



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.



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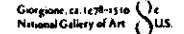
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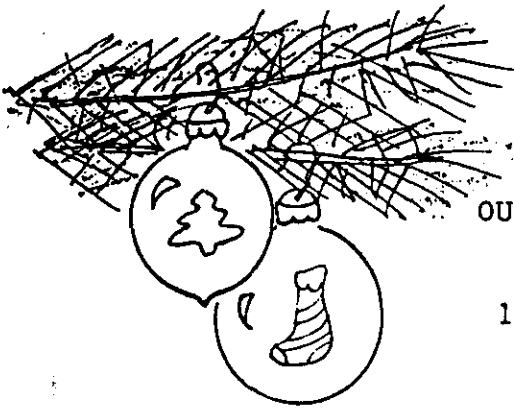


Seasons Greetings

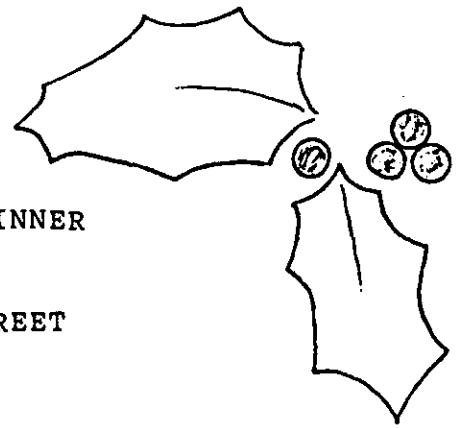
Merry Christmas

Happy Holiday





COME
TO



OUR "CHRISTMAS" PARTY DINNER
NEWMAN HALL

1101 NORTH VIRGINIA STREET
DECEMBER, 12, 1987

6:30 P.M.

THIS IS A REALLY FUN PARTY, WITH LOTS OF GOOD FOOD AND FUN.
THE WAY DOT & GUS ARRANGE THE TABLES, WE NOT ONLY ACTUALLY EAT
TOGETHER, BUT EVERYONE GETS TO SEE EVERYONE ELSE OPEN THEIR GIFTS
WHICH MAKES FOR A LOT OF LAUGHING AND FUN.

IF YOU MISSED LAST YEARS PARTY, YOU MISSED OUT ON A REALLY GOOD
TIME, DON'T MISS OUT AGAIN THIS YEAR.

THIS PARTY IS OPEN TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS & THEIR GUESTS, NO CHARGE.

IMPORTANT FACTS

POTLUCK DINNER - THE CLUB IS FURNISHING THE TURKEY, DRESSING, GRAVY
AND SOFT DRINKS.

DISHES - BRING YOUR OWN DISHES AND SILVERWARE.

IF YOU BRING A CASSEROLE DISH, TRAY, CONDIMENT DISHES, OR
BAKING PANS THAT YOU WANT RETURNED, PLEASE MARK YOUR NAME
ON THE BOTTOM SO THEY CAN BE IDENTIFIED.

FOOD - IF YOUR LAST NAME ENDS IN

A THRU G BRING SALADS & OR APPETIZERS. GREEN SALAD- FRUIT
SALAD, CRANBERRY SAUCE, RELISH TRAYS, ETC.

H thru R BRING SIDE DISHES - VEGETABLES, POTATOES, SWEET
POTATOES, ETC.

S DESSERTS

T THRU Z BREAD, ROLLS, BISCUITS, AND BUTTER OR MARGERINE
BRING ENOUGH FOOD FOR THE NUMBER IN YOUR IMMEDIATE PARTY PLUS
FOUR.

YOU SINGLE GUYS CAN OBTAIN ANY OF THE ABOVE AT ANY ONE OF THE DELI'S
THAT ARE FEATURED IN MOST OF OUR SUPER MARKETS, SO THAT ISN'T AN
EXCUSE FOR STAYING AWAY.

