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The new school program, under the direction of George Costello, is picking up speed and will soon be underway. George reports all important parts are in place and a meeting with the school administration, the parents and our NSSS representatives is next. When all this is completed the publicity for the program will go into effect. This program will get nation-wide attention.

We are off to another great year. January indicated our membership is on the increase and by the end of this year, NSSS should have the largest membership in its history. Our new meeting location should be fine for the expansion that seems to be in the future.

The Big Raffle is schedule for the first (1st) meeting in April. There has been another prize donated to the great group that are available for the winners. Buy your tickets now. Sell your tickets now. Tickets are 8 for \$5.00. The first prize is the stained glass window, designed and donated by Dick Dreiling. Valued at \$350.00. This raffle will give a big boost to the financial program of NSSS.

The U.S. P.O. stamp program is well under way, with over 120 different stamps for sale this year. Feb. 3rd, Decade of 1900-09. Feb. 3, Decade of 1910-19. Feb. "Remember the Maine" \$.32 stamp. If you have missed it, the Winter Sports stamp was issued on Jan 22nd. A panel of 20, 32 cent stamps, issued in Salt Lake City, Utah. You can order it at Winter Sports Stamp, Postmaster, 1760 W. 2100 S. Salt Lake City, UT 84199-9991. Covers may be ordered from the Philatelic Fulfillment Service Center, Box 419636, Kansas City, MO. 64179-0996. Telephone (800) STAMP-24. 53 cents each cover, plus order fee of \$3.50 up to a \$20.00 order.

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## AUCTION BUCKS PROGRAM

The whole purpose of the Auction Bucks Program is to get members involved. The following rules are amended for the 1998 year based on member input. The Auction Buck Auction is Nov. 14, 1998. So get busy and earn those bucks.

1. Providing a new member. 200 bucks.
2. New Members. 250 bucks.
3. Providing a program. 150 per different subject.
4. Providing refreshments. 100 bucks.
5. Donating door prizes. 5 bucks ea. limit 5.
6. Providing auction items. 5 bucks ea. limit 10.
7. Donated items for Auction  
(For the good of the club) Same no. of bucks auction yields.
8. Officers attending Gen. & Board Mtg. 50 bucks.
9. Member attending meeting. 10 bucks.
10. Committee Chair mtg attendance. 25 bucks.
11. Selling door prize tickets. 25 bucks.
12. Helping on the youth program. 10 bucks per hour.
13. Helping on an organized show. 10 bucks per hour.
14. Any club activity( out side mtg. attendance, ie auctioneering, Post Office booth. Post Boy, etc.) 10 bucks per hour.
15. Providing Post Boy Articles, original 200 bucks full page,  
(one page limit) 100 bucks half page.
16. Correct Post Boy Quiz Answers. Varies with issue.

Members will be responsible for turning in "Out side meeting" activity tallies to Auction Buck Chairperson. Auction bucks will be distributed monthly.

You can carry over the Auction Bucks earned from a previous year.

You cannot accept Auction Bucks from other members. However, between members Auction Bucks may be used to buy-sell-trade philatelic items. The members engaged can "Make their own deals."

It has been proposed that Auction Bucks may be bought: 100 auction bucks for \$5.00 (a nickel a buck.)

Remember, the Auction Bucks are basically earned by getting involved in club activities, and then to have some fun at the annual auction.

The above program was approved, by the members present, at the Jan. 10, 1998.

The General Meeting held on Jan. 10th, 1998 was attended by 26 members. A former member, Lee Graybeal, who had moved to Arizona, was warmly welcomed back. He now resides in Reno and has rejoined NSSS. Also, welcomed to NSSS were new members, Michael McAuliffe and Howard Grinzivach and guest Lee Pharis.

Paula Armstrong provided refreshments. Tom Morrissey and Roger Lauderdale provided door prizes. Dick Dreiling won the cash door prize.

A program on "Back to Basics.", was given by Dick Dreiling. It covered all the basic knowledge of stamp collecting. Designs, types, vignettes, grills, tagging, perforations, paper,

grills and other essential basic information that all collectors should know about philately. A very interesting program.

The Treasurer reported NSSS has \$637.52 in its financial account.

A "Memo of understanding" was presented to the Sparks Museum, by Tom Morrissey and Jerry Stanfield.

