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Finally, the picnic is over and the candidates have been elected and installed. Next, is the **Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show**. By the way, I think summer made it to Reno. 'Bout time!

First, the elections. Take a look at the column to your left to see that our new Treasurer is **Terri Edwards** to relieve **Paul Glass** who has taken on a Director's position. **Mike Potter** will be taking leave to pay more attention to job and family and is replaced by **Paul Glass**. **Stan Cronwall** ran unopposed but received a good vote of confidence and will be our president for another term. Congratulations to our new officers.

The program for July was our picnic and bourse. It all took place at an indoor setting (except for the barbecuing of the burgers) at the Silverada's clubhouse. The best part (after the food) was watching our new officers swear to Scott to do the job they were elected for and I'm sure they'll do much better than they are doing in Washington DC.

On pages 7 and 8 of this issue are some pictures taken at the picnic by **John Walter**. While I was able to get a few of them here for our computer illiterates, you can find the rest of them on John's website; www.walter-us.net/stamps/. If you don't have a computer at home, go to the

library where the librarian would love to show you how to use theirs. The pics are much better in color. Be sure to take a look at page 7 where we have special thanks for all those members who helped make the picnic so much fun.

The Stamp Show will be taking place this year and we are having further problems with dealers and may lose one of them. On the positive side, if you would like to put an exhibit together, this might be your best opportunity. The club is willing to give you up to four frames for the very small fee of nothing. Try your hand at exhibiting now. You may never get another chance like this. Who cares if you don't win, it will be noncompetitive anyway. You can't win.

Even if you don't exhibit, please come to the show. The body counts will help us in the next year and you might find a stamp you can't live without. If nothing else, come to see the exhibits.

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 to exhibit.



The Titanic

This is a story about the heroic efforts of the postal workers all of whom went down with the ship when the “unsinkable” Titanic sank on its maiden voyage. The story was written by Tony Servies for his website at <http://www.stampsofdistinction.com>. He was kind enough to give me permission to reprint it here. It will be continued in the next issue.

"Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds" is often cited as the motto for the U.S. Postal Service. It is not; while this saying is engraved above the Farley Post Office in New York City, it is not the official motto of the U.S. Postal Service nor any postal service for that matter. Yet it does represent the spirit of mail carriers throughout the world. And nowhere does this spirit seem more real than by the actions of the postal workers aboard the R.M.S. Titanic on the night of her demise.

The Royal Mail Ship (R.M.S.) Titanic, was conceived and built as mankind's efforts to tame the seas. She was called unsinkable by many and she represented the apex of what was thought to be man's domination over nature. She sailed in April, 1912, full of hope and promise and triumph as the greatest ship ever built.

As a Royal Mail Ship, Titanic had been commissioned to transport and handle mail from the United Kingdom's Royal Mail postal service. This type of service, called Sea Post, offered postal authorities an opportunity to process the mail during the transit time of the ship's passage, and it offered the ship's owners a reliable and predictable source of income. On board Titanic was a state of the art Sea Post Office where mail would be sorted and canceled in route to the ship's destination. Incredibly, over 3000 mailbags were ultimately loaded onto Titanic for her fateful journey.

On April 10th, Titanic left Southampton, England and set sail for its ultimate destination, New York City. Below decks, five Sea Post workers started their task of sorting the mail.

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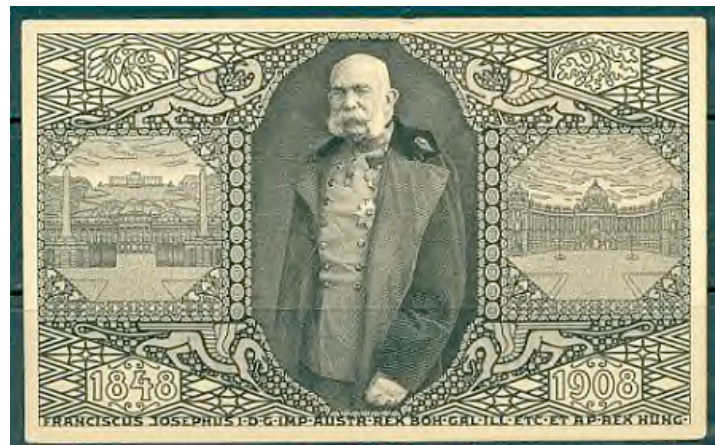
“Stamp collecting information for non-collectors, as well as the specific informational needs of more advanced collectors and specialists, will eventually be featured in this website.”

That’s the promise of this website. Information for collectors, non-collectors and advanced collectors as well. This one begins with general knowledge information and a link called “Stamp Collecting” followed by several more about albums, catalogs, condition, forgeries and so on. Then there’s a section that’s more country specific.

So far, the countries listed are limited to Austria, British Africa, Germany in all its forms, the Middle East, Russia, Saar, Switzerland and the United States. The site seems to be fairly new and he is asking visitors for contributions in the form of your specific knowledge of your specific area of expertise. As people make contributions the site will grow and become more inclusive.

The links to other pages in the site are on the left side. Once you’ve finished with the basic information that every stamp collector wants to know the sites delve into the stamps and the countries they come from starting with Austria. At first you get a look at the country and a bit of the history. Then, you go to the stamps and some of the history surrounding them and, occasionally, a look at some of the postal history.

