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President and Editor Comments:

First a reminder about the Auction Bucks auction coming up on Nov. 12. Start putting your donations in a box for the auction. It's the only time of the year to spend those hard-earned Auction Bucks, have a good time, and get rid of "stuff."

Information about the AmeriStamp Show is now available on the APS website. **Marla Wetterling** volunteered to coordinate the stamp club volunteers to man our booth at the show on Friday, Saturday & Sunday.

Paul Glass will be our APS ambassador to encourage membership in the APS. The membership drive will focus on local stamp club members. APS membership applications are available at each meeting.



The club receives three or four phone calls a month from local residents inquiring about what to do with inherited stamp collections. I have directed those individuals to come to a Saturday morning club meeting or contact one of the three dealer members: **Nadiah Beekun**, **Mark Baker** or **Peter Gutter**. Most individuals decline coming to a meeting for various reasons, the main one being a Saturday morning. The other alternative is to have volunteer club members contact the people and help with advice on the disposition of the collections. So far **Mike Potter** and **Eugene Smoots** have volunteered.

Just another reminder to mark your calendar for the Dec. 10 Holiday/Christmas party. This year it will be held at the same place as the stamp club meetings and in the afternoon. Some members have voiced concern about driving at night and possibly on icy streets. This concern has been talked about before. So this year the party and gift exchange will start about 1 p.m. **Marla Wetterling** has volunteered to help coordinate the setup and decorations. **George Ray** will also help along with some strong backs to move the tables and chairs around.

Finally, some sad news about a longtime former member who recently passed away. **Jim Ringer** was a Director and Vice-President in the late 1990s and early 2000s. He helped with the Jr. Stamp Collecting Program at a local elementary school. The Closed Album article is on page 4.

Post Boy Reporter

Sept. 10 meeting - The meeting was well attended by 21 members. Refreshments were provided by **Dick Dreiling**. Announcements included requests for exhibits at SACAPEX (Nov. 5-6), Filatelica Fiesta (Nov. 12-13), and PENPEX (Dec. 3-4). Prospectus' are available from **John Walter** or on the individual stamp club's websites. An email and phone call was received from Ken Herst, the son of legendary dealer and philatelic author Herman "Pat" Herst. The Herst family found 77 essays that showcase "how stamps have intercepted historical events" written by Pat. The book, *Put A Stamp On It*, is available from Amazon and Barnes And Noble.

The raffle had the usual 10 donated items. There was no bonus item. The 50-50 money drawing of \$9.50 was won by **Bob Wolf**.

The live auction had 48 lots and 5 club items with 29 sold for a total of \$97.75. The auctioneers were **Harvey Edwards** & **Charles White** with **George Ray** and **Dick Simmonds** helping. **Zoleinna Schar** rejoined the stamp club.

