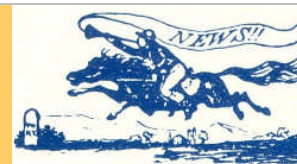


Post Boy



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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:

This issue of the Post Boy is a little late since I try to have everything done by the first Saturday of the month. Since this month starts on a Saturday, I was busy putting up displays at the Vassar Post Office with **Stan Cronwall** and also the Carson City Library with help from **Zolennia Schar**. With the philatelic displays come pictures and trying to fit everything in 8 pages for the Post Boy. This month's issue I could not do that. So you have 9 pages to read before our next meeting on July 8 + the ballot.

The last page is the ballot to elect two officers and two directors. A candidate is still needed for the position of President.

The July 22 meeting will feature member bourse tables for \$5 which enables the member to sell as much merchandise as they can. The only business at this meeting is the election. For those not in a buying mood, there will be glassines to stuff with stamps for the Youth Program. The stamps will come from the Penny Boxes and donations. Please donate used (or new) glassines to help with this project.

While removing the stamp display at the Zephyr Cove Library, the librarian said the elementary school across the street uses the library regularly. The students enjoyed the stamp collecting display in April & May. I mentioned the stamp club could supply stamps and albums for the kids. **Dave Gehringer** obtained around 100 stamp albums each from the ASDA and Mystic Stamps when he attended the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show in June. With that the club will be able to make "kits" to give to the children during the next display which is in October - National Stamp Collecting Month.

A recent stamp donation was received by the club that consisted of multiple year sets for the People's Republic of China. **George Ray**, the Donations Chair, told me the 2017 Scott Catalogue value is around \$500. These items will be in the club auction at the July 8 meeting.

Upcoming Event - The annual picnic is Aug. 12 at the meeting place of Silverada Estates Clubhouse. It will be from about 11 a.m. to about 1 p.m. Family members are invited. Contact **Barbara Diederichsen** with the number of people attending and the side dish you are bringing. The picnic signup sheet will be at the next two meetings.

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Post Boy Reporter

June 10 meeting - There were 27 members in attendance. **Eric Fields** provided the refreshments. The upcoming annual picnic was briefly discussed with **Harvey Edwards** volunteering to shop for the grilling meats, buns and drinks. The picnic is on Aug. 12 (regular meeting date) and will start about 11 a.m. The sign-up sheet for side dishes and number of people attending will be passed around at the next few meetings. **Don Garrett** made an announcement that the American Legion national convention will be held in Reno on Aug. 18 to 24. About 15,000 legionnaires are expected.

A new member joined, **Melodye McGroarty**, from Las Vegas. She is the newsletter editor for the Southern Nevada Stamp Club. The raffle was conducted by **Betty Mudge** with the usual 10 donated prizes and the Bonus raffle prize going to **Betty Mudge**. **Betty Mudge** also won the raffle money of \$ 9.00. The live auction had 58 items and 5 Blue Sheet (donated) items with 23 items sold for a total of \$ 387.75. The auctioneers were **Gary Atkinson** and **Harvey Edwards** with assistance from **George Ray** and **Dick Simmonds**.

June 24 meeting - There were 25 members and three guests in attendance. Linda and Allan (the collector) was looking to sell some older mint stamps. Hopefully they will be back for more meetings. Another lady came who wanted to donated a box of philatelic supplies and albums to the club.



Eric Fields talking with our newest member Randy Singh

The philatelic program was presented by **Harvey Edwards** who discussed "An Introduction to the APS Manual of Philatelic Judging & Exhibiting."



Mike Del Grosso giving report about upcoming Post Mark Collectors Club convention



John Walter conducting the Board of Directors meeting on June 10

A new member joined, Randy Singh, who lives near Susanville. His profile is on page 3. **Barbara Diederichsen** 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 **Paul Glass** and **Mike Potter** won the money prize of \$9.00.

Get Well cards were signed and sent to **Jean Johnson**, **John Wetterling**, **David Pointon** and Ed Hartley's wife.



