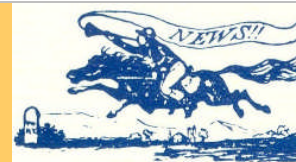


# Post Boy



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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:

There was some shuffling around with member's articles that were already scheduled for this issue. A few members traveled to SACAPEX on Nov. 5, and submitted three interesting articles about items purchased and some observations about dealer's "trash." Hope you enjoy their discoveries and comments.

For some unknown reason the Post Boy quiz answers for the October quiz did not appear in last month's issue. For those keeping track of your answers, they are on page 4. Don't forget the monthly quizzes are an easy way to earn Auction Bucks.

**Christmas/Holiday Party** is all set for Dec. 10 at the Silverada Estates Clubhouse. For the first time the party and gift exchange will be in the afternoon. As we all age and the Dec. weather is unpredictable and the sun sets early, members have expressed concern about driving on frozen roads in the dark in the evening. So we will be meeting at 1 p.m. for the pot-luck. All the information about the party and gift exchange is on page 8.

**APS AmeriStamp Show** is still looking for exhibitors and volunteers. Don't forget the Awards Dinner is free to those who volunteer 8 or more hours, plus free parking at the convention center on your volunteer days. Volunteer and exhibitor forms are [available here](#). So far approximately 50 dealers, a dozen societies, 40 meetings and seminars and a first day ceremony is expected (according to the APS website).

The Board of Directors has authorized \$200 to have some free handouts at our society show booth. The handout is an 8-page article by Dick Dreiling about "Nevada Stamps." The club plans to have a few display frames at the booth for the club member's "My Favorite Things" pages. **Marla Wetterling** is coordinating the booth activities, so please contact her with your ideas and suggestions. Members are expected to man the booth for the entire 3-day stamp show.

**Auction Bucks awards** are currently being revised (last done in 1999). **Howard Grenzebach** and **Betty Mudge** are in charge of this project. The Board will review recommendations at the next Board meeting in Feb. So everyone please take a look at the Auction Bucks [awards sheet](#) and pass along your suggestions to Howard & Betty.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone. Happy New Year and see you all at the next meeting (auction) on January 14, 2017.

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## Post Boy Reporter

**Nov. 12 Auction Bucks meeting** - The entire meeting was the Auction Bucks auction where members had the opportunity to bid on donated items. The refreshments were provided by **Paul Glass** and brought to the meeting by **Howard Grenzebach**. The attendance was pretty good at 24 members plus two spouses. A total of 84 items were auctioned with 23,378 Auction Bucks (ABs) spent. The entire auction took almost two hours. The most expensive item auctioned was a bottle of Merlot wine which went for 3,500 ABs. The next most expensive was a great album with like-new stock sheets which was 2,500 ABs. Our two newest members joining that day, **Chip & Lydia MacLeod** walked off with some great items including the entire Beethoven bicentennial anniversary record collection. Some other interesting items were: small hand purses, puzzle boxes, sandwich maker, 27-volumes of western heroes-Time-Life edition, multiple wine bottles, rolling desk chair, bar stool, some kitchen items, a few books and DVD movies, etc. This had to be one of our largest auctions to date. Pictures on page 7.

The auctioneers were **Gary Atkinson** and **Mike Potter** with help from **George Ray** and **Dick Simmonds**.

**Nov. 26 meeting** had 25 members in attendance with two new members joining, **Kazue & Bob Kurebayashi**. Kazue collects U.S. and has a worldwide collection. **Gary Atkinson** brought the refreshments. The consignment table was full of items including some full press sheets. Announcements included signing up for the APS AmeriShow on March 3-5; the pot-luck Christmas/Holiday Party sign-up sheet; and the 2017 refreshment sign-up sheet. A thank you letter was received from the Silverada Estates Residents thanking our club for a monetary donation to help with their Thanksgiving potluck dinner attended by 60 residents. The letter also thanked the following individuals for their personal contributions: **John & Marla Wetterling**, **Don Garrett**, **Howard Grenzebach** and **Barbara Diederichsen**.

The raffle had the usual 10 donated items with a bonus prize won by **Nadiah Beekun**. The 50-50 money drawing of \$11.50 was won by **Bob Wolf**.

The philatelic program was presented by **John Walter** who discussed some EFO (Error, Freaks and Oddities) that were found in donated items to the club. The first item was two copies of the air-mail Beacon stamp (Scott C11) with the "open door" variety created by a worn printing plate. The second item discussed was the U.S. 1970 stamp issued for the UN Anniversary (Scott 1419) that had a dramatic 4 mm. shift in the horizontal perforations. Two attached stamps had no value and the third stamp denomination was at the bottom instead of at the top of the stamp. A future issue of the Post Boy will have an article on both stamps and then they will be included in a club auction. Neither of these items are listed in Scott or in recent national stamp auction catalogues.



