

Post Boy



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Editor's Byline

"The philatelist will tell you that stamps are educational, that they are valuable, that they are beautiful. This is only part of the truth. My notation is that the collection is a hedge, a comfort, a shelter into which the sorely beset mind can withdraw. It is orderly, it grows towards completion, it is something that can't be taken away from us"

- Clifton Fadiman in Any Number Can Play.

Casey Macken

Secretary/Editor

I thought that we were in Springtime until my family and I took a drive through Beckworth and Portola, by the time we got back to Reno, it was raining and cold. Well, it is Nevada.

I have packed up a shoebox full of stamps from the penny boxes for Laura Platt who will send it to a retired general who will then send it to a veterans group that will use the stamps for projects. Barbara Stanfield gave her my number and I put the stamps together. I will have more information at the meeting. We can send more material if there are no objections. It eliminated two boxes but those boxes were soon refilled up when I went through some other boxes.

Speaking of storage, Nadiah called me on Saturday saying that she had found three cabinets at an auction and wanted to buy them for the club. If she did and we do not want to pay for them, I will take a couple just for the stamps at my house. I hope she was able to get them at a great price.

If you were not at the meetings, I have sad news. Rama Kanapareddi passed away in March. I have included the information on his funeral. It is sad that we have lost such a sweet man.

Elections are in July. We are looking for candidates for president, treasurer, and a board member. Ask Mike Potter about it. I will post a candidacy form next month. Remember we only meet twice a month and you get auction bucks for being an officer. Don't forget to sign in the member's book and write down anything you do for the club. You can earn auction bucks too! Do not forget to work on your exhibits as the stamp show is August 18-19. George Ray has secured the Silverada Mobile Estates for May's meetings. We really need to look for another meeting location; the mosque is still under construction.

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How to Soak Stamps Quickly

- FIND several quart size plastic rectangle dishes.
- one or two (black) TV type trays
- paper plate, plastic lid, or other to place soggy papers & scrap
- work near a water supply.

SORT and LOOK AT the stamps before you decide to soak them. One pile may be stamps before 33 cent and another after 33 cent.

Separate out any heavy COLORED /red, green, dark blue envelope backs. Put these aside to experiment with or toss or CUT CLOSE. **DO NOT MIX WITH OTHERS!**

Remove any stamps that may already be OFF PAPER. No point in making these soggy again.

NOTICE any airmail, special dates or place cancels, unusual SLOGAN cancels! You may wish to soak these later or NOT!

IF you are removing stamps from old albums, hinges, even double sided pages that have been stuck down, you might wish to do these separately one page at a time. Old stamps are more fragile.

If it becomes a choice between damaging a stamp or undecided, use scissors to close cut the paper and maybe a new product will be available --

Also it is nice to keep plate blocks and se tenant (attached stamps) together and soaking might weaken the perforations.

PURE CITRUS is a spray CAN for \$3-5. + tax and is better for the newer stamps. ORANGE BLAST is a one quart spray bottle for \$3. + tax in the house cleaning section at Lowe's. Squirt about 4 - 6 (less for fewer stamps, more for many) into an **inch or more of water**. You may leave them overnight or remove the easier ones in 10 minutes. Prepare one or more rinses for each batch. READ the instructions on the bottle. It will remove paint on walls, surfaces but will also help with stains. Rinse well is the key?!

If a stamp is still a little tacky, pat the back with talcum powder. It won't hurt the stamp (either side) and will allow it to be hinged or placed in a mount.

Mounting strips are a nice way to keep several varieties together, or show a set. Remember to look for coil types, and booklet types, as well as perfed on four sides.

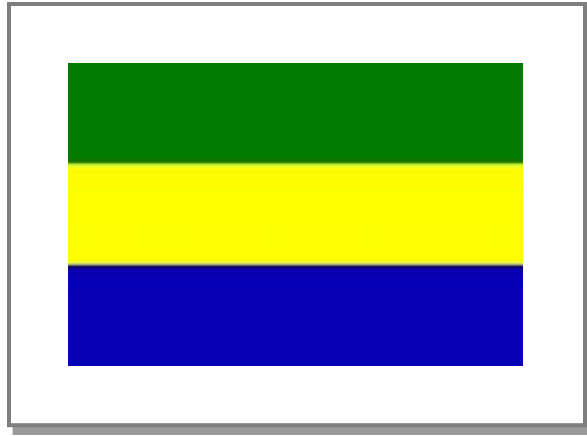
More than one stamp on the envelope piece may show special rate usage. Post card rate. First class parcel. Express. Priority. These tell stories of their own. The current rate for a particular year?

Just because you don't collect it, keep foreign stamps for trade or donation to Easter Seals or Boy Scouts.

