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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

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.



Upcoming club meetings:

Oct. 13 - Auction Day where members can have up to 5 items to sell at a live auction.

Oct. 27 - **Dave Gehringer** will present "How To Interest Kids in Stamp Collecting." This is a Consignment Day where members can have up to 10 items For Sale.

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 military veterans in the stamp club.

Dec. 15 - **(Tentative new date)** Christmas and Holiday Party from about 1 to 4 p.m. The sign-up sheet for the pot luck foods is available at the next few meetings.

October is National Stamp Collecting Month - The stamp club has numerous displays around town to celebrate. See some of the pictures of the displays starting on page 7.

Members that are veterans of the armed forces will be saluted at the Nov. 10 meeting. All veterans please contact **Harvey Edwards** to make sure your name is on the list. Information needed is branch of service with dates and any overseas deployment.

Read about the Dreiling Award on page 4 and 5, then think about nominating someone for the award. The Nomination Form is on page 10 and the website.

Post Boy Reporter

September 8 meeting - There were 28 members in attendance. **Erik Fields** and **George Ray** arrived early to set up the tables and chairs. Refreshments were provided by **Dick Dreiling**. Some announcements: The 2019 Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show dates are July 27-28 at the same venue in the bowling stadium museum. One possible theme is the 50th anniversary of the first moon walk. The anticipation is that the USPS will issue a stamp for the commemoration. **Paul Glass** reported the membership renewals are slowly coming in with 51 paid members. **Dick Dreiling** was presented with a certificate creating a permanent award plaque for outstanding contributions to the stamp club. The Dreiling Award is named for **Ruthe Dreiling** and her son **Dick Dreiling**. Ruthe was instrumental in forming the stamp club in August 1975, with Dick joining in Sept. 1975 while on active duty in the U.S. Navy. See the article starting on page 4. The Dreiling Award Nomination Form is on page 10.

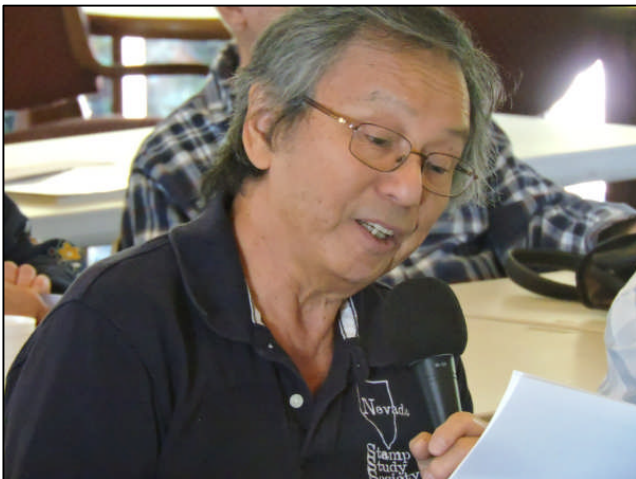


Erik Fields as auctioneer.

The raffle had the usual 10 prizes plus a Bonus prize won by **John Walter**. The raffle money of \$12.50 was won by **Harry Pinkham**. The live auction had 55 lots and 7 "blue sheet" items which are club donations. A total of 40 lots were sold for a total of \$294.75. **Erik Fields** and **Gary Atkinson** were the auctioneers with **George Ray** and **Dick Simmonds** helping.

Sept 22 meeting – **Harry Pinkham** and **Erik Fields** arrived early to set up the tables and chairs. There were 30 members in attendance. Refreshments were provided by **Don Garrett**.

If the club has enough American Topical Association members, we can become an affiliate chapter. Contact **Harvey Edwards** if you are an ATA member. The raffle had the usual 10 prizes with the bonus raffle going to **Howard Kadohiro** and the money raffle of \$16.50 to **Scott Mathews**.



Front: Zoleinna Schar, Betty Mudge, George Ray
Back: Bob Ennes, Dave Gehringer, Erik Fields

The program was presented by **Howard Kadohiro** on Hawaiian Postal Markings. He showed covers and a card purchased at the Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show in July. Some interesting Hawaiian history was discussed using the postal markings and cancels. Also discussed was the rarity index for some of the cancels and mail markings.

Member Spotlight - James Steckley

By Dave Parsons

To let NSSS members know their fellow members, the Post Boy will periodically feature a member profile. 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 one of **NSSS's newest members- James Steckley**. James was born in Canton, OH and moved to California 40 years ago. James now lives in the Somerset community in Reno.

James was in the Coast Guard for 4 years before starting a career in Industrial Equipment packaging. He worked for Nordson for 20+ years.

