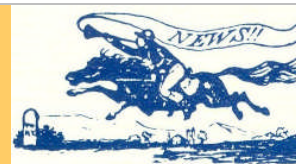


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MEETINGS 2ND & 4TH SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 10:00 A.M. (9 A.M. FOR GOSSIP & TRADING)

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President and Editor Comments:

Volunteers are the backbone of any stamp club. They make meeting attendance a pleasure from a nice meeting room, to providing refreshments, interesting conversation about their hobby and family, taking responsibility for certain tasks that enhance our activities, and overall enjoyment of the hobby. I'm happy to report that a new chair for the Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show has emerged. He was profiled in the April issue of the Post Boy. **Eric Fields** joined our stamp club a few months ago and has been volunteering at each meeting by coming early and helping to set up the meeting room, and putting over 20 hours of service at the recent APS AmeriStamp Show in March. And now his official title will read Stamp Show Chair. Thanks Eric.

There will be a quarterly Board meeting of the officers and directors on May 27 after the regular meeting. Some topics to be discussed include revising the Auction Bucks Award sheet which was last revised in 1999. Also on the agenda is developing a permanent award plaque for outstanding member achievements, and possibly having the July 22 meeting with individual bourse tables so members can sell as much philatelic material as they can. All the members are invited to attend.

Nominations are being solicited for our annual elections scheduled for the last meeting in July. The Nomination Form is on page 10 of this newsletter. **John Wetterling** is the Election & Nominations Chair.

Mike Del Grosso, a NSSS member, has been very busy making arrangement for:



The Post Mark Collector's Club Convention. The convention returns to Reno for the first time since 1990.

Everyone is invited to PMCC's 56th Annual Convention on Jun. 26—29, 2017, Monday through Thursday at the Best Western Airport Plaza Hotel, 1981 Terminal Way, Reno. More info at the website www.postmarks.org.

What we do at a PMCC Convention: There are tables of free postmarks, a couple of philatelic auctions, an ice cream walk, and good friends. It's like a family reunion, complete with t-shirts—albeit one with its own postal station and pictorial cancellation.

There are tables of philatelic material—much of it free for the taking! We usually have a table devoted just for pictorial cancellations. This is a great opportunity to see an array of different post office cancels from around the country.

Post Boy Reporter

Apr. 8 meeting - George Ray and Eric Fields arrived early to set up the tables and chairs for the meeting. There were 26 members in attendance. **Dick Dreiling** provided the refreshments. The raffle was conducted by **Betty Mudge** with the usual 10 donated prizes and a Bonus raffle prize going to **John Wetterling**. **David Pointon** won the raffle money of \$10.50.

The auction had 58 items and 5 Blue Sheet (donated) items with 33 lots sold for a total of \$590.25. The auctioneers were **Howard Grenzebach** and **Harvey Edwards** with assistance from **George Ray** and **Dick Simmonds**.

Apr 22 meeting - George Ray and Eric Fields arrived early to set up the tables and chairs for the meeting. There were 26 members in attendance and two visitors, Linda and her niece Brenda. Linda's husband died 8 years ago and now wants to dispose of his collection of China (mainly PRC and ROC) and Israel. She received advice from several members and will probably return at a future meeting. **Gary Dahlke** provided the refreshments.

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. The raffle was conducted by **Betty Mudge** with 10 prizes and the Bonus Prize going to **John Walter**. The \$10 money prize went to **George Ray**.

The philatelic program was a Show-And-Tell presented by **John Wetterling**, **Steve Foster** and **John Walter**.

John Wetterling (right) discussed two recent purchases of a Zeppelin and a Hindenburg cover. The Zeppelin cover was from 1937 that went from Nuremburg to South America. The Hindenburg cover was postmarked May 9, 1936 and went from Sweden to New York.



Steve Foster (left) discussed his collection of late 19th and early 20th century philatelic literature. Included were: 1909 hardbound *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, *Le Timbre Poste*, *Stamp Collector's Journal*, *The Philatelic Gazette*, *Berliner Briefmarken Zeitung* (Berlin Stamp Newspaper), *The Stamp Lover* by Fred Melville, Hinton's *Hints on Stamp Collecting*, and the *Stamp Collector's Handbook* by Egan.

