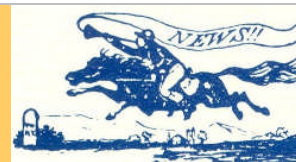


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## President and Editor Comments:

After the APS AmeriStamp Show last weekend, I'm pretty well tuckered out as this issue is being put together. I spent four full days helping with a little of everything from putting up exhibits (and taking down) to running last minute errands to a local sign shop, numbering the exhibit frames, helping at the Stamps In Your Attic booth, and, of course, helping at the NSSS booth.

My AmeriStamp Show report starts on page 3. Members are encouraged to send their own show report, stories, observations, etc., to [editor@renostamp.org](mailto:editor@renostamp.org).

Starting at the March 11 meeting, only 5 auction items are permitted; more can be added at the break if the limit of 60 total items is not met. This is a Board decision that will be listed on the new revised Auction Bucks award sheet. The award sheet is being revised and, hopefully, finalized at the May board meeting.



Just a few of our members at the NSSS show booth: **Dave Gehringer** (blue shirt), **Howard Grenzebach**, **Gary Atkinson**, **Dick Simmonds** and **Jean Johnson**.

It was hard to keep this issue at 8 pages with all the APS stamp show activities, so you have a bonus this month of 10 pages to enjoy the pictures and show stories.

I took well over 100 pictures at the show and when I have the time they will be posted on the website. Remember it takes time to edit, crop and resize that many photos - one at a time.

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## Post Boy Reporter

**Feb. 11 meeting** - There were 30 members in attendance and one visitor. **Steve Foster** provided the refreshments. There was discussion on the upcoming APS AmeriStamp Show and manning the NSSS booth. **George Ray** volunteered to assume the duty of the Donation Chair. He promised more "blue sheet" items in the monthly auction. The raffle was conducted by **Betty Mudge** with the usual 10 donated prizes with the Bonus raffle prize going to **Mike Potter**. **Stan Cronwall** won the raffle money of \$13.

The auction had 60 items with 22 being sold for \$289.40. The auctioneers were **Gary Atkinson** and **Howard Grenzebach** with assistance from **George Ray** and **Dick Simmonds**.



Howard Grenzebach (front) and Gary Atkinson auctioneers.

**Feb. 25 meeting** - This was a Consignment Day where members were able to have 10 items for sale at a stated price. The consignment table was overflowing with items with many purchases being made. A new NSSS Stamp Show Chair is urgently needed. A committee is already in place and date and venue is already set - July 29-30, 2018 at the International Bowling Museum at the National Bowling Stadium. Please talk with **Harvey Edwards** for the chair's responsibilities.



John Walter conducting the meeting.

The Churchill County Museum requested a speaker for a seminar series on "Hobbies & Collectibles." **Harvey Edwards** and **Dave Gehringer** volunteered to discuss our favorite hobby on April 4 at 6:30 p.m. They will have giveaways along with displays of album pages and tools of the hobby.

The raffle was conducted by **Betty Mudge** with 10 prizes and the Bonus Prize going to **Stan Cronwall** who also won the \$10 money prize. Looks like Stan had a pretty good month since he also won the money on Feb. 11.

The philatelic program was presented by **Nadiah Beekun** who discussed the upcoming APS stamp show. She will have a Dollar & Under booth at the show.

**Quarterly Board of Directors meeting - Feb. 25** - Items of interest that were decided: Starting at the March 11 meeting only 5 auction items are permitted up to a maximum of 60 items total in the auction. Additional items may be added at the break to reach the maximum. This was necessary because 6 members had 10 items last auction and those arrived even at 9:30 could not have their items in the auction. Consignment items are still at 10 per member.

The club's liability insurance policy (\$2,000,000 in aggregate) was renewed with a premium of \$385 with a rider for any problems at the meeting site. The treasurer reported the bank account had \$8,481.75 (with \$110 in outstanding checks) and \$393.76 in the meeting cash box.

**Howard Grenzebach, Betty Mudge** and **Paul Glass** are working on revising the Auction Bucks awards - last revised in 1999.

The board voted to purchase the 2017 Scott U.S Specialized Catalog for up to \$86. (Mike Potter purchased a new catalog at the APS stamp show for \$75.) The catalog will be available at meetings and checkout from meeting to meeting.

