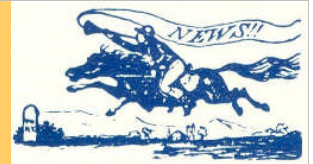


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MEETINGS 2ND & 4TH SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 10:00 A.M. (9 A.M. FOR GOSSIP & TRADING)
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Announcements

Membership Renewals: August is membership renewal month. The stamp club year is August 1 to July 31. Those joining earlier this year should have their membership expire next July. If you are not sure of your membership status please contact [Paul Glass](#).

Annual Club Picnic - Aug. 12: Just a reminder that the next meeting date is also the club picnic at the same meeting site - Silverada Estates Clubhouse. More information is on page 4.

Election results: The last meeting in July is election time for two officers and one or two directors. This year the officer positions open were President and Treasurer, each for a two year term. Two Director positions, each for a three year term, were open this year. The ballot was in the last issue of the Post Boy; but, there was no name on the ballot for President.

Since the ballot is mailed back by members that cannot attend the meeting, they need to know who the candidates are. Floor nominations are discouraged since those not attending the election meeting have no say. But what are we to do without a President? After a meeting break to further discuss the matter, there were potentially three candidates. Still during the break, two candidates "dropped out" leaving one individual for the President position. At this time there was one candidate for each office. There was a motion, which was quickly seconded, to elect the slate of candidates by acclamation.

The newly elected officers are: President - **Harvey Edwards**, Treasurer - **Mike Potter**. The elected Directors are: **Paul Glass** and **George Ray**. Congratulations!

Harvey Edwards accepted the nomination realizing he also serves as an "as-needed emergency responder" with the Corps of Engineers which can take him out of town for months at a time.

Harvey was serving in his last year as a Director; that open position can be filled by appointment, according to the Bylaws. If anyone is interested in the open Director position, that will be for one year, please contact Harvey.

Some Board members were traveling and not at the July 22 meeting. A picture of the current Board members should be in the next issue.

FYI: Jim Ringer, a long-time member of the stamp club passed away last fall. His wife **Catherine Ringer** passed away July 26 after a long battle with cancer. She was 77 years old. Both attended the club's social activities and Jim served on the Board for many years. Jim stopped coming to the club meetings in the mid-2000s to stay home to care for his wife when she was diagnosed. Catherine retired as a school teacher from the Washoe County School District. Services Aug. 7 at 1 p.m. at the Center for Spiritual Living, 4685 Lakeside Dr., Reno.

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Post Boy Reporter

July 8 meeting - There were 25 members in attendance. **David Pointon** provided the refreshments. **Harvey Edwards** announced that the local NPR radio station had 10 announcements about our club meeting the past week. Each public service announcement was 15 seconds. The PSAs were provided as part of Harvey's membership in the local public radio station. **Dave Gehringer** gave a brief report on his attendance at the Denver Stamp Show last month.



The raffle was conducted by **Betty Mudge** with the usual 10 donated prizes and the Bonus raffle prize going to **Paul Glass**. **Howard Grenzebach** won the raffle money of \$ 11. The live auction had 52 items and 2 Blue Sheet (donated) items with 23 items sold for a total of \$ 409.10. The auctioneers were **Gary Atkinson** and **Harvey Edwards** with assistance from **George Ray** and **Dick Simmonds**.

July 22 meeting - There were 22 members and one guest in attendance. **Harvey Edwards** provided the homemade refreshments. **Jean Johnson** sent a message thanking the club for the "Thinking of You" card she received from the stamp club. She is in the Ormsby Rehab Center in Carson City.

This was a Member Bourse Day where 8 members were able to sell as many items as possible. The following members had tables: **Howard Kadohiro, George Ray, Stan Cronwall, Dave Gehringer, Howard Grenzebach, Marla & John Wetterling, Steve Foster, and Nadiah Beekun**.



Youth project with Zoleinna Schar, Betty Mudge & Dick Simmonds

The other activity at the meeting was a Youth Program table where packets of stamps and albums were put together by: **Dick Simmonds, Betty Mudge, Zoleinna Schar** and **Dave Gehringer**. Dave had additional material donated by dealers at the Denver Stamp Show and the American Stamp Dealers Association. The stamps and albums will be available for children at local libraries when the club has stamp displays.



