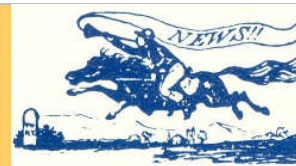


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President and Editor Comments:

By John Walter

On behalf of the Officers and Board of Directors, I wish everyone a Happy New Year. As the members are aware, last year marked the 40th Anniversary of the Nevada Stamp Study Society. As we enter the new year let's hope there is enough interest in club activities for another 40 plus years. To accomplish this, everyone needs to be involved in some club activity. The full list of activities appeared in last month's issue. Some members have been performing the same duties for over 10 years - they need a break. Volunteer is the word you will hear many times in the new year.

The only function the stamp club sponsored last month was the Holiday Party on Dec. 12. Full details and pictures on page 2, submitted by the Post Boy Reporter.

The first meeting of the year is **Jan. 9** - Auction day where members can place up to 10 items in the live auction. Please use the NSSS auction sheet for each item.

The second meeting is **Jan. 23** - Consignment day and Philatelic Program - members can place up to 10 items on the consignment table with the sell price. After announcements and raffle, there will be a philatelic presentation which will start about 10:45. The philatelic program will have **Stan Cronwall** and **John Walter** discussing the earning of Auction Bucks and the easy ways to get lots of bucks. Stan will have some sample Post Boy quizzes we can all work on and earn bucks while learning. What a Deal!

The last page of this Post Boy has the official announcement of the 2016 Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show. The Show Committee is soliciting exhibits (16 page frames) and stamp dealers. If you are thinking about an exhibit or need help, contact **Stan Cronwall**, the Exhibit Chair, or **Harvey Edwards**, the Show Chair. Both are experienced exhibitors and can help with any questions. Don't forget, the first time exhibitor has the frame fee waived, yes, it's free to exhibit.

New community stamp displays start this month at the Vassar Post Office. **John Walter** and **Stan Cronwall** change the two locked exhibit frames in the PO lobby every two months. Also this month will be a new stamp exhibit at the Carson City library. The library has two large (floor to ceiling) display cases as you enter the library that the club can use during the month of January.

The Silverada Estates accepts nonperishable food items for the less fortunate. The items can be brought to any of our club meetings. The food items can be given to **George Ray** who acts as the coordinator for the stamp club.

Post Boy Reporter

The Holiday Party on Dec. 12, with gift exchange, was a great success. The venue at the local Masonic Lodge on Peckam Lane had 24 people in attendance. For the 19th consecutive year **Dick Dreiling** provided the cooked turkey, dressing, and two gravies to highlight the dinner meal. A big Thank You also goes to **Barbra Stanfield**, Kirsten and **John Walter** who arrived early to decorate the room. As usual, **Barbara Diederichsen** coordinated the food list. **Harvey Edwards** was wandering around the room taking the photos displayed below. Thanks to everyone for making the party a success.

The gift exchange had a new twist this year. **Gary Dahlke** brought an extra gift which initially was a little confusing. **John Walter** acted as the MC for the evening. Kirsten Walter had her ticket number drawn first to start things. **Terri Edwards** had her number "drawn" last (only number left in the bag).

This year's gifts had the most wine bottles - four, that also included a "double-header." The most unique gift was a six volume bound hard-cover set of Scott Catalogues from a few years back. All the volumes were in excellent condition. There was also a large Senior Statesman album with lots of stamps. If memory serves me, **Harvey Edwards** and **George Ray**, respectively, walked away with those philatelic gifts.



Gift table



Harvey Edwards with the bound catalogues



John Walter - the MC for the evening



Germany "Espionage Stamps" of World War II

by Stan Cronwall



These are Official Nazi Forgeries of British stamps with the likeness of King George and some cleverly concealed propaganda markings in the design.

Arrows on the illustrations indicate the markings.

On top of the crown is THE STAR OF DAVID. The flowered scrollwork at the stamp top (left and right) show the Soviet HAMMER and SICKLE on one side and an ANTI MASONIC DESIGN on the other.

