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Summer is here with warm weather and gentle breezes to cool your heated brow. A great month for golf, days on the beach or fishing. Break out the picnic basket and spend some time at the park. Enjoy.

This month's program was given by **Richard Simmonds**. Richard worked with the Space Program back in the '60s and '70s and as a result, created a cover for the joint Russian-American link-up between the Soyuz and Appolo rockets and almost wound up in prison as a result. If you weren't there, you missed a good one. Thanks Richard.

The club's annual picnic is coming up. Instead of the second meeting, we will dine in the shade of the trees on hamburgers and potato salad with talk of stamps and newly elected officers. The picnic will be held at Rock Park on July 24th (the fourth Saturday of July). Be there at about 10:30am or so. If you're not sure where Rock Park is, go south on Rock Boulevard off Interstate 80. Go past Greg Street. It will be on the right side before you cross the river. Don't turn into Gateway park which you will come to just before Rock Park. Bring the food you have prepared and the utensils to serve with. Don't forget to take home whatever you bring because **Dick Dreiling** still has some potato chips leftover from last year and doesn't need anymore.

The coming meeting on July 10th will be used to elect our new officers. **Jeanne Paquin** has come forward willing to take over **Jim Ringer's** position as the Club's Vice president. if you have any other nominations in mind or would like

to take one of the positions available, be prepared. At this meeting a sheet will be passed around so that you may volunteer whichever special dish you would like to bring to the meeting. We do this to minimize the duplication of efforts. We really don't need sixteen different kinds of potato salad but no ketchup for the hamburgers. Be sure to sign up.

A meeting regarding the **Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show** was held at the end of the last club meeting. It was determined that because of conflicting shows and lack of participation from dealers that the Show should be postponed. With Reno events held that month (Street Vibrations, etc.), the show could not be rescheduled for the month of October. It was decided to try return to the original scheduling in June, conditions permitting. The Bowling Stadium is questionable next year. Another site may have to be found.

The **Nevada State Fair** will be held on the fourth weekend in August (25th thru the 29th of that month). If you haven't already done so, see **Nadiah Beekun** to enter a frame or two in the competition. This is also a good opportunity to promote our club and hobby to those who are not yet familiar. I don't think Nadiah would turn away a volunteer to man the tables.

Did you get to the ASDA show in Santa Clara in June? Well it was the only show nearby till August. The **APS Stampshow 2004** will be held in Sacramento at the Con-vention Center at 1400 J Street from August 12 to the 15th. Doors open at 10:00am and close at 6:00pm (4:00 on Sunday).

## **Harvey Edwards Finds Gold in Memphis**

What happened in Memphis Tennessee that caused Terri and Harvey to miss the stamp club's meeting on June the 12th? The American Topical Association sponsored the National Topical Stamp Show that weekend and with penguins and submarines in their collections, they wouldn't miss it for the world.

When they arrived in Memphis they chose not to stay in the Hotel where the exhibition was being held and instead stayed in one near the airport. Sometimes its best to go along with the program. It seem a FEDEX strike had just been settled and the trucks were busy catching up with the workload over the weekend. The hotel was next door to the FEDEX hub and trucks were running back and forth all night long. Oh well, they caught up on their sleep back in Reno.

The show wasn't as successful as they would have liked in terms of turn out. There were more people at the Greater Reno Stamp and Cover show. There were more dealers, though (twenty-five in all) in Memphis. Maybe they can teach us how to attract dealers and we can show them how to draw people to the show.

Terri didn't exhibit at this show but Harvey decided to take the frames he used at the Greater Reno Stamp and Cover show and try them out in Memphis. He spent five months re-organizing the frames and cutting down the number. Harvey used five frames in Reno but took the number down to only four frames which tightened up the display and allowed a more coherent exhibition. The five judges agreed and gave him a gold medal saying it was unusual for an exhibit with only four frames to win anything let alone the gold. But harvey didn't stop at just the gold, he also took the competition for the Ships on Stamps Study Unit, a sub-group from the Topical Association. He was awarded Best in Show for that group.