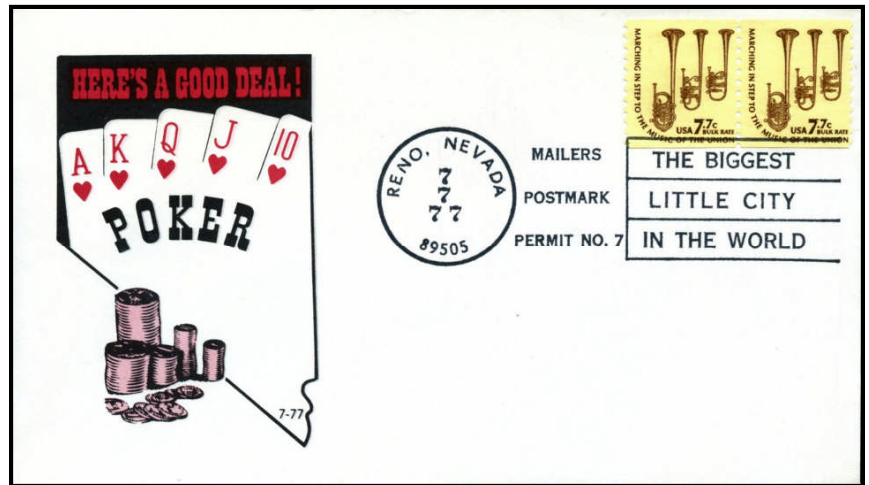
Ricketts circular stamp is found in some of these books and others he has at home. Part of Ricketts enormous philatelic collection was purchased at auction by the APS Library a few years ago.

William Reynolds Ricketts (1869-1956) is in The American Philatelic Society Hall of Fame and is, according to his citation " the greatest philatelic indexer of all time. He was also one of the greatest students and collectors of philatelic literature. Ricketts built an enormous philatelic library which he used to compile numerous indexes and bibliographies. His greatest bibliographic contributions to philately were his two monumental indexes of the articles and notes published about stamps and about stamp collecting. One index catalogued everything about the stamps themselves. The other contained the articles about the literature of stamps and the history of stamp collecting. He began both in the early 1890s.

When asked if he read all the books his reply was "I don't read 'em - I just collect 'em.

John Walter discussed a recent purchase of six gambling covers using two of the 7.7¢ bulk rate stamps Scott#1614 issued in 1976. Each cover had a different cachet - Poker, Craps, Slots, Blackjack, Keno and Roulette. The interesting aspect of each cover is that they used a Mailers Postmark Permit No. 7 with the date of 7-7-77, Reno, Nevada 89505. The first-class rate was 13¢.

John also showed his "write-up" of the 1986 Presidential stamps issued in small sheetlet format. Each cover and maximum card had individual engraved images of the presidents from George Washington to Jimmy Carter.



Member Spotlight - Harvey Edwards

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 Harvey Edwards. Harvey was born in Wichita, KS and now lives in Carson City. Harvey's dad was in the Air Force, so they moved around a bit, living in Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, England, and Germany. Harvey then spent 6 years in the Navy before moving to New Orleans and then Las Vegas.



Harvey Edwards is a retired engineer from the Bureau of Reclamation in Carson City, but is on call for the Corps of Engineers and was recently deployed to North Carolina.

He began collecting stamps and covers in the early 2000s when he moved to Carson City. Harvey likes to create philatelic exhibits using stamps and covers to illustrate his story. Some of his exhibiting topics have been submarines and Nevada history. For a time he also collected stamps of St. Pierre et Miquelon.

Harvey is a board member of the NSSS and has been active in the club since 2002. He has also been the chair of the Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show for over 10 years.

Harvey is married to Terri, who recently took home a Gold Medal for her exhibit at the APS Reno Ameristamp Show. They have one son who lives in Las Vegas and a daughter in Chattanooga, TN with 2 grandchildren. Harvey is also interested in reading, finances, and diving.

