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Its June now. Are we finally going to get some summer weather? Summer works better with Summer weather!

One of our past members still receives the Post Boy and has sent an e-mail describing his latest exploits. I thought you might like to read it;

"Just a quick update.....The Murphy family is on the move again.

My job with Pepsi was eliminated in the most recent restructure. However, we were blessed as I was hired by Kellogg company and will be working in the Pikeville, KY plant. We make PopTarts, and NutriGrain bars there.

So if anyone is in far eastern KY and wants to visit.....That is where the Murphy family is putting down roots now.

Thank You,  
Gary Murphy  
PS: Patrick turns 15 tomorrow, and is as tall as I am."

We are coming down to the wire on the elections and we still need members to step to the front and take part in the club. We need a person to take over for our treasurer, Paul Glass since he is no longer available to do the job. We need three people to take over as directors. This is a job that is not hard but is independent and is needed to keep our club's government moving. Last of all we need someone to challenge our president. There is one more position that needs someone to volunteer for and that is John Walter's position as election

chairman. Its an important position that is needed only when elections are coming up. That happens once a year. Most of the forms are ready for you to pass out. You may have some ideas about making the elections run smoother but you can't do it if you're not in the position.

This month's presentation was given by Jeanne Paquin and was on the subject of selling off your collection when your family doesn't want it. She started with materiel from Apfelbaum. They suggest not selling your premium materiel off first as that will reduce the value of the rest of the collection. I suppose that depends on how much you sell the good stuff for. You may consider a donation to the church for the tax write-off.

Jeanne has a collection of German stamps that was left by one of the members. It is mostly DDR and she would like to get it back into the owner's hands. If it is yours, please pick it up very soon or it will be auctioned off for the benefit of the club. Thank you.

"My Favorite Things" come to you this month courtesy of Stan Cronwall.

**The Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show;** August 20-21 at the Reno National Bowling Stadium at 300 North Center street in downtown Reno. Hours 10 to 6, Sun., 10-4.

**WINEPEX** Sept 30-Oct 2 at the Marin Civic Center San Rafael. Hours 10-5 and 10-3 on Sun. E-mail Bob Rawlins at [rawlins@sonic.net](mailto:rawlins@sonic.net) to exhibit.

## More on Standing Helvetias

Recently I bought a collection of Swiss stamps that included a bunch of Standing Helvetias. If you don't know what those are, they are stamps that were issued between 1882 and 1907. The stamp shows a standing figure who is called "Helvetia," the representation of Switzerland. See figure 1, below



Fig 1.

All of the stamps were imperforate so, naturally, they were worth a million dollars as one of those rare sets of Helvetias that weren't even listed in the Scott catalog.

One thing notable about the stamps is they were all either 25 or 40 centimes and all different colors. The speculation was that these could be color trials. Another characteristic was the different



Fig 2.

paper they were printed on. Figure two shows a heavier paper that was almost the thickness of a postcard. As you can see, the color of the paper was darker and browner than the others. All together there were twenty-one stamps of 25 and 40 centime denominations and a variety of different colors.

The stamps aren't mentioned in the regular or Specialized 1840-1940 Scott catalogs. No one in the stamp club seemed to be familiar with them so other than guessing the stamps remained a mystery. The only place left to go to was the American Helvetia Stamp Philatelic <<http://www.swiss-stamps.org/>> who specialize in Swiss stamps. So I sent an e-mail asking about the "color trials."

Here's the response;

"To quote from our book on Swiss Philately, "Philately of Switzerland - An Introductory Handbook":

"There are many trial color 'proofs' for the new 40c and 25c designs that were introduced in 1906. However, they were privately printed in Paris by a stamp dealer to whom the printer Girardet had sold his 25c and 40c printing plate after he lost his printing contract in 1907. These "Paris reprints" are found on all sorts of paper and have little value."

Hope this answers your question.

