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The “dog days” of summer are on us. That is the period from July 3 to August 11, named for the rising of Sirius, the Dog Star

The **Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show** is all set to go. Last minute work will be done on Friday. If you haven't had the chance to sign up, just come on down to the Bowling Stadium sometime between 10:00am and noon and pitch in. The more help we have, the quicker the work will be done. If you have a few younger people in the family that would like to help out, there is some heavy lifting to do too.

Once the show has begun the club still needs your help. most of the slots have been filled but there are still two or three left. You could also help out with lunch runs or relieving a person who has spent too much time there already. Don't forget to bring your nametags, and wear them. After all, we are the hosts, so lets let them know who we are.

This years **Awards Banquet** will be held at **Louie's Basque Corner** again. Last year the food and service was good and the area we had was private. With the price of a barrel of oil on the rise, food costs have gone up and the cost of the banquet has gone up too. It will be \$30 per person and you get a choice of steak or lamb chop. If you haven't signed up and would like to go, contact **Paul Glass**. Menu on page 8.

The **Club's Picnic** this year is

on Saturday, August 16 at the **Lazy 5 park**. Same place we had it two years ago. Be there for the installation of the new officers. There will be a map in the August issue of the Post Boy.

This month's program was brought to us by **Jeanne Paquin**. The subject was how to organize your collection. Jeanne showed us programs, databases and spreadsheets for keeping track of the stamps we have. Some of the programs will even keep track of how much our stamps are worth. Good for insurance should a disaster (like flooding) should befall us. Thank you Jeanne. This was good and useful information.

While you're waiting to go to the show why not stop in at the Carson City Library and check out the stamp display. Or, if you are already in Reno check the post office and library. We have stamp displays all over. Maybe you can do one in your local post office or library.

Take a look at page ten to see **Jeanne Paquin's** one page “My Favorite Things” exhibit. You can do one too. I tried it and it only took a short time to do the first one. The second one was much easier. What a great way to start exhibiting. You should try it.

Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show July 12-13, 2008 at the National Bowling Stadium, 300 N. Center St. from 10-6 and 10-4. See our website
<http://home.earthlink.net/%7Erenostamp/id6.html>

Searching the Donated Mixture

By John Walter

At the NSSS meeting on June 28, Mike Johnson invited the members present to help sort a large donated mixture box with numerous manila envelopes filled with an assortment of stamps and covers from various countries. We were instructed to look through the manila envelopes to evaluate the mixture, sort by country, soak the stamps off any attached paper and separate out any potential material for the “blue sheet” auction.

Since I collect the countries of Japan, Imperial and the People’s Republic of China, I picked up the envelope with the Far East countries as I noticed China was written on the envelope. My evaluation of the mixture follows.

Most of the Far East material had date cancels from the 1970s to about 1985.

The majority of the stamps were on paper torn from envelopes, aerogrammes and wrappers. The largest quantity was from the Republic of China (ROC), which I do not collect. Most of the ROC stamps were on wrapping paper and envelopes addressed to Robert Seigel Auctions in NYC. The wrappers had numerous definitive stamps with some blocks of 4, which unfortunately were damaged with curled and torn edges. The ROC had the most stamps at 92, plus one intact airmail envelope addressed to the auction house.

There were 56 stamps on paper from Vietnam, mostly from thin airmail envelopes or aerogrammes. The Philippines had the third highest total of 33 stamps with 21 on paper and 12 off paper. Thailand came in fourth with 21 stamps, all on paper. The rest of the countries all had less than 10 stamps each. See the table on the next page

I encountered two interesting items. A cover (figure 1) from Shanghai with three nice stamps canceled in 1979. The stamp values are \$2.50, although the bottom stamp has a corner crease. The cover is probably worth about a dollar. The other interesting item was two



3-D stamps from Bhutan (figure 2). I have read about these stamps but never held one in my hands. They are actually simulated three-dimensional with a plastic

overlay providing the 3D effect. Since I do not have the Scott A-B catalogue, I will research the value and have the items at the next meeting on July 26.

