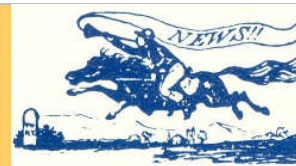


# Post Boy



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## President and Editor Comments:

By John Walter

The most important thing that happened last month is that I received official word that the APS winter stamp show will be held in Reno in March 2017.

**AmeriStamp Expo**  
**March 3-5, 2017**  
**Reno, Nevada**

The show headquarters hotel is the Atlantis.  
The show itself will be at the Reno-Sparks  
Convention Center.

I will be meeting with the APS show manager later in February when she comes to Reno for a site visit. I will be offering the club's assistance to help with the show. This is a great opportunity to meet and converse with leaders from the national philatelic community.

Looking through a box of odds and ends I noticed a few Valentine post cards. I could not find any Mardi Gras or Groundhog Day material, so I settled on these cards. Both were printed in Germany and mailed in 1908. The horizontal card was mailed by Eva in Detroit to Francis Messine in Chicago, with a postmark of Feb. 14. (Hoping for same day delivery?)



The vertical card on the right was also postmarked on Feb. 14 and sent to Miss Rose Messine, same address as the first card. This card, however, was mailed in Chicago. Are Francis and Rose married or siblings?

Sorry, I don't have the answer.

## Post Boy Reporter

**Jan. 9 meeting** - The meeting was well attended by 26 members. There were at least four visitors that wanted an opinion on their inherited stamp collections or possibly sell the collections. None were stamp collectors themselves. A few members did purchase some items. One visitor donated a box of stamps and a few covers to the club.

**Stan Cronwall** brought the refreshments.

The raffle had the usual 10 items with a bonus prize won by **Bob Wolf**. **Dick Dreiling** again won the 50-50 money drawing of \$11.



The auction had 50 items, with 26 lots sold for \$137.00.

**Gary Atkinson** was the auctioneer, with **George Ray** and **Dick Simmonds** helping the process move along.

**Dick Dreiling** announced that the Sparks PO kiosk has a variety of the A Charlie Brown Christmas stamp



printed "on-demand" in sheets of 10 for \$4.90. All the stamps have a QR code next to the image. The PB Reporter did receive one of those stamps on a Christmas greeting card mailed in Sparks. Also received was a Rudolph stamp with the QR code, mailed in NE Pennsylvania and uncanceled. Anyone else receive one of these stamps on incoming mail?

**Jan. 23 meeting** - This meeting also had an excellent attendance with 28 members present. A new member joined, **Alexandra Kroenauer**. The big announcement was that the APS winter show will come to Reno on March 3-5, 2017. **Paul Glass** volunteered to act as the liaison with the APS show director. The refreshments were provided by **Richard Simmonds**. The raffle again had enough donated items to have 10 drawings with a bonus prize donated by **Howard Grenzebach**. The bonus prize was won by **Dick Dreiling** and the 50-50 money drawing had **Barbara Diederichsen** as the winner of \$12. **Harvey Edwards** is putting the final touches on a new membership directory that should be ready for distribution in March.

The program was presented by **Dave Parsons** who demonstrated the EZ Stamp program. A summary of his presentation starts on page 4.

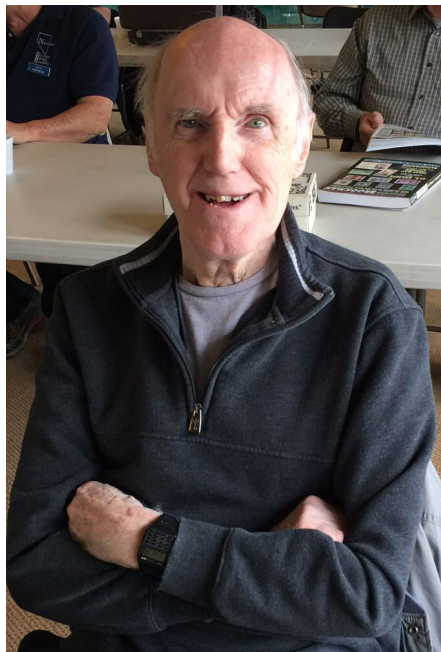
There will be a Board of Directors' meeting after the philatelic program on Feb. 27. Members are encouraged to attend.

**Dave Parsons** volunteered to submit a "Member Spotlight" column for the Post Boy every couple of months. The first spotlight is on **David Pointon**.

## Member Spotlight - David Pointon

by Dave Parsons

In order to let NSSS members know their fellow members, the Post Boy will feature different members in its issues. This is a good chance to find out what others are interested in and the background of the member.



This month's featured member is **David Pointon**. David was born in Stok-on-Trent, England before residing in New Jersey for 20 years, then subsequently moving to Nevada. He now resides in Sparks.

