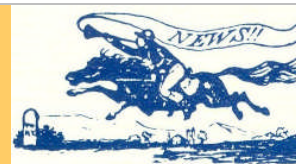


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MEETINGS 2ND & 4TH SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 10:00 A.M. (9 A.M. FOR GOSSIP & TRADING)
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Announcements

One of the stamp club's most important social functions is happening on Dec. 9. It's our annual Christmas & Holiday Party where spouses, children and family are invited. All the information is on page 3 of this Post Boy. The stamp club provides the meat and everyone else is requested to bring a side dish - veggies, snacks, desserts, etc. Call or email **Barbara Diederichsen** with the number of people coming so the club has enough food.

At one of the October meetings **Stan Cronwall** lost his well worn off-white to light gray bag he's been lugging around for the last 10-15 years. It has what remains of a stenciled series of red hearts in a design on one side. It is worn and dirty, but it also harbors his carefully compiled lists of major categories in his various collections. There is not much else of value in the tote. However, those lists are important because they have hand-written notes about more recent acquisitions that he had yet to add to his computerized lists. "Re-creating them is an almost impossible task."

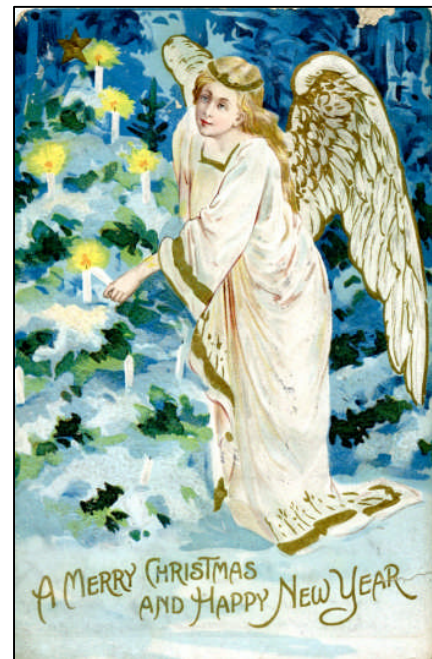
At the Nov. 25 meeting, a number of members discussed their 2018 Philatelic Resolutions. The subject matter was so interesting that an article will be in the January Post Boy with some practical ways to enhance your philatelic enjoyment in 2018. If you want your resolutions in print, please send to editor@renostamp.org.

President's message **Harvey Edwards:**

The stamp club values all of our members and we want to keep you active in the club. Any member that can't afford the dues can request a waiver.

Here are some suggestions for making a philatelic resolution for 2018: become a Board member; work on an exhibit; start a new collecting interest; write a Post Boy article; mentor a new collector; or even just making an effort to attend more club meetings.

I'm looking forward to the Christmas and Holiday party and wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.



1¢ postcard mailed in 1907 from Chicago to intercity address.

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Post Boy Reporter

Nov. 11 meeting - There were 25 members in attendance along with 5 guests. Shirley came with her grandson to inquire about possibly selling an inherited collection. She did not bring any items today but will bring a box from the collection to a future meeting. A young man, Alex, came with his wife and young daughter to sell some stamps. The refreshments were provided by **Marla Wetterling**. The entire meeting was an Auction Bucks auction where members donated garage and yard sale items for members to bid using their Auction Bucks. The Auction Bucks are awarded for various volunteer activities from the past year.



There were a total of 87 items in the auction. Some items were combined to move the auction along. A total of **43,460 Auction Bucks** were spent in the auction. There was wine and champagne, books, small appliances, and many philatelic items from stock sheets/albums, albums with stamps, to a huge amount of literature (books and catalogs) mostly donated by **David Drake**. One interesting book was a "Brief History of the U.S." ©1909. The auctioneers were **Gary Atkinson** and **Mike Potter** with help from **George Ray** and **Dick Simmonds**.

Nov. 25 meeting - There were 24 members in attendance. **Bob Wolfe** provided the refreshments. The raffle was conducted by **Betty Mudge** with the usual 10 donated prizes and the Bonus raffle prize going to **Don Garrett**. **John Walter** won the raffle money of \$11.