When asked what his dream stamp (under \$5000CV) would be, Harvey mentioned he would like a cover of the 1st Transatlantic Submarine voyage or the first submarine rocket mail. We couldn't find a picture of either of these, so the photo to the right is the next closest thing to a special voyage!



Harvey's email is diveecho@gmail.com

Stamps As Political “Footballs”

By Stan Cronwall

Following the end of World War II in Europe, Germany was divided into four parts occupied by four of the Allied nations; the United States, Great Britain, France and the Soviet Union.

The three western allies occupied western Germany and the western part of Germany's former capitol, Berlin. (Berlin itself was located in the Russian Zone of eastern Germany.) East Germany and the eastern portion of Berlin became a Russian satellite or “puppet state” of the Soviet Union.

In the west, the joint Allied Military Government (A.M.G.) of the U.S. and Great Britain issued stamps for civilian use. Separate stamps were issued under French occupation as well as for the German states under their control – Baden, Rhine-Palatinate, and Wurttemberg.

The western sectors of Berlin occupied by the Americans, British and French who jointly issued stamps for their part of the city. At first, these were overprints “BERLIN” on the German issues of 1947-48 (Scott 557-569 and 571-573)



On April 9, 1948 the western sectors began issuing stamps for Berlin with separate designs. (This ended October 3, 1990 when Germany and the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) merged.)

The German mark was re-valued in June 1948.

In the Soviet Zone of occupation a provisional overprint was hand stamped in black, violet or blue with various city, town and post office or zone numerals. These were applied to existing stocks of stamps issued for Germany as a whole.

On July 3, 1948 a new overprint “Sowjetische Besatzungs Zone” was applied to Germany Scott 557-573, as well as on certain Germany Numeral Stamps of 1946 (Scott 534, 547, 550, 553 and 555), and the Berlin-Brandenburg 1945 “STADT BERLIN” stamps Scott 11 N 1 – 11 N 7.

Later in 1948, Soviet Zone issues began printing the designation “DEUTSCHE POST” on their stamps. Then beginning with the March 2, 1950 issue (Scott 51) the east German stamps were printed “DEUTSCHE DEMOKRATISCHE REPUBLIK” (German Democratic Republic) or DDR.

Now, after all that background (and details you really didn’t want or need), let’s get to the subject title of this exercise.



The post office authorities in the DDR designated certain issues from the West as politically forbidden. An example of this is Germany Scott 697 (shown left). This stamp with the war prisoner in profile and barbed wire was issued May 9, 1953

The issue honors German Nazi soldiers who had fought during World War II.

This “offended” the East German politicians (and their Russian masters) despite the fact that thousands of German POWs remained captive in the Soviet Union until sometime in 1956.

On the other hand, the West bristled at DDR Scott 2560 issued August 5, 1986 which commemorated the 25th anniversary of the Berlin Wall. The issue (shown right) is with East German soldiers at the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin and the Wall in the background.



Letters franked using this stamp were refused in West Germany and the western sectors of Berlin. They were returned to the sender with the message that the mail was not delivered because it was deemed to display forbidden political propaganda.

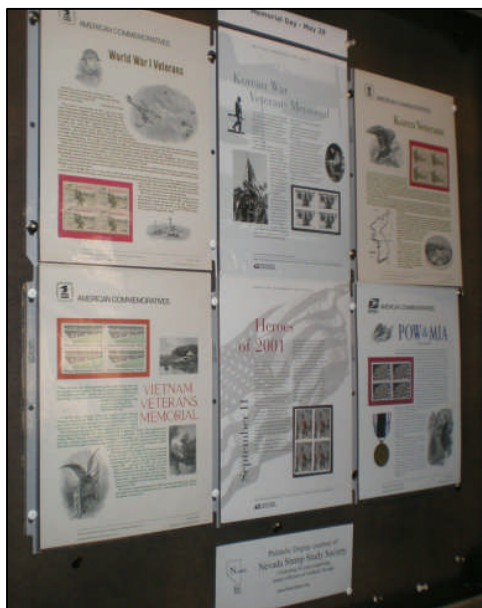
There have to be many other examples where the politics of the time or the politicians have decided to use stamps as low key weapons.

