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N.S.S.S. meets on the 2nd and 4th Sat. of each month at 10:00 a.m.
in the Spark Railroad Museum, at Pyramid and Victorian Ave.



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N.S.S.S. experienced a very nice growth this year. Our membership has increased substantially.

Harry and Terri Edwards joined us recently as well as **Mike Karpohuk**, and **John and Maria Wattering**.

This brings us to the **Annual Auction Buck Auction**, which takes place on Sat. Nov. 10. Bring all your items, in new condition, except philatelic items, to be auctioned off. These items can only be bought by the use of **Auction Bucks**. It is a fun program and has been enjoyed by many in the past.

This will be followed by the **Annual Christmas Party** on **December 1st**. It will be held at the **Masonic Lodge** located on **Peckham and Grand Ave**. This is about two streets west of the **Park Lane Mall** shopping center. **Raleys** is located there as a reference point. It will start at **6:00 p.m.** for cocktails, **BYOL**. Dinner will start at **7:00 p.m.** If you have not volunteered to bring some part of the dinner, please

contact **Kay Williams, 322-6265**. Also, bring a nice gift at least, **@10.00** or more in value for each person in your party. You may mark it **Male, Female or Philatelic**. This is one of the great highlights of the year for N.S.S.S. Every one has a nice get-to-gather with all of the members of the club.

The members present at the last meeting approved unanimously the **Greater Area Stamp and Coin Show for 2002**. The motion to have the show was proposed by **Stan Cronwell** and seconded by **Michael McAuliffe**. It was passed with **28** voting for and **0** against. This will be held on **June 15th and 16th, 2002**. It will be at the **Atlantis Hotel**. There are **4** rooms set aside for us. It will be one big room with all the dividers removed. We will have a set up day on **Fri. 14th**. There will be **10** stamp dealers and **15** coin dealers. This may be one of the best and least costliness show, for N.S.S.S., of the last **4** or **5** years. If you plan to exhibit, you should be getting started on

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exhibit. We will need several frames, just as we had in the 2001 show. Lets make it one big NSSS show for 2002.

The Sparks Railroad Museum needs volunteers. As N.S.S.S. is meeting there for free, we should help them with their staffing. Please contact either **Lois Graves of Beverly Raley at 355-1144.**

Barbara Stanfield began a discussuin on the Junior Stamp Program. Mr. Ho reported the program has had very little interest at the present school. **Nadiyah Beekun** reported the Mindive School would like to have the Junior program at their location. Also, the Northwest Library is interested in the program.

Barbara, Nadiyah and Chieu Ho will proceed to develop the program at these locations.

Flyers will be sent to the parents through the schools to obtain their reaction to the Junior Stamp Program. A report will be made at a later date.

Nadiyah presented a magazine which contained a great article about her son, **Muhib**, for his work in getting the Christmas stamp commemorating the Islamic religion. The stamp had the word "**Eid**", which represents a sacred time of the year for the Islamic religion.

Philatelic News

For those Canadian collectors, a recent poll on Icelandic stamps, the favorite among collectors was Scott No. 921. This was an engraved souvenir sheet depicting a painting of Icelandic settlers at the shore of Lake Winnipeg. This was reported in the *Canadian Connection* journal.

Finishing second by one point was a set of four stamps. Iceland Scott no's. 902-905. Which honored the 1,000th anniversary of the landing of the Norsemen in Newfoundland.

Contact Andrew Mitchell, P.O. Box 5, Tariffville, CT 06081-0005 for ordering books and diskettes.

Membership and information can be obtained from Robert Milligan, 23381 Greenleaf Blvd., Elkhart, IN 46514-4505. will provide you with information about the Canadian Study Unit.

More Philatelic News

There has been several books released recently that may be useful in your collecting interests.

Ferrocarriles/Railways Thematic Stamp Catalogue, 2nd issue.

This book is authored by Jordi Domingo i Gimeno. It contains 738 pages providing useful information relating to railways. It covers 350 countries which probably lists railway stamps one has never heard of.

It is published by Domfil publishing company. It costs about \$48.00. It can be obtained either by your locale book dealer, on special order, or by contacting Domfil Grupo Afinsa, Doctor Puig 33, Apartado de Correos 271, E-08202 Sabadell-Barcelona, Spain. www.domfin.com.

PMCC Directory of Post Offices. It comes in 3 hole punched binder or by two 3-5 inch computer diskettes, IBM or Mac format.

It was issued by the Post Mark Collectors Club.

The book is great for those collecting post marks as it lists names and addresses throughout the United States. It goes beyond the ZIP code directory issued by the Post Office. Price is \$50.00 in non-members and \$45.00 to PMCC members for directory and binder. \$20.80 NM (\$15.80 Mem) post paid for two diskettes.



Before the Pony Express

The Pony Express mail is famous for its role in transporting the mail from St. Joseph, Missouri to Sacramento, California, which began on April 3, 1860. It was a means of getting the mail overland faster. The biggest problem was the section between Salt Lake City and Sacramento. Russell, Majors and Waddell ran a stage from the Missouri River to Salt Lake City. It was the problem setting up relay stations across Utah, Nevada and California. There was a need for 500 horses, 190 stations and 80 experienced riders. This was the beginning of this famous Pony Express program. There were 29 stopping stages between Friday's, California to Deep Creek, Utah. Nevada's section began in Genoa and ended in Antelope Springs, in the Antelope Valley. It consisted of 27 stations. Some are still in existence, with remnants of buildings and materials used at the time. Most are on private land. Carson City, Dayton, Fort Churchill are the most notable in our time. Genoa is a State Park, Carson City is a site on a city block, private owned. Dayton is a site privately owned, but there are no remains. Fort Churchill is a State Park, with the building still standing. The rest of the route is made up of creeks, wells and springs. Some have remains others are just guesses.

