

## 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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#### **Announcements**

## 2018-2019 Membership Renewal

The membership year is Aug. 1 to July 31

Membership renewal was due in August (\$20 for individual or \$25 for family)

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

**Elections** took place at the picnic on Aug. 11. All the candidates were elected by acclamation. The new officers are:

Vice-President - John Wetterling

Secretary - Stan Cronwall

Directors - Howard Kadohiro & Howard Grenzebach

#### **Upcoming club meetings are:**

**Sept. 8** – This an auction day where members can have up to 5 items on the auction table.

**Sept. 22 -** There will be the usual announcements, raffle, and Consignment table where members can have up to 10 items for sale. The philatelic program will be presented by Howard Kadohiro titled "Hawaiian General Postal Markings Including Dead Letter."

### **Special Club events:**

**Nov. 10** – Auctions Buck meeting where members get to spend their volunteer dollars on philatelic and miscellaneous garage/yard-sale items. The club will also recognize the veterans in the club membership.

**Dec. 8** – Christmas and Holiday Party from about 1 to 4 p.m.

The American Philatelic Society announced the 2022 APS Summer Stamp Show will be in Sacramento.

## **Post Boy Reporter**

**August 11 Picnic -** There were 22 members and spouses in attendance. **Erik Fields** and **George Ray** arrived early to set up the tables and chairs. **Marla Wetterling** was the coordinator for the event. There was plenty of food and drinks for all. **Mike Potter** was the master griller serving up the hamburgers and hot dogs.

A big surprise announcement from **Paul Glass** – he not only turned 80 years young but also married Marge a few weeks ago. Congratulations to both. **Gale Kiniry** was attending her first meeting/event since joining our stamp



Above: Diane Del Grosso talking with Gale & Mike Kiniry. Right picture: James Steckley, new member, joined in July.



August 25 meeting – After not having meetings for six weeks because of the stamp show (July 28-29) and the pic-

nic (Aug. 11), there was a great attendance of 32 people including two visitors from the Poway (San Diego) Stamp Club – Trice and David Klauber. They were in Sparks to visit their daughter **Dani Boyer**, also in attendance. Dani had such a great time she joined the club with a family membership. Dani collects mainly United States.

Refreshments were provided by **Barbara Diederichsen**. **Harvey Edwards** announced that show covers are still available for \$2.00. The club received a Thank You letter from **Robert Martin** for stamps sent for his "Kids Club" program in Hawaii. **John Wetterling** volunteered to be the Program Chair. **George Ray** reported that the club received two boxes of donations at the stamp show. **Harvey Edwards** and **Dave Gehringer** reported on their attendance at the APS/ATA Stamp Show in Columbus, Ohio. See page 5 for Harvey's written report on the national show.



Dani Boyer, newest member on left, with her mom, Trice Klauber.

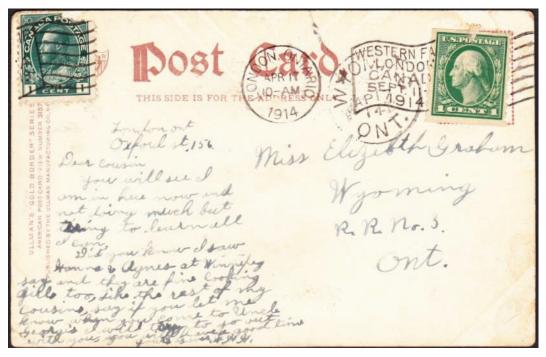
**Erik Fields** announced that the 2018 Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show was about even for income & expenses. All the invoices are not paid yet so an accurate accounting was not available. Attendance for both days was 401.

**Howard Kadohiro** suggested the club members bring Nevada themed items for the October auction and consignment table since Nevada Day is celebrated on Oct. 31 – Nevada's date of admission to the Union in 1864.

The raffle had the usual 10 prizes with the bonus raffle going to **Eugene Smoots** and the money raffle of \$16 to **Scott Mathews**.

## An Uncommon U.S. Coil Stamp on a Canadian Cover By Patrick Crosby

One aspect of collecting postal history on cards is collecting the various stamps that were in current use. What drew my attention to the featured postcard below was the U.S. coil stamp with widely separated perforations.



Next there was the Canadian stamp to the upper left. Finally, there was the Canadian slogan cancellation. I didn't much care about the view side, but it ended up being a necessary part of the story. Since the U.S. stamp itself catalogs at about \$25 used and on cover at about \$35, I thought \$3.75 was a good price.

