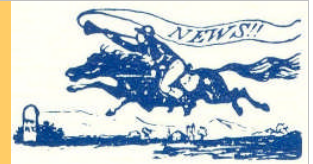


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President and Editor Comments:

This is the last month to submit your [Nomination Form](#) for the elected positions for President, Treasurer, or Director. The election ballot will be in the July Post Boy.

The family of deceased member **Bob Norris** donated the earliest copy of the Post Boy from June 1977. The [direct link is here](#). The first 7 pages are worth reading for some early history of our stamp club when they were meeting in Carson City.

A donation was added to the NSSS library by **Howard Grenzebach** entitled "This Is Philately" by Kenneth Wood ©1982. It is a 3-volume set (A-F, G-P, Q-Z for a total of 882 pages). It's more of an encyclopedia of terms, country overprints, etc.

The American Philatelic Society publishes stamp album pages on numerous subjects. The latest addition is Nevada stamps. **Gary Dahlke** printed the 15 pages and had them on a large poster board at the May 27 meeting. The link to the [Nevada album is here](#). The album pages will be used at the next Carson City Library display scheduled for the month of July. The album pages can easily be filled with stamps using the club's Penny Boxes. Great project for this summer!

Nadiah Beekun and **Barbara Stanfield** talked about two TV shows having postal employees as the main characters. "Signed, Sealed, Delivered" is a comedic drama that follows the lives of a group of postal employees who track down recipients of undeliverable mail (from the Dead Letter Office). It was a weekly series that started in 2015 that was developed into 2-hour movies on the Hallmark Movies & Mysteries channel. The other show is "The Inspectors" with a single mom who works as a postal inspector with her son that is a forensics lab intern. It is filmed around the area of Charleston, SC. It is on CBS on Saturday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Since 2015 there are 44 episodes. One interesting aspect is that each week the Chief Postal Inspector delivers a crime-prevention message. The shows should be available with the cable service On Demand feature.

After the regular meeting on June 10, there will be the quarterly Board of Directors' meeting. It was not held on May 27 because half the board members were out of town - with one director traveling to the Denver Stamp Show. All members are invited to attend the BOD meeting.

Mark your calendar for the annual **stamp club picnic on August 12** at the meeting place - 2301 Oddie Blvd, Silverada Estates Clubhouse. Family members are invited. The club supplies the BBQ meats, buns and drinks.

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Post Boy Reporter

May 13 meeting - There were 24 members in attendance. **Betty Mudge** provided the refreshments. The raffle was conducted by **Betty Mudge** with the usual 10 donated prizes and a Bonus raffle prize going to **John Walter**. **Zoleinna Schar** won the raffle money of \$ 9.00. **John Walter** and **Dave Gehringer** reported on their experiences at WESTPEX, April 28-30.

The auction had 51 items and 5 Blue Sheet (donated) items with 21 lots sold for a total of \$ 448.75. The auctioneers were **Howard Grenzebach** and **Harvey Edwards** with assistance from **George Ray** and **Dick Simmonds**.

On the right is a photo of **Nadiah Beekun** and **Dick Dreiling**. Nadiah recently obtained a few copies of the First Day Ceremony Program from 1981 where **Dick** and **Ruthe Dreiling** participated in the ceremony and signed the programs.



May 27 meeting - There were 20 members in attendance.

Howard Grenzebach 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 **Don Garrett** and the money prize of \$8.50 won by **Eugene Smoots**.



The philatelic program was presented by **Howard Kadohiro** who gave a tribute to his wife's grandfather's cousin, George H. Smith who survived the Bataan Death March in 1942 but died of malaria in Camp O'Donnell (Philippines) in May 1942. His family was not notified of his official death until 1945. Howard showed covers and letters from George in 1940 and 1941. Shown also were post cards, death notification letter and his obituary in an Ohio newspaper in 1945. Howard has over a dozen pieces of ephemera about his wife's relative military service. It was a very appropriate tribute to a fallen hero of World War II for Memorial Day weekend.

The picture on the right shows some of the members at the May 27 meeting.



Any Interest in Collecting Zepps ?

by Stan Cronwall

If you have ever toyed with the idea of collecting Zeppelin stamps in one form or another. What stopped you?

Yes, there is always the problem that it can drain your bank or savings accounts faster than the IRS on steroids.



But there are ways to get started other than the pricey U. S. Zepps C 13-15, or even the so-called “baby Zepp” C 18, and be sure to give a wide berth to those premium priced covers and cards.



Where does one start? Do you want stamps that include an image of an airship, or will you settle for just an overprint with the word “Zeppelin”?

Do you want stamps of the period when the Zeppelins were actually in service or will you be satisfied with the later tributes such as those which commemorate the so-and-so flight from X to Y.

For me, the stamps from the time when the Zepps actually were flying are far more collectable than the commemoratives of the modern area. The modern era stamps are generally much cheaper but seem to be riding the coattails of the original airships.