Dick Hall  
Secretary, AHPS"

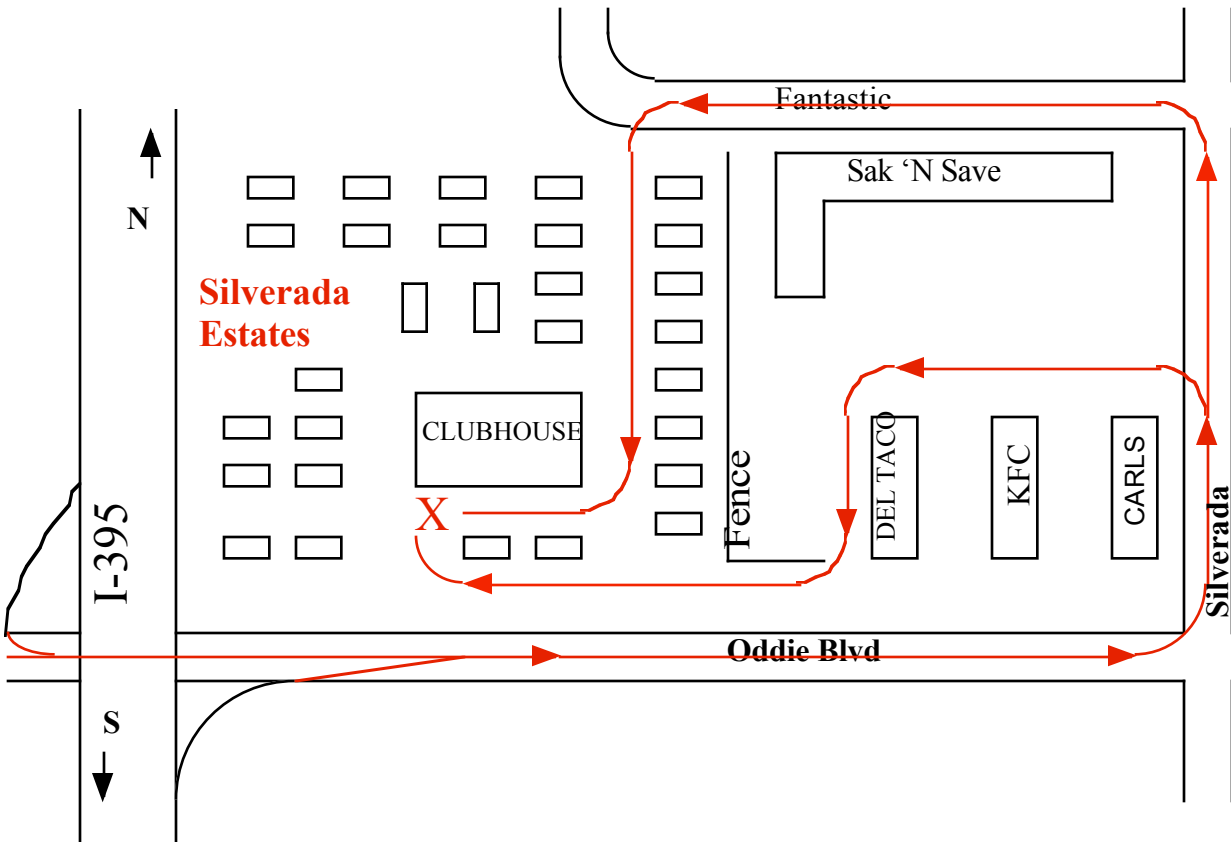


Nice people.....and, mystery solved!

## Silverada Estates

This year we have opted not to have our club picnic at an outdoor venue as we have in the past so we will be taking it to Silverada Estates. Its not far from our regular meeting place at the NNMCC. It is several blocks to the west, right next to the freeway. Its a nice clubhouse and very comfortable. Parking is limited next to the clubhouse but plentiful in the shopping center next door.

As usual, the club will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks (nonalcoholic) and on that day we will vote for and install the officers of the club. At 9:00 am the doors will open to set up the tables for the meeting and for individual sellers (you can buy a table for \$5.00). At 10:00 the regular meeting will begin. After the meeting the grills will be started, selling at the selling tables will start and a committee will count the votes and announce the results. Officers are installed at about 1:30 and the picnic ends at 3:00.



