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NEVADA POST BOY

STAMP STUDY SOCIETY

The Club met September 11th with President Al presiding and 18 members were present. Noon was the time today due to a UNR football game.

A guest was introduced, Joyce Storms from New Jersey, a Sister in Law of Walt Sommer. She is an avid stamp collector.

Items for the drawing today were packages of hinges, NSSS Cacheted envelopes and First Day Covers from Catherine Cole, Walt and Ron Schultz. Lucky winner of the cash was Tom Morrissey.

Al told of an educational program to help youth with their education in reading, writing, history and even stamp collecting. A Humanities Grant is available. Members are asked to submit ideas as to how we could be of assistance in a program of this type.

If anyone knows of a child who is interested in music lessons at \$5.00 per lesson please contact Al.

Roy Zimmerman brought vegetables, dips, cheese and crackers for break time today. Everyone enjoyed them, thanks Roy.

Bill Brew asked for someone to volunteer for a program on November 13th. October 9th Bill will bring refreshments and Jessie Rogers and Dorothy Johnson will furnish on October 23rd.

Tom had a program on "Cachets and Cancellations". He showed one cover with an error - it had a 1999 cancellation.

Al as auctioneer for 23 lots sold only 12 today.

Larry Scott commented on the "Battle of the Atlantic" fifty years ago and how important it was to Great Britain and it is an event that there is very little information on.

September 25: Again the meeting was at 12:00 Noon due to football. 18 members attended.

Report on the Air Races was given. There are still a few bills and at this time we show a profit of approximately \$950.00. This is about half of previous years. The J C'C are selling a similar item as we do and according to our contract only one booth is to sell an item. Jack Barriage has written a letter to Mr. Greg McKenzie regarding this matter. The club approved it be sent and Jack will keep us up to date as to what he is able to find out. Thank you, Jack, for doing this.

Our booth was opened 5 days this year. Wednesday being the first day and no admission or parking fees charged it was the best sales day. Total items sold for the 5 days: Post Cards, 2,570; Cachet Covers, 383; Pins, 1,270. All of the 1993 Air Race pins were sold.

For various reasons many club members were not able to work and help had to be hired two different days. Special thanks to Vivian and Larry Scott, Catherine Cole, who drove in from Carson, Rene StPierre, driving from Meadow Vally, California and Ruthe who worked all day for five days. It is hoped more club members will be able to work another year as it is not fair to such a few members.

Ruthe brought a few cachet covers from the races. Members could purchase them, \$1.50 each or a set of 4 for \$5.00. Jack did the cachet.

Al had contacted the Peppermill for available dates in 1994. June 11-13 were available. As we have accepted pre-paid reservations from dealers for June 17-19 we felt the dates could not be changed. Al will see what dates are available for 1995.

Ruthe has talked to Mary Weber of the Postal Service and she is trying to get a First Day of Cancellation for 1994. Perhaps it could be held in conjunction with NEVPEX.

As the Postal Service has discontinued their Ben Franklin program with the youth Tom will contact Larry Casteel and ask for the items that were left at NEVPEX so we may have them for a youth program.

Covers for the raffle today were given by Tom and Ron. Chuck Clipper was the winner of the cash.

At break time we all enjoyed Richard Piekarski's birthday cake. It was really good too. Thank you Shirley.

Larry Scott showed some Nepal covers dating back to the late 1800's and explained addresses and cancellations. He correspondes with personnel in Nepal Postal system. He has very interesting information.

Ron auctioned the items today. Only 2 remained out of 21.

October 9 meeting, 12:00 Noon. Bill Brew has refreshments and Tom will give the program. October 23, 12:00 Noon. Program Carol McCabe, Jessie and Dorothy will bring refreshments.

Happy Birthday to October Members

REMEMBER OCTOBER MEETINGS

October 3	Rene St Pierre
October 21	Kay Williams
October 29	Jack Barriage

ARE AT 12:00 NOON

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NEW STAMPS

Actress Marlee Matlin signed the "Star-Spangled Banner" during a ceremony in Burbank, Calif., honoring the deaf community with two new U.S. postal stamps. The stamps feature sign language symbols for "I love you" - a hand with thumb, index and pinky fingers extended. "It's a beautiful language." said Kathy Buckley.

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WHOSE JOB IS IT?

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

*By request of
Ron Schultz*

NATIONAL POSTAL MUSEUM OPENS

More than 13,900 people visited the new National Postal Museum during its opening weekend, July 30- August 1. 1,100 attended by-invitation reception July 29.

July 30 was the first day ceremony for the four new 29¢ National Postal Museum stamps. Many dignitaries were present, but notably absent were Postmaster General Marvin Runyon and Norma Pace, the chairman of the Postal Service's board of governors.

Many first day cover collectors waited in long lines during the day for first day cancels for the new stamps.

The museum includes a postal store and a museum shop. The store is manned by Postal Service employees. They sell packaged, recent U.S. stamps and postal stationery at face value, plus the Postal Service's stamp related books. It did a very strong business during the first two days it was open.

It seemed some prices were high compared to some dealers price for covers, packets of stamps, etc., but when questioned by a customer he was told by a shop employee, "Hey, this museum shop is just like other museum shops. It's a tourist trap." The museum shop had a great variety of items, from 25¢ postcards to better quality souvenirs displayed behind glass, locked cases.

The museum displays more than 50,000 stamps, including a representative collection of United States stamps on 12 double-size album pages, 1847-1960, with all major designs and high values included. This display is to be changed every three to six months.

There is also a world-wide collection on 3,000 album pages, a total of approximately 50,000 stamps.

Most of the public floor space of the museum is devoted to mail and how it was and is delivered. Most exhibits include 4- to 9- minute video presentations. One short video in the stamp section stars employees of the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing explaining how engraved stamps are printed.

The National Postal Museum is a must-see for any stamp collector. It's worth a special trip for anyone within a few hours drive of Washington. It is open every day of the year except Christmas day and the admission is free.

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