I checked my set of Scott Catalogs (circa 2011) and see that probably the least expensive “toe in the water” would be to look at the airmail stamps of four countries – Brazil, Germany, Paraguay and Russia (USSR).

What is your price tolerance level on buying a given stamp or set?

For purposes for this exercise, let’s just say between \$ 10.00 and \$ 50.00 and maybe a few that are even cheaper even though they are over 80 years old.

Here are a few stamps for reference to get your heart started:

Country	Description
Paraguay: C 54 & C 55	Regular issues overprinted
C 74-78	showing airship “Graf Zeppelin”)
C 79-83	showing airship “Graf Zeppelin”)
C 88-92	showing airship “Graf Zeppelin & overprinted “1934”)
C 93-97	showing airship “Graf Zeppelin” & overprinted “1935”)
Russia (USSR): C 12-13	showing “Graf Zeppelin” & call to complete 5 Year Plan in 4 years
C 15- 19	showing un-named airship
C 20-25	showing un-named airship
C 26-29	“Graf Zeppelin” and Soviet icebreaker “Malygin”
C 30-33	“Graf Zeppelin” and Soviet icebreaker “Malygin”
C 53-57	Soviet airships
Brazil: C 26	surcharged “ZEPPELIN” in blue on C 18 un-named early airship
C 27	surcharged “ZEPPELIN” in red on C 19 un-named early airship

C 29 and C 30	surcharged "ZEPPELIN" on regular issues of 1928-1929
Germany: C 35-37	"Graf Zeppelin" flying over the earth
C 57-58	"Hindenburg" (<u>NOTE: acidic gum problems</u>)
C 59	Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin airship inventor & builder
C 60	Airship gondola
C 59 & C 60	issued to commemorate the 100 th birthday of von Zeppelin

Depending on your tolerance for pain, you can venture into the German overprints for the "Graf Zeppelin" service to Brazil, the "Polar Flight" to the North Pole in July, 1931 and the airship's 50th crossing of the Atlantic to the World's Fair in Chicago in 1933, with stops in Recife, Rio de Janeiro, Miami, Akron, Chicago then back to Akron and on to Seville and finally returning to Friedrichshafen.

Prices for postal cards and covers for these flights can be heart stopping. Let the buyer beware.

For example, a cover flown on a short flight around the grounds of the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin can easily run \$80-100.



This postcard has three Rhein-Main strikes, the magenta Olympic Flight cachet and the Berlin Central Airport receiving mark.

If you have an appetite for sleuthing, here are some other countries that have issued Zepp stamps "back in the day:"

Argentina	C 20-24, and C 25-29	Italy	C 66-72
Cyreniaca	C 12-17	It Aegean Islands	C 20-25
Egypt	172-176 and C 3 & C 4	Latvia	CB 20-24
Greece	C 5-7	San Marino	C 11-16
Hungary	C 24-25	Tripolitania	C 21-26
Iceland	C 9-11		

Maybe you've got a Zepp "goodie" laying around in your stamp den buried in that pile or stack of things you intend to get to one of these days.

Isn't it at least worth dusting off the top layer?

And, there are always the NSSS "Penny Boxes" to filter through. You never know what you will find until you look .

Stan Cronwall is a member and his 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.

Post Mark Collectors Club Annual Convention

June 26 - 29, 2017 Monday -Thursday

Best Western Airport Plaza Hotel, 1981 Terminal Way, Reno

www.postmarks.org



Mike Del Grosso, a NSSS member, has been very busy making arrangement for the convention, which returns to Reno for the first time since 1990.

Everyone is invited.

What is there to 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! There will be 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.



Pictures from May 13 meeting - Left picture is Steve Foster, George Ray, Dave Dahlke, Dave Gehringer, and Zoleinna Schar. Right picture is Steve Foster, Mo Sung, Roy Kirk & George Ray.

June Quiz on Australia

by Stan Cronwall

Fair warning you may need a strong light source and some magnification to puzzle through some of these questions.

