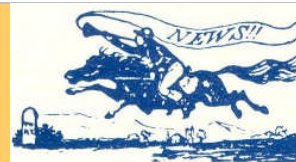


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## **Announcements**

### **Next regular club meetings:**

**Jan. 12, 2019** - This is an Auction Day meeting where members can put up to 5 items on the auction table using the [NSSS Auction Sheet](#) with the Minimum Bid. Preceding the auction will be announcements and a raffle.

**Jan. 26, 2019** - This is a Consignment meeting where members can place up to 10 items on the consignment table using the [NSSS Auction Sheet](#) with the sale price. The philatelic presentation will be announced at the Jan. 12 meeting. There is a Board Meeting after the regular meeting. Members are encouraged to attend. The Board Meeting agenda can be obtained from the editor.

**Stan Cronwall** resigned as Secretary due to health issues.

**Volunteers are needed** to fill the position of Secretary (until July 2020), help with the Vassar post office displays (every two months), send Get Well & Sympathy cards, and someone to monitor our Facebook page. Appointments will be made at the Jan. 26 Board meeting.

### **Corrections for the quiz answers in the Dec. issue:**

For those who do the Post Boy quiz, the answers for the Nov. quiz on Pakistan were incorrect as posted in the Dec. issue. The corrected quiz answers are on the right.

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

**John Walter** updated and archived the club website in December. The updates included all the 2018 pictures taken at club meetings, picnic, Auction Bucks auction, and the Christmas & Holiday party. All the Post Boys from 1976 to present are accessible. Original Post Boy articles for the last three years are listed separately by year.

And for those who like numbers, the total size of web space used is 921 MB, with 6,002 files and 77 folders.

In addition to the website archiving, the files are also copied to a DVD that is part of the club library.

## Post Boy Reporter

**Dec. 15 Christmas Holiday Party** – The party had 32 attendees, members and family. **George Ray, Barbara Stanfield, Erik Fields, Rene & Caroline Remy** arrived early to set up the room and decorate the tables. **Marla Wetterling** cooked a turkey and ham and Kirsten Walter cooked a second turkey. There was plenty of food and desserts. The gift exchange had one item stolen three times – a large jar of nuts. **John Wetterling** appointed **John Walter** as the MC elf for calling the ticket numbers. He also took pictures during the event. **Barbara Stanfield, Adriana Wolf** and **Marla Wetterling** were very busy opening gifts as they had numerous items stolen. The largest item was a trash container that open and closed with a wave of the hand. The smallest gift was probably a utility knife set. Many pictures were taken and can be found on the club's website: [Http://RenoStamp.org](http://RenoStamp.org)





## Carson City Library Display

**John Walter** put together a stamp collecting display at the Carson City Library on January 2. The two large display cases are in the entrance hallway to the library. **Dick Dreiling** loaned 8 pages from his post card exhibit on the "First Inhabitants of Northwestern Nevada." Of course, there are Happy New Year stamps and covers, some Nevada covers and other miscellaneous exhibit pages. The display will be through January 31. Stop by and take a look.



# **The One That Got Away – Unrequited Love (Did It Slip Through the Cracks or Is It a Clever Forgery) By Stan Cronwall**

This is a story of what might have been.

I just missed out on buying an interesting Third Reich (TR) postcard. Among the many sidebars to my collection of TR stamps, covers, cards and ephemera are various series of postcards illustrated by Wolfgang Willrich.

Among his series is one entitled “German Blood Nobility All Over the World” which was introduced in 1938, although many of the paintings were done earlier.

Willrich’s career as a portrait artist came at the behest of Reichsbauernführer (Reich Peasant Leader) R. W. Darre who commissioned the artist to seek out and draw Nordic peasants throughout Germany.

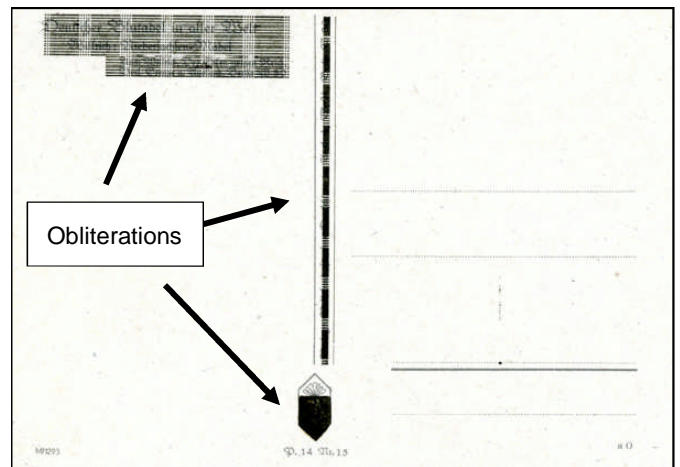
These cards were issued under the auspices of the VDA (Volksbund für das Deutschtum im Ausland) = “The National Federation of Germans Abroad”.

Following the unconditional surrender of Germany ending the European portion of WW II, the victorious allies established the Allied Control Commission in January 1946 to oversee virtually every aspect of life in Germany, Austria and to a lesser extent Italy. In Germany, there was a major effort to de-Nazify the country.

