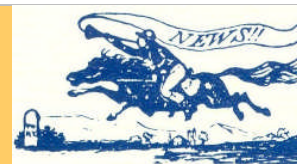


Post Boy



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MEETINGS 2ND & 4TH SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 10:00 A.M. (9 A.M. FOR GOSSIP & TRADING)

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President and Editor Comments:

Finally the time has come to spend all those Auction Bucks awarded for our volunteer activities performed throughout the year. Page 3 has the details.

There is a new stamp display at the Vassar post office. One frame has stamps and covers "Honoring Our Veterans." The second display frame has stamps and covers for Christmas and Hanukkah. New material is always needed for these post office wall frames. Each frame holds 6 pages and a few covers. If you have items you want displayed see **John Walter** or **Stan Cronwall**.



This is your monthly reminder to complete the APS Volunteer Response Form. Either complete it online or mail the form to the APS as soon as possible. The volunteer time periods are for 2 hours with varied duties starting on Thursday, March 2 through Sunday. Eight hours or more of scheduled time will entitle that person to a FREE ticket to Saturday's Award Banquet. But you must complete the form and indicate the days and time you wish to volunteer. There is limited number of banquet tickets.

In addition to the APS volunteering hours, our stamp club will need at least one member to man our booth at the show for all three days. **Marla Wetterling** will coordinate this activity. The club will have some free handouts for people who stop by our booth during the show. So mark your 2017 calendar now with the show dates.

Just a reminder - there is a Board of Director's meeting on Nov. 26 that will start right after the regular meeting. Members are encouraged to attend.



Post Boy Reporter

Oct. 8 meeting had 22 members in attendance and one guest, Bob Hewid who collects U.S. There was the usual 10 raffle prizes and a bonus prize won by **Dick Simmonds**. **Dick Dreiling** won the 50-50 money drawing for a prize of \$10. The raffle was conducted by **Betty Mudge**.

The live auction had 57 items with 16 being sold for a total of \$168.50 in winning bids. The auctioneers were **Gary Atkinson** and **Dave Gehringer**. The helpers for the auction were **George Ray** and **Dick Simmonds**.

Oct. 22 meeting had 21 members in attendance plus three guests. One guest, Ray from Michigan, was visiting the area and found out about the stamp club meeting via our website. Announcements included the Auction Bucks auction at the next meeting on Nov. 12, and the Christmas/Holiday Party on Dec. 10 at the Silverada Clubhouse beginning about 1 p.m. **Marla Wetterling** and **Barbara Diederichsen** will coordinate the pot luck food with the main entree being turkey and ham.



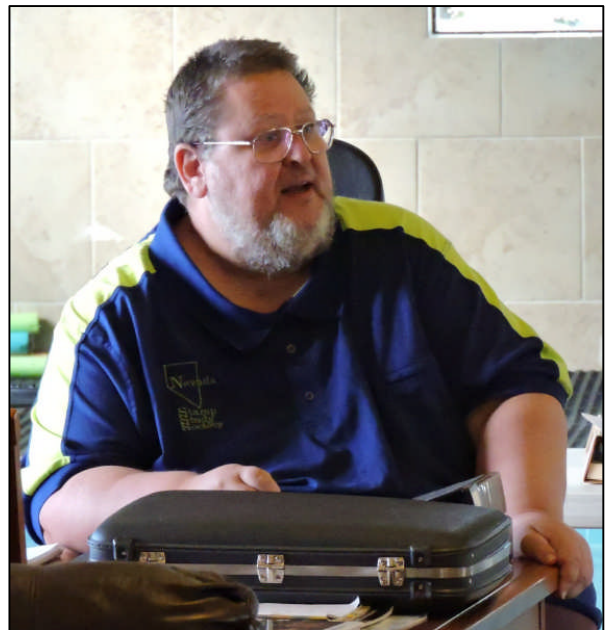
Dick Dreiling had a one-frame exhibit entered in the Redwood Empire Collectors Club stamp show on Oct. 15-16. He received a Silver Bronze Award for the exhibit "The First Residents of Northwest Nevada."