Anyone else have a less complicated story - perhaps another divided country like North and South Korea?

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 **John Walter** changes the display in the two locked wall display cases at the main Reno Post Office. If any member wants to have a 6-page display (mini-exhibit) at the post office, please contact John. This new display was set-up on May 2. Themes are for May - Memorial Day observance; and for June - Flag Day observed on the 14th.



Zephyr Cove Library Philatelic Display

On April 1, **John Walter** and **Dave Gehringer** set up a philatelic display at the Douglas County Zephyr Cove Library using two large display cases. Below are the pictures. The display will remain until the end of May.



Flyspecking Or A “Disease”

By Stan Cronwall

You have indulged me in my rants, and this could be the last at least on this subject.

An article in the “Stamp Collecting Round-Up” from November 2010 hints that philatelic flyspecking may be more than just examining your own naval looking for any accumulation of lint.

The New Zealand newspaper *Nanawatu-Standard* has a website piece which says, “Stalking stamps probably won’t qualify as heart-pumping excitement for most people. But there is a certain group of people for whom philately in all its associated manifestations creates palpitations that range from mild interest to full-blown obsession.”

The article goes on to interview a “compulsive” collector who has an album filled with stamps which to the “un-philatelic eye” all look identical. Apparently his father amassed these – 55,000 of them. Reportedly, there is a flaw in every 120 stamps.

This collection consists of one stamp from the New Zealand 1946 “Peace Issue” set which has 11 different stamps. (Scott 247-257)



It is not stated which single stamp has been amassed.

The original collector’s son is pictured in the article. The photo shows him with a greatly enlarged photocopy of a much earlier stamp from 1898 (Scott 71)

I wonder why he is shown with the photocopy of a much earlier stamp? Was this an editorial error, or done purposely to dissuade possible theft?

Now, you tell me whether this amassing is fly-

specking in the extreme, or a “disease”?

http://stampsnz.com/1946_peace.html

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May Post Boy Quiz on United States

by Stan Cronwall

This quiz will take you into the “weeds” and minutiae of U.S. stamps. Hang on it will be a hellava ride.

1. A U.S. Air Mail stamp issued in 1968 featured?
a. The Berlin Airlift runaway at Templehof Airfield b. 50 stars arranged like a runway c. The silhouette of a “delta wing” plane
2. In 1938, a stamp was released to commemorate the tercentenary of the founding of a settlement at Wilmington, Delaware. Where did these early settlers come from?
a. England & Ireland b. Germany & Austria c. Sweden & Finland
3. The developer of the test for early cancer detection in women was honored on a stamp issued in 1978. His name is? a. Dr. Hobart Schwerin b. Dr. Pap Schmere c. George Papanicolaou, M. D.
4. The Sokol organization in America was referenced on a stamp that came out in 1965. What was the genesis of this group?
a. They focus on physical training in gymnastics and other athletics – mass gymnastics in a festival setting
b. A covert Soviet KGB spy cell attempting to steal U.S. H-Bomb secrets c. They organized women’s professional baseball teams during World War II
5. The 1865 2 cent stamp features which of the following?
a. SS Adriatic b. Post rider & horse c. Concord stage coach
6. The 1922-25 set of stamps features U.S. Presidents, other notables and U.S. symbols. The 20 cent value shows the California Golden Gate. Which side of the bridge is shown?
a. From San Francisco b. From Marin County c. The bridge is not shown
7. The First President of the Continental Congress was honored on a stamp issued in 1981. What was his name?
a. John Hanson b. John Adams c. Thomas Jefferson
8. The Traffic Safety issue of 1965 depicts what?
a. School Zone sign b. Crash Dummy c. Traffic Light
9. The Transportation Issue set was released in 1987-88 and consisted of 15 different stamps. The 1902 Popcorn Wagon 16.7 cent value exists as an Imperf. pair (Scott 2261a) with a major flaw. All known examples are miss-cut. The miss-cut occurs? a. Side-to Side b. Top-to Bottom c. Diagonally
10. What blossom is shown on the 1967 stamp commemorating Mississippi’s 150th Statehood anniversary?
a. Magnolia b. Gin c. Cotton

Bonus: A trio of members from a famous family were featured on a stamp released in 1982. They were?

