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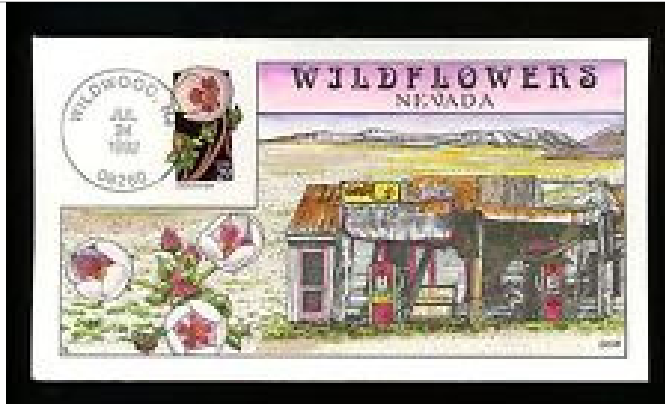
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Editor's Byline

By Marla Wetterling

Better late than never. March has been a very busy month for us. Not to mention my Dad being in ICU for a few days (he's ok ☺) and getting a new PC that doesn't work remotely like any computer I've ever used, it was starting from scratch.

Below is an email Howard forwarded to me, so please take a good look at what David McNamee is asking in reference to some stamps that were recovered by the **Fairfield Police Department**.

Are you missing any of your stamp binders?

"I work for the police department with the City of Fairfield and was talking with one of my detectives when he mentioned he had come across a couple of binders of stamps during the service of a search warrant. The detective believes the stamps were stolen and either not reported or were reported in another jurisdiction and we have not connected the crime with the property. The detective described the binders as royal blue covers and the contents were protected in plastic sleeves. I know this is a very generic description but it is all I have at the moment. Could you check with your society and ask if someone lost their collection (or part of it) and let me know. I don't know the contents of the binders other than they are stamps, so if you have some possibles, they will need to describe the contents of the binders to me or show me any photographs they might have."

If you have information about the owner of this collection, please contact me and I will pass your telephone number to the Fairfield Police Dept,

David McNamee dmcnamee@aol.com

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Save the date: Stamp Club Picnic: August 8th, 2015

Check this out!

<http://stamps.org/Forged-or-Genuine>

Uruguay Scott C95

One of these Uruguay stamps is genuine. Can you tell the difference? If you are having trouble, see the "hints" and answer below.



Hints:

1. Genuine: The perf is 12½. The vertical line in the stake shaped device in lower-right corner is close to but clear of the outer frameline of value tablet.
2. Forgery: Forgery: The perf is 11½.

ANSWER - "A" is the forgery.

Russia Scott B15

Relief Work on Volga River

Also available in [.pdf format](#).

One of these Russian stamps is genuine. Can you tell the difference? If you are having trouble, see the "hints" and answer below.

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Hints:

1. Genuine: The shadow of the staff that the man with a backpack has no break.
2. Forgery: Forgery: There is a distinct break at the base of the staff.

ANSWER - "B" is the genuine.



Alan David Judson

Alan David Judson was born on February 21, 1939, the eldest of two sons, of David H. and Marion F. (Mosher) Judson in Nashua, New Hampshire. He started kindergarten in Piqua, Ohio, continued his education in New Bedford, Mass., and graduated from Ichabod Crane High School in Valatie, New York.

He attended the University of Maine, where he joined the ROTC, enrolled in their flight training program, and received a private pilot's license. He graduated in June, 1961, with a B.S. degree in chemical engineering and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant (Armor) in the U. S. [Army](#).

Called to duty in November, 1961, he attended Armor School at Fort Knox, Kentucky. After graduation he was assigned as XO of an infantry training platoon, before beginning flight school at Fort Rucker, Alabama. After completing flight school, Alan was assigned to the 502nd Aviation Battalion, Division Artillery, 2nd Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

While stationed at Fort Hood, he participated in numerous field exercises, including Swift Strike 3 and Operations Colee Crest, Desert Strike, and Big Lift. In Operation Big Lift, the entire 2nd Armored Division was air lifted to Germany in October, 1963, to use embedded equipment in Germany in field exercises.