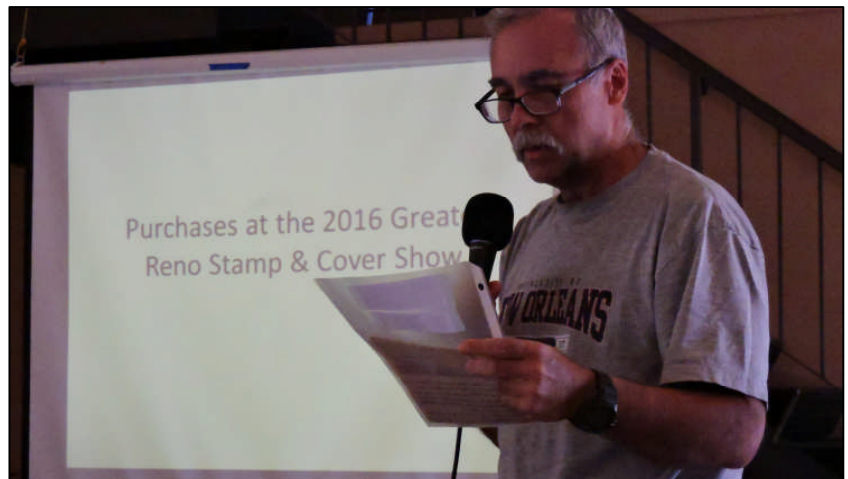


Sept. 24 meeting - The meeting was well attended by 21 members. Refreshments were provided by **Don Garrett**. During the announcements, discussion focused on obtaining some educational DVDs that can be used at our meetings that involve German philately, specifically Propaganda and Espionage Forgeries during World War II. **Stan Cronwall** will obtain the DVDs from the German Postal Specialist Society. There was also much discussion on the upcoming APS AmeriStamp Show in March. The club will have a booth that needs to have volunteers for the 3-day show. All the stamp show information is now on the APS website: <http://stamps.org/AmeriStamp-Expo-ASE>. Volunteer forms can be completed with a full schedule of volunteer times and activities that start at 8 a.m. on March 1 and end at 8 p.m. on March 5.

The raffle had 10 donated items, with the 50-50 money of \$12 won by **Ron Rose**.



The philatelic presentation was a Show-And-Tell by **Howard Grenzebach** (above), **Harvey Edwards** (right photo) and **John Walter** (taking photos) who discussed some of their recent stamp/cover purchases. John also discussed the 1969 Moon Landing stamp & FDC which was given to him Free by Professional Stamp Experts at our stamp show. The cover came with a PSE certificate a first for John's collection.



The October philatelic presentation will be "How To Promote Stamp Collecting Month" presentation by **Nadiah Beekun**.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - Harry Pinkham

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 Harry Pinkham. Harry was born in New Hampshire and now lives in Reno. Being in the Air Force, Harry has lived in many locales including New York, Alabama, Arizona, Viet Nam and California.



Harry has been in the NSSS for 4 to 5 years.

Harry's collecting interests are mint U.S., but he is starting to get into Canada stamps. He started collecting stamps in 1992 when he bought a sheet of dinosaur stamps. Harry's Mom had a collection which she gave to him. Harry spends part of the year in Hagerstown, Maryland. He has found some great stamps there at auctions, including 2 sheets of the Bill Pickett errors. Harry served in the Air Force for 22 years in the pharmacy field, retiring as an E8. Harry is married to Joyce. Harry and Joyce have 2 children and 5 grandchildren. His son lives in Clear Spring MD near his condo in Maryland. Harry is a civil war buff and is an avid reader.



When asked what his dream stamp (under \$5000CV) would be, Harry mentioned that he would like to have one of the early, low numbered Mint U.S. stamps. So we will honor him with a Mint VF example of #10, pictured to the left. And if he does not want it, I will be glad to take it for him!

Harry enjoys all the people at the NSSS, but wishes there were more younger members coming to the meetings.

Harry's email is naniep@aol.com.



Sept. 24 meeting - Betty Mudge (in red), Ragnar Kuehnert, Dave Gehinger, Ron Rose, Nadiah Beekun, and George Ray.

Closed Album



A longtime member of the Nevada Stamp Study Society in the 1990s and early 2000s, **James (Jim) Ringer** passed away on Sept. 7, 2016. He was born on May 20, 1933 in Sanger, California.

He was a Special Education teacher for 30 years. Many students in the Washoe County School system were a source of pride before Jim's retirement from middle and high school levels of education.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Catherine, and daughter, April Sandefer of Oklahoma City and Wendy Damoth of Seattle. Jim enjoyed visits from grandchildren Morgan Hensley and Madison Neumann (all of Oklahoma City).

Jim's caregiver was Mett Sweet. Because of Jim's hearing loss, he heard her name as Mitt and so it became that from then on. Workers at Kimmie's Coffee Shop thought to pick him up for breakfast daily, as his last days were times when driving was prohibited.

As a Nevada Stamp Study Society member, he served as a Director from 1997 to 1998, and then as Vice-President from 2000 to 2003. During his tenure as V-P, Jim helped to log-in the auction items and worked with the Treasurer Mike McAuliffe, and also helped with consignment sales.

During the late 1990s, Jim Ringer was involved with the Jr. Stamp Club program which began at Dayton Middle School, before spreading to 5 elementary schools in Washoe County. But it was too cumbersome with only 5 NSSS volunteers conducting the program. Finally the program was consolidated as an after-school stamp collecting activity at Anderson Elementary School. During the time of the program, there were up to 200 kids involved.