Harvey Edwards conducting a discussion on the APS Judging & Exhibiting Manual

Member Spotlight- Randy Singh

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 NSSS's newest member **Randy (Rudolph) Singh**. Randy was born in Vacaville, CA and now lives in Janesville, CA, near Susanville. Randy was raised in Lassen County, CA.



Randy is a retired bridge builder but went on disability after falling 30 feet onto concrete. Ouch!

That must have hurt. He also has been a liaison to Superior Court and has been an administrator for social services.

He began collecting stamps and sheets in 2006 after inheriting his mother's collection. Randy is interested in topical and thematic stamps as well as sheets from the U.S. and worldwide.

Randy joined the Club on June 24 after being encouraged by **Nadiah Beekun** to come to our meetings.

Randy is married to Nancy and they have 7 children and 11 grandchildren, ranging in age from 1 year to 13 years. Most of the kids live in Reno. Randy is also interested in metal work, welding, tools, tuna fishing, and camping. He also likes to collect Mad magazines.

When asked what his dream stamp (under \$5000CV) would be, Randy said he would like the 1926 White Plains 2¢ souvenir sheet- shown at the right. Maybe he'll pick this one up at one of our auctions! He would also like to acquire some of the U.S. grill stamps.

Randy has enjoyed meeting NSSS members and gaining knowledge from them. He feels he will be better able to assess his stamps.

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More pictures from the June 10 meeting

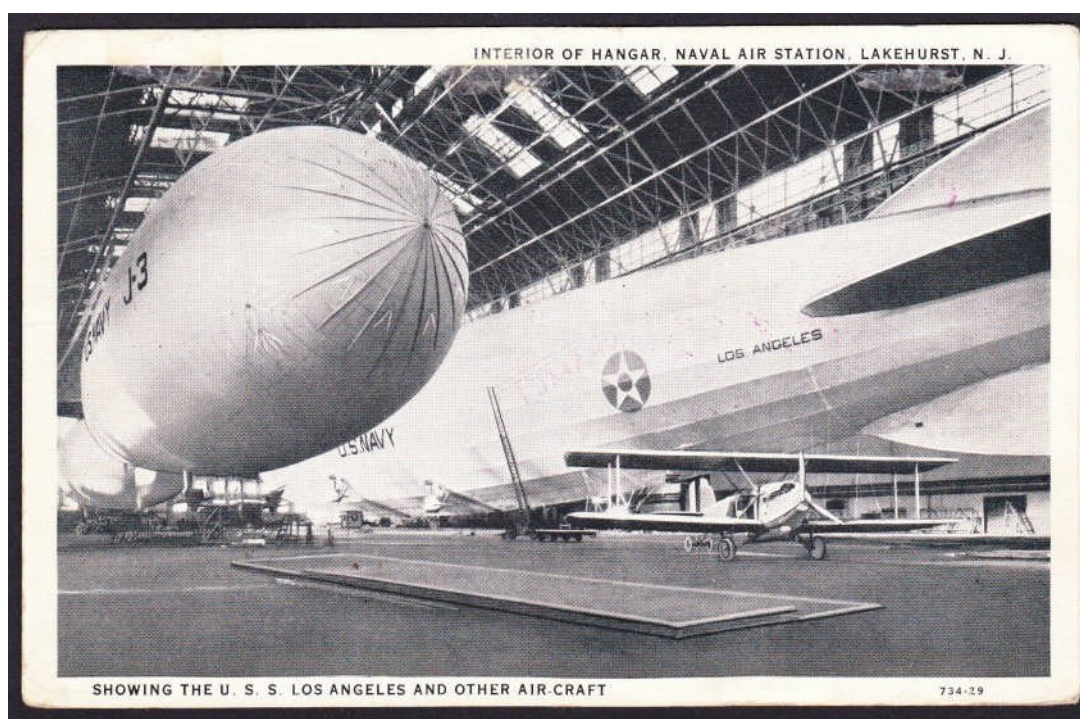


A 65¢ Graf Zeppelin on Postcard

By Patrick Crosby

In the June 2017 issue of *Post Boy* Stan Cronwall tries to interest members so inclined to collect zeppelin stamps. It stirred my interest to dig deeper into the only zeppelin cover I have, and I have discovered other usages I would like for my collection. But there is no cheap way out.