After being honorably discharged, Alan returned to civilian life and worked in industry for a few years before starting a new career with the New York State Department of Public Service. He was employed there some 29+ years, retiring in January, 1999.

Alan was married to his wonderful wife and great caregiver, Martha Sanborn Pruyn, for over 49 years. In addition to Martha, he is survived by their two children, David H. Judson (Lisa) and Kathryn J. Dungan (Paul), and 11 grandchildren: Cameron, Jared, Katelyn, Noelle, Sarah, Megan, Emily, and Abigail Judson, Madeline, Hannah, and Quincy Dungan.

Donations in Alan's name can be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Valatie, PO Box 267, Valatie, NY 12184 and the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 14 Veterans Way, Fernley, NV 89408.



Interesting Specialty Study Groups

In doing this section, I found some interesting articles on the APS website and then I dug a little deeper to give you the organization that did the articles. It was so interesting to me to see there is basically a stamp group for almost anything you can think of. Most of these groups I hadn't heard of. Especially the American Society of Polar Philatelists. ~ Marla

Canal Study Group	http://www.canalzonestudygroup.com/	
The Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa	http://www.psgsa.org/	
The Universal Ship Cancellation Society	http://www.uscs.org/	
American Society of Polar Philatelists	http://www.polarphilatelists.org/	
The Rossica Society of Russian Philately	http://www.rossica.org/	
Egypt Study Circle	http://www.egyptstudycircle.org.uk/	

Home Means Nevada

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Below are some philatelic items I found that relate to our state and it is very interesting what I found.



A Cold Day In June

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by Bill Brew (from the May 1984 issue of the Post Boy)

Monday 21 January 1985 Washington DC (UPI) -- In a far reaching decision, the United States Supreme Court held today that the rights of an individual are of paramount importance in any police investigation. The unanimous decision of the Court held that any person questioned in any police investigation of any crime must be charged within 24 hours of the start of the questioning, and if charges are not brought within 24 hours of the start of the questioning, any information derived from the questioning cannot be held against the individual in any future charges brought against the individual.

Sunday 23 June 1985 - Reno, Nevada -- The sun beat down on Pioneer Plaza and as Bill Brew walked across the plaza, he was very pleased with the weather and the turnout for NEXPEX 85. The people that had turned out for the show were enthusiastic and friendly and most of them had expressed satisfaction with the show. The dealers were all happy and said it was the best show they had attended this year.

Bill walked down the stairs to the Pioneer Auditorium and knocked on the doors of the auditorium to let the security guard know that someone wanted in. The security company, Toughy Security, had instructions to let no one into the auditorium until Bill showed up in person. This was designed to prevent any unauthorized persons from entering the auditorium as there were many valuable collections present, both in the displays and in the dealer's stock.

He received no answer to his knocking so he knocked again and again, louder and louder. He still received no answer but then one of the maintenance staff of the Pioneer Theater, investigating the knocking, arrived and Bill explained who he was and showed him his identification, and asked the maintenance man to let him in, because he suspected the security guard on duty was probably sleeping. The maintenance man opened the door and they entered. Repeated calling brought forth no one to answer the beckon.

Now Bill was mad as the security company was charging them for 24 hour security and it was obvious that there was no security guard on duty. Bill went to the phone in the hallway and called the security company and the operator at the company assured him that there was someone there. Bill explained that no one could be found and requested they send the on duty supervisor to clarify the problem.

Just then the maintenance man came rushing into the hallway and told Bill he had found the security guard and the police had better be called as the guard was dead. The police were immediately called and while waiting for the police to arrive, the maintenance man explained that he continued the search and had found the lock on the walk-in freezer had been broken off and he opened the door of the freezer and inside had found the nude body of the guard frozen to death.