A board meeting will be held on Jan. 20.

Raffle tickets were distributed to the members present.

Barbara Stanfield presented the new rules governing the Auction Bucks Program. They were discussed and approved by members present.

At the board meeting, held on Jan. 20th, it was suggested, in order to provide stability in our meeting times, the board meeting will be held on the 4th Wed. of every other month, that is, Jan, Mar. May etc. the Vassar St. Post Office table will be manned on the 3rd Wed. of every month.

The Post Boy will announce that trading items, by members, will be brought to the second meeting of each month. NSSS is starting a "Fun Meeting" agenda.

An awards committee has been formed, consisting of the following members: Jim Ringer, Al Shay and Jerry Stanfield. The purpose of this is to provide recognition for outstanding active members of NSSS. There will a \$150 per year provided in the budget for this program.

Roger Lauderdale was approved for a Life Membership in NSSS, in recognition of his donations to NSSS. As a Life Member, all monies from his donations can be applied to the club's good.

It was noted that the Memo of Understanding has been accepted by the Sparks Museum. A contract must be signed between the two organizations and approved by the members of NSSS.

A current inventory of NSSS property, located in Hugo Havet's garage has been taken. Still no accounting of Books or Magazines which belong to NSSS.

Discussion continued on the need for a Council representative from NSSS, the use of the Post Boy for listing "Want Lists" by the members and a new roster. Program length, items for the auction board, application forms, a work party for providing materials for the youth program and the Big Raffle were also discussed.