James began collecting stamps when he was 10 years old after perusing a group of his grandmother's old letters. He is interested in Plate Number Coils, general U.S. and Canada pre-1990.



James joined the Club in July after seeing a flyer for the club at the Chinese Lantern exhibit inviting him to come to our meetings.

James is married to Nancy and they have 2 children and 2 grandchildren. Two of the grand-kids live in San Bruno, CA with his son. His daughter lives in Reno. James is also interested in wood/metal working and genealogy. He is a member of an ex-Coast Guard group and a beer club.

When asked what his dream stamp (under \$5000CV) would be, James said he would like some used U.S. Revenue stamps. Since he did not specify a single stamp, we have selected the R102a - \$200 imperf pictured at right to whet his appetite. If he does not have one yet, let's hope he finds a good bargain on one!



James has enjoyed meeting NSSS members and appreciates the involvement of all. And he likes the activity of the meetings.

James' email is steck721@sbcglobal.net

National Stamp Collecting Month

By Harvey Edwards

There are definitive, commemorative, official, and air mail stamps as well as souvenir sheets and back-of-the-book stamps. Fakes, forgeries, regummed, and reperfed stamps are also lurking out there. Stampless envelopes, first day, event and naval covers. Postal and post cards. Circular cancels, fancy cancels, machine cancels. These and so many more things a stamp collector can include in their collection.

Attending club meetings gives members learning opportunities, to share our collective knowledge. We can find out if a particular stamp is "good," something to be wary of, or an item that should be expertized. What might be the philatelic history or personal story behind a cover that caught our attention? We can also learn how to tell stories through stamps and covers.

At every meeting there are buying opportunities to build collections and selling opportunities for duplicates. It can be interesting to see the different types of material that is offered for auction (1st meeting of the month) or consignment (2nd meeting). You can celebrate at our NSSS meeting where we make every month Stamp Collecting Month. Socialize. Bring a friend. Happy Stampin'

Recognizing Service to the NSSS and Our Hobby

By Harvey Edwards

It has always been important that the Nevada Stamp Study Society (NSSS) recognize our members for their contributions of time, energy, and expertise for the benefit of the club and philately. The club has typically recognized these members by awarding them with a plaque or some other memento.

Over the past 40 plus years, the NSSS has had many members worthy of such recognition. Most of us can think back and name at least one member, past or present, who we think should be or should have been honored by the club. Sadly, many of those past members served the club well before our current membership and the history of their recognition is lost to us.

It should be recognized that once an award leaves the building with the recipient, we, the club, don't always remember that an award was presented, let alone the gratitude or accomplishment that the award represented. Another truth is that some individuals appreciate receiving a memento (plaque) for their service while other individuals appreciate the recognition but would rather not have a "dust accumulator" sitting around the house.

At the September 8, 2018 meeting, *The Dreiling Award* made its debut. The award, honoring the Dreiling family (Ruthe and Richard (Dick) Dreiling) for their exceptional service to the NSSS, is intended to recognize and maintain a record of the NSSS members who perform exceptional service and contributions to the club. The Award will be maintained by NSSS and available for display at NSSS meetings.

Prior to the unveiling, Dick recalled some of the history of the club. Although not a charter member of the club, Dick joined in September 1975, just a month after the club formed. His mother Ruthe was not a collector at the time but Dick brought her into the fold. Ruthe was the club's second president, stepping into the president's shoes as interim president from 1976-1977. She stepped in as interim president again from 1978-1979 and then served her own term from 1979-1983. Dick served as president from 1987-1989 and again from 1999-2003. Dick also was the long time show chair and entire bourse and exhibits committee for NEVPEX (prior to it being renamed the Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show). Dick planned and organized several of those shows while at sea (Dick is retired Navy). Most recently, Dick was the exhibits chair and an exhibitor for the 2018 Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show. Dick has also been a long-time active contributor to the Sparks Heritage Museum, the club's meeting place for many years. Dick can be found most Saturday afternoons in his conductor's uniform leading tours through the museum's train exhibit.



Dick Dreiling and Harvey Edwards with the debut of The Dreiling Award Plaque.

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The Board resolution creating the award states "that the Award is not intended to be a routine periodic award. Although there is no restriction on the frequency of the Award, the NSSS Board should be cognizant that over use of the Award may dilute the Award's stature and intent."

Any NSSS member in good standing may make a nomination for the Dreiling Award. Generally, the nominee should be a member in good standing, however nonmembers may be considered. The nomination must include discussion

of the nominee's service and merit of the award. The nomination is to be submitted to the NSSS Board for their consideration.

