



STAMP
STUDY
SOCIETY

P. O. BOX 2907 • SPARKS, NEVADA 89432



POST BOY

N.S.S.S.

Presents

The Post Boy

JUNE
July, 1998

President

Tom Morrissey
2777 Northtowne Lane,
#2015,
Reno, 89512
(702) 331-4434

Vice President

George Costello
1065 Union St.
Sparks, NV 89434
(702) 331-7574

Secretary/Editor

Bill Brew
2333 Rodney Circle
Reno, NV 89509
(702) 786-8071

Treasurer

Jerry Stanfield
4285 Mira Loma Dr.,
Reno, NV 89502
(702) 825-1350

Directors

Ed Hartley
1285 Baring Blvd., #306
Sparks, NV 89434
(702) 626-8513

Jim Ringer
605 E. Huffaker Ln.
Reno, NV 89511
(702) 853-3137

Dr. John Sande
4284 Ross Drive
Reno, NV 89509
(702) 747-5778

Al Shay
2930 Outlook Dr.,
Reno, NV 89509
(702) 825-8034

NSSS is now planning its annual picnic. The official date has not been set, but at the next couple of meetings a definite date will be found for our summer program.

NSSS has two new members, Keith Carvin and James S. Goodwin.

We extend a hearty good welcome to them.

Having just returned from a fast trip, 7 days, from Ireland and the Isle of Man, I found several nice philatelic items. One was a new issue stamp from the Isle of Man. This set of six stamps were issued to honor the 125th anniversary of the five vintage railways and tramways. There are four engines portrayed on the block of 4 and one, the Sutherland, on a sheet of two. The steam engine, the Sutherland, pictured below was the one which chugged and puffed its way up the hills and roared down the hills. It is portrayed on the 25 p. and the 1 pound stamp. This steam train was used to open the train lines, on July 1st, 1873 and is used today, 125 years later, to pull the train from Douglas to Port Erin. The engine weighs 17 tons and is about 25 feet long. The boiler is 2ft 10 in., in diameter and produces 120 lbs per sq. in. of pressure. The ride was bumpy, but we had the pleasure of viewing the landscape at a very slow pace. I did notice the train would blow its whistle every so often, figuring that it was approaching a cross road, but as time passed I noticed a sign with a large W inside a circle. When the train approached one of these signs the engineer blew the whistle. I guess it was to notify persons ahead the train was coming, as we never seem to pass a cross over road.

The other item that jumped out at me was the hours the Isle of Man Post Offices were opened. 8 to 11 a.m. This meant hiring a taxi to get us into town and locate the post office before it closed. The train station helped us a lot as they also issued stamps and canceled the post cards for us, but still had

"To promote and enhance the hobby of Stamp Collecting"

to be sent to the P.O. to be canceled on the second overseas value stamp. The cards were canceled on May 8 and we received them on the 18th and 19th. It was a very nice stamp and cancel.

The train ride in Ireland was much smoother and faster and a fantastic view of the North Sea. This ride produced material for another story later. It was a great trip, but expensive. We don't think we will return until we win the California lottery or save and save and save for it.

At this time it has been announced the annual picnic will be held on Saturday, July 25th., at the home of Bill Brew. 2333 Rodney Cir. The backyard should hold all of us. As the time nears it will be announced what to bring.

General Meeting
May 9, 1998

Tom Morrissey opened meeting. There were 30 members in attendance and two guests. Keith Carvin and Jim Goodwin. They joined NSSS after the meeting was over. NSSS welcomes them and expresses our hopes they will find NSSS helpful and enjoyable.

Refreshments were provided by George Ray.

The cash drawing was won by Hugo Havet.

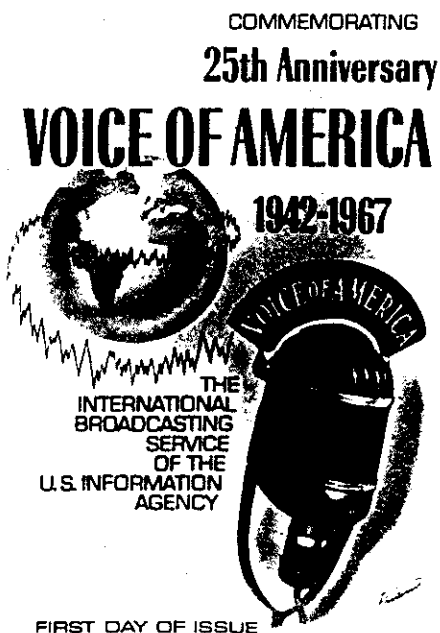
Dan Forgues reported on WESPEX and is the our Northern NV Rep. for NSSS. Tom passed around a number of covers from the USS Missouri issued for its anniversary that will be offered for sale at a later date for the benefit of the club. There will be a board meeting on May 18, 1998 at the Pizza House at 11:30 a.m. Tom announced that Bill Brew still needs information for each members listing in the new directory. Jim Ringer states the Sparks Museum would like displays from NSSS members so our club will be represented to people touring the museum. Subjects should be trains or transportation and history of Nevada. George reported on the school program and it has been decided that one school will be the location for Junior stamp club meetings. Jerry reminded everyone the next meeting will have a silent auction. Only six items allowed by each person placing items up for auction. Also the donation box needs donations of stamps from our members. 50 minimum. The treasurer reported NSSS has \$1463.81 in its account. The mini-auction was held and there were 51 lots on the board and the majority were sold. Tom thanked all members that attended Jessie Rogers' funeral.

