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It is with great sorrow to announce **George Costello**, a spark plug for the Nevada Stamp Study Society passed away on Dec. 5, 2000. His work in the Junior program was outstanding. The time he gave to bringing N.S.S.S. back to a thriving organization was unlimited. He donated finances, ideas, leadership and devotion to the hobby of stamp collecting. For his superb effort he was honored with the **American Philatelic Spark Plug Award**. His was only the second such award given by the Nevada Stamp Study Society in all of its 25 years in existence. We wish to give his wife, Shirley and family our sincere sympathy.

A tribute to George was given at his services. Here is part of that tribute.

God saw he was getting tired
And a cure was not to be
So he put his arms around him
And whispered "Come with Me."

He will be missed.

The up coming year of 2001 will have many great programs in store for the members.

Larry Scott will start with a program at the second meeting in January. The subject will be on the items located in the Back of the Book. Such as proprietary stamps, revenue stamps, wine and tobacco stamps, playing card stamps and many others in that category.

At the second meeting in February, **Steve Foster** will provide a informative lecture on Bermuda and Thailand. Their stamps and history.

"To promote and enhance the hobby of Stamp Collecting"

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In March, **Bill Brew**, will be giving a program on early St. Lucia postage. This will be a slide presentation with up to date information about this island in the Caribbeans.

And that is only the beginning of the year. Please contact **Dick Davis** to volunteer to present a program at some later date. His phone number is 331-7192. Or contact him at one of the meetings. He would appreciate it.

Al Shay contacted the ramada Inn and they have two fine rooms for holding our stamp show, this year. The rooms will hold all the dealers we can muster. The dealers will also be granted discounts on the rooms, if they stay at the Ramada Inn. It looks like we will be holding **NEVPEX 2001**. There will be more information about the show at the first meeting in January.

The following article was typed but never used. I hope you will enjoy it.

My Start in Stamp Collecting

We felt an excitement in the air. The year was 1936. The principal of the Availing Park School, in Chicago, had just announced there will be a guest speaker visiting the school to put on a program in the gymnasium.

He was THE famous **Captain Tim Healy** from the Ivory Soap show radio program.

Just a months previously I was exposed to stamp collecting both from my Dad, who had just joined the Roosevelt Philatelic Society, in Chicago and my mother who had purchased a small album and a bag of stamps for me. Also, there was a radio program on the air about stamp collecting. Cap. Tim Healy was the personality providing the interesting subjects about stamp collecting.

My cousin and I had heard of the St. Louis Bear stamp and the rumors were flying about how valuable they were. Someone found 3 of them in a trash pile. With this in mind I went up the attic and excitingly pawed through my mother's old love letters. When a 2 cent stamp appeared that looked nice I removed it from the envelope. But, no St. Louis Bears.

NOW, **Captain Tim Healy** was visiting our school, The Avalon Park Grade School, located on Kenwood Ave. between 80th and 81st street, in Chicago. What a great day this was to be.

Capt. Tim described his entry into stamp collecting. He explained it like this. When he was about 12 years old, he and his friend went hunting in the Australian bush area. In order to protect his face from the bush his companion let fly, as he walked behind him, he put his hand up to protect himself. All of a sudden he realized that he did not have hold of bush branch, but it was the head of a poisonous green snake. Realizing that they did not know what to do with the snake, they decided to get rid of it by shooting its head off. Of course, this resulted in powder burns to his hand. While he was in the doctor's office, he noticed a magazine on stamp collecting. With his interest sparked he began collecting stamps. He has collected and talked about stamps ever since.

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He began his radio program, with the Ivory Soap company as a sponsor, in the late 1930's. His lecture was sprinkled with stories of the pictures on the stamps and many questions were asked of him. One, that I remember, had nothing to do with the stamps, but about his Australian hat. Why was it bent up on one side? His reply was, "So the girls could put their heads on his shoulder, without disturbing the hat." As is usual for 12 and 13 year old people, giggles went up through the audience.

Afterwards, I purchased a Capt. Tim Healy stamp album, which I still possess and reverently look through it once in a while, just to bring back those memories.

Later in my life, as I was traveling back from IBM school, going back to Sacramento, Calif., I stopped at my Aunt's home in Chicago. She asked me if I still collected stamps. With a positive reply she handed me a post card, SC.#UX10, canceled in Blue Island, Ill. It was a tax improvement assessment on one of my relative's property.

When I was settled down in Sacramento, I joined the Sacramento Philatelic Society. While visiting my Dad in Fontana, CA. he asked me what interests I included plate blocks. This was the one he had started while in the Roosevelt Philatelic Society in Chicago, back in the early 1930's. No, there were not any Zepps in it nor high valued regular postage. Well, what can you expect. This was in the middle of a depression.

It is a great hobby and very enjoyable to me.

How about you? How did you get started in stamp collecting?

NEWS Item

Did you know that the U.S.P.O. had a publicity program on for announcing the ZIP Code program? Do you know that ZIP stands for Zone Improvement Plan. So, in 1963, PG J. Edward Day introduced the "Mr. ZIP" program and recruited Ethel Merman to sing the Disney tune "Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah" on the public service programs.

By the way the United States Postal Service recently published a book the history of the Postal Service. It is entitled "An American Postal Portrait." It is the history of the postal service through photographs. A very interesting book. It can be purchased at the Vassar Street Post Office or at one of the local book stores.

2001 Canadian Stamp Program

Here are some of the stamps that will be issued in the year 2001:

Jan. 5th. Lunar New Year. *The Year of the Snake*. 47 cents and \$1.05 souvenir sheet.

Jan. 18. National Hockey League All-Stars. 6-47 cent commemoratives.

