



May Meeting 1992

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At the May 9th meeting two new members were introduced and welcomed into the club, Shirley and Richard Piekarski. They live in Sparks.

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As Gus Geiger was not feeling too well after some treatments, we missed both Gus and Dot today. Jack Barriage has had a kidney transplant, as well as a liver, and he seems to be coming along quite well. It would be nice to send cards to both of these families.

There will be a board meeting before our next regular meeting to take care of some business for the Air Races.

Ron Schultz and Lee Graybeal contributed First Day Covers for the drawing. Stephen Boiadjeiv was the winner of the cash drawing.

We have new cards to be given out to publicize our club. See Walt for them.

At was announced there would be a representative from the Gazette-Journal at our next meeting to do an article for the Neighbors section of the paper. This is the general auction meeting and there should be a good attendance, a time for publicity!

Larry Scott is to bring refreshments for the May 23rd meeting.

The Columbian sheets, similar to the World War II issue should be available May 26th at the Vassar Street Post Office.

After a break was taken to enjoy coffee and brownies furnished by Dr. Sande the auction was held. There were 15 lots posted on the board and 9 were sold. There were some real good buys, Ron was the Auctioneer.

Stephan gave a program on "Chemical Topicals" It was interesting to learn how many countries have issued "Chemical" stamps.

On May 23rd as we did not have the necessary information for the Air Races there was not a Board Meeting. The regular meeting opened at 2:10 P.M. by President, Jerry.

Ruthe Dreiling has contacted the companies who have supplied pins and postcards at the Air Races in previous years and they are all willing to supply again with the same provisions. In addition some airplane post cards may be available from the Nut Tree to sell on consignment. The Post Office will set up a booth as before and Jack Barriage is working on cancellation and cachet design.

Jack is still in San Francisco, slowly improving. Gus was unable to attend today's meeting. Dorothy Johnson's husband is ill and she was not with us today. Cards are welcome, her address is 645 Margrave, Reno, 89502. Ruthe read a letter from Charlotte Weisenfeld a former member now living in Arizona. She misses the meetings and friendly members.

JUNE MEETINGS ARE JUNE 13th and 27th

GOOD NEWS: June 2nd Ruthe received a card from Jack Barriage, he plans to be home, back in Sparks, in about 10 days.

The Columbian Re-issue will be on sale May 26, \$16.34 a set.

The cash drawing today was won by Dick Dreiling.

If you have not sent or brought your History Information sheet would you please do so. We are making a new club membership list.

Larry Scott told of attending a New England States Stamp Show which they have once a year. This year they were noting 125 years as a nation for Canada. Post Office booths were set up by United States, United Nations and Canada. They encourage the youth to participate and the schools have contests organized by the teachers and the Ben Franklin Clubs. A 4th grade girl was the winner of a \$100.00 bond.

A break was taken for refreshments furnished by Larry Scott.

As there was a mix up in schedules at the Gazette-Journal for today the representative did not attend our meeting. It will be re-scheduled.

The general auction was held today with most all members taking part. There were 73 lots posted and 41 were sold. Some very special stamps were offered and members took advantage of this. Dick Dreiling served as Auctioneer. It was a fun meeting and all members are urged to take part when this type of meeting is held.

Refreshments for June are to be brought by Catherine Cole on June 13th and Lee Graybeal on June 27th.

June Birthdays: May each day of the coming year fulfill your wishes!

Vivian Scott June 6th

Clay Harrold June 25th

Larry Scott June 23rd



If we have missed your birthday please get your History Information sheet to us!

There are four MAIN BONES in every organization:

The WISHBONES wish someone would do something.

The JAWBONES do all the talking, but very little else.

The KNUCKLEBONES sit back and know everything.

The BACKBONES CARRY THE BRUNT OF THE LOAD AND  
DO MOST OF THE WORK.

Which bone are you?

IT'S TIME FOR A BOWLING STAMP! Isn't 145 years long enough to wait for U.S. Postal Service recognition of America's largest sport? Bowling's only recognition by the U.S. Postal Service in the past 145 years has been two sizes of envelopes featuring an 8¢ embossed bowling image issued in 1971 in honor of the ABC's 75th Anniversary and the 7th FIQ World Championships held in Milwaukee. If you would like to express your desire for a bowling stamp in 1995 write to: Citizen's Advisory Stamp Committee, % Stamp Market Development Branch, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Efant Plaza SW. Room 4474-E, Washington, D.C.  
20260-6756

The following article was submitted by member, Bill Brew:

Stamps are funny things, at times. They are taken for granted, used by the millions each day and most go unnoticed. Once in a blue moon there is an issue that is printed in limited quantity, which sometimes, are pounced on by ye olde collectors. Like a hungry lion on a piece of fresh raw meat. Why? In hopes the price will skyrocket and they will make a killing. Boy, this story is getting gorier by the line. Hold on, it soon will take a turn for the worse.

Sometimes the eater gets bit himself.

Thus it was with the Hungary, appropriately, issue # B170, Sp105, roseviolet, 30f + 20f.

It is a scene with Stephen Horthy, son of Regent Nicholus. Horthy, planes, horses, stars and clubs in the background. It was issued as a surtax stamp to aid the Horthy National Aviation Fund. There is not much information about the Fund or its purpose in the records available. It was placed on sale on Aug. 16, 1943.

Collectors thought, wrongly or rightly so, that limited supply would create an investor's bonanza. Thus, the price soon jumped to \$5.00 per stamp. That was dealer's U.S. price.

However, Murphy's Law prevailed, and soon many-many-many copies showed up on the market and the price dropped to the catalog value of 10¢. 1986 catalog value is up to 40¢.

Such is the luck of the collector. Much like buying old gold mining stock. Well, not quite, gold mining stock certificates are making a comeback these days, as collector items.

## **GENE VANCE**

*Gene is a fourteen-year-old freshman. He has performed in the Reno-Sparks area in All-County Honor Choir, Boys Choir, and Greenbrae Choir. He loves singing and playing baseball and is looking forward to Skyfire's trip to the Bahamas.*

Gene played the part of "Henry" in the presentation of "Finian's Rainbow" A presentation of Sparks High School Skyfire.