This meeting and the sales involved are for members and the meeting will not be advertised. Of course you may bring guests with you and neighborhood people may wander through and may buy from the sellers. Be sure to sign up for a side dish to bring to the picnic.

[Sandafayre.com](http://Sandafayre.com)



Several years ago, in my first computer page, I introduced you to a company called Sandafayre. They are a commercial company dedicated to the proposition that we should spend all our money buying their stamps. I don't blame them for that but this company has a few drawbacks for the American consumer. To start with they are geared to the European market. That means higher prices for stamps. There is a small matter of money conversion, also quite pricey. Then, they are in Great Britain and the postal charges are quite large. However, they are a good company with very difficult to come by material. If you need something you can't find anywhere else, I would recommend Sandyfayre.

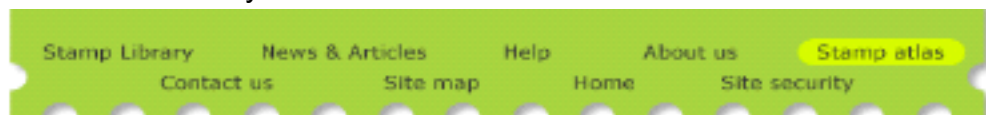


I went back to this site to see if anything has changed. OK, after 10 years, something is bound to change but, surprising, very little. They still have the Stamp Atlas page but now you can buy it on a CD for £10 plus £1.50 for shipping. But, you can still use it free on line to find out about the postal history of various countries and general history as well.

There is also a stamp library where you can see many rare stamps of the world. And, there is "News and Articles" which is written by the renowned philatelic author, James MacKay. He writes articles on any subject you can imagine.

After all this time, they're still a good source of information but not for your normal stamp purchases.

By-the-way, the logo at the top is the old one. They don't use it anymore.



## Stamp atlas

Seems to me we have a collector of Norwegian stamps so, this month's quiz should be a breeze (for him or her). Norway is a land of Vikings, Fiords, men of the sea and cheap electricity. The high mountains, and melting snow produce great opportunities for hydroelectricity and they have some of the cheapest in the world.

1. What flowers are shown on a 1977 set of two stamps?  
A) Lilacs                                      B) Roses                                      C) Water Lillies
2. What is the central design of the low value of 1969 census stamps?  
A) punched card                              B) People                                      C) Numbers
3. What means of transportation is shown on a 1963 set?  
A) Trains                                      B) Planes                                      C) Boats
4. Henri Dunant is shown on a 1961 issue. What was his claim to fame?  
A) Red Cross founder                      B) Boy Scout founder                      C) Invented skis
5. What explorer of the South Pole is honored on a 1961 set?  
A) Amundsen                                      B) Peary                                      C) Scott
6. What king is shown on the regular issue of 1958-60?  
A) Haakon                                      B) Olaf                                      C) Kloster
7. What institute of learning is the subject of a 1961 set?  
A) University of Oslo                      B) University of Bergen                      C) University of Miami
8. The centenary of the the birth of what composer is the subject of the 1943 set of four stamps?  
A) Bach                                      B) Stravinsky                                      C) Greig
9. A 1965 semi-postal set shows a severed chain and a dove. What does it celebrate?  
Liberation from;  
A) Russian                                      B) Germans                                      C) Sweden
10. The centenary of the birth of what king was observed by a 1972 stamp issue?  
A) Haaken                                      B) Olav                                      C) Kloster

Bonus question: The 25 centime imperforate "Standing Helvetias are worth a small fortune. 40 centimes are worth even more! True or False?

A fairly easy quiz with the aid of a Scot catalog. Now, how do you feel about running for one of the offices in our coming elections? The work can be hard but, is is your club not the officers! Sorry, no points for that question.