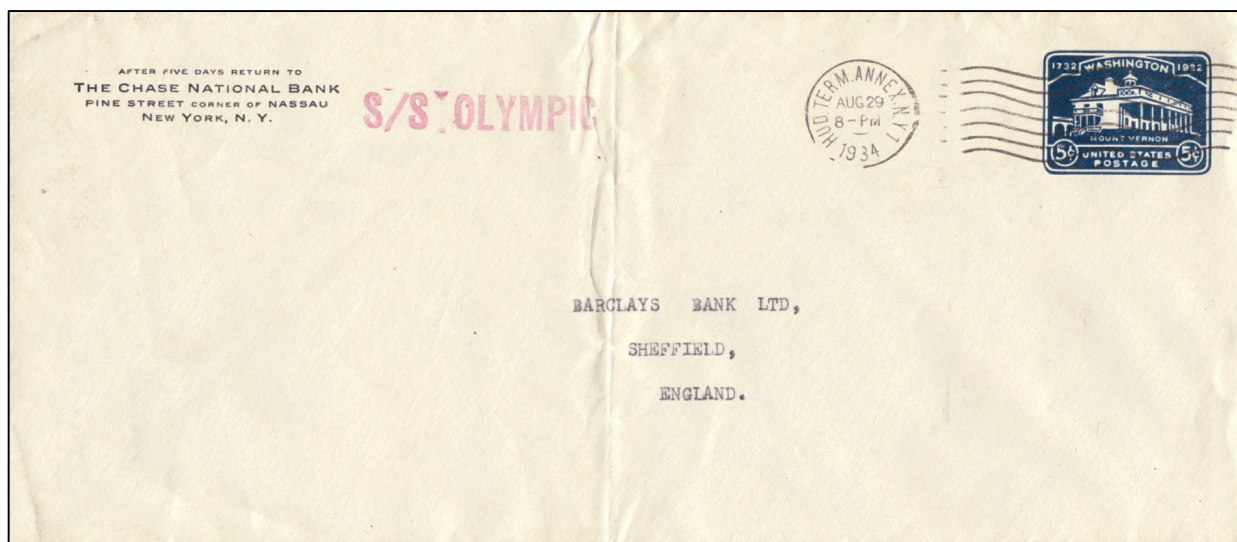
Examples of these stamps were personally presented by Adolf Hitler to his close allies in the Nazi Party and Government

Michel Specialized Catalogs has additional information.

Today these stamps are scarce and in demand. One current asking price for the set of 6 is \$295.00

Bank Cover Sent "Surface Rate" via S/S Olympic to England

by John Walter



I purchased this cover a few months ago from the consignment table. The seller had the following comments on the bid sheet: "An interesting and mysterious cover sent from the Chase National Bank, NY to Barclays Bank LTD in Sheffield, GB. It has an imprint "S/S Olympic" after the sending address indicating this ship is the subject of discussion. The date of the letter is within the period for the merger of the Cunard and White Star line (Owner of the Olympia) in 1934. The Olympia was the only profitable ship for White Star and the sister ship of the Titanic."

What a great introduction to the cover.

The legal sized cover (UPSS size 23) did have a heavy vertical crease through the center.

The Stamped Envelope

Since I collect U.S. postal stationery (esp. addressed to overseas addresses), I was attracted to the stamped envelope (U528) and the overseas destination. The envelope was issued on Jan. 1, 1932 to commemorate George Washington's birthday. The item is one of seven (highest denomination) stamped envelopes issued for the occasion. The indicium is Die 159, Watermark is 29, Size is 23, with a Knife of 106. Nothing unusual so far.

Looking up the surface postage rate for 1934 in the "U.S. International Postal Rates, 1872-1996," I discovered the rate was 5¢ for the first oz.

The envelope has a "corner card" return address for The Chase National Bank. Do you know why the imprint "After five days return to" is printed above the address? Just read an interesting article on the subject. That imprint started in 1860 so mail would not be sent to the dead letter office. That one line above the return address is an article all by itself.

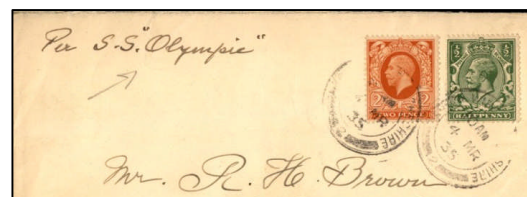
The cover was postmarked from the Hudson Terminal Annex NY on Aug. 29, 1934. The other item that caught my eye was the address to Barclays Bank LTD, Sheffield, England. It was of interest since I have a small collection of Barclays Bank covers from the early 20th century.