When doing the later **adhesive backed stamps**, use **small amounts**, two dozen or less. You may choose to work with warm water. Rub the back of the still gummy stamps with one finger. One can roll excess paper off sometimes.

One can place stamps on waxed paper, paper towels, or terry cloth towels to dry. I like to air dry and then place in a heavy book.

Telephone books work if one is doing quantity. Begin at the back and work forward seems to be a good technique. One may fold the wax paper or use two pieces. Put the stamps between the wax paper pieces. You don't want the ink from the phone book to migrate.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

REGULAR MEETING

NNMC

MAY 13TH

10:00AM

Auction meeting

NNMC

MAY 27TH

10:00AM

Consignment Sales with Presentation

Stamp Shows

ROMPEX 2013

May 17-19, 2013 Denver, CO

<http://www.rockymountainstampshow.com>

PIPEX 2013

May 24-26, 2013 Portland, OR

<http://www.pipexshow.org>

FILATELIC FIESTA 2013

November 15-17, 2013 San Jose, CA

<http://filatelicifiesta.org>

PENPEX 2013

December 7-8, 2013 Redwood City, CA

<http://www.westpex.com>

Gabon officially the **Gabonese Republic**

(French: *République Gabonaise*) is a sovereign state on the west coast of Central Africa. Located on the equator, Gabon is bordered by Equatorial Guinea to the northwest, Cameroon to the north, the Republic of the Congo on the east and south, and the Gulf of Guinea to the west. It has an area of nearly 270,000 square kilometers (100,000 sq mi) and its population is about at 1.5 million people. Its capital and largest city is Libreville. Since its independence from France on August 17, 1960, Gabon has had three presidents. In the early 1990s, Gabon introduced a multi-party system and a new democratic constitution that allowed for a more transparent electoral process and reformed many governmental institutions. Gabon was also a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council for the 2010–2011 term. Low population density, abundant petroleum, and foreign private investment have helped make Gabon one of the most prosperous countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, with the highest HDI^[4] and the third highest GDP per capita (PPP) (after Equatorial Guinea and Botswana) in the region.

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Sri. Kanapareddi Rama Rao

February 20, 1938 to March 24, 2013



It's the beginning....

With the strength and eternal support of our family members, we are saddened to inform of passing away of our Dad on March 24, 2013 at 0140AM. He was a determined self-made professional who fought till the last breath to combat the deadly disease. Our Dad fulfilled his wish list and accomplished all goals on his own terms. We all wish to have such a wonderful life.

We are overwhelmed with the support, thoughts and prayers of our family members. Our close ones are mourning the loss and comforting each other as we remember the shared fond memories.

Our Dad is at peace.

Pushpa latha

Raj Mohan

Ramesh kumar

The History of NSSS

Here is a copy of the history of the club. It was sent to John Walter from Howard Grenzebach. Do you remember where and what you were doing in 1975? And the fact that the club still has almost the same number of members. That is fantastic.

The Nevada Stamp Study Society was formed in the summer of 1975 in Carson City, Largely due to the efforts of Laura and Larry Wilhite. The first meeting of the NSSS was held at the Ormsby Public Library in Carson City. Tony Amaral, was our first president. Meetings were held at the library until they moved to the Mallory Electric in Carson City. In 1978, the club members decided to go to Reno where the meetings were held at the Riverside Hotel, later at UNR, then moved again to Sparks at The Heritage Museum.

The first stamp show sponsored by the NSSS was held on May 15 and 16, 1976 and was called the "Spring Exhibition". It was held at the Carson Community Center. The name was later changed to NEVPEX and, finally, "The Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show". I am told by Dick Dreiling, one of our earliest members, "Our exhibits were thumb-tacked to celotex boards and wrapped in saran wrap...Our bourse consisted of Larry "Skinhead" Wilhite (our only dealer)."

The NSSS has hosted several shows that qualify as national shows, the first being the National Convention of the American First Day Cover Society in 1981. This was the year Dick Dreiling started as show chairman. and has been responsible for or played a major role in our shows ever since. At that show the Protection of Wildlife Habitats, a se-tenant block of four (Scott# 1924a), was issued. These were the first stamps ever issued in Reno. A Spring Meeting of the American Philatelic Society (a World Series of Philately show) was hosted by the NSSS. As well as the National Convention of Universal Ship Cancellation Society and the American Topical Association (twice). At these shows, two of the Transportation coils were issued. The Buckboard (#2124) and the Ambulance (#2128). The Peach (#2487) and Pear (#2488) stamps were issued at another NSSS show. In addition to our stamp show the NSSS has been active in the Air Races and the State Fair in Reno. Small exhibitions have been placed around the city in libraries and post offices. And the NSSS has always promoted a "Junior" program to develop interest in stamp collecting among the youth of our area.