David has been a member of the NSSS for about one year. His collecting interests include pre-1970 Great Britain, Scotland, Ireland, Isle of Man as well as other Commonwealth countries. Special interests are in Wales' railways and Lundy Island.

David got interested in collecting stamps after inheriting his grandfather's and father's collections.

His career has been as a Research Chemist, with Johnson-Matthey and Letterset (graphic arts pressure overlays). One project involved the application of gold decoration on pottery pieces. One highlight has been a tour of the De La Rue stamp printing operation which he found very interesting.



When asked what his dream stamp (under \$5000 CV) would be, David selected the 1Pound Victoria (photo left), which is SG185 or Scott 110. And since he was under \$5k, that leaves room for the 1Pound Seahorse issue (Scott 176) that he would also like to have.

David is widowed and has 3 children and 6 grandchildren who are located across the Western U.S. In addition to stamp collecting, he is interested in model railroads and genealogy, and through ancestry.com has traced his roots back to 1650. He enjoys watching soccer and cycling, both of which he participated in during his earlier years.

He enjoys being in NSSS as it has a quiet and friendly atmosphere and allows him to interact with other members. He appreciates learning about stamps and enjoys the presentations.

If you wish to contact David, his email is [pointon@sbcglobal.com](mailto:pointon@sbcglobal.com).

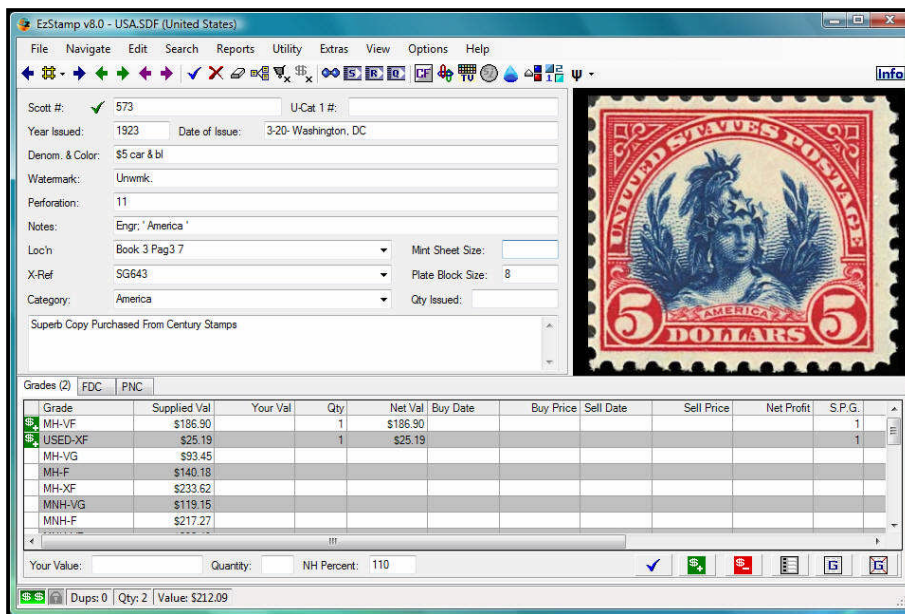


# Stamp Collecting Software - Functions and Features

## by Dave Parsons

When I resumed stamp collecting 3 years ago, I was looking for a way to inventory a collection. Stamp collecting software appeared to fit the bill. Out of curiosity, when the NSSS members were polled at the 1-23-16 meeting, it appeared no one was using a software program! Nevertheless, with apologies to those who do not use a computer, after looking at various alternatives, the program that seemed to satisfy all requirements was EZStamp, from a company in Canada, which provides values, images, customization, and a slew of countries. The current cost from EZStamp.com is \$55 for U.S. only or \$319 for all 577 countries, or less for specific groups of countries. Initially the need was for an inventory program, however, this software offers many other benefits, mainly search and reporting functions - a brief overview of each function follows.

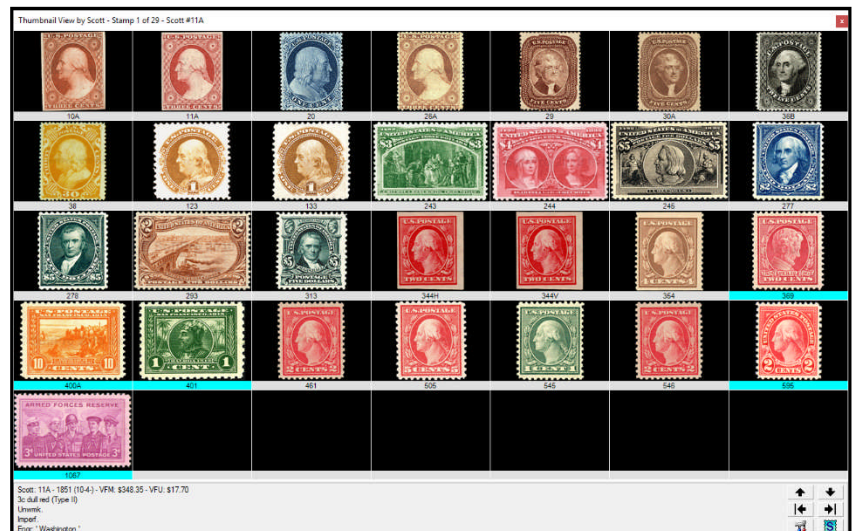
### INVENTORY PROGRAM:



The display to the left shows the info provided for each stamp. In addition to an image of the stamp, the record shows the Scott #, date & year of issue, denomination and color, perforation and various descriptive notes. Values are provided for a variety of conditions and configurations. Values are not exactly the same as Scott but are fairly close. Input of ranges or dates of stamps can be done on a bulk basis. Your own images can be inserted. Priority want and sell lists can be generated.

### SEARCH FUNCTION:

When you have a stamp and not sure of catalogue number, year, etc., - Search will help you identify it. A search can be conducted by year, denomination, color, watermark, perforation, notes, and keyword. Or, the search will show you all the stamps meeting the specified criteria. A Super feature is the option to show thumbnail views of your selection, such as the display to the right. When highlighting each stamp in the display, a brief description of the stamp is shown.



## REPORTS FUNCTION:

You can select a Want list - (e.g., one can specify range of Scott numbers or year) and the report will include all stamps not in your inventory for that selection.

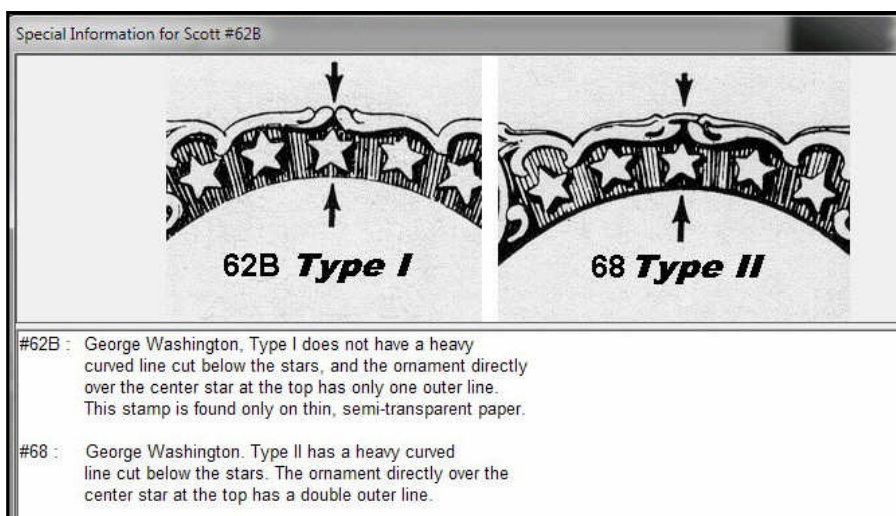
A very usable report is the Priority Want list which includes all those stamps designated as priority needs.

Inventory Reports details, differing formats and areas, of stamps in one's collection.

Or, a Grand Total Report may be run to summarize the values of stamps by country and classification of stamps.

## INTEGRATION:

The basic program can be integrated with EZPerf (perforation measuring software), EZGrader, SRS-Stamp recognition software, and WFID-Washington-Franklin Identifier. However, discussion of these other packages will not be addressed at this time.



## ADDENDUM:

At the meeting, Nadiah asked if there was any additional information the program provided beyond the snapshot provided for each stamp (as shown in the first display above). By clicking View-Special Information, a window appears with added detail for certain stamps, as is the case of U.S. 62B shown to the left. Not all stamps have this special information included however.

Stamp collecting software may not be appropriate for everyone, but for my collecting style it has become indispensable! This article is not a recommendation for one package over another, but was designed to show what one such package can offer to the collector.

**Dave Parsons'** collecting interests include U.S. used and BOB, Mint U.S. Commemoratives, Canada, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland, South Africa and Liberia. He can be reached by email at [da.parsons@gmail.com](mailto:da.parsons@gmail.com).