Don Garrett & Betty Mudge looking over the consignment items



## My Exposition from an Exhibition

by Patrick Crosby

The first weekend of the month of November brought SACAPEX, the Sacramento Area Philatelic Exhibition. This show is just a bit bigger than our annual Reno show. I always seem to leave with some nice items at good prices, and this year I hit the jackpot.

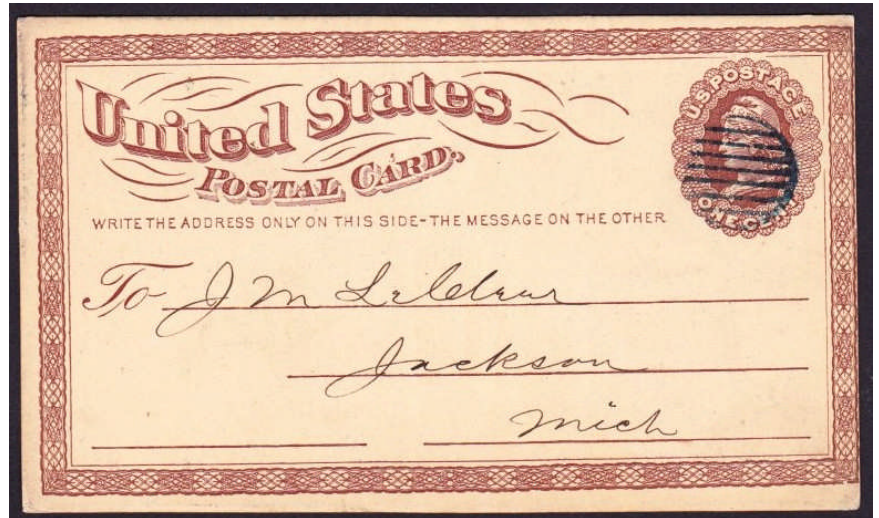
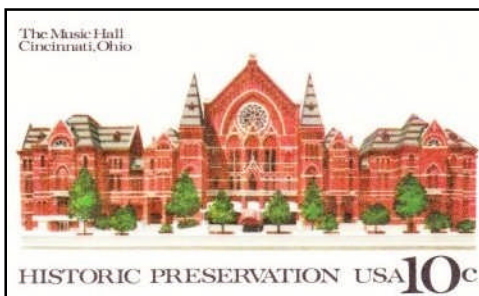
In 1869 the Cincinnati Textile Exposition in Ohio was so successful that it became an almost annual event. Renamed the Cincinnati Industrial Exposition, there were 13 more expos from 1870 to 1886 and they usually ran for about a month in September and early October.

The pictured exposition postal card is the first design U.S. postal card. Having the "small-sized" USPOD watermark it is Scott UX3, United States Postal Stationery Society (UPSS) S2. Note right off that there is only a killer portion of a cancel – no city, state, or date is included.

The reverse of the card is a stunning illustrated advertisement for the Fifth Cincinnati Industrial Exposition 1874, including light, fine scrollwork with the printing on either side. The renowned U.S. postal card researcher Charles Fricke writes:

"It seems all reported copies of this rare card are used, and that all have a singular blue grid cancel, without a postmark. The connotation being that they may be handstamped precancelled postal cards. The absence of the dated postmark being that the cards were mailed in batches to prospective exhibitors, and being precancelled did not require any further handling at the Cincinnati post office, except for distribution and transmittal through the mails."

The UPSS card catalog has a chapter just for exposition advertising and view cards on government postal cards. The first exposition card was an equally stunning card from Chicago in 1873. The next to be issued was this Cincinnati advertising card and was produced in three easily distinguished types. Type 1 has the central vignette with the top corners being widely rounded. Type 2 has all four sides similarly rounded. My card is a Type 3 with all four corners squared. Types 1 and 2 have a UPSS catalog value of \$675 and the Type 3 is valued at \$725. I found my card in a dealer's miscellaneous cover box and paid \$6. Jackpot!



A part of the exposition buildings complex is now the Cincinnati Music Hall which can also be seen on a 10¢ postal card from 1977 (Sc. UX73, UPSS S90), part of an Historic Preservation series of postal cards.

## References:

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Postal Markings of United States Expositions, William J. Bomar, 1986, available through [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

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**Patrick Crosby** is a member of the Nevada Stamp Study Society and collects U.S. postal cards, especially used, including first days; the 1886 Grant Letter Card (or Sheet); UC16, the first U.S. aerogram; and postal history on business or picture post cards.

