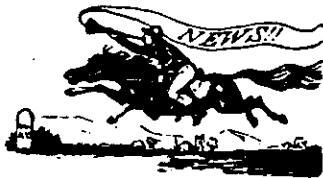


NSSS PRESENTS



POST BOY

June, 1995

There was no excuse for the delay in getting the May issue of Postboy so late into June. I just plain forgot to do it.

General Meeting, May 13, 1995

Al Shay presided and the meeting began at 2:15 p.m. We welcomed our charter member Tony Vilardi as a guest along with John Muse, a former member, Glad to see them again.

Roy Zimmerman brought up the subject of the Reno Air Race show. It was discussed as to the advisability to man a booth there. It seems we have not been making the money we used to do at the beginning of this venture. It was decided to vote on this at the first meeting after the TOPES-NEVPEX show.

Rick from the U.S.P.O. would like to have donations for the kids at school. He will make sure that they receive them. He is located at the Philatelic window at the Vassar Main Post Office, on Vassar Street.

A friend of Al Shay donated some catalogs to the club. John Muse donated some pages of stamps and Tony Vilardi donated some United Nations material. Thank you, fellows.

The refreshments were provided by Bill Brew and Ron Schultz provided 18 items for the door prizes. Thank you.

There were 15 members and two guests attended the meeting.

Discussion continued on the upcoming show and the banner for the show. Ed Hartley will provide the contact for getting the banner.

A slide show on St. Lucia was presented by Bill Brew.

At the miniauction only 7 lots were sold. Al Shay and Ron Schultz provided the auctioneering.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

General Meeting May 22, 1995

Meeting opened at 2:15 p.m. with Al Shay, President conducting.

The treasurer's reported N.S.S.S. has approximately \$5000.00 in the bank.

Tom Morrissey introduced a guest, Lewis Fernandez from Stockton, Calif.

A set of flag stamp covers were donated by Roger Lauderdale of the Silver Circle Stamps on California Avenue. Thank you, Roger.

Tom and Ron provided covers for the door prizes.

Refreshments were provided by Tom Morrissey.

Dick Dreiling reported on the TOPEX-NEVPEX show announcing that a new stamp would be issued at the show. This would be on July, 8th. Changes have been sent to the various publications. A souvenir program would be saved for the members that could not attend it. A first day cancellation will be provided by the Post Office on Sat. only.

All read letters that have been written to the Governor, the Hilton Hotel, and Sac and Save. There will be a food basket at the door. One can of food or food product will receive a free draw ticket for prizes.

A book seller would like to sell his book at a table in the lobby. Discussion continued on the subject. Further talks with the author will continue. The author, Ralph Foster agreed to providing a program on June 24th. This will be confirmed at a later date.

Ed Hartley brought us up to date on the banner. It was proposed a stamp of Nevada or something in that format would be used on the banner. Ed reported that 143 frames have been sold to date.

A drawing for the donated lots was held.

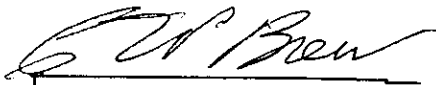
The door prize of cash was won by Paul Jorgenson.

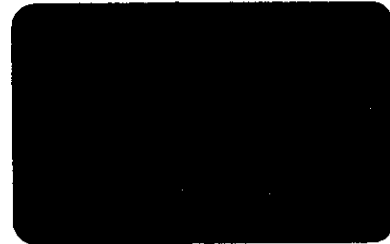
The ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE AT THE END OF JULY.

There will be an election for new officers in August. This will be followed by a picnic at the next meeting.

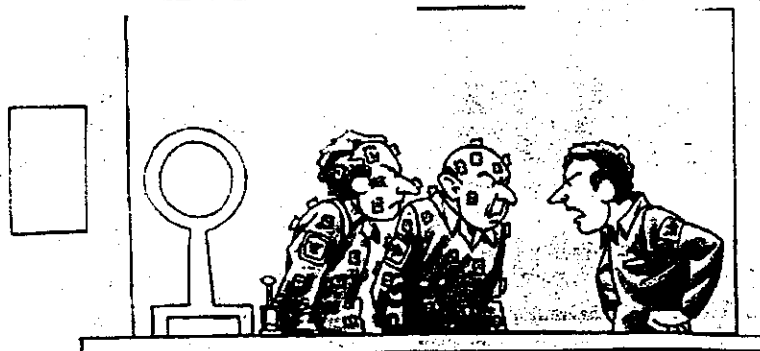
George Costello presented a very fine program on Zeppelins. Very deep research and plenty of showable material made up the presentation. George covered the subject from the first Zepp to the last on. It was interesting and well planned. Thank you, George.

