

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

July 1988 Issue

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

June Meeting Notes

. . . by Ruthe Dreiling

At the June 11 meeting we were offered a way to earn some extra money for the club. Scolari's Warehouse Markets will pay non-profit organizations 1% of the money shown to have been spent by its members when they turn in grocery register tapes dated between May 18, 1988 and November 30.

The Antique Collector offered us a 10' x 10' booth at one of their Reno Convention Center shows Free! Well, almost. Instead of their usual \$115 or \$125 per day charge, we would only have to pay \$6.60 for a city license and \$9.00 for table rentals. The club voted to "go for it" on the show dates July 22, 23, & 24, with Ruthe D. and Rene St. Pierre volunteering to organize everything. (Later, after the meeting, the Antique Collector cancelled their Summer show, but promised the same deal for their Fall show.)

When Jack Barriage reported on the Air Races, we learned that the USPS wants to be there but can't pay the booth rent. Club members voted to pay for this booth if Jack can't talk the Air Race Committee into providing it for free.

Dick Dreiling reported that the Naval Air Station in Fallon is having another airshow during their Navy Day celebration on October 12. NSSS members present agreed Dick should look into the possibility of the club having a booth at that event.

Gus Geiger reported a profit of \$1,859.37 on NEVPEX '88. Dick explained that part of the extra expense this year involved the show judges. APS required 5 accredited judges and 2 apprentice judges. We provided lunch on Friday, free banquet tickets, and for each of the 5 regular judges \$200 expense money.

Tom Morrissey introduced guest Rex Rawlins, who explained Medical Data Inc. cards which he wants to sell at any of our activity booths. He would give the club \$5 for each card sold. No action was taken on his offer at this meeting.

The raffle was held with Tom Morrissey, Catherine Cole, Dick Dreiling & Harold Cole all winning philatelic items donated by Larry Scott and Ron Schultz. The cash kitty of \$6 was won by Dot Geiger.

A discussion was instituted by Ruthe Dreiling regarding our present dues structure. Our dues are currently 50¢ per month. It costs 25¢ per month just to mail the Post Boy; more than that when paper and photocopying costs are added. After some debate, a motion was made, seconded and carried to change our dues schedule to:

- \$ 3 per year for Juniors (under age 18)
- 10 per year for single adult memberships
- 15 per year for family memberships

This will become effective on August 1, 1988. There is no special Senior rate, but if any senior member is unable to pay the new fee, arrangements can be made through the board of directors for "confidential" assistance.

After the regular meeting of June 11 was closed at 4:15, the board of directors met briefly to go over the NEVPEX financial statement, and to discuss selling Medical Data Inc. cards. It was unanimously decided we would not accept the card-selling offer because it could jeopardize our non-profit status.

June 25 Meetings

At the noon Board Meeting, a letter from the convention authority was read which stated that the Pioneer Theater Auditorium has been taken over for management by the Sierra Arts & Lawler Events people. Even so, our show dates for 1989 and 1990 are firm and will be honored.

After reviewing the financial report, Dick advised that we could no longer expect the Big profits we have had in the past. Hall rents will probably escalate, as will judging expenses. Nevertheless, we DO NOT want to start charging admission.

Gus presented drawings and prices for frame bags. The board decided to postpone further action on this project, until our finances are in better shape.

Jack Barriage reported on prices/availability of pins and postcards for the upcoming Air Races. Both pin companies have agreed to operate on consignment, so we would not have a big outlay for merchandise. We do still have to buy the post cards outright. The board agreed that Jack should have freedom to use his own judgment in ordering both the pins and the cards.

The board began work on revising the by-laws, which have not been touched since 1979. Further discussion will continue at the August board meeting. No board meeting is scheduled for July, as several members will be on vacation trips.

At the regular membership meeting, raffle prizes donated by Tom Morrissey and Ron Schultz were won by Larry Scott, David Starr, and Al Shay. The cash kitty of \$8 went to David Palmquist.

Program events included a quiz from Dave Starr -- he tested us to see if we knew what the Famous Americans did to become famous. Al Shay showed some Canadian stamps cataloged at \$525 that were worthless because of careless removal from an album; damage had resulted from improper handling.

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PHILATELIST PROFILE

--- Meet Rene St. Pierre, NSSS member since May 1987:

Rene was born in Quebec, Canada. His family moved to Seattle, Washington when Rene was three years old.

In 1970 Rene enlisted in the USAF and became an Air Traffic Controller, handling C130E "Hercules" aircraft. He spent a total of three years in Southeast Asia.

Rene started to collect stamps at the age of eight, accumulating world wide and US. His specialty is US commemoratives and has almost all issues printed. He has almost all of the US airmail issues, too.