After World War I Germany was forced to make war reparations to the allied nations to cover their costs. Germany paid with cash, most of their fleet of ships, all of their submarines, their airships, their colonial empire, and otherwise. The debt to the United States was \$800,000 and a deal was eagerly accepted by the U.S. which included that the German dirigible maker Luftschiffbau Zeppelin would build and deliver (as a test of range and airworthiness) an LZ-126 airship. The company was the world's premier builder of dirigibles and it had been originally started by Count Ferdinand von Graf Zeppelin. On October 16, 1924 the airship was successfully delivered to the U.S. Naval Air Station at Lakehurst, New Jersey, and immediately christened *Los Angeles*. It was part of the U.S. Navy, became the most successful U.S. dirigible ever, and was one of the few to ever live to be decommissioned. The *Los Angeles* is seen on the view side of my postcard (below), an appropriate image for the address side.



The *Graf Zeppelin* airmail issue (Scott C13-15) was for the postage of cards and envelopes for portions of a round trip transatlantic flight of the newer, larger LZ-127, named *Graf Zeppelin*.

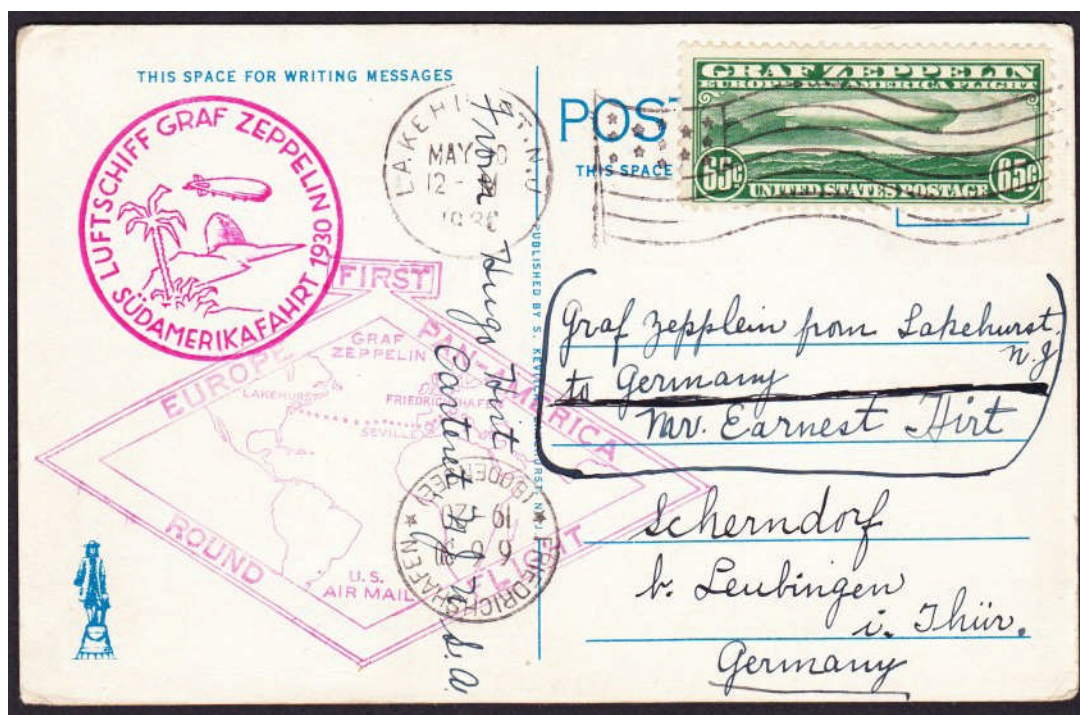
The 65¢ stamp (Scott C13 as on my cover) was mostly used on postcards and government postal cards for either the return (eastbound) flight or a portion of the preceding westbound flight. The *Graf Zeppelin* had been built in 1928 and had already flown transatlantic flights and a globe circling flight beginning and ending in Lakehurst, NJ. But this was to be the first Europe-Pan America round trip flight.

