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Announcements

Special club events:

Nov. 10 – Auctions Bucks meeting where members get to spend their volunteer dollars on philatelic and miscellaneous garage/yard-sale items. See page 7 for more details on the auction.

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. The members listed on page 3 provided a short bio and overseas duty locations. All the branches of the military are represented. Years represented are from the Korean War to 1995. If your name is not on the list please contact Harvey so you can be included in the video.

Nov. 24 – Regular club meeting will feature a presentation coordinated by **John Wetterling**. Member participation is needed since the topic is “Making a Philatelic Exhibit.” On page 6 is an article by Stan Cronwall discussing “Anatomy of a Possible Future Exhibit – Maybe.” In the article he explains why he is looking for particular items.

Dec. 15 - Our last get-together for the year is the annual Christmas and Holiday Party. This is a social event for spouse and other family members. The party is at the same venue as the club meetings, but the time is 1 p.m. to about 4 p.m. The club provides the turkey and members are asked to bring pot-luck items, such as, vegetables, Hors D'oeuvres, desserts, etc. Sign-up sheets will be at the November meetings or contact **Marla Wetterling**. More details on the party will be in the December Post Boy.

Washington Stamp Exchange of Florham Park, N.J., a fixture of the stamp hobby for 85 years, is closing its business at the end of 2018.

The decision was announced in an Oct. 19 press release. The company discontinued its ArtCraft FDC line at the end of 2015, citing decreasing sales and high production costs. The company reported that it intends to sell everything in its stock “at steeply discounted prices,” including FDCs (ArtCraft), albums (White Ace albums and pages) and supplies (StampMount).

Products are offered through the [website](http://www.washpress.com). (<http://www.washpress.com>)

Post Boy Reporter

October 13 meeting - There were 22 members in attendance. **Harry Pinkham** arrived super early to set up the tables and chairs. **Erik Fields** arrived early to finish the set-up job. A visitor, Rene Remy, from Reno, attended. He collects Western Europe issues from 1950 to 2012. He wants to start selling his huge collection.

Refreshments were provided by **Paul Glass**. The raffle had the usual 10 prizes plus a Bonus prize won by **Paul Glass**. The raffle money of \$10 was won by **Dick Dreiling**. The live auction had 45 lots. A total of 22 lots were sold for a total of \$248.00. **Erik Fields** and **Gary Atkinson** were the auctioneers with **Dick Simmonds** helping.



L to R: Howard Grenzebach, Gary Atkinson, Erik Fields and Mike Potter

Announcements: The Auction Bucks meeting is on Nov. 10. The auction depends on the generosity of the members bringing garage and yard sale type items along with unwanted philatelic treasures to auction off. Wine and spirits are always welcome and command high “prices.”

The next stamp show, July 27-28, 2019 will have a youth table supervised by **Dave Gehringer**.

October 27 meeting – **Harry Pinkham** and **Erik Fields** arrived early to set up the tables and chairs. There were 23 members and two guests in attendance. Rene Remy and his wife were guests. Remy is very motivated to sell his lifelong collection. Refreshments were provided by **George Ray**. **John Wetterling** presided over the meeting. The raffle table had 10 prizes and a Bonus prize won by **Don Garrett**. **John Wetterling’s** raffle ticket was picked for the money of \$11.50.

The consignment table was overflowing with items for sale. Announcements included a reminder this is National Stamp Collecting Month. **John Walter** discussed the club’s displays for the month at the Carson City Library, South Valleys Library and the main post office on Vassar St. The Christmas Holiday Party is Dec. 15 which includes a gift exchange and turkey meal plus pot-luck items from the attendees. More information about the party in the December Post boy. The sign-up sheet for the party is available at both Nov. meetings. **Marla Wetterling** is coordinating the social event.

Dave Gehringer presented a program on “How to Get Kids Interested in Stamp Collecting.” The slides and short video were from **Robert Martin’s** presentation at the August APS/ATA Stamp Show in Columbus, Ohio. Robert is still a NSSS member after moving to Hawaii from Sparks. After the presentation there was a lively discussion on what the club can do to foster programs aimed at the younger generation(s).



