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Well, it is now the month of "BOO!", Columbus Day and last but not least Nevada Day. "BOO", of course, means Halloween.

Closed Albums

Dorothy Johnson passed away on September 24th. A memorial service was held on October 1st. She had been a member and contributor to the NSSS for as many years as I can remember and will be greatly missed.

In an earlier issue I wrote that this years Christmas Party will be held on the 3rd of December and that date still stands. Its time to start thinking about what kind of gift you will come up with, keeping in mind there is a ten dollar limit on what you can spend. "Fun" gifts are encouraged. You will also have to bring a side dish and some silverware to serve it with. Guests are welcome, just bring a gift from each guest.

In spite of the shortage of dealers this year (two tables were purchased by members) the club managed to turn a minor profit and all the dealers were made happy as well. I think we all owe special thanks to Dick Dreiling and Nadiah Beekun for purchasing the two tables we needed to put us over the top. We can add thanks to Harvey Edwards for his judicious use of the club's dollar in putting on this show and John Walter for securing the outside dealers who always make the show a success. And let

us not forget those who were kind enough to come in to help set up the show and man the tables while it was going on and tear it down at the end.

Anthea Humphries brought us up-to-date on the Heritage Museum in this month's presentation. Did you know that the museum was named a "Historic Building" in the Federal Register? And it used to be a library, and an office building? It is now being restored to its original state with modern improvements like better air circulation and earthquake-proofing. Now, how would you like to be a part of the museum? You can volunteer and you don't need to be a historian to be around all this history. If you can type, run a computer or even look up and grunt "Welcome to the museum", you can help. Talk to Dick Dreiling to find out what you can do. They really do need your help.

This month's "My Favorite Thing" come to us from our president, Stan Cronwall.

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.

East Bay Collectors Club will be held on Oct 22-23 at the Walnut Creek Civic Center 1375 Civic Dr.

SACAPEX will be held on Nov. 6-7 at the Scottish Rite Temple in Sacramento, 6151 "H" Street. Hours are 10-6 and 10-4.

The World's Largest Ball of Stamps

Have you ever wondered where the world's largest ball of stamps is? Neither have I. But, just in case you need the information to fill in some gap in your collection of useless information, it is in Boy's Town in Nebraska, right behind what may well be called one of the largest stamp paintings in the world. It may not be *the* largest painting but could be one of them.



Impressive, isn't it? Now, aren't you glad you know about this? Everyone should!

Pictures from the Stamp Show

John Walter was kind enough totake some pictures and let me print them here. You can also see these pics, and more, at his website; www.walter-us.net/stamps/



<http://www.philatelictidbits.com/>

Philatelic Tidbits

I might have shown you this site before but I'll show it again because of the subject matter. This time it's train stamps from Great Britain but, there's still more to the site. It's a philatelic blog. Pretty much one man's opinion. What he likes. You can respond, via a "comments" page for each subject but, have no control over the content. For that we rely on the writer. I have searched the site and have been unable to come up with the writer's name. You *might* find that out if you sign up to receive the blog on a regular basis.



As you may have guessed by the pictures on either side of this paragraph, this blog is all about "Intelligent Stamps." Oh, you didn't know? You thought it was about trains. Well, I understand. Here's how these stamps work. First you go to the British Post Office website and down



load an "app" for your cellphone. Then you point your cellphone's camera at the stamp and engage the app. The app will take you to a website that will show you a short movie of the pictured train. Apparently, this works only with an Iphone or an Android smartphone. My cellphone's not very smart so I don't get to see the show.

This blog is not only about British trains and smartphones as there are over 500 pages and different subjects within the site and this one is what came up when I went to the site. Across the top of the page are several tabs with broader and more generally appealing subjects like "Beginners", "Canadian Stamps", "US stamps" and "Rare Stamps" among others. To the right side of the page area a selected group of "Recent Blogs" which I would assume are about subjects similar to the blog mentioned above. You can read about a "Holocaust Mail Exhibit", question whether there should be a "Michael Jackson Stamp" or see the "Wallace and Grommit" stamps I mentioned in last December's issue.

