

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  
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SOCIETYSEPTEMBER ISSUE  
1988

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Condensed from Ruthe's Notes --

Board of Directors Meeting, August 13

Jack Barriage gave an updated report on the Air Race booth and selling plans, which seem to be shaping up okay. He has ordered the pins, requesting delivery on or before Sept. 10. The picture postcards are in hand. He plans to have members attending the Sept. 10 meeting help get the sales displays ready for the Air Show. Previously Jack did all the preparations himself, and the board hopes that enough people show up at the Sept. 10 meeting to give him some help this time.

Tom Morrissey will be going to the USPS folks to set up a schedule and plans for handling the special Air Race cancellation. Jack will be writing to Linn's and the Airmail Journal to get some advance promotion on the event and the cancellation.

The Board voted to purchase a small two-compartment cash register to be used at the Air Race and any other functions where we handle cash. This register will cost \$119.99.

It was decided that the Post Boy should be produced on a consistent monthly basis and mailed rather than distributed at the meetings.

Jack gave us a report on the Special Olympics coming in April of 1989. He has talked with the S.O. Public Relations Director regarding our participation, who has agreed we could negotiate with the Postmaster. We will design and have printed a special event cover commemorating the Special Olympics, which we will promote and sell. All profits will go to the Special Olympics. It's good community service project for our club.

Regular Meeting, August 13

The main activity involved our club by-laws. The board has been working hard to re-vamp them. Dick Dreiling read out loud the old by-laws, and then the proposed changes and additions. These

proposed changes will be available for members to study at the next three meetings. If any member cannot attend and desires a copy of the by-law changes to be mailed home, call Ruthe at 359-2030. After considering suggestions and making explanations, the Board will adopt the by-laws at the October board meeting. Every member of good standing will then receive a copy.

Also discussed at this meeting were the annual picnic plans and the Air Race sign-up sheets. These lucky members were winners of donated philatelic raffle items: Dr. John Sande, Walt Sommers (who also won the \$7 cash prize), David Starr, Kay Williams, Al Shay, Tom Morrissey, and Rene St. Pierre.

Annual Picnic, August 27

As has been our practice for many years, we held our Annual Picnic instead of a regular meeting. This year the picnic was at Dee and Dick Dreiling's new home in Sparks.

Except for "old man Weather" not cooperating with a nice cool day, we had a nice time. About 18 or 20 people came, including Harold Cole and Lois Willick who do not get to our meetings too often.

The club, as usual, furnished hamburgers, hot dogs, and soft drinks. Attending members added to our feast with lovely and tasty salads and desserts. Ron Shultz found and attempted to buy out the condiment and chip department of the local grocer. - - - (No more excuses, Ron, that you don't know where to find things when you bring refreshments. You have discovered the grocery store!)

Sorry all of you couldn't make it. Thank you Dee and Dick for your hospitality.

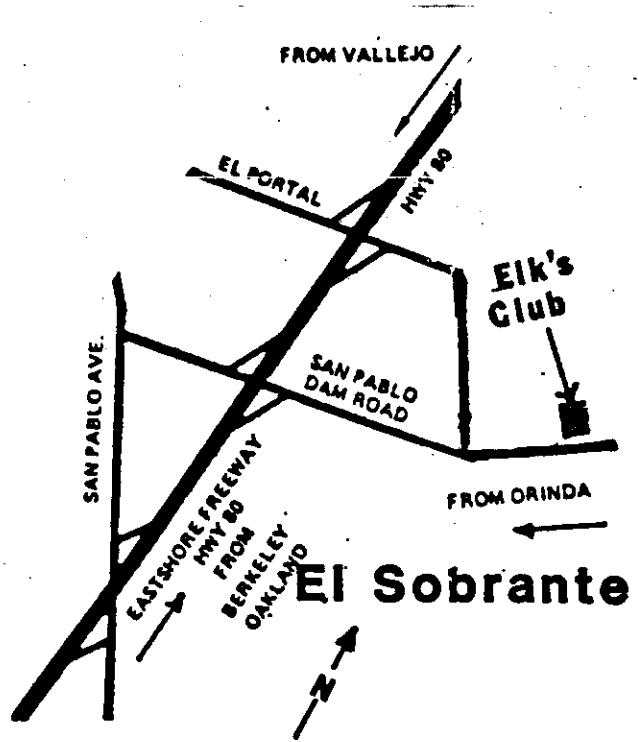
--- Ruthe

**EAST BAY COLLECTORS CLUB**

**STAMP SHOW 88**

October 1st & 2nd at the  
Elk's Club Hall - El Sobrante  
3931 San Pablo Dam Road  
Doors open at 10AM to 5PM.  
Show features bourse, exhibit,  
U S and U N post offices and  
Souvenir cachet cover by Noel  
Bond featuring American Polar  
Explorers.

