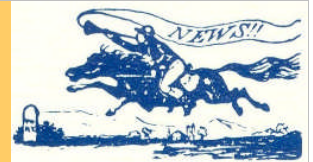


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Announcements



Above is the large sign placed outside the National Bowling Stadium for our stamp show. It is a reminder that this year's Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show is July 28-29 inside the Hall of Fame Museum at the bowling stadium. There is free parking in the stadium garage and free admission.

Help is needed for the show setup on July 27 starting about 11 a.m. Easy things like putting tables cloths on and folding show programs can start around that time. Setting up the frames and cleaning takes a little more effort and time. **Erik Fields** has the signup sheet and is coordinating the activities.

The Show Awards Dinner is on Saturday, July 28 at 7 p.m. in the 2nd floor meeting room at Harrah's Reno Casino & Hotel a short walk south of the stadium. The dinner menu is on page 4. The stamp club is subsidizing the meal cost, so please contact **Paul Glass** for reservations.

Our next meeting on July 14 is the last meeting before the stamp show and the picnic & elections on August 11. A signup sheet will be at the meeting for the picnic. **Marla Wetterling** is coordinating this activity. An accurate number of attendees is needed since the club buys the grilling meats, buns and drinks. The rest is provided as a pot-luck for condiments, chips, salads and desserts. Please bring your own plates and silverware. Family members are welcome.

And, of course, there is the elections that takes place at the picnic. Candidates are still needed to complete the ballot for Vice-President, Secretary and two Directors. Contact **George Ray** to place your name on the ballot.

The United Postmasters & Managers of America, 2nd National Convention is July 21-27 at the Sparks Nugget Casino Resort, more information is on the website: <http://www.unitedpma.org/> They will have information about our stamp show for those attendees who plan to spend a few days in The Biggest Little City.

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Post Boy Reporter

June 9 meeting - There were 24 members in attendance and one guest, Lester Wadsworth. The refreshments were provided by **Harvey Edwards**. He brought a delicious chocolate cake with "Happy Stampin With the NSSS" written on the cake. A picture of the cake is on the right. The raffle was conducted by **Betty Mudge** with the usual 10 donated prizes. **Howard Kadohiro** won the bonus raffle prize. **George Ray** won the raffle money of \$10.00.



Some of the announcements: **George Ray** is looking for nominees for the election ballot. Positions are open for two Directors, Vice-President and Secretary. **Erik Fields** reported that volunteers are needed to help at the stamp show for the setup on July 27 and take-down on July 29. **Dick Dreiling** reported that he has exhibits for 25 frames so far. **Paul Glass** reported that the Awards Dinner will be on July 28 at Harrah's Reno Casino Hotel, second floor meeting room. Contact Paul if you plan to attend the dinner. The entrée choices are chicken and salmon with a total price of \$25. The club will cover tax and gratuity along with subsidizing the cost of the meal. Complete menu on page 4.

Members attending the summer APS Stamp Show in Columbus, OH, August 9-12: **Harvey Edwards** who will have an exhibit, **Robert Martin** who will give a seminar on "How to Establish and Run Successful Stamp Collecting Clubs for Kids," and **Dave Gehringer**.

The live auction had 54 lots plus 5 Blue sheets (donated items). The auctioneers were **Gary Atkinson** and **Erik fields** with **Dick Simmonds** and **George Ray** helping. A total of 33 lots sold for \$365.00.

June 23 meeting - There were 21 members and three visitors in attendance. **Dave Gehringer** provided the refreshments. There was no raffle, just member sell tables.

Member tables: **Howard Grenzbach** (stamps & covers), **Betty Mudge** (Great Britain & Australia), **Stan Cronwall** (books mostly dealing with WWII and Nazi Germany), **Harvey Edwards** (naval covers, picture post cards), **Mike Potter** (stamp mounts), **George Ray** (stamps & antiques), **David Drake** (stamps, albums), **Nadiah Beekun** (postage, albums, supplies).

Thanks to the sellers and buyers for making the event enjoyable.



Howard Kadohiro & Howard Grenzbach assisting a visiting couple.

