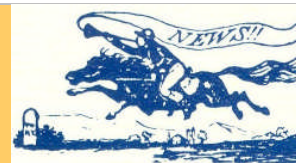


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Newly Elected Board Members



Harvey Edwards (left) was sworn in as a new Director for a three year term. **John Walter** (right) was sworn in as President for a two year term. **Stan Cronwall**, at the microphone, is the retiring President after a total of 4 terms. Stan will remain on the Board for one year as Past President.



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Other members elected to the Board were **Mike Potter** as Treasurer for a two year term, and **Nadiah Beekun** re-elected as a Director for a three year term. The Board named **Gary Atkinson** as Vice President to serve until July 2016.

And - **Travis Fey** had to resign as the Jr. Representative on the Board because of school (senior in high school) and work (on Saturdays).

Holocaust Stamp Project

by David Parsons

I sent a package off to the Holocaust Stamp Project. This package contained about 40,000 stamps from my collection and from damaged and multiple extras of common stamps (like the 5¢ blue QEII Canada stamp) from the NSSS penny boxes. The following link shows what the project is doing:

<http://www.foxboroughrcs.org/students-families/frcs-holocaust-stamp-project/> Students are attempting to collect 11 million stamps to honor all the Holocaust victims and are creating collages of stamps. It seems like the project is providing an appropriate commemoration of victims of the Nazi camps as well as exposing students to stamps. Who knows maybe some of these students will become the next generation of collectors. The following is the letter that accompanied the package:



"August 13, 2015: Holocaust Stamp Project, Foxborough Regional Charter School, 131 Central Street, Foxboro, MA 02035.

Enclosed please find a contribution of stamps for your project contributed by the Nevada Stamp Study Society and from my own collection.

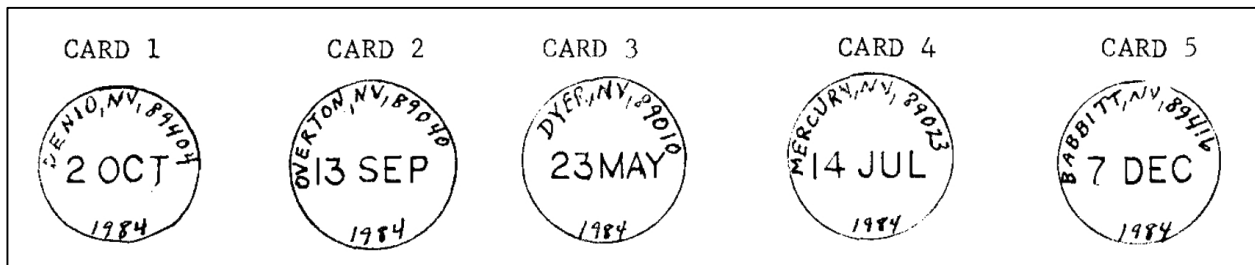
There are approximately 40,000 stamps here, based upon roughly 5 pounds of stamps at 8,000 stamps per pound. The large majority of stamps are of smaller format and virtually all are off paper. You may have better ways to calculate the volume, but this is what we estimate. I'll try to weight the package at the post office and write the weight on the outside for a more accurate determination. (Subtract the box weight of 6 ounces then multiply by 8000). It was not feasible to individually count the number or to trim the stamps - sorry.

I applaud your efforts to remember the victims of this horrific episode in our history and hope that this contribution helps you towards the 11M goal.

Kudos to Charlotte Sheer at Stamporama for promoting your project on that site."

Thanks go to **Betty Mudge** for helping in provisioning extra stamps from the NSSS penny boxes. ■

Final word on the "The Key To The Safe" puzzle published in the June issue of the Post Boy. Numerous answers (guesses) were in the July issue. This last guess just contributes to the confusion. Again, the final answer was never published after the Feb. 1985 story was published in the Post Boy.



Can you solve the mystery of the combination to this safe? The combination has five digits, just like a ZIP code. Remember, single digits.

Possible answer: Multiply the dates (2 x 13 x 23 x 14 x 7) and the five digit number "58604" is the safe combination. HE ■

Post Boy Reporter

August 8 Picnic - The short meeting at the picnic was for election of officers and directors. The nominations on the ballot were: President - **John Walter**, Treasurer - **Mike Potter**, Director - **Nadiah Beekun**, and Director - **Harvey Edwards**. **Don Garrett** made a motion that all the nominees be elected by acclamation. It was seconded by **Dave Parsons** and a unanimous vote was taken to that effect. Pictures of the newly elected Board members are on page 1.

There were 21 members and two spouses present at the picnic.