Announcements: Reminder that the Christmas Party is Dec. 9. Membership dues is past due. **Paul Glass** will contact those members who still need to renew. A new membership roster will be published in early 2018. A reminder that name tags can be purchased for \$5 from **Paul Glass**. **Eugene Smoots** had Penny Boxes available for members to look through or take home for the holidays. Stamps are only 2¢ each. **Eric Fields** reported on the upcoming Reno stamp show July 28-29. **Dick Dreiling** volunteered to coordinate the exhibits for the show. **John Walter** gave a report on the club website and the Post Boy newsletter. **Paul Glass** reported on his volunteer activity with APS for the Estate Advisory Service in Northern Nevada. The APS is looking for more volunteers to advise family after the death of a spouse. See Paul for more details. Paul also discussed some other advantages for membership in the American Philatelic Society.

Dick Dreiling reported that the Sparks Heritage Museum is sponsoring a museum license plate that will help fund the "Last Chance Joe" monument in front of the museum. The museum has reserved the low numbers for the plates below 100. The purchase of the initial license plate will also give the person a \$25 credit for museum membership.

Betty Mudge has a box of recent (2004 to about 2006) MNH Great Britain. These include mint sets, FDC and presentation booklets. The items will be sold for about 1/3 of Scott catalog, which is less than the face value. **George Ray** is selling a box full of recent U.S. (2000 to present) with panes and single stamps for less than face value. These items are from the **Jean Johnson** estate and the money will go to her niece.

The Consignment table had over 70 items for sale.

**Christmas/Holiday Party
and Gift Exchange**

Silverada Estates Clubhouse

2301 Oddie Blvd., Reno

December 9, 2017

1:00 p.m. - Hors D'oeuvres, pre-meal snacks & conversation

about 1:30 p.m. - Main meal (turkey entree)

If you want to participate in the gift exchange:

**Bring a wrapped gift (no more than \$15 value) for each person attending
Tag gift if specifically for female, male, or philatelist.**

Please bring a plate and silverware for each person and your own drink.

Spouses and family members are welcome.

**If you have not signed up yet to bring a food item,
please contact Barbara Diederichsen ASAP
[her email](#), or phone number is 775-358-0283**

She needs an accurate count for those attending

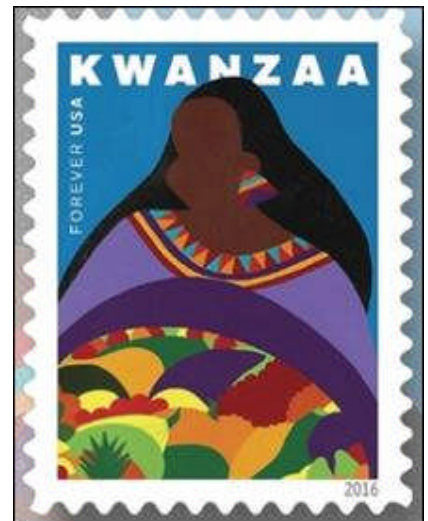
You may come early (no sooner than 1130) to help with the setup and table decorations.

As of the Nov. 25 meeting, there were 30 people signed up with the pot luck items they are bringing.

The Silverada Estates continues to ask for donations of nonperishable food items for distribution to those less fortunate. You can bring the items to the party or meetings throughout the year.



Begins Dec. 12



Begins Dec. 26

Back Into the “Weeds” of German Postal History

By Stan Cronwall

I seem to have built a bit of a reputation for stomping around in the “weeds” of the greater world of philately. This short trek will be no different.

Journey with me back to yesteryear after the end of World War II. Recall, that the victorious Allies in effect partitioned Germany (and separately its former capitol Berlin) into four pieces. The Soviets got the east, and the west was divided up between the U.S., Great Britain and France.

It was 1948. The greater effort was to get Germany back on its feet economically. In the British-American Zone of Occupation (Bi-Zone), German firms were issued special “airmail etiquette” labels for business related airmail when the companies registered with the Joint Export Import Agency (J.E.I.A.) after May 1, 1948. The desired effect was by permitting and subsidizing airmail for businesses it would be a boost to the Germany post-war economy.

