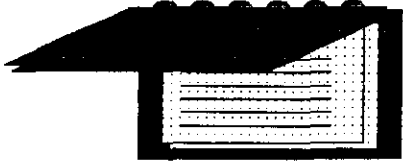


NSSS PRESENTS



THE POST BOY

March, 1995

Meeting, Feb. 11, 1995

Meeting opened at 2:30 p.m. with Al Shay conducting.

Our newest visitor, Sandra Chi, in attendance. There 23 other loyal members present.

Tom Morrissey provide the refreshements as well as donating several covers to the door prize pool. Ron Schultz was our other donor to this fun part of the program.

Al Shay spoke a little bit on some Howard Hughes First Flight covers. They were flown from Los Angeles to New York cityl.

The raffle was won by Bill Brew.

The report on TOPEX-NEVPEX was given and there has been 9 tables sold and 34 frames have been reserved. The show developements are progressing quite strongly.

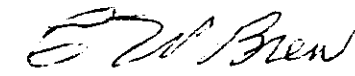
Ron Schultz noted that he had purchased several collections and had packets available in \$50. and \$100 lots.

Dick Dreiling presented a program on First Day Covers. He explained the the catalog that Earl Planty had developed and was now being improved upon by Mallone. Earl Planty just passed away this last month. He was 91 years old. This catalog listed all or almost all of the early Cachet Makers. The value of each maker's cachet varied and this was also noted. The coding between the two different catalog was explained and noted

how the same cover had a different number. The letter 'P' precedes the numbers in Planty's catalog and the letter 'M' precedes Mallone's numbers.

The regular auction followed. There were 77 items for auction.

Meeting closed at 4:00 p.m.



C. WM. Brew, Secretary.

Meeting, Feb. 25, 1995

Meeting began at 2:15 p.m. with Ed Hartley presiding.

Chuck Clipper and Rick Sorenson provided the refreshments.

We had two guests, Mr. Ed Kotsoll, who collects U.S. stamps and Mr. Forest, with his four sons. Son, Josh, 14, is a beginning collector of space and air mail. We welcome these new guests. It seems we are getting more juniors interested these days.

Ron Schultz and Tom Morrissey donated covers for the raffle. Thanks, guys.

Tom Morrissey will have the program on Mar. 11 and Al Shay will have it on Mar. 25. The Post boy will have the upcoming programs listed in each issue. Also the refreshments will be listed. Phil Cross will provide the refreshments on Mar. 11 and Dorothy Johnson will provide them on Mar. 25.

N.S.S.S. is not an entity by itself. It is made up of members. No members no club. So, it behoves us, as members, to help when ever possible. Every member should have the opportunity to participate as often as needed. Right now we need programs.

Ron Schultz is still looking for his keys. He loaned to someone to open the room and has not received them back. Please check your pockets.

Ed announced that TOPEX-NEVPEX had received requests for 47 prospecti. He sent these out and has received 38 requests for frames. The show has all the promise of being successful.

Tom announced that Bill Brew will give out auction bucks for this meeting at the Mar. 11 meeting. Keep track of what you have coming.

Dick Dreiling provided a "fascinating" program entitled, "Tools of the Trade" for all collectors. He discussed use of catalogs and other books, such as the First Day Cover check list book. He demonstrated the use of a cigar tubes to hold the tongues, to prevent damage to the tips and to keep free of dirt. The variations of tongs was noted and the use

of the magnifying glass. Stamp hinges, perforation guages and watermark detectors and trays explained. Also color guages were noted as important to the collectors.

68 lots were up for auction and 48 sold.

20 members were in attendance plus our guests.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

The minutes were recorded by Tom Morrissey.



C. Wm. Brew, Secretary.

Steam Trains

An interesting topical collection can be made of steam trains. Many countries have issued stamps with wonderful pictures of steam trains. Along with the issuance of a stamp depicting a steam train, there are also postcards with pictures of steam trains. There is the possibility of not only having a post card depicting the same train that is shown on the stamp. And to make it even better is to be able to take a ride on that train having the card and stamp cancelled on the train. The card below is one such piece. It depicts the "Royal Hudson" steam train, which travels from North Vancouver to Squamish in British Columbia. Don't know if the train still runs as this postcard was dated Aug. 20, 1976. The stamp, 25 cents, on the front of the card was cancelled on the train, while the stamp on the message and address side was regular postage of 17 cents. This item would be especially interesting if the collector had rode the train at the time of all the cancels.

After the postcard there is a cryptogram which might be interesting to decode. It has a special message.

That's all.

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