Salute to our Military Veterans

The first meeting this month is on Nov. 10. As a tribute to our members who served in the military the Nevada Stamp Study Society salute you for your serve. These are the members who provided information on their active duty military service and overseas assignments:

Nadiah Beekun , MS2, Navy, 1977-1981	Italy
Stan Cronwall , Captain, Army, 1959-1966	
Richard Dreiling , CWO-4, Navy, 1957-1987	Vietnam (2 tours), Japan
Harvey Edwards , ETN2, Navy, 1973-1979	
Terri Edwards , Captain, Army, 1981-1985	West Germany
Don Garrett , 2nd Lt., Army, 1957-1966	
Paul Glass , Colonel, Air Force, 1960-1986	Japan
Howard Grenzebach , E3, Air Force, 1960-1964	Spain
Roy Kirk , Army,	Korean War Vet
William Littell , A1C, Air Force	
Charles MacLeod , E-5, Army, 1969-1972	Vietnam, Japan
Barbara Mathews , AKSN, Navy, 1973-1974	
Merle "Scott" Mathews , Navy, 1973-1982	Diego Garcia (Indian Ocean)
David Parsons , 1st Lt., Air Force, 1970-1972	
Harry Pinkham , SMSgt., Air Force (22 years)	Vietnam
George Ray , Sgt., Marines, 1955-1959	
Richard Simmonds , Colonel, Air Force, 1964-1985	
James Steckley , Coast Guard, 1963-1967	
John Walter , Major, Air Force, 1969-1989	Japan, Guam
Vern Watts , Army & Alaska Army Nat. Guard	Vietnam
Marla Wetterling , CTR3, Navy, 1990-1995	Azores
Robert Wolf , BM3, Navy, 1952-1956	Korea, Germany, Greece, Iran, Vietnam (Bronze Star)
Robert Wolf , Sgt.1st Class, Army, 1962-1979	



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Apology if your name is not on the list. Information was requested at the last 2 meetings and in the Oct. Post Boy. The list will be updated and published in next year's November Post Boy.

Member Spotlight- Betty Mudge

By Dave Parsons

In order to let NSSS members know their fellow members, the Post Boy will feature different members in its issues. 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 busiest members - Betty Mudge**. Betty was born in Beatrice (pronounced be-at-ri-s), Nebraska and moved to Nevada many years ago after stops in OK and CO with her Navy father. She lived in Elko and later graduated from Winnemucca H.S. Betty has lived on a 10-acre parcel in Lemon Valley, NV for 48 years.

Betty worked in a local law office for 42 years before retiring. In her "spare" time she was involved in horse breeding and raising; specializing in Paints, Pintos, Arabians, and half-Arabians.

Betty began collecting stamps as a child but stopped collecting for a while. She is interested in Topicals including horses, animals, birds, ships and trees- worldwide mint and used.



Betty joined the Club in 2011 after running into Howard Grenzebach at a library when both were looking at Scott's catalogs! Betty runs the NSSS meeting raffles, is in charge of the penny box-foreign section and tabulates and distributes all the Auction bucks for the November Bucks Auction.



Betty has an aunt and 2 cousins in AZ but no immediate family other than NSSS.

When asked what her dream stamp (under \$5000CV) would be, Betty said she would like Haitian stamps with horses. Since she did not specify a single stamp, we have selected the C40 issued in 1946 and pictured at the right.

Even though it does not show a horse in a good light, we feel confident she will receive the stamp in the near future. Also depicted due to their beauty are 2 of the Audubon bird stamps from Haiti which were unofficially issued in 1975 and have 75 varieties.

Betty enjoys the NSSS meetings and feels it is a very nice group with friendly and helpful members.



Betty's email is bjmudge2004@yahoo.com

Nevada Stamp Study Society's 1st Stamp Show Cover Found

The first show cover produced by the Nevada Stamp Study Society appeared in the Oct. 13 meeting auction. There were actually two 1976 show covers in a cover album. There are two postal cancels, one from Carson City Post Office and the other "NSSS Spring Exhibit" dated May 15, 1976. The "cachet" is an embossed golden foil seal with the society name and the founding month of the stamp club. The covers are in great shape and were protected all these years in the cover album.



A Thanksgiving Mishap

By Patrick Crosby

This 1911 postcard calls itself “Hand-embossed,” and it does have a very nice colorless basket-weave border embossed around the edges. This comic card was manufactured in Germany, as were many of our postcards before World War I. The scene depicted is vibrantly hand-colored.



