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We've all managed to get past the New Years and, by now, we're using the correct year on our checks. Next in line is Valentine's Day, Chocolate and flowers will plump up your sweetie.

This year in politics we will have openings for the office of President and Treasurer. There will also be three slots for Board Members. We could reelect these positions but should they feel they have done enough service for the Club, we will need to see some new faces step forward. The election is still a few months off but now is the time to start considering which position you might want to run for. On page three is a nomination form to be returned to the chairman of the Election Committee.

Speaking of the Election Committee, **John Walter** has chaired this committee for some time now and is ready to pass the position on to another member. The work isn't too hard, it's just a matter of keeping track of the candidates and making sure the club knows who they are voting for and which positions are coming up for election. A lot of that is done by the Post Boy editor. This is a good time for a willing member to step up to the plate and give John some relief.

Last month's "My Favorite Things" was called "Blocks of Four" and came from **Casey Macken**. This month **John Walter** provides us with one of his, called "Leather Postcards".

The program this month was

given to us by the new program director, **Jeanne Paquin**. It was from the American Topical Association and was about pyramids on stamps. A second disc told us about entertainment on stamps. Next month's program is not yet ready and Jeanne would like some help from you. We would like you to step forward and tell us a little bit about your collection, an area that has your attention or even a single stamp that is of interest to you and might be of interest to the rest of the members. It's not difficult (we're all friends here) and we can't let Jeanne do it all by herself.

Washoe county needs money so the Club Picnic will be costing a little more this year if we continue to rent a space from them. If you know of a nice place to have a picnic for a small or no cost to us, please bring it up at one of our meetings.

This year's Show will be held on August 20-21 and we're back in the squad room. We have plenty of dealers but we need more exhibitors.

**NOVAPEX** March 5-6-11 in the River Oaks Retirement Comm. at 301 Hartnell Ave in Redding

**FRESPEX** March 12-13, 2011 at the Veterans Memorial Building. 453 Hughes Avenue (1 block east of Clovis Avenue at Fifth Street) Clovis, California

**WESTPEX** Apr 29-May 1 at the Marriot Airport Hotel on 1800 Old Bayshore Hwy, south of San Francisco. 10-6pm & 10-4.

# Clean Your Stamps

They're dirty (*continued*)

In the last issue I wrote an article about a way to get your stamps a little cleaner, then promised to do a follow-up in this issue. In this experiment stamps were soaked in a solution of water and an enzyme stain removing laundry soap for a period of up to four days. The results were shown in that issue but they weren't perfect, so here are the results of further soaking.



This is the stamp from Grenada. It turned out very nice. It is clean, the colors are much truer and the dark spot on the left is gone. As it turns out, the dark spot was, apparently, caused by an adhesive that was used to secure a small piece of paper to fill in a pulled perf that took some of the stamp with it. Soaking loosened the adhesive and the

paper floated away. What is left is a very clean but damaged stamp that had been repaired and now, isn't!



With the stamps from Newfoundland the cancel lightened and the paper cleaned up well but the over-all appearance of the stamp is still "smudgy."

The US stamp fared well but not better than the others. The dirt came out, the postmark lightened, a little, and the colors are brighter. In conclusion, using enzyme soap cleans the stamps well and, if you don't mind them having a pleasant odor, you shouldn't have to rinse them.....too thoroughly.



**2011 Nomination Form**

There are five (5) elected positions open for 2011. "Any member of the Nevada Stamp Study Society in good standing, who is 18 years of age or older, shall be eligible to hold any office in the Society or to serve on any committee, provided however, that a candidate for the office of **PRESIDENT** shall have previously served either as an elective officer, or as a member of the Board of Directors, or as chairman of a standing committee."

**The President:** Serves for two years from August 2011 to July 2013. "shall preside at meetings of the Society and Board of Directors. Shall appoint with the approval of the Board, the various standing committees. Shall execute on behalf of and in the name of the Society, when so authorized by the Board, all contracts, deeds and other legal instruments. Shall have general supervision over all officers and standing committees, to the end that there shall be full and complete performance of their duties by each of said officers and committees. Shall, upon termination of their office, serve as a member of the Board for the period of not less than one year to assist in maintaining continuity in the affairs of the Society.