Harvey and Terri's experience with exhibiting his stamps has been a positive one. Both feel that it is educational. you learn not only where the stamps are from but a great deal more about how they get from one place to another, what the stamp represents, the development of the stamp and about the characters, places, buildings, monuments,etc., on the stamp. In other words, exhibiting forces you to learn more about the hobby. Both of them strongly recommend that all stampers take up exhibiting as a way to round out their collections. It is a way of extending the knowledge of the stamp collecting community and passing that knowledge on to future collectors.

Hats off to Terri and Harvey for bringing recognition to themselves as well as the club they represent. We can all be proud of the commitment they offer to the hobby and that we have each played a small part in developing that commitment.

## Covers, Now and Then



Ever take a close look at the covers that the Post Boy arrives in? you may have noticed that the stamps often have selvage on them. It is my theory that with the new stamps that you no longer have to lick and stick, the selvage is usually ignored and thrown away. After all, you peel the stamp off the sheet and selvage doesn't come with it. As a consequence, most covers do not have plate numbers, plate position, "Remember to mail early" messages and all the other codes and messages that used to show up on covers and give them a little extra value and interest to the collector.

With the advent of the self adhesive stamp, the way a stamp is placed on an envelope has changed. With imperforate stamps, it was inconvenient to trim away the selvage, so if you had a corner piece, you simply cut the whole corner and pasted it to the envelope. "Jumbo margins" the seller of the collected cover would say or "upper left-hand corner piece". These stamps with extra selvage would command a premium at an auction or the local stamp store.

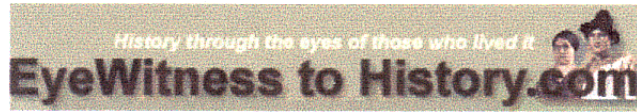
The introduction of perforations didn't change things a lot but the "centering" of the stamp became more important as perforations were often applied unevenly. The selvage attached to the stamp was sought after as, over time it could detach as the perforations would break and selvage was lost. Also added to the selvage was plate numbers and postal messages and collectors had more to look forward to in their collections like plate blocks or Mr. Zip.

With the self adhesives, it is easy to remove the stamp. You don't have to separate the bothersome edges that aren't really a part of the stamp to put it on the envelope. Just peel, stick and mail away. So what does this mean? Perhaps selvage is going the way of the imperforate stamp. We may not see it in the future. On the other hand, if you have a cover with a self adhesive stamp with the selvage intact it may become the collectable of the future and, it may be among the great rarities of tomorrow.

Then again.....maybe not.

For this issue I bring you three websites that are not connected, directly, to stamp collecting. These are history sites and therefore relate to stamp collecting because history is what collecting, any kind of collecting, is all about.

<http://eyewitnesstohistory.com/>



This is a site to take you back into time with the person who was there to see the historical event take place. There are ten links to take you to different periods in history. The first four don't apply to stamp collectors. The rest include the "19th century", "the Civil War", "The Old West", "the 20th Century", "World War 1" and "World War 2". There are also several side links such as the "Battle of the Little Bighorn", "The D-Day invasion" and "Victoria Becomes Queen" (a biggie in stamp collecting). An interesting site even if you don't need it for your collection.

**PictureHistory**  
The Primary Source for History Online



<http://www.picturehistory.com/>

This site is very similar to the site above except it uses pictures as its main theme. Most of the pictures are photographs with the occasional use of paintings. This site will be a great attribute in building a stamp album or as an aide in putting a stamp exhibition together. It may also be helpful for a website. There are fifteen categories to choose from including "Abraham Lincoln", "Historic eras and events", "Science, Health and Medicine" and "Transportation & Communications". A useful group of pictures that are downloadable.