But something bad happened to this card and Chicago Post Office says “Don’t blame us” by using the red auxiliary marking “Received in bad condition at Chicago, Ill. P.O. 1 M.D.” A corner of the card had been nearly detached and was repaired enough by the post office to be mailable by using 1½ Post Office Seals, Scott OX13. Since 1877 Post Office Seals were issued to larger post offices to “seal” the flaps of envelopes which were accidentally mailed unsealed, became unsealed during transit, or for those intentionally opened by the post office, for example censored envelopes or by mistake. Seals were also meant to be used for mail repairs, as in this case. The 2019 Scott U.S. Specialized Catalog values OX13 mint or used at just \$.25. However, on cover it is valued at \$25.00.

Whether you like turkey, or “don’t like no turkey” as the scared little boy exclaims, have a Happy Thanksgiving!

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.

USPS Thanksgiving Related Stamp Issues

The only stamp issued by the postal service for Thanksgiving was on Oct. 19, 2001 (image on the right). The word Thanksgiving is not on the stamp.



The other related issue was four se-tenant stamps issued on Sept. 9, 2009 reminiscent of a typical Thanksgiving Day Parade. No mention was made of the Macy’s parade (started in 1924) since the USPS policy was no commercial endorsements even though Macy’s had full page ads with the stamps and parade information. The first-day ceremony occurred at the Macy’s Department Store in New York.



The Anatomy of a Possible Future Exhibit — Maybe

By Stan Cronwall

As I like to say if I'm still on my perch and have most of my marbles, this is about a future philatelic exhibit that I would like very much to do.

First, the proposed title will be something along the lines of, "Hitler's High Seas Fleet" or maybe a step back from that grandiose idea because in truth his navy never approached the size, or relative strength of the Kaiser's at the time of World War I.

Instead, it is more accurate that the exhibit title should include the word "small" or "puny" or even "minimalist".

But, I digress.

The head of the Kriegsmarine, Grand Admiral Erich Raeder had drawn up plans for a major naval build-out, but it wouldn't be ready for war until 1945.

Hitler's personal military history was on land only, so he almost totally lacked an appreciation for what a strong navy could provide.

He understood that a delay until 1945 meant that his recently built up armored and air forces would be matched or outdated by potential enemies rushing to re-arm, upgrade and increase the numbers of their own forces.

With that in mind, Hitler's plans to conquer the nations of Western Europe and acquire lands to the east for "Lebensraum" (room to grow for the German population) meaning the Soviet Union were time critical. He could not wait.

Yes, submarines could be built fairly quickly, were relatively cheap, and would be useful to interdict sea lanes and cut supplies to Great Britain and the Soviet Union. But, there was not sufficient time to build and launch capital surface ships.

With this background, here is how I see the exhibit unfolding and what is needed to make it happen:

- I. Photo postcards of the relatively few ships that made up Hitler's surface fleet from destroyers to the aborted carrier, "Graf Zeppelin" These cards would show the ships under construction, the commissioning ceremony, sea trials or just at sea or in harbor.

It might be interesting to also include schnellboats (similar to our PT Boats), disguised raiders, and surface supply ships for the raiders and U-Boats.

2. Correspondence (cards or covers — best with letters) to/from officers and/or crew members of each ship.
3. Obtain translations (German to English) of cards/letters. (Optional portion of Exhibit)
4. Photo postcards or other means of reporting the end disposition of the ships whether sunk, given to other nations at war's end.

Thus far in the 5-6 years of gathering input for the Exhibit, materials on hand include photo postcards of several destroyers, Admiral Graf Spee, Prinz Eugen, Bismarck, Hipper, Koln, and Tirpitz at sea or in berth; as well as for several supply ships. There is also correspondence to/from Graf Spee during its blockade duty in support of the Condor Legion during the Spanish Civil War.

It has been suggested that an attempt should be made to obtain copies of photos of the ships during construction or later by soliciting help through my longtime membership in the German Philatelic Society. This might also be a source for copies of correspondence to/from crew members.

Any other source suggestions are welcome. Thanks in advance.

Auction Bucks Auction



Nov. 10, 2016

Silverada Estates Clubhouse, 2301 Oddie Blvd, Reno

Auction starts around 10:15 - After the Salute to our Veterans

There is NO raffle at this meeting.