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## One Dealer's Trash ... by Stan Cronwall

My story could be entitled "One Dealer's Trash, Another's Treasure"

John Walter and Howard Grenzebach were looking through the "trash" (\$1.00 or less boxes) at a dealer table at SACAPEX in Nov. I was just finishing up at Ed Dimmick's table having drawn a blank on what I was looking for. I stood behind the guys asking about lunch/departure plan/timing, when Howard came up with a German Nazi era B/W postcard in mint condition commemorating Berlin's 700th Birthday.

It was priced at 35-cents, yes, 35 pennies.

I wasn't interested because I already have a 4/C postcard that has a special cancel for that anniversary.

Later at another dealer who specializes in German material, I saw the same card also in mint condition that was priced at \$ 100.00

The old adage maintains. Let the buyer beware! That's why it is always a good idea to visit multiple dealers at a stamp show.

**Stan Cronwall's** collecting interests include Germany: Third Reich 1933-45 and the areas it occupied (stamps covers & cards). He also collects U.S. World War II Patriotic Covers and Cards; Civil War Patriotic Covers (both U.S. and CSA); U.S. Naval Covers; DDR stamps; and, Post WW II Soviet Zone Hitler Head Obliteration stamps, covers & cards.



This is not the exact card since it is in color. But the above is a post card for the 700th Berlin anniversary issued in 1937.

**October Post Boy quiz answers:** 1. b, 2. c, 3. b, 4. a, 5. c, 6. b, 7. a, 8. c, 9. b, 10. a Bonus: a

I could not solve the mystery why these quiz answers did not appear in the last issue.



## Philatelic Railroad Ephemera

By Stan Cronwall

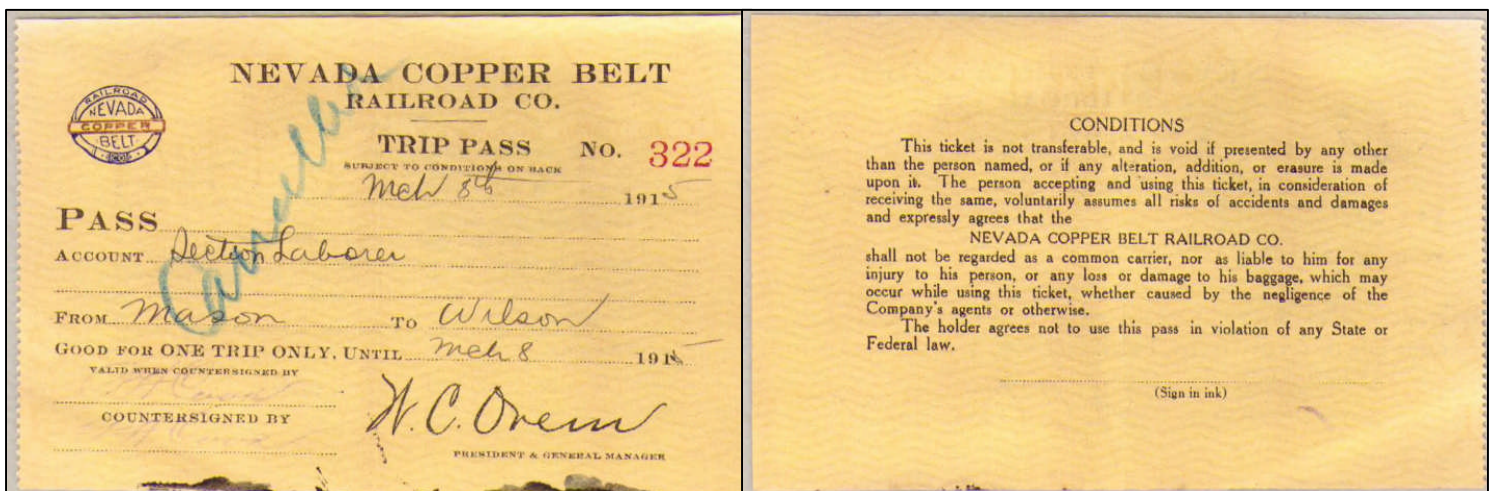
The title of this piece maybe misleading. In all honesty, I don't know what the title means. It ain't an RPO, HPO, or something postal carried on a ship/boat/ferry. If it sucked you into reading this far, mission accomplished.

But, I did buy it at the recent SACAPEX Show from one of our NSSS dealer members, Mark Baker from Pollack Pines, CA.