I researched the banks first, both Chase and Barclays. Each have very interesting histories and don't really add much to the cover, other than sending and receiving addresses. Maybe there will be another article or two about the banks and their covers in the future.

S/S Olympic marking

The last thing on the cover was the red "S/S Olympic" rubber stamp mark. I was not particularly interested in that aspect. Since there was no receiving postmark or other indication the cover went via the S/S Olympic, that was suspicious. Looking on the Internet for other S/S

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Cropped cover with script "Per S.S. "Olympia"

Olympic covers I came across two. Both those covers had script "S.S. Olympic" written on the face of the cover. Neither of those covers had other markings, or receiving postmark on the reverse. So it looks like my cover went via the S/S Olympic from New York to England (prob. to Southampton).

Let me concentrate on the S/S Olympic marking. Exactly what does the S/S prefix mean. I start with that because I was confused, at first, when starting the research. A ship prefix is given for civilian vessels to identify the type of propulsion, such as "PS" for paddle steamer, or purpose, such as "RV" for research vessel. Sometimes the slash is used between letters. But locating information on SS Olympic (screw steamer or steamship) revealed the actual name as RMS Olympic (Royal Mail Ship or Royal Mail Steamer).



RMS Olympic was a transatlantic ocean liner, the lead ship of the White Star Line's trio of Olympic-class liners (the others were Titanic - sunk in 1912, and the Britannic - struck a mine and sank in 1916). The RMS Olympic enjoyed a long and illustrious career, spanning 24 years from 1911 to 1935. This included service as a troopship during the First World War. After the war the RMS Olympic returned to civilian service and had success as an ocean liner throughout the 1920s and into the first half of the 1930s. Increased competition and the slump in trade during the Great Depression,

after 1930, made her operation increasingly unprofitable.

She was the largest ocean liner in the world for two periods during 1911-13, interrupted only by the brief tenure of the slightly larger Titanic.

In 1934, the White Star Line merged with the Cunard Line at the instigation of the British government, to form Cunard White Star. This merger allowed funds to be granted for the completion of the future RMS Queen Mary and RMS Queen Elizabeth. The RMS Olympia was withdrawn from transatlantic service, and left New York for the last time on April 5, 1935, returning to Britain to be laid up. She was finally demolished and scrapped in 1936-1937.

By the time of her retirement, RMS Olympic had completed 257 round trips across the Atlantic, transported 430,000 passengers on her commercial voyages, and traveled 1.8 million miles.

For the \$4.50 I paid for the cover, it is a nice addition to both my postal stationery and Barclays Bank cover collections.

John Walter collects used postal stationery, Japan, People's Republic of China, U.S., and U.N. He currently serves as President of the NSSS and Editor of this newsletter.

Linn's Stamp poll for 2015: Our stamp club will once again participate in Linn's stamp poll to select our favorite and least favorite 2015 stamp issue. At the next three meetings, a list of the 2015 stamp issues, with images, will be available along with the ballot. After the Feb. 13 meeting the ballots will be sent to Linn's. It's a great and easy way to have our stamp club mentioned in Linn's.

January Quiz from the Canal Zone

by Stan Cronwall

1. A 7 cent Canal Zone stamp issued in 1962 was for the fight against what disease?
a. Hoof & Mouth b. Malaria c. Dengue Fever
2. Four airmail stamps were issued in 1939. What airplane is shown on all four?
a. Ford Tri-Motor b. Douglas DC 3 c. Pan American Clipper
3. When were the first Canal Zone stamps issued?
a. 1904 b. 1910 c. 1914
4. An over-printed postage due stamp issued in 1919 honored what explorer?
a. Vasco de Gama b. Christopher Columbus c. Vasco Nunez de Balboa
5. What youth group is celebrated on the Canal Zone 4 cents stamps issued in 1960?
a. Sea Scouts b. Campfire Girls c. Boy Scouts
6. What ship is depicted on the 12 and 17 cent stamps of 1917?
a. SS Panama b. Old Ironsides c. SS Ancon
7. How many postage due stamps were issued for the Canal Zone?
a. 5 b. 15 c. 29
8. Who is honored on the 3 cent stamp released in 1934 commemorating the 20th anniversary of the opening of the canal?
a. Major General William Crawford Gorgas b. Major General George Washington Goethals
c. Lt. Colonel David DuB. Gaillard
9. What explorer is shown on the 1 cent Canal Zone stamp issued in 1906?
a. Vasco Nunez de Balboa b. Francisco Hernandez de Cordoba c. Justo Arosemena
10. In the 1931-1949 air mail stamp set, an airplane is shown flying over what part of the canal?
a. The Gatun Locks b. The Pedro Miguel Locks c. The Gaillard Cut