**The TREASURER:** Serves for two years from August 2011 to July 2013. "Shall be responsible for the custody of all securities of the Society subject to the supervision of the Board of Directors. Shall advise the Secretary in all matters concerning the financial duties discharged and may authorize disbursements of funds on vouchers signed as above provided. Shall present to the Board annually a complete statement prepared in collaboration with the Secretary, of the assets and liabilities of the Society and of the financial transactions of the Society, accompanied by the bank statements of the amount of money and securities on deposit or held in trust at the time of such statements and any report of any official audit of the accounts. Shall collect all dues and fees, and keep proper books of account showing all receipts, disbursements and balances of cash on hand. Shall deposit all monies of the Society in a bank or banks designated by the BOARD to the credit of the Society. Shall receive all applications for membership together with all data which may be received in connection therewith. Shall have custody of the seal, keep the records of members and issue membership cards and receipts.

**Director** (three positions open): Serves for 3 years from Aug. 2011 to July 2014. "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 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, 2011 to the Chair of 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: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Welcome To the Frontpage

I don't often take you to commercial pages unless they have something educational to offer. Well, this one is a commercial site and it doesn't have a lot of educational value but, it does have something free to offer that might be of interest to you! How about a way to check the perforations on your stamps using your computer? Or, if you prefer, you can buy one of those electronic perforation machines for about \$300.00. Lets see, free, 300 dollars, free, 300 dollars. I think I've figured it out and "free" sounds pretty good. At least it doesn't cost anything to try.



To download the program you will have to click on "Downloads" on the left side of the page. It works on Windows computers, not on Mac or Linux, but there is an version for those computers in the works. The program is 9.8 megabytes. For those of you with dial-up connection to the internet that means a long download (maybe 45 minutes, depending on the speed of the connection). There is also a manual available, if you speak German, or, if you are English only there is a "short reference" which is 17 pages long and explains the operation in as complete detail as any of us need to do the job. It requires a scanner to make it operational,



so if you don't have one, you're out of luck. If you do have one you can get the perms down to the tenths, like 11.3 or even 11.25. Its a very useful tool.

There are several more pages to go to including "Screenshots", two of which you see here. Most of them deal with this program. All-in-all, it looks to be a good program and the price is right. The only problem I have with it is the Mac version isn't ready yet.

Ayeee, caramba, its off we go to Mexico. Our neighbor to the south brings mixed feelings. The country is beautiful as are the people. There are problems lately with illegal aliens trying to support their families, and deadly drug cartels. Lets hope these problems can be solved and we can be good friends and neighbors again.

1. What revolutionary leader appears on a 1978 airmail stamp?  
A) Pancho Villa                      B) Che Guevera                      C) George Washington
2. A dancer from what Indian group appears on the 1.60 peso issue of 1977?  
A) Aztec                                  B) Mayan                                  C) Apache
3. What explorer is the subject of the 1967 airmail stamp for the International Tourist Year?  
A) Marco Polo                      B) Amerigo Vespucci                      C) Hernando Cortes
4. The visit of what U.S. president is marked by a 1962 issue?  
A) Eisenhower                      B) Kennedy                      C) Nixon
5. What volcano appears on a 1956 airmail issue?  
A) Paricutin                      B) Colima                      C) Popocatepetl
6. What is shown on the 1971 stamp honoring the composer Augustin Lara? His signature and:  
A) A piano                      B) A keyboard                      C) A composition
7. What stamp is shown on the 1940 issue marking the centenary of the postage stamp?  
A) Penny Black                      B) Sir Rowland Hill                      C) Both
8. The visit of what U.N. Secretary General was marked by a 1966 airmail issue?  
A) U Thant                      B) Dag Hammarskjold                      C) Kurt Waldheim
9. The 200th anniversary of the birth of what composer was the subject of a 1970 stamp?  
A) Mozart                      B) Victor Herbert                      C) Beethoven
10. What is the central design feature of the 1972 airmail marking the 74th assembly of the International Tourist Alliance?  
A) Tire treads                      B) airport                      C) Tour bus

Bonus question: For an extra ten bucks we are having elections this summer. Are we voting for a president?

