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Hot August nights include the **NSSS picnic** and new officer installation. The map to and information about the picnic is on page 7 of this publication. The new officers you elected are;

President: **Mike Johnson**
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Directors: **Jeanne Paquin**
Jean Johnson

Two, Paul Glass and Jean Johnson, are returning officers who have filled the position previously. We say goodbye to **Terri Edwards** (president) and **Gary Murphy** (director) who served the club for the past two years quite capably.

Another thing August has in store for us is the **State Fair**. It begins on the 22nd and runs to the 26th. We will have several frames of exhibits, as we do every year and they will be set up on Monday, the 20th. At least five able bodies will be needed that day to help put them together.

If you wish to enter an exhibit into competition you may do so online at nvstatefair.com. Cost is \$2.00 per entry or a dollar if you're over 75. The date for paper entrees has already passed. I you wish to exhibit contact **Dick Dreiling** at 425-0623.

Help will also be needed to man the tables. It is fun and easy to do. Minimal stamp knowledge is

needed and you get to meet lotsof people. Judges are always needed for the various cooking contests (chocolate cake, tacos, etc) and if you volunteer early you may become a judge for the wine making competition. For helping out at the tables you get free entrance to the fair, free parking and Auction Bucks.

Now that the Stamp Show is over there will be some talk about it. It was the most successful show we've had in a few years. More than four hundred stopped in to see the exhibits and buy a few stamps. Several came in to sell a collection that was left behind by a loved ones passing and some just came in out of curiosity (maybe they will become new collectors). If you didn't go to the banquet, you missed a good one. The room at **Louis' Basque Corner** was comfortable and the food and service were excellent.

Here are a couple of show coming up. I have not included the **Filatelic Fiesta** which normally takes place this time of year but I don't have any information yet. **WINEPEX 2007** will be held on Oct 5-7 at the Marin Center, Ave of the Flags behind the Veterans Auditorium. Fri, Sat 10-6. Sun 10-4.

23rd Annual Humboldt Stamp Show, Sep 29-30 on 1924 4th St. at the Red Lion Hotel in Eureka, CA. Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4.

Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show

July 28-29, 2007 National Bowling Stadium Reno, Nevada

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Judges: Vesma Grinfelds, Chairwoman, Daryl Reiber, Ed Lavoroni, Apprentice

Silver State Challenge, Grand and Gold

The Canoe in Pacific Island Culture: **David McNamee** also
American Topical Association Best in Topical Gold Medal

Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show Grand and Gold

A Tourist's Guide to New Orleans at the Beginning of the 20th Century: **Terri Edwards**

Vermeil:

Nevada Stamped Revenue Documents 1862 – 1902, **A. David McHugh**, also
American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Award of Honor and Novice Exhibitor

Silver

Mail Call: A Philatelic Look at WWII Through One Family's Correspondence, **Nadiah Beekun**

The Story is in the Cards, **Stan Cronwall**

Silver-Bronze

India Legion, **Stan Cronwall**
Pictorial Cancellations in Thematic Collections and Exhibits, **Harvey Edwards**
Celebrating the Chinese New Year, **Jean Johnson**
Classic Legends of Hollywood, **Jeanne Paquin**

Single-Frame Exhibits

Vermeil

Lawn Bowling, **Jim Leatherberry** also
American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Award of Honor

Silver

Executive Order 9981 - Integrating the Navy, **Harvey Edwards**

Bronze

Swedish Postmarks, **Keith Carvin**
Nobel Winners, **Keith Carvin**
US Mail – The Early Years, **Mike Potter**

The People's Choice Award

The Canoe in Pacific Island Culture: **David McNamee**

The Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show

There were 60 frames of exhibits filled with stamps, covers and other philatelic goodies like rare issues and pairs, imperf in between. There were postcard galore showing the history of Reno and New Orleans at the turn of the century. And there was a tree filled with all kinds of birds (on stamps), There were stamps from Azad Hind and there was Christmas in Nazi Germany and penguins and submarines and Swedish Nobel laureates and more. Much, much more. There must have been something here that could tweak your interest, even if you didn't collect stamps.