First to talk about is the U.S. coil stamp with its gross  $8\frac{1}{2}$  vertical perforation gauge. Until 1910 U.S. coil stamps were perforated 12 (12 perforating holes in the distance of 2 cm.). This was a standard gauge for all U.S. stamps, but the Bureau of Engraving and Printing had trouble with these unintentionally separating in their coiling machines and the vending and affixing machine manufacturers also found them too fragile. So, the Bureau switched to a perforation  $8\frac{1}{2}$  and the complaints switched to the problem that they couldn't be separated easily without damage to the stamps. Then in 1914 a perforation 10 gauge was settled upon.

This postcard's U.S. stamp is Scott 412, one of four 1¢ and 2¢ coil stamps issued in 1912 perforated  $8\frac{1}{2}$  (Sc. 410-413). Also, in 1912 imperforate 1¢ and 2¢ stamps of the same issue (Sc. 408-409) were printed in mass quantities for use by private companies manufacturing vending and affixing machines who prepared their own coils. These imperforate stamps have relatively low catalog values and so were later widely used to fraudulently create the much scarcer and higher value  $8\frac{1}{2}$  perforation coil stamps. Caution is urged when buying these coil stamps, but that caution is mitigated when the stamps are on a contemporary cover.

My explanation of the travels of this postcard may not be accurate, but here goes. The sender was visiting Belle Isle, a large Detroit, Michigan city park that occupies an entire island in the Detroit River. The island is in the United States, but immediately to the south is Canada. The sender purchased the postcard at the park and the strong gripper indentations (across the forehead of Washington) indicate the stamp came

from a vending machine. The U.S. coil stamp was affixed, but the sender waited until returning home to London, Ontario, about 120 miles away, before writing the postcard.

Now the postcard needed a Canadian stamp for domestic delivery to Wyoming, Ontario, and a common 1¢ Canada Sc. 104 was slapped over the U.S. stamp. Notice that the U.S. stamp is tied to the postcard with portions of the slogan cancel on its left. The missing portion of the cancel is on the Canadian stamp. Perhaps the latter stamp was repositioned by a collector who wanted to highlight the uncommon U.S. coil stamp and save the Canadian stamp. The wavy bar machine slogan cancel is advertising well in advance for the upcoming annual (still today) "Western Fair / London / Canada / Sept. 11-19 / 1914".



At Belle Isle new bridges on the Grand Canal have replaced the old ones like the one shown, but the charm remains. The park is now in a 30 years lease to the state of Michigan necessitated by the 2013 City of Detroit bankruptcy. Besides a beach and multiple onshore sports and other recreational facilities, the park includes an aquarium, botanical garden, nature center, golf course, and maritime museum. When I wrote an article for <u>Post Boy</u> about Millers, NV my wife and I visited the area for a closer look. So, she now suggested that we should visit beautiful Belle Isle in Michigan for this article. I declined.

**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.

## 2018 APS Summer Stamp Show (brief) Report By Harvey Edwards

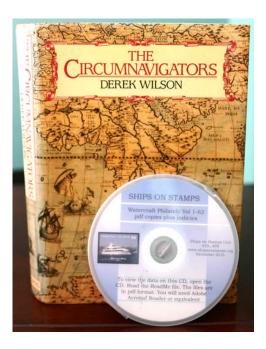
The American Philatelic Society (APS) and American Topical Association (ATA) co-hosted the 2018 APS StampShow/ National Topical Stamp Show in Columbus, OH. My 7-frame exhibit titled "Under Pressure – Submarines and Crew," illustrating the evolution from simple diving bells to modern submarines and development of submarine and antisubmarine warfare, was entered at the show. The first exhibit frame is on the right.

The exhibit received an APS StampShow Gold medal, NTSS Gold medal, The Lighthouse Society Award (below) for best nautical exhibit, and The Ships On Stamps Unit Award (book & CD).

Members Robert Martin along with Dave & Susie Gehringer were at the show. Robert Martin presented a seminar titled "How to Establish and Run Successful Stamp Clubs for Kids." Some of our local show attendees were also in Columbus including Vesma Grinfelds (show judge and frequent exhibitor) and Jim Woodfill (frequent show attendee).