The homicide team under the supervision of Lt. Hankins of the RPD were the ones who responded to the call. As they entered the freezer they found the body frozen stiff and beside the body lay some small bags of stamps, whose drawstrings had been used to tie the hands of the guard. However, the guard had managed to free his hands and the bags lay on the floor, while in the left hand of the body lay a group of stamps.

Lt. Hankins surmised that the guard had been surprised and then been overpowered, his hands tied with the drawstrings, his body stripped, and then pushed into the freezer to freeze to death. Lt. Hankins started to question the members of the club who were sponsoring the show and

learned that there were three known stamp thief gangs in town and that any one of these gangs could be responsible for this heinous crime. The three known gangs were the Wolfe Gang consisting of Dan Wolfe and Judy Smith, the Ford Gang, consisting of Janice Ford and John⁷Burley and the Andrews Gang, consisting of Tom Andrews and Ruth Lay.

Lt. Hankins knew that he had to have conclusive evidence to bring in any of the mentioned gangs as random questioning could be fatal to the solution of this crime in light of the recent Supreme Court decision on questioning. This decision was supposed to help protect the rights of the individual, but in actual practice, it made it almost impossible to question anyone in the investigation of a crime. Lt. Hankins then ordered the body removed and decided that the crime was not the effort of any member of the club, so he would be safe in questioning the club members.

By this time most of the dealers had arrived and all of them reported that all of their very valuable stamps were missing. It was obvious that robbery was the motive and that the guard had been murdered so he could not identify the thieves.

Lt. Hankins explained to a gathering of club members that in the dead man's hand had been found some seventeen different stamps. There was a stamp from each of the following countries: Angola, Danzig, Denmark, Ecuador, France, Hungary, India, Japan, Luxembourg, Mongolia, Nepal, Obock, (overprinted) Spain, Turkey, Uganda, Western Australia and Yemen. He asked them all to ponder the significance of the stamps to see if they might offer a clue to the identity of the robbers. He also told them the guard might have used the stamps as a clue because even if he recognized the robbers, there was no way he could have wrote their names down as his body was completely stripped when tossed into the freezer and there was no way he could write their names down.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the club was held on July 13 and Lt. Hankins attended and made the following announcement. "Due to the fine detective work of one of the members, who wished to remain anonymous, the crime had been solved with the arrest of the _____ Gang and that they had confessed after some astute questioning."

Lt. Hankins was asked what were the clues that led to the solution of the crime and he responded "You have all the clues necessary in the foregoing facts, and if you reason it out in a logical manner you will have the solution in hand. The one major clue that I can give you at this time is the name of the gang."

YOUR PROBLEM: Solve this mystery and name the gang responsible for this crime. All the clues necessary for the solving of this crime are available in the foregoing story.

COMMENT: In the original story, Bill awarded a philatelic prize to the first person who sent in "the solution of this crime and list the clues that led to the solution." The solution was to be published in the following month's Post Boy, but after looking at the next few Post Boys, the published solution was not found. Anyone with the solution will be awarded 100 auction bucks.

The Nevada Stamp Study Society was incorporated on August 5, 1975. This year is the 40th anniversary of that event. Part of the celebration is looking back at some of the earliest Post Boy newsletters.



The only thing we are missing from our show planning is your exhibit.
Let's all try to exhibit something this year as it is our club's 40th anniversary.
That will make this year's show really special.

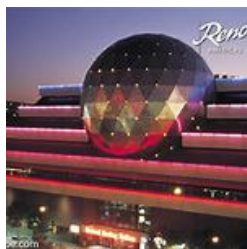


Tell A Story with Your Stamps

Although some may view philately as a solitary hobby, it is no different than most sports in that it provides a similar opportunity for competition and the ability to show off your skills. An exhibit is a way of telling a story using stamps, covers, and other related items. It may be the story of a single stamp, a set of stamps, some aspect of a country's postal service, or even your favorite subject completely unrelated to stamp collecting illustrated using philatelic material.