The raffle had the usual 10 items with a bonus prize won by **Bob Wolf** and the 50-50 money drawing of \$9.50 won by the visitor from Michigan.

The philatelic display at the Vassar post office will be changed on Oct. 31 by **John Walter** and **Stan Cronwall**. One wall frame will have a holiday theme (Christmas & Hanukkah), and the other frame will be to "Honor Our Veterans" material. They also removed a stamp display at the South Valleys Library that filled three display cases for the months of September and October.

The philatelic program was presented by **John Wetterling** with a discussion on "Buying On The Internet." There were some comments about the proliferation of fakes and forgeries being sold, especially stamps with fake overprints. Buyers should make sure the sellers have a 99+% rating and even a membership in a national philatelic group. Most sites (and sellers) offer returns up to 14 days if there is a question about the item.

Most of the discussion focused on Internet sites such as eBay. Contacting the seller directly if there are any questions about an item is always a good idea. The reputable sellers will respond in a short time - if they don't this could be a Red Flag if you need to return an item.



John Wetterling giving the presentation

Auction Bucks Auction



Nov. 12, 2016

Silverada Estates Clubhouse, 2301 Oddie Blvd, Reno

Auction starts around 10:15 - 10:30

- 😊 Arrive early with your donated items and to view the other items in the auction.
- 😊 Coffee and refreshment are provided.
- 😊 Donated items usually include some wine, books, music CDs, and new this year, a rolling desk chair, some model horses, plus many more items.
- 😊 Bring your yard/garage sale items and participate in the auction using your hard earned Auction Bucks awarded for your volunteer activities.
- 😊 Word is there will be some philatelic items offered.
- 😊 This meeting is strictly to spend your Auction Bucks. Come and enjoy the fun.
- 😊 If you did not receive your Auction Bucks at the Oct. 22 meeting, they will be available on Nov. 12.