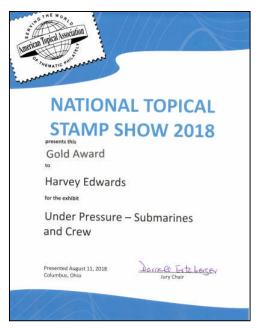
In the "most memorable" event category was the heavy rain. Not so much the rain itself but the leaks in the convention center roof which caused 10 exhibit frames (containing "The Hong Kong 'China' Overprints") to be emptied and another 10 frames to be covered by plastic. I don't know the extent of damage to

any of the material.









# **September Quiz on Egypt**By Stan Cronwall

Egypt was a part of Turkey until 1914 when a British Protectorate was established deposing the Turkish Khedive with a Sultan. In 1922, the protectorate ended, and the sultan was declared king of the new monarchy. The country became a republic on June 18, 1953 and merged with Syria in 1958 to become the United Arab Republic. Syria pulled out of the union in 1961. In 1971, Egypt took the name of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

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1.	Likenesses of the Sphinx and Great Pyramid dominated the stamp designs from 1867 until 1914 when a completely new set of ten designs appeared. These new designs were carried forward in subsequent issues with the exception of one which was eliminated. Which design was set aside?  a. The Giza Pyramids  b. The Aswan Dam  c. Cleopatra
2.	The only stamp design ever used for Special Delivery Stamps featured a postman making a delivery of what type of conveyance?  a. A camel  b. A bicycle  c. A motorcycle
3.	In 1975, a single stamp was issued in memory of a famous singer. The dark glasses suggest that the likeness was of? a. Om Koltoum b. Roy Orbison c. Ella Fitzgerald in her later years
4.	The 19th Olympic Summer Games were held October 12 -27, 1968 in Mexico City. Egypt commemorated this event with a set of two stamps in November. Each stamp portrayed four Pharaonic sports. Which of these is <u>not</u> shown? a. Gymnastics b. Running c. Touching one's toes d. Wrestling
5.	Some Egyptian Military Stamps were special issues provided for the purchase and use by the British military forces in Egypt and their families for ordinary letters sent to Great Britain and Ireland. This was by special concessionary arrangement with the Egyptian government from November 1, 1932 to February 29, 1936. The camel design of 1932 with the copy "XMAS SEAL" was re-issued in each of the years of the concession. In what colors were the stamps printed?  a. Sage green b. Vermillion c. Brown lake d. Deep blue
6.	A commemorative stamp issued in late 2004, was for the 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Military Production Day. What piece of military hardware was featured on the stamp?  a. Russian made T-68 Tank  b. Russian made MIG-17 fighter plane  c. Pharaonic chariot
7.	Guiseppi Verde (aka Joe Green) wrote the famous opera "Aida". The Cairo Opera House and performance of the opera were celebrated with a commemorative stamp in 1969. What was the anniversary? a. $100^{th}$ b. $150^{th}$ c. $125^{th}$
8.	One of the more unusual designs and subjects you might ever see was issued in 1974 in a three stamp set and souvenir sheet celebrating the $22^{nd}$ anniversary of the revolution establishing Egypt as a republic, and the end of the October War with Israel. The subject of one stamp and also the single large stamp on the souvenir sheet was? a. Symbols of science and development b. A sheet of aluminum c. Troops crossing the Suez Canal
9.	Which of these stamp shapes has <u>no</u> t been used by Egyptian Postal Authorities?  a. Circle b. Triangle c. Hexagon

10. Queen Nefertiti is shown on several Egyptian stamps. One that stands out from the others was issued in 1972 for the 50th anniversary of the Society of the Friends of the Arts. The portrayal of Nefertiti is unusual because?
a. She is shown facing right
b. She is shown facing left
c. She is shown without the large headdress

**Bonus question:** A set of 3 semi-postal stamps plus souvenir sheets was issued for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Arab Scout Jamboree in 1956. What scouting groups were featured on these stamps and souvenir sheets?

a. Air Explorers

b. Girl Guides

c. Boy Scouts

d. Sea Scouts

The September quiz is worth 110 Auction Bucks, including the bonus. Please complete the quiz and give your answers to Betty Mudge at either Sept. meeting or email to <a href="mailto:postboyquiz@renostamp.org">postboyquiz@renostamp.org</a>

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Aug. Quiz Answers: 1. c 2. b 3. c 4. b 5. b 6. c 7. a, b, c 8. c 9. a 10. c Bonus: c
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# Thoughts on Updated Membership Roster email from Stan Cronwall (Sept. 1, 2018)

When the NSSS Membership Roster is up-dated and published, it is very important that the members provide information as to their collecting interests.

