

# Nevada

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Whew, Its hot out there. Soon this month, named for a Roman emperor will be over, but while we're waiting for that there is a lot to do.

First things first. The **Club Picnic** is coming up. It will be held on the Saturday following the first meeting this month. On the 16th of August we will all be at the Lazy Five Park in Sparks. The map is on page ten. If you show up about 11:00 am, you can help set up and your help will be welcome. If you are bringing a side dish be sure to accompany it with appropriate utensils. The club will furnish us with hot dogs and hamburgers to our hearts content. The installation of our new officers will take place this day. Those officers are:

Vice President: **Jeanne Paquin**  
Treasurer: **Paul Glass**  
Director: **John Walter**  
Director: **Mike Potter**  
Director: **Harvey Edwards**

For the rest of the day, enjoy the sun, food and the good company.

After the picnic the next club function will start right away with the **Nevada State Fair** on August 20 to 24. We will be setting up on Monday the 18th. Help is always needed and welcome. You can volunteer at the next meeting. There are openings to man the table as well as for setting up and tearing down. Your reward for all this work? You get free admission to the fair. Not a bad deal.

That's not all the help we need for the Fair, though. We had a good

turn-out of the "My Favorite Things" exhibit at the Stamp Show and we would like to set it up at the Fair as well. There were almost enough one-pager to fill three frames but you notice I said "almost". One more page from you might be just the one we need to complete the exhibit. It's not difficult, it's only one page showing one item that you favor. It is not part of the competition and won't win an award but it won't cost you anything to enter. Its a good way to try your hand at exhibiting without committing yourself to a lot of work. Try it, you'll like it! It's really easy to put it together on your computer. If you don't like it, throw it away and try another.

The **Reno Stamp and Cover Show** was once again a successful endeavor. Not as many people were counted as last year but the dealers went home happy. We almost had enough page "My Favorite Things" exhibits to fill three frames. We only missed by three or four pages. They were very popular among the attendees and I even had a few comments from the dealers. Maybe next year we can fill four frames. Palmares can be found on pages 2 & 3.

**Humboldt Stamp Show** will be held on Sept. 27-28, Red Lion Hotel Reedwood Ballroom, 1929 4th Street, Eureka. Contact Norm A l l e n , [cardon3442@suddenlink.net](mailto:cardon3442@suddenlink.net); 707-442-3205. There will be no exhibits.

## **Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show**

July 12-13, 2008 National Bowling Stadium Reno, Nevada

### **Palmares**

Judges  
William Barlow  
Dzintars Grinfelds

### **Silver State Challenge**

#### **Grand and Gold**

*Penguins, Paradigms: pFact and pFiction*

**Terry Edwards**

Also

American Topical Association Best in Topical Gold Medal

#### **Gold**

*Under Pressure, Submarines and Crew*

**Harvey Edwards**

*Pan American's Pacific Clippers 1935-42*

**Stephan Tucker**

## **Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show**

#### **Grand and Gold**

*Postal District of Durango, Mexico*

**Stan Dunford-Jackson**

Also Novice Exhibitor

#### **Gold**

*Reno, Nevada*

**Dick Dreiling**

**Vermeil**

*The Boston Negatives, 1875–1883*

**Bob Grosch**

Also

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Award of Honor

**Silver**

*Obliteration Cart–Wheel on Spain “4 Cuartos” 1860*

**Pedro H. Ortiz**

**Bronze**

*Christmas in the Islands*

**Stan Cronwall**

*Christmas in the Islands Part 2*

**Stan Cronwall**

*Hitler’s Legions*

**Stan Cronwall**

**Single Frame Exhibits**

**Gold**

*An Engineering Victory of the First Order: Hoover Dam*

**Terri Edwards**

also

American Topical Association One–Frame Merit Award

**Vermeil**

*United States Silver Tax Stamps of 1934*

**Greg Ouellette**

also

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Award of Honor

**Silver Bronze**

*First Century of Vice Presidents*

**Paul Schumacher**

**Bronze**

*Plating of Edfil 1, 1850*

**Pedro H. Ortiz**



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## **Social Networking for Stamp Collectors**

Stamp clubs are fun and this one is a stamp club.....of sorts. In reality, it is a group of clubs and people and philatelist and stamp collectors too. The opening page has five tabs at the top that take you to the different areas of the site. When you join a sixth is added called "My Stamp Space". I decided to join in order to see all the areas denied to the civilians. But first lets look at the site from a "civilian" point of view.

