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Editor's Byline

August

"In science there is only physics; all the rest is stamp collecting."

--Lord Kelvin

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The stamp show is this month. Are you ready with your exhibits, your one-page favorites, your time, and your physical ability? The show is August 17th and 18th, with set-up on the 16th. We have 12 dealers coming and will need lots of volunteers just to come and stay an hour or two to man the front desks. Check your calendars and remember to coerce your family members to attend. Remember we will be in the downstairs museum so we will have street access and no long hallways to walk. The Banquet dinner is Saturday at the Sienna; make sure you make your arrangements with Paul. He has the prices for dinner as they are about the same as last year. Only ten people have signed up and it is lots of fun.

We have a new officer; Stu Clark is the new treasurer. Stu, our brave volunteer, Stan, our illustrious leader and Jean, our stalwart director were elected by acclimation with unanimous votes. Fancy that! Congratulations to these great volunteers.

It is also time to pay your dues for the New Year. It is \$20 for the year. Your name will not be included in the membership directory if you do not pay. Nadiyah is back safe from Turkey, her first stop was retail shopping therapy. And remember to check on Stan as he is back from surgery with his lovely chauffeur Elaine. Robert Martin will not be able to attend as he is still stuck in a wheelchair due to his broken leg.

Our meeting will be this weekend August 3rd at the Silverada Mobile Estates. This meeting will be an auction meeting and the second meeting in August will be a review of the show which we all want to support so that we can do it again and again.

We now have six Scott catalogs for the club. Thank you to George Ray for storing them for now. We will figure a method for bringing them to the meetings and checking them out for short periods.

So get ready it is time for the show and I cannot wait to look at all the stamps, shop for those stamps I can never find and maybe even sell one or two items. The show is here!

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Paul Glass awarded APS 50-year Medallion

by John Walter



Paul Glass grew up in St. Paul, Minnesota. He graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1960 with a degree in Political Science. Following graduation, he served in the U.S. Air Force for 26 years, retiring in 1986 as a Lt. Colonel. While in the military, Mr. Glass earned a degree in Languages from Yale University, a degree in History from the University of Maryland, and a Masters Degree in Business from the Air Force Institute of Technology.

Following his military service, Mr. Glass worked for the County of San Bernardino, California, retiring in 2002 as the Chief of Engineering and Operations for the County's Waste System Division.

Mr. Glass has been a collector since the fourth grade and has interests in the U.S., Canada, and the U.N. Currently, he is concentrating on the classic worldwide stamp issues (1840-1940). He is a life member of the American Philatelic Society (APS), and a member of the Board of Directors of the International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors.

He is an active member of the Nevada Stamp Study Society in Sparks. He serves on the Board of Directors and Committee for the annual Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show. From 2007 to 2011, he held the office of Treasurer. Mr. Glass is certified as a Boy Scout Merit Badge counselor and is the liaison to the APS for the local chapter. And just to keep a little busy Mr. Glass is listed in the APS estate advisory directory. He presented a local stamp club program last fall outlining the qualifications and duties to help family and heirs with stamp collection decisions.



In July, Paul Glass received his APS 50-year medallion at a meeting of the Nevada Stamp Study Society. The group picture was taken at the July 27 meeting with 29 members being present.

Going to Our Stamp Show

John Walter

With our annual Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show returning to the National Bowling Stadium on Aug. 17 & 18, I thought it would be a good idea to write about attending a stamp show. First of all, the show will be on the first floor in the National Bowling Museum. So use your show post card for free parking in the garage and take the elevator down to the first floor. The museum is just inside the main entrance.



Sign up to help at the registration desk. It's a great opportunity to meet both collectors and non-collectors. We expect to have many walk-ins since the show is at street level and bowling will be taking place both in the main area and also on the first floor across the lobby from our show. Everyone who visits will have a story to tell.