Thanks to **Barbara Diederichsen** for coordinating the signup sheets for items to bring to the picnic. **Stan Cronwall** did the shopping for the meat, buns, cheese, drinks, etc. **John Walter** ordered the special 40th celebration cake (photo to the left) and ice cream. **Mike Potter** was the grilling chef with help from **Charles White** and **George Ray** (who loaned the gas grill for the occasion). There were plenty of hamburgers, hotdogs, three kinds of baked beans, numerous salads and a few desserts besides the special cake.

A special note of thanks to **Howard Grenzebach** for bringing the home-made bread and butter pickles from his

grandmother's recipe.

August 22 meeting - This was the first meeting conducted by the new President, **John Walter**. Refreshments were brought by **Don Garrett**. There were 21 members present, and two visitors, Allen and another gentleman, Terry. **John Walter** officially resigned as Vice-President since he was elected to a higher office. According to the Bylaws, the Board will need to "name a new officer." Since this was the first meeting in 6 weeks, the members heard a lot of announcements including: **Harvey & Terry Edwards** were presented with the Chaloner Memorial Award, presented at the Stamp Show Awards Dinner. See the August issue of the *Post Boy* for the details and picture.

Dick Dreiling received special recognition from David McNamee, Council of No. CA Philatelic Societies, also at the awards dinner. (See the show report on page 6.)

Thanks to the efforts of **John Walter**, the NSSS was awarded a Vermeil for the club's website at the summer APS show in Grand Rapids, MI.

Betty Mudge conducted the raffle which had 10 prizes plus a bonus prize. The final raffle prize of \$8 was won by **Howard Grenzebach**. ■



Volunteers Needed.

Post Boy Editor - **John Walter** has done the last few issues but will be out of the country from end of Sept. to end of Oct. **Marla Wetterling** has volunteered to edit the Oct. and Nov. issues. John will do the December issue. So by January there needs to be someone to take over the Post Boy. Starting now will make the job a lot easier working with Marla and John Walter.

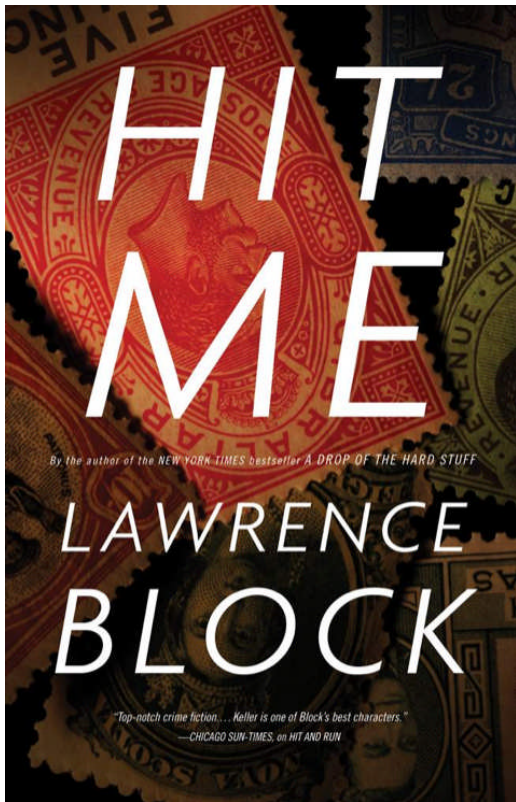
See the stamp show article on page 6 for more volunteer opportunities. These include **soliciting dealers for the stamp show**, and another volunteer is needed to **solicit exhibits for the show**.



***Hit Me* by Lawrence Block**

Book Review by Stan Cronwall

A few years ago, we left our eclectic anti-hero John Paul Keller from the "Hit Man" series of books by renowned mystery writer Lawrence Block.



Block manages to keep three different mystery series going at the same time.

When we last saw Keller he was a bachelor living in a small apartment in New York City. Advance the story by a few years and there have been major changes in his life. He still collects stamps (non U.S. up to 1940) but no longer gets the big financial rewards he received from being a free-lance killer. He hasn't had an "assignment" in quite some time.

The woman who acted as the clearing house for his "work" apparently died in a tragic house fire. She was the one who accepted or rejected the "jobs" and lived on a percentage of what was paid for Keller's services.

Keller has changed his name, moved to New Orleans, married and has a young daughter. Even though he squirreled away a lot of money from his former life, he needs to have some source of income. And, yes, he still collects stamps although not as he did as a bachelor earning big money.

After hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans, there was plenty of work for enterprising people to clear debris, buy and re-build houses and re-sell them. Our anti-hero went into the business

of acquiring damaged houses, rehabbing and re-selling them.

It was a highly profitable business until the banking bubble burst. Nobody could get loans whether for mortgages or construction so that was the end of that.

It had been years since his phone rang with an offer to resume his former double life. But the phone does ring one day, and on the other end of the line was his former go-between with a possible "assignment." She had not died during the house fire, but instead moved away, changed her name and started a new life.

He takes on the "assignment" and travels to the city where the "work" is to be done. The only problem is that as he was laying his plans, someone else "took out" his target.

Now what?

As Paul Harvey used to say, to learn "the rest of the story" you'll have to buy, download, or borrow a copy of "Hit Me" by Lawrence Block. A good, fast and easy read.

As you consider whether or not buying, or otherwise laying hands on the book, keep in mind that Lawrence Block is a stamp collector, and that he was a feature writer for *Linn's Stamp News* for about a year. The experiences that Keller has in doing business at stamp auctions, shows and with dealers come directly from the author's personal knowledge.

August Post Boy Quiz Answers: 1. b; 2. c; 3. a; 4. b; 5. b; 6. a; 7. a; 8. b; 9. b; 10. b Bonus - Ruthe Dreiling

September Post Boy Quiz

by Stan Cronwall

The world of U.S. philately can be said to take a dim view of the checkered history of USPS and before it the U.S. Post Office Department. The policy problems and outright errors may have existed from the very beginning, but for this young collector it was reading about the political favoritism and subsequent uproar over Farley's Follies of the 1930's. Fast forward to more modern times and we have been treated to a number of classic goofs most of which you probably know about. The first 4 questions deal with a few of the snafus's:

1. In 1962, the U.S. issued the Dag Hammarskjold stamp to honor the United Nation Secretary General from 1953-1961. The error was:

- a. The yellow background was inverted b. His name was misspelled c. the stamp failed to name his home country

2. A fairly recent issue featured the poet Maya Angelou. The stamp includes a quotation attributed to her. In fact, the quote belongs to another poet.

- a. true b. false c. another urban legend

3. The October 1994 "Legends of the West" series about real heroes included a portrait of Bill Pickett. When Pickett's wife saw the stamp, she immediately recognized the image of her:

- a. Father-In-Law b. Step-Son c. Brother-In-Law

4. The Statue of Liberty has appeared on numerous U.S. stamps over the years. The recent design is shown on Scott 4486. The image of Lady Liberty is actually a depiction of:

- a. The actual Statue b. A Disneyland Lady Liberty Miniature c. A representation of Lady Liberty in Las Vegas

The remaining Quiz questions:

5. The 1/2 cent stamp in the 1938 definitive series depicts:

- a. Nathan Hale b. Benjamin Franklin c. John Paul Jones

6. The "Legends of Baseball" issued July 6, 2000 featured greats from the past. How many were honored?

- a. 10 b. 6 c. 20

7. The U.S. space program has been commemorated on many issues. The Scott stamps 3261 and 3162 have hidden 3-D images that can be seen when viewed by a special "Stamp Decoder" lens sold by USPS. These images include:

- a. Amelia Earhart b. Enterprise/Columbia/Challenger/Atlantis/Endeavor/Discovery c. Charles Lindbergh

8. The "Cowboys of the Silver Screen" series issued in 2010 included Gene Autry, William S. Hart, Roy Rogers and what other star:

- a. Hopalong Cassidy b. Cowboy Copas c. Tom Mix

9. The May 15, 1968 air mail stamp featured the upright Curtiss Jenny and was issued to commemorate the anniversary of the first U. S. air mail service. Which anniversary does the issue celebrate:

- a. 75th b. 50th c. 40th

10. A 1995 set of stamps featured Fishing Flies. Which of these were not illustrated?

- a. Deer Fly b. Horse Fly c. Blue Bottle Fly

Bonus: The four famous people enshrined on Mount Rushmore are:

- a. The Beatles b. The Mills Brothers c. Washington, Jefferson, Teddy Roosevelt, Lincoln

Each correct answer is worth 10 auction bucks. Email the quiz answers to [Betty Mudge](#) or give her the answers at the next meeting. This month's quiz is worth 110 Auction Bucks - total.

2015 Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show

The program for the August 22 meeting was a report on the 2015 stamp show. While **Harvey Edwards** was presenting his report over 100 pictures from the show were on a continuous slide show loop. All the photos are also on the website: http://renostamp.org/stamp_show2015.html There were so many pictures that a second web page was needed for the exhibit critiques and awards dinner:

http://renostamp.org/2015_awards.html



The 2015 Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show was held in the Bowling Stadium's Hall of Fame Bowling Museum. Setup was on July 24 with the show held July 25 and 26, 2015. Show hours were from 10am – 6pm on Saturday and 10am – 4pm on Sunday. The two-day attendance was 412.