John & Marla Wetterling, Gary Atkinson, & Bill Littell



Steve Foster, Barbara Diederichsen, & Bob Ennes

The "AHA" Phenomenon or "What's in a Club Raffle"

By Stan Cronwall

For many of us who "ante" up a buck or two to participate in the twice monthly club Raffle it's almost a ritual to part with those "white wigs" to buy a few tickets.

But then, when the time comes for the actual Raffle, we are like the door-to-door salesman on the old Fibber McGee and Molly radio show who rang the doorbell or knocked all the while saying, "Nobody's home, I hope, I hope, I hope!" – in other words please don't call my ticket numbers.

You buy the Raffle tickets to support the organization, and at the same time hope your numbers aren't called except for the drawing at the end for half the cash raised by the ticket sales that meeting.

As the ten tickets are drawn, there are some audible groans or a few remarks as the dubious "winners" step up to pick their pile of discards donated by members. These donations usually consist of such items as U.S. and sometimes world-wide stamps torn from letters and packages, postcards both used and new from trips or places long forgotten, FDC's or commemorative event covers, and other assorted "no-wants" perhaps re-cycled from earlier Raffles.

Once in a while, there are sets of stamps from some packet producing stamp dealer outfit long since faded away, or some other oddities that our member donor couldn't or didn't want to deal with.

A few meetings ago, my winning stack-o-stuff included a glassine with 11 stamps from one country. On judgment, all appeared to be old, and all were rouletted. Three were used, and the rest mint and hinged. It appeared that there were two stamps that had dups of the same face value and roughly the same color. The main illustration on each was the likeness of a man breaking a chain. To me, this suggested a country breaking away from something.



The biggest stumbling block was that there was no country name that I could read. The "hen scratchings" at the top and bottom offered no clue other than they seemed not to be from a Far East country, or Arabic. The alphabet used seemed to be like something that might be from an eastern European country and resembled what we see on Russian /USSR stamps. Yes . . . the Cyrillic alphabet.

I took this as a challenge. The first thing I consulted was the 14 page Illustrated Identifier toward the back of the Scott Catalogs. Rats! Some Cyrillic references but not what I needed to see. No luck.

Was I going to have to try to come up with a list of countries who do now or formerly used the Cyrillic alphabet?

Then, armed with my trusty multiple magnifying glasses, I decided to try looking at the three stamps with cancellations. One was so faint it was barely identified as being cancelled. Another was a partial cancel, and what was shown on the stamp was unreadable other than the "N 9". On the third, the cancel had left the letters "ZAGRE" but nothing else was readable or understandable.



"ZAGRE . . . ZAGRE . . . ZAGRE" Back in the dark ages when I was in college I had been a history major with a specialization in the history of the Balkans and Near East. Then, in the Army, I worked in military intelligence. Ya Ya Ya – I know the old George Carlin line about oxymoron(s) - military intelligence belongs with such other incongruities as Jumbo Shrimp.

Remember I was also a stamp collector and was working on the early stages of my collections which included Germany from 1933-45 and the areas it occupied. This included many of the Balkan countries. So I began going through my mental Rolodex searching for anything with a "ZAGRE"

"AHA" maybe it was ZAGREB. Zagreb, the capital of Croatia. The Scott Catalog section on Croatia begins with 1941 when it broke away from Yugoslavia becoming an independent state closely allied with Nazi Germany. No luck there. Now what else?

Croatia had been a part of Yugoslavia since 1918 when the victorious allies from World War I cobbled together some parts (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Dalmatia, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia) of the old Austro-Hungarian Empire to form the new state.

Over the years, Scott has named the country either Jugoslavia or Yugoslavia. Currently they favor the latter spelling. What might we find under Yugoslavia . . . There they are.

These are stamps issued in 1919 and 1920 for Slovenia within Yugoslavia.

Wow, what a slog. This little journey goes a long way toward demonstrating that being a philatelic detective requires some creative thinking in order to come up with an answer. Along the way, be sure not to lose sight of the original question.

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.