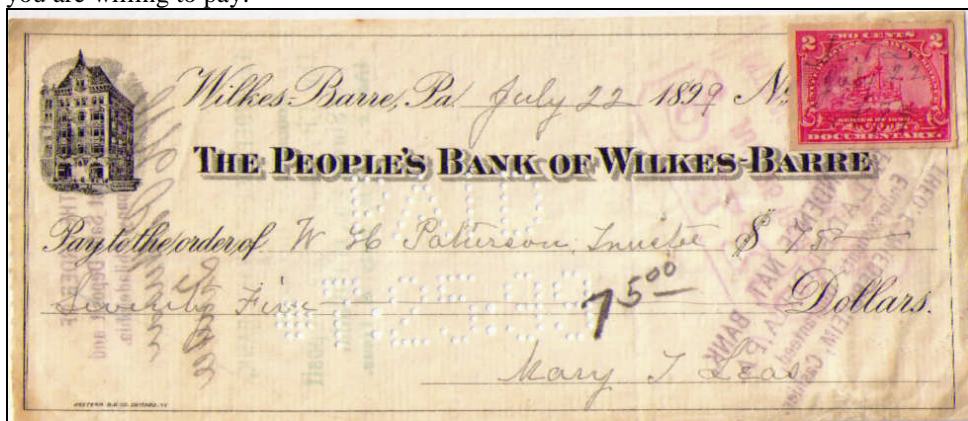
Before the show even begins, visit www.renostamp.org and click on the show page. There is a diagram of the dealer table placements and a list of the dealers with emails (if available). If you are looking for specific material, please contact the dealers to ask if they will bring the material, if available. I have done this in the past when visiting shows in CA and had some nice "stuff" to look at. I did not always buy the material, but thanked the dealer for bringing it for review.

Some stamp show tips: Create a want list. Pack a pair of tongs. Set your budget and stick to it. You want to avoid buyer's remorse. Be prepared to convey to the dealer your collecting standards, i.e., mint, o.g., used, F-VF, VF, superb, graded, etc. Let the

dealer know what kind of material you are looking for. If he doesn't have it in stock, he might be able to watch for it and contact you if the right item comes in. Bring your check book and some cash, since not all dealers accept credit cards. Don't forget to wear your club name tag. The dealers do notice and you can always ask for discounts as a club member.

Finding stuff for your collection is a lot more difficult if you have a narrow focus.

If you are collecting only one thing you might have a lot of trouble finding what you need in the condition you require at a price that you are willing to pay.



If you have several interests, the odds are much better that you will always find something for your collections. Also think about new philatelic interests.

Can't come up with any new interests? Look what I found above at a previous show. This check was issued by a bank in Wilkes-Barre, PA (my birth place) and with a date of July 22 (my birth date - of course the year is off). Plus the revenue stamp has my birth date written in script. How can you pass on an item like this for a dollar?

You're probably thinking "I'll never find something like that." Well think again. Below is an event cover with a cachet showing an airplane over a coalmine - the principle industry in the area at the time - again with my birth city?



The postmark is not my birth date, but at least my birth month. How many more of these gems are out there for a dollar or less. These items make great "Show and Tell" and "My Favorite Things" pages.

Often even stampless covers can be had very inexpensively, and you get the thrill of the successful hunt for a few dollars.

As we assemble our membership directory, it will list our collecting interests. There are many times I see interesting items I know fellow members are collecting, and purchase them myself to give as gifts or offer to re-sell them. Some recent examples: The number 13 in a postmark, baseball, fancy cancels, and Christmas related. All benefitted fellow stamp collectors in our club.

So offer to keep an eye out for what others are seeking, and perhaps they can reciprocate. It happens sometimes that two collectors will stumble upon a "eureka!" item for each other. Everyone wins, and you might have a new friend for life.



Dealers on the stamp show circuit see more material than you could ever hope to see, and they will look for items for you if they know what you want.

Be willing to work with the dealer. When asked what you collect or what you would like to see, the least helpful response you can make is to say you are "just looking." That does not allow the dealer to help you, and it is far more likely that you will end up feeling that there was nothing to buy at the show. You didn't give the dealer a chance to sell.

Here is a trick that often brings happy surprises. If you have run out of things to look for at a stamp show, ask a few dealers if they have anything new on hand that they might show you.

Dealers buy and sell among one another at shows, and they buy from customers, so they often have new items on hand that haven't been formally added to their stock. You might be the first person to see these items if you specifically inquire, and you never know what gems could turn up. I have done this many times and had the first look at items and purchased many over the years.