Marla and John Wetterling co-chaired the bourse. **Charles White** assisted with business licenses and taxes after Marla stepped down to take care of sick family members. Thirteen

(13) dealers and the post office participated in the bourse.

Twelve exhibitors filled 33 frames of exhibits. There were also three frames of "My Favorite Things" on display. The show Grand was awarded to Bradley W. Fritts for his 5-frame exhibit "*Guam 1899 to 1945.*" The Silver State Challenge was awarded to Mark Woodward for his 3-frame exhibit "*The 1/2p machin of Great Britain, 1971-1985.*" The "People's Choice" Award went to **Dick Dreiling** for his 5-frame exhibit "*Reno, Nevada.*"

The show banquet was held in the Stadium Club on the 4th floor of the Bowling Stadium. The menu was the Smokehouse Sampler buffet and contained plenty of good food. There were 25 attendees sharing the feast. The club subsidized about 40% of the cost of the meal in recognition of the club's 40th anniversary (founded August 1975). David McNamee and Vesma Grinfelds, representing the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies, opened the awards portion of the program with a surprise presentation of the Chaloner Memorial Trophy to **Harvey and Terri Edwards**.

David McNamee also gave special recognition to **Dick Dreiling** for chairing the NSSS stamp show committee for 15 years. Dick was instrumental in having NEVPEX sponsored by national philatelic groups: The American Topical Association, the American First Day Cover Society, and the U.S. Ship Cancellation Society. With this national recognition came First Day of Issue stamps in 1985 and 1986 - the only first day of issue stamps in Reno. Dick served as a Director, and elected as President of the NSSS from 1987-1989 and again 1999-2003.

The 2015 show income was \$5,169.59 (estimated – final report to follow). Show expenses were \$4,538.27. The net income was approximately \$631.32.

The tentative dates for the 2016 show are July 23 – July 24. One dealer has placed his deposit for the show. Harvey did mention that a volunteer is need to solicit show dealers and another volunteer is needed to solicit and coordinate exhibits for the 2016 stamp show. Please contact Harvey for specifics.

show@renostamo.org

The full stamp show committee is recognized because of the many hours they provided to ensure a successful show: **Harvey Edwards** - Chair, Facility Coordinator, and Awards Dinner; **John & Marla Wetterling** - Dealer Bourse; **John Walter** - Publicity; **Terri Edwards** - Exhibits and Awards; **Stan Cronwall** - Security; **Paul Glass** - Hospitality with help from **Stan Cronwall & John Walter**; **Charles White** - Post Card, Program Development, Printing; **Mike Potter** - Facility setup and takedown (exhibit frames).

Inverted Jenny stamp panes

At the stamp show in July the Nevada Stamp Study Society had 50 panes of the Inverted Jenny stamp for sale. Last year the USPS did not bring any of the panes to sell and many attendees asked for them. So the stamp club made sure they were available this year. The NSSS ordered the panes from the USPS online, so they were sent from the Stamp Fulfillment Center. The order was placed in June.



Upright Jenny pane sold at auction in 2014 for \$51,750.

Then in July, *Linn's Stamp News* had an article from the inspector general of the USPS sharply criticizing the agency's creation of the 100 panes of upright Jenny Invert stamps that were supposed to be randomly distributed along with the 2.2 million normal \$2 Jenny Invert panes in 2013.

The report, issued July 15, said the creation of the 100 rarities violated a postal ban on the intentional creation of stamp rarities.

The Postal Service "strongly and inappropriately influenced the secondary [stamp] market by creating the rarity," the report said.

The report said that 1.2 million normal panes and 70 upright panes were given to postal retail units for sale "in the top 50 markets based on total stamp sales." The report did not specifically name the top 50 markets. The agency's Stamp Fulfillment Services office in Kansas City, Mo., was given 700,000 normal panes and 30 upright panes, it said.

A total of 300,000 normal panes were placed in inventory for resupplying retail outlets, the report said. At Kansas City, the 30 upright panes were "kept separately in a secure location with the stamp custodian." Of the 80 upright panes not registered with the USPS, 57 were sent to retail locations and 23 remain at Stamp Fulfillment Services.

But in Kansas City, officials "forgot" about their distribution plan for the rare upright panes, shipping only one pane between March 2014 and December 2014, the report said.