- a. Teddy, Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt b. Groucho, Chico & Harpo Marx c. John, Ethel and Lionel Barrymore

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 May meetings or email to

postboyquiz@renostamp.org

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

Buy, Want, Sell, Trade

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

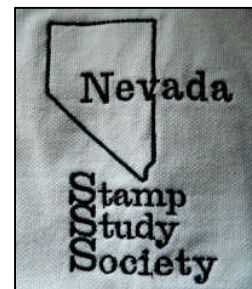
Buying : Stamp Collections Worldwide & United States, Large or Small Estate. Postal History , Post Cards , Ephemera, Stock Certificates, Checks, Old Business Ledgers and Billheads, Mining Lumber, Staging & Express, Pony Express, California Gold Rush. Photographs 1840's - 1920's , California & Nevada Oil Paintings, anything Rare from California or Nevada History... Call Mark Baker 530-417-1117 or Email Mark@goldrushpaper.com.

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 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

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 **Nadiyah Beekun** at (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. 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.

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

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.

2017 Nomination Form

There are four (4) elected positions open for 2017 elections. *"Any member of the Nevada Stamp Study Society in good standing, who is 18 years of age or older, shall be eligible to hold any office in the Society or to serve on any committee, provided however, that a candidate for the office of **PRESIDENT** shall have previously served either as an elective officer, or as a member of the Board of Directors, or as chairman of a standing committee."*

President: Serves for two years from August 2017 to July 2019. *"shall preside at meetings of the Society and Board of Directors. Shall appoint with the approval of the Board, the various standing committees. Shall execute on behalf of and in the name of the Society, when so authorized by the Board, all contracts, deeds and other legal instruments. Shall have general supervision over all officers and standing committees, to the end that there shall be full and complete performance of their duties by each of said officers and committees. Shall, upon termination of their office, serve as a member of the Board for the period of not less than one year to assist in maintaining continuity in the affairs of the Society."* (Bylaws; Article VI, Section 2)

Treasurer: Serves for two years from August 2017 to July 2019. *"Shall be responsible for the custody of all securities of the Society subject to the supervision of the Board of Directors. Shall advise the Secretary in all matters concerning the financial duties discharged and may authorize disbursements of funds on vouchers signed as above provided. Shall present to the Board annually a complete statement prepared in collaboration with the Secretary, of the assets and liabilities of the Society and of the financial transactions of the Society, accompanied by the bank statements of the amount of money and securities on deposit or held in trust at the time of such statements and any report of any official audit of the accounts. Shall collect all dues and fees, and keep proper books of account showing all receipts, disbursements and balances of cash on hand. Shall deposit all monies of the Society in a bank or banks designated by the BOARD to the credit of the Society. Shall receive all applications for membership together with all data which may be received in connection therewith. Shall have custody of the seal, keep the records of members and issue membership cards and receipts."* (Bylaws; Article VI, Section 5)

Director: (two positions open): Serves for 3 years from Aug. 2017 to July 2020. *"shall have supervision of such activities of the Society as may be assigned to them by the President or the Board of Directors, and shall help to promote the Society. At a minimum, a Director will supervise and report on the activities of one of the standing committees."* (Bylaws; Article VI, Section 6)

A candidate for any of the elected positions may submit a short resume outlining their organizational and leadership qualities, and should list any goals they may have for the Society. Any information provided by the candidate is voluntary and is not a requirement to run for office.

The slate of candidates will be published in the July issue of the Post Boy with elections taking place, by secret ballot, on July 22 (our last meeting that month). All nomination forms must be returned by June 10, 2017 to John Wetterling, Chair of Nominations and Election Committee.

I am a member in good standing and meet the requirements to run for the elected position of:

Signature of candidate _____ Date: _____

Print name: _____