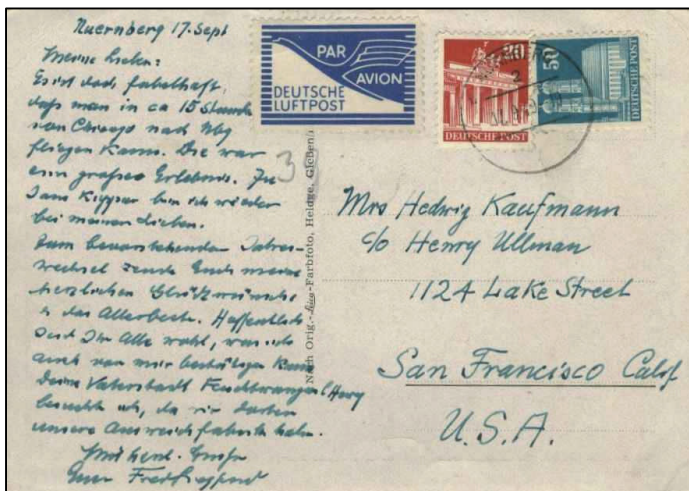


This label wasn't easy to get and shows permission for airmail, not a “polite” request for that service.

All other airmail was restricted so that most German firms and individuals only had access to aerogrammes.

Airmail restrictions for the Bi-Zone were lifted on October 19, 1948. After that date all J.E.I.A. airmail permission labels had no special value and thus became nothing more than the “airmail etiquettes” which they had resembled all along.

Each of these images of covers from that time frame have the label, but were date canceled after the air restrictions were ended, making them merely “airmail etiquettes”.



As seems to be never-ending in our chosen hobby, forgeries are quite common.

Watch for the dates, the rates paid and the cancels.

For example, all mail going to West Berlin during the Soviet blockade had to go by airmail, so if you were a registered firm with the J.E.I.A. using one of these precious labels was plain stupid.

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.

Photos from the Nov. 25 meeting



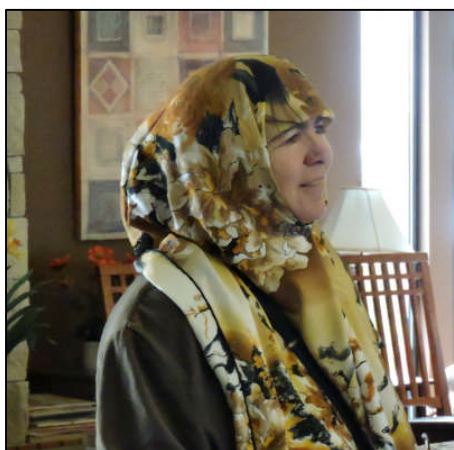
Gary Atkinson and Mo Sung looking over the consignment table.



Betty Mudge conducting the meeting raffle.



Stan Cronwall presenting his list of 2018 Philatelic Resolutions.



Nadiah Beekun discussing her 2018 Philatelic Resolutions.



Paul Glass talking about his role as an APS Estate Advisory Service representative and benefits of APS membership.

Volunteer Activities

At the end of the year the stamp club recognizes those members who have served the membership in various ways. If you don't see your name on the list, there are things you can do to enhance your participation. Our president can fit your skills to different club activities. In addition to the officers and directors, here are our extraordinary volunteers:

- Historian – **Dick Dreiling** (member since 1975)
- Archivist - **John Walter** (using the NSSS website)
- Program Chair - **Nadiah Beekun**
- Refreshments Coordinator – **Barb Diederichsen**
- Get Well & Sympathy Cards – **Stan Cronwall**
- Holiday Party Site – Reservations & Set-up - **Barbara Diederichsen, George Ray, Barbara Stanfield**
- Holiday Party - Turkey entree preparation - **Harvey Edwards**
- Annual Picnic & Holiday Party site – **George Ray**
- Donations Chair - **George Ray**
- Sign-In/Auction Bucks Log – **Betty Mudge**
- Post Office/Library Remote Displays:
 - Vassar Post Office – **John Walter & Stan Cronwall** (every two months)
 - Carson City Library – **John Walter & Dave Gehringer** (July 2017)
 - South Valleys Library – **John Walter** (Sept. & Oct. 2017)
 - Zephyr Cove - **John Walter & Dave Gehringer** (April, May & Oct. 2017)
- Storage Unit – **Mike Potter**
- Auctioneers – **Harvey Edwards, Gary Atkinson, Howard Grenzebach, Dave Gehringer**
- Auctioneer's Assistants – **George Ray, Dick Simmonds**
- Auction accounting - **Mike Potter & John Walter**
- Boy Scout Stamp Collecting Merit Badge Liaison – **Paul Glass**
- Silverada Clubhouse Meeting Place Liaison – **George Ray**
- Meeting Room setup - **George Ray, Eric Fields**
- Council of Northern CA Philatelic Societies Liaison – **Harvey Edwards**
- Penny Boxes – **Eugene Smoots and Betty Mudge**
- Raffle Coordinator/Operator – **Betty Mudge**
- Auction Bucks Accounting/Distribution – **Betty Mudge**
- APS Liaison & Ambassador Membership Program - **Paul Glass**
- Librarian - **Dave Gehringer**
- Webmaster - **John Walter**
- Post Boy Editor - **John Walter**
- APS Estate Advisory service - **Paul Glass**
- Youth Program - **Dave Gehringer**