Rene also collects old stock certificates -- not so much for their value, but for their beauty. It's no wonder Rene likes old stock certificates; he's been a stockbroker for a lot of years, working first for Merrill Lynch in Seattle, and then for Wedbush Securities in Reno since 1985.

Rene loves living, playing and collecting in Reno.

(Contributed by Tom Morrissey)

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PROFILE OF AN ANCIENT PHILATELIST - - -

My interest in stamps began at an early age in my native Wisconsin, through the acquaintance with a Nisei lad, the son of a popular restaurant owner, who lost a leg in a railroad car hopping mishap but could outrun and swim faster than his peers. With his guidance I began to search the trash cans in the cities alleys and at the postoffice and scavenged the city dump for stamps of the world as Kenosha was home to thousands of many foreigners who received mail from their homelands. During my adult years and Army career of 22 years, I travelled to many continents, countries and islands in the South Pacific purchasing stamps when and where possible. While in West Germany I specialized in Post WW II of West Germany, and had two SAFE hingeless albums loaded with same. I joined a stamp club in Darmstadt and had a standing order with the Bundespost for all new issues. But, alas, I sold my collection a few months before the German and Saar issues skyrocketed in value. At present I collect US Postal cards and a few of the scarce earlier issues elude me. The Nisei aforementioned was Milton K. Ozaki, who became one of the countries best bridge players, an author, an inventor of mind boggling games and among the first to enter the stamp investing business for those wanting to purchase stamps for future profits.

The above is Dave Starr, NSSS, APS and UPSS member.

WHY ARE THESE PEOPLE HIDING?

(Ron Schultz sent in a long magazine article written by Daniel Kagan for the July Insight, which I will try to paraphrase and shorten for this newsletter.)

There is a group of 14 people serving without pay for our country, who would rather not be very well known. Current members include two graphic designers, a NY art director, the sculpture curator of the National Gallery of Art, a historian, a Texas school superintendent, a newspaper editor, two business executives, and an "ivy league" college basketball coach.

You might understand their avoidance of public recognition when I tell you they are members of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee. They have the job of deciding which subjects will appear on our postage stamps, picking from more than 1,500 suggestions submitted each year by anyone and everyone in the country.

In the normal course of events, all suggestions are first received and analyzed by the Postal Service's Stamp Information Branch before being passed on to the committee. But, in some cases, people have contacted committee members directly in order to increase the odds of having their ideas selected. This can result in a lot of unwanted pestering. Some groups will stop at nothing to get their way, including unusual bribes, as was shown when some onion stamp advocates sent the committee huge sacks of purple, yellow and white onions.

Some more bizarre subjects submitted have included:

- the Starship Enterprise
- the importance of the outhouse in the American frontier
- armadillo racing
- mud wrestling
- anniversary of the 1st daylight bank robbery

Hugh McGonigle of the SIB explained "members of the committee are shy of talking to anyone not recommended by the post office." Dickey Rustin, also of the Stamp Information Branch, said "Our whole intent with the committee is to see that it is isolated from corporate, political and other pressure, to avoid outside influences on their decision process."

Daniel Kagan's article described how stamp subjects were selected prior to the committee's formation in 1957, and also explained what happens in the stamp design process once the subject is chosen. Meeting every eight weeks, the committee reviews the artwork commissioned for each of the ideas chosen at its last meeting.

Final approval must come from the postmaster general's office. In the old days, the PMG was the poor guy who got "lobbied" unmercilessly. Now he has this committee.

If you want to try out a stamp idea, write to the

Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee
c/o Stamp Development Branch, USPS HQ
Washington, D.C. 20260-6352

FROM RICHIE AND THE CONCORDE ---

"Hi Cindy, Your cancel was used like crazy yesterday (June 24) -- from 11:00 am to 6:30 pm at least 3,900 times and stacks of covers from all over waiting to be done Monday.