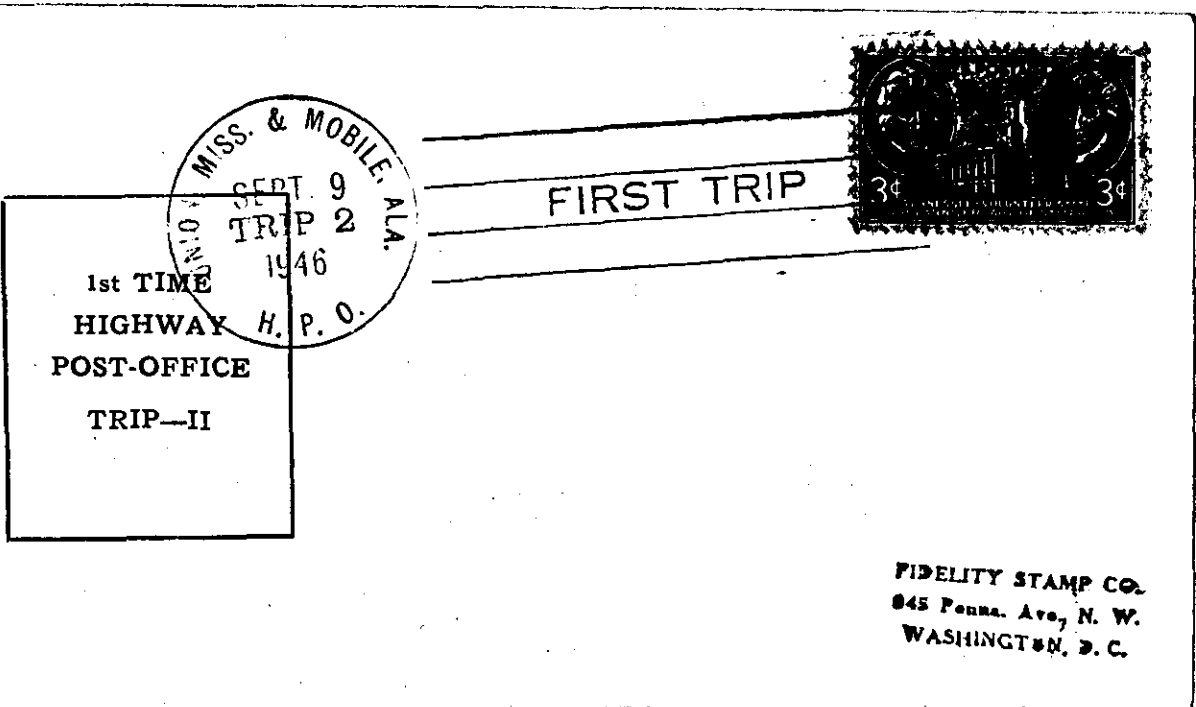
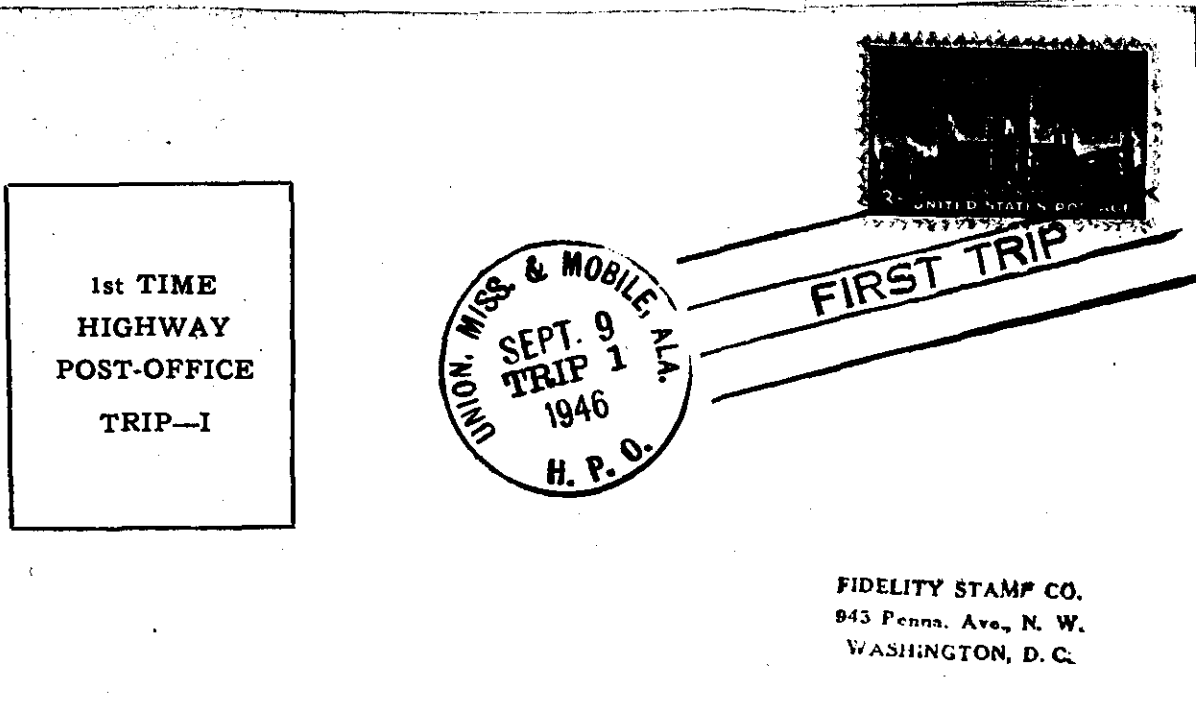
At the General Meeting on Jan. 24, there were 23 members and 5 guests. Dennis Rose, Dejon Kubik, Fred Wilson and his two children, Shannon and David were welcomed as guests and later, Dejon Kubik joined NSSS. Refreshments were provided by Ed Hartley. Donations to the door prizes were provided by Tom Morrissey. George Costello provided an interesting program. The treasurers report indicates NSSS has \$696.55 in its account. Dan Forgues has volunteered to represent NSSS at the Northern Calif. Council of stamp clubs. Cindy Scott, a long time previous member, has returned to Reno and has rejoined NSSS. Great to have her back. She donated 10 of her Babe Ruth covers to NSSS. Cindy is a long time cachet maker. A brief discussion of the subjects covered at the Jan. 20th board meeting was presented. It was noted that a Life Membership was presented to Roger Lauderdale and the Silver Circle Stamps, for his activities and donations to NSSS.

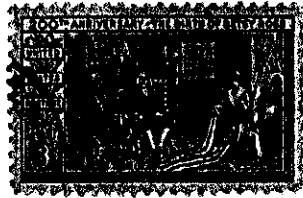
A new roster has been prepared and will be available at the first meeting in Feb. There will enough copies for every member in NSSS plus several extras for future members.