I had the good fortune to man the welcome table for a couple of hours and it could get hectic from time to time. Fortunately, **Jean Paquin** was there to help me (or maybe I was there to help her). It was great fun to meet all these collectors and an occasional old friend that I hadn't seen in more years than I care to say. We gave away tickets for the hourly drawings, free of charge, to everyone who signed in at the table and a small booklet that described the show with a ballot for the People's Choice Award.

We had show covers for sale that included an autograph from **Bill Brown**, a locally famous newscaster from channel Two. Bill was kind enough to stay with us for both days of the show to sign the covers and sell his art. He paints pictures of wildlife, makes copies and frames and mounts them all for a very reasonable price. What does he do with the money? He gives it all away to the **Angel's Kiss** foundation. Great Guy!

All in all, the show was a great success. I was able to buy a couple of stamps and a cover (for my Vietnam collection). I managed to find buyers for some stamps I wanted to sell. I was able to see fabulous stamp exhibits and if that's not what a stamp show is all about, I'd like to know what I missed. Perhaps the best of all was all those collectors I met that I may never get the chance to see again. Interesting personalities and interesting views on stamp collecting. I love these shows!

Now for a brief rant. I notice that for the last several years more dealers want to sell their wares at the Scott or worse, the Michel catalog price. A dealer should be allowed to make a profit. If he doesn't he will go out of business. However many dealers forget that the Scott prices are based on a stamp that is rated very fine or better and the dealer should ask a lesser price for a lesser stamp. Not just sell everything at catalog. What is very fine? The first thing to look at is centering. A *very fine* stamp is well centered within the perforations, being a little off center in one direction or less off center in two directions. The perfs should all be in good condition and it should have complete, original gum. It can be hinged or have a small amount of disturbed gum. This description can be found in the beginning sections of the Scott catalog. A stamp not fitting these conditions is not worth the catalog price and might be worth far less. The reason for this is there are fewer stamps that are very fine (VF) and many that are fine/very fine, fine or average. Check the Scott, you'll see what I mean.

<http://www.imagesoftheworld.org/stamps/stamps.htm>

Great Britain Victorian Stamps



Last month I included a story by **Bill Brew** about Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in the Post Boy. I didn't have any very good images of the stamps involved and my set is incomplete. I needed images to complete the story so it was suggested by a librarian that I search the web to see what I could find. Look at what I found! A site filled with images of line-engraved or surface printed Victorian issues. Penny blacks that are perfectly centered and lightly canceled with a Maltese cross. There are stampless covers from 1840 and

historical papers from the creation of these issues.

Did you know the Penny Black is not a particularly rare stamp? Over the life of the Penny Black, more than 68 million were printed and yet the Scott catalog values the used stamp at \$275.00 and the mint at much more. Why so much? That's easy. Everybody wants one. It's the number one of all number ones! And Scott number 2 (above)? It did better than Avis. It's worth more than #1.

This site will take you up to the Machins (yes, I know, it says "Victorian") and all the monarchs in between. There is a bit about specimen stamps, a page of trivia and, even two rather interesting quizzes, if you haven't had enough of mine. This site seems to cover everything you might want to know about Victorian stamps and even some later issues. It fulfills my wish list for a preferred site pretty well. Its educational and attractive. You really should see it so why don't you pop in and give it the once over.



This time a short trip to the Far East., China, to be exact. Do you speak Mandarin? I don't either, but fortunatley the Scott is written in English, a language I sometimes understand! Enjoy the quiz.