Some items from last year's auction

My Recent Philatelic Purchase: Q-ships

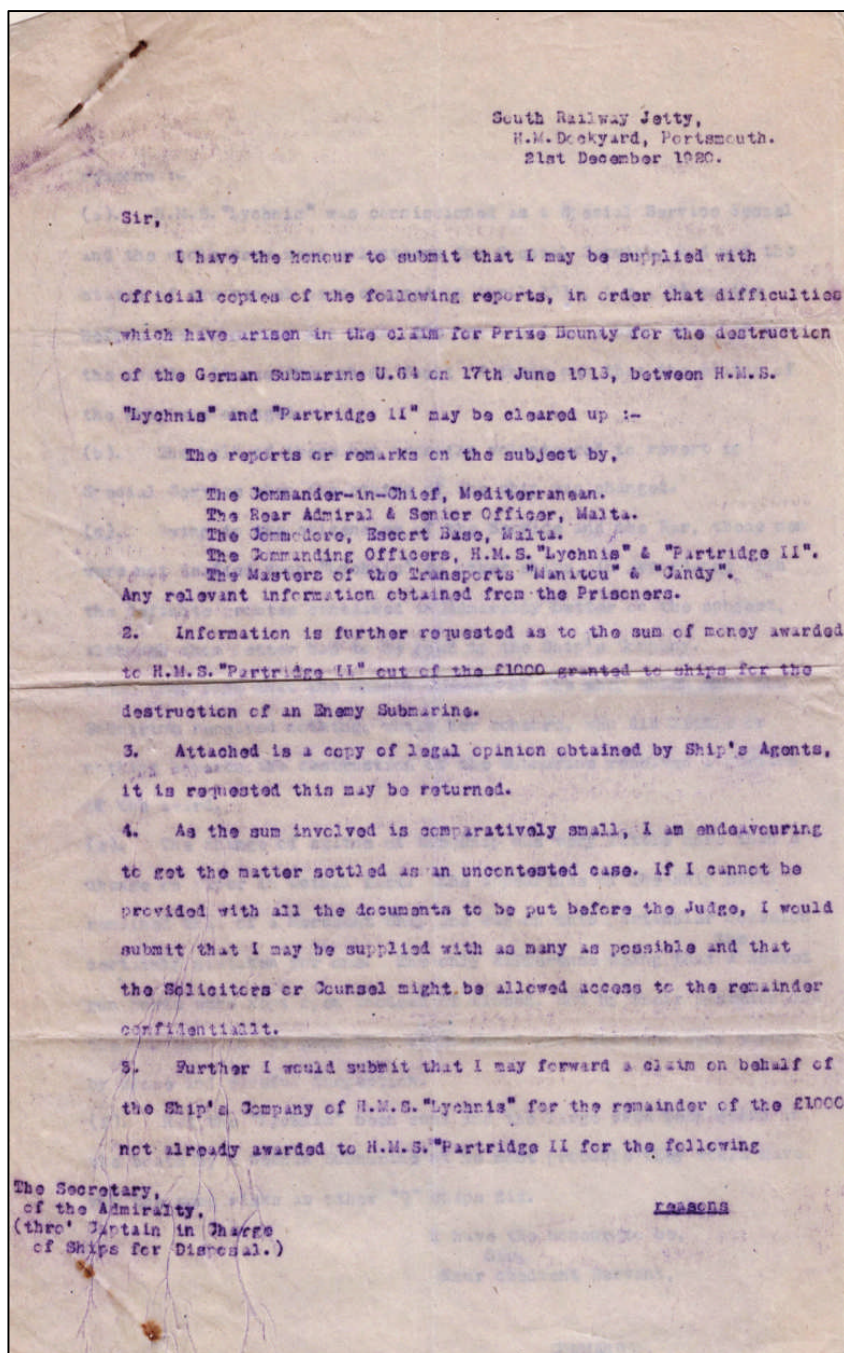
by Harvey Edwards

One of my collecting interests is submarines. I have a 6-frame exhibit titled *Under Pressure* that I haven't updated in several years. With our local show (The Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show) on hiatus next year it seems like a good time to work on the exhibit again.

One tool the British developed to counter the German submarine threat was the Q-ships. I recently purchased a 1920 letter from Lt. Commander Noakes of the Q-ship HMS *Lychnis* requesting his crew be allowed to share in the Prize Bounty for the June 1918 sinking of U-64. Reading the letter raised questions for me on Q-ship operations, the *Lychnis*, and U-64.

Prior to declaring unrestricted submarine warfare in February 1915, U-boat commanders would surface, warning a ship's crew to abandon ship before sinking it. U-boat commanders preferred to use their deck guns on smaller targets to save their torpedoes.

At the beginning of WWI anti-submarine countermeasures such as depth charges were relatively ineffective. Convoying was resource intensive and generally unwelcomed by the merchant ships. The Q-ships were a secret armed decoy merchant ship program intended to present "easy" targets to lure the U-boats to the surface to sink them. Introduced in late 1914, the Q-ships sailed under false names and flags. The ship's crew portrayed themselves as a civilian crew; the gunnery and panic boat crews were "passengers." A Q-ship would straggle from a convoy or travel on its own intending for the U-boat commander to see it as an easy target. The Q-ship ruse included "abandoning" ship to draw the U-boat in before raising the white ensign, opening their gun ports and commencing fire. U-40 was the first U-boat to be sunk involving a Q-ship (June 1915); UC-29 was the last (June 1917). (Germany blamed unrestricted submarine warfare on the Q-ships, which took advantage of their chivalry to warn the merchant ships before attacking, and considered the Q-ship actions to violate international maritime laws.) Q-ships were responsible for sinking 10-15 German submarines and damaging many more. 44-61 Q-ships were sunk. (Sources vary on the numbers of U-boats and Q-ships sunk as well as the number of Q-ships deployed.) The Liberian stamp below shows the Q-ship HMS *Wonganella*.