The plan apparently was to ship one of the rare panes a week, but in January 2015 that plan was suspended "due to legal constraints associated with distributing stamps free of charge."

As a result, 23 upright panes remain in Kansas City where management has not decided what to do with the stamps, the report said.

To date, 23 upright panes have been found, according to *Linn's*. One intact pane was sold at auction in June 2014 for \$51,750 (with added buyers premium). Another pane was sold in August 2014 for \$55,000 in a private sale.

So at this point in time, the chances are pretty slim of getting one of the Upright Jenny panes from the Stamp Fulfillment Center. But there are about 50 panes, supposedly, at the retail end (post offices). By the way, the USPS did bring some of the Inverted Jenny panes to the show and so the Vassar PO should have the leftovers.

Good luck on the hunt for an Upright Jenny pane!

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Closed Albums - Dorothy "Dot" Geiger

Dorothy "Dot" Geiger, 92, passed away at home after a long illness on Monday, August 17, 2015. She was a native of Pennsylvania and a mother of 5, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She was an active member of the stamp club along with her husband, Gus, starting in the late 1970s. She continued to be an active member after her husband passed away in 1992. At the time of her death Dot was an honorary member of the stamp club. Dot came to the club's holiday party and always had a good time with the gift exchange. The picture, on the right, is from the holiday party in 2008. There are some later pictures, but this is the best.



Gus Geiger was elected President of the stamp club in 1981 and left office, for personal reasons, in early 1983 with Ruthe Dreiling serving out the rest of his term. Gus was elected Treasurer in 1985 and again in 1987. He was elected as President in 1989 to serve his full term of two years. He assisted in organizing various club functions - the annual stamp show at the Pioneer Auditorium and selling commemorative pins at the National Air Races as a fundraiser each year. Dorothy supported all of his activities & would help **Kay Williams** decorate for the annual Christmas Party. She continued to help with the Christmas Party each year after Gus died, until her disabilities prevented her from participating any longer. Gus died on June 22, 1992, a few months after their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The picture to the left is on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Gus was a manufacturing company manager. ■

Membership Renewals

August is membership renewal month. Please renew ASAP. The club is asking all members to complete a new membership application to update their collecting interests and memberships in philatelic groups, such as, the American Philatelic Society. The updated information is needed for a 40th anniversary membership roster to be published soon. The membership renewal form was in the August issue of the Post Boy or download from the website: http://renostamp.org/pdf_files/membership_application.pdf

Currently, **Harvey Edwards** is acting as the [Membership Chair](#). Contact him if you do obtain an email address. Don't forget, this newsletter is to inform of club activities, meeting business, philatelic events, and even gossip among its members. So if you have anything to share with others in the club, contact [me](#) or [Marla Wetterling](#).

SACAPEX -- Nov. 7-8, 2015

The Sacramento Stamp Society's Exhibit Chair is soliciting stamp exhibits for their annual show. Entry form and title page must be received by Oct. 21, 2015. Please contact the Exhibit Chair, Robert Pope [via email](#) or call 916-583-3027.

APS Award for NSSS Website

The Nevada Stamp Study Society website was submitted to the American Philatelic Society's Chapter Activities Committee for "Web Awards." **John Walter** completed the application in May for a combination website for both the Organization and Stamp Show. This was done as the stamp club does not have a separate website for each activity.

John first submitted the NSSS website for the APS Chapter Activity Committee award in 2013, the first year of our new website. That year the NSSS received a Silver award at the summer APS Stampshow.

Since 2015 was the 40th anniversary of the Nevada Stamp Study Society, it seemed appropriate to re-submit the website. John redid the entire website last December to include a **Celebrating 40 Years** logo on the main web page.



The above award certificate was presented at the APS Stampshow in Grand Rapids, MI on Saturday, August 22. Below is the list of the stamp clubs that submitted their websites for the 2015 competition.

As of Aug. 28, the NSSS website occupies 609MB of space on the hosting server. There are 3,649 files and 58 folders.

John is using the unlimited space on the server to archive the NSSS activities - Post Boy newsletters from 1975, pictures of club activities, original articles written by members, plus lots more. Visit the website and come back often. www.RenoStamp.org

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Gold	Stamporama.com
Vermeil	Nevada Stamp Study Society
Vermeil	Sequoia Stamp Club/PENPEX Stamp Show
Silver	West Essex Philatelic Society
Silver	Mid-Cities Stamp Club
Silver-Bronze	The Stamp Forum

Trivia: Did you know that **Dick Dreiling** was a past President of the East Bay Collectors Club?
See what you can learn when reading the old Post Boys.