Exceptional service and contributions to the club may include:

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- Promoting the NSSS and philately in general. For example, sharing philatelic knowledge through judging, exhibiting, presentations, etc. or introducing the public to the club;
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Recipients of the Dreiling Award will have their names added to the award plaque. The Award will be maintained by NSSS and available for display at NSSS meetings. The awardee will receive a paper certificate highlighting their contributions to the NSSS. The awardee may also be considered for a NSSS "life" membership as a result of their contributions.

The Dreiling Award is not intended to limit recognition, by plaque or other means, of NSSS member contributions, if the Board so chooses.

Presentation to Dick Dreiling

Harvey Edwards presented a certificate to Dick Dreiling at the unveiling of the plaque on Sept. 8 which reads:



Be It Known to All

The Nevada Stamp Study Society (NSSS)

Dedicates the "The Dreiling Award" to

The Dreiling Family - Ruthe and Richard (Dick) Dreiling

For Exceptional Service to the NSSS

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Presented this day September 8, 2018

Harvey Edwards, President

October Quiz on Liechtenstein

by Stan Cronwall

Liechtenstein is a principality located southeast of Lake Constance between Austria and Switzerland. It is a constitutional democracy headed by the Prince of Liechtenstein. The nation has a population of 37,000 in an area of 62 square miles.

Prior to the end of WW I, the nation was closely tied to the Austrian Empire and later the Austro-Hungarian Empire. When that entity was dissolved at war's end, some argued Liechtenstein should revert to being a part of what was the Holy Roman Empire controlled by France. Instead the country remained independent and was officially neutral during WW II while seeking assistance and guidance from Switzerland.

At the end of hostilities, Liechtenstein was in dire fiscal straits. However, by the end of the 1970's its low corporate tax rates propelled it to being one of the wealthiest countries in the world.

The Liechtenstein Post Office has been administered by Switzerland since 1921.

1. Dispute having no airports, Liechtenstein has issued 37 Air Post stamps. This includes two sets which feature Zeppelin stamps. In total how many of these highly collectible stamps were issued?
a. 6 b. 8 c. 4
2. In 1920, the 80th birthday of Prince Johan II was celebrated on a set of three stamps. What is shown on these stamps?
a. Prince Johan as a boy and as a man b. Madonna and Child c. Prince Johan on horseback
3. A set of three stamps was issued in November 2005 to mark the upcoming Winter Olympic Games to be held in Turin, Italy. Which of these winter events was featured on the stamps?
a. Bobsledding b. Ice Hockey c. Luge d. None of these
4. On January 31, 1921, the Swiss took over the Liechtenstein Post Office administration. One of their first acts was to demonetize the previous issues (Scott 4-49). What was done with the remainders?
a. They were sold b. They were burned c. They were buried in Lake Constance
5. In the period 1976-1978, the signs of the Zodiac were issued as a set. Which of these were released in 1978?
a. Gemini, Aries, Taurus & Pisces b. Capricorn, Scorpio, Aquarius & Sagittarius c. Leo, Cancer, Libra & Virgo
6. Segments of the national economy were on display in a set of four stamps issued in 1982. Which of the following occupational areas were included?
a. Mining b. Forestry c. Fishing d. Dairy Farming
7. Semi-Postal stamps were issued in 1925 and again in 1927 in celebration of the 85th and 87th birthdays of Prince Regent Johann II. The excess over the then standard postal rates was devoted to charities. Which set displayed the colorful Liechtenstein coat-of-arms?
a. 1925 b. 1927 c. Neither
8. Liechtenstein is one of two double land-locked nations in the world. (Double land-locked means surrounded on all sides by other countries who themselves are surrounded by yet other countries) So it seems strange that a set of four stamps issued in 1983 would include one which was devoted to Protection of Shores and Coasts. Is that subject one of the topics from this set of stamps?
a. Yes b. No
9. Indigenous animals were shown on three different sets of regular issues with the first being released in late in 1946. This was followed by a different set in 1947 and another in 1950. Which of these animals appeared at least once across the three sets?
a. Black Grouse b. Chamois c. Capercaillie d. Roe Deer e. Alpine Marmot

10. Valduz Castle appears on many of Liechtenstein stamps over the years. It overlooks the city of Valduz which is the nation's capital. The palace is also the official residence of the Prince of Liechtenstein. In 2011, the Castle was included in a set of four stamps. What other castles were in the set?
- a. Schaawald b. Nendien c. Triesenberg d. None of these