The Post Boy, the newsletter of the NSSS, was started within six months of the first club meeting but no date has yet been established. The Post Boy logo, a post boy riding, blowing his post horn and carrying a banner proclaiming the NEWS, was given to us by Peter Blackmore in February of 1976. It was cut from an old Pony Express advertisement and is the same logo we use today. Then, the Post Boy was done on a typewriter, copied on a Xerox copier and mailed out each month. Now, it is done on a computer and sent via e-mail to many of our members and by post to the rest.

Sometime in 1976, no doubt before the Spring Exhibition, a list of collecting interests of the members was made, including Bill Oliver and Adrian O'Neill who were made honorary members for coming to Reno to judge the exhibits at our first show. There were forty-seven names on that list. Our membership now stands at fifty-four. Two of the names on that list, Dick Dreiling and Bill Oliver are still members of the NSSS.

Post Boy Quiz
Internet Search
May- _____
Your Name

1. The first "Lifeboat Saturday" balloon post took place when more than 4,000 postcards were dropped from a hot air balloon. Only one card is known to have survived the flight. The drop took place in:
 - a. Paris, France
 - b. Christchurch, New Zealand
 - c. Manchester, England
2. An airplane first appeared on what type of U.S. postage stamp:
 - a. Air Mail
 - b. Parcel Post
 - c. Special Delivery
3. The island of Niufo'ou, is better known to philatelists as "Tin Can Island". Although part of the Tonga group, it lies about 400 miles to the north, roughly on a line between Samoa and Fiji. The year of the "Tin Can Island's" first stamp release was:
 - a. 1920
 - b. 1952
 - c. 1983
4. Perfins are designs, initials, or numerals perforated in stamps by both private firms and government agencies for what purpose:
 - a. Discourage stamp theft
 - b. As a form of advertising
 - c. ID the sender
5. Because of uncertainty about a forthcoming postal rate increase, Canada Post issued a non-denominated "A" stamp; that is, instead of a figure of denomination the stamp bears the letter "A". This was in what year:
 - a. 1978
 - b. 1982
 - c. 1987
6. In 1908, the U.S. released a 10 cent special delivery stamp featuring a floral arrangement and Mercury's (the messenger god) hat. The stamp became known as the "Merry Widow" because:
 - a. It resembled hats of the Edwardian period and those worn in the popular musical comedy, "The Merry Widow"
 - b. It was often used to send belated cards of condolence
 - c. The graphic element made it especially appropriate for get well cards
7. The British established a postal service for "Das Island" in the Persian Gulf. The island later became part of Abu Dhabi. This service was established in:
 - a. 1919
 - b. 1944
 - c. 1960
8. Charles A. Lindbergh (Lucky Lindy) bailed out of his airplane after becoming lost and running out of fuel while flying a contract mail route from St. Louis to Chicago. This was in:
 - a. 1926
 - b. 1928
 - c. 1930
9. The first Chilean airmail semi-postal stamps were printed by Spain and were a gift to Chile. The surtax was to:
 - a. Benefit wounded soldiers'
 - b. Aid earthquake victims
 - c. Modernize aircraft carrying mail
10. The U.S. Post Office Department required that all matter bearing pre-cancel stamps where the postage was 6 cents or more include the user's initials and the month and year on the stamp. Pre-cancel collectors call these "dateds". This requirement began in:
 - a. 1938
 - b. 1947
 - c. 1956

Bonus Question:

The various U.S. non-denominated stamps, "A", "B", "C" and so on conform to the Universal Postal Union rules for use in international mails. True or False

Advertisements

For Sale; Stamps and Covers at my online store at Wensy.com. Type "[artfulputz](http://artfulputz.com)" in the search box click on "user" then "go". You'll have to join but it's easier than eBay. Most prices start at 1/3 of Scott. Contact Howard at artfulputz@aol.com

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Wanted; the 1949 Silver Wedding issue. Have you seen this stamp? There are several like it from other British colonies. I need about half of them to complete my collection. Contact Howard at (775) 677-7143 or artfulputz@aol.com

WANTED: Germany Third Reich postcards from the **Carl Werner Studios- B/W** or color, photo, or illustrated mint or used. Paying \$35.00 and up depending on subject matter and condition. Call Stan Cronwall 849-7850 or stlaine@aol.com

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1. Medieval postal couriers
2. Women's Army Auxiliary
3. Geneva and Zurich
4. Trains
5. Alpine herdsmen
6. Barber
7. Dandelion
8. A dirigible
9. Swiss National Philatelic Exhibition at Zurich
10. Bacteriologist



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