Collectors could send their covers for either eastbound or westbound portions or for the round trip under cover to the Varick Street Station post office in New York City, NY. For the westbound flight, which began in late May, 1930 in Friedrichshafen, Germany, U.S. cover orders were handled and assembled by Varick Street and sent by steamer to Germany. These covers usually bear postmarks with various dates from the Varick St. Sta. N.Y. post office or Washington, DC. Many of the Washington, DC cancels are postmarked the first day of issue of the Zeps, April 19, 1930, which really boosts their philatelic value. The airship stopped in Seville, Spain, Pernambuco, Brazil, Rio de

Janeiro, Brazil, then back to Pernambuco before flying to Lakehurst, NJ. After a few days layover the return flight began in early June, stopping in Seville but not including any stops in South America.

For those wanting covers only to be included on the return (eastbound) portion of the flight, the covers could also be sent to Lakehurst, NJ. Like my postcard, these covers usually received a Lakehurst, NJ, American Machine Co. flag cancel, the only flag cancel found on this zeppelin flight. These are sought by collectors of machine and flag cancels in addition to other collectors and thus have more demand than those showing most other cancels. These Lakehurst flag cancels show 5 different date/time combinations in their cancel dials from May 30 to June 2, 1930. My card shows May 30, 12-M (noon) and is the earliest and the most common.

Most of the covers gathered in New York and Lakehurst were addressed for delivery back to the U.S. and the postage entitled the senders to receive their covers back via sea mail to New York then by domestic air, if practicable, to the addressee. However, some were addressed to other countries and for those to European countries no additional postage was required. My card was addressed to Leubingen in the German state of Thuringia.



As is usual, my cover has a Received postmark from Friedrichshafen of June 6, 1930 and a red cachet promoting the airship builder. The U.S.P.O.D. applied a purple diamond cachet of an Americas/ Europe/ Africa map showing the route flown for the eastbound flight with a dotted line – from Lakehurst, NJ to Seville, Spain, to Friedrichshafen, Germany. The westbound and round trip flight cachets show the same purple map with more dotted lines since they included stops in Brazil.

Those covers that were shipped back to New York for U.S. delivery after completion of the flight were marked with a New York, NY, light green Received cancel which included a zeppelin design with the words “Europe-Pan America Round Flight” inside the design. A similar Received marking was used on covers ending their eastbound flight in Lakehurst. My postcard does not have this marking since it was addressed to Germany.

The legacy of this flight lives on for stamp collectors far beyond the desirability of the three *Graf Zeppelin* stamps. Together with the earlier 1927 Lindbergh solo flight across the Atlantic and the 1929 *Graf Zeppelin* round-the-world flight, the 1930 Europe-Pan-America flight is credited with creating interest in flight covers which expanded into collecting all types of covers and cancels by the mid to late 1930's.

The *Graf Zeppelin* began flying regular passenger service between Europe and South America in 1932 and then on May 6, 1937 the zeppelin *Hindenburg* burst into flames in Lakehurst, NJ killing 36 of 97 passengers and crew and one ground worker. All further flights of the *Graf Zeppelin* were canceled and in 1940 the airship was dismantled. It had been in service for nine years with 650 flights, 147 of these across the Atlantic, always carrying mail. She flew over a million miles (the only airship to do so) without any harm to its more than 13,000 passengers.

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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.

Carson City Library Display



John Walter finishing the display.

The stamp club only had one large display case to showcase many philatelic items.

July Quiz on New Zealand

by Stan Cronwall

In an effort to keep/get more people interested in quiz participation, we are staying with stamps issued by an English speaking country.