# AmeriStamp Show

by John Walter



Show opening on Friday



First Day ceremony for the Barn Swallow stamped envelope. Our newest NSSS member, Scott English, is on the left.

I had the distinct privilege of mounting four exhibits that John Hotchner sent to the show. Two exhibits were in the Court of Honor - *U.S. Postal Counterfeits from 1894 to Modern Times* and *World Rarities & Uniquities*. Both exhibits filled a total of 15 frames and each unique item passed over my hands - really nice feeling.

Two of our members won exhibiting awards - **Terri Edwards** won a Gold and Best Postcard Exhibit for *An Engineering Victory of the First Order: Hoover Dam*, and **Dick Dreiling** won a Large Vermeil for his *Reno Nevada - A Pictorial Look at Earlier Times* post card exhibit. Congratulations!

The NSSS booth had lots of volunteers throughout the show. Thanks to **Marla Wetterling** for managing the sign-up sheet for the volunteers. Two new members were recruited: **Brian Moody** from Sparks and **Scott English**, the Executor Director of APS. At the NSSS booth, **Dick Dreiling** provided an 8-page free handout on *Philatelic Nevada*.

I represented our club at the APS Ambassador meeting on Saturday. **Paul Glass** is our club representative on this APS committee to encourage APS membership at our local club meetings. Paul was busy all day Saturday with the Boy Scout Merit Badge program.

We were also represented at the APS general meeting on Saturday by **Robert Martin**, **Zolennia Schar** and myself.

**Dick Simmonds** and a crew from the Sparks Heritage Museum delivered the old Wadsworth post office display on Thursday and returned it to the museum on Sunday.

At the APS membership town hall meeting, **Scott English** commented that there were more volunteers than jobs - nice surprise. We should all be proud that so many NSSS members gave many hours of their time.

A comment from APS President Mick Zais that the banquet was the most attended of any winter stamp show in a long time. The NSSS had a total of 16 attendees.

Speaking with Megan Orient on Sunday evening as I left the show, she considered the show a success, although Sunday was slow for the number of attendees - there was about 5 inches of snow at my house. Most dealers I spoke with had a good show - a few expressed disappointment with the low attendance, esp. on Sunday.



Some stories from the show:

**Dealer from Surrey, England**- I collect properly used U.S. aerogrammes (letter sheets) sent to overseas destinations. When I asked Steven Taylor if he had any, I was given a handful of the early 10¢ aerogrammes (UC16 and varieties UC16a, b, d), to take a look. He quoted a price of \$2.50 for any cover. I took them all since they catalogue \$7.00 to \$12.50 each.

**Philatelic Youth Leadership Program** at the APS booth - They had many items, such as, full sheets of stamps for 75% of face, large assortment of covers for 25¢ each, and on Saturday and Sunday Colorano Silk Cacheted FDC **sets** for 25¢ unaddressed - not 25¢ a cover but that price for a whole set of covers. For example: A set of 20 cachet covers for the 1994 Legends of the West; A set of 15 covers for the 1997 Classic American Dolls; A set of 10 covers for the 1973 Postal People set; And, a set of 22 FDCs for the stamped envelope 1980 America's Cup winners - "Limited Edition of 1400." Yes, that means some covers were only a penny per cover. With these prices I felt like supporting the Philatelic Youth Leader program. Also unopened packages of stamp mounts strips were only \$1.50 - both clear and black mounts. I took a few of those home also.

**Inverted Jenny (C3a)** - I don't know how many members looked at the Court of Honor frames in front of the APS booth. If you bypassed the frames you really missed something. Frame 1 was a Free Frank letter signed by George Washington, Frame 2 was a full sheet of the Dag Hammarskjöld Invert error with letters concerning the printing error. AND Frame 3 had two copies of the Inverted Jenny C3a, one of which was recovered in England and presented to the APS at the 2016 World Stamp Show in NY. I actually dismantled the pages from these frames and put them in their respective folders. How many collectors can say they touched the page that held two C3a error stamps. I did not notice during the show that a security guard was posted at these frames until I went to remove the pages from the frames. The guard had his eyes on me the whole time.

When I asked **Scott English** if I could borrow the C3a page, he informed me the stamps were insured and he has personal contact and phone number of the FBI agent who helped return the stolen stamp last year. Oh well!