Just like a sport, development of a high caliber exhibit requires an understanding of the rules and strategy to showcase a portion of one's collection. The successful exhibitor needs to demonstrate knowledge as well as exhibit a high degree of difficulty by showing hard to obtain (but not necessarily expensive) items.

As you work your way up in sports you also can work your way up in exhibiting from the local or regional show, to a national (in the United States often referred to as a World Series of Philately show), or an international (FIP show). Most shows have a series of rules (the exhibit prospectus) and require an application to enter. And you may be required to obtain a certain level of award before moving up to the next level.



2015 Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show

Saturday, July 25, 2015 - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday, July 26, 2015 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hall of Fame Museum, National Bowling Stadium

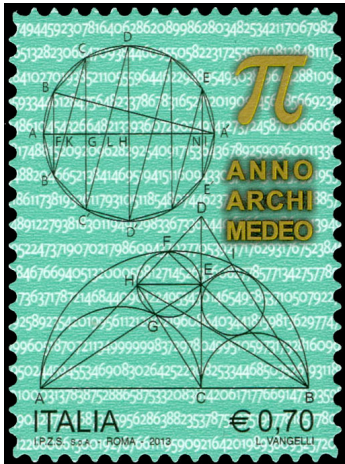
300 N. Center Street, Reno, Nevada 89501-1129

The information for our upcoming show has been created on our club website.
Be sure and mark your calendars now. <http://www.renostamp.org/show.html>

Pi Day

by John Walter

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Stamp issued by Italy in 2013 honoring the 2300th anniversary of the birth of Archimedes

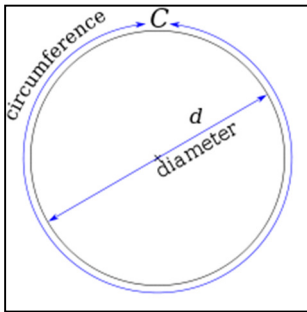
The number π is a [mathematical constant](#), the [ratio](#) of a [circle's circumference](#) to its [diameter](#), commonly approximated as 3.14159. It has been represented by the Greek letter " π " since the mid-18th century, though it is also sometimes spelled out as "pi".

Being an irrational number, π cannot be expressed exactly as a common fraction, although fractions such as 22/7 and other rational numbers are commonly used to approximate π . Consequently its decimal representation never ends and never settles into a permanent repeating pattern. Also, π is a transcendental number – a number that is not the root of any non-zero polynomial having rational coefficients. This transcendence of π implies that it is impossible to solve the ancient challenge

of squaring the circle with a compass and straightedge.

Although ancient civilizations needed the π to be computed accurately for practical reasons, it was not calculated to more than seven digits, using geometrical techniques, in Chinese mathematics and to about five in Indian mathematics in the 5th century. The historically first exact formula for π , based on infinite series, was not available until a millennium later, when in the 14th century the Madhava–Leibniz series was discovered in Indian mathematics. In the 20th and 21st centuries, mathematicians and computer scientists discovered new approaches that, when combined with increasing computational power, extended the decimal representation of π to, as of late 2013, over 13.3 trillion (10^{13}) digits. Scientific applications generally require no more than 40 digits of π so the primary motivation for these computations is the human desire to break records. However, the extensive calculations involved have been used to test supercomputers and high-precision multiplication algorithms.

Because its definition relates to the circle, π is found in many formulae in trigonometry and geometry, especially those concerning circles, ellipses or spheres. It is also found in formulae used in other branches of science such as cosmology, number theory, statistics, fractals, thermodynamics, mechanics and electromagnetism. The ubiquity of π makes it one of the most widely known mathematical constants both inside and outside the scientific community: Several books devoted to it have been published, the number is celebrated on Pi Day and record-setting calculations of the digits of π often result in news headlines. Attempts to memorize the value of π with increasing precision have led to records of over 67,000 digits.



The circumference of a circle is slightly more than three times as long as its diameter. The exact ratio is called π .

