

NSSS PRESENTS



POST BOY

May, 1995

GENERAL MEETING April 8, 1995

The N.S.S.S. Meeting began at 2:15 p.m. with Al Shay, president conducting.

Bill Brew read the minutes of the last two minutes. From now on the minutes will be published in the Post Boy. Several members are unable to get to the meetings and the Post Boy is their only source of information about the club's operating activities.

Al Shay reported on "the Fiddle on the Roof" performance and two covers from Israel. Al has a display at the Vassar Post Office.

Kay Williams, our Treasurer, reported on the present finances of N.S.S.S. We have approx \$2000 in the bank account.

It was noted that N.S.S.S. is low in membership cards and applications. Bill Brew read some correspondence with Rep. Barbara Vucanavich and the stamp Advisory Committee.

A board meeting will be held prior to the next meeting at 12:00 noon.

We thank Dick Dreiling for providing the fine refreshments.

Also thank Tom, Jim and Ron for furnishing the door prizes.

Tom Morrissey presented the program on railroad covers and odd covers. Fine presentation

The members who have the Scott Stamp Catalogues should return them at each meeting. This will give other members the opportunity to use them.

It has been decided by the members, that nothing in the mini auction will be less than \$1.00 and ALL material must be described accurately. Also, which catalogue is used and the year of the catalogue.

The following auctioneers helped with the mini auction: Ed Hartley, Tom Morrissey, Al Shay and Ron Shultz.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

C. Wm. Brew
Secretary.

In the absence of President Al Shay, Vice President Ed Hartley called the meeting at 12:45 p.m. Present were: Ed, Roy Zimmerman, Dick Dreiling, Stefan Boiadjiev, Kay Williams Ruth Dreiling and Jack Barriage.

So Far 22 of 30 tables have been sold. 96 frames of 200 are sold.

A banner sign to be placed on the front of the convention center is needed. Ed has prices from 3 companies, the range from \$200.00 to \$500.00 The company doing the \$200. one, 30 feet by 3 feet, would be on white vinal with grommets for hanging. Four colors could be used for lettering. Suggested wording "Free Stamp Show Today". Free' would be in red and the rest of the words in blue. A replica of a postage stamp could be placed on either side of the lettering. Suggestions for the stamp to be used would be discussed at the regular meeting, May 22nd. this type of sign could be used at future shows. After some discussion, Ruthe moved Ed to contact this company and make arrangements for the sign. This suggesstion would be presented at the meeting general meeting.

As the tableclothes for the show need laundering, Ed would contact the various laundries for prices. One frame needs rebuilding, Stefan will help Ed do this job.

No food can be served by our club at the convention center but there will be a snack bar set up for morning coffee and lunch by the convention center.

A request has been made for a slide projector and the club's can be used. We will check for a projection screen from the convention center.

An Earth Award and A Biology Award will be presented by TOPEX.

Ruthe will contact printers for costs to do programs and covers.

Rene asked the club to come to Meadow Valley for out summer picnic in August. It was suggested we charter a bus. Ruthe will check costs. This will be presented at meeting to the members.

Ed asked if we should plan on working at the Air Races this year, as we did not make much profit last year. He wondered if there is another project we could do. If we give up our space at the races it woulbe impossible to get it back. After discussion it was suggested we try at least one more year, before giving up.

Elections are in June. To be elected this year are President, Treasurer and oneboard member. A nominating committee will be appointed.

All above suggestions are to be presented to members at our regualr meeting today.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Kay Williams,
Secretary, Pro tem.

GENERAL MEETING
April 22, 1995

Al Shay opened the meeting at 2:15 p.m. Our guest, Doris Holahan was introduced and welcomed.

Kaye Williams, the treasurer, reported that N.S.S.S. has \$2028 in its account.

Larry Scott provided the club with the refreshments at this meeting. Thank you, Larry.

TOPEX-NEVPEX progress was reported by Dick Dreiling. It was agreed by those present that a banner be made to be placed across the facade of the South Meeting Hall to announce the show is in progress.

Participation at the Reno Air Races by N.S.S.S. was questioned as to its worthiness. We have not made much profit in the last two years. If we drop this program we will never be able to get back into it. It was decided that we would participate one more year. Further discussion was made on the prices of cards, pins and covers. An ad in the Air Mail Society could help our sale of covers.

Al and Ron presented the covers for door prizes. Mrs. Scott won the main door prize.

An A.P.S. slide show was presented. It covered the subject of the Civil War. Entitled; "Division of the Union" it provided pictures of covers that showed the involvement of the North and the South in the Civil War. Very interesting show, as most of the A.P.S. programs have a high quality of entertainment.

Doris Holahan asked if anyone was interested in riding the Pony Express Trail in the upcoming annual event honoring the Pony Express Mail. Contact Doris if you are interested.

The mini auction was held and 26 items were sold.

Meeting adjourned at 4.:00 p.m.



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Secretary

Thank you Kay for helping me at the Board Meeting. I missed it.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE NEVADA STAMP STUDY SOCIETY

Dear NSSS Member,

This is not my club! Yes, I pay my dues on time each year. I regularly attend club meetings. I voluntarily sign up for, and bring refreshments. I have accepted nominations for and served the club in various offices. Am I an expert in the duties and requirements of the positions I've held? No, but I realized many years ago that I can do as good a job as anyone else if I just apply myself.

I provide the club with a program when asked. My programs have a tendency to go a little long, but that is because I enjoy my stamp collecting and am eager to share with you my passion for my specialty. I don't think giving a program consists of passing around a few items and saying "Look them over, I like them and think they are interesting. That's my program for today." I think giving a program is looking at what I collect, how and/or why I collect it, and what I have learned about it. I then try to share a little of my knowledge with you. I realize you don't collect what I do, nor do I expect you to. I don't collect what you do, nor so I plan to. However, I do want to know what you collect and why. I **like** stamps and covers. The fact I do not collect stamps and covers from the countries you do or on the topic you do does not mean I can't be interested in learning about your collection. I don't care whether you are nervous or not accustomed to speaking before large(?) groups like a meeting of the NSSS. I am interested in you and your collection. I wish more of you would give a program. That's how I can become more knowledgeable about stamp collecting in general. Am I an expert? No, I found out a long time ago that if you dissect the word you will find out EX = a has-been and (S)PERT is a little drip under pressure. Do you think I am an expert? Probably, because you ask questions during my programs and ask very intelligent questions. These questions make me think (No, it doesn't hurt!) and learn more about my collection.

I regularly sign up to help at NEVPEX (or TOPEX/NEVPEX, or whatever it is called at any particular time). I sign up for and help out at the Air Races. From time to time, I attend meetings of the Board of Directors. I know I do not have a vote at the Board meetings, but I am allowed to speak up and be heard. I don't agree with everything the Board of Directors proposes or wants to do, but if I don't let them know how I feel, I will never be happy with what's happening. Believe it or not, the NSSS By-Laws say you can also attend and hear what is going on. You can also speak up and have your desires or concerns heard.

Do I ever allow personal considerations, such as family reunions, vacations, work, etc., interfere with my participation in the club and its activities? You bet! I have a life and I have a family. They deserve, and receive, as much as I can provide for them. Fortunately, my family understands my interest in stamps and the success of the NSSS. As long as I don't ignore them, they allow me to spend some time and money on my hobby and the club

Is this my club? Yes, after reading what I have run on for far too long about, I guess it is. Is this your club? No, I don't think so right now, you probably haven't read this far. However, it certainly could be if you would only participate a little more! Let's work together and make this OUR CLUB!

A Friend of the NSSS

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