1. A youthful Queen Victoria was portrayed on a stamp design first seen in 1885. That same design was on all New Zealand stamps regardless of face value until ...? a. 1874 b. 1858 c. 1882
 2. The New Zealand Official Stamps of 1892-1907 were hand stamped with the letters "O. P. S. O." What did these stand for?
a. "Official Postal Service Operation" b. "On Public Service Only" c. "On Postal Service Only"
 3. Various New Zealand industries were featured on a set of stamps issued in 1935. These industries were?
a. Timbering, Whaling, Agriculture, Mining & Fishing b. Transportation, Fruit Exports, Oil Drilling, Wine Production & Tourism c. Wool, Butter, Sheep Farming, Apple & Shipping
 4. The 1943 and 1944 semi-postal stamps featured Great Britain's two Princesses. They were?
a. Elizabeth & Margaret Mary b. Elizabeth & Margaret Rose c. Elizabeth & Margaret Victoria
 5. In 1893, advertisements were printed on the backs of New Zealand Scott 61-69. The country was in an economic depression and the Government was seeking new sources of revenue. This money raising scheme of the New Zealand Post & Telegraph Department was ended after only seven and a half months. Why?
a. Licking the stamp left a terrible after-taste b. The ads bled into the stamp front obscuring the image and value c. The bad publicity for the advertisers resulted in them cancelling their contracts.
 6. The last New Zealand Air Post stamp was issued in? a. 1935 b. 1995 c. 2013
 7. Beginning April 1, 1882, New Zealand revenue stamps became valid for postal use and vice versa. These Postal-Fiscal stamps continued until the 1960's. The earliest design featured?
a. The New Zealand coat-of-arms b. Mount Cook c. Queen Victoria
 8. Is it my imagination or does the image of Queen Victoria seem to have a more jowly appearance on the stamp designs of 1891-1895? a. Your imagination b. No difference from the design of 1882 c. You are correct, sir
 9. Which of Queen Elizabeth's children was the last to be featured on a New Zealand semi-postal stamp in 1973?
a. Prince Andrew b. Prince Edward c. Prince Charles
 10. The New Zealand stamp marking the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother was issued with a black border. Is this true? a. No such stamp was issued b. True c. False
- Bonus question: In 2004, New Zealand issued a set of 5 stamps featuring extreme sports. The sports were:
a. Open ocean boat racing, snowboarding, rock climbing, spelunking & mountain climbing
b. Slacklining, unicycle downhill racing, wingsuit flying, tower base jumping & parachute formation flying
c. White water rafting, sky diving, snow sports, jet boating & bungy jumping

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 July meetings or email to postboyquiz@renostamp.org

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

My Take On “The Crimes At The Caves”

By Stan Cronwall

Dunno if you have seen much in the news about the manager of the USPS Stamp Fulfillment Services in Kansas City perhaps better known to collectors as “the caves.”

Federal investigators have uncovered what has been termed as a “rogue operation” which sold U.S. Mint stamps overseas at steep discounts.

The Kansas City facility was basically a recycling operation. Manager Khalid M. Hussain was giving away or selling the philatelic products being sent there for disposal or destruction. He headed up this operation from 2005 to 2016.

USPS regulations require that unsold philatelic goods be sent to the Kansas City facility where in theory they are destroyed or otherwise disposed of. (Turns out that USPS likes to sell U.S. stamps to foreign postal administrations. News to me, and probably to you as well).

Stocks of the Simpson stamps, Lunar New Year and the Harry Potter commemoratives were named in the report as being sold overseas.



There are other tidbits in the news release. There was a previous investigation into this operation as regards irregularities in the “Inverted Jenny” stamp scheme.

Seems three of the “Upright Jenny” panes that were given away at no cost to customers of the Stamp Fulfillment Services (SFS) center. This strongly suggests that the “Upright Jenny” panes were somehow handled separately from those printed upside-down.