Mark has a bit of everything – covers, postcards, and lots of ephemera from stocks and bonds, to ticket stubs, to almost anything paper.

The Nevada Copper Belt Railroad was a 12 mile long standard gauge line operating from Wabuska to Ludwig in the shape of a large letter “J”.

The NCB Trip Pass shown below was issued for a railroad employee, a Section Laborer, to be used on March 8, 1915 for passage between Mason and Wilson:



The railroad's purpose was built to provide transportation for Bluestone (copper sulfate) which was in demand for amalgamating the silver ores from the Comstock in the Washoe Process. Construction was started September 8, 1909 but not completed until early 1912.

The first shipment from Ludwig was not copper ore, but gypsum (hydrous calcium sulphate) being shipped to Reno in late October. This mineral was a good source of revenue in the early days of the road.

However the Bluestone mines output was the principal source of traffic. The fortunes of the new railroad were tied to copper prices and production.

March 24, 1947 was the NCB last day of operation.

The last local vestige of the NCB remains in service today as part of the Nevada State Railroad Museum in Carson City which operates the steam train. The caboose has been painted back to its NCB red livery .

After years of service on the V & T RR (painted V & T yellow) and then being on display in Carson in front of what is now the State Museum on Carson Street, the veteran car was brought back to operating condition in the Museum Restoration Shop, and has seating for rail fans.

Learn more about the NCB RR in Volume 1 of David F. Myrick's "Railroads of Nevada and Eastern California" pages 214-229.

## December Post Boy Quiz on United States

by Stan Cronwall

This quiz is centered on the December holidays including Christmas, EID, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa.

1. The very first U.S. Christmas Stamp was issued in 1964 and featured the following in the main illustration:
  - a. A Christmas Tree with a Shining Star
  - b. A wreath and candles
  - c. Toys under a Christmas Tree
2. The first Kwanzaa stamp was released in October 22, 1997 and featured:
  - a. A family
  - b. People in robes
  - c. People in representations of native garb
3. The first EID stamp was released September 1, 2001 in sheets of 240 in 12 panes of 20. What was the denomination of the stamp:
  - a. 34-cents
  - b. 28-cents
  - c. 37-cents
4. The first Hanukkah stamp was issued October 22, 1996. The main illustration featured:
  - a. Nine candles
  - b. a Dreidel
  - c. a Menorah
5. There are eight different stamps in what might be called the Santa series of Christmas stamps issued in November 2004. What is the difference between designs A2965-A2968 and designs A2969-A2972 ?
  - a. Santa's suit color
  - b. The stamp values
  - c. Designs A2965-A2968 have perforations all around, while A2969-A2972 are booklet stamps
6. The EID stamp of 2016 has a design different from all previous stamps commemorating this holiday. What is the difference?
  - a. The color
  - b. The format
  - c. The background
7. What animal is depicted on the 1999 Holiday Greetings booklet?
  - a. Stag
  - b. Polar Bear
  - c. Teddy Bear
8. The Christmas issue of 2006 has a basic design showing different snowflakes. An oddity associated with this overall design is:
  - a. The base of the denomination is lower than the year date.
  - b. The base of the denomination is higher than the year date.
  - c. The base of the denomination is even with the year date.
9. One of the Christmas issues of 2008 was released October 23 and shows:
  - a. Virgin and Child with Young John the Baptist
  - b. The National Tree and the White House
  - c. Angels from "Mary, Queen of Heaven"
10. A set of Christmas stamps issued in 1992 features antique toys. Which of following toys was not included in the set?
  - a. Fire Engine
  - b. Car
  - c. Boat

**Bonus:** The four subjects featured on the non-religious Christmas stamps of 2009 were released in two sizes. The design on the smaller size was achieved by:

- a. Down-sizing all elements of the designs.
- b. Eliminating the top portion of the designs.
- c. Down-sizing the design elements and eliminating the top portion of the designs.

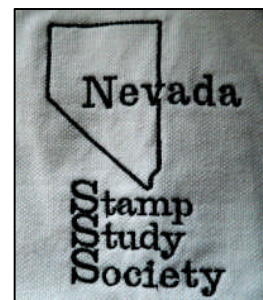
This month's quiz is worth 110 Auction Bucks, including the bonus. Please complete the quiz and give your answers to Betty Mudge at either of the January meetings or email to [postboyquiz@renostamp.org](mailto:postboyquiz@renostamp.org)

**Nov. Quiz Answers:** 1. c, 2. a, 3. b, 4. c,  
5. a, 6. a, b, c 7. a, 8. b, 9. b, 10. c  
Bonus: d

## Buy, Want, Sell, Trade

If you would like to have an advertisement in the Post Boy, please email [editor@renostamp.org](mailto: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@sbglobal.net](mailto:ds-ginger@sbglobal.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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:editor@renostamp.org).