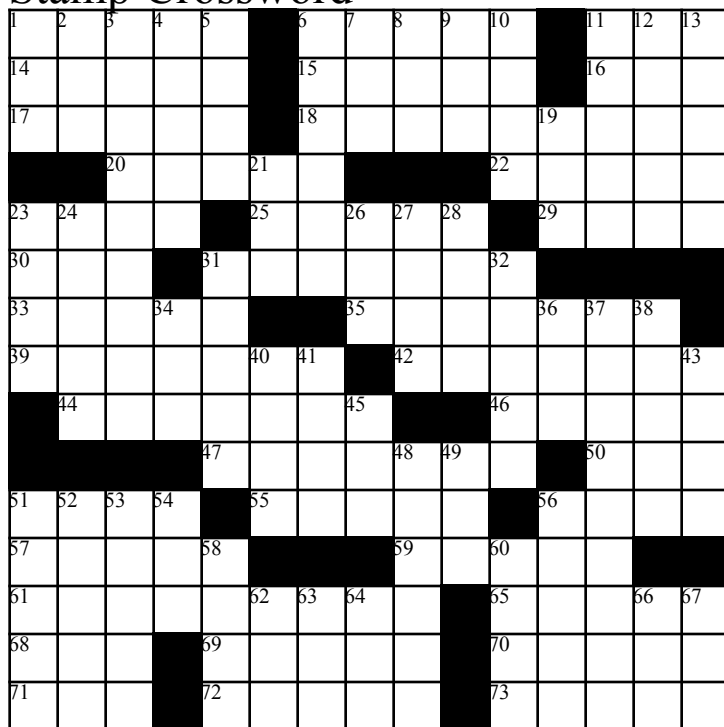
Nicaragua is a small country situated between Honduras and Costa Rica in Central America. Its a nice tropical country that you can visit but the president doesn't like America. Americans are OK, though. Bring lots of cash.

1. B. Two stamps were issued on December 2, 1862 to signal Nicaragua's entry into the world's postal systems. They showed Liberty Cap on a mountain peak.
2. B. In 1930, Managua, the capital, celebrated the opening of the new general post office building with a picture of it on a set of stamps (#525-35).
3. A. Rowland Hill was pictured on a stamp in 1950 as part of a set issued to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the UPU in 1949.
4. C. Cardinal Spellman appears on #819-23, issued on November 26, 1959 to honor the Cardinal's visit to Managua the previous year.
5. A. Pele is shown on #869, the low value of the set. The rest of the set is filled with other Hall of Fame stars from Hungary, England, Argentina, Italy, the USSR and West Germany.
6. A. Anastasio Somoza was the "president" of Nicaragua from 1937 until he was assassinated in 1956. His older son Luis took over the presidency and kept that position until 1963. It was taken over by his younger brother, Anastasio Somoza, in 1967. The stamps issued in 1975 hailed the reelection of the Second Anastasio Somoza.
7. B. The second value of the set honoring powered flight shows a fanciful picture of the Montgolfier balloon. Then, Icarus and the Wright Brothers (#1089-92)
8. A. The ten cent Christmas stamp of 1978 (#1095) shows the "Repentant St. Peter". It was started in 1820 and completed in 1824. It can be found in the Phillips collection in the US. Also issued was a painting of Saint Gregory by Goya on #1096, the fifteen cent stamp.
9. B. In 1967 Nicaragua honored the American space program with a set of stamps depicting James McDivitt and Edward White and the first space walk by an American, shown on #C618-C625.
10. A. #C631-C633 picture presidents Schick of Nicaragua and Ordaz of Mexico embracing as friends. The issue was to commemorate the visit of the president from Mexico in 1968.

Bonus question. Using the RGB color wheel, show on page two of the last issue, cyan is produce by mixing blue and green. Cyan is a primary color.

