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Hot August nights are upon us and according to the weather man, the temperatures will be dropping. Guess this year it will be the not quite so hot August nights. Keep the fans running but don't let them blow the stamps off the table.

**John and Marla Wetterling** treated us to "Circuit Books" as this months presentation. The focus was on the APS circuit books. This seems to be a good place to purchase your missing stamps at a minimal cost. You should remember to include the cost of shipping and insurance, which is required by the APS, as part of your purchase price. The more stamps you buy, the lower your final costs.

There was a last minute change in the program schedule, so next month's program will be "Perfs and Perforations". Bring your perforation gauges and plan to learn something you didn't know before about those magical little holes.

On the third page of this issue is an ad for exhibitors for the "**Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show**". Remember, have your exhibits ready and be signed up by September 1st. Time is of the essence

The election of new offices of the club was voted on at the July 28 meeting. Our new officers are;

President **Stan Cronwall**  
Secretary **Nadiah Beekum**  
Board Members **Ed Davies**  
**Leon Wembly**  
**Terri Edwards**  
(Junior Representative)  
**Tara McAuliffe**

Congratulations to all. Installation of officers will be held at the Club barbecue on August 9th. You'll find all the information you need about the barbecue on the 2nd page of this issue.

**Dick Dreiling** is looking for volunteers to staff the stamp club's table at this years State Fair. The time are 12:00 noon to 9:00 pm, but you don't have to work the entire 9 hour shift. Half the shift will do. There are major benefits to volunteering. You get into the fair for very good price. If you consider free a good price. Last year Port of Subs provided lunches for all the volunteers. So, while you don't get paid for your efforts, the pay is pretty good.

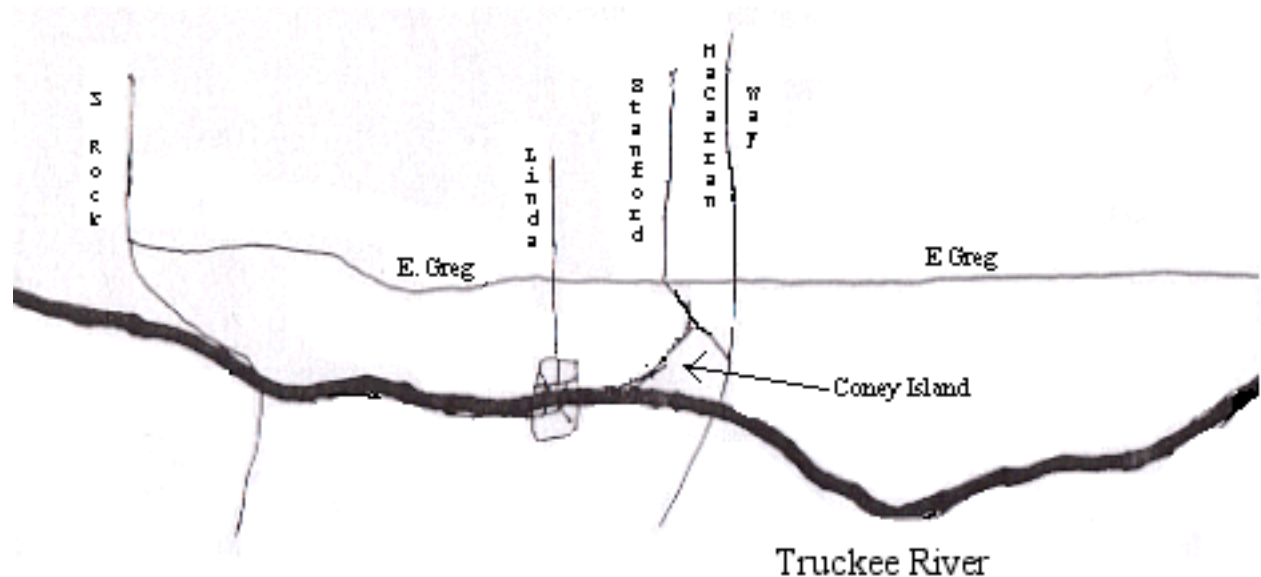
*"I don't feel old - I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap." - Bob Hope*

The month of August's first meeting will be held at the park at Coney Island Drive on August 9th, Saturday in lieu of the regular meeting.

This meeting will include the installation of our new officers

## Glendale Park

Linda Way at Coney Island  
on the River



At our last meeting on July 26, a sheet was passed around for those who planned on bringing a dish to indicate what was coming to the party. This was done to minimize duplication. If you missed the last meeting but still plan to come to the party, feel free to bring a dish but make just enough for yourself and whomever you bring with you (guests are welcome).

When its time to go, please remember to leave behind any bowls, spoons, knives and other utensils you may have brought with you. Dick is trying to replace some items missing from his kitchen. Ow! Did I just bite my tongue??



# GREATER RENO STAMP AND COVER SHOW

**EXHIBITORS WANTED!**

**WHEN: OCTOBER 11 & 12, 2003**

**WHERE: RENO CONVENTION CENTER**

**COST: \$5.00 PER FRAME**

**AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR:**  
**1ST, 2ND, 3RD PLACE,**  
**JUNIORS 1ST, 2ND, 3RD,**  
**BEST OF SHOW**

**CONTACT: JEANNE PAQUIN**  
**775-885-7768**

Exhibitors are needed for the **Greater Reno Stamp And Cover Show** in October. You will need to fill out an “Exhibition Registration Form” and have it ready with the entry fees by September First. This gives the committee time to set up the events and money to pay the costs of this event. I will try to put a copy of the registration on the other side of this page. If you turn it over and it is blank you’ll know I couldn’t get a copy in time for publication. You will also be able to get a copy from **Jean Paquin** at the number mentioned above.