The first page is , of course, the home page where it encourages you to join. The major encouragement is that this is "social networking for stamp collectors". There is a poll showing that what most people like about My Philately is the friendly atmosphere. That's good. Collectors are friendly!

The next page is "My Friends". Well, since you haven't joined yet, you don't have any friends. A few at the NSSS but not on this site. The page shows the most recent ten joiners. I joined yesterday and someone from Seoul, Korea joined the following day. Then there are the community power users who receive "My Philately Awards", I would assume by using the various aspects of the site.

Next page is "My Stamp Groups" where they list a number of discussion groups you can join. There is Cricket on stamps, New Zealand, Exhibiting Your Collection, Olympics, Machins, Elephants and many more. I think you can start your own group too. There's one called "Gamezone". Think I'll join that one. You'll see the results in the Post Boy one day.



Then there is the "My Community page where you'll find the latest stamp news and a calendar with coming stamp events like new issues and stamp shows. This is also the place to be for the community blogs and discussion boards as well as a number of stamp pictures. The last page is called "Live Chat" and I'm willing to bet you already know what that is.

Interesting site but, the kicker is, in order to take advantage of all I have shown you here, you have to join. I will be exploring these pages soon and talking to the collectors. I hope its everything it could be and so far it seems to be set up for success. Take a look. You might join too.

Women have played important parts in the history of the United States since the beginning of the Revolutionary war yet the vote wasn't granted to them until 1920. This quiz deals with some of those women in US history and the role they played in our coming of age. This one ought to stoke the fires of the Women Hater's Club, eh Spanky?

1. What woman appears on the fifty cent stamp of the 1954 Liberty Series?  
A) Susan B. Anthony    B) Lucretia Mott    C) Lucy Stone
2. The first woman Cabinet member in the US appears on a 1960 commemorative. Who is she??  
A) Carla A. Hills    B) Francis Perkins    C) Oveta Culp Hobby
3. What is the profession of the four women shown on a 1952 three cent stamp?  
A) Medical    B) Armed Forces    C) Housekeeping
4. The founder of the American Red Cross is shown on a 1948 stamp. Who is she?  
A) Clare Twine    B) Clara Bow    C) Clara Barton
5. What profession is honored on a four cent stamp issued in 1961?  
A) Nursing    B) Armed Forces    C) Law
6. Name a founder of the Girl Scouts who appears on a 1948 stamp?  
A) Julliette Low    B) Agnes Baden-Powell    C) Clara Barton
7. What First Lady on a miniature stamp issued in 1980?  
A) Martha Washington    B) Abigail Adams    C) Dolly Madison
8. What nurse is honored on a thirteen cent commemorative of 1976?  
A) Clara Maass    B) Clara Barton    C) Edith Cavell
9. What sixteen year old girl appears on the "Contributors to the Cause" eight cent issue of 1975?  
A) Sybil Ludington    B) Kelly Hathaway    C) Molly Brown
10. A young woman appears on a 1935 tax stamp. What is the tax on?  
A) Liquor    B) Potatoes    C) Playing Cards

Bonus question: A set of stamps were produced for Gilligan's Island? True / False

This one has a few tough questions but you should get through it with flying colors if you apply minimal effort.

One might think Postmasters General are a group of rather dull people. They are not. Most were politicians of the first order. Some ran for the highest office. This may become a series later on.

1. B. Arthur E. Summerfield was appointed by Dwight Eisenhower on January 21, 1953. He was the first (and only) Postmaster General to experiment with rocket mail.

