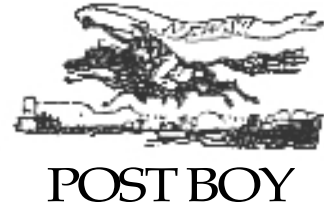


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Closed Albums
Roger Lauderdale has long been an honorary member of the NSSS and often it's benefactor. Roger succumbed to cancer on the first day of September, 2004. His presence will be felt but he will be missed.

Made it through another month. The air races are over and so are the duck, camel and balloon races. This is the month for Breast Cancer Awareness and the month we set our clocks back. On October 31, 2:00 am becomes 1:00 am. Get an extra hour's sleep.

Last month the club events did not occur in the usual order. We had the presentation at the first meeting and consignment day too. Then came the monthly auction at the second meeting. Oops!

In August **Ed and Arlene Davies** gave us Errors, Freaks and oddities in a

program from the APS. Unfortunately, the slides were not in order and the show had to be delayed until September. At the first meeting we got to see the show and it was impressive. For forty-five minutes we immersed ourselves in the strange, the unusual and the spectacular stamps of our nation. Thank you Ed and Arlene for a good show. it was worth waiting for.

The October show will also be brought to us by Ed and Arlene Davies, It is another of the shows put together by the APS. This time it will be about "Forgeries". Assume it to be forgeries of American stamps up to the Kansas-Nebraska overprints.



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meeting of next month is the yearly Auction. For those of you who are new to the club, this is the time to use your Auction Bucks. The members bring various items that are preferably but not necessarily philatelic. These are, hopefully, not things left over from a garage sale but goods that may be of interest other members with a historic or philatelic nature. And, there may be things with a more playful aspect. Everything is bid on, using the auction bucks. Money does not change hands, unless you wish to buy more auction bucks from the club (for the "good of the club"). It should be understood, everything that is brought for the auction is donated. It's a fun time.

Just a reminder the **Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show** has been moved. Now it is set for April 30 to May 1, 2005. Let your friends know.

If you have forgotten to pay your dues this year please bring it with you to the next meeting. Don't miss out on all those free and tasty goodies at the meetings, the Post Boy and the friendships we have developed over the years. Besides, the club needs the money.

Over the past few months I have been experimenting with different fonts (the letter style) to find a more easy to read style. If you see one you prefer over the others please let me know at the next meeting or at my email address. This one is "Baskerville". Last month's was "Futura". August's was "Ariel" and before that it was "Times New Roman".

Now, to start giving some consideration for the **Christmas Party**. Like Christmas, it's just around the corner. This year it will be held on Saturday, December 11 at the Masonic Temple. Come on down at 6 or 6:30 for cocktails and visiting. Dinner will be served at 7:00. As usual, Dick Dreiling will be cooking his famous brown bag turkey. Plan on bringing a dish to share. Don't forget utensils.

Last month I wrote an article called "The Future Of Stamps?" partly about personalized stamps that you can buy from Stamps.com. Uh oh. They're having problems. Seems that a few unscrupulous characters have been pictured on these stamps. Read about it in Linns. It's in the October 4 issue. There are enough imaginative people out there to create problems for this concept in stamps for a long time. Let's hope the people at Stamps.com are even more imaginative.

We haven't seen a stamp show in our area since early August. One is coming up this month and another one early next month. Those are listed below. Two more are coming in November and one in early December which will be mentioned in the next Post Boy.

The first is in Walnut Creek in the Bay area. It will be held on October 30 and 31. This is **The East Bay Collector's Club Annual Show**. It opens at 10 am and runs to 5 pm on Sat. and 4 pm on Sun. at 1375 Civic Drive. No charge and 16 dealers.

The next show is in Sacramento at the Scottish Rite Temple on 6151 "H" St. It's the **SACAPEX 2004** and will be held on November 6 and 7. Doors open at 10 am and close at 6 pm on St. and 4 pm on Sun. This one is sponsored by the **Sacramento Philatelic Society**. No charge is mentioned and there will be 28 dealers at this one.

Be prepared for a show in Santa Clara on the 18th and another in San Francisco on the 27th. Looks like a busy month if you like to take in the shows.

AZAD HIND



Got one of these? When I was younger, they were given away as an enticement to let them send approvals. They didn't give you the 1 R. That one is a little rare and is often forged. As a matter of fact, all of the them were forged, extensively. The common ones so the dealers could afford to give them away as enticements and the 1 R because it's expensive. It's pretty easy to tell the difference if you know how. The forgeries are usually printed using offset while the real ones are printed using photogravure. Look at the stamp under a loop. If you see dots, it's a forgery. If it looks like cross hatch, it's probably real. The red stamp on the right is a forgery. The one left of it is real. Not sure about the rest.

So, where do these stamps come from? Ever hear of a country called Azad Hind? Me neither. Azad Hind means "Free India". A man named Chandra Bose was leading the Fight for India's independence during WWII. Traveling to Berlin in 1941, he looked to Hitler for support against the British. Among the captured British troops were a number of Indians from which Bose was able to form an army. The stamps were printed later, in 1943 for use in a "free" India under Bose. Bose's efforts failed and the stamps were never used. it was Mahatma Ghandi that succeeded with more peaceful means.

Genuine stamps are not as plentiful as they used to be and have gained in catalog value. They are not listed in Scott but can be found in the Michel between Officials and Forgeries. They are imperforate or have perforations that vary from 9 1/2 to 11. All of the issues are described as charity labels but, unfortunately, never served the purpose for which they were intended.