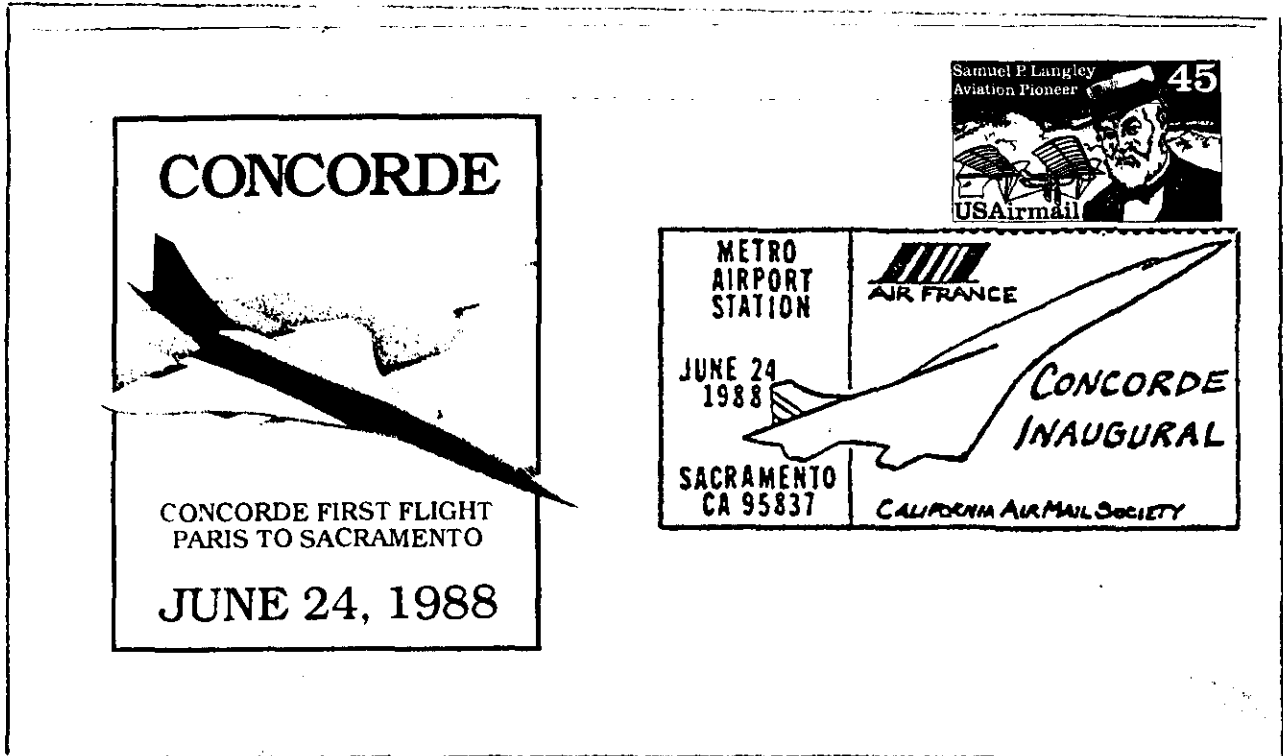
There was a pkg of covers from as far away as Spain -- how about that? ...If anyone should see these (enclosed) and want one-- just tell them to send \$2.50 and a SASE to

California Air Mail Society, P.O. Box 60910, Sacramento, CA 95860

and we'll send one. There were only 250 made. I did get a tour of the plane and see it land, etc.

Thanks again--

Richie"



DAVE'S "STARR-GAZING"

... favorite quips, quotes, humor to spice up a conversation.

Malaprops --- misuse of words

"Even Napoleon had his Watergate." (Danny Ozark)

"Now all you fellows line up alphabetically by height."
(Casey Stengel)

Bumper Snickers

"Astronomy is looking up."

"If you think education is expensive, try ignorance."

- 1- Wrote the poem that became THE BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC
- 2- An OGLALA Sioux who led his tribe in resistance to the white man in the Wyoming Territories
- 3- Established the high standards of the West Point Military Academy
- 4- Won the 1950 Nobel Peace Prize for mediating the 1948-49 Israel/Arab conflict
- 5- Pioneer in electrocardiography and a leader in the fight against heart disease
- 6- A leading advocate in World Federation
- 7- Represented Georgia in the Continental Congress
- 8- Political leader and journalist. Introduced competitive exams to the Civil Service
- 9- Shaped the Bill of Rights
- 10- With her husband Frank, pioneered time and motion efficiency studies
- 11- Organized Wheaton College and founded Mount Holyoke Seminary
- 12- Introduced Advice to Lovelorn Columns
- 13- President of Yeshiva University
- 14- A Cherokee Indian scholar who set up an alphabet and written language for his people
- 15- Spiritual father of the ROTC
- 16- First female lawyer admitted to practice before the US Supreme Court

Tough, was it not?

What are the following FAMOUS AMERICANS on stamps famous for?

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| 1- JULIA WARD HOWE | 9- GEORGE MASON |
| 2- RED CLOUD | 10- LILLIAN M GILBRETH |
| 3- SYLVANUS THAYER | 11- MARY LYON |
| 4- RALPH BUNCHE | 12- DOROTHY DIX |
| 5- PAUL DUDLEY WHITE MD- <i>Heart Disease</i> | 13- BERNARD REVEL |
| 6- GRENVILLE CLARK | 14- SEQUOYAH |
| 7- ABRAHAM BALDWIN | 15- ALDEN PARTRIDGE |
| 8- CARL SCHURZ | 16- BELVA ANN LOCKWOOD |

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A panel consisting of educated people with backgrounds in photography, business, arts, medicine, language, anthropology, nursing and industrial technology was selected to indicate who these famous Americans were and only two persons were identified.