2. A. Winton M. Blount was appointed by Richard Nixon. He was the last Postmaster General to hold Cabinet member rank.

3. B. One of the answers I suggested was William Henry Harrison. He caught a cold at his inauguration and died a month later. The intended Harrison was Benjamin Harrison, one of our more dynamic presidents. Postmaster General John Wannamaker introduced the first commemorative stamp.

4. B. James A. Farley was appointed by Franklin Delano Roosevelt on March 4, 1933. I think we all know what James Farley did.

5. A. Edward Day was appointed by John Fitzgerald Kennedy on January 21, 1961. Mr. Day introduced the Zip Code and reduced the postal deficit by raising rates.

6. A. Samuel Osgood, our first Postmaster General was appointed by George Washington. When the government moved to Washington DC in 1791, Osgood chose to remain in New York and resigned his position.

7. C. Albert S. Burleson was appointed by Woodrow Wilson on March 5, 1913. Albert Burleson was the initiator of parcel post and airmail.

8. C. Lawrence O'Brien was appointed by Postmaster General John Gronouski (under Lyndon Baines Johnson) on November 3, 1965. John Gronouski was named ambassador to Poland by Johnson when he named his successor.

9. B. Walter F. Brown was appointed by Herbert Hoover on March 5, 1929. Mr. Brown was probably most famous for his involvement in the "Airmail Scandal".

10. A. Robert E. Hannegan was appointed by Harry S Truman on May 8, 1945. Hannegan helped save Truman's political career in 1940. The position of Postmaster General was given as a favor by Truman.

Bonus question. At Louie's Basque Corner I had the lamb chops (very tasty) while others had the top sirloin steak. Sorry. No duck a' la orange.



## The US Highway Postal System

By Bil Brew

The US Highway Postal System was inaugurated in February, 1941. It's route was between Washington D.C. to Harrisonburg, Virginia. Although I feel the real first one was Paul Revere on his horse to announce the coming of the British.

At first the idea of a mobile postal system was created and experimented with in the mid 1890's. Specially constructed streetcars, horse drawn, were used to collect and cancel mail. It was to provide a service to areas with limited postal service. Later a mobile vehicle was selected to be used in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1907.

In 1927 James F. Cooper, a mailman from Stockton, California, introduced A resolution at a meeting of the Sacramento branch of the Railway Association of California asking for the establishment of a motorized mail service. He has since become noted as "The Father of the HPO."

