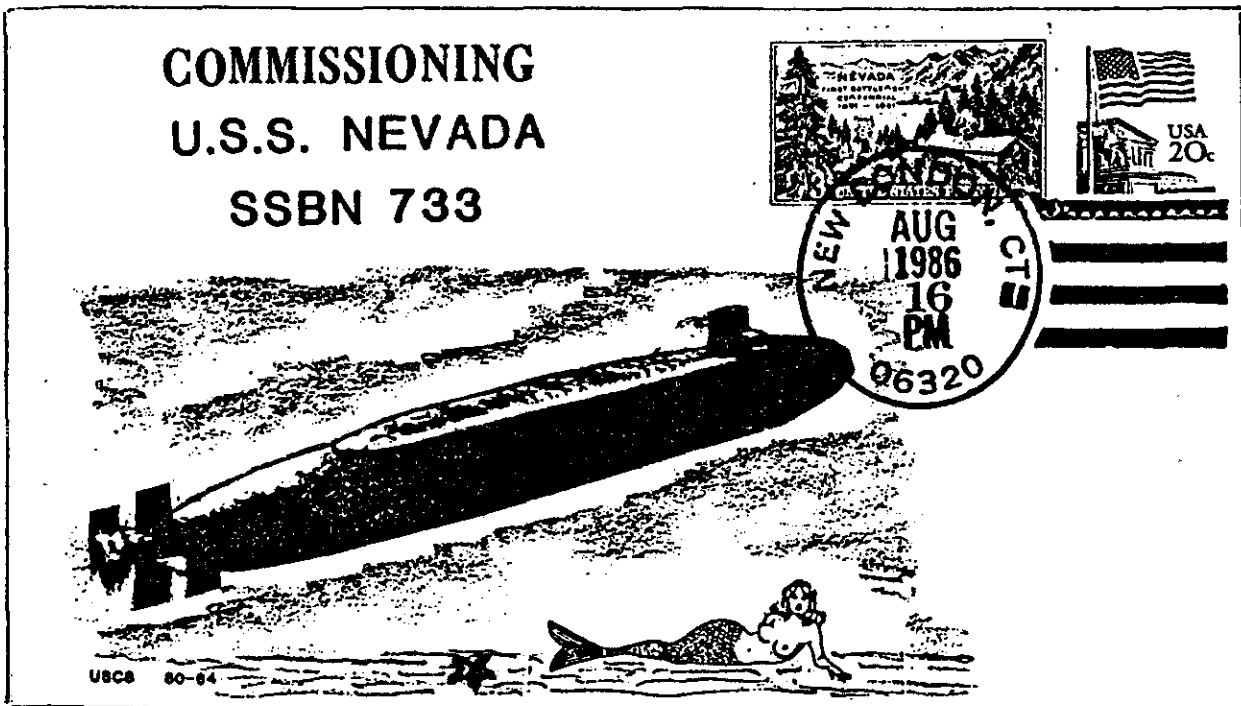




(Compare these three Nevada cancels with each of the others and the one on the previous page: they are all different. — Ed.)



The U.S.S. Nevada was "reborn" in 1986 when its name was given to a new submarine, SSBN 733. ↓



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My thanks to Tom Morrissey for giving me all his notes and photo-copies to play with; I had to have something (I didn't know what) put together by Friday, Oct. 2, and Tom's material arrived in the mail on Thursday, Oct. 1. What lucky timing!

-- Ed.