Bonus Question: In 1946, a souvenir sheet was issued to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Swiss-Liechtenstein Postal Agreement. This was a semi-postal release. What means of delivery was shown on the twin stamps?

a. A Post Rider b. A Post Coach c. A Postman walking his route

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

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

Zephyr Cove & South Valleys Library Displays

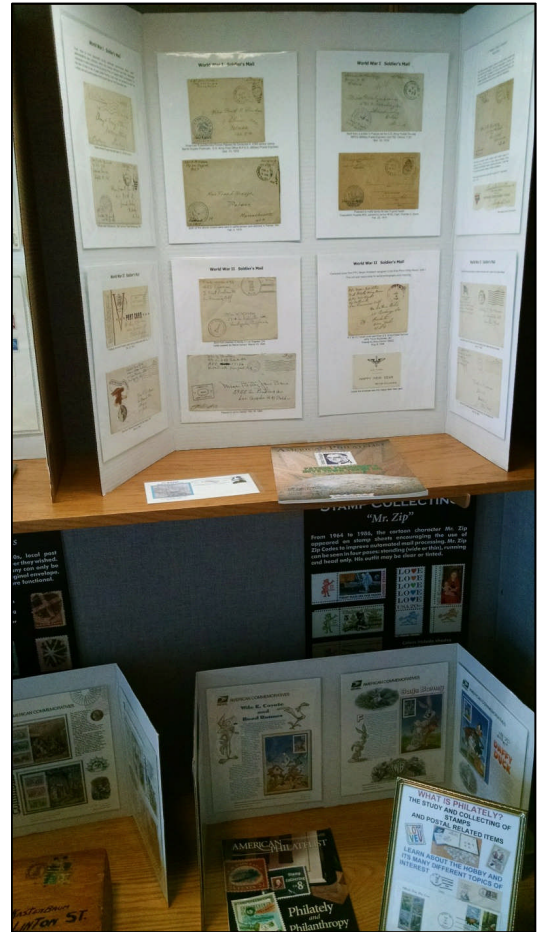
John Walter and **Dave Gehringer** traveled to the Zephyr Cove library to set up a stamp collecting display for the month of September. Material displayed were: Nevada, Reno Air Races, Baseball, Disney, Super Heroes, and Carton Characters. Here are some pictures of the two display cases.



On the left is the South Valleys Library display put up by **John Walter** and **Howard Kadohiro**. This display will be for the month of October. The two smaller display cases have sea shells on the top and philatelic material on the bottom shelves. The large upright display case has Nevada material and sea shell display pages.

Carson City Library Display

John Walter and **Dave Gehringer** put up a stamp collecting display in the Carson City Library for the month of October. Two large display cases were used. Stamp club material was available for patron pick up.



Vassar Post Office Display

These two wall frames were put up by **John Walter** and **Stan Cronwall** at the Reno main post office. The displays are for the months of October and November. The October theme on the left is for Nevada Day. The November theme is Honoring Our Veterans.



Buy, Want, Sell, Trade

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

Free to a Good Home – USPS Souvenir FDC pages, U.S. and U.N. FDCs, and modern U.S. stamps on paper. Please email Nancy McKay (wife of Jim McKay) during October if you have an interest in any of this material to fill some gaps. pitiphul@yahoo.com Since Jim & Nancy live in Houston, TX, some shipping costs are involved.

Wanted - Pre-1900 covers, Czechoslovakia & Asian used stamps, ephemera (old handwritten deeds, ledgers, documents, manuscripts, diaries, autograph books) covers with embossed red wax seal. Contact member **Gale Kiniry** (650) 965-2380 or email kiniry@sbcglobal.net

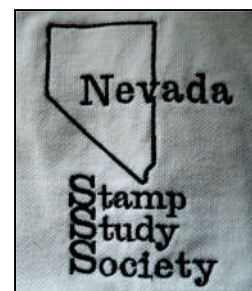
Wanted - German Post World War II Hitler Head stamps that have been "obliterated" or masked. Mint or used, . . . singles or more . . . just stamps or used on cover or postcards. Contact member **Stan Cronwall** email: stlaine@aol.com

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.

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.



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.

The Dreiling Award

Nomination Form

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Nominee: _____

Nominated by: _____ **Date:** _____

Tell the NSSS Board why you think this person should be considered for the Dreiling Award

(Check here if continued on additional paper ____):

(For Board use)

Approved: ____ **Denied:** ____ (Communicate with Nominator about any reasoning for denial)

NSSS President: _____ **Date:** _____