**FREE ADMISSION & DOOR PRIZES**



## SPECIAL INFORMATION SHEET

from: Ruthe Dreiling  
 Telephone- 359-2030  
 29 East Gault Way  
 Sparks, Nv. 89431

IS YOUR NAME HERE?

According to my records, the following members have not returned their MEMBERSHIP HISTORY SHEETS. We want to print up our new DIRECTORY in October, and all paid up members must have their sheets back to me to be included in our directory.

AL & GLORIA GREENE  
 ANGELA & BOB NORRIS  
 CLAY HARROLD.

ERIC KASTEL  
 RICHARD & LORENA PEAKE

If you don't have the blank sheet, give me a call and I will mail you a new one.

IS YOUR NAME HERE?

As of August 1, 1988, Club dues went to \$10.00 for an individual member, \$15.00 for a family membership and \$3.00 for a Junior (under 18) member. No special rates for Seniors or Dealers.

I should have mailed out statements, but go busy with the rewrites of the new bylaws, and soooo no statements went out. To date the following have not paid their dues. Please forward your check in the correct amount at your earliest convenience so we may include your name in our directory and also send you our new bylaws, as well as keep you on our mailing list for Post Boy.

CATHERINE & HAROLD COLE  
 CHRIS GALLEGOS  
 VERN KELLER  
 WILLIAM MOHLER  
 HOLLY MOHLER  
 RENE ST. PIERRE  
 BILL THOMAS (due \$3.00)  
 AL & GLORIA GREENE  
 ANGELA & BOB NORRIS  
 DR. JOHN SANDE

CLARENCE DOUCETTE  
 JOSEPHINE GOLD  
 ROGER LAUDERDALE  
 SONJA MOHLER  
 JESSIE ROGERS  
 JOHN SWANSON  
 DOUG & LOIS WILLYCK  
 ERIC KASTEL  
 RICHARD & LORENA PEAKE

Thanks much,  
 RUTHE DREILING,  
 Secretary

Other Collectibles

Catherine Cole sent the Post Boy some pages from the Spring edition of the Collector Editions magazine.

In the first article, the new National Park stamps were introduced with much fanfare. These are revenue stamps created by the US Department of the Interior which will be used to validate the Golden Eagle Pass. The article shows that the "stamp" is actually a setenant block of seven smaller stamps, which must all be purchased together for \$25.



The works of art shown on this new stamp were selected from the winners of a national art contest.

The six works of art shown on the stamps were winners in the 1987 Arts for the Parks contest, selected from 2,706 entries representing 236 national park units.

First Day covers were created on Dec. 10, 1987 at each post office serving the parks depicted on the stamps. (22¢ postage was added). Each artist autographed the cachet of his own artwork. The cost of a six-cover set is \$225, or, individual covers are available for \$45 each. These covers can be ordered from the National Parks Products Center -- Attn: Philatelic Dept., 2828 Anthony Ln. S., Minneapolis, MN 55418.

In another article titled "The Hot Corner: Baseball Collectibles", the author Robert Obojski lets the reader know of the many baseball-related souvenirs and collectibles available on the market. Several paragraphs describe cacheted philatelic covers created by the Gateway Stamp Co., and Scott Forst of Limited Edition Stadiums.

If any NSSS member is interested, I can send photocopies of these articles upon request. Copyright restrictions and limited space kept them out of the Post Boy. I'll keep these articles on file for at least 2 months.

-- Ed.

New Zealand Lures Jessie

One of our world travelers, Jessie Rogers, sent me a circular promoting a grand tour package for New Zealand. She wishes she could go, but has other dreams and plans for the same year. The circular tells of several world-class activities scheduled as part of an on-going event called "The World of Birds, A Southern Perspective."

The part attractive to us stamp collectors is called BIRDPEX '90. Below I have copied excerpts from the 40-page brochure Jessie sent:

## BIRDPEX '90

### A Unique Ornithological Display

During the 20th International Ornithological Congress at Christchurch, December 1990, a new concept in stamp exhibitions will be held at the same venue. Known as "BIRDPEX '90" this exhibition will feature any stamps and postmarks featuring birds. It will encourage entries from any part of the world to foster a truly international and representative display.