- ☺ Arrive early with your donated items and to view the other items in the auction.
- ☺ Coffee and refreshment are provided.
- ☺ Donated items usually include some wine, books, music CDs, and new this year, a rolling desk chair, some model horses, plus many more items.
- ☺ Bring your yard/garage sale items and participate in the auction using your hard earned Auction Bucks awarded for your volunteer activities.
- ☺ Word is there will be some philatelic items offered.
- ☺ This meeting is strictly to spend your Auction Bucks. Come and enjoy the fun.
- ☺ If you did not receive your Auction Bucks at the Oct. 27 meeting, they will be available on Nov. 10.



Some items from last year's auction

November Quiz on Pakistan by Stan Cronwall

With Pakistan in the news so often over the past several years, it is time to pay a visit to this former part of the British Crown Colony of India. The country was formed August 14, 1947 when India was divided into the Dominions of India and Pakistan with some princely states remaining independent.

Pakistan became a republic on March 23, 1956. East Pakistan made up of the Sylhet District of Assam and 14 Districts of the Bengal Province became independent as Bangladesh in December 1971.

This quiz deals with Pakistan when it was a Dominion and after it became a republic.

- At first glance Scott 31 and 50 seem to have the same design with the principle visual being the airport building in Karachi. However, it was re-engraved for the 1949 re-issue. What was changed?
 - The color
 - The building design
 - The crescents are reversed
- In its history as a Dominion and as a republic, how many Pakistan Air Post stamps have been issued?
 - None
 - 10
 - 15
- Pakistan began issuing stamps shortly after it became a Dominion in 1947. What nations stamps were over-printed in black with the word, "PAKISTAN"?
 - None – Pakistan designed & issued their own stamps
 - Great Britain
 - India
- In 2004, a horizontal strip of four stamps was issued to commemorate India's 57th year of independence. Each of the designs is slightly different. What is the difference?
 - The face value is in different colors
 - The lines of text differ on each stamp
 - The man pictured is wearing shirts with different colors
- To help publicize the disputed border area between Pakistan and its neighbor India, a set of stamps was issued in 1960. Each of the stamps featured which of the following?
 - Artillery & troops in a mountain pass
 - A map of the disputed areas
 - Flags of each nation & crossed sabers
- A two-stamp set was issued on July 4, 1976 to commemorate the American Bi-Centennial. Scott 408 features what prominent U. S. building?
 - The Jefferson Memorial
 - The Washington Monument
 - The Lincoln Memorial
- Pakistan has won the Field Hockey World Cup four times 1971, 1978, 1982 and 1994 – more than any other country. Each time this victory has been celebrated with a stamp that features the winner's cup. What is on top of the trophy?
 - A goalie's protective mask
 - A field hockey stick and ball
 - Flags of the participating nations
- A map of East Pakistan is shown on a stamp marking the 9th anniversary of independence in 1956. Little more than fifteen years later in December 1971, East Pakistan became an independent state known as Bangladesh. Was this event marked by a single stamp issued by Pakistan?
 - Yes
 - No
 - No – it was a set of four
- In 1983, a single stamp dealing with trekking in Pakistan in the Hindu Kush Mountains. The scene depicts a caravan going through Zindiharam-Darkot Pass. What kind of pack animals are shown?
 - Llamas
 - Camels
 - Yaks

10. The 9th SAF (South Asian Federation) Games were hosted by Pakistan in Islamabad. The Games were commemorated with a souvenir sheet of 16 stamps issued in 2004. The stamps showed events held during the Games. Which of these sports were not featured on the sheet?

- a. Australian Football b. Field Hockey c. Basketball d. Cricket

Bonus Question: In 1985, a special souvenir sheetlet was issued to commemorate Pakistan's 37th Independence Day. The sheetlet had four stamps and four labels. These were printed in what two languages?

- a. Hindi and English b. Hindi and Urdu c. Urdu and English

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

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

Buy, Want, Sell, Trade

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

For Sale: Lifelong collection of over 100 albums filled with stamps mainly from Western Europe and some U.S. Contact Rene Remy (775) 384-1482 or (775) 247-7239. Email: remyaelbrecht@gmail.com

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. pitiophul@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.

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.