Pi Day is an annual celebration commemorating the mathematical constant π (pi). Pi Day is observed on March 14 (or 3/14 in the *month/day* date format), since 3, 1, and 4 are the first three significant digits of π in decimal form. In 2009, the United States House of Representatives supported the designation of Pi Day.

Pi Day will have special significance on 3/14/15 at 9:26:53 a.m. and p.m., with the date and time representing the first 10 digits of π . That same second will also contain a precise instant corresponding to *all* of the digits of π . However, some argue that 9:26:54

a.m. and p.m. on 3/14/15 are more accurate because of the 11th digit of π being 5, which would cause the 10th digit to round up to 4.

Postmarks no longer include the time, but making your own cover with the 10 digit π will make a nice souvenir.

Unfortunately this article didn't run in a timely manner due to my computer issues, but John did a fantastic job on it and I wanted to make sure we shared this as not everyone has access to the club webpage.

As we all know philately or "stamp collecting" can mean more than, well, just collecting stamps or the study of stamps. One aspect of philately is postal history which can include the study of postmarks, post offices, postal systems, postal rates, regulations and other aspects of the movement of mail from place to place. A specialized area of postal history is the collection of postal markings, including various types of cancellations used by postal authorities, such as post office place names, both in operation and those which have been discontinued, auxiliary markings (i.e. "Return to Sender", "Contents Damaged by Fire", etc.), slogans added to canceling devices (i.e. "Pray for Peace"), types of cancellations used (four bar, Doane, machine, etc.), "killer" bar variations, ship cancels and many other types of markings. Whatever it may be, there is probably someone or group collecting difference examples of their area of interest.

As an example, there is the Postmark Collectors Club (PMCC). Founded in 1946, the club is comprised of individuals primarily interested in the collecting of cancels from all the postal facilities throughout the United States and Canada. These are the cancels which include the name of the post office of origination, state and date posted- like what used to be applied on all first-class mail years ago. However, some members of the club also have other related interests such as photographing post office facilities, first day covers, cancels from discontinued post offices, post office pictures on post cards, ship and highway post offices, pictorials and special events, stamps used on mailings, and other specialized interests.

Over time, members have donated postal material to the club which led to the securing, in stages, of facilities to protect and make available for use of the accumulated material. Starting with an old school bus on a member's farm in Ohio, the material was moved to ever larger facilities as the collection grew, including at one time in the former old Lyme, Ohio post office, closed in 1894, located on the grounds of Old Lyme Village near Bellevue, Ohio. In 2003, the PMCC dedicated their newest facility, a 2,400 sq. ft. building, which contains the vast collection of postal related material. Collections include some 2,000,000 examples of postal markings in various formats, 40,000 post office photos, extensive ship, military, and highway post office cancels, pictorial, and special event cancels, railway post office markings, an extensive postal research library and other specialized collections. New material is continually added to the museum's collections. Currently the club is planning for an expansion to the museum which will double the size of the facility.

The museum is open on a part-time basis during warm months when the Old Lyme Village is open to visitors and during the twice-a-year "work weeks" when members converge from all parts of the country to sort and file the new material donated to the museum and add to the many collections.

The club's newsletter, the *Bulletin*, is published monthly keeping members aware of club activities and includes articles on postal history and postal markings.

An annual convention is held during summer months at varied locations around the United States. Convention activities include conducting club business, auctions of duplicate museum material, local tours, speakers and, best of all, mountains of postal items of interest to sort through, free for the taking. This year's convention will be held in late June in Tiffin, Ohio.

The PMCC also publishes Post Office Directories for each state, listing all post offices operating in each state, updated periodically. These directories are the most comprehensive and accurate listings of post offices available- better than anything the USPS publishes!

For more information about the Postmark Collectors Club please visit the website www.postmarks.org.

I'm in the upper left-hand corner.



Our next Work Week is April 11 to 17, 2015!