On a recent Delta Air flight, their house magazine had an interesting article on the various subjects that are displayed on the different countries stamps. A lot of the subjects referred to tourist sights that can be found in their countries. A short, but informative article. Another study in geography through stamps.

## HIGHWAY POST OFFICE

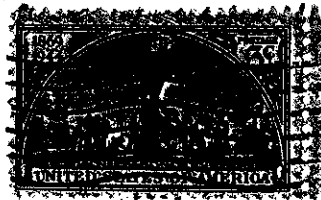
The Highway Post Office system became a necessity, primarily due to the inability of the railroad and air plane to fulfill the needs of the small towns on many of the highways. The little villages did not have mail handling capabilities that the larger cities had developed. The following two covers are ones from the first Highway Post Office system. The contract was operated by the Gulf, Mobile and Ohio Railroad, through its subsidiary company, the Gulf Transport Company. The route was between Union, Mississippi and Mobile, Alabama, beginning on September 9, 1946.





Scott No. 1004. The Betsy Ross Stamp

Betsy Ross lived from 1752 to 1836. According to the history tradition, George Washington asked Betsy Ross to make the first American Flag. Some historians claim it was someone else. However, Betsy Ross was a real person and had been asked, in the past, to make flags for various Colonial Governments. As the story is told, George Washington, Robert Morris and George Ross to her upholstery shop, in 1776. Washington had drawn a sketch of the flag he desired. Her only suggestion was the stars should be 5 pointed instead of 6. She demonstrated how much easier it was to make a 5 star cut of cloth. Washington agreed upon this and Betsy Ross stitched the first American Flag. There is no way that this can be proved but it makes for a good story and the issuance of the Betsy Ross Stamp.



Transcontinental Railroad Completion (Scott No. 924)

The Baltimore and Ohio railroad was completed on Feb. 28, 1827. By the end of the Civil War over 30,000 miles of railroad was in use. As the West developed during the 1830's to the 1860's, the need for intercontinental transportation increased dramatically. Two lines of track were started. The Central Pacific built 689 of track going east and the Union Pacific constructed 1,086 miles of track going West. The final destination was Promontory Point, near Ogden, Utah. On May, 1869, the "Impossible" task was completed. The day was a great historic event. Governor Stanford of Calif. was the elite individual designated to hammer the "Golden Spike". As history records he missed the first blow, which was wired to transmit the signal to Washington, but an alert telegrapher faked the sound and all hell broke loose across the nation. From the ringing of fire bells in San Francisco to a ball sliding down a pole on top of the Capitol dome. When the two cow-catchers touched, the engineers were given drinks of foamy bottles of Champaign. The location is now a national museum, but I think the "Golden Spike" is in the Smithsonian. If you are ever in the neighborhood, stop for a visit to the historic site. Maybe pick up a cachet or two.

## AUCTION BUCKS QUESTIONS

20 BUCKS for each correct answer. Submit answers to Post-Boy Editor. He will forward them to the Barbara Stanfield.

These are multiple choice questions. Determine the answer that is closest to the subject of the question. There is only ONE answer to the question.

1. A watermark was designed:
  - a. to identify a stamp.
  - b. to deter counterfeiting.
  - c. to save paper.
  - d. to identify the country of the stamp.
  
2. Perforations are:
  - a. the same for every stamp.
  - b. to help tear the stamps apart.
  - c. to prevent counterfeiting
  - d. to provide a frame for the stamp picture.
  
3. The left column of the prices of stamps found in the catalog:
  - a. is the value for the average unused stamp.
  - b. is the value for a never hinged stamp.
  - c. is the value for a unused fine-very fine stamp.
  - d. is the value for any stamp in any condition.
  
4. Flat printing:
  - a. is a method of printing stamps using a flat bed press.
  - b. is a method of printing stamps where a flat sheet of paper is  
fed  
  
into two curved dies.
  - c. is a method of printing stamps where the printing machine is level to the floor.
  - d. is a method of printing so the ink will not run over.
  
5. A Grill:
  - a. is a unit to barbecue stamps.
  - b. is a method of holding ink to the paper.
  - c. is method of breaking the fibers in the paper so the ink will run thus deterring the reuse of the stamp.
  - d. is embossed the same size on every stamp.

Good luck. If you heard Dick Dreiling's program on Jan. 10, 1998, you should have no trouble with these questions.