December Quiz on U.S. First Day Covers

By Stan Cronwall

1. What was the first U.S. air post stamp on cover to be considered a first day cover?
a. C 1 b. C 20 c. C 46
2. When there is no distinctive cancellation, how can early FDC's be identified?
a. It is not possible b. By date of issue c. By joining the American FDC Society
3. Why don't U.S. Postage Due stamps issued after 1956 have the FDC cancellation?
a. While they were released by the post office, they are not truly considered to be regular stamps for FDC cancellation purposes b. Who knows c. Because they have subsequently been replaced by a red hand stamp
4. What famous name in the world of philately created the first modern day FDC by printing three lines of type on the President Warren G. Harding Memorial Issue?
a. Albert S. Burleson b. George W. Linn c. Edward Stanley Gibbons
5. When did U.S. postal authorities first identify FDC's with a distinctive cancellation?
a. 1923 b. 1933 c. 1937
6. How does a collector submit a stamp for first day cancellation, when it has a face value below that of the current postal rate?
a. Postage must be added to bring it up to the first class rate b. Submit it in a separate envelope
c. Such stamps will not receive an FDC designation
7. What is the copy or design element often found on the left-hand side of an FDC called?
a. An Indicia b. Ancillary c. A Cachet
8. Under rules of the UPU, the term FDC or First Day Cover can only apply to stamps of the United States of America.
a. True b. False
9. What U.S. stamp was the first to receive the "FIRST DAY OF ISSUE" cancellation?
a. The Harding Memorial Issue b. The Northwest Ordinance Issue c. The Peace of 1783 Issue
10. Which FDC bearing a U.S. stamp has the highest Scott Catalog value?
a. The 1 cent Blue issued July 1, 1851 in Boston b. The \$2.00 Columbian Exposition Issue of January 2, 1893 c. The \$ 1.00 Trans-Mississippi Issue of June 17, 1898

BONUS: Scott Catalog footnote says that values for first day covers flown on Zeppelin flights are only for those with appropriate markings. Non-flown covers sell for less. a. True b. False

The December quiz is worth 110 Auction Bucks, including the bonus. Please complete the quiz and give your answers to Betty Mudge at either of the January meetings or email to postboyquiz@renostamp.org

<p>Nov. Quiz Answers: 1. c, 2. a, 3. c, 4. c, 5. a, 6. b, 7. c, 8. a, b, & c 9. a, 10. b Bonus: a</p>

Buy, Want, Sell, Trade

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

LOST and Wanted Back: A well worn off-white/light gray canvas tote bag I've been lugging around for the last 10-15 years. It has what remains of a stenciled series of red hearts in a design on one side. It is worn and dirty, but it also harbors my carefully compiled lists of major categories in my various collections. Contact **Stan Cronwall** 849-7850 or email stlaine@aol.com.

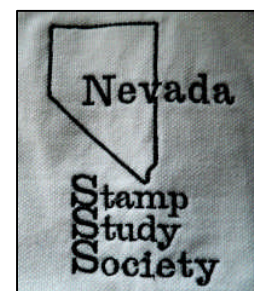
For Sale: From the Jean Johnson estate. Great Britain MNH from about 2004 to 2006. The items include sets, FDCs, and presentation booklets. The prices are about 1/3 of Scott catalog. Contact **Betty Mudge** 972-8237 or email bjmudge2004@yahoo.com.

For Sale: From the Jean Johnson estate. Selling less than face value MNH U.S. from about 2000 to present with singles, blocks and panes. Contact **George Ray** 359-9296

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... Contact member **Mark Baker** 530-417-1117 or Email Mark@goldrushpaper.com.

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 (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. 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.