This triggered a few questions in my mind:

1. In theory, there were only 100 “Upright Jenny” panes produced. How can we certain that this figure wasn’t “fudged” in some way?
2. What happened to the proofs and other “Upright Jenny” pane “printer’s waste”?
3. How was SFS able to identify the “Upright Jenny” panes from vast number of others that were printed upside-down? Obviously, they were segregated or handled separately at SFS. How was this done?
4. The report says that items were sold to SFS employees at a discount, given away to visitors and used as holiday gifts. I doubt it, but were any of these “Upright Jenny” panes?
5. SFS took or perhaps assumed the responsibility for the distribution of the “Upright Jenny” panes. Reportedly, someone made the decision that the allocation would be to the 50 cities/postal areas which in the past

had “sold” the highest dollar volume. Was that based on stamps only or all “philatelic” merchandise sold from the USPS “stores”? Who made this decision?



Were there any panes set aside to be sent out the garden variety collectors who often buy directly from “the caves”?

Keep in mind that if the allocation was made evenly, that means the each city or postal area received less than 2 panes.

When the Reno post office recently gathered in the “Jenny” packets from all their satellite operations, I doubt that this area was among the top 50. It is unlikely that there were any “Upright Jenny” panes sent to our area. Your chances of hitting the “Jenny” jackpot were better if you bought a packet or two when NSSS offered them at

our 2015 Show. These came from SFS.

Now aren't you thrilled to know that you just peed away \$ 12.00 for nothing.

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.

Editor: Our stamp club asked the Reno Post Office to collect as many of the Jenny panes from local post offices to sell at the APS AmeriStamp Show in Reno. They eventually collected about 80 panes, 50 were sold to Nadiah Beekun and offered to our members at the \$12 face value. The USPS sold the rest at the stamp show. Nadiah still has a few available. So far nobody has reported finding an “upright Jenny” pane worth about \$75,000. A recent article in Linn's (June 2017) recounts the location of number 32 of the right-side up Jenny pane. Still 68 panes to be found. Also in Linn's is an article that the Los Angeles Post Office has collected a few hundred of the \$12 panes to sell at their philatelic window. No more of these inverted Jenny panes are available at the USPS Stamp Fulfillment Service Center.



Vassar Post Office Display

The theme on the left is Horses on Stamps, and on the right is for Independence Day with covers and stamps. Photos need to be taken at an angle because of glare from the lights overhead.



2017 Nevada Stamp Study Society Ballot

Statement by candidate, Paul Glass, for Director: "As a current member of the Board of Directors for the Nevada Stamp Study Society, I would like to ask for your vote to continue to play a role in the functioning of our club. I currently am the club's point of contact with the American Philatelic Society (APS) and prepare the annual APS Chapter Report. In addition, I am our club's APS Chapter Ambassador designed to strengthen philately at the local level. I would like to continue to pursue that role for our club. I am also one of two APS representatives in Nevada to assist APS members or their heirs in disposing of their collection(s). Finally, I am the club's Boy Scouts of America representative and assist in offering a Stamp Collecting Merit Badge class at national and/or local shows. I would appreciate your vote to allow me to continue in these efforts for the benefit of our club and philately in general. Thank You! Paul Glass, NSSS Board of Directors nominee."

This ballot is to be executed on July 22, 2017 at the regularly scheduled meeting.

Absentee ballots must be received by the day of voting. See below for mailing instructions.

Ballots will be counted at about 10 a.m. on July 22 with the results announced immediately thereafter

NOTE: If there is only one candidate per position then the candidates can be elected by acclamation. A motion is made and seconded, and voted by the members present, to accept the slate of candidates as a whole.

For the office of PRESIDENT of the stamp club: _____ ☐

For the office of TREASURER of the stamp club: Mike Potter ☐

For the office of DIRECTOR (vote for two (2)); George Ray ☐

Paul Glass ☐

When you have made your selections, please fold the ballot and return it to the Nomination and Election Committee Chair - John Wetterling.

If you are mailing your ballot please send to:

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Please put your name on the mailing envelope, so your membership can be verified.