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Some of those April showers were frozen last month, so I'm guessing the May flowers may be a bit chilly too.

Elections are in the making for the month of July so, on the last page of this issue is a nomination form. If you would like to run for one of the available offices or know someone who would, fill out the form and return it to our election committee director, **John Walter**. If you are nominating a person for an office, make sure they are willing to take the job. There are three positions that will be open upon the expiration of present terms. The first is Vice President which has a term of two years. The second, also with a term of two years is the office of Secretary. And the third is that of Director with a term of three years. To find out what these jobs entail refer to your copy of the By-Laws.

An un-official **First day of issue ceremony** was held at the Capital building in Carson City on April 21st. It was called a "Stamp Dedication Ceremony" and included the postmaster of Carson City, **David Dayton** and Governor, **Jim Gibbons**. The most delightful part of the ceremony was the singing of the state song, "Home Means Nevada" as performed by the **Seegler Elementary School Children's Choir**. Our club had three tables set up at the Nevada State Museum where the reception was held. The governor was kind enough to take the time to stop by

and autograph programs and covers for the stamp collectors.

Our presence at the reception in the museum was organized by **Jeanne Paquin**, who was helped by **Stan Cronwall, Zoleinna Shar, Barbara Stanfield, Frank Fey, John Walter, Paul Glass, Jean Johnson, Mike Johnson, and Mike Potter** and myself. Refreshments were served.

This month's program was given by Ben Scott who loves flying antique planes and was a pilot in the re-enactment of an early trans-continental airmail flight to celebrate the 90th year of airmail service. He piloted a 1930 Stearman. The program was about the development of airmail service in the US. At the end of the program he gave a slide show of the cross-country trip that entailed all of the problems of flying mail in 1924 mixed with the problems of flying an older plane in a modern era. Great show! Thanks Ben.

The Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show is not until August. The plan is to continue to exhibit more of "My Favorite Things". Some of our exhibits are beginning to get a little stale so plan on bringing in some new materiel for the show. New exhibitors are also welcome.

Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show August 21-22 at the Reno National Bowling Stadium at 300 North Center street in downtown Reno. Hours 10 to 6, Sun., 10-4.

The Reno Stamp Club

The Reno Stamp Club, sponsoring organization of the Nevada Settlement Centennial Stamp, was organized November 2, 1949, by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Greco. Mr. Ed Walker made reservations at the Reno Chamber of Commerce Rooms but on the night of November 9, a convention had been scheduled for the same evening. Some things happen for the best. The arrival of the ardent collector and Reno justice of the peace, Laurence Layman, was most fortunate for all of us. Mr. Layman invited the 45 people who had gathered in the lobby of his chambers and the meeting was held as scheduled, on that cold icy night.

The election of officers was held with Joe Greco named president; Ed Walker, vicepresident; Mrs. Lillian Rogers and Solo Goldsmith, board of governors; Mr. Ed Walker, Mr. Laurence Layman and Charles I. Crosby, by-laws standing committee.

An invitation from Mr. Hank Swan, supervisor of Recreation, offered the newly organized Reno Stamp Club, a permanent meeting place at the Reno Recreation Center, which was greatly appreciated and accepted.

Twenty-two of the collectors who attended the first meeting are still active although in 1951 there are now 61 Seniors, an organized group of 25 Juniors and 19 shut-ins belonging to Boy Scout Troop No. 110. (The latter a project of the Reno Stamp Club which furnishes them with stamps and other necessary accessories.) The same officers were re-elected in 1951 with the exception of the club historian. Mrs. C. D. Lambird was elected to serve during 1951-52.

It was not long after the holidays that Mr. Maurice Lewis, representing the Reno postmaster, met with the Reno Stamp Club group. He suggested how nice it would be to have a First Post Office Stamp for Nevada. Like all novices, this sounded very good so the club decided steps would immediately be taken to obtain this first post office stamp, but the request was rejected by the Postmaster General, Washington, D.C. Not being a club to say DIE, a new venture was started at Mrs. Greco's suggestion, who had read an article in a philatelic magazine that stated settlement centennials were still among subjects to be given consideration provided state festivities were held in connection with such events.

On February 13, 1950, the club made a motion to apply for a Nevada Settlement Centennial Commemorative Stamp, honoring our first permanent settlement in Carson Valley, now Genoa, Nevada. Reply on this application was slow. On March 24, a special meeting was called by president Joe Greco, requesting all Members to meet with Hon. Walter S. Baring, Congressman from Nevada. Substantial information to plead out our cause was given Mr. Baring to present the Postmaster General on his return to Washington, D.C. Within two weeks after this special meeting recognition and consideration for the first time was given to this group for a Nevada Stamp.

Known to us, others had tried for a Nevada stamp, but were rejected. In 1939, the Silver State Club, a short-lived group, applied for a 75th Anniversary Stamp requesting it be issued on October 31. This was rejected by the Postmaster General, stating it was not in order and only 100th Anniversary commemoratives were considered. Dr. Effie M. Mack and Senator Pat McCarran applied for a "Snow Shoe Thompson" stamp between 1945-1949, but this was also rejected on the grounds that stamps were issued to commemorate heroes. Thompson, a Norwegian, plodded through snow clad mountains on homemade skis to carry mail and other items between Placerville and Genoa.