All of the other links follow the same format, giving history of the country and then the stamps and postal history. Its a very interesting site that is well written giving us some unexpected information like the conditions of the US in 1848, shortly after the issuance of our own first postage stamps. I think this one is a very good site to visit for a slightly different perspective on the stamps we have in our collections and an opportunity to contribute knowledge as well!



Postcard showing Franz Joseph in his 60th year as emperor

Time to go back to the US for this quiz. To take this quiz, put it in a clear plastic bag and go out to the back yard and sit under the sprinkler while you do it. Its hot out there. A tall glass of iced tea might be helpful too.

1. An airmail postal card was issued in 1967 for the Boy Scout World Jamboree. What was the denomination?

- A) Six cents B) Ten cents C) Fifteen cents

2. Ramón Magsaysay appeared on the first Champion of Liberty stamp. What country did he come from?

- A) Hungary B) Poland C) Philippines

3. The 100th anniversary of what kind of business is marked by a 1927 stamp?

- A) Mail order B) Manufacturing C) Railroads

4. What author is shown on the one cent stamp in the Famous Americans series?

- A) Edgar Allen Poe B) Washington Irving C) Nathaniel Hawthorne

5. The first automated post office in the US was the subject of a 1960 stamp. Where was it?

- A) Providence, RI B) New York, NY C) Philadelphia, PA

6. What is the athlete doing on the Professional Baseball stamp of 1969?

- A) Diving into a base B) Catching a fly ball C) Swinging a bat

7. Edgar Lee Masters appears on a 1970 commemorative. What was his claim to fame?

- A) Artist B) Poet C) Movie director

8. On the Trans-Mississippi issue of 1898, what is shown on the eight cent stamp?

- A) Troops with wagon train B) Beef crossing a river C) An old sailing ship

9. What kinds of cattle are shown on the eight cent rural America stamp of 1973?

- A) Herefords B) Brahmas C) Longhorns

10. The "Swamp Fox of the Carolinas" was honored on a 1982 postal card. Who was he?

- A) Gen. G. C. Scott B) Gen. F. Marion C) Gen. T. Gage

Bonus Question; True or False? The Titanic sailed in March of 1917?

Ahh, there, that was easy. Now, finish your iced tea and go back inside.

The Philippines have been a land with many masters. In the 19th century it was the Spanish and in the 20th, the Japanese and Americans. This century they're on their own and I wish them success.

1. A. The Philippines became an American commonwealth in 1935 and were granted their independence on July 4th, 1946.
2. C. Jose Rizal campaigned for social and political reforms. He exposed the ills of both Spanish colonial government and Filipino society. When a revolution broke out he was accused of promoting it and was executed by the Spanish on December 30th of 1896.
3. A. Manuel Quezon was the first president of the Philippine commonwealth from 1935 until his death in 1944. He constructed a government in exile after he escaped from the Philippines when the Japanese invaded. (#515)
4. A. #823-24 show presidents Garcia and Eisenhower shaking hands in front of their respective state seals. The stamps were issued to celebrate Eisenhower's visit to the Philippines that year.
5. A. In 1963 president Mateos of Mexico paid a visit to the Philippines. The stamp shows the Mexican president shaking hands with Macapagal, the Filipino president.
6. B. Marcos, a WWII war hero, became president in 1965 (sorry, the answer given, 1966, was incorrect.) In 1973 the Philippines enacted a constitution that gave Marco broad powers. He was ousted and went into exile in 1986.
7. B. In October of 1944 General MacArthur and his forces landed on Leyte Island to begin the process of removing the Japanese occupying armies. The 25th anniversary of that landing was honored with a set of stamps (#1038-40).
8. B. Well, I'm confused. According to the Scott the airplane on #1337 is the Fokker FVIIa rather than the Fairchild FD-2. All answers are correct.
9. B. C 110 shows #1 of Spain, #1 of the Philippines and a bull (with a matador). It was issued to promote Espammer '77, a philatelic exposition that took place in Barcelona, Spain
10. A. The E11, rose lilac special delivery stamp of 1947 shows a post man riding a bicycle.

Bonus question. False. William Stamp Farish was the son and grandson of the men who built Standard Oil. When his father died he inherited it and became the owner.

There, all done. I trust it didn't hurt and I hope you scored well.

The Picnic!

The picnic was a success by past standards when 25 or 30 people would show up. It seems combining the picnic with a meeting and bourse was a good idea. A special thanks to George Ray for getting us into that great clubhouse and for all the work he did to get it set up for us.

Several others contributed to the success of the picnic as well. Thanks to Barbara Diedrichsen for handling all that food, Mike Potter for buying the hamburgers and hotdogs, Chuck White for the cooking and, again to Mike Potter for helping to cook. and once again to Mike for being the auctioneer for the blue sheets. He couldn't have sold those sheets if it wasn't for all the work done by John Walter putting the sheets together and pre-advertising them on his website. And one more bigggg thanks to all those people who helped to set up and break down at the end of the picnic. Now for the pictures



George Ray checks the blue sheets



Chuck's Enterprise



Buyers and sellers



Picnic!

Buyers were there and bought stamps too. Mike and Chuck cooked the burgers and all the food was good. Then there was the auction with many interested buyers.



And, at last, the new and re-elected officers were sworn in on a stack of Scotts!

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My Favorite Things

An easy way to get started on your first full frame exhibit. Just show us what you like on one page and tell us a little about it. This one comes from Terri Edwards.

