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Happy Valentine's day to all of you. Hope you have a good and lucky Friday the thirteenth.

The first meeting of the month brought us several visitors, some of which we hope will become members of our club. **Bob** is a pilot who retired from Pan Am and has a fine collection of mint and used air mail stamps that includes all of the zepelin issues and he would like to sell them. If you are interested you may contact him at **882-6807** in Carson City.

In the last issue of this publication, it was mentioned that the museum, which kindly gives us, free of charge, a place to meet twice a month, still needs volunteers to act as docents (greeters). If you have a little time to spare, this is a great way to spend it.

The program this month was given by **Jim Ringer**. It was all about his favorite subject, early Russian stamps. He covered the periods from Imperial Russia to the first Soviet stamps. Lot of things to learn from Jim about these issues. did you know that some post WWI stamps were used as coinage because of a metal shortage caused by that war?

A while back **Nadiyah Beekun** printed up several ad-vertisements for the club that included a map to the museum. If you have any of these in your possession, it would be a good time to put them to good use and post them at the local library, grocery store or anywhere they might be seen. It never hurts to bring new blood into the club.

Speaking of new blood, there

was a letter to the editor in the January issue of Lynns that addresses the concept of using old blood as new blood. Why not leave some of our flyers and/or a copy of the Post Boy at one or more of the senior centers, library or anywhere it might attract the attention of our senior citizens. They could use a hobby and they'd fit right in with our group.

There are several people in this group in possession of bits and pieces of the club's history. This might include photos of members (please identify them and the event) from times past, old invitations to club parties or relics from earlier meeting places. If you have anything that relates to the club's past, contact me. The address and number is in the column on the left.

The **Greater Reno Stamp and Cover show** is in the works for next year. It will be held on October 2nd and 3rd at the Bowling Stadium on the 4th floor. All we have to do is advertise and they will come.

Programs to come. We all have a bunch of duplicates to divest ourselves of, so **Ed Davies** will show us how with his program on "Getting Rid of Dupes" in February. Do you want to make your collection larger? In March **John Wetterling** will tell us how with "Expanding Your Collection." Did you expand too far? In April **Arlene Davies** will show us how to decrease the size of it with her presentation of "Selling Excess." So, we're getting rid of our dupes, expanding and selling of the rest. Too much! Looking forward to it.

The Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show will be coming to town in the near future (October 2nd & 3rd) and all the dealers with it. In order to make it a more successful show for the dealers and to give you better buying opportunities, we would like to have you up-date your collecting interests. This would also be a good time to note any change of address, phone numbers or e-mail addresses. In order to make the show work for both you and the dealer we will be passing on the collecting interests to the dealers but without names, addresses, etc. The personal information is used only for the membership list which is given to the members of this club and **no one else!**

Name: _____

Address: _____
(Street, apt)

(City) (Zip code)

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Collecting Interests;

Country (s) _____

Stamps;
Used _____ Town Cancels _____ Special cancels _____ Other Cancels _____
Mint, NH _____ Unused _____

Covers;
Revenues _____ Cinderellas _____ Fantasies _____ Other _____
Postal History _____ Special, Events _____, Eras _____, Time Periods _____
Military _____ ;
Feildpost _____ Censored _____ POW _____ Other _____
Civil War _____ Spanish- American _____ WWI _____
WWII _____ Vietnam _____ Other _____

Collections _____ Sets _____ Singles _____ Topical _____

This covers everything (yeah, right) there is in stamp collecting and will be a great help to the dealers. Remember, dealers don't get to see the top part (that's for the club), only the collecting interests so, fill this out and bring it in to the next meeting.

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A BRITISH FORGERY

Forgeries are common in our hobby. The trick is to know the difference between what is real and what is not. There are, however, occasions when we need to know when a forgery is a desired item for our collection. Any forgery will do for a reference collection. That way we can refer to it to find out if is a beautiful stamp that completes a set or a worthless piece of junk that some worthless piece of junk created to make some money on. So, when it comes to forgeries, what's the difference between a worthless piece of junk and a desirable item? The stamp to your left is an example of a desirable item.



In 1942, April 20, to be exact, The German post office, under the auspices of Adolph Hitler created a stamp for the use of their servicemen on the battlefield. Actually they created several, each serving a different purpose. The one above served as an air mail stamp which allowed the fighting men to send letters home. Actually, the one above served the purposes of the British Military because, as I said, it's a forgery. Forgeries are made, during wartime for different purposes. Sometime money is forged in an attempt to create an inflated economy, thus deflating the ability of the enemy to purchase goods, such as bullets. Stamps can cause the same type of problem. In the past this has never been too successful. The enemy would explain it to their people and change the currency. The advantage here was to be able to infiltrate the postal system to send propaganda to the folks back home.

There were two different types of forgeries made during the Second World War. The type you see here was used to send propaganda to lower the morale of the people on the home front. The other type just made fun of the leaders of the Third Reich, sometimes by telling the truth.

How do you tell the difference without being an expert? Easier than you might think. First you have to read the book. In this case, read this. The stamp at your right is the real thing, used by the German army to send letters back home. Look closely at the top of the airplane, right behind the cockpit. There is an aerial sticking straight up (use your loupe). Its missing in the forgery. By the way. The forgery was made by a legitimate government (al-biet the wrong one) and is rarer that the real thing



<http://home.earthlink.net/~renostamp/>

The Nevada Stamp Study Society now has a website. If you were at the last meeting, you've heard about it. The address above is how to get to it, so type it into your browser and put it into your "favorites". The site was constructed by Harvey and Terri Edwards. It seems Harvey was putting together a site for the Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show when, upon closer examination, he noticed the club's website sitting right in front of him. How's that for amazing discoveries.