Interesting how asking questions about the stamps we all grew up with can be some of the tougher questions we can get, by the end of the day.

1. B. The subject of Farley's Follies was the National parks series. However, the issues also dealt with the Federal building in Chicago, Fort Dearborn and Antarctic exploration.

2. ABC. Actually, the question was wrong for the answers. It should have been 1965 when Hoover appeared on a vertical 5¢ stamp, in red (#1269)

3. B. #s1775-78 picture Toleware from Pennsylvania. Toleware is painted tin and, though it probably made much earlier, was quite popular in the 1800s.

4. A. Cordell Hull, as Roosevelt's Secretary of state demanded and got an apology and payment from Japan for the sinking of the American gunboat Panay in 1937. He felt the Japanese should respect America's position in the Pacific.

5. A. In 1819 the US Army established Fort St. Anthony. In 1825 the name was changed to Fort Snelling. It was the gateway to the Northern prairies and was located in the territory of Minnesota.

6. A. The 20¢ stamp of the 1938 presidential series (#825) was James A. Garfield, the last president to be born in a log cabin. When a new president came into office, thousands of civil employees were fired and replaced with supporters. Garfield wrote of Civil Service reform in his diary. His assassination triggered that reform.

7. B. 1031A is the palace of governors issue (1960) with a face value of 1 1/4¢. Does anyone know the purpose of this issue?

8. B. The five cent parcel post shows a mail train roaring towards a mail hook with a mailbag ready for pickup on the run.

9. C. The Horace Mann stamp is the low value of the "Educators" issue of the Famous Americans issue of 1940. There are five stamps and five colors. Blue green is for the low value of 1¢ in each set.

10. A. These stamps (#1365-38) were called the "Beautification of America" series. The show pictures of flowering trees for beautiful streets, flowers along the highway and flowers in front of the Capitol for our cities and flowers in front of the Washington Monument for our parks.

Bonus question. Rough and Ready succeeded from the Union when a tax was levied on mining claims. The year was 1850.

Recently, Sandafayre, a stamp company in the U.K., started sending e-mails to their customers (I bought something from them a long time ago) and they usually have some rather interesting and unusual stories in them.

### **Felix Vaitkus and the Lituanica II Flight**

The 1920s and early 1930s saw the expansion of Pioneering Flights extend to non stop distance records and international non stop flights. Darius and Girėnas were US Pilots of Lithuanian origins and on July 15, 1933, they flew across the Atlantic Ocean on route to Kaunas, Lithuania covering a distance of 3,984 miles without landing, in 37 hours and 11 minutes (107.1 mph) before perishing in a crash in Germany just 350 miles short of their target.

As far as the distance of non-stop flights was concerned, their result ranked second only to that of Russell Boardman and John Polando, and ranked fourth in terms of duration of flight at the time. Although Darius and Girenas did not have navigational equipment and flew under unfavourable weather conditions, the flight was one of the most precise in aviation history. It equaled, and in some aspects surpassed, Charles Lindbergh's classic flight. Lituanica also carried the first Transatlantic air mail consignment in history.



On July 19, the German plane "Derluft", carried the bodies of the pilots back to Lithuania where their funeral was afforded official national mourning.

A few months after the Lituanica tragedy, such was the enthusiasm for flying that some prominent members of the Chicago

Lithuanian community discussed the possibility of financing another transatlantic flight, and enough funds were raised to purchase a faster and more modern Lockheed Vega.

The aircraft was christened Lituanica II on Sunday, April 22, 1934. The aircraft was extensively refitted and when the following Spring the original pilot originally unexpectedly resigned, the Chicago organisers turned to Felix Waitkus. A US born pilot of Lithuanian parents, who had enlisted in the army in 1928, and after graduating from advanced pilot's training school, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Corps.