Let us know your stamp show stories?



Terri Edwards at her post card exhibit on the Hoover Dam. She won both a Gold and Best Post Card Exhibit awards.



Dick Dreiling accepting his Large Vermeil award at the banquet.

One of our club members, **Robert Martin**, was mentioned in an article in the March 6th issue of *Linn's Stamp News*. William Sharpe who writes a monthly column, *Computers and Stamps*, was on vacation in Kilhei, Hawaii with his wife when they went to the local post office. In the parking lot they noticed a bumper sticker "I'd Rather Be Collecting Stamps." Upon seeing that bumper sticker, William approached the driver who was Robert. Knowing Robert as we do, once you mention the words stamp collecting he takes off talking about his stamp collecting school program for kids.

The article mentions the website that Robert developed along with his monthly newsletter geared for kids called *The PhilateliKid*. His website is <http://stampcollectingclubsforkids.org/> Robert recently updated his website and now the last 2 years of newsletters available for reading or download. Page one of the January issue of *The PhilateliKid* is shown on the right.



## Hobbies & Collectibles in Fallon

Our stamp club was sent an invitation to speak at the Churchill County Museum in Fallon. The Education Curator, Jennifer Jones, was looking for a speaker on our favorite hobby to be included in the Spring Lecture Series that runs from March 28th through April 18th. The theme for this year is "Hobbies & Collectibles."

**Harvey Edwards** and **Dave Gehringer** have volunteered to give the presentation on April 4th at 6:30 p.m.. Harvey will discuss the basics of stamp collecting and Dave will discuss naval covers. Fallon is home to the Naval Air Station and the Top Gun school, plus lots of service retirees. Hopefully the naval theme will be popular.

Harvey will show the tools of the hobby and have some free giveaways. Save your Linn's and APS journals so there will be some up-to-date material to pass out at the seminar.



Old Wadsworth Post Office window and boxes courtesy of the Sparks Heritage Museum on display at the APS AmeriStamp Show.



Judging the exhibits at the APS AmeriStamp Show.



# Canadian Stamp Issued to Honor a Farm Tractor?

by Stan Cronwall

Well did you ever? Shur –nuff . . . aye. Back in 1995, Canada Post issued a souvenir pane of 6 showing historic land vehicles which included a Canadian built farm tractor.

How come you say? Seems as though a Canadian farm equipment manufacturer was the first to introduce a LPTO system for farm tractors. (LPTO = Live Power Take-Off).

PTOs had been around for some time dating back to the late 1890's when one was initially cobbled together by a French farmer/mechanic and introduced commercially in the U.S. by International Harvester (IHC) on their farm tractors Model 8-16 in 1918. These worked directly off the tractor transmission to power pieces of equipment like balers, manure spreaders, mowers and pull-type combines. These early PTOs gave IHC a real advantage in the 1920's. Later, these were adapted for most farm tractor brands, as well as trucks.

PTOs were extremely dangerous and responsible for many injuries and even deaths. In 1997, the U.S. National Safety Council reported 6% of tractor PTO/LPTO injuries resulted in death.

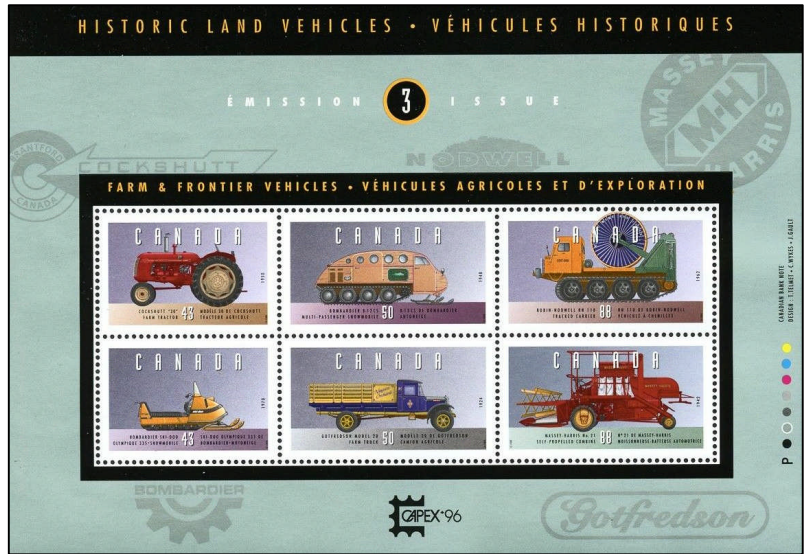
A piece as small as a single thread caught up in a PTO was enough to cause serious injury or as in the case of ex-Detroit Tigers Major League Baseball pitcher Mark Fidrych death. In 2009 while working underneath his ten-wheeler construction truck, a piece of his clothing was caught in the truck's PTO and he was suffocated.