Another good site to visit with much to say about new issues, collecting in general and rare stamps as well. Did you know that Bob Grosh has the only complete US collection in the World? Go visit! Good site!

I remember when I was a young man of about seven or eight and was fairly new at stamp collecting, the stamps of San Marino seemed very attractive to me. San Marino had "neet stamps!"

1. Within what country is San Marino located?
A) Italy B) France C) Pakistan
2. What explorer is the subject of a 1952 issue?
A) Vasco da Gama B) Columbus C) Raoul Admunsen
3. What American president appears on a 1959 issue?
A) John Kennedy B) Abraham Lincoln C) George Washington
4. What Pioneer auto maker appears on the one-lira value of the 1962 auto set of stamps?
A) Duryea B) Reo C) Ford
5. The two-hundredth anniversary of the birth of what poet is honored on a 1965 set of stamps?
A) Dore' B) Dante C) Charon
6. What American movie maker appears on a 1970 set?
A) Walt Disney B) Spielberg C) Hitchcock
7. What aviation pioneers are commemorated on a 1978 air mail set?
A) Bessie Coleman B) Charles Lindbergh C) Wright Bros
8. What organization is the subject of a semi-postal special delivery stamp of 1923?
A) Rotary International B) Lions International C) Red Cross International
9. What type of plane appears on the 1974 airmail set
A) Glider B) Bi-wing C) Jet
10. The founder of Lions International appears on a 1960 stamp. Who was he?
A) Melvin Jones B) Clarence Sturm C) Finis E. Davis

Bonus question: Which Nevada governor received a letter through the Railroad Post Office system?

Not a terribly difficult quiz this time. Sit out in the back yard while you do it and enjoy this beautiful mid-seventies temperatures. Better yet, take down to the park and watch the children play while you do it.

Some of the bravest and most determined people I know of come from Poland. I am not Polish or of Polish descent but would be proud if I were. And, I enjoy a good Polish joke too.

1. B. #2387 shows the arms of the countries that signed the Warsaw Pact which include Poland, Bulgaria Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Romania and the USSR (remember them)?

2. A. I think we all know that Rowland Hill originated the penny black with a picture of Queen Victoria by now. He was celebrated on the Polish stamp #2351 which shows Mr. Hill and the first Polish stamp.

3. C. The American president shown is George Washington in a group of stamps on a souvenir sheet honoring Polish heroes of the American Revolution, Pulaski and Kosciuszko. Other stamps of the set show prominent Polish Americans. #2122a.

4. A. The cartoon characters were saluting children's television programming (#s 2111-14) in Poland.

5. A. #s 2097-2104 show chickens, geese, cattle, cows, horses, pigs and sheep but no ducks or swans. The stamps were issued to promote the 20th Congress of the European Zootechnical Federation in Warsaw.

6. B. Paderewski and Oginski were great Polish composers but Chopin was the most famous of them all. However, I was unable to locate the stamp in question so, whatever you said is fine with me.

7. B. As can be seen on many of the stamps of Poland, the eagle is the country's national symbol.

8. C. Pulaski was Polish general in the Revolutionary War but is not the general we are looking for here. It was Tadeusz Kosciuszko who began as a colonel in the American Revolutionary army and was later promoted to General. He returned to Poland and led the 1794 uprising against imperial Russia. #1540-41.

9. A. It was Eleanor Roosevelt who appeared on #1272, a memorial issue. She died two years earlier.

10. C. The championship is for canoes. Kayaks are shown in a large "E" that acts as a starting gate on #s 1006-1008. The races took place in Poznan on August 8th through the 20th of that year.

Bonus question. Oscar Woody was a postal worker on the Titanic and was one of the many workers who continued to do their job as the ship sank.

More Pics

(these are from the Banquet)



The banquet was held at Louie's Basque Corner and, as usual, the food was great. This year the menu was slightly different and just as tasty. We all had a good time, sipped a few drinks and laughed at some pretty bad jokes. It was really good company. Harvey (center picture) kept the announcements and awards to a minimum, since there were none. May be next year.