Feb. 28th. Birds of Canada. 4-47 cent stamps

Feb. 28th. Les Jeux de la Francophonie. 2- 47 cent stamps honoring the July 14 to 24th athletic meet, in Ottawa.

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Mar. 19th World Figure Skating Championships. 4-47 cent stamps for the event in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Apr. 6th. A 47cent Three Pence Beaver. Commemorative for the 150th anniversary of Canada's first adhesive postage stamp.

Apr. 9th A 47cent Toronto Blue Jays. Commemorative for the 25th anniversary of Major League Baseball franchise.

Apr. 20th 47 cent Summit of the Americas.. Commemorative for international hemispheric conference in Quebec.

May. 11th Tourist Attractions. 5- 60 cent commemorative depict the various visitor's attractions and 5 \$1.05 commemoratives depict various parks.

May 16th. Armenian Apostolic Church. A 47 cent commemorative honoring the church's 1700th anniversary.

There is more to follow, but that list will be put into later issues of the Post Boy.

The Pony Express

In the late 1860's mail traveled at a snails pace. Most of the mail came to the West coast by way of boat, around the south tip of South America.

The need for a faster service was recognized. Thus the idea of the pony express was created. Horses were the fastest means of transportation.

A route was carefully selected. Way stations were to be placed 20 miles apart. These relay stations would be stocked with fresh horses, food supplies and armed guards.

A recruiting drive was held through the mid west and central plains area. The ad read "Wanted: Young Skinny wiry fellows not over 18 years of age. Must be experienced riders, willing to risk death daily. Orphans preferred. Wages \$25.00 per week."

Selected personal had to go through a strict medical checkup. He also signed a paper that read; "I shall not drink or swear and always behave honestly, so help me God"

The drive was to assemble 100 riders and 300 horses.

The route was from St. Joseph, MO; Rock Creek, NE; Julesbury, CO; Fort Laramie, WY; South Pass, CO; Fort Bridger, WY; Salt Lake City, UT; Camp Floyd, UT; Ruby, UT; Fallon, NV; Carson City, NV; Placerville, CA and Sacramento, CA.

Each rider had a pistol, biscuits, bacon and tea. A canvas bag carried the mail.

Horses were exchanged at each relay station in the incredible time of 1 minute and 10 seconds. The total time for a one way trip was 10 days.

Eventually the Pony Express routes were replaced by Stage Coach, telegraph lines and railroads.

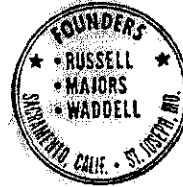
It was a colorful period of time in the history of the mail.

Today, this route is perpetually reenacted by volunteer riders. A special cover is used for this occasion. In 1960, the U.S.P.O issued a stamp on July 19 to commemorate this historical event. Below is a cover from that issue, plus stamps from the states there were used for the Pony Express route.



100th ANNIVERSARY
of the Pony Express
1860-1960

THESE DRAMATIC CARRIERS OF UNITED STATES MAIL COVERED THE 1980 MILES BETWEEN ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI AND SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA IN JUST 8 DAYS!



*Ray W. Head
 327 W. Lincoln
 Chico, Calif*



PONY EXPRESS

MISSOURI

NEBRASKA

KANSAS

WYOMING



COLORADO

UTAH

NEVADA

CALIFORNIA

N.S.S.S. Member Interest List

Stefan	Boiadjieve	Bulgaria, San Marino, U.S. Singles
Bill	Brew	U.S. single and blocks, used and mint. Isle of Man, Ireland
Keith	Carvin	Sweden; used U.S.; World wide
Sam	Clark	U.S. and Canada
Philip	Cross	Germany; AMG's
Philp J.	Cross	German, Sarr, AMG's Trieste "A"
Dick	Davis	Africa; U.S.
George	Desipris	World wide.
Barbara	Diederichsen	U.S. stamps
Dick	Dreiling	U.S. FDC Cachet makers: Scott #894 FDC Cachets.U.S. mint and used prior to 1980
Frank	Fey	Mostly U.S.
Dan	Forgues	U.S. Plate number coils: mint, used, singles or on cover.
Don	Garrett	W.W.; FDC's; Railroad Stamps
Jim	Goodwin	All Stamps: Cancellations
Howard	Grensebach	Nazi Germany and Occuption; North Viet Nam.
Jerri	Hana;	U.S.A. and U.N.
Ed	Hartley	Germany; British Commonwealth and U.S.
Hugo	Havet	Liechenstein, Vatican, Lebanon, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Nepal
Chieu V	Ho	U.S., Canada, China, Japan, Indonesia, India, France and Nederland.
Laura	Innis	U.S. and world wide; FDC's
Dorothy	Johnson	U.S. mints and blocks and Horses and Winston Churchill
Edward	Kotsull	U.S.
DeJon	Kubik	Most countries, especially Asia including Australia and New Zealand.
Charles	Lindberg	U.S. United Nations and Canada
Michael	McAuliffe	Ireland, Great Britain.
Tom	Morrissey	Navals; Spain
Don	Olson	U.S.; Canada; and world wide.
George	Ray	U.S. mint; Australia: New Zealand: Canada: Germany: Czechoslovakia; Austria
Jim	Ringer	Russia and Republics and ships.
Cynthia	Scott	Topicals only. U.S.
Larry	Scott	Nepal, Canada: topicals, cancellations, R.P.O. and flags.
Al	Shay	U.S.A.; Canada; Western Europe: British Colonies; FDC U.S.
Kay	Williams	U.S. singles, used; Plate blocks, mint.
Duane	Wilson	U.S. ; World wide
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