The Canadian equipment manufacturer that introduced the LPTO was Cockshutt Farm Equipment, Ltd. located in Brantford, Ontario. In order for a PTO to have power the tractor had to be "in gear" or moving. When the tractor slowed or stopped, so did the operation of the trailing piece of equipment

The advantage of the LPTO was that the tractor could slow down or even stop but the trailing piece of equipment could continue to operate. The Cockshutt Model 30 introduced in 1946 was the first production farm tractor to have the LPTO.



Canada Post honored the introduction of this Model fifty years later in 1995 with a 43-cent stamp (Scott 1552a) that was part of the souvenir pane. The actual Cockshutt Model 30 shown on the stamp was from 1950.



*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.*

## Vassar Post Office display

Every two months the stamp collecting display is changed at the Vassar post office. **John Walter & Stan Cronwall** are the usual members responsible for setting up a new display. The two locked wall display cabinets are located as the patrons line up at the clerk's counter. Postal patrons sometime stop and discuss a family member that collects, or did collect in the past. An invitation is always extended to these individuals to attend one of our club meetings. The new display was installed on March 7 with the themes "Stamp Collecting for all Ages" and "April - Time to Play Ball." The display material is U.S. stamps and covers pertaining to each frame theme.

This is another opportunity to volunteer to help with the display. Stan will help and assist, John wants to pass this activity on to another club member.

Here are the pictures from the March-April post office display:



As you can see, each frame can accommodate 6 pages and a few covers. If you want to display a "mini-exhibit" of 6 pages, this is great way to start. U.S. material is preferred since it is in the post office. It's a great fun project for all the members. One Christmas display used stamps from the penny box to create a chronology of the Christmas stamp issues.

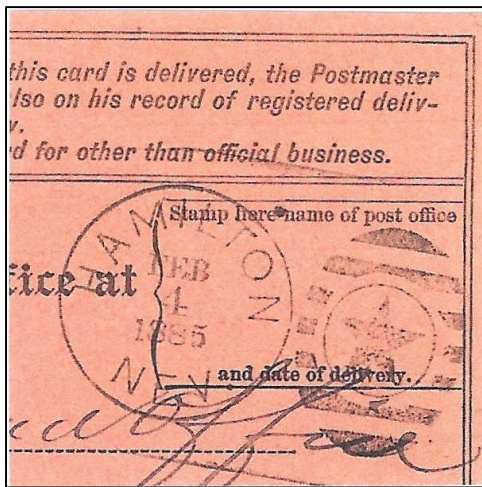
If you visit the Vassar post office, please take a look at the display and make a comment to the postal clerk that you appreciate the fun stuff in the display cases.



# Hamilton, Nevada- A Second-Class Post Office in a Ghost Town

By Mike Del Grosso

One of the greatest mining booms in the west occurred in 1868 in a remote area of Nevada known as the White Pine District. The center of activity of the district, which included many smaller camps in the area, was the boom town of Hamilton. Located high on the slopes of Mount Hamilton and Treasure Hill at elevations of 8,000' or more the towns of the White Pine District experienced brutal weather and remoteness. The quest for rich silver deposits triggered the boom. Within a year-and-a-half the population of the district was estimated to be more than 20,000, with most located in Hamilton. The Hamilton post office was established August 10, 1868. When White Pine County was organized in 1869, Hamilton was designated as the county seat. It remained the county seat until 1887, after the courthouse in Hamilton was destroyed by a fire in 1885.



