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The message for this month is quoted from an article in *The Philatelic Communicator*. This is a quarterly journal issued by the Writers Unit 30, American Philatelic Society. It is written by the past editor, Mark Kellner. I am sure he would like to have this portion of the article delivered to all collectors. It was written to Editors and all philatelists.

" I picked up the morning paper on April 18. On the front page was scene of carnage usually associated with the horrors of war. Four vehicles were destroyed, three people killed. The Unabomber could not have easily wreaked more devastation.

This devastation did not come about by war, but by two mid-afternoon drivers who lost their tempers and were racing each other up a two-lane highway. They lost control of their vehicles and crossed the middle line. The resultant headon crash kill a mother and her two children.

I wonder if we in the hobby might draw a broader lesson from all this. Too much of what we see in the philatelic press, particularly in the letters sections, is filled with negativity. There is enough griping about the U.S. Stamp policies to fill a small auditorium.

How many of us— in the philatelic press, the APS, the Writer's Unit, or the hobby in general— are like those idiot drivers. Are we going to zoom along, maintaining our "rights" until we have nothing left to maintain?

How can we expect anyone to take any interest in philately when all it appears we are concerned with is flyspecks and water-gun fights, for want of a better term? Yes, specialization is important. Yes, philately thrives on flyspecks. But no, the hobby doesn't work when all we chase after is so minor, so negative, so narrow-focused.

It is the prerogative of an editor to declare a subject "closed" in his letter column. It is the responsibility—too tragically not often exercised—of an editorial page to guide readers and expand their thinking about a problem. And it should make sense to anyone that constantly running these petty, whining letters about the price of new issues, the service fee in Kansas City,

or the wanton desecration of stamps on mail is not going to entice any rational person to join our hobby.

Get over it. restructure your collecting, pool mail orders with a stamp club, use extra covers get the desired specimens or—here's a thought—use the current crop of covers as modern postal history."

General Meeting, May 11, 1996

Meeting was called to order by Al Shay. Treasurer's report indicated NSSS has \$1900 in its checking account.

The refreshments were furnished by Ruthe Dreiling.

Al read a letter from the Dayton Middle School stamp club president thanking the members of NSSS for their donations of stamp material. Mrs. Proctor, teacher and stamp club advisor, reported that some of the material will be auctioned off to the students and thanked us for our cooperation in developing the stamp club at the school. George Costello donated several Columbian issues to be auctioned off at the club meetings.

Discussion continued on the possibility of continuing with the NEVPEX 96 show. After much pro and con about the subject it was decided by the members present to continue on with this show. Budget cutting was discussed and future discussions will continue to try to make this year a successful program. The show will be held on June 22 and 23. June 21 will be the setup date.

Door prizes were donated by Tom Morrissey and the cash award was won by Dave Archer.

Dick Dreiling presented those members present with a very fine program on the Pony Express Mail system. The history of the program was given in detail. It was noted those members that could not make these meetings are missing some very valuable philatelic information and entertaining programs.

Al and Ed Hartley conducted the mini-auction. 20 items were sold out of 39 presented.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted by



C. Wm. Brew, NSSS Secretary.

General Meeting, May. 25. 1996

Meeting called to order by Pres. Al Shay at 10:00 a.m. There were 21 members and 1 guest. Helen Harris, Ginah Harris's mother.

Al Shay reported on the Dayton Middle School's stamp program. Geo. Costello had contacted a stamp supplier and received 50 copies of their latest catalog. These were given to the school club. Al also mentioned there is the possibility for a grant for the purpose of teaching the stamp club program.

Scolari's will carry the notice of our show on their shopping bags. More discussion on the NEVPEX 96 show continued. 10 dealers paid in full. Cost of judges and cost of breakfast at J. J. North's continued.

Hugo Havet demonstrated a very nice system for removing stamps from paper without disturbing the gum. Very interesting and informative.

It was noted the Ron Schultz was in and out of the hospital with some health problems. He promised he would be back at the old conference table as soon as possible. Geo. Costello is still on the mend and hopes to be active in the near future.


Al Shay showed some of the items from his collection, in absence of the regular program.

Next meeting will be for the purpose of assembling packs for the young collectors at the stamp show.

The mini-auction contained 30 items of which 12 were sold.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



C. Wm. Brew, Secretary, NSSF

Board Meeting, May 25, 1996]

A brief meeting of the board members continued after the regular meeting. Discussion continued on NEVPEX 96. Present were Al Shay, Ed Hartley, Bill Brew, Kay Williams, Stefan Boiadjiev, Dick Dreiling, and Ruthe Dreiling.

The planned show room has been decreased in size and resulted in a lesser cost of use. Original cost was \$1387. and that is now \$925. 32 frames have been reserved plus some more from our members. Dick requested that the members be notified of this opportunity to display their collections, but to notify him of the number of frames each would need. Also the subject of their display. Advertising was discussed as well as rehashing the budget.

Mini-meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted by;



C. Wm. Brew, Secretary, NSSF

NEVPEX 96 is almost upon us. Please contribute whatever time and presence you can give this year's show. Volunteer to help at the registration booth. It can mean just a couple of hours of your time on Saturday and Sunday. Contact Ruthe Dreiling at 359-2030 or sign up at the next meeting. Help will also be needed to put up the displays. More hands less work. If all else fails you, just attend. Especially with your club badge on your shirt or blouse. The more of us the

visitors see the more they will realize that NSSS is not a idle club. Just might bring in some new members.

REMEMBER ALL MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN THE SHOW WILL RECEIVED 10 AUCTION BUCKS PER HOUR OF HELP. 5 BUCKS FOR SHOWING UP JUST TO LOOK, WANDER AROUND AND SIGN IN. ALSO YOU MUST HAVE YOUR BADGE ON.

Here is the brain teaser for this month.

A 50 point AUCTION BUCK question:

What kind of birds are shown on the John James Audubon issue of 1963?

That's All.