Feedback: from last month's article on "Are We Barking Up the Wrong Tree?" by Stan Cronwall

June 4, 2018

Thank-you for your opinion piece, "Are We Barking Up the Wrong Tree?". I think you are absolutely correct that when working with people on the values and virtues of stamp collecting, we need to shatter the false impression that stamp collecting is a 19th century hobby. We should show off digital microscopes, software from companies like EZ-Stamp and, of course, eBay. What is really lacking is a really active social media presence. There are a few attempts, but none that have really caught much attention from youth. Being a stamp collector doesn't have to mean living in the past.

Stamp collecting continues to suffer from several well entrenched false perceptions and missed opportunities:

- It is for old men to put little scraps of paper in dusty old albums
 - Women can enjoy collecting just as much as men/boys.
 - While albums fill a niche, they are NOT the only way to collect!
- Stamp collecting is full of rules and can only be done with strict adherence to these rules
 - Many are shocked when informed the only hard rule is to not damage the material.
 - A simple hand-out on to handle stamps, covers, and postcards would be nice to have.
- The value of staying in touch with your personal/family heritage in a country is often missed by people
 - Lots of people are looking for ways to stay in touch or teach their national heritage.
 - Integrating genealogy with philately is another interesting entry point for people.
- Topical collecting is often completely unknown to people outside the hobby
 - Collecting trains, planes, pop culture, animals, nature, (or any topic) is VERY popular with youth.
 - Integrating scrap booking paper and embellishments are great way to add creativity to a collection.
- Long time collectors have to become less resistant to change or the hobby will die
 - The "fuddy-duddy" factor of "we never done this before" is far too prevalent.
 - We need to embrace change, not reject it.
 - Don't quit trying to create new collectors just because some don't embrace it.
 - Focus on the fun when teaching anyone, especially young people.
- If you want new people, go where they are, don't expect them to come to you.
 - For any demographic of people, go out to where those people are to introduce the idea of stamp collecting.
 - Show how they can integrate stamps into the other aspects of their lives.
 - For a youth who plays soccer, they can collect soccer on stamps.
 - Love art, but cannot afford an original Monet? Collect impressionist art on stamps.
 - Create opportunities for people of all ages to try it. Host a "stamp party", put a table at a local culture fair...
 - Host a Boy Scout stamp collecting merit badge at your club's annual show
 - This badge is at great risk of being dropped by the BSA for too few boys earning it.
 - When given a chance to go to a class, boys will sign-up (I've had nearly 800 boys over 15 years earn their merit badges).

Most of all, I think we need to focus on how much fun it can be. We all like to do things that are FUN.

I welcome your feedback on my comments,

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Past Chairman of Filatelica Fiesta

BSA Stamp Collecting Merit Badge Counselor

Awards Dinner Menu

2th Floor of Harrah's Reno Casino & Hotel
219 N. Center Street
Reno ,NV

July 28, 2018

Drinks: No host bar. Drinks and conversation start at 6 p.m.

Plated Dinner: 7 p.m.

Dinner selection includes chef's choice of starch, seasonal vegetables, rolls with butter, regular or decaf coffee and hot or iced tea.

Salad: Mixed Greens with Candied Walnuts, Dried Cranberries, Blue Cheese Crumbles and Balsamic Vinaigrette

Entree: (Choice of ONE)

Chicken Formaggio - Stuffed Breast of Chicken with Asiago, Mozzarella and Piccorino Cheeses, Topped with a Florentine Sauce

OR

Fillet of Salmon - Pan Seared Fillet of Salmon with Mango Chutney

Dessert: New York Cheese Cake with Fresh Fruit Compote

Award Presentations: At the conclusion of the dinner

Price: \$25 (includes tax and gratuities)

For Reservations: Paul Glass
pdglass60@gmail.com
(775) 425-8939

Please contact Paul as soon as possible to confirm a reservation with your entree choice.

Last Chance Joe Covers

By Howard Kadohiro

The Restoration of Last Chance Joe was finally completed and unveiling set for June 22, 2018. Museum members, donors, volunteers, City and State leaders were invited to the ceremony. I started to plan for a commemorative cover on the weekend of June 9 and the completed design was sent to the printers on June 18th. The printed sheets were picked up on June 19th.