Because of the large population the Hamilton post office was rated as a second class office. At that time postmaster salaries were established in accord with the rating of the post office and that rating based of revenue generated. In 1870, as a second-class office, the salary of postmaster James Riley was set at \$3,200 a year. The post office was located in a general store, owned by Riley and his brother-in-law, which also served as a telegraph office and a stock exchange office for a San Francisco brokerage firm. Business was good for a few years but by the early 1870's many of the mines closed and the population of the district and Hamilton diminished quickly. The activity of the post office also dramatically declined with fewer than 50 letters a day being postmarked, however, that office continued carrying a second-class rating with the postmaster receiving his \$3,200 annual salary. The second-class rating, based on the volume of stamps purchased, continued until 1885 when the postal

authorities became suspicious and investigated the situation.

They learned that postmaster Riley was purchasing enough stamps himself to generate the volume necessary to retain the second-class rating. They also learned that Riley continued operating the general store but had persuaded wholesalers supplying goods to the store to accept payment for the goods in postage stamps. It



was reported that one San Francisco firm had for years supplied Riley with approximately \$2,200 worth of goods each month and accepted the entire payment in postage stamps.

After his arrest and later trial in San Francisco, Riley was acquitted when the prosecution failed to show he had ever acknowledged the government's notice of a change in the system of computing salaries for postmasters. This technicality, probably found by a good defense lawyer, kept the then ex-postmaster of Hamilton, Nevada out of prison.

The post office in Hamilton survived, with the help of a few small mining reviv-

als, until March 14, 1931 when the population of the district was 57 hardy souls. Only scattered remnants of once substantial buildings in Hamilton remain.

Mike Del Grosso is a member of the Nevada Stamp Study Society who has a passion for collecting post card postmarks. He is a museum board member of the Post Mark Collectors Club. More information available at <http://postmark.org/>



## March Post Boy Quiz on Philatelic Language

by Stan Cronwall

Knowledge of these foreign words may help you navigate in the wide world of philately.

1. What is the Italian word for postmark?  
a. Scala      b. Bollo      c. Netti
2. If you have a French stamp described as “faux”, what kind of a stamp do you have?  
a. Counterfeit      b. With damaged/missing perforations      c. The stamp has mold on it
3. What kind of stamp would the Germans call Zeitungsmarke?  
a. Official      b. Coil      c. Newspaper
4. What does the Italian word “Anullato” mean?  
a. Void – no longer valid      b. Re-Valued      c. Canceled
5. A Spanish stamp described as “Sin dentor” would be what kind of stamp?  
a. Franchise      b. Imperforate      c. Without Gum
6. What is the German term for a definitive stamp?  
a. Freimarken      b. Dienstpost      c. Zusammendruke
7. If a French stamp is described as showing “Armoiries” what does it show?  
a. French Military Academy      b. Main Battle Tanks      c. Coats of Arms
8. The Spanish word for cancellation is?  
a. Matacello      b. Cancelamento      c. Grabado
9. The Portuguese term for “complete set” is?  
a. Muitas Cores      b. Termine Interio      c. Vidro Ampliando
10. In German, the word for “airmail” is?  
a. Flugpost      b. Luftpost      c. Rohrpost

**Bonus Question:** The oft whispered dealer phrase for collectors who insist on buying only Mint Never Hinged stamps is? a. “Come on in”, said the spider to the fly      b. El Stupido Rides Again  
c. Here comes “More Money than Brains”

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

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

## 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).

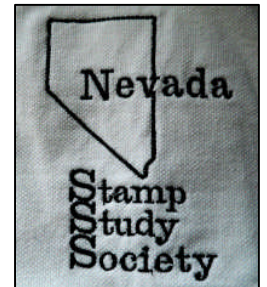
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**For Sale:** Canada - large selection of mostly MNH stamps from 1982 on. Contact member **George Ray** 359-9296.

**For Sale:** U.S. Plate # Blocks MNH from 1930 on. Later years Plate # Blocks 15% off face value. Want lists requested for specific plate numbers/positions. Contact member **George Ray** 359-9296.

**For Sale:** My mom's collection of covers and U.S. stamps. Claudia Pettinar, 775-825-3524.

**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. Contact member Dave and Susan Gehringer, [ds-ginger@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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** email: [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 (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. aerogramme: #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. What about your purchases made at the APS AmeriStamp Show? Let us know why you bought a certain 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).