## February Quiz from Bermuda

by Stan Cronwall

1. The voyage of Sir George Somers was commemorated by a set of four stamps issued in 1971. This voyage continued to where?  
a. The Panama Canal in 1915    b. Jamestown, VA in 1610    c. New York City in 1840
2. What anniversary of Bermuda's Girl Guides was honored by a stamp in 1969?  
a. 100th                      b. 75th                      c. 50th
3. Bermuda's first general issue stamp celebrated a British Monarch. Who was it?  
a. Queen Victoria                      b. King George VI                      c. Queen Elizabeth I
4. What sport is featured on a set of four stamps issued in 1973?  
a. Lawn Tennis                      b. Soccer (football)                      c. Cricket
5. What stamp is the focus on the set of three issues released in 1949 to mark the centenary of Bermuda postage?  
a. The Penny Black                      b. The Postmaster Stamp of 1948                      c. The United Nations first issue
6. Six stamps were issued in 1976 on the subject of transportation. What is depicted on these?  
a. Tall Ships                      c. Trains                      c. Native Canoes
7. What is the highest denomination in the Bermuda definitive series issued from 1910-1920?  
a. 10 shillings                      b. 12 shillings                      c. 1 pound
8. A 1976 set of four stamps displays a silver cup and trophy awarded in what sport?  
a. Ocean Racing                      b. Cricket                      c. Cycling
9. The 1/2 pence stamp in the 1936-1940 definitive series shows what harbor?  
a. Hamilton Harbor                      b. St. George Harbor                      c. H. M. Dockyards Harbor
10. Queen Elizabeth II visited Bermuda on the occasion of her 25th anniversary on the throne. What year was it?  
a. 1973                      b. 1975                      c. 1977

**BONUS question:** Bermuda issued one Postal-Fiscal stamp in its history. These were valid for what periods of time:  
a. November 1939 -June 1942 & July 1942 - May 1945  
b. November 1915 - July 1917 & August 1917 - December 1918  
c. February 1937 - May 1937 & November-December 1937

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 February meetings or email to [postboyquiz@renostamp.org](mailto:postboyquiz@renostamp.org)

<b>January Post Boy Quiz Answers:</b> 1. a, 2. c, 3. a, 4. b, 5. c, 6. a, 7. c, 8. b, 9. a, 10. c, Bonus: b
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## Carson City Library Display

by John Walter



**John Walter** and **Stan Cronwall** traveled to Carson City on Jan. 2 to fill two display cases with stamp collecting material, as illustrated above. The display cases are in the front hallway as you enter the library. No one can enter the library without seeing the displays. While setting up the material we were approached by several library users asking about stamp collecting. Some made a comment about "I used to collect as a child," or, "I inherited a small collection and don't know what to do with it." We offered suggestions and gave information about our twice monthly meetings. **Dave Gehringer** and his wife visited the library a few days after the display was up. He remarked how "professional and interesting it looked with the various material."

The display was removed on Feb. 1. We hope to reserve the space for another month later in the year.

## Vassar Post Office Display



**John Walter** and **Stan Cronwall** also supply the Vassar Post Office with display material every two months. The two locked display cases are immediately before the clerk's desks with the patrons forming a line right in front of the displays. The local patrons can't help but look at the display.

The picture needs to be taken at an angle as the lights above produce a glare even when a flash is used.

The display case on the left has an assortment of early Washington stamps on cover (for President's Day on Feb. 15.) The display case on the right has various New Year's commemorative stamps.

If any member is interested in helping with stamp displays around town, please see John or Stan.

## 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](mailto:editor@renostamp.org).*

**Sell** - Large collection For Sale in its entirety: Confederate States of America, Canada, Postal Cards and History, plus much more. Most items were purchased via the Internet. Paid over \$11,000. Will sell all for \$3,000. Contact member **Micky Uhl** at (775) 378-3458 or email: [malcolmuhl52@yahoo.com](mailto:malcolmuhl52@yahoo.com). Micky 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](mailto: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 [classicnevada@yahoo.com](mailto:classicnevada@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](mailto: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.

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**Needed Immediately:** Since no member responded to become the editor of the Post Boy, I would like to approach the topic in a new way. The Post Boy can continue to be "edited" by **John Walter**, but he needs a little volunteer help for articles. The following members have volunteered to help in certain areas:

**Stan Cronwall** - Post Boy quiz and occasional articles

**Dave Parson** - Member Spotlight and occasional articles

There is a need for someone to report on the meetings as the **Post Boy Reporter**. A few pictures always help.

As you acquire new material, a few paragraphs and a picture of the new item will educate fellow members on your interests. It doesn't take much writing to fill a page with an image of the item.

And don't forget those raffle prizes. Ever find something interesting in all that junk? Sometimes the condition is not up to standards, but some items are just begging to tell an interesting story.

Don't like writing? Enjoy talking! **Nadiah Beekun** is always looking for someone to present a philatelic program at a meeting. Philatelic items can be scanned (at any meeting) and projected on the large movie screen during the program. Hopefully, your philatelic program will develop into a Post Boy article