General Meeting
May 23, 1998

Tom Morrissey opened the meeting. There were 25 members and 2 guests. Joseph and Wally Prog were our guests. The treasurer reported NSSS has \$1591.22 in its account. The refreshments were provided by George Costello. Tom Morrissey donated items for the door prize drawings. Dan Forgues won the cash prize. It was announced that the picnic will be held on July 25 at the home of Bill Brew. There was a board meeting held on May 18, 1998. It was suggested that each members name tag should have the number of years they have been members of NSSS. There is the possibility of having a stamp show in the Parklane Mall in the fall of this year. The Sparks Museum would like to have us put up frames of stamps depicting the history of the railroad in Nevada and the history of Nevada. Subjects could be mining, farming, industry, warehousing, railroading, transportation, mail and tourism. George, Dick Dreiling and Tom met

with the school officials at the Anderson School in Fernley. In Washoe county, the Anderson school has been named as the focal point for all Juniors to have their stamp club meetings. During July and August the Agnes Rigley school will be the location for the meetings. The results of the silent auction was held at the end of the meeting. Dan Forgues provided the program for this meeting. It was on earlier covers carrying the Special Delivery stamps of old. He explained the numbers that were on each cover as those that are recorded in the books by the sending post office. This was a method used for tracing the cover if it got lost. Some covers had two numbers, one for the book record and the number for the deliverer. Each cover was registered. Some covers had railroad cancels as well as the registered special delivery stamp. Later on special delivery was replaced by priority or express mail programs. The special delivery program began in Dec. 1885 and ended in 1971. After the silent auction was concluded, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

I had the chance to visit the Voice of America transmitting stations in Delano, CA this last week and it was a very impressive sight. It covers one square mile with many high antenna arrays. It can broadcast over most of the world. The other location is in South Carolina. The broadcasting booths are located in Washington, D.C. The equipment looks similar to my amateur radio transmitter except it is hundreds of times larger. The power supplies are immense and the antennas are 450 foot high and are 1000 feet apart. There 6 high antennas that are in use now. There are many other antennae of various heights and lengths. These antennas are fed by 6 different transmitters and each transmitter can be directed to any of the many antennae in the fields. Most of the time two or three units are being used at the same time. USA broadcasts to Cuba, China, Bulgaria and many other countries. Believe it or not, these countries peoples are anxious for the true news of the world and they find many covert ways of hearing this news. They know more about what is going on in Washington, than most Americans. It was a fascinating tour, one that the normal public does not receive. We, as alumni of the Army Airway and Communications Service, felt very touched by this program. Our tour took 2 hours, while the normal tour is about 45 minutes. We had the opportunity to visit the power supply rooms, the back side of the transmitters and other rooms which only those in radio operation would be interested. A great experience. I have two covers, which are shown below, that have been sent back to two personal individuals to have autographed. I forgot to take them with us.





FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

*Irene A. Treanor
827 Rutland St
San Francisco
Calif 94134*

Isle of Man

While we visited the Isle of Man, we had the joy of riding on the Steam railway system. Also, it happened to be the day that was being honored as the 100th anniversary of the Railway Letter Service. Shown below is the commemorative sheet featuring four different locomotives used in train system. Also, a post card with the special stamp and cancel.

On May 2nd, 1998, a set of four stamps were issued to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the steam railway system. The 31p stamp pictures the Maitland engine, named after Dairymphe Maitland, at one time owner of the Union Mills and who lived at Burnside, Union Mills. A director of the Isle of Man Steam Packet Co. and the Isle of Man Bank, he became a director of the Isle of Man Railway Co. in 1899. That same engine pulled our train the day we traveled from Castletown to Douglas to Port Erin and back to Castletown. Below is a picture of the engine as it was being switched to the front of the train in Douglas. The same engine is pictured in the upper left corner of the sheet.

The post card has two cancels on it. The railway canceled their special 25p stamp with the round cancel of the Port Erin station. The second cancel was by the Isle of Man post office. It features a locomotive with the letters T.P.O. T.P.O. stands for Train Postal System. A nice cancel, but placed in such a position on the stamp that it is hard to distinguish. The cancel also includes the date on cancel, 9th May, 1998.

I was only able to write 4 post cards on the train, as jerky as it was. This left me unable to obtain on the two cancel, Douglas and Port Erin. On the lower corner of the card it states Carried from Douglas to Port Erin. Being unfamiliar with the system, in the short time we were there, getting cancels at all the stations was impossible. Still glad to have been there at the time of these anniversaries.