All the normal classes will be available, such as:

- Traditional - the study of stamps from the artists' drawings to the various printings, perforations and watermarks
- Postal History - the use of birds' names or features in postmarks
- Airmails - such as Pigeon Posts and stylised birds in airmail emblems
- Postal Stationery - birds on Aerogrammes, Registered Envelopes, Letter-cards, etc.
- Cinderellas - the use of seals and stickers on mail with bird emblems



The most popular section of the competition will be the Thematic Class where entrants will display items relating to one species or group, or the birds of one area, or themes such as "Migrating Birds" and "Birds and their Nests" - there is much scope here. The bird theme can also be extended to include those found on Coats of Arms such as Imperial Austria, Germany, Russia and many other countries. A further extension of this theme is the wings on various world airmail stamps or on gods such as Eros.



BIRDPEX '90 will be a competitive exhibition with Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze and Bronze medals awarded - based on the rarity of the material, the story told, the presentation, knowledge of the subject, etc. It is being organised by an experienced team from the Christchurch Philatelic Society (NZ) Incorporated, and is open to exhibitors from throughout the world.

To finance the Exhibition display - which should contain up to 6 000 pages of material - various souvenirs featuring birds will be issued, beginning shortly. They will be limited runs and will not be reprinted. All issues will be offered first to Supporting Members - those who pay a flat fee of US \$10.00 (NZ \$ 15.00). This fee entitles the Member to receive all newsletters issued by BIRDPEX '90 and all offers of souvenirs.



More about Birds on Stamps

As part of that New Zealand circular that Jessie sent, there was this description of birds on stamps from that country:

The first postage stamps in the world were issued in Great Britain in 1840, followed by Brazil and the Swiss Cantons of Zurich in March 1843 and Geneva in September 1843. The Geneva issue showed an eagle on its Coat of Arms and thus was the first stamp to feature any kind of bird. In 1845 the Canton of Basle issued its only stamp, featuring the Dove of Basle. Today these stamps are worth up to NZ\$50,000 each.

New Zealand's history of using birds as stamp designs is a long and proud one starting in 1898 with the first pictorial set which featured 3d, 6d and 1/- values depicting huias, a kiwi, and a kea and kaka respectively. The same year saw the issue in New Zealand of the world's first airmail stamp by "The Original Great Barrier Pigeongram Service". This and subsequent stamps paid postage on letters carried by pigeons between Great Barrier Island, in the Hauraki Gulf, and Auckland.

The next pictorial set issued by the New Zealand Post Office in 1935 included halfpenny fantail, 1d kiwi and 1/- tui stamps. Since then other birds have featured in 1956 (takahe), 1958 (gannet), 1959 (brown kiwi, grey teal, stilt), 1960 (kingfisher, native pigeon), 1961 (white heron, falcon), 1962 (red-fronted parakeet, saddleback), 1964 (red-billed gull, blue penguin), 1965 (kaka, fantail), 1966 (bellbird, weka) and 1970 (Chatham Island mollymawk). Since 1982 a new definitive series has begun with 9 values currently in use and a further 9 planned for issue late in 1988.

Do we have any bird collectors in our club? I'd be glad to forward the whole brochure to the first person who asks for it.

-- Ed.

Coming in September

**United States**

**Promised**

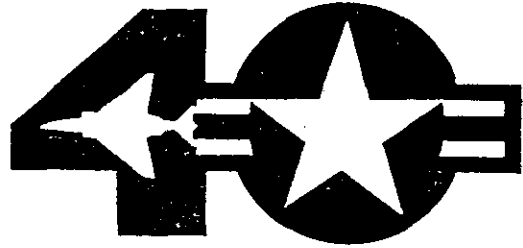
- Sept. 8 - 25c Snowflake stamped envelope in 7 1/4-by-5-inch size. First-day sale at Snowflake, AZ 85837.
- Sept. 14 - 25c Antarctic Explorers set-tenant block of four commemorative stamps for Lincoln Ellsworth, Nathaniel Palmer, Charles Wilkes, and Richard Byrd. 50 stamps per pane, six single-digit plate numbers preceded by the letter A. First-day sale at Washington, DC 20066.
- Sept. 16 - 5.3c Elevator 1900s precanceled definitive stamp in Transportation series. First-day sale at New York, NY 10199.
- Sept. 20 - 15c Hearst Castle postal card in Historic Preservation series. First-day sale at San Simeon, CA 93452.
- Sept. 28 - 20.5c Fire Engine 1900s precanceled definitive stamp in Transportation series. Coils of 500 and 3,000, with single-digit plate number every 52nd stamp. First-day sale at San Angelo, TX 76802.
- Sept. 2 - 25c Honeybee coil stamp in coils of 100. One single-digit plate number every 48 stamps. First-day sale at Omaha, NE 68108. . .



EDITOR'S PLUG :

Before the Meeting, plan to stop by  
the airport and see our ✓

**NEVADA AIR  
NATIONAL GUARD**



**40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

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