The mini-auction was held to the conclusion of this meeting.


C. Wm. Brew, Secretary.



U.S. POST OFFICE



"I don't care *who* started it!"

GENERAL MEETING, June 24, 1995

The meeting was called to order by President Al Shay at 2:15 p.m. There were 18 members present.

There were several donations provided. Dick Dreiling gave some stamps, Tom Morrissey, covers, and Roger Lauderdale provided a mystery box. These were auctioned later. N.S.S.S. thanks these members for their helping to make the meetings exciting.

The June issue of the A.P.S. was passed to the members. Tom's article "Echos of Midway" was the Philatelic favorite.

Kay Williams provided a treasury report. We have about \$4,600 in the bank.

Pres. Al Shay announced his band would play at the Wingfield Park pavillion on July, 1. He will have a 14 piece group and the admission is free.

It was decided that donations should be limited to 10 items to expedite the meetings.

Dorothy Johnson that Jessie Rogers, who lives in Alaska, will be attending the NEVPEX-TOPEX show.

Volunteers are needed for NEVPEX. Please contact Ruthe.

Dick Dreiling announced First Day covers will be given at the show on July 7.

Our next meeting will be at NEVPEX-TOPEX. There will be a shuttle running from the Peppermill on an half-hour basis. This will begin at 9:30 a.m., and will return to the Peppermill on the hour.

The Banquet will be at the Peppermill in the Oaks room.

A Friday reception will be in the Manzanita room.

August 26th meeting will be at Rene's restruant in Quincy. Transportation will be discussed later.

26 items were sold at the mini-auction.

George Costello got the mystery box. Inside was an album of Dicentennial covers from around the world. The album itself probably was worth the \$20.00 winning bid. There lots of other goodies in it as well. The \$20.00 went to the club. Thanks again, Roger. Roger is the owner of Silver Circle Stamps on California.

The minutes were provided by Tom Morrissey. Thanks, Tom



C. Wm. Brew, Secretary.

R.P.O.
Railway Postal Offices

In the early days of R. P.O.s, a postal clerk's job was envied by many a youngster, just as some wanted to be policemen, firemen, doctors or scientists. What they didn't realize was the reality of the job.

After the postal clerk's two basic exams of a few questions, he had to meet an annual test of 284 complex questions. His passing score had to be 97%, 100 percenters were not uncommon. He must be able to sort cards and letters at a min. rate of 16 letters per minute. Some were three times that fast.

Young men started their careers as substitutes. One young sub describes his first trip:

"My first duty was to take into the car some tons of Kansas paper mail.....I had less than five minutes, but I did it somehow, though every nerve was quivering and my breath seemed gone forever. Just as I finished: 'Here, feller,' said a superior clerk, 'face the mail up in station order.' I didn't know the order of stations; but believing that hesitancy would be punished by mutiny, I tackled those huge stalls....A lurch of the car threw me off my feet and an enormous sack pinned me down. I was rescued by the superior clerk, thoroughly disgusted;-'Guess embroidery work would suit you better!' But he turned in and helped, for we were approaching Mount Pleasant and there were still scores of sacks to be sorted.

The work continued, hauling bags of mail from one car to the next and dumping them onto sorting tables. By the time we reached Ottumwa, the glamor and glory were gone. The car was smoky and dusty, My shirt was filthy. I was dizzy and faint. The whole scene seemed alive with bags and packages. Clerk's flying arms putting mail into the pigeon holes. The noise was deafening and switches carshed alarming beneath the wheels.

When we reached my departure place, Murray, I stepped out expecting a homage of a conqueror. I couldn't see a soul. Well, there was my borther, cheerly loudly. My father gave a military salute and the ovation was over. I just sank onto a detested sack."

This young man went on to bigger and better tasks. Such as, catching mail with the hook and tossing the pouch off at the station. Unfortunately, his first try was a disaster. Wanting to be sure the hook was ready, he moved it into position too soon. He caught a semiphore, which removed the hook from the car, in a hasty manner. By the time he could recoup from that error, he threw the bag of mail too late. It crashed into the station window. Instead of the expected tongue lashing, the old timers were whooping it up and enjoying it. However, it was some time before he was given the task again.

True story. I hope you enjoyed reading it.