There are three reasons for this all of which are important to you and your various collecting areas:

- 1. When other members are preparing items for either the Auctions or Consignments, it helps them offer items that might be of interest to you.
- 2. Each year at Show time, dealers are provided with a list of countries and topics that our members collect. Your name is never associated with the interests, but it helps the dealers who cannot possibly bring their entire inventory. If the dealer's sales are lacking, maybe it's because they didn't know what you are looking for.
- 3. By knowing your interests, the editor and contributing article writers for the Post Boy are able to select subjects that may hold some special interest for you.

When you withhold information on your particular area of interest, you are only cheating yourself, and failing to take advantage of the fact that there are somewhere between 50-70 NSSS members who just may have something you want floating around on their desk or stamp table.

To report that you collect "U.S." without any specificity is like saying "Worldwide". That helps nobody.

### Buy, Want, Sell, Trade

If you would like to have an advertisement in the Post Boy, please email <a href="mailto:editor@renostamp.org">editor@renostamp.org</a>.

**Wanted -** Pre-1900 covers, Czechoslovakia & Asian used stamps, ephemera (old hand written deeds, ledgers, documents, manuscripts, diaries, autograph books) covers with embossed red wax seal. Contact member **Gale Kiniry** (650) 965-2380 or email <a href="mailto:kiniry@sbcglobal.net">kiniry@sbcglobal.net</a>

**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 <a href="mailto:bjmudge2004@yahoo.com">bjmudge2004@yahoo.com</a>.

**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.

Nevada

**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 <a href="mailto:ds-ginger@sbcglobal.net">ds-ginger@sbcglobal.net</a> 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, <a href="http://www.RenoStamps.com">http://www.RenoStamps.com</a> or email: <a href="mailto:classicnevada@yahoo.com">classicnevada@yahoo.com</a>.

**Wanted -** pre-1950's, picture postcards from Scotland, preferably castles and abbeys. Contact member **Marla Wetterling** (775) 575-1337 or email: <a href="mailto:opusnrosebud@att.net">opusnrosebud@att.net</a>.

**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: <a href="mailto:walter60@gmail.com">walter60@gmail.com</a>.

**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 <a href="editor@renostamp.org">editor@renostamp.org</a>.

# Trip to Columbus, Ohio National APS Stamp Show, August 9-12, 2018. by Susan Gehringer (spouse of Director Dave Gehringer)

You just don't know. Sometimes spouses will have interest in the other's hobby or collections. Many times we listen to each other because the subject at the moment is interesting, but not enough to become involved. Occasionally we find subjects regarding philately, which overlap with other interests.

I'll attend stamp shows if we extend the trip and go on adventures.

While in Ohio for the APS National Show co-hosted by American Topical Association, I perused the exhibits. An interesting way to pass the time. A few days prior, I discussed the uses of vinegar with a friend. Humm. The second topical exhibit was a single pane about the uses of vinegar. Interesting! The same exhibitor had a larger exhibit relative to chickens. Those were fun, and I could relate.

Most topics were not of interest to me, however the extent to which some were prepared/displayed led me to read and learn. One exhibit was entered by a friend who had worked at great length to improve the presentation and, this time... a blue ribbon In the Big Show!

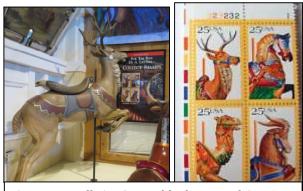
At the entry of the show area were greeters dressed in costume representing the era of "Dragons". The US Postal Service presented a First Day of Issue Ceremony for the Dragon Stamps. Photographers were taking photos of guests in front of posters which represented the new stamps. The photos were printed as cards and given to the person. At the actual presentation the area was too small for the number of people. We were unable to get close enough to see, not enough programs for the number of guests.

*Now, my connection between philately and other interests.* I like to look for lighthouses and carousels when our travels take us to the right places. One stamp was issued with a lighthouse in Marblehead, OH. We went to that lighthouse. We also found a few carousels and museums and visited a manufacturer. Here are our photos of figures which had actually been used on postage stamps.



Block of 4 issued July 21, 1995. Carousel Horses Scott #2976-79





American Folk Art Series, block 4 issued Oct. 1, 1988. Scott # 2390-93





Great Lakes Lighthouses issued June 17, 1995, booklet pane 5. Marblehead, Lake Erie, Scott # 2972.