Found this on the internet. Thought you might like it. I had to compact it a little to fit it on the page, but all of it's still there.

The Night Mail

W H Auden

This is the Night Mail crossing the border, Bringing the cheque and the postal order,
Letters for the rich, letters for the poor, The shop at the corner and the girl next door.
Pulling up Beattock, a steady climb: The gradient's against her, but she's on time.
Past cotton-grass and moorland boulder Shovelling white steam over her shoulder,
Snorting noisily as she passes Silent miles of wind-bent grasses.

Birds turn their heads as she approaches, Stare from the bushes at her blank-faced
coaches.

Sheep-dogs cannot turn her course; They slumber on with paws across.
In the farm she passes no one wakes, But a jug in the bedroom gently shakes.

Dawn freshens, the climb is done. Down towards Glasgow she descends
Towards the steam tugs yelping down the glade of cranes, Towards the fields of
apparatus, the furnaces

Set on the dark plain like gigantic chessmen. All Scotland waits for her:
In the dark glens, beside the pale-green sea lochs Men long for news.

Letters of thanks, letters from banks, Letters of joy from the girl and the boy,
Receipted bills and invitations To inspect new stock or visit relations,
And applications for situations And timid lovers' declarations
And gossip, gossip from all the nations, News circumstantial, news financial,
Letters with holiday snaps to enlarge in, Letters with faces scrawled in the margin,
Letters from uncles, cousins, and aunts, Letters to Scotland from the South of France,
Letters of condolence to Highlands and Lowlands Notes from overseas to Hebrides
Written on paper of every hue, The pink, the violet, the white and the blue,
The chatty, the catty, the boring, adoring, The cold and official and the heart's
outpouring,
Clever, stupid, short and long, The typed and the printed and the spelt all wrong.

Thousands are still asleep Dreaming of terrifying monsters,
Or of friendly tea beside the band at Cranston's or Crawford's: Asleep in working
Glasgow, asleep in well-set Edinburgh,
Asleep in granite Aberdeen, They continue their dreams,
And shall wake soon and long for letters, And none will hear the postman's knock
Without a quickening of the heart, For who can bear to feel himself forgotten?

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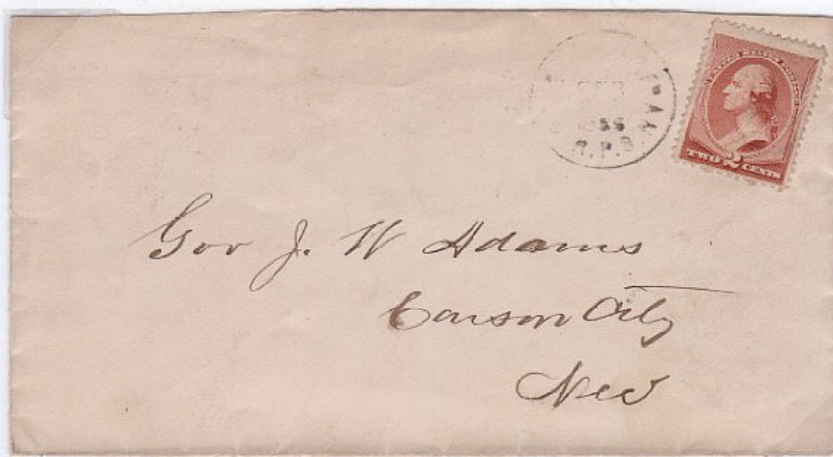
My Favorite Things

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.

A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS

This cover from February, 1886 was sent to Nevada Governor J.W. (Jewett Williams aka Jewett W.) Adams. It has an R.P.O. (Railroad Post Office) cancel, "OGDEN & SAN FRAN".

Most of this route (from Promontory, Utah) had originally been the Central Pacific Railroad portion of the first transcontinental railroad. In 1885, the Central Pacific was leased by the Southern Pacific Railroad.



Adams was Lieutenant Governor 1874-1882, Governor 1883-1887, was defeated for re-election in 1886, and later served as the superintendent of the U.S. Mint in Carson City 1895-1898.