1. In 1990, a strip of five stamps was issued to celebrate the mining industry in Australia. What kind of mining was featured?
a. Gold b. Diamonds c. Opals
2. The 10th anniversary of the plan for peaceful development of South East Asia was commemorated on a stamp released in mid-1961. What was the name of the plan?
a. SEATO Plan b. Prospers Plan c. Columbo Plan
3. Australia featured some steam locomotives with strange names on a four stamp set that came out in May 1979. What were their peculiar names?
a. Double Fairlie, Puffing Billy, Pichi Richi & Zig Zag b. Upside Down, Ricki Tivi, Moaning Marsdon & Belching Oscar c. Henry Hawker, Paw Paw, Whining Willie & Mystic
4. The air post stamp (Scott C 8) was issued in 1958 to commemorate the inauguration of Australian "Round the World" air service. What airline name is shown on the fuselage of the Super "Connie" in the main illustration?
a. BOAC (British Overseas Airways Corporation) b. Qantas c. TWA (Trans World Airlines)
5. Which of these Australian Navy ships was NOT featured in the set and booklet issued 1993-2005?
a. Battleship HMAS "Queensland" b. Cruiser HMAS "Sydney II" c. Corvette HMAS "Bathurst"
6. Well centered Australian Official Stamps are relatively more difficult to find than the basic issues on which they are printed. Why?
a. They were printed in smaller quantities by a lower cost printing firm where centering was not an issue
b. The "Officials" were printed on poorly centered sheets that had been discarded
c. Most were perforated "OS" so centering didn't matter
7. The Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia was honored on a stamp issued in 1957. The stamp features the map of Australia and what other element?
a. A helicopter with a red cross on the body b. A small plane with a red cross on the fuselage
c. A Caduceus
8. The Australian Coat-of-Arms shown on a stamp released in 1976 exists in two major versions; Type I and Type II. Other differences exist. Two native animals appear on the stamp. What are they?
a. Emu & Kangaroo b. Wombat & Black Swan c. Platypus & Koala
9. HMY (Her Majesty's Yacht) traveled to Australia in 1983 on the occasion of Queen Elizabeth II's 57th birthday. What was the name of the yacht (Now retired)?
a. Mary Rose b. Heart of Oak c. Britannia
10. The only Australian stamp (to date) that features the opal gem stone is shown on Scott 560 which was originally had a face value of .08 Australian. In 1974, it was surcharged to .09. What color was the surcharge?
a. Black b. Red c. Blue

Bonus: During the period 1913-1931 Australian postage stamps were perforated "OS" for Federal Official use. In what catalogue will a collector find information on these stamps?

- a. Stanley Gibbons "Stamps of the World Volume 4" b. Scott Standard Catalogue A-B Volume 1
- c. Scott Classic Specialized Catalogue

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 June meetings or email to postboyquiz@renostamp.org

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

Betcha Dinna Know Much About the Artist Arthur Singer

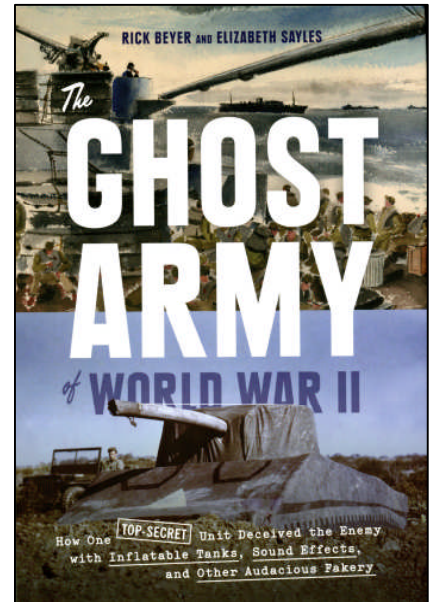
By Stan Cronwall

Well, I didn't either until I decided to read "The Ghost Army of World War II". This book runs less than 250 pages but is crammed full of stories and pix about the diverse group of people brought together to create diversions and deceptions to fool German Intelligence just before and after Operation Overlord - the D-Day invasion of Normandy, France.

This top secret unit was known on paper as the Twenty-Third Headquarters Special Troops. Armed with little more than inflatable tanks, rubber artillery, exceptional radio skills, and sound equipment with a very small contingent of men actually carrying weapons they ranged up and down the front lines misleading the enemy as to the strength, location, and identity of American units.

This unit of never more than eleven hundred men was able to simulate two Divisions conjuring up phony convoys, phantom divisions and make-believe headquarters.

One of these men was Arthur Singer who went on to become one of America's best-known wildlife artists. In "Ghost Army" there are ten examples of his illustrations done during down times during the war. Below is one of Singer's war-time scenes showing the convoy taking the group across the Atlantic to Great Britain.



His post-war career began with doing illustrations for *American Home*; then wildlife features for *Sports Illustrated* and bird illustrations for the World Book Encyclopedia.

He went on to illustrate more than 20 books including the very popular "Birds of the World" and "Birds of North America". He traveled extensively across the United States as well as to Africa, the Middle East, Europe and South America to see new species in their natural habitats.

In 1982, he and his son Alan Singer created the "Birds and Flowers of the Fifty States" series of stamps for the United States Postal Service. Reportedly it was one of the largest selling issues in the history of U.S.P.S. Below is a cropped pane of the Birds & Flowers Issue of 1982.



A self-portrait done in 1945 is below. Arthur Singer died in 1990 at the age of 72.

Buy, Want, Sell, Trade

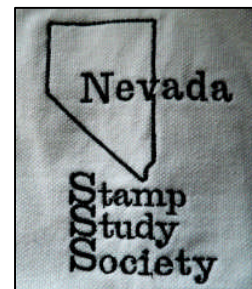
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For Sale: Canada - large selection of mostly MNH stamps from 1982 on. Contact member **George Ray** 359-9296.

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: 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 **Nadiah 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

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