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The Sparks Museum is now the official meeting place of NSSS. There is still adjustment needed to arrange the seating for all the members that attend the meetings, but as time goes by this problem will be handled for future meetings.

George Costello reported on the Junior Program and at the moment it seems to be meeting a stumble block with the communications for the Principals of the schools involved. They haven't done much in communicating with the parents of the students that desire to participate in this program. It is now in the hands of the Washoe County School District.

The Nevada Air National Guard put on a great program at their 50th anniversary. Cindy Scott provided some very nice cachets for this event as well as coordinating the efforts of the U.S.P.O for providing a canceling and stamp purchasing trailer to be present.

The new program schedule is now in effect. This means the first meeting of the month will be business, trading, discussions, and the mini-auction. The second meeting will have very little business discussion, short program and a silent auction. There will not be a mini-auction.

A list of upcoming programs and refreshments will be listed at the beginning of the next page. See if your name is on them and also note there are still some openings available for the program list.

Our club is growing and a master membership list is almost completed. It would be nice to have all the information given to the Post-Boy editor, Bill Brew, so he can complete this project. Right now, it is almost ready for final printing. The fine sample copies have met with favorable comment.

NSSS regrets to announce Jessie Rogers, of Anchorage, AK has passed away. Her services were held at the First United Methodist Church, Sunday, May 3. Jessie was a long time member of the Nevada Stamp Study Society. She kept her membership up to date even though she could only make one or two meetings a year. An avid stamp collector, who specialty was Queen Elizabeth. She was a retired school teacher. We will miss her.

The following is a 1998 list of Programs by date and name

May 9	Open
May 23	Open
June 13	Open
June 25	Al Shay
July 11	Open
July 25	George Costello
Aug. 8	Open
Aug. 22	Dick Dreiling
Sept. 12	Open
Sept. 26	Dan Forgues
Oct. 10	Open
Oct. 24	Open
Nov. 14	AUCTION BUCKS AUCTION
Nov. 28	Tom Morrissey
Dec. 5	CHRISTMAS PARTY

The following is a 1998 list of volunteers for Refreshments:

May 23	George Costello
June 13	Jim Ringer
June 27	Kay Williams
July 11	Mike McAuliffe
July 25	Carol McCabe
Aug. 8	Tom Morrissey
Aug. 22	Jim Ringer
Sept. 12	DeJon Kubak
Sept. 26	Dorothy Johnson
Oct. 10	Chiev V. Ho
Oct. 24	Al Shay
Nov. 14	Roy Zimmerman
Nov. 28	Phil Cross
Dec. 5	CHRISTMAS PARTY

For those listed above, you should mark your Calendars so it will not come as a surprise to you.

At the General Meeting on April 25, Cindy Scott presented a one frame display and explained the method of showing at various competitive stamp shows. Her exhibit was on Authors and has been entered into several shows. She gave a lot of hints on how to arrange your exhibit and several points to consider that would please the judges. Cindy explained the standards that judges use in judging the exhibits. It was a very interesting and informative program after which she answered the many questions that were given to her.

This was followed by a silent auction. This was the first time a silent auction was held as part of our monthly program and there will be more in the next few months. NSSS hopes that the members will participate in it and that the silent auction will be successful.

Here is a little more information on the "Father of the U.S. Postage Stamps." This report seemed to generate some controversy. So, from the book "The Foundations of Philately," by Winthrop S. Boggs, here is some detailed information. "The Foundations of Philately," is the official handbook of the Philatelic Foundation. It is a complete encyclopedia of philately.

Barnabas Bates is considered the Rowland Hill of American. He was successful of generating postal reforms with an article in *Hunt's Magazine* for March 1840. It was entitled "Post Office Reform, Cheap Postage". He and his associates continuously worked to bring about a change similar to the Postal System in England. Finally on June 10, 1840, **Senator Daniel Webster** of Massachusetts submitted two resolutions to the Senate relative to reducing the rates of postage and the **Introduction of Postage Stamps**.

The Postal reform act on March 3, 1845, effective July 1, 1845 was passed. Postmaster General Robert H. Morris, the Postmaster General of New York, experimented with a 5 cent adhesive stamp. Several other P.M.s tried their testing of adhesive stamps. None, as far as the records show had direct sanction of the U.S. Postmaster General.

On March 3, 1847 an Act was passed by Congress. This act authorized the Postmaster General to prepare postage stamps. This **Postal Act of March 3, 1847** was signed into effect by **President James K. Polk, who was President from 1844 to 1848**.

I realize Pres. James K Polk is not mentioned in the history of the introduction of postal stamp adhesives, but there are the facts. He was president and he signed the bill.

By the way it took nine ballots before Polk was nominated by the Democratic Party. He beat out the favorite Martin Van Buren. He is also known as being the first dark horse nominee in American Politics.

The above information was gathered by the Reader's Digest Almanac and Foundations of Philately.

So here are some Auction Bucks Questions. You get 20 bucks for each correct person you can name.

1. Who were the three Generals who Pres. Polk directed into battle in the Mexican War.
2. Bonus 20 bucks each: provide the Scotts No. for each of these generals who are depicted on the stamps.
3. Pres. James K. Polk was honored on what Scott No. stamp.

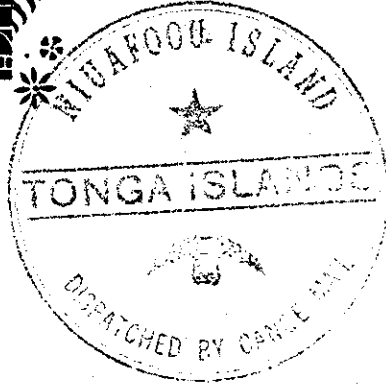
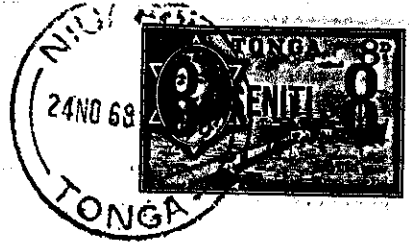
Tonga is an interesting group of islands located in the southwest Pacific, to the east of the Fiji Islands. It was first discovered by the Dutch in 1616 and later by Captain James Cook, in 1777 and 1779. Their language was not written until the 19th century. By oral conversation, it seems that the Tonga Islands have been inhabited as far back as the ninth century. It was granted independence Britain in 1970. Its major export is petroleum, with bananas and coconut products chief crops.

Tonga issues a large number of exotic stamps. Some represent their chief crops, such as, the bananas. It issues stamps in various shapes, designs and different types of backing. Metal is one of the their unusual printing base. On page 4 there are several examples of their issues. The cover is from Niuafoou Island and it is dispatched by canoe to the ship. The Tin Can refers to the container in which the natives place their mail to be picked up sent to the boat. This cover is dated Nov. 24, 1968 and was placed aboard one the Matson Lines ship.

It is an interesting country to collect and provide you with beautiful covers.



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TIN CAN ISLAND CANOE MAIL