## Stamp Crossword

by William Canine



## ACROSS

1. Roundup rope
6. *Three Musketeers* Author (France #B437)
11. Norris Dam operator (US #2042)
14. Annoyed
15. "\_\_\_\_\_ Gay"
16. Org. of amateurs
17. Famed chemist (Eire #492)
18. Dutch painter (#B106)
20. Cuban patriot (#264)
22. *Ragged Dick* author (US #2010)
23. Pahlavi (Iran #1637)
25. State admitted in 1890 (#1896)
29. Parrot (Indonesia #1106)
30. New world org.
31. Poker game starter
33. 1.0567 quarts
35. Cord accessory
39. Utter again
42. Something to cut now and then
44. The Emerald Isle
46. Ambassador
47. George or Taft (US 1170, 1160)
50. Barley bristle
51. Dutch Island (Curacao #332)
55. Play shown on Naismith commorative
56. Trojan war hero
57. Columbia river
59. Florida's Key \_\_\_\_\_
61. Site of Cordoba and Corrientes
65. Soviet mountain range
68. Record of *Bounty's* voyage, e.g.
69. Scottish resort
70. Excellence
71. Some
72. *Riders to the Sea* dramatist (Eire #307)
73. Race driver, Richard

## DOWN

1. Women's \_\_\_\_\_
2. Nigerian tribe
3. DC-4 (US #C32)
4. Washington town
5. River into the Baltic Sea
6. Make fun of
7. \_\_\_\_\_ jeune fille
8. Pop's partner
9. Canadian Prov
10. Poet Teasdale
11. Latin Dance
12. *Star Wars* villian
13. Horse opera star
19. Everything
21. O'neill
23. Sun: Prefix
26. Namibia's neighbor; Abbr.
27. Miami's NBA team
28. "To say why gals act so \_\_\_\_\_" (Lowell)
31. Examinations
32. Beef animal (US #1328)
34. To poets, before
36. Dancer Miller
37. Subject of 1986 US quartet (#2235-8)
38. Plains Indian
40. Former Chinese money
41. Danish composer
43. Wild cat (Russia #3643)
45. Part of a week
48. New Orleans university
49. WWII regulating group
51. Milan's La \_\_\_\_\_ Italy #1312)
52. Homerun king, Hank
53. Surrey, for one (US #1907)
54. RAF hero
56. Consent
58. Insects
60. Cut of meat (\_\_\_\_\_ roast)
62. Attempt
63. Charged atom
64. Head
66. Landed
67. Pigpen

## *Bits and Pieces*

In the last issue I mentioned that Holabird has an auction coming up in June. That auction will be held at the Atlantis Hotel and Casino on South Virginia (south of Moana Lane). The dates are June 28-29 and possibly on the 30th too. you can preview the items on June 27th, a Monday, starting at noon. Questions? Contact Barbara Wilson at 852-8822. The office is suite #308 at 3555 Airway Dr. in Reno.



A question for you from Stan; True or False?

Every post office in the British Isles is permitted to pay a cat to catch vermin.

Answer's at the bottom of the page



From "Winick Snippets" by Les Winick

\* In 1983, there was a lot of publicity about the Hitler diaries and how they turned out to be fake. A book, "Selling Hitler," tells the story of the gigantic swindle, both on the part of the forger and the journalist who sold it to a German magazine for more than \$1 million.

In the introduction to the book, the author, Robert Harris, mentions that a collection of stamps formed by Hitler entitled "Enemy Propaganda in Stamps" survived the war and was confiscated by the United States Counter Intelligence Corps. This is the first time that anyone has ever described the Fuhrer as a stamp collector.

All efforts to trace the current status of Hitler's stamp collection have turned up blank.

\* Post, as in "post office," comes from the Latin "Positiones," the inns where men and horses were housed at the end of a day's journey in ancient Rome. Today, restaurants that provide refreshments during or after a journey are named Post Houses.



It's true, of course. Post offices (especially in London) in the 1800's had problems with mice and other vermin chewing on the mail, probably for the gum, and destroying it. Cats were introduced for protection.

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**These two forgeries of British stamps were produced by Germany during World War II.**

**They are part of a series of 12 which parodied a set of British stamps which featured the likeness of King George VI.**

**In the forgeries, the jewel at the top of the crown has been replaced by the Jewish Star of David.**

**The second forgery is the London cancellation shown on each stamp.**