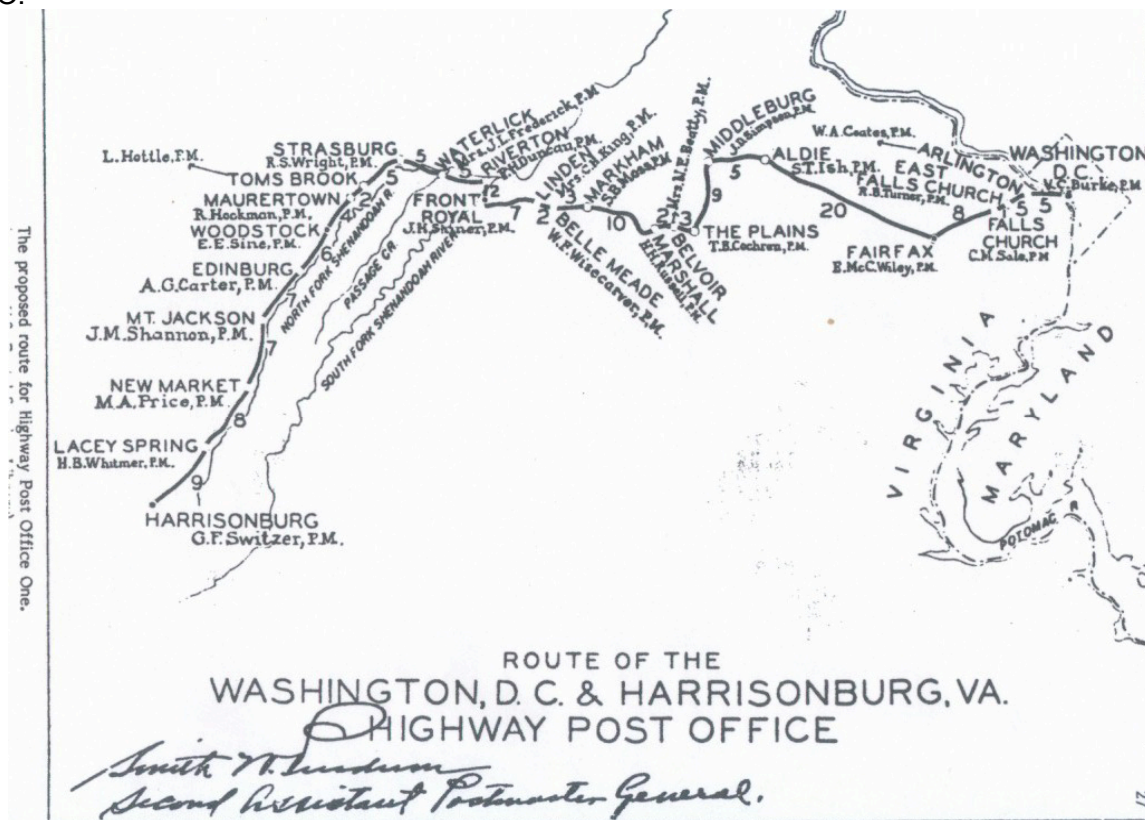


Fig. 1

The service grew to many cities of the United States. Along with the growth of mail routes came the development of the carrier. HPO1 was a well built bus with two entrances. The inside was roomy with space for the driver and sufficient personal to do the loading and unloading of the bags of mail and do the stamping and sorting.

There were many variations of motor vehicles and in the final result HPO vehicles built by the White Motor C., the Mack-International Co and the Harvester International Co. were the ones purchased by the US Post Office.

Of course, this was just the beginning of the development of the system. Routes had to be selected that would accommodate the mail carrier. Bridges were inspected to be sure they could

carry the weight of the vehicles. Roads were checked to make sure there were no difficult turns and their condition was suitable for passage. Places for loading and unloading had to be considered.

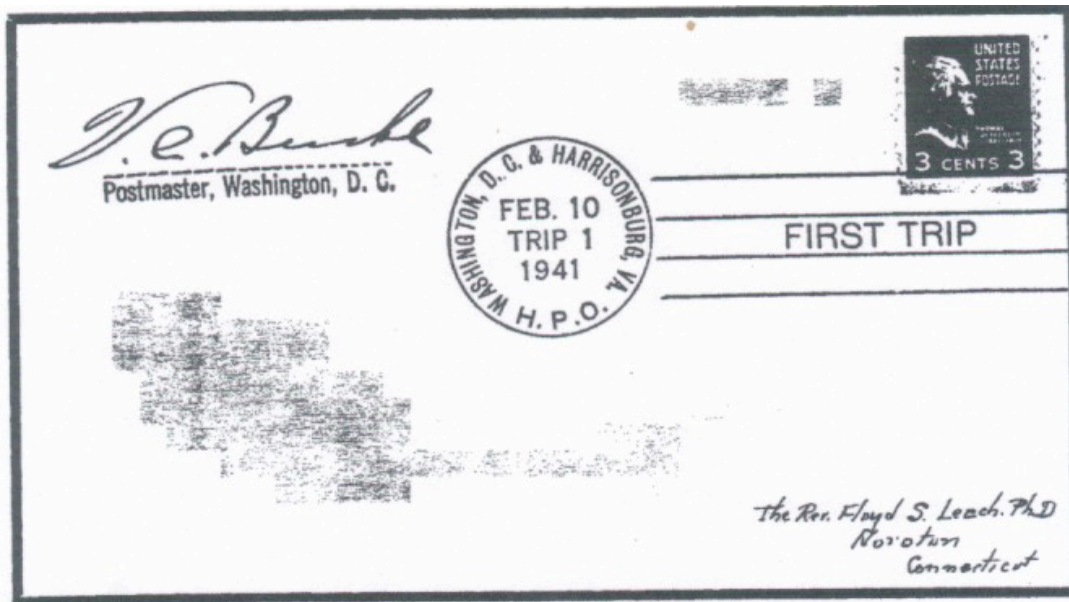


Fig. 2

The first route, fig. 1, shows the various stops the mail had to make on its initial trip. This was from Washington D.C. to Harrisonburg, Virginia.