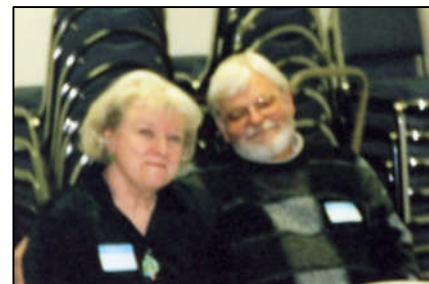
Jim was also very active in volunteer work at the Sparks Heritage Museum. At that time the NSSS was meeting at the museum for free, thanks to our many members who volunteered at the museum.

Jim collected Russian stamps and U.S. Naval covers. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Services, with military honors, will be held at the Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Fernley on September 30th at noon.



The picture on the left is from the club picnic in 1999 and the photo on the right is Jim and his wife at the Christmas party in 2000.



Burning Man Mail

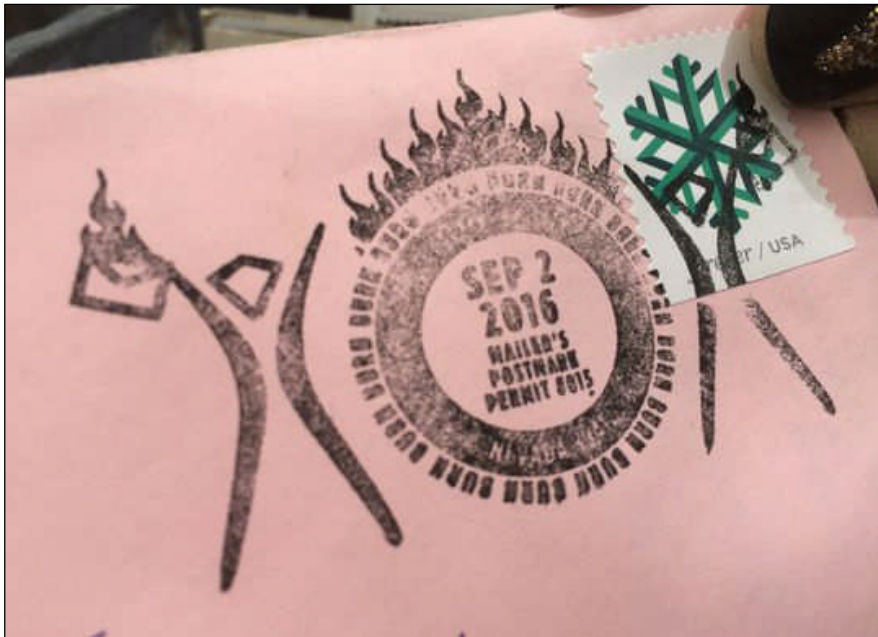
by John Walter

As we all know, Burning Man occurs the week before Labor Day in the Red Rock Desert north of Reno. This year 70,000 burners arrived from around the world. Over the years I have talked with many Burners as they either journey north, after picking up supplies, or on their return to Reno to "dust off." This year I spoke to a few burners in front of Staples on Plumb Lane. A guy from San Jose just picked up his friend at the airport coming from the East Coast and they had a huge (long) tri-motorcycle. It took up two parking spaces and it was filled with a skeleton sitting in back and lots of supplies - food, water, weird clothes, etc.

The Wednesday after Labor Day, my wife and I were at the Grand Sierra Resort and Lo And Behold there were at least 50 dust covered vehicles in the south parking lot - cars, RVs, wildly-painted buses, and pickups overflowing with "stuff." Since the burners have to take everything out with them which includes the trash, these vehicles had mattresses, plywood, lots of boxes all stuffed with their belongings. An interesting sight by itself.

As we entered the Grand Sierra I asked where some of the folks came from. The Netherlands and California were top of the list. Other states were Oregon, Colorado, New Mexico, along with British Columbia and Alberta, Canada. Most of the Burners had fresh clothes on, but all with the burner look, even men in skirts. You just had to smile at their outlandish outfits. But they were all happy about the experience and very talkative.

The reason I am writing about Burning Man is that a recent online article appeared on the Reno Gazette Journal webpage about the mail "system" for the event. It's something I never really thought about. The article and photos were done by Jenny Kane. The official Burning Man 2016 postmark is below. Has anyone ever seen a cover from Burning Man - if so please bring to a club meeting for a show-and-tell.