After waiting one year and six days, final approval was given on the "Nevada Settlement Centennial" by the Postmaster General, stating that Nevada would be one of the four commemorative stamps issued in 1951. Besides creating interest throughout Nevada's 17 counties and other philatelic clubs throughout the country by circulating petitions and form letters, other activities were in progress. The Reno Stamp Club sponsored "The Final Run of the V. & T. Cachet," Harry Weiss show, and held their first stamp exhibit.

It was the untiring efforts put forth by the Reno Stamp Club, Hon. Walter S. Baring and Senator Pat McCarran that this final goal was achieved. Nevada has finally obtained both national and international recognition of its first historical event.

The Reno Stamp Club meets regularly on the second and fourth Mondays of each month except July and August. Juniors meet at 7:30 p.m., Seniors at 8 p.m. at the Reno Recreation Center, Ryland at S. Center. A cordial invitation is extended to visitors at all times.



In Memoriam:

Dr. Jeanne Elizabeth Weir, secretary of the Nevada State Historical Society, who cooperated with the Reno Stamp Club in supplying data which was used to good advantage. We, members of the Reno Stamp Club, only wish she could have been with us today, July 14, 1951, our initial centennial celebration.



Nevada Centennial Issue

The Department issued this 3 cent stamp through the Genoa, NV., post office on July 14, 1951, to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the first settlement of Nevada. The central design of the stamp depicts a log cabin, with a mountain range in the background, and a pioneer scene typical of the period of the first permanent white settlement in Nevada. In the upper left portion of the stamp arranged in four lines of dark Gothic, appears the wording "Nevada First Settlement Centennial 1851-1951." Across the bottom of the stamp is the inscription "3¢ United States Postage" in whiteface Roman.

The stamp was printed by the rotary process, electric-eye perforated, and issued in panes of fifty stamps each. The printing of 110 million copies of this stamp was authorized.

Reference: Postal Bulletin (June 12, 1951)

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If you prefer you can go to one of the offices located in various areas in The United States for your research. There are three offices close to Nevada. One is in Riverside, another in Laguna Niguel and the closest is in San Francisco, all in California and there are others around the U.S. Contact me for addresses and phone numbers.

This is your resource. It belongs to all Americans. It is not completely free to use, you may have to pay some postage and for hard copies but the information is free and available to all. And it doesn't have to be about stamps. It can be military service, genealogy or history. It is one of the most diverse websites the government has to offer. As they say, "Democracy begins here!"

In the 1800s, Japan was the most exotic of foreign lands. Then, in the person of one Admiral Perry, the Americans showed up and Japan has never been the same. They liked the West. They quickly adopted Western dress and Western ways of doing business. They became the most successful of the far Eastern countries and they field some of the best baseball teams in the world.

1. What is the central feature of the design of the 1952 airmail stamp?
A) Buddha B) Sidhartha C) A bi-plane
2. In what year did the first airmail stamp of Japan appear?
A) 1919 B) 1929 C) 1939
3. Japan issued a semi-postal souvenir sheet in 1948. It benefited the Red Cross and what other organization?
A) Rotary Club B) Community Chest C) Chance
4. A 1979 stamp shows a boy floating in space. What event did it commemorate?
A) Year of the Child B) 10th anniv of Space flight C) Hirohito's birthday
5. What sport is the subject of a 1979 stamp?
A) Ping Pong B) Horse racing C) Baseball
6. What prehistoric animal is shown on the 1977 stamp for the centenary of the National Science Museum?
A) Dinosaur B) Dodo Bird C) Woolly Mammoth
7. What vehicle is shown on the 1976 stamp marking the fiftieth anniversary of Hirohito's ascension to the throne?
A) Imperial Limousine B) Imperial Coach C) Imperial Airplane
8. What sport is featured in the 1969 stamp for the National Athletic Meet?
A) Rugby B) Baseball C) Racing
9. A girl bouncing a ball is on a 1957 stamp. What is the occasion
A) Movie sing-along B) Stamp Week C) Basketball championships
10. What national park is the subject of a 1953 issue?
A) Unzen B) Bonzai C) Ling Chui

Bonus question: Who was the first president of the Reno Stamp Club?

Enjoy the quiz.

Been to Jamaica and they really do have steel drum bands. Very professional music too. Quite good. You can jump into the pool and swim up to the bar to have a drink and you can sip conch soup in a restaurant by the beach. Outside of Kingston (a city, like many others), the country is beautiful.