All the rest of the stamps in this Far East mixture seemed to be common, inexpensive stamps with minimum catalogue value. So after I soak the stamps off paper, they will probably all go in the penny box. My Far East mixture weighed 5.5 ounces. After removing and trimming excess paper from the stamps, and removing 2 rubber bands and 11 paper clips (2 rusted),



final mixture of 2 covers and 270 stamps weighed 3 ounces.

The table summarizes my finding from each country.

| Country | On Paper | Off Paper | Total stamps |
|---------------------------|----------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Bhutan | 0 | 2-3D stamps | 2 |
| Burma | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| China - Imperial | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| China - People's Republic | 6 | 2 | 8 |
| China - Republic of | 88 | 4 | 92 |
| France | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Indonesia | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| Japan | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Macau | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Malaya | 8 | 1 | 9 |
| Malaysia | 7 | 1 cut aeogramme | 8 |
| Mongolia | 0 | 7 w/ gum inclusions | 7 |
| Nepal | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Philippines | 21 | 12 | 33 |
| Singapore | 2 | 7 | 9 |
| Thailand | 21 | 0 | 21 |
| United States | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Vietnam | 56 | 0 | 56 |
| Total | | | 270 stamps |

I hope everyone is enjoying the mixtures that were distributed. I'm sure everyone would enjoy other accounts of any "finds."

With the show coming up and all the dealers we will meet at the bourse, it was my intent to take you to a site that has information on buying stamps for your collection. Well, there is information available online but most of it is for buying online. Still, useful information.

<http://www.linns.com/howto/buyingstamps/buyingstamps.asp?uID=>

Linn's is always a good place to start. Of course they will blow their own horn and direct you to the classifieds in the back of their newspaper but they also have much to offer if you are buying at a bourse.

<http://www.stamp2.com/library/faqs.asp>

This one is pretty short and the information it basic. It can be useful if you are a newer collector

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stamp_dealer

You can't go wrong going to the encyclopedia. This one is more about definitions than what you need to look for (or look out for) but still it is a good reference tool. And, like all Wikipedia pages, there are lots of links to investigate.

<http://pages.ebay.com/buy/guides/stamps-buying-guide/>

The ultimate place to buy stamps but this one is made by eBay and they want to sell stamps. You would be better off to go to one of the more skeptical sites that dwell on the fakes and forgeries that are sold on this site. There are a lot of good deals available on eBay, but you have to watch out for the deals that aren't to your advantage, too.

http://www.sheryll.net/Forgeries/Forgeries_article.htm

When you finish taking what eBay has to offer, I suggest you look at this one before you buy from them. It could scare you away from buying on ebay but always remember that knowledge is king and there are ways to find out if what is being offered is good or not. Some of the online stamp clubs can be good in this regard.

The bottom line is, when buying online or at a bourse, there are some bad deals out there and there are some great deals too. Some of the dealers are not always as knowledgeable as they would like to be but no one knows everything about all stamps. Your knowledge can help the dealers weed out some of the bad stuff and they will usually respond well to your help.

Not everything about stamps is about stamps. Some is about letters. Some about routes, rates and the people who deliver the mail. This quiz is about the man in charge. The postmaster generals.

Each of the following men served as a postmaster general of the United States. Identify the President under whom he served.

1. Arthur E. Summerfield
A) H. Truman B) D. Eisenhower C) J. Kennedy
2. Winton M. Blount
A) R. Nixon B) H. Ford C) J. Carter
3. John Wanamaker
A) Van Buren B) W. Harrison C) J. Tyler
4. James A. Farley
A) H. Hoover B) F. Roosevelt C) H. Truman
5. J. Edward Day
A) Kennedy B) L. B. Johnson C) R. Nixon
6. Samuel Osgood
A) G. Washington B) J. Adams C) T. Jefferson
7. Alert S. Burlison
A) T. Roosevelt B) W. H. Taft C) W. Wilson
8. Lawrence O'Brien
A) D. Eisenhower B) J. Kennedy C) L. B. Johnson
9. Walter F. Brown
A) C. Coolidge B) H. Hoover C) F. Roosevelt
10. Robert E. Hannegan
A) H. Truman B) D. Eisenhower C) J. Kennedy

Bonus question: We will eat Duck a' la Orange at Louie's this year. True or False?