Collectors always want to buy things at the lowest prices possible. But remember, dealers are paying the costs of producing the stamp show through their booth fees. Dealers also have overhead that includes travel to and from the show, food and lodging, acquisition of material, insurance, taxes, labor, supplies and all of the risks associated with operating a business.

That said, it does not mean that you shouldn't negotiate. If you are purchasing an inexpensive item, it makes no sense to bargain for a lower price, but if you are spending significant amounts of money, it does no harm to ask the dealer for his or her "best price."

But, while it doesn't hurt to ask the question, don't insult the dealer if he can't or is unwilling to negotiate a downward price.

He knows what he paid for the item and how much he has to make to stay in business. In this case, if the asking price is more than you want to pay, the appropriate response from you is simply "no, thanks." Don't feel forced into buying something you don't really want or can't afford.

For most collectors, time spent visiting the various dealer booths is the highlight of any stamp show. Dealers, too, enjoy their time spent with fellow enthusiasts. If there were ever a perfect win-win situation, it might be found where stamp collectors gather with stamp dealers.

Often the problem at a stamp show is seeing too many things to buy, rather than too few. But having shows to attend is surely one of the best parts of our hobby.

Please make some time to visit the exhibits. If you are thinking of exhibiting, this is the time to educate yourself and see what fellow philatelists have accomplished in telling a story about something that has a special interest to them. The exhibit judge will be critiquing the exhibits Saturday afternoon. The exact time will be in the show program. This is an excellent time to "follow along" and hear the comments at each exhibit frame.

All club members are encouraged to make a few "My Favorite Thing" pages for exhibit in the show frames. This is another activity that is both educational and fun.

One last thought for everyone to consider is the Awards Banquet on July 17 at the Siena Hotel Spa & Casino. Last year we had a great meal, a private room overlooking the Truckee River and interesting conversations since I sat next to the exhibit judge from Portland, OR. Couldn't ask for anything more.

Post Boy Quiz

August-_____

Your Name _____

A country that looks like a boot kicking a football is sure to do well in the World Soccer Championships. Now see how well you can do with this stamp quiz about Italy. Some of these questions may be a little tougher than they appear but I'm sure you will figure them out.

1. What physicist appears on a 1979 issue?

A) Einstein

B) Newton

C) Galileo

2. In what year did Italy issue two stamps for the world Bicycling Championship?

A) 1959

B) 1969

C) 1979

3. What opera house is the subject of a 1978 issue?

A) Metropolitan Opera

B) La Scala

C) Opera de la Bastille

4. What sport is shown on the 1977 Stamp Day issue?

A) Volleyball

B) Soccer

C) Basketball

5. The 400th anniversary of the death of what Venetian painter is marked by a 1976 stamp.

A) Tintoretto

B) Michelangelo

C) Titian

6. A 1973 stamp shows a map of Italy and the emblem of a service group. What is the group?

A) Red Cross

B) Rotary

C) B.P.O.E.

7. What anniversary of the birth of Michelangelo de Caravaggio is marked by a 1973 issue?

A) 400th

B) 500th

C) 600th

8. What world famous tourist attraction appears on a 1973 stamp?

A) The Prado

B) Colosseum

C) Leaning Tower of Pisa

9. Saverio Mercadante is honored on a 1970 stamp. What was his occupation?

A) Football player

B) Composer

C) Winemaker

10. What patriot is the subject of a 1955 airmail stamp?

A) Garibaldi

B) Giuseppe Mazzini

C) Giuseppe Verdi

Bonus question: The time on B & M #45 is 9:05 AM. True or False?

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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

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Occasionally we get something in our collection we just can't figure out. I've seen many stamps with a "T" overprinted on them and was, for a while, confounded by their existence. Eventually, I learned the "T" meant Tax and the stamp was overprinted to turn it into a postage due stamp. Recently I found a Hungarian stamp with an overprint that reads "P" and once again I am confounded. So I will put the question to the members of the club. Do you know what this stamp was used for? Could it be a private overprint or a pre-cancel? Or, of course, something else? Submitted by Howard Grenzebach



Answers July

No answer for quiz as it was a fill in the blank. If you need help, I will email you the answer page.

Casey

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

REGULAR MEETING

NNMC

AUGUST 3RD

10:00AM

Auction Meeting

NNMC

AUGUST 24TH

10:00AM

Consignment Sales with Presentation

Stamp Shows

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