The Black Rock City Post Office postmark is stamped onto one of the letters mailed out from Burning Man. (Photo: Jenny Kane/RGJ)

Jenny Kane reported that "friends and family of Burners may be receiving mail back after the event since the Black Rock City International Post Office decided to halt all incoming mail to Burning Man, a new organization policy this year. While the mail makes it all the way to Gerlach, a 200-person town outside of the Black Rock Desert, all of the letters and packages boomerang right back to wherever they came from.

"Since 1990, volunteers delivered envelopes and packages from the "default world" to Burners' camps all across Black Rock City, where nearly 70,000 free spirits live for a week. The post office is run out of a three-windowed makeshift black box with a dusty floor and piles of postcards and envelopes stacked on a single table in the back.

"For people sending mail to Burning Man, they were asked to put people's real names, playa names, camp names and even a description of what their tent or hut or RV looked like to make it easier on the courier.

"In recent years, there was just too much mail to deliver. Not to mention, last year Bureau of Land Management rangers started inspecting packages for contraband. The packages were especially problematic since couriers had to deliver slips to people, who then had to come down to the post office with the slip and identification."

The Black Rock City Post Office will continue to send mail out from Burning Man. Each day, about 500 letters and postcards are taken to the Gerlach Post Office after stamping them with the Burning Man stamp, the only signature postmark in the country certified by the U.S. Postal Service outside of its own universal postmark.

"Couriers also still deliver letters between camps on the playa, and another office handles mail to and from Department of Public Works volunteers, who are on the playa a month before and after Burning Man. They are still able to receive mail because they're out in the desert for so long.

"About two dozen volunteers help, some of them wearing red bras exposed underneath their uniforms and some wearing blue hair underneath their caps. When people come to the window, they have to tell a joke or show a talent to send out mail. Sometimes the volunteers even write letters to strangers."

The mail system sounds as interesting as the people who come every year for this counter-culture event.



Some of the outfits seen at the GSR



The symbol for this year's Burning Man



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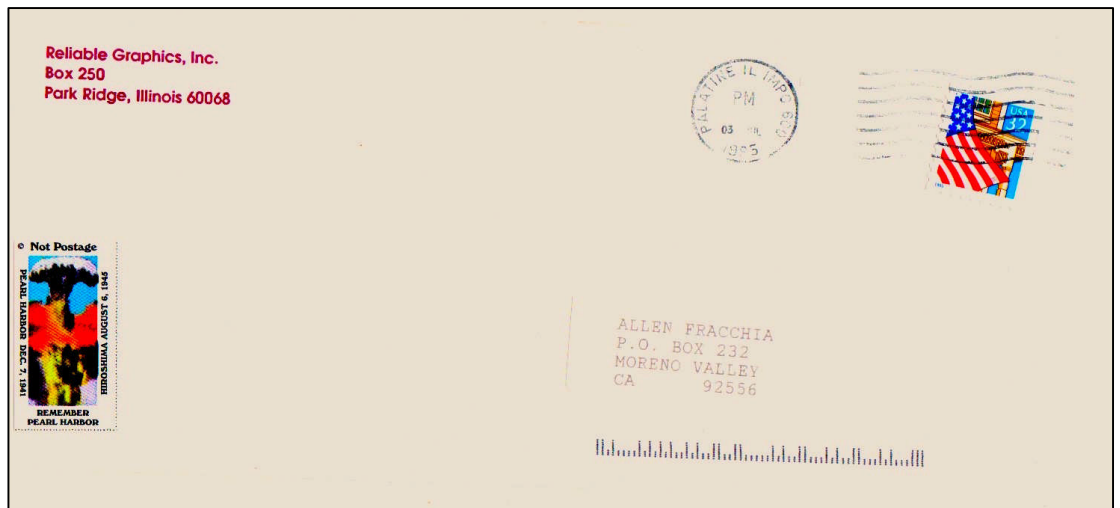
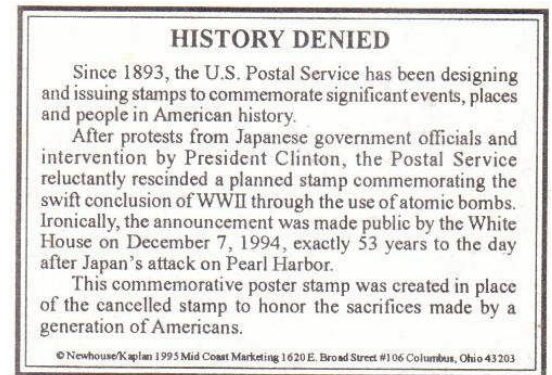
by Howard Grenzbach