BUT, what was the system of carrying mail before the Pony Express? Well, in 1851 the United States Post

Office offered up for bid the opportunity to deliver mail from Salt Lake City and California. The low bidder was Absalom Woodward and George Chorpensing for a monthly of \$14,000 per year. Each trip was to be 30 days or less each way. This became known as the "Jackass Express" since mules were used for the wagons. The route was from Carson City, to Carson Sink, to the Humboldt Sink, continuing on the California Emigrant Road and following the Humboldt River. It continued to the city of Rocks, in Southern Idaho and along the old Salt Lake alternate emigrant trail, across northern Utah and to Salt Lake City. At the site of the present town of Genoa, Chorpensing stated off that quarter section for future a future mail relay station.

This first trip began on May 1, 1851 at Sacramento and ended on June 5, in Salt Lake City.

This stage company had many difficulties, winter storms, Indian attacks and short of provisions.

Eventually, one of the partners, Absalom Woodward was killed in an Indian attack near Gravelly Ford, Beowawe, Nevada, but due to a good horse he alone managed to escape, but his body was found 150 miles away in the Ibapah Mountains. Ibapah is located 65 miles south of Wendover, Nevada.

Chorpensing began having troubles getting riders and supplies. With his partner killed, he carried the mail on the last trip, by himself and saved his contract with the post office.

Later, he began a new mail train on July 1, 1854. This venture lasted for four years. The mail was carried by horseback or mules. The trip was made in 20 days by mules and 27 days by wagon.

Chorpenning developed his route by changing to a central route, instead of the Humboldt River route. He built stations and other shorter routes through Nevada. However, through unfair accusations by the Post Office Department, he lost his contract. Immediately, Russell, Majors and Waddle was given the contract, which was the beginning of the famous Pony Express Mail system.

As we well know, the Pony Express was slowly eliminated by the Telegraph system.

To this day, the Pony Express system is reenacted by volunteer riders, who like to keep the remembrance of our by-gone days.

The reference on this subject was from the Nevada Bureau of Land Management book, "The Pony Express in Nevada."

Reno and Carson City postal clerks are bracing for the onslaught of patriotic customers expected to line up when the new United We Stand stamp goes on sale today.

"I expect it will be immensely popular throughout the country," said Desnie Czipka, spokeswoman for the Reno post office.

"Right now, with our patriotic fervor, people have just embraced the flag more than ever before," she said.

"You see it on houses, on cars, and people have been asking us when we would be selling the stamp as soon as it was announced that it would be issued."

The decision to issue a 34-cent stamp showing the American flag rippling in the breeze above the words "United We Stand" was announced in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

'Tales by Mail' takes readers on worldwide tour

by Kim Frankenhoff

Are you looking for a way to bridge the generation gap and interest your children, grandchildren or other youngsters in your life in the wonders of worldwide philately?

If you are, a new book by Karen Cartier, titled *Tales by Mail* and pictured at right, is exactly what you need to accomplish your goal.

Featuring retellings of 32 folk tales, fairy tales, legends, myths and fables from around the globe, the volume is sure to enchant readers of all ages.

Chapters include "Chiwele and the Giant," a tale from Botswana; "The Fox and the Donkey" from Greece; "Old Man Who Made Tree Blossoms" from Japan; "The Giant of Guflina" from Liechtenstein; "Princess Longnose and Anansi" from the Netherland Antilles; "Little Purse With Two Pennies" from Romania; and "Paul Bunyan" from the United States.

Even more exciting is Cartier's judi-



cious use of generously enlarged, full-color illustrations of stamps from countries in which the tales originate.

There is no easier way to introduce children to the hobby, as the traditional medium of storytelling naturally engages the imagination and provides a perfect opportunity to examine the artwork.

Sprinkled among the 32 tales are 47 stamp images, ranging in size from 1-3/4" by 2-1/2" all the way up to 3-1/4" by 4". The resolution is incredibly crisp and clear, allowing detailed examination of each picture without further magnification.

The 280-page softcover book is the first in a planned series of 12 volumes. Published by Legend Lady Press, it retails for \$14.95 per copy. A CD-ROM version is also available for \$19.95.

To order *Tales by Mail*, contact Legend Lady Press at P. O. Box 13111, Arlington, TX 76094; or submit an online order form, which may be found at:

www.legendlady.com 

Program Questioner for 2002

Yes	No.	
___	___	Would you like one program per month?
___	___	Would you like two programs per month, one at each mtg?
___	___	What type of programs do you like?
___	___	Philatelic Slide presentations,
___	___	Philatelic VCR presentations,
___	___	Members presentations.
___	___	Outside Philatelic collectors
___	___	Outside Non-philatelic subjects.
___	___	Bid Board.
___	___	One business meeting per month.
___	___	Short up-to-date business discussions each meeting.
___	___	Adjust the number of pages of auction and consignments.
___	___	At the present it is set at six(6).
___	___	Change Auction Bucks rewards to read "No carry overs from year to year." (The purpose of this program was to encourage members to be more active in the activities and programs of the club.) By in November of each new year, all members have an equal opportunity to earn Bucks for the following November Meeting.

Suggestions for programs for the year 2002.

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