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/war/wwtwo/launch\\_ani\\_campaign\\_maps.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/war/wwtwo/launch_ani_campaign_maps.shtml)



The most interesting thing about this site is the animated maps. This is part of the BBC website that shows you some of the major battles of World War 2 with a series of maps that are animated to show you the progression of the battle as you read about it in the same frame. You may replay the animation as you need for better understanding. There are many links to try about related events and people such as "Investigating the D-Day landings", "Charles De Gaulle" and "Time Lines". A similar site about World War 1 is also available.

These are some good sites with a lot of information for you. I'm sure you will enjoy them.

With the warm weather back again (thought winter would never end), its time to sit back with a gin and tonic or tall glass of iced tea and do this puppy in the shade of an old elm tree. No need for the Specialized Catalog this time. You should have his one done before you can drain the iced tea, even if its a short one.

1. How many stamps are there in the Franklin D. Roosevelt memorial issue of 1945?

- A) Three                                      B) Four                                      C) Five

2. The Canalization of what river is the subject of a 1929 issue?

- A) Ohio River                                      B) Cuyahoga                                      C) Suwannee

3. The Kansas State flower appears on the Statehood issue of 1961. What is it?

- A) Magnolia                                      B) Peach blossom                                      C) Sunflower

4. What sport is saluted in the James A. Naismith issue of 1961?

- A) Basketball                                      B) Football                                      C) Baseball

5. What is on the four and one half cent 1938 definitive?

- A) Washington Monument                      B) The Capitol                                      C) The White House

6. What newspaper publisher was honored on a three cent stamp in 1943?

- A) W. A. White                                      B) W. R. Hearst                                      C) Perry White

7. What presidential candidate appears on a 1945 issue?

- A) Alfred E. Smith                                      B) Dwight D. Eisenhower                      C) John Kerry

8. On which of the overrun countries is there an error?

- A) Poland                                      B) Korea                                      C) Belgium

9. What woman author is honored on a five cent 1940 stamp?

- A) Harriet Beecher Stowe                      B) Louisa May Alcott                                      C) Dr. Seuss

10. Who's statue is on the Rough Riders issue of 1948?

- A) Theodore Roosevelt                      B) Capt. "Bucky" O'Neill                      C) William McKinley

Told you it was easy. Don't really see much point in checking the answers. Just give everyone who turns it in a hundred "bucks". Hmmm, maybe that is the way to go.

There are a couple of questions that require you to look to the later parts of the American issues in your catalog. On number nine you even have to go to the back of the back of the book to find the airmail postal card issues. Other than that, its not too complicated. You should clear an easy 100 auction bucks on this one.

1. - A) # 1074 was issued to celebrate the centenary of the birth of Booker T. Washington a black educator and the founder of the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama.
2. - A) Patrick Henry who said "Give me liberty or give me death!" is on the one dollar issue of the 1954 Liberty Series.
3. - C) #719 shows a ski jumper at Lake Placid, New York for the Winter Olympic Games to be held from February 4 to 13, 1932.
4. - B) Triangle is the shape, found in the back of the book under postal cards. The number is UX44.
5. - C) There were two issues for Susan B. Anthony. # 784 was printed for the 16th anniversary of the 19th amendment, Women's Suffrage, in 1936. The other was the fifty cent definitive issued in 1954, # 1051.
6. - B) This flat plate printing of 1934 had ten stamps with values ranging from one cent to ten cents.
7. -A) # C55, the Hawaii statehood issue was sold in the post offices on August 21, 1959.
8. - .A) Rutherford B. Hayes was president from 1877 to 1881. he vetoed a bill from congress calling for a ban on Chinese immigration. he was our 19th president.
9. - A) The year of the Americas gave us this airmail postal card of fifteen cents for international use which pictures Niagara Falls. #UXC13.
10. - C) The five dollar stamp, #1612, has a picture of a railroad conductor's lamp.

For fifty cents at a garage sale in Lemmon Valley, I found a book whose author wrote brief biographies of all the presidents up to Lyndon Baines Johnson. All right, so its not a new book, but it satisfies my requirements for this page. As long as I keep the book handy, its easier than the internet. Hope you got them all right for another hundred bucks in your pockets.