The HMS Lynchnis (pictured below) was commissioned as a Q-ship in November 1917. As a Q-ship she sailed under the names Kidner and Wilangil. The Lynchnis was reclassified a convoy sloop in April 1918. The Lynchnis and HMS Partridge II engaged U-64 on June 17, 1918. U-64 was forced to surface by depth charges and then sunk by gunfire leaving 38 dead and 5 survivors. Commander Noakes letter speaks of Lynchnis being commissioned a Special Service Vessel [Q-ship], its appearance as a merchant ship, prize awards for sinking U-boats, secret gun ports, and panic boat crews.



The U-64 was commissioned in April 1916 under the command of Kapitänleutnant Robert Moraht. Prior to being sunk on her 10th patrol, the U-64 had sunk 46 ships (total of almost 150,000 tons), damaged three (9,420 tons), and taken one as prize (186 tons). Moraht and four others in the conning tower survived U-64's sinking.

Harvey Edwards is a NSSS Director and the former Chair of the Stamp Show Committee. He is an award winning exhibitor and winner of the Chaloner Award in 2015. Harvey's current collecting interests include submarines and Nevada history which varies based on the exhibit he is working on. He also collected St Pierre et Miquelon and pictorial cancellations.

Vassar post office displays for November and December



NSSS - On the Rocks?

by Stan Cronwall

I'm getting very concerned about the future of Nevada stamp Study Society, and here is why:

1. Attendance is down for the regular meetings and has been trending down. (*Editor: Average attendance at meetings is around 20 members.*)

2. Participation is down for all of what formerly were major NSSS events:

: the annual Christmas Party (December)

: the annual Picnic (August)

: Auction Bucks auction (November)

3. Participation is down for activities within the regular meetings:

: Members signing in for meetings - again averaging about 20

: Members arriving to help set up for the meetings

: Lots for the Auction Days

: Lots for the Consignment Days

} even though the maximum # of lots were increased to 10/member earlier this year

: Sales of Lots from both Auctions and Consignments

: Donations for the Raffle

: Ticket Sales for the Raffle

4. Volunteering is generally down:

: Volunteers for the annual stamp show

: Participation in some aspect of the Show set-up/tear-out or even working the Front Table

: Exhibits for the Show

: "My Favorite Things" pages for the Show

5. Other examples of flagging interest:

: Show Banquet attendance is down

: Almost nobody wants to serve as an Officer or Board Member

: The average number of members doing the Post Boy Quiz is down to roughly FIVE

: The Post Boy has been without a permanent editor for over a year

: Only a few people have written articles for the Post Boy despite appeal after appeal

I think we need to devote a major portion of a meeting, or perhaps even an entire meeting to an open discussion of what the NSSS membership wants to have in the way of meeting content.

I fear we are rapidly becoming nothing more than a loose affiliation of people who get together twice a month to drink coffee and eat donuts. There are some who never even talk to anyone at the meetings.

Stan Cronwall served as President of the NSSS for 8 years, past Program Chair, currently serves on the Stamp Show Committee and helps with stamp displays around town (Vassar PO and local libraries).