Terri and Harvey have put together an amazing site for us and we owe them a debt of gratitude. The site is pleasant to look at and easily navigable. These are two important qualities to keep a person who is not familiar with the club, interested in the site. This could also be attractive to a local who may be interested in joining us.

The home page opens, like most home pages, with links to the rest of the site. It also has a way to email the club, a map to the museum and the museum's address and the days and times of the meetings. A good way to open the site. All of a sudden you know where to go and when to be there.

The next page offered is called "Recent and Upcoming events". A repeat of the meeting schedule is given along with a blurb on the Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show. The largest space is reserved for the Nevada State Fair and our participation in the stamp event (second year running). At the bottom is a great picture of Terri with her EID Afghan which won a blue ribbon last year.

The third page is for the Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show. This page is still in need of a great deal of work but will be filled in as the information is made available. On it is a place to name the judges for the exhibitions, the dealers that will be there, the awards and awards banquet (by the way we need volunteers to help in these areas. Contact Terri or Harvey), contact information for dealers and those who might need a hotel room and a map to the Bowling Stadium along with a layout of the exhibition room. Lot of ground covered here.

The next page is for the Show Committee. Doesn't mean you can't look at it because they want you to go to it so you can volunteer for a position. There are a few open. This is your opportunity. If you have something to say about the show or the website, this is the place to be. Message board is at the bottom of this page.

The "Related Links" page has several philatelic links (8) and a link to Bowling Stadium. I'm sure Terri and Harvey will add more links to this page as they find them. Any suggestions?

Guess what's on the "Membership Application" page. You got it. An application along with directions to get to the meetings and the cost to join. You might want to go to this page if you need an update on the dues.

Finally the contact page for links to the application and an email link the the NSSS. Should you feel the urge to write the email address is renostamp@earthlink.net.

All in all, I think Terri and Harvey have put together an excellent site for the club. Are there any criticisms of the site? I can't think of any at the moment. How about suggestions for expansion of the site. I can think of several, but they have probably been thought of already. It's a lot of work putting something like this together and there has not been time to include everything they want to. I'm sure all of us have a few "favorites" on our browsers we may want to add to the links page, or ideas we may wish to preview with Terri or Harvey. Bring those thoughts with you to the next meeting and if there is time, perhaps they can be discussed. Kudos to Terri and Harvey.

February is a good month to pick up a chill so get out your Scott and sit by the fire with something warm (did I say a hot toddy?) and work out this poser. Shouldn't be too hard to pick up another 100 auction bucks for the Auction. By the way, pay close attention to number one. Its not as obvious as it seems.

1. If Whistler wanted a stamp with a picture of his mother, what would it have cost in 1934?
A) Two cents B) Three cents C) Four cents
2. Alexander Graham Bell appears on a ten cent stamp. does he have a beard?
A) Yes B) No C) Can't tell, he needs a shave
3. How many stamps were there in the 1964 Christmas issue?
A) Four B) Five C) Six
4. Who is on the one dollar value of the 1938 definitives?
A) Woodrow Wilson B) Warren G. Harding C) Calvin Coolidge
5. What flower appears on the Mississippi statehood stamp of 1967?
A) Magnolia B) Daffodil C) Four Roses
6. What author appears on the ten cent Famous American s stamp?
A) Edgar Allen Poe B) Henry Wadsworth Long fellow C) Samuel L. Clemens
7. In what year did the US issue it's first Red Cross commemorative?
A) 1921 B) 1931 C) 1941
8. What is the color of the 1940 stamp showing Charles W. Elliot?
A) Red B) Violet C) Red Violet
9. In what year was the World's Fair held in New York?
A) 1915 B) 1939 C) 1962
10. What kinds of birds are shown on the John James Audubon issue of 1963?
A) Barn Swallows B) Columbia Jays C) Baltimore Orioles

I don't mind the quizzes, its the answers that kill me. If you answer everything correctly on all the quizzes, you will have an extra 1200 bucks to bid with in the Auction next November. If you miss twenty, you still have an extra 1000 to spend. Why not do it?

Couple of tough one this time. Number 6, for instance, would be easy if you knew which year the anniversary occurred. It would make sense that the stamp was issued that year. The answer to number two can't be found in the regular catalog, only in the Specialized. Hope you figured them out anyway.

1. - C. Lajos Kossuth, who is pictured on Scott # 1117, issued on Sept. 19, 1957 hails from Hungary. He was called the father of Hungarian democracy.

2. - B. The postal note issues are a bit difficult to find if you don't own a Scott Specialized. They are PN 1 thru PN 18 and have eighteen stamps in the series.

3. - C. In 1938 the thirty cent stamp featured Theodore Roosevelt, the hero of San Juan and president of the United States.

4. - C. In 1917 the United States Purchased the Danish West Indies and re-named them the US Virgin Islands.

5. - B. James Russell Lowell was an American Poet who is pictured on the three cent stamp of that series.

6. - A. The 1,000th anniversary of Christianity in Poland came about in 1966 and was commemorated with Scott # 1313.

7. - A. A stamp featuring the Brahma rooster was issued to honor the American poultry industry in 1948. #968

8. - B. James Fenimore Cooper's most famous novel was The Last of the Mohicans. He was shown on Scott # 860.

9. - B. Adlai E. Stevenson ran against Dwight D Eisenhower in 1952 and 1956. On his third try he lost the nomination to John F Kennedy who appointed him Ambassador to the United Nations. Scott # 1275.

10. - C. Lee (Robert E), Davis (Jefferson) and Jackson (Stonewall) were memorialized at Stone Mountain in May of 1970. The stamp showing the monument was issued five months later in September on Scott # 1408.

I remember when they started carving Stone Mountain. I could swear they were crazy, but look at it now. Very impressive. It would be great if you got that one right (and all the rest too).