This one shouldn't be as difficult as it looks. There are many sources that will disclose who worked for whom. There are encyclopedias, books about the USPS, online sources and even an old post Boy has a list of the postmaster generals.

It seems I've gone and done it again. Happens whenever I change my routine. The answers were left in red, but it won't happen in this month's quiz. Everybody get a 100 bucks but you still have to get the bonus right for the extra ten.

1. B. Flugpost is the German word for airmail. Flug, roughly, is flight in English, so the Germans don't have airmail, they have "flightmail"!!
2. A. Matasellos is Spanish for postmark. Sellos is Spanish for stamp and mata is Spanish for "it kills". Guess that's where we got "killer" cancels!!
3. C. It would help if I spelled "annullato" right. I only used one "n" in the question. You got it right if you answered "cancelled".
4. C. Armoiries? I thought that was a place to put your clothes but it's really a coat of arms.
5. B. "Rolle" sounds like a roller cancel but it refers to rolled up stamps or coils!
6. A. You've probably seen the ads for "faux" perls or diamonds. It means false pearls or diamonds. In stampese it means you have a forgery. "Faux" is French for false.
7. A. In a direct translation, friemarken means "free signs" but that's not what we're looking for. Friemarken is the German word for postage due.
8. A. "Sin" is Spanish for without and "dentar" means perforations. Imperforate is the correct answer.
9. B. Affrancatura means postage while cartolina is a postcard. 'Bollo' is the Italian for postmark. And I always thought it meant taxes.
10. C. My online translator was helpful. Zeitung is a newspaper and marke is signs so the correct answer must be "newspaper signs"! Or maybe "newspaper stamps".

Bonus question. John Tiffany wrote a book called "History of the Postage Stamps of the United States of America" and he wrote it in 1887.

For those of you who don't get this on line, try the library. I talked to a librarian and she told me that it would be alright to download a PDF file (that's what the Post Boy comes in, It means "Portable Document Format") as they are the safest file to download. You can see the Post Boy in color and then you might get the answers with your quiz just like everybody else, when I forget to change the color. Too bad red doesn't show up in black and white. Just ask the librarian for help (they really do enjoy helping out) and she/he will give you all the information you need. She may even be willing to do it for you.

2008 Nevada Stamp Study Society Ballot

This ballot is to be executed on the 26th day of July, 2008 at the second club meeting (after the Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show). Absentee ballots must be received by the day of voting. Ballots will be counted at the meeting and installation of the elected officers will take place at the Nevada Stamp Study Society picnic. Write-in candidates must agree to candidacy before the election.

For the office of VICE PRESIDENT of the club (vote for one only);

Stan Cronwall

Jeanne Paquin

Write-in _____

For the office of TREASURER (vote for one only)

Paul Glass

Casey Macken

Write-in _____

For the office of BOARD OF DIRECTORS (vote for three only);