Annual Stamp Club Picnic

August 12 - from about 10:30

Lunch at about noon

2301 Oddie Blvd. - Silverada Estates Clubhouse

Members and their family are welcome, but there needs to be an accurate head count since the club will provide the grilling meats; hamburgers, hot dogs and buns, and the drinks. Those attending are responsible to bring salads, desserts, condiments and chips. Sliced tomatoes, onions and pickles also will be needed.

If you did not sign the reservation sheet at the last few meetings, please email [Barbara Diederichsen](#) or call her at 358-0283.

Please bring sturdy plates for the food and your own utensils.

This is one of the social events that the club sponsors. Please make plans to attend with your spouse and/or other family members.

Return Postage Due

By Patrick Crosby



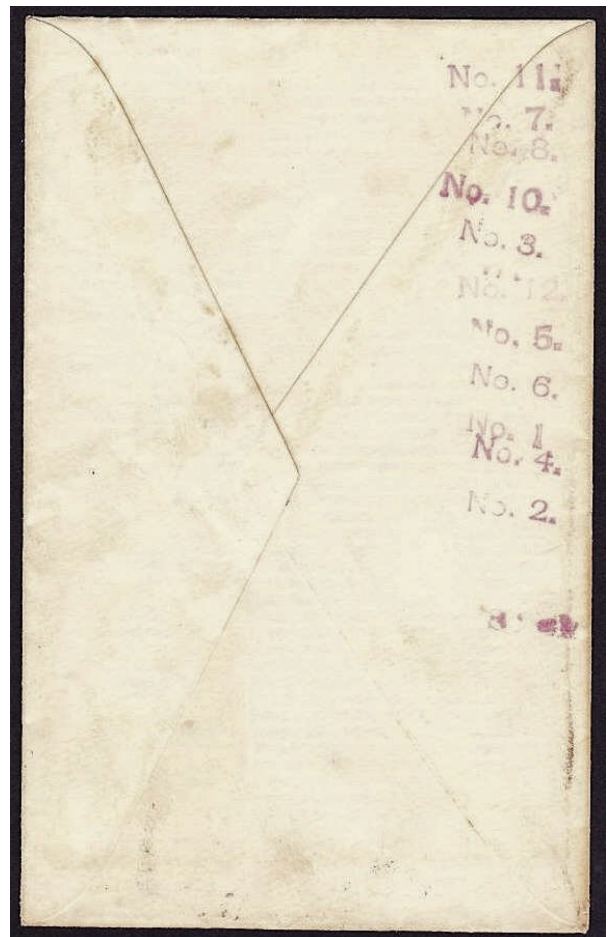
This 1893 1¢ Columbian envelope has a return request as part of its c.c. (corner card) – "Return to ... If not delivered within 5 days." It was mailed and stayed in Easton, PA, best known for Crayola crayons. There is a pointing hand stating "Returned to Writer" and an s/l (straight-line) ancillary "Return Postage Due 1 Cent" marking. The latter marking is special in that it includes the word "Return," referring to the 1¢ fee the post office was charging for this service.

The first-class letter rate at the time was 2¢ and first-class service included returning an item to the sender. But the illustrated envelope was mailed at the 1¢ third-class rate and would have included only printed matter. It would not have been returned except for the return request, and then there was a mandatory fee at the same rate (1¢) that the item was mailed.

The post office did try to locally locate the addressee, Mr. Wm. Stine, as evidenced by the reverse of the envelope where the Easton mail carriers rubber stamped their route numbers after reviewing the address and not recognizing the addressee.

Another mail service not afforded to third-class service unless specifically requested is forwarding. If Mr. Stine had moved and left a forwarding address this item was still not allowed to be forwarded. There may have been an attempt to forward this item, but it was stopped by erasing a word that appears close to reading "Portugal" and then writing "India" on top of the erasure, with "India" probably referring to India rubber, an erasure material.

There is also one other pencil notation reading "Remand" which was subsequently scratched out. "Remand" means to send back, and it was scratched out because the pointing hand replaced it.



So the Fair-View Park Association ended up paying the same 2¢ rate as first-class without first-class service. But with a number of letters being sent out by the Association at 1¢ each, the 1¢ postage due for the occasional return service made economic sense.

I purchased this item recently for \$3 from the online APS Stamp Store available to APS members and non-members. However non-members pay a 10% premium. When I purchased this envelope only the face was pictured, so I was pleasantly surprised at the carrier markings on the reverse.