BRING A GIFT, \$5.00 OR LESS, AND PREFERABLY NON-PHILATELIC FOR
EACH MEMBER OF YOUR PARTY, SO THAT EVERYONE GETS SOMETHING, THAT IS
HALF OF THE FUN. NON-PHILATELIC SO THAT THE NON-COLLECTORS AT THE
PARTY CAN KEEP THEIR GIFTS, NOT JUST TURN THEM OVER TO THEIR SPOUSE
OR FRIEND WHO IS A COLLECTOR.

BRING YOUR OWN BOTTLE IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COCKTAIL OR WINE.

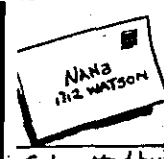
DOMESTIC LETTER RATES

Have our postage rates always gone only up?

In idly thumbing through a Scott's Specialized U.S. Catalogue, I discovered this summary of how our rates have varied over the years:

Effective Date	Prepaid	Collect	Effective Date	Prepaid
1845, July 1			1883, Oct. 1	
Reduction from 6c to 5c range on single-sheet letters.			Letter rate reduced one-third.	
Under 300 miles, per 1/4 oz.	5c	5c	All parts of United States, per 1/4 oz.	2c
Over 300 miles, per 1/4 oz.	10c	10c		
Drop letters	2c		1888, July 1	
1847-1848			Weight increased to 1 oz.	
East, to or from Havana (Cuba) per 1/4 oz.	12 1/2c	12 1/2c	All parts of United States, per 1 oz.	2c
East, to or from Chagres (Panama) per 1/4 oz.	20c	20c		
East, to or from Panama, across isthmus, per 1/4 oz.	30c	30c	1896, Oct. 1	
To or from Astoria (Ore.) or Pacific Coast, per 1/4 oz.	40c	40c	Rural Free Delivery started.	
Along Pacific Coast, per 1/4 oz.	12 1/2c	12 1/2c	1917, Nov. 2	
1847, July 1			War emergency.	
Unsealed circulars			All parts of United States, per 1 oz.	3c
1 oz. or less	3c		1919, July 1	
			Restoration of pre-war rate.	
1851, July 1			All parts of United States, per 1 oz.	2c
Elimination of rates of 1847-1848 listed above			1933, July 6	
Up to 3,000 miles, per 1/4 oz.	2c	5c	Rise due to depression.	
Over 3,000 miles, per 1/4 oz.	6c	10c	All parts of United States, per 1 oz.	3c
Drop letters	1c		1955, Aug. 1	
Unsealed circulars			All parts of United States, per 1 oz.	4c
1 oz. or less up to 500 miles	1c		1963, Jan. 7	
Over 500 miles to 1,500 miles	2c		All parts of United States, per 1 oz.	8c
Over 1,500 miles to 2,500 miles	3c		1968, Jan. 7	
Over 2,500 miles to 3,500 miles	4c		All parts of United States, per 1 oz.	5c
Over 3,500 miles	5c		1971, May 18	
1852, Sept. 30			All parts of United States, per 1 oz.	3c
Unsealed circulars			1974, Mar. 3	
1 oz. or less anywhere in U. S.	1c		All parts of United States, per 1 oz.	10c
Each additional ounce (Double charge if collect.)	1c		1975, Dec. 31	
1855, April 1			All parts of United States, 1st oz.	13c
Prepayment made compulsory.			1978, May 29	
Not over 3,000 miles, per 1/4 oz.	3c		All parts of United States, 1st oz.	15c
Over 3,000 miles, per 1/4 oz.	10c		1981, Mar. 22	
Drop letters	1c		All parts of United States, 1st oz.	18c
1868, July 1			1981, Nov. 1	
Distance differential eliminated.			All parts of United States, 1st oz.	20c
All parts of United States, per 1/4 oz.	3c		1985, Feb. 17	
			All parts of United States, 1st oz.	22c

Dee Dreiling found this "Believe It or Not!" mail item in the Reno Gazette-Journal:



A GET-WELL LETTER
 SENT BY 6-YEAR-OLD MELISSA REEDER OF FT. WORTH, TEXAS, TO HER GRANDMOTHER WAS ADDRESSED ONLY TO "NANA, 1712 WATSON"--- WITH NO CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE OR POSTAL STAMP. YET THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE DELIVERED IT IN ONE DAY TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS BEARING ONLY A TRADING STAMP

Submitted by
 Paul Krook,
 Ontario,
 Canada

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On November 7 I took a long drive to Sunnyvale to attend a meeting of the Bay Area Chapter of the American First Day Cover Society. This was my first attempt to see SUNPEX, and will probably be my last for awhile -- I'm not that fond of long drives.

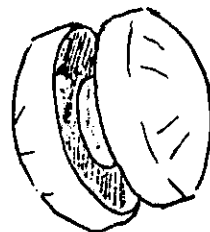
The Sunnyvale Community Center is very attractive; a pleasant arrangement of several "modern-rustic" buildings in a park-like setting. The stamp show was in the gym where they had to put a protective tarp on the floor before setting up the dealers' tables and exhibit frames. There is a sort of mezzanine level at one end of the building where observers can look out over the rest of the hall from above.

Collectors of Helvetia (sp?), that is stamps from Switzerland, were having a convention at this show. It is a relatively small group of collectors, but some were able to travel there from the mid-west and east coast. Four or five exhibits were studies of that specialty, and included some interesting postal history samples.

The program for our AFDCS meeting included a slide show borrowed from the Smithsonian National Philatelic Collection. It was titled "Serving the Cities" and described the beginnings of letter carrier delivery service in the U.S. The show had 27 slides and a lot of information that Len Piskiewicz read outloud from the accompanying script. I only jotted a sparse amount of notes, but I can tell you that delivery of mail was the idea of Joseph Briggs. He thought it was a shame that the wives and mothers of soldiers in the Civil War had to wait in line all day to get their letters from their men. He organized door-to-door delivery for families in Cleveland, Ohio.

The idea caught on and was approved for rapid expansion. By 1880, 104 cities had home delivery of their mail. Before 1916 mail boxes were not required. Letter carriers had to knock on each door. Some invented their own "door knockers" to prevent wear and tear on their knuckles. Each delivery involved a little social chatting, too, so quite a bit of time was spent on few deliveries, compared to today's rate.

The program charted the rapid growth of mail delivery, the changes in weight limits the mailmen could carry, modes of transportation, and types of uniforms and hats the service has seen. As of the late seventies, there were 150,000 letter carriers delivering mail in the United States.



DOOR-KNOCKER

Tentative 1988 Stamp Schedule

Jan. 9 -- 22¢ Conn. Statehood
Jan. 10 -- 22¢ Winter Olympics
Jan. 26 -- 22¢ Australian Bicentennial
Jan. ? -- Georgia Statehood
Feb. 2 -- 22¢ James W. Johnson
Feb. 5 -- 22¢ Cats, block of 4
Feb. 6 -- 22¢ Mass. Statehood
Feb. 29 -- 3¢ Conestoga Wagon coil
Feb. ? -- 22¢ Maryland Statehood
Mar. ? -- 14¢ Blair House postal card
Mar. 29 -- Intl. Air Mail ?¢, New Sweden anniv.

Sometime between March 29 and May 23 the new postal rate increase will take effect. The nondenominational E stamps are being readied for this period of change.

This will affect what we use for our NEVPEX '88 souvenir covers. If we use a 22¢ commemorative, our choice of 3¢ stamps to go with it will include:

Dr. Paul Dudley White, Great American
Handcar 1880's, coil stamp
Conestoga Wagon, coil stamp

If anyone has a supply of older, more interesting 3¢ stamps we can use, speak up. Of course, if we are lucky, the new rate change won't yet be in effect April 8 - 10.

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