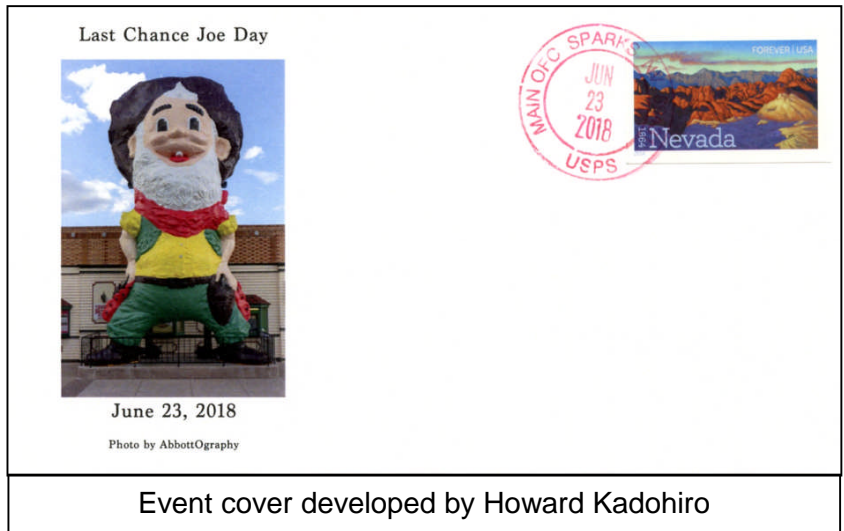
The only post office open on Saturday, New Life Bookstore on Greenbrae, was approached on Tuesday the 19th to cancel the cover but they refused to do it on a hand back basis. Covers that were hand stamped would have to be sent through the mail. The next day the Main Sparks Post Office was contacted and agreed to postmark and hand back the unveiling day covers on Friday. Since Sparks Post Office was closed on Saturday, arrangement with a clerk at the Main Reno Post Office for that day, was tried, but turned down for the same reason as Greenbrae. Covers could not be handed back and need to be addressed and sent through the mail.

Charlene Baltz, Executive Assistant to the Reno postmaster, was contacted for assistance, and she made arrangement to have the Last Chance Joe Day covers left at the Main Sparks Post Office on Friday, postmarked "June 23, 2018", and picked up on Saturday at "will call". Many thanks to Charlene and the Main Sparks Post Office on Prater Way.

About 50 covers each for the unveiling on June 22nd, and Last Chance Joe Day, June 23rd were made. They were given to Museum members, donors, volunteers and public official on Friday and Saturday. Remaining covers are available for \$5.00 each with all proceeds going to the Sparks Museum and Cultural Center.

Howard Kadohiro is a NSSS member who collects Hawaii philately and naval covers.

Editor note: Last Chance Joe is an iconic 32-foot tall figure that stood by the entrance to the Sparks Nugget Casino & Hotel since about 1958. Under new ownership, Last Chance Joe was removed in Oct. 2014. After much negotiating with city officials and a promised restoration fund, he was moved about 100 yards east on Victorian Ave. to grace the front of the Sparks Museum & Cultural Center. After installation in front of the museum and a complete restoration, Last Chance Joe was "unveiled" on June 22 and dedicated on June 23. Thus, the event covers as Howard outlined above. This is Howard's first attempt at creating a special event cover with printed cachet and the process he went through to obtain the appropriate cancel, even when the post office was closed. What a great job!



Restored Last Chance Joe in front of the Sparks Museum. He is facing Interstate 80. This is a drone-photo on a pamphlet telling the story of Joe written by Dick Dreiling.

July Quiz on India

By Stan Cronwall

This quiz deals with the stamps of India from the time that the former British Colony was divided into two self-governing Dominions – India and Pakistan. India then became inaugurated as a republic on January 26, 1950.

In the interest of simplicity for the quiz author and to minimize the frustrations of those attempting to come up with the answers, it does not get into the stamps of either The Convention States of the British Empire in India or the Feudatory States.