BONUS: The 7 cent airmail stamp issued in 1961, shows a pest that interfered with the canal construction efforts. What was it?
a. Poisonous Tree Frog b. Mosquito c. Fire Ant

With the bonus question, this month's quiz is worth 110 Auction Bucks, if all your answers are correct. Please complete the quiz and give your answers to Betty Mudge at the January meeting or email to postboyquiz@renostamp.org

December Post Boy Quiz Answers: 1. b 2. a 3. b 4. a 5. c 6. b 7. a 8. c 9. a 10. b Bonus: a
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Buy, Want, Sell, Trade

If you would like to have an advertisement added to the Post Boy, please email John Walter at editor@renostamp.org.

Sell - Large collection For Sale in its entirety: Confederate States of America, Canada, Postal Cards and History, plus much more. There are a couple of Scott #1 stamps. Most items were purchased via the Internet and some at the stamp club meetings. Paid over \$11,000. Will sell all for \$3,000. Contact member **Mickey Uhl** at (775) 378-3458 or email: malcolmuhl52@yahoo.com. Mickey lives in the Silverada Estates.

Wanted - *Scottish Castle & Abbey Picture Postcards*. Looking for, pre-1950's, picture postcards from Scotland, preferably castles and abbeys. Contact member **Marla Wetterling** (775) 575-1337 or email: opusnrosebud@att.net.

Buy and Sell - almost anything philatelic and ephemera. This includes stamps, post cards, FDCs, photos and documents of mining, and also Western interest. Plus selling philatelic supplies. Contact member **Nadiah Beekun** at Classic Nevada, 28 W. 2nd Ave, downtown Reno, (775)762-4905, <http://www.RenoStamps.com> or email classicevada@yahoo.com.

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

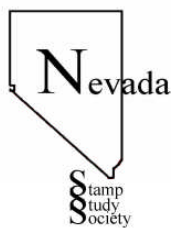
Wanted: Articles for the Post Boy newsletter. Are you curious about an item you saw on the consignment table or purchased in an auction? After doing the research why not write a short article for the PB. Did you win a raffle prize at a meeting and wanted to find more information on one of the items? A short write-up about your find will benefit all the club members.

Needed Immediately: There is an urgent need for a Post Boy Editor. It does require a few hours each month to put each edition together. In addition to sending it via email to all the club members, about 10 issues need to be printed and mailed each month to those members who do not have email addresses.

Over the past six months, members have written articles and provided the quizzes, which should continue. This makes the editor's job easier. There is no requirement on the number of pages in each issue. The current editor has put an eight page limit so each issue can be mailed at the one ounce first-class rate for 49¢. The new editor can always see what works best for them.

After monthly appeals in this newsletter and at stamp club meetings, no one has even hinted at maybe "I can do this" or "Can you help me initially." The answer to both questions is "Yes, you can do this" and "Yes, help is available." No special software is needed. Don't forget, this project does not have to be a one-person job. Someone can put the newsletter together, another can email, and another can print and mail issues.

And, of course there is always the need for articles contributed by members, pictures of club activities, a Post Boy Reporter to inform about happenings at the meetings. All easy stuff. Please see John Walter at the next meeting to ask about ways you can contribute.



For Immediate Release

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Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show - July 23-24, 2016

Exhibitor & Dealer Prospectus available

The Nevada Stamp Study Society announces the Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show will be held July 23-24, 2016 in the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame at the National Bowling Stadium, 300 North Center Street in downtown Reno, Nevada 89501. The show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. The show is open to the general public with free admission and free parking. Fourteen dealers and the USPS will have booths. The dealer application is available on the website: <http://www.renostamp.org>

There will be up to 40 frames of exhibits using APS frames with 16 pages per frame. An exhibitor prospectus is available on the Society's website. The show is an official event of Reno Artown 2016.

A cachet cover with a special show cancellation will be offered, along with hourly door prizes.

Dealers will be available to sell, buy and offer free appraisals.

For more information call Harvey Edwards at (775) 527-2362 or send an email to show@renostamp.org. You may also request information by writing to the club at P.O. Box 2907, Sparks, NV 89432.