Waitkus arrived at Floyd Bennett Field in New York in May 1935 where no transatlantic flights were allowed owing to adverse weather conditions, (wind speed and direction and ice formation played a much greater role in early aviation than modern times). It was not until four

months later, on the evening of September 20, that the Meteorological Service gave him a favourable report and encouraged with this news, Waitkus decided to fly.

The next day, September 21, at 6:45 in the morning, Lituanica II headed for Europe. Unfortunately, Waitkus had to fight the worst possible weather conditions, flying through rain, fog, and icy conditions, so that most of his navigation had to be by his new radio compass. More than once he noticed ice forming on the wings and had to descend to a lower altitude until it all thawed off. Waitkus was helped considerably by hourly broadcasts from an Irish radio station. He learned that Dublin was fogged in, as well as all areas heading east as far as the Baltic Sea. He knew that he could not make it to Kaunas due to his low fuel supply, and being exhausted after the 23-hour single handed struggle decided to come down in an open field in Cloongowla at Ballinrobe, County Mayo, Ireland. The plane was extensively damaged but Waitkus came away without injury. Lituanica II was crated for shipment to Lithuania, where it would be restored. By ship and by train he made his way to Kaunas where he was given a hero's welcome.

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Felix Waitkus was the only pilot to fly across the North Atlantic in 1935 and even though he came down in Ireland and not in Kaunas, he was entered in aviation's history books for being the sixth pilot to fly solo across the Atlantic.

Waitkus was recalled to active duty in the Army Air Corps in 1940, serving as the chief test pilot at the Boeing Aircraft Co. in Seattle, testing bombers and was recalled again to serve in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

For this story and a few more, go to;< <http://www.sandafayre.com/html/Articles.htm>>. I will, from time to time, try to include an article from the Sandafayre site. They seem to have a lot to offer. By the way, the stamp pictured on the other page is offered for sale there. Should you decide to buy something from them, remember the additional cost of doing business outside the country like, money exchange rates, bank charges, extra postal costs (including registered mail and insurance) and that stamps in Europe usually sell for more than they do here.



About two years ago I put this ad in the Post Boy. I'm still looking. Thought I'd try again. You can do it too. For free! Its your Newsletter. Use it.

There are stamps missing in my collection that I would love to find. If you have any duplicates in this worldwide set and would like to sell (or trade) them, bring them in and put them on the auction board. I will bid, if they're not too dear. - Howard



Antigua	Hong Kong	Straits & Settlements
Ascension	Jamaica	Johore
Bahamas	K.U.T.	Kedah
Barbados	Lewards	Penang
Basutoland	Malta	Perak
Bechuanaland	Mauritius	Perlis
Bermuda	Monsterrat	Singapore
Cayman Islands	Northern Rhodesia	Trengganu
Cyprus	Nyassaland Protectorate	Swaziland
Dominica	Pitcarn Island	Trinidad & Tobago
Fiji	St. Helena	Virgin Islands
Falklands	St Kitts and Nevis	Zanzibar
Gibraltar	St Lucia	
Gilbert and Ellis I.	St Vincent	and, of course,
Gold Coast	Sarawak	Great Britain

Believe it or not, I actually have several of this stamp from various countries of the Commonwealth, and would like to come closer to the complete collection.

Do you have any stamps to sell or you may want to buy? Maybe we can start an ad page where you can let others know.

### Leather Postcard

In 1900, a new 3- by 5-inch leather postcard was introduced. The W.S. Heal Company was one of about a dozen companies that manufactured the cards from leather scraps. Images were burned or painted onto the surface. Many novelty postcards were cheap and tacky but wildly popular. When postal regulations were changed in 1910 to require that the cards be placed in sealed envelopes or protective boxes before mailing, the fad for this type of post card faded.

Mailed in 1907 for Easter greetings.



Reverse side of the leather card above. The color is still vibrant.