1. From his early days as a college student, Mahatma Gandhi, was a prime mover in India's quest for independence. His first appearance on a stamp of India was in what year?
a. 1936 b. 1941 c. 1948
2. Eleanor Roosevelt was the subject of the stamp in 1963 commemorating the 15th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, What is she seen doing?
a. Sitting in front of a fan b. Running a bingo game c. Sitting at a spinning wheel
3. Strangely, the focal point of a stamp issued in 2009 was an India Post Airplane. Even more peculiar is the first Air Post stamp issued by the Republic of India in 1976. Instead of showing something related to air post service, the stamp features?
a. A painting "The Spirit of '76" to commemorate the American Bi-Centennial b. The 1976 World Philatelic Exhibition c. Endangered Water-Birds
4. The 50th anniversary of the Defense Services Staff College was commemorated on a stamp issued in 1958. The main illustration on the stamp features crossed weapons and something else. What is that something?
a. A stack of books b. Troops standing at attention c. An owl
5. The majority of India's stamp issues have been devoted to honoring both native and foreign personages. However, there have also been several stamps devoted to what amounts to the national sport or pass-time. Due to its long history as a British Colony and Dominion, many might think that it is cricket. Check the stamps issued at the end of 1966, in August of 1972. What is the sporting activity that is shown?
a. Field Hockey b. Ice Hockey c. Cricket
6. India issued one Air Post stamp during the time it was a Dominion. What event did this issue commemorate?
a. Start of regular air service to Johannesburg b. First flight Bombay to London c. Service from New Delhi to Bombay
7. In contrast to Gandhi's generally pacifist movement urging India's independence Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was an aggressive leader. He was honored many times on stamps despite a checkered background which included attempting to get support for a more violent approach to independence. He sought help from the USSR, Nazi Germany, and Imperial Japan. In 1964 he appeared on a stamp that marked the 67th anniversary of his birth and also displayed an emblem. Perhaps his greatest accomplishment was
a. Organizer of the Indian National Army b. Deputy to Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru c. Organizer of the First Asian Games held in New Delhi
8. The border area between India and Pakistan has been a political hot spot since the two nations became British Dominions on August 15, 1947. The first time the military became the subject of a regular stamp issue was in 1963 when a two-stamp set honored the Armed Forces and the 16th anniversary of India's independence. The same scene is depicted on both. What is shown?
a. A soldier, planes and warship b. Soldiers guarding the frontier and a plane dropping supplies c. Armed Forces emblems
9. Indian troops fought as a part of the forces of Great Britain in World War I. Military Stamps were issued for their use. These were regular stamps of India issued 1911-13 (Scott M34-M43) and overprinted in black with the letters "I. E. F." What do the overprint letters stand for?
a. Independent European Flying Corps b. Indian-Ethiopian Fire-Brigade c. Indian Expeditionary Force

10. India has never issued a semi-postal stamp.

- a. True b. False

Bonus Question: Ever heard the term “syncopation” in reference to anything in the world of philately? In music, yes but not in stamp collecting. Well dig deeper. Syncopation in philately is the word used to describe a different pattern of perforations on the sides (right and left or top and bottom) or in the middle separating two stamps.

Several European countries have used this for years. An oval shaped hole equal to the size of three holes is located in the center with an equal number of regular round holes to either side. In the Scott listings for India this is first noted for the Gandhi two stamp set honoring him as Man of the Millennium (Scott 1915) issued in 2001.

The first India stamp with this variation top and bottom was issued shortly thereafter and featured?

- a. The Panchatantra Fables b. Film Director Dr. V. Shantaram c. The Sun Temple (horizontal pair)

The July quiz is worth 110 Auction Bucks, including the bonus.

Please complete the quiz and give your answers to Betty Mudge at the July meeting or email to postboyquiz@renostamp.org

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

Vassar Post Office Display

The stamp club has a new display at the Vassar Post Office with the theme of “America’s Birth.” The display was setup by John Walter on July 1. The display in the two wall frames will be changed the end of the month.



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

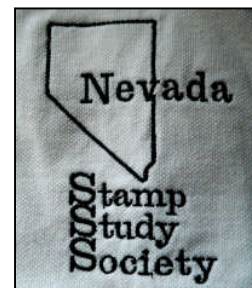
Wanted - German Post World War II Hitler Head stamps that have been "obliterated" or masked. Mint or used, . . . singles or more . . . just stamps or used on cover or postcards. Contact member **Stan Cronwall** email: stlaine@aol.com

For Sale: From the Jean Johnson estate. Great Britain MNH from about 2004 to 2006. The items include sets, and presentation booklets. The prices are about 25% of 2016 Scott catalog. Contact **Betty Mudge** 972-8237 or email bjmudge2004@yahoo.com.

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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.



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: 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.

2018-2019 Membership Dues

The membership year is Aug. 1 to July 31

Dues is coming due in August

Please see or contact **Paul Glass**, Membership Chair for renewal