Try to get the entry forms in early. The committee will love you for it.

<http://mywebpages.comcast.net/kr.baker/csa/fakes/>

Most of have a few Confederate stamps in our collection. How many of these might be a fake, forgery or even a “facsimile”. Most facsimiles are so marked, so they’re easy to tell. The forgeries were meant to fool the Post Office or collectors and might be a little harder to detect. Help is on your computer at a site called “Counterfeits and Fakes of Confederate Stamps”.

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## Counterfeits and Fakes of Confederate Stamps

This site features counterfeits and fakes of Confederate stamps. If you are unfamiliar with philatelic terminology, look [here](#).

A detailed page is provided for each counterfeit that points out some of the characteristics that can be used to identify the counterfeit. Since many counterfeits have fake cancels applied, as many characteristics as possible are displayed. Characteristics that can be easily used when looking at computer scans are marked with a red star.

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Note by the first sentence that even the uninitiated can find some information on this site to help them determine which is real and which is not.

This particular stamp is displayed on the site. It is the real stamp. To find out about the fake, just click on the image. It will take you to a different page that will show all the fakes known.



If you decide you have a fake, click on the image that is closest to your stamp and up pops a new image that points out all of the characteristics and differences of the forgery.

This stamp, CSA #1, has six different forgeries, three of them by known forgers. Most of the fakes are easy to spot once you know what the original looks like. It is shown on the same page as the fakes for comparison. The colors on the site aren’t true to the stamp, after all, it’s only a computer, but the images offer enough detail to spot the difference.

This site has much more to offer. Each stamp, and all the Confederates are listed, is detailed with information such as how many were printed, who designed it and earliest known first use. There is a separate page for several of the Provisionals and their counterfeits, a “Current Reference Items” page, a chat room and the usual links to CSA and Forgeries pages. All-in-all, a pretty good site to find out if your Confederate stamps are real.

Staying within the good 'ole USA again. This will be a breeze for you specialists (oh m'God, that would be all of us) in American Postal issues, so sit outside on the porch with a cool glass of Lipton's iced tea, but come inside to the air conditioning to do this quiz. That's the American way.

1. Whose portrait appears on the bicentennial stamps of 1932?  
A) Martha Washington                      B) Benjamin Franklin                      C) George Washington
2. Who is on the one cent value of the 1938 definitives?  
A) Martha Washington                      B) Benjamin Franklin                      C) George Washington
3. A cable car from what city is shown on the historic preservation stamps of 1971?  
A) San Francisco                              B) New York                                  C) Chicago
4. What British statesman appears on a five cent 1965 issue?  
A) Winston Churchill                        B) Queen Elizabeth II                      C) King George VI
5. What scientist appears on the two cent stamp in the Famous American series of 1940?  
A) Thomas Alva Edison                      B) Dr Crawford W Long                    C) Thomas Bell
6. What type of Olympic athlete is shown on the twenty one cent airmail postal card of 1979?  
A) Swimmer                                    B) Pole Vaulter                              C) Gymnast
7. Who appears on the five dollar stamp of 1894?  
A) John Marshall                              B) Christopher Columbus                    C) Queen Isabella
8. What is the highest denomination of postal note stamps issued in 1945?  
A) Seventy five cents                        B) Ninety cents                              C) One dollar
9. What famous movie maker appeared on a 1975 commemorative?  
A) D.W. Griffith                                B) Ron Howard                                C) Otto Preminger
10. What occupation is depicted on the one cent US Parcel Post stamp of 1912?  
A) Mailman                                      B) Mail Sorter                                C) Postal Clerk

Don't bring your answers to the next meeting. I will be at work with the Hot August Nights crowd and their '55 Chevies. Save them for the following meeting and good answers to all.

*"Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint." - Mark Twain*

Away from the Isles and back to the Continent where we know our own stamps best. I note, however, a lot of good answers to the last quiz. Hope you've done as well on this one. Here are the answers.

1. - A. Quilt making. The American Folk Art issues, #1745-48, sold on March 8th and designed by Christopher Pullman.
2. - B. Skiing. # C 85 shows a series of stylized skiers in five different colors. Issued for the 11th Winter games in Sapporo, Japan.
3. - B. Soyuz, celebrating the Appollo- Soyuz link up in space. The stamp was designed by Russian and American designers, Anatoli M. Aksamit and Robert McCall. # 1569 and 70
4. - A. Whooping Cranes. # 1098, issued on November 22.
5. - B. Five. #1742a, issued on February 7th, 1980.
6. - C. One, three, four and four cents. #1113 - 16. The four cent sepia showing the Lincoln-Douglas debate was issued on August 27, 1958 while the others followed in 1959 on Feb 12 and 27 and May 30.
7. - A Jane Addams. # 878 was one of only three women honored in that series of thirty five stamps.
8. - C. China Clipper. # C21 was issued to pay the cost of postage used on the Transpacific Airmail service which started on November 22nd of that year.
9. - C. 1959. #1124 was issued on February 14 to commemorate the one hundredth year of Oregon's statehood.
10. - A. Alexander Hamilton. It was his battery shown on # 629 commemorating the battle of White Plains, New York one hundred and fifty years before.

Number five, which had the same answer gave me fits and starts until I found out there is a special section in the Specialized edition of Scotts just for booklet panes. It doesn't give much information about the windmills depicted. You'll just have to look closer at the stamps to find out what they are.

*"By all means*

*marry: If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher." (Socrates)*