

NSSS

January, 1995

Presents

THE POST BOY

As you may have noticed there was not an issue of the Post Boy for December simply because we did not have a meeting. The first of November was the last one for 1994. Nov. 12 was our last scheduled meeting. The Nov. 26th meeting was cancelled due to snow and other unfortunate weather conditions. So, with this issue of POST BOY we begin a new year with many exciting new features planned including TOPEX-NEVPEX. First we will get some of the old business taken care of for 1994.

NSSS meeting, Nov. 12, 1994

Al Shay presided over the meeting and called it to order at 12:10 P.M. a new guest was introduced. Jim Corrigan. He collects U.S. He is from the Silver Springs area and we welcome to our great group of philatelists.

The Christmas party was discussed and the time and location was noted. A further notice will be forthcoming in the mails.

Walt Sommers gave a financial report. We have \$830.25 in the coffers, as of Nov. 12, 1994.

The auction was held for the covers donated by Tom Morrissey and Ron Schultz. What would our auction be like if it wasn't for the generosity of these two fine members. Stefan Boiadjiev won the \$9.00 cash.

Discussion was held on the upcoming NEVPEX show. Dick Dreiling announced the new location as the North Hall of the Convention Center. We will have 3 times as much room as previously planned. It was agreed that the club would charge \$7.00 per frame. As we enter the new year more information will be forthcoming. We will need all the volunteers available to the make this one of the best of the decade.

Ivan Horsky will be leaving us due to a transfer to No. Carolina, we all the water is located these days. Don't forget to take your boat, Ivan.

The refreshments were provided by Phil Cross. Thank you very much, Phil.

The auction was handled by Dick Dreiling. There were 41 lots and 22 were sold.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

C. Wm. Brew, Secretary.

December 3, 1994

The annual Nevada Stamp Study Society Christmas Party was held at the Masonic Hall on 601 West Peckham Lane. N.S.S.S. thanks Kay Williams for arranging for the use of the Hall.

Another great dinner and party was enjoyed by all those present. The distribution of the gifts provided a joyful conclusion this event. We will all be looking forward to next year. A slide show was held, which will be played again at the first meeting in January, 1995. That will be Jan. 14. at the regular time of 2:15 p.m. The subject of the show is "Ships on Stamps." A very fine presentation.

Beginning with the first meeting in January a new program will be instituted. On the program sheet there is a special program on Nov. 11. It is called Auction Bucks Auction. This will be special auction with many materials to bid upon. Some Philatelic and some non-philatelic. All will be excellent material to try to purchase. However, ONLY AUCTION BUCKS will be valid for bidding on these excellent items. You obtain these AUCTION BUCKS by performing certain actions pertaining to N.S.S.S. meetings. For example, you will receive one AUCTION BUCK for attending the meeting. 50 AUCTION BUCKS for providing a 10 minute, minimum, program. 50 AUCTION BUCKS for enrolling a new member. 40 AUCTION BUCKS for furnishing the refreshments. A list will be provided at the Jan. 14, meeting. By accumulating these bucks you will then be able to bid on the material at the Nov. 11. meeting. An update list of the items for auction will be presented once a month. We will need donations for the auction. Non-philatelic items must be new and not white elephants.

As of this date we will only need 11 more people to volunteer to present a program to completely fill the schedule for 1995. Slide shows DO NOT qualify for auction bucks. If you desire to substitute for one of the scheduled slide shows in order to obtain auction bucks, please let me know and I will not order one for that date.

Have you seen the new \$2.00 stamp commemorative sheet, or the \$5.00 stamp? These were recently issued and there are beautiful. They make a great addition to any U.S. collection. I wonder if you will be able to find them in used condition. They would be hard to part with to use them for postage.

On October 1, 1869, the first postcard was issued. This was by the Austrian postal authorities. The purpose of the card was to stimulate business for the post office. Just like issuing Marilyn Monroe stamps these days. The postcard could be sent for half the normal cost of sending a letter. These postcards became very popular and they did provide the incentive to add income to the coffers of the Austrian Postal System. It soon was added to the postal programs of many of the neighboring countries. During WW1 the post cards were extremely useful. they were easy to fill out, since only a minimum amount of writing was permitted. They were easy to censor and handle. More messages could be carried with less weight than letters. Picture post cards began their extensive at about this time due to their propaganda usefulness. Pictures were easier to understand or present the message than words. The use of postal cards increased in the late 1870's. They were found to be a popular method of remembering a visit. Their popularity declined after 1910, but WW1 revived their use for reasons previously mentioned. WWII also

stimulated people to use this form of postal service. Paper use was minimal and patriotic. Today we find picture post card and postal cards used almost as much as letters. Here is another field of collecting that seems to be gathering a popularity.

There are several items of interest to the NSSS members that should be considered this coming year. The possibility of having to move to another location for our meetings. The upcoming TOPEX-NEVPEX show, the balloon races and the air races. The program director would like to know what is of interest that could be presented at the meetings. Try to have some ideas to present at the upcoming meetings.

That's All.

HAVE A GREAT PHILATELIC, PROSPEROUS, HEALTHY AND HARDY NEW YEAR.

AUCTION BUCKS

Recruiting a new member	100
Providing a 10 min. or longer program	80
Providing Refreshments	80
Helping with Stamp Show, per hour	5
Helping with Air Races, per hour	5
Providing stamps for meeting auction, per sheet	5
Purchasing stamps from meeting auction, per sheet	5
Attending meetings	1