(Note: The 11th and 17th serve primarily as travel days for most volunteers; full work days are the 12th to 16th.)



U.S. New Stamp Issues Most of our stamp club members collect some U.S. material, with a few members collecting current issues. To keep up with the numerous details and new Scott Catalogue numbers, the American Philatelic Society has near complete information on their website for issues from 2010 <http://stamps.org/us-new-issues>

Wanted: U.S. aerogrammes: #UC46, UC49, and UC52 - all used and addressed to overseas locations. Also needed is FDC of UC63a. Contact John Walter, Email: walter60@gmail.com.



John giving his presentation on using philatelic catalogs and how there are many specialized catalogs depending on what you collect.



See if you know all the members in the photo. I'll give you a hint, Gert is one of them.



Stan conducting the meeting.



Members enjoying the meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

SILVERADA ESTATES CLUBHOUSE

2301 ODDIE BLVD., RENO, NV

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Stamp Shows

You may retrieve additional stamp show information from the APS website. <http://stamps.org/DisplayPage.aspx?id=64>

April 24-26, 2015

California

WESTPEX

National Show

Sponsored by: WESTPEX, Inc.
Event Location: San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront Hotel, 1800 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame, California 94010
Contact: Edward Jarvis, ejarvis@westpex.com
Phone: 415-387-1016
Website: <http://www.westpex.com>
More Information: View show's WSP listing, includes exhibition winner list and future dates.

May 1-3, 2015

Massachusetts

Philatelic Show

National Show

Sponsored by: Northeastern Fed. Of Stamp Clubs
Event Location: Holiday Inn Boxborough Woods, 242 Adams Place, Boxborough, Massachusetts 01719
Contact: Jeff Shapiro, coverlover@gmail.com
Website: <http://www.nefed.org>
More Information: View show's WSP listing, includes exhibition winner list and future dates.

May 8-10, 2015

Oregon

PIPEX

National Show

Sponsored by: Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs
Event Location: Red Lion Hotel on the River - Jantzen Beach, 909 N. Hayden Island Drive, Portland, Oregon 97217
Contact: Tony Wawrukiewicz, tonywaw@spiritone.com
Phone: 503-244-8223
Website: <http://www.pipexstampshow.org>

May 15-17, 2015

Colorado

Rocky Mountain Stamp Show (ROMPEX)

National Show

Sponsored by: Rocky Mountain Phil. Exhibition, Inc.
Event Location: Crown Plaza Denver International Airport Convention Center, John Q. Hammonds Trade Center, Chambers Rd & I-70, Denver, Colorado 80239
Contact: Steve McGill, Gbcccolorado@gmail.com
Phone: 330-594-7029
Website: <http://www.rockymountainstampshow.com>
More Information: View show's WSP listing, includes exhibition winner list and future dates.

May 15-17, 2015

New York

ROPEX

National Show

Sponsored by: Rochester Phil. Assoc.
Event Location: The Greater Canandaigua Civic Center, 250 North Bloomfield Rd, Canandaigua, New York 14424
Contact: Tom Fortunato, stamptmf@frontiernet.net
Phone: 585-752-6178
Website: <http://www.rpastamps.org/ropex.html>
More Information: View show's WSP listing, includes exhibition winner list and future dates.

May 22-23, 2015

Utah

Salt Lake Spring Stamp Show

Bourse Only (no exhibits)

Sponsored by: Utah Philatelic Society
Event Location: Sons of Utah Pioneer Bldg., 3261 East Louise Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah
Contact: Dave Blackhurst, dblackhu@gmail.com
Phone: 8015809534
Website: <http://www.utahphilatelic.org>

ADVERTISEMENTS

If you would like to have an advertisement added to the Post Boy, please either email me opusnrosebud@att.net or bring a written note of your advertisements. In the future, these ads will run for 3 months and we will rotate them amongst our club members. The beginning of every quarter (January, April, July, and October) we will change up the advertisements to ensure that we get as many different ads as possible.

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