

NSSS

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Presents

THE POSTBOY

On Saturday, Jan. 14, 1995, we began the new year with a fine program. The meeting started at 2:15 p.m. with Al Shay conducting. We had a new guest Don Anderson, and a new family, the Criptions.

Bill Brew explained the Auction Bucks program. This will be for the auction to be held in November. We will need some items to be auctioned off at that time. We can start accumulating these items as of now. The more items the more fun for bidding on them.

Kay Williams provided the refreshments for this meeting. Thank you, Kay.

Ron Schultz and Tom Morrissey donated covers for the door prizes. NSSS appreciates these donations. It helps to pep up the program.

The raffle was held with discussion on TOPEX-NEVPEX following. Ruthe Dreiling explained the new setup. The show will be held at the Convention Center in the South meeting room. We will have plenty of space for 31 dealers and 200 frames. The Peppermill will provide our banquet and bus to the convention center. The bus transportation will be free and it will save parking at the Convention Center.

Dick Dreiling explained the layout and asked for cachets to honor this occasion. We will show all the cachets at a later meeting and select the one for the show. All you people with some ideas for a cachet, please present them to Dick as soon as possible. We want some competition on this, so do hesitate, even you can't make a finished drawing. Jack Barriage will provide a special cancel for this event. General discussion continued on the show.

Al called for a break to have refreshments before the program began.

The APS slide show on "Ships on Stamps" was presented. It was well received and appreciated APS for letting us keep it for the length of time in order to get it on the program.

The auction was held and Dick Dreiling and Ron Schultz were our excellent auctioneers. There were 46 items, of which 28 were sold. A pretty good record.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

C. Wm. Brew, Secretary.

Auction bucks were passed out at this time.

the Artic Circle. If one is lucky you might be able to collect the few cachets that were available at that time.

Canada has a picturesque history of which the mail played an important part of it. There are some many stories of how the mail system developed over the years. The early gold propectors lead a violent and lonely life. Food was scarce and there were many devious methods by man in order to maintain his life. One individual had a gill net in his possession. He put the net in the river and proceeded to reap a bounty of fish. The fish were traded for fruit, flour, coffee, sugar and other necessary life sustaining products. For the most part the other miners would take the fish out of the net and come to him to trade what they had that he needed. Other miners weren't so lucky. The trail to the Yukon was narrow and treacherous. At times when two miners met with their mules in tow, it was time for decision as to who would pass through the narrow trail. All to often, one or the other was pushed off the trail to fall to his death on the steep slopes. The lucky and more sanest individuals set up supply stores to provide goods to the miners. They were the real winners. Today it is a land of beauty and great fishing. Getting a little crowded, too.

This Canadian cover is typical of the many covers available. Beautiful stamps, with interesting cancels. This is a cover from the Winnipeg Philatelic Society. It was founded in 1906. This is a first day cover for Scott No. 212. A block of 4 perfectly centered and two very distinct cancels. It is signed by H.S. Smith, Secretary of WPS.

That's all.