From 1991 to 1995 the U.S.P.S. issued sheets of stamps that commemorated and depicted the events of World War II. The last stamp in the series showed the bombing of Hiroshima, ending the war. The Japanese were, of course, upset at a stamp of such violence bringing up memories for those who survived. The president (Clinton) agreed and, since he has no authority to demand, asked the post office to withdraw the stamp and so they did replacing it with a picture of Truman announcing the end of the war.



There are at least five different companies that printed stamps that pictured an atomic bomb scene that was rejected by the post office. The one to the left was made by Mid Coast Marketing in Columbus, Ohio

as a pin and attached to the card pictured below. The headline suggests that history has been denied.



Another stamp declares itself to be "Not Postage" and you should "Remember Pearl Harbor Dec 7, 1941". This stamp was used on a cover along with regular postage.

The "Not Postage" shows this to be a Cinderella stamp, as are all the variations made and were only printed in opposition to the post office decision to honor the president's request that they give in to Japanese sensibilities and not issue the original atomic bomb postage stamp.

The other side of the controversy is that the bomb should have never been dropped in the first place and the stamp is just rubbing salt in the wound.

As usual in American political discussion, there is a third side to the question. Dropping the bomb on Japan was proper as it ended the war quickly, saved lives, both Japanese and American and a stamp showing Hiroshima under a mushroom cloud (or Nagasaki, for that matter) was unnecessary and was appropriately replaced.

October Post Boy Quiz on the United States

by Stan Cronwall

1. What was the last year in which Hawaii issued its own stamps?
a. 1896 b. 1900 c. 1908
2. What color are the special handing stamps of 1925?
a. Purple b. Blue c. Green
3. What two people are depicted on the 4-dollar Columbian stamp?
a. George & Martha Washington b. Queen Isabella & Christopher Columbus
c. Betsy Ross & Clara Barton
4. What sport is shown on a 1978 U.S. envelope?
a. Auto Racing b. Baseball c. Bowling
5. When did the Philippines become an independent nation and begin issuing their own stamps?
a. July 4, 1955 b. January 1, 1900 c. July 4, 1946
6. What city skyline is displayed on the 1951 stamp commemorating the landing of Cadillac?
a. St. Louis, Missouri b. Detroit, Michigan c. Montreal, Canada
7. What is the denomination of the only registry stamp issued by the United States?
a. Ten Cents b. Three Cents c. Fifteen Cents
8. In what year were encased postage stamps introduced?
a. 1996 b. 2005 c. 1862
9. "Old Faithful" is depicted on a 1972 commemorative stamp. In what U.S. National Park is it located?
a. Great Basin b. Yellowstone c. Yosemite
10. What are the face values of the Zeppelin issue set?
a. 65 cents/\$ 1.30/\$ 2.60 b. 85-cents/\$ 1.50/\$ 3.00 c. \$ 1.00/\$ 1.75/\$ 3.50

BONUS: What is face value of the issue often known as the "Baby Zepp" and when was it released?

- a. 50-cents, October 2, 1933 b. 75 –cents, April 19, 1930 c. 85-cents, November 22, 1935

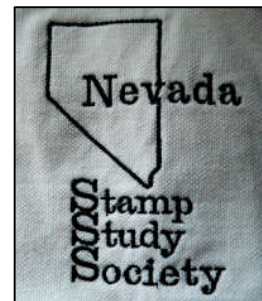
This month's quiz is worth 110 Auction Bucks, if all your answers are correct, including the bonus. Please complete the quiz and give your answers to Betty Mudge at either of the Oct. meetings or email to postboyquiz@renostamp.org

Sept. Quiz Answers: 1. b, 2. c, 3. a, 4. c, 5. b, 6. a, 7. b, 8. c, 9. b, 10. a. BONUS: c

Buy, Want, Sell, Trade

If you would like to have an advertisement in the Post Boy, please email editor@renostamp.org.