1. A. Jamaica is located in the Caribbean Sea, though I must admit I'm not sure where the Caribbean ends and the Gulf of Mexico begins.
2. C. The ruler in power when the Boy Scout stamp was issued was George VI. Therefore, the stamp (#150-51) shows the king, George VI.
3. B. The year of Jamaican independence was 1962 and was celebrated with the issuing of a set, #181-84.
4. B. #252 & 253 honors Sir Winston Churchill the year after his death in 1965.
5. Expo '67 took place in Montreal, Canada. Jamaica attended its first international exhibition as an independent state.
6. C. Sir Alexander Bustamante was Jamaica's first prime minister, a labor leader. He was jailed in 1942 for "undermining the authority of the state". After his release a year later he founded the Jamaican Labor party which swept to power in 1944. Its only natural that he and his wife be pictured on a stamp celebrating Labor Day!
7. A. The mongoose is shown on #366 (from a set of three) for the introduction of that animal to Jamaica in 1873.
8. A. The lowest values show a trumpet. Other values show a clarinet, kettle drums and a cello.
9. A. An earth satellite station is shown pointing itself at a satellite that appears to be flying rather low. Kudos, Jamaica.
10. A set of four (#410-13) pictures the Olympic Rings. The stamps were issued in June for the Summer Olympic games in Montreal Canada in July that year.

Bonus question. False. This comes from Bill Brew's story, "The Machines". The change lady had to account for \$250.00, not \$200.00.

Now you know all about Jamaica. Go there if you can. The people are friendly and the rum is good and the pirates have all settled down. No more walking the plank.

The USPS issued a new stamp. Actually, a set of ten stamps honoring the flags of our nation. This is part of a series of issues that will eventually show the flags of all of the states on commemorative coil stamps. This is the third series and includes the stamp showing the flag of Nevada. The observance took place in the capitol and was presided over by the governor, Jim Gibbons. It all started with a flag ceremony.



The Seegler School Children's Choir sang the state song and the governor presented our stamp.



Governor shows the Nevada stamp along with all ten stamps in the series.

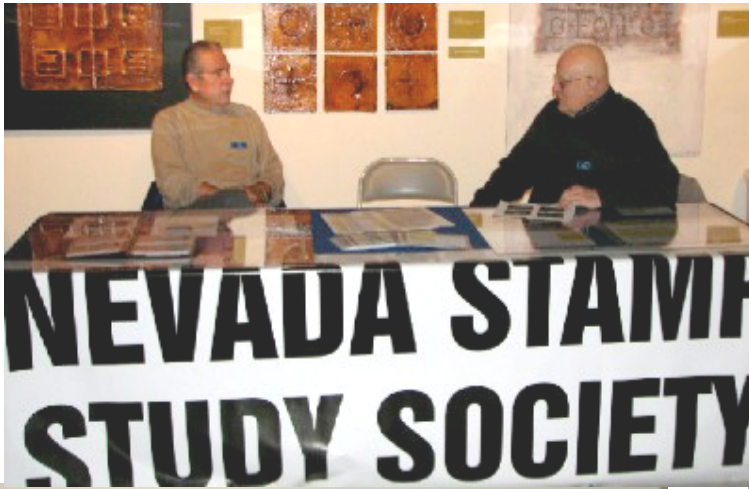
Jeanne Paquin with a super enlarged copy of the state flag stamp.



The refreshments were both appropriate and tasty!



Of course there was work to be done so all of us pitched in.



And lots of work got done. We didn't pick up a lot of new members for the club but we participated in one of the few important stamp events to occur in Nevada.

2010 Nomination Form

There are three (3) elected positions open for 2010. "Any member of the NSSS in good standing (one who is not in default in the payment of dues or other indebtedness to the Society, and against whom no charges are pending) shall be eligible to hold any office in the Society..."

Vice-President: Serves for 2 years from Aug. 2010 to July 2012. *"The Vice President shall assist the President and act in his/her place when necessary."* (Bylaws; Article VI, Section 3)

Secretary: Serves for 2 years from Aug. 2010 to July 2012. *"The Secretary: (a) Shall keep a record of all proceedings of the Society and the Board of Directors which shall be permanently filed. Results of board meetings shall be conveyed to the membership. (b) The Secretary shall attest all legal documents and shall perform such other duties as are delegated elsewhere in the Bylaws. (c) Shall edit and approve all official notices to be published in the Post Boy. Shall be charged with the collection and preservation of all general records and official documents of the Society, except as otherwise herein provided. (d) Shall compile and send a list of members of the Society to all members upon publication of same."* (Bylaws; Article VI, Section 4)

Director: Serves for 3 years from Aug. 2010 to July 2013. *"shall have supervision of such activities of the Society as may be assigned to them by the President or the Board of Directors, and shall help to promote the Society. At a minimum, a Director will supervise and report on the activities of one of the standing committees."* (Bylaws; Article VI, Section 6)

A candidate for any of the three elected positions **may** submit a short resume outlining their organizational and leadership qualities, and should list any goals they may have for the Society. Any information provided by the candidate is voluntary and is not a requirement to run for office.

The slate of candidates will be published in the June issue of the Post Boy with elections taking place, by secret ballot, on July 24 (our last meeting that month).

All nomination forms must be returned by May 31, 2010 to John Walter, Chair, Nominations and Election Committee.

I am a member in good standing and meet the requirements to run for the elected position of : _____

Signature of candidate _____ Date: _____

Print name: _____