References:

U.S. Domestic Mail Rates 1872-2011, Beecher and Wawrukiewicz, available from the American Philatelic Society at <https://stamps.org/Home>

Postal Laws and Regulations, 1879 and 1882, see the free <http://www.uspostalbulletins.com/> site for PL&Rs and Daily Postal Bulletins

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.

More pictures from the member bourse meeting on July 22



Howard Grenzebach's table with Eric Fields & Mo Sung



Howard Kadohiro setting up his table with the clubhouse security guy on the right



Dave Gehringer setting up his table with Howard Kadohiro on the right at his table



Steve Foster's table with Barbara Diederichsen looking at the merchandise

August Quiz on Barbados

by Stan Cronwall

Although it completely surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean, Barbados is in the West Indies and is considered to be the eastern most island in the Caribbean. It is part of the British Commonwealth and became an independent state November 30, 1966. Get back into your Scott Volume 1 and start digging in the weeds.

1. The vignette for the pence denominations of the 1920-21 Barbados Victory set was based on the statue known as the Winged Victory of Samothrace. This statue is believed to commemorate what event?
a. Lord Nelson's Victory at Trafalgar b. A Greek naval triumph c. A Viking assault on Paris
2. The Black Belly Sheep was developed in Barbados likely from stock brought to the island from Africa. The variety was featured on stamps issued in 1982. How many stamps were in the set?
a. 4 b. 5 c. 2
3. The Barbados Postage Due set of six stamps first issued in 1974, have a rather subtle stylized design in the background and each is different. What is this design element?
a. Trees b. Native Huts c. Flowers
4. Barbados has never issued Air Mail stamps. Is this statement correct? a. False b. True
5. On August 3, 1983 a set of three stamps were issued celebrating which sport?
a. Table Tennis b. Cricket c. Open Ocean Sailing
6. The 250th anniversary of George Washington's visit to Barbados was commemorated with a set four stamps and a souvenir sheet issued in 2001. Which of these did not actually depict Washington?
a. His likeness was on all issues b. The \$ 2.50 value showing the Fort at Needham Point c. The souvenir sheet
7. Barbados has issued one War Tax stamp in its history. This stamp generated funds for which war?
a. World War I b. World War II c. War of Emancipation of Native Peoples
8. The last member of Great Britain's Royal Family to appear on a stamp of Barbados was?
a. Queen Victoria b. Queen Elizabeth II c. Prince William
9. In 2001, Barbados issued a special souvenir sheet to celebrate Hong Kong's 2001 Stamp Exhibition. The souvenir sheet featured a \$ 3.00 Barbados stamp. The stamp shows the world's smallest snake. What is the snake called?
a. Thread snake b. Rope snake c. String snake
10. Barbados issued a long set of 15 stamps in 2005 featuring trees. Some of these were re-issued in 2010 with an overprint "2010". How many of the original issues were overprinted.
a. All fifteen b. Six c. All except the highest four face values

BONUS: The statue that tops the Imperial Memorial to Queen Victoria in front of Buckingham Palace holds a palm branch of victory in her left hand, with her right hand aloft and index finger pointing up-ward. This statue seems to be reflected in the design of the higher value shilling denomination of the 1920-21 Barbados Victory set where the winged female figure stands on a globe with a laurel wreath in her right hand, and a palm branch in her left. What is the color of these higher value stamps?

- a. Bister & Black b. Green & Black c. Lake & Black

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 August meetings or email to postboyquiz@renostamp.org

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

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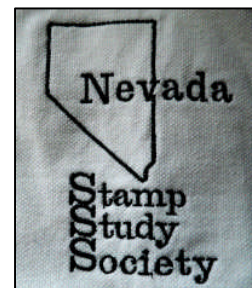
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For Sale: Monogrammed shirts with the Nevada Stamp Study Society logo for \$25. The monogram can also be placed on a shirt you provide for \$15. Right now the shirts are dark blue with white monogram or white shirt with dark blue monogram. Members regularly wear the monogrammed shirt at meetings. Contact member Dave and Susan Gehringer (925) 408-6807 or ds-ginger@sbcglobal.net or. 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 Member Bourse on July 22? 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.