A sample of the cancellation that was used on this trip is in fig. 2. At the bottom of the cancel are the letters "HPO." In future routes this cancel would indicate the route or trip number. Fig. 3 shows the last cover for this route. New systems replaced the Highway Post Offices.

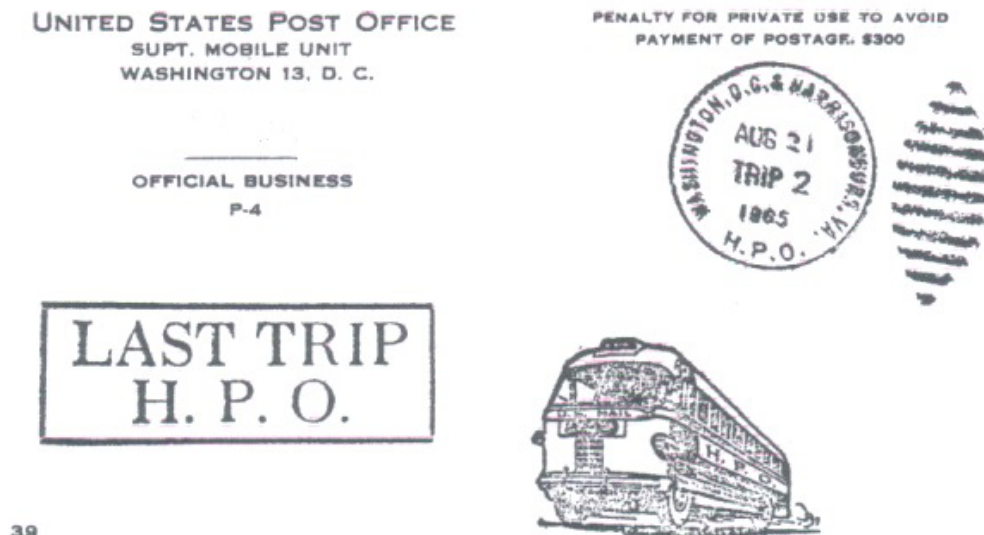


fig. 3

The Mobile Post Office Society is a fine organization which features auctions and information of the Mobile Post Office systems.