1. What Chinese is the subject of the 1944-46 definitive set??
A) Dr Sun Yat-Sen B) Mao Tse-Tung C. Charlie Chan
2. Whos picture is on the 1946 stamps marking the victory of the Allied nations over Japan?
A) Douglas McArthur B) Gen ChiangKai-shek C. Tojo
3. What American president appears on a 1959 stamp?
A) Lincoln B) Roosevelt C. Eisenhower
4. What sea creature appears on the 1961 stamps promoting mail order service?
A) Sea Slug B) Grey Whale C. Spiney Lobster
5. What sport is saluted in the 1963 stamps marking the Asian Championship?
A) Basket Ball B) Baseball C. Soccer
6. In 1968 four stamps were issued for the Olympics. What sport is shown on the lowest value?
A) Pole vault B) Javelin toss C. Discus
7. What animals appear on the 1972 Souvenir Sheet?
A) Squirrels B) Pandas C. Horses
8. What sport organization is honored on a 1973 set?
A) Olympic Committee B) Little League Baseball C. NCAA
9. What animal appears on the 1974 New Year stamp?
A) Tiger B) Monkey C. Rat
10. In the folk tale stamp of 1975 a student is shown reading. What is the source of light
A) Fireflies B. Moon C. Candle

Bonus question. Are you going to help out at the State Fair? Remember, you only get points for the correct answer.

Of course, there is no incorrect answer to the bonus question and you will get credit for it. Its just a reminder that the show can use your help.

I lived in Germany for two years when I was a child. As we were landing in New York on the flight home all I could think about was "All those people in all those homes and stores speak English". I missed the language most of all. After all those colors in foreign languages you must have felt the same way. Back to English. Well, Canadian anyway.

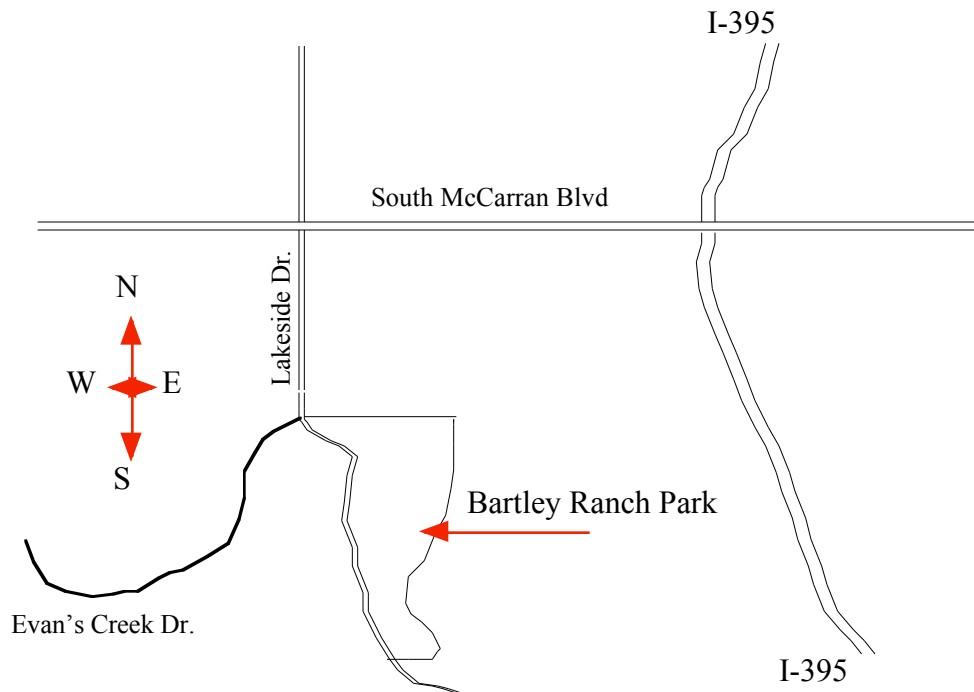
1. A. The Bluenose was a Canadian fishing Schooner that had won five races between the US and Canada, three of them by 1928. The Bluenose is also found on the Canadian dime
2. B. With hair on his head and a beard on his chin, George V had reigned for 25 years in 1935 when he and his family were portrayed on #'s 211-216.
3. A. The princess Diana wasn't around in 1939 and Beatrice is from the Netherlands. Elizabeth and her sister Margaret appeared together on #246.
4. C. World War II was in full swing and #'s 246-62 show the King in an Army Uniform, tanks, a munitions factory and on the one dollar, a destroyer.
5. A. Alexander Graham Bell was born in Scotland and moved to Ontario, Canada when he was 23. #274 shows Bell and an angel.
6. B. John Cabot was an *Italian* explorer in the service England. In 1497 he sailed through the waters of Newfoundland and reported the rich fishing of the area. His ship was the Matthew. Scott #282.
7. A. #329 shows the magnificent Canada goose flying over flying over open waters on the seven cent definitive of 1952.
8. B. Both the paper industry and chemical industry are honored on this commemorative issue of 1952. Scott #363.
9. A. A posthorn is shown encircling a globe, with Canada in prominent position, for the fourteenth congress in Ottawa being held that year. Scott # 372
10. A. Emily Johnson was a poet who wrote about Indian life. She was the daughter of a Mohawk chief and an English woman. Scott #392.