Jacquelin Bloomquist

John Walter

Mike Potter

Harvey Edwards

Write-in _____

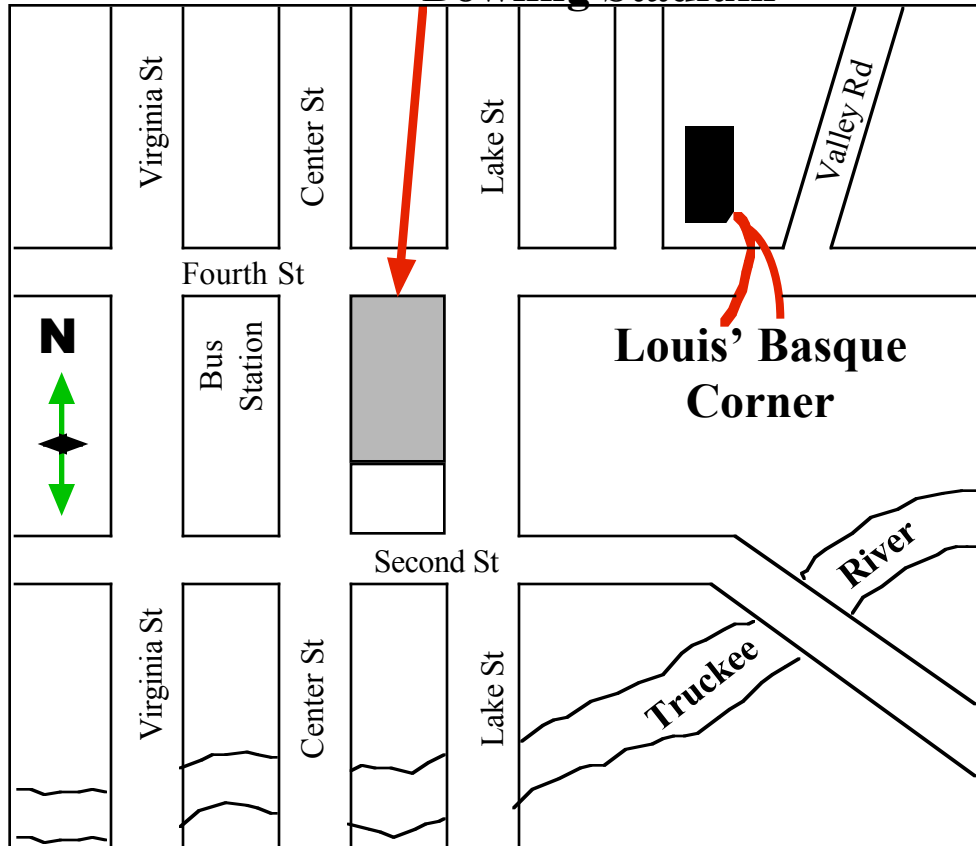
When you have made your selections, please fold the ballot and return it to the Nomination and Election Committee.

Last year we had the banquet at Louie's Basque Corner for the first time. The food and service were so excellent, we're doing it again. The cost will be \$30 and here is the menu;

First Course: Chicken with Spanish Rice
Choice of:
Top Sirloin Steak or
French Double Cut Lamb Chops
Soup du Jour
Tossed Green Salad with Louie's Special Dressing
French Bread, Basque Beans
Potatoes
Complimentary Glass of Wine
or Choice of Milk, Coffee or Tea
Ice Cream

Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm and, if you like, come in at 6 for cocktails. 12, 2008

Bowling Stadium



<http://www.stamps.org/CAC/index.htm>

Winick Snippets

By Les Winick

As syndicated in 435 non-philatelic newspapers

As soon as you hear the familiar theme song on television, "Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale...", you will be set for a rerun of Gilligan's Island.

The island takes its name from the first mate of the shipwrecked party. Others in the cast are the Skipper, the movie star, the girl next door, the professor and the millionaire with his wife.

Stamp collectors have started a rumor that mail has been found from "the millionaire" to his stockbroker, and from the actress to her agent. Envelopes have turned up addressed to "Acme Boat Repair, Honolulu:" from a professor Ray Hinckley, but the actor who played the professor denies sending mail from the island.

Gilligan's Island is actually located in the center of an artificial lake in Hollywood, Calif. When location shots for the series were needed, Coconut Island in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii was used. The island made news recently when the mayor of Honolulu suggested that Ferdinand Marcos, the ex-ruler of the Philippines, buy "Gilligan's Island" for \$8.75 million.

A stamp collector fan of the popular series has produced a sheetlet of four stamp-like labels featuring an island scene with two palm trees. Each stamp in the sheet was printed in a different color. "Gilligan's Island" and the S1 million denomination are printed on each stamp.



Some stamps have Nathan Hale's picture and say "2 pounds potatoes." Can you give me information and what they are worth?

A: The Hale stamp was issued on April 4, 1925 and was of our regular series of stamps at that time. Sorry, so many were printed (one half cent went a long way back then) that they are not worth very much.

The Potato Tax Stamps were in use from Dec. 1, 1935 to Jan. 6, 1936. There were so many potatoes being grown, farmers were given allotments and had to pay 3/4 cent a pound for any excess over their allotment. The Supreme Court declared the law unconstitutional and stopped the Secretary Agriculture from collecting the tax. There were 13 different value stamps issued from 3/4 cent to \$1.50. They range in from 15 cents to \$8.

Jeanne Paquin made this rather nice one page layout for the "My Favorite Things" exhibit we will be having at the Show. It will take several more to complete the three frames we would like to have. I have decided to make two or three and they are quite easy to do. You should try one (or two). - Howard