Gary Atkinson, Dick Simmonds, and David Pointon looking over the Auction Bucks items at the Nov. 12 auction.



**Christmas/Holiday Party  
and Gift Exchange**

**Silverada Estates Clubhouse  
2301 Oddie Blvd., Reno**

**December 10, 2016**

**1:00 p.m. - Hors D'oeuvres, pre-meal snacks & conversation  
about 1:45 p.m. - Main meal (turkey & ham entree)**

**If you want to participate in the gift exchange:**

**Bring a wrapped gift (no more than \$15 value) for each person attending  
Tag gift if specifically for female, male, or philatelist**

**Please bring a plate and silverware for each person and your own drink**

**Spouses and family members are welcome**

**If you have not signed up yet to bring a food item,  
please contact Marla Wetterling ASAP  
[her email](#), or cell number is 775-223-1337**

**She needs an accurate count for those attending**

If you want to come early and help with the setup and table decorations, please let Marla know.  
As of the Nov. 26 meeting, there were 31 people signed up with the pot luck items they are bringing.  
The Silverada Estates continues to ask for donations of nonperishable food items for distribution  
to those less fortunate. You can bring the items to the party or meetings throughout the year.



Begins Dec. 24



Begins Dec. 26



## Carson City Library Display

On Dec. 1, John Walter and Dave & Susan Gehringer made a trip to Carson City to arrange two large display cases in the entrance hallway to the Carson City Library. The theme was Christmas, Hanukkah (begins Dec. 24), and Kwanzaa (begins Dec. 26). We could have used a few more shelves, but it was fun setting up the display and talking with the patrons as they entered and exited the library.



## Thank you to all the volunteers in 2016

- ☺ Historian – **Dick Dreiling**
- ☺ Archivist - **John Walter** (archiving takes place on the website)
- ☺ Programs Chair - **Nadiah Beekun**
- ☺ Refreshments Coordinator – **Barb Diederichsen**
- ☺ Get Well & Sympathy Cards – **Stan Cronwall**
- ☺ Holiday Party Site – Reservations & Set-up - **Marla Wetterling, George Ray, Barbara Diederichsen**
- ☺ Holiday Party Set-Up & Room Décor – **Barbara Stanfield**
- ☺ Annual Picnic & 2016 Holiday Party site – **George Ray**
- ☺ Donations Chair - **John Walter**
- ☺ Sign-In/Auction Bucks Log – **Betty Mudge**
- ☺ Post Office/Library Remote Displays:
  - Vassar Post Office – **John Walter & Stan Cronwall** (every two months)
  - Sparks Library – open
  - Carson City Library – Dec. 2016 - **John Walter & Dave Gehringer**
  - South Valleys Library – Sept. & October 2016 - **John Walter & Howard Kadohiro**
  - North Valleys Library – **Howard Grenzebach**
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☺ Storage Unit – **Mike Potter**
- ☺ Auctioneers – **Harvey Edwards, Gary Atkinson, Howard Grenzebach, Mike Potter, Charles White**
- ☺ Auctioneer's Assistants – **George Ray, Dick Simmonds**
- ☺ Auction accounting - **Mike Potter**
- ☺ Boy Scout Stamp Collecting Merit Badge Liaison – **Paul Glass**
- ☺ Silverada Clubhouse Meeting Place Liaison – **George Ray**
- ☺ Council of Northern CA Philatelic Societies Liaison – **John Walter**
- ☺ Penny Boxes – **Eugene Smoots and Betty Mudge**
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- ☺ Librarian - **Dave Gehringer**
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### 2017 APS Winter Stamp Show:

- ☺ Liaison with APS Stamp Show Manager - **John Walter**
- ☺ Nevada Stamp Study Society booth manager - **Marla Wetterling**
- ☺ NSSS material at society booth - **Howard Grenzebach**

In addition the following members have contributed one or more articles for publication in the 2016 Post Boy: **Stan Cronwall** (x9) plus 12 Quizzes, **Dave Parsons** (x3) plus 6 Member Spotlights, **Richard Simmonds, Patrick Crosby** (x2), **Harvey Edwards** (x3), and **Howard Grenzebach** (x3). **John Walter** also had a few articles (x5), plus Post Boy Reporter (x12) , and Internet stuff (x6 pages).

If you do not see your name on this page, then you need to contact **John Walter** or **Gary Atkinson** to help with future stamp club activities.