For Sale: Monogrammed shirts with the Nevada Stamp Study Society logo for \$25. The monogram can also be placed on a shirt you provide for \$15. Right now the shirts are dark blue with white monogram or white shirt with dark blue monogram. Members regularly wear the monogrammed shirt at meetings. With the upcoming APS AmeriShow in March, it's great advertising for our club. Contact member Dave and Susan Gehringer, ds-ginger@sbcglobal.net or (925) 408-6807. They will need your shirt size and color when ordering. Cropped logo from a shirt is on the right.



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.

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

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

For Sale - Album collections of Channel Islands & Jersey (MNH). Plus Ireland, Netherlands, New Zealand, Great Britain with mint & used. Contact member **Jean Johnson** by calling (775) 828-2158 and ask for Jean.

Wanted: Articles for the Post Boy newsletter. Many of the stamp club members purchased items at our recent Reno Stamp Show. How about a short article on why the item was purchased and a scan of the item. Submit article to editor@renostamp.org

Wanted: Advertisements for philatelic items you may be seeking for your collection or an exhibit. You may be surprised by the items our members may have lurking in their collections. Also wanted are advertisements for items or duplicates you want to sell. Contact the editor (775) 851-7968 or editor@renostamp.org.

Wanted Membership Renewals

August is **membership renewal** month. Please renew ASAP. Please make sure your collecting interests and membership in philatelic groups, such as, the American Philatelic Society are up-to-date. The membership renewal form is available at meetings or download from the website:

http://renostamp.org/pdf_files/membership_application.pdf

If you are member of the American Philatelic Society, the Membership Chair needs to know that. Our free APS Chapter status depends on a certain percentage of local members. Currently we have 68 members.

Please contact **Paul Glass** with any questions: membership@renostamp.org

Flag Over Porch reference guide



With 15 different varieties with major Scott catalogue numbers and one minor number, the 32¢ Flag Over Porch stamp first issued in 1995 can present a special challenge for collectors of United States stamps. Sold in sheet, coil, and booklet formats, the stamps arguably comprised what was at the time the most complex U.S. issue since the Washington-Franklin heads of the early 20th century.

Thankfully, a collector in Germany, Roland Klinger, has put together a [Flag Over Porch website](#), with information and images on all the varieties, as well as a dummy stamp (a stamp with no postal validity) sold with refrigerator magnet stamp dispensers in 1999. Roland's website is a useful resource for any collector trying to sort through the Flag Over Porch stamps. Todd R. Uebele, Sr. also has an [excellent website](#) on these stamps.

Free Stuff for Stamp Collectors

It seems as though there is an endless supply of stamp-related reference material available on the Internet. You might be surprised to find 19th-century books and magazines on Google Books (<https://books.google.com>).

Type the name of what you are seeking, whether it is a book title, author's name or a subject about which you wish to find more information.

The first few suggestions on the list are usually of a commercial nature, and they are marked with a yellow box that says "Ad." The books that are available to read at no cost will be marked "READ" in blue type.

Some books are marked "PREVIEW," which means you get to read a few pages or a chapter or two, but then you would have to buy the book to finish reading. If you want free books, keep looking for those marked "READ."

The Royal Philatelic Society London has videotaped many of its monthly programs. Watch for free at www.rpsl.org.uk/events.asp.

The Collectors Club in New York City has filmed a number of programs given by philately's most knowledgeable collectors. Watch them at www.collectorsclub.org/Meeting_Schedules_and_Event.shtml.

Tired of reading and viewing videos about collecting? You can listen to <http://www.wsRadio.com>'s "APS Stamp Talk," hosted by Nancy Clark at www.wsradio.com/category/entertainment-radio/aps-stamp-talk/. Listen to the archived programs or listen live.

The newly revised 7th edition of the [APS Judging Manual](#) (65 pages) is now free online. It was approved at the August 2016 Portland Summer Show.

Just remember that the more you learn about your hobby, the more you will enjoy it, and so much of the learning is available for free.