Bonus question. The 1/2 penny vermilion was changed to blue-green (Sct # 125).

It was good to visit our neighbors to the north, as it always is, eh? And all did well on this quiz.

This year's picnic will take place at the Bartley Ranch Park in the South of Reno on Saturday, August 11th. Take 395 to South McCarran Boulevard, then west to Lakeside Drive and south to the Park at Evan's Creek Drive. It's near Windy Hill. You enter the park on the left across a bridge. Take the first left then a right. You should come to a pavilion and a horse riding area. If you get to the amphitheater, go back and try again, you missed a turn.

The picnic will start at noon or when the hamburgers are ready and ends when we can't eat any more. Hamburgers, hotdogs and soda pops will be supplied by the club and cooked in the style of whomever volunteers to cook them. Dick Dreiling, who usually cooks, will be in Portland that week. Finger foods, salads and all else will come with you. Hope you signed up for something at the last meeting. Don't forget to take any bowls, spoons or plates you bring with you back when the party is over.



Bring any games you might think will interest the members. Dominoes, checkers and chess have been popular. Music is always good. Don't know if electricity is available so battery powered players would be useful. The New Officers will be installed at the meeting when everybody is there (you will see their names on the front page in the left-hand column).

Come on down, bring a friend or spouse or children. Have fun and eat too much (there is always food left over) and enjoy the picnic!

Winick Snippets

By Les Winick

As syndicated in 435 non-philatelic newspapers

Many cities had some form of private carrier who issued "stamps" to cover the local post fees. Capt. John R. Floyd established Floyd's Penny Post in Chicago, with a fee of one cent to bring letters to and from the post office. Stamps were printed in three colors, blue, brown and green. Chicago was a growing city and large quantities of the stamps were printed and used.

The U.S. passed an act in 1861 which gave the government a monopoly to carry the mail and effectively put the local independent posts out of business. In conformity with this act, Floyd discontinued his penny-post service on June 20, 1861. The Floyd stamps currently catalog for \$50 to \$100 each, up to \$1,400 if used on an envelope.

The widow of Captain Floyd stated in an interview in a 1900 stamp newspaper that "if it had not been for the great fire of 1871, the stamps would be common." The Great Chicago Fire destroyed many valuable stamps and covers that would be in collectors' hands today.



You may ride a bicycle for pleasure, but during the strike of the American Railway Union in July, 1894, Arthur C. Banta delivered mail by bike between Fresno and San Francisco, California, a distance of more than 200 miles. The "mail had to go through."

During the early 1900's, bicycles were leased and used by the Post Office Department. In July 1944, the Postal Service bought 1,500 Army surplus bikes from the War Department for \$28.09 each, attached baskets and distributed them to various post offices.

Through the 1960's postal workers were still using bikes, but with the increase in parcel post deliveries and heavy magazines, Jeeps became more feasible. One Florida letter carrier told reporters that when he retired in 1986, he logged more than 250,000 miles and "used up" numerous bicycles in the process. Some post offices in Arizona and California still use the bicycle.

On Nov. 23, 1896, a race was arranged between New York and Philadelphia by two New York City newspapers to see if a letter sent by special delivery via train and courier, could be delivered faster than a letter carried by a man on a bicycle.

The bicycle rider left New York City at 8:33 a.m. and arrived in Philadelphia at 4:04 p.m. The special delivery letter arrived at the Philadelphia post office at 3:30 p.m.