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At first I was going to give you a site called "Stamp Tips". Stamp tips? What am I, an amateur? I've seen enough tips to fill a book of my own. " Actually, it's a pretty good site that has many more sites within it. Like one that helps to identify those evasive items you can't find in Scott such as revenues, cinderellas, strange overprints and stamps with no recognizable language. Well, you can still have Stamp Tips. It's a part of the Stamp Yellow Pages Directory. If you note just above the title and in the web address, the Yellow Pages are a part of a larger site called Stampshows.com. Go there the next time you're ready travel around the country or overseas, you'll find a stamp show somewhere along your route.

So, what about the Yellow pages? When you go to the opening page (see the address above) you will find sixty-four categories to choose from. I know, the ad says sixty-two, but there are boxes arranged in thirteen rows and five columns with one empty box. That adds up to sixty-four. Someone hasn't up-dated the banner. So shoot them. This impressive array of categories runs from A (Airmail & Aerophilately) to W (Wholesale). You will find anything you need if it has to do with stamps.

Many of these categories are filled with the websites of societies and sellers. Usually there's a site or two that is created by a philatelist with information about his own area of concern. If, however, you click on the right box, you will find a wealth of information. For instance, "Postmarks and Cancellations" will give you four good links (there are three broken links) to postmark and cancellation information including one in Dutch (he promises never to translate it).

After spending a lot of time searching this site I have found a large number of broken links, out of date links and links that repeatedly knocked me off line. Can't explain why. Still, I would recommend this site if you have the patience to deal with these small problems. There is a lot of information to be had but it is frustrating, sometimes, when the links you really want take you nowhere. I sent an email to let the owner know about these problems. Perhaps he'll fix them and then we'll have a great site for reference. Until then, I'll give this site a "C".

This may be the last chance of the year to do these on the relaxing comfort of your porch or sitting in the shade of the ole' Elm tree so, take advantage and a glass of iced tea to your favorite spot and see if you can finish this challenger.

1. William Penn was honored on a 1932 stamp. Of what religious group was he a member?
A) Quakers B) Mormons C) Existentialists
2. Who is on the one and one half cent definitive of 1938?
A) Thomas Jefferson B) Betsy Ross C) Martha Washington
3. What first lady appears on a four cent stamp in the 1923 regular issue?
A) Abigail Adams B) Dolly madison C) Martha Washington
4. What Polish hero appears on a five cent stamp issued in 1933?
A) Lech Walesa B) Tadeusz Kosciuszko C) Jan Paderewski
5. What was the denomination of the Petroleum Industry issue of 1959?
A) Three cents B) Four cents C) Five cents
6. What Jazz Musician is honored on a 1969 stamp?
A) W. C. Handy B) Louis Armstrong C) Scott Joplin
7. What disease does a 1965 five cent stamp crusade?
A) Cancer B) Polio C) Rheumatism
8. What color is the 1940 stamp honoring Ethelbert Nevin?
A) Dark brown B) Green C) Carmine rose
9. What four freedoms are covered in the 1943 issue?
A) Speech, Religion, Happiness, Education B) Speech, Religion, from War and fear
C) Speech, Religion, Press and to Bear Arms
10. Montgomery Blair is on a 1963 airmail issue. Under what president was he postmaster general?
A) Abraham Lincoln B) Andrew Johnson C) Ulysses S. Grant

Little bit of a toughie, but I'm sure you'll muddle through for another hundred Auction Bucks. Last chance before the big Auction. Good luck.

Once again, everything comes from the front of the book. There were a few questions without a timeline to frame the answers but those are easy to find with a little thought. Not too much of a struggle was it?

1. - B) "Win the War" appeared on #905 on the chest of an eagle with spread wings and a field of thirteen stars (America's lucky number).
2. - C) Designed by Clair A. Huston in panes of 25 for the International Philatelic Exhibition, the stamp, itself, celebrates the Battle of White Plains, New Jersey in 1776. The picture is of Alexander Hamilton's Battery.
3. - A) The second president of the United States fought an undeclared war with France giving rise to heroes on the US frigate, Constitution, a ship commissioned in the Navy to this day.
4. - B) The New York Times. Adolph Ochs was credited with the creation of the Editorial page. The stamp is #1700.
5. - A) Issued on March 8, 1972, #1455 shows two children with their parents on an eight cent, multicolored stamp.
6. - C) Completed in 1764, Sandy Hook, New Jersey Lighthouse is the oldest lighthouse in continuous use in the US. You can see it on #2474, issued in 1990.
7. -A) Eight. This souvenir sheet, #1757, was issued to celebrate the Canadian International Philatelic Exhibition, held in Toronto from June 9 to 18, 1972. It pictures wildlife that share the Canadian and American border.
8. - .A) # 1717 shows the only woman in a se-tenant block of four. Her occupation is that of a seamstress.
9. - C) . The answer is an airplane (Q8), but the question was wrong. The twenty-five cent stamp (Q9) shows a steel Mill.
10. - A) The purchase of Alaska was made on On March 30, 1867 by William H Seward, Secretary of State for about two cents an acre. The stamp, # 370, is a two cent red.

It just doesn't seem to be a proper quiz if I don't make a mistake and give away a bunch of Auction bucks for it. I wrote twenty-five cents in the question and it should have been twenty. If you wrote in steel mill, or the bluebird of paradise, for all it matters, you will be given credit and the ten auction bucks that accompany it. You probably would have gotten it right any way.