November Post Boy Quiz on United States

by Stan Cronwall

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

1. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was part of a ten stamp souvenir sheet entitled "TO FORM A MORE PERFECT UNION." When was this issued?
a. 1965 b. 1992 c. 2005
2. Veterans Day (previously known as Armistice Day) celebrated on November 11 has never been the subject of a U.S. Stamp?
a. True b. False
3. Thanksgiving was commemorated by a stamp issued October 19, 2001. What did the main illustration feature?
a. A roasted turkey b. A cornucopia c. A family gathering
4. The U.S. Bill of Rights was the subject of a stamp issued in 1966 to honor its enactment. What anniversary is celebrated by this adhesive?
a. 200th b. 150th c. 175th
5. A set of stamps issued March 16, 2006 is devoted to "Crops of the Americas". The stamps include one devoted to squashes and another to corn. How many stamps were in the set?
a. 5 b. 10 c. 12
6. The Macy's Thanksgiving Parade was the subject of a set issued in 2009. Which of the following were not shown on stamps?
a. Macy's front entrance b. Santa Claus c. Santa's Helpers on a float
7. A single stamp was issued in 1989 to commemorate the Bi-Centennial of the U.S. Constitution. The stamp says nothing about the anniversary itself but instead focuses on the following:
a. The Bill of Rights b. The Federalist Papers c. The Articles of Confederation
8. The 100th anniversary of intercollegiate football was depicted on a single stamp issued in 1969. The main illustration features what?
a. A stadium b. A player and coach c. A player and cheerleader
9. The Jamestown Exposition Issue of 1907 featured a set of three stamps. The highest value was 5 cents. What famous Indian was featured on that adhesive?
a. Princess Summer-Fall-Winter-Spring b. Pocahontas c. Chief Stinking Saddle Blanket
10. The U.S. issued its first self-adhesive stamp in 1974. What did it show?
a. The Bald Eagle b. The 50 star flag c. The Dove of Peace on a Weather Vane

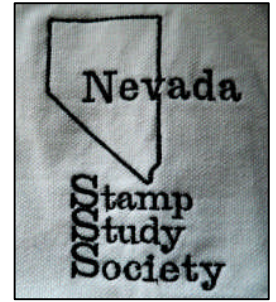
Bonus: A set of stamps was issued in 1997 honoring famous football coaches both pro and collegiate including Bear Bryant, Pop Warner, Vince Lombardi and George Halas. What other coaches were part of the set?

- a. Biggie Munn b. Weeb Eubank c. Frank Leahy d. There were only 4 stamps in the set

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.



Wanted - Covers from "cat mail" used in 1879 in Liege, Belgium. The city commissioned 37 cats to deliver mail to nearby villages. Contact member Stan Cronwall stlaine@aol.com

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.

Wanted: Articles for the Post Boy newsletter. Many of the stamp club members purchase auction and consignment lots at meetings. 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.



My second assignment (duty station) in the U.S. Air Force was at Tachikawa Air Base outside Tokyo, Japan from 1971 to 1972. I was working 12-hour shifts with 2 days on and two days off. Every two weeks the schedule changed from days (0700-1900) to nights. I was assigned to the Aeromedical Staging Flight where 150 Vietnam casualties returned to Travis AFB in the morning and 150 arrived every afternoon for over a year. I still remember some of the stories of those vets that were "in-country." Please remember the veterans on Nov. 11.

John Walter

Internet Page

Stamp Collecting Blogs

I subscribe to a few blogs about our favorite hobby. It's surprising the number of great articles, ideas, research and plain fun is to read some of these blogs. Below are a few blog sites I recently visited and/or subscribe to. Some do require free registration, others are open forums. If you have never visited a blog site, now is the time.

<http://bigblue1840-1940.blogspot.com/2016/09/buds-big-blue-introduction-and-index.html>

Big Blue 1840-1940 - covers all the countries listed in Scott catalog. About 8-10 blogs per month.

http://www.stampcommunity.org/topic.asp?TOPIC_ID=51226

Covers worldwide stamp topics - last 100 topics listed on above linked page.

<http://www.stampboards.com/>

Stamp chat board & stamp bulletin board forum - "World's #1 place to discuss stamp collecting and philately."

<http://thestampbook.co.uk/>

Covers UK stamps and related topics.

<http://thestampforum.boards.net/>

Covers U.S. and worldwide stamp topics

<http://www.rfrajola.com/>

Includes a blog (for Q&A), articles, exhibits, projects, books, etc.

<https://stamporama.com/index.php>

Articles, discussion board, exhibit pages, member area (free membership).

<http://alesstamps.blogspot.fi/>

Postage stamp and postal history blog.

WWII occupation and liberation issues in the territory of former Yugoslavia.

http://forgery.de/index_en.htm

WWII mostly - war and propaganda forgeries.