BY AIR MAIL
par avion
Royal Mail



ISLE OF MAN - TEL. 0624-852901

T.P.O. 99
29th May 1998 DINGEX AIR

RENO NV
89509
U.S.A

CARRIED FROM
DOUGLAS TO PORT ERIN

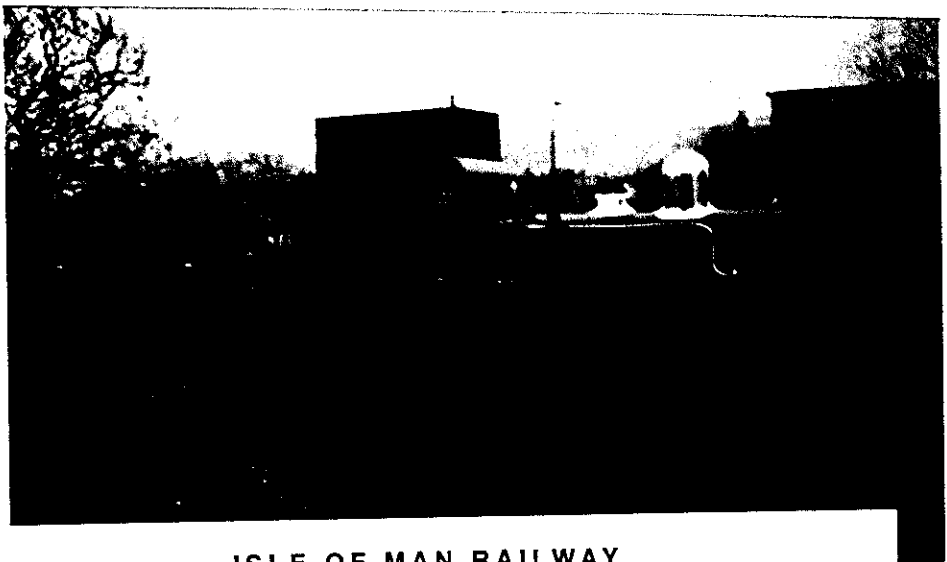
TRY
23/23
Radney?



King William's College - Castle Rushen

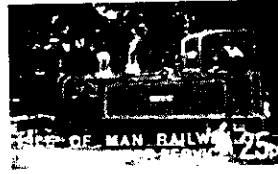
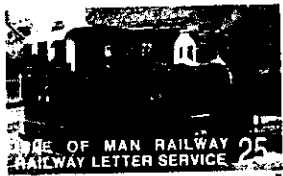
IOM 67

Printed in the E.E.C.



ISLE OF MAN RAILWAY
RAILWAY LETTER SERVICE

1893 · 1993
CENTENARY



Opened 1874 between Douglas and Port Erin.
Locos in service: No 4 "LOCH"; No 10 "G H WOOD";
No 12 "HUTCHINSON"; and No 11 "MAITLAND"

A 05360

The U.S. stamp program for the month of May is as follows:

May 1, 20 cent Girard College. Postal Card, Philadelphia, PA 19104-9991

May 28th, Celebrate the Centary 1920-29 Chicago, IL 60607

May 29th, 32 cent Wisconsin Statehood Sequicentennial, Madison, WI 53714

In the latest issue of Stamp Collector, the editor, Maurice D. Wosniak writes on the subject of attending stamp shows. He suggests having an agenda. It sounds a little complicated for just attending a stamp show, but the advice is sound and very possibly make your visit to a major show or even a small local show more interesting and productive.

Make list of the items you are looking to obtain. Take good notes after you visit the dealers, in otherwords shop. Don't let the booth staffers distract you. You may find a better bargain at some other booth. Attend the right seminars. There is a lot of information you can obtain on the subjects you are collecting. Don't schedule too tightly. Limit the number of booths you want to visit. It's like looking for a home. Visit just a few per day. Otherwise you lose all ideas of what you want to purchase. You tire out very fast and this makes for poor decisions.

If the show is large enough, there will be a map of the show floor. Locate the booths you want to visit. This will lead you to use your time productively. If the show is large, drink lots of water. It is easy to dehydrate. Use good comfortable shoes. Take a light carry-all for your purchases. Follow this itenerary and you will leave the show with all the items you want and a good feeling.

In 1888, a man was born who in later years became one of the world's greatest explorers. He was an American naval officer. His explorations included the North and South poles. In 1926, when aviation was in its infancy, he became the first flight over the North Pole. With the planes as flimsy as they were he took quite a chance. Later, he was the first to fly over the South Pole, in 1929.

1928 he helped set up Little America on Ross Shelf Ice, south of the Bay of Whales. He later returned and set up another base 123 miles closer to the Pole.

In 1946 and 1947 he led more scientific expeditions to the South Pole and was involved with the International Geophysical Year. He died in 1957.

For 50 Auction Bucks, who was this man and what Scott number stamp was issued in his honor?

The United Nations Stamp Issue Program is as follows:

May 20th, International Year of the Ocean.

May 20th, Postal Stationary, 5 cards.

For Your Information: The Stamp Collector magazine has No. 8 in its June 1, issue. It is "A Guide to First Day Covers." These inserts can be made into a very informative book for future references. If you write to them, they may send you a copy. Better yet subscribe to their magazine and you MAY receive all of the other 7 inserts.