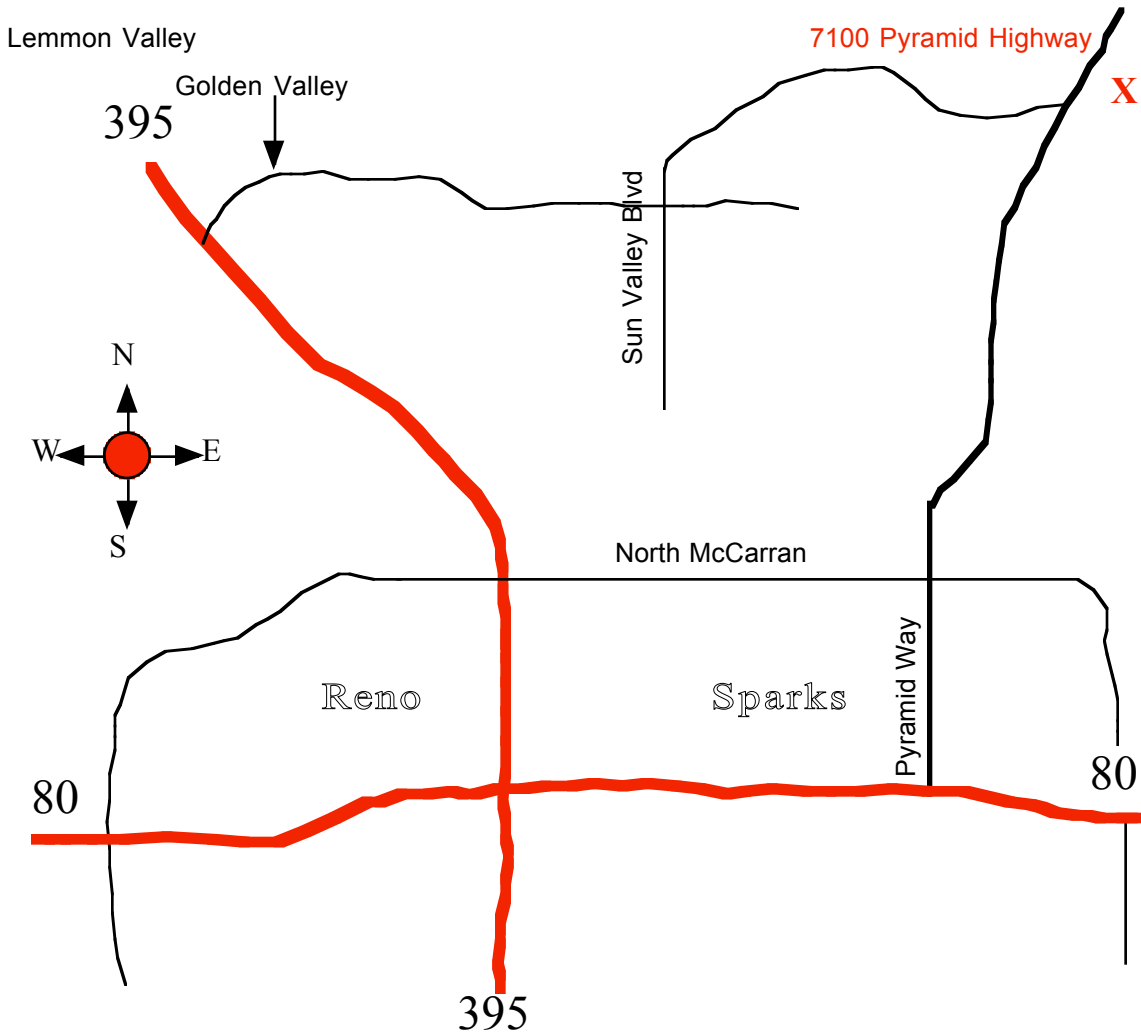
## Where in the world is: Afas and Issas, Venda, and Azerbaijan?

Jack Searles

On occasion you find stamps from the French territory of Afas and Issas. This territory is located in East Africa at the junction of the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden. This country was created in 1967 and issued stamps for a ten-year period between 1967 and 1977. This country was created from the French Territory of Somali Coast and became the independent Republic of Djibouti on June 27, 1977. The seaport of Djibouti is a terminus of a railway linking the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa with the sea. This country during the period 1967-77 was operated as a French Overseas Territory. It had an area of 8,880 square miles and a population of 150,000 in 1974. During this period 128 commemorative, 55 airmail and 4 postage due stamps were issued.



We're gonna have a party. Just like we have every summer. This year we have secured the Lazy 5 again. Where is it? The address of the library is 7100A Pyramid Highway. The park is right behind the library on the rightside of Pyramid, going north.



**X** marks the spot! Hopefully, this map will help you find it from anywhere in Reno. From the south, go north on 395, take the McCarran turn-off. Go East to Pyramid Way and turn left. Follow Pyramid for 6 or 7 miles to the library on the right. Go to the park!

From the North Valleys, take the back road to Sun Valley, turn left on Sun Valley Blvd. and take it to Pyramid Highway and turn left. It should be pretty close, on the right.

If you prefer, go east on I80 to pyramid Way and go north to the library.

Now that you know how to get there, when is this puppy gonna happen? This year it will be on August 16th at noon (if you show up early, you can help set up). This is good timing because four days later the Nevada State Fair begins (August 23 to 27). Volunteers will be needed