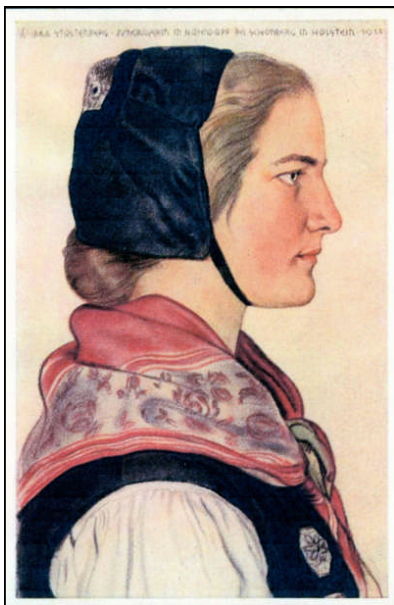
People were encouraged to turn in all items bearing TR symbols so they could be destroyed.

Much of the TR press including newspapers, books, post cards and like material was pulped and buried in landfills. The original plan to burn these items was rejected because it likely would have reminded people of the Nazi book burnings of the 1930’s.

Postcards like the “Blood Nobility” series were acceptable for the mails if the TR symbols and text were obliterated.

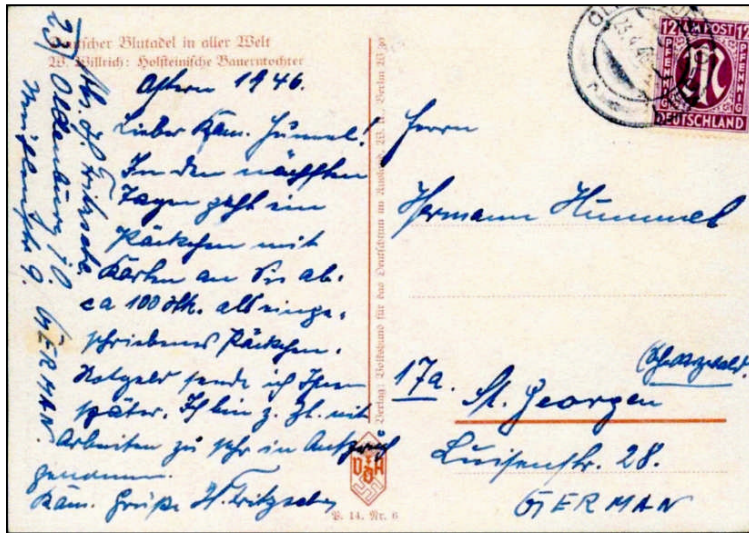


Here is an example of an acceptable obliteration because of the overprinting.



On the left is an image of a post card I recently bid on. The subject is a “Farmer’s Daughter from Holstein.” The painting is dated 1935. There is nothing on the face of the card which requires being overprinted or otherwise obliterated.





Here is the **reverse side** of the same card with the VDA symbol and text WITHOUT an overprint or other obliteration. The card is franked with Germany Scott 3N2 which is an A. M. G. occupation issue from the Allied Military Government. The A. M. G. issues were issued jointly by the U.S. and Great Britain in 1945-1946 for use in the areas under their occupation.

The date cancel on the stamp is 23.4.46 (April 23, 1946) in Oldenburg in the British Zone of control some four months after the Allied Control Commission was established.

Did this one slip through the cracks? Or, was the rule to obliterate any TR symbols and references

either unwritten at that time or slow in being implemented which is so typical of many government regulations? Or, is this a clever fake?

It has been said that the Brits were less zealous in their approach to the occupation than the U.S.

What do you think?

As for me, I'm just sorry to have missed out on buying this card because it would have made an interesting piece in my collection of Willrich cards. Oh well. As is often said, it is the thrill of the hunt that keeps us searching and collecting.

Disappointing, yes. Maybe next time I'll be quicker on the trigger, or willing to ante up a few more "white-wigs" (singles) or perhaps a "rail-splitter" (fiver) and be the successful bidder. Time to get back on one's horse and head off to the next opportunity whether it is a Show somewhere, an internet adventure, or a mail sale.

**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.



Wishing everyone a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Looking forward to seeing more club members at the normal meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays.

The club officers are looking for ways to improve member participation and new activities to stimulate your stamp collecting hobby.

Bring your ideas to the next meeting or email any officer or director of the club.

# January Quiz on Denmark

By Stan Cronwall

Denmark is a Kingdom on the northern part of a European peninsula that separates the North and Baltic Seas. It includes the surrounding islands.

Anyone collecting the early stamps of Denmark needs to pay close attention to the wiggles and wobbles which are shown in the Scott Catalog. These can be maddening as well as having a major impact on the values.

1. The last set of Danish Air Post stamps was released in?  
a. 2013                      b. 1934                      c. 1968
2. Historical postal vehicles were depicted on a set of 4 stamps issued in 2002. The designs included one motorcycle, two vans and one tractor trailer. There were several booklets included in this issue. Only one included all four of the designs. What is the Scott number for this booklet?  
a. 1230 a                      b. 1231                      c. 1233 a
3. Stamp design A 10 is used several times in the history of Danish stamps. What do the three wavy lines symbolize?  
a. The three bodies of water which separate the principal Danish islands      b. The three points on the Danish crown      c. The three principal Danish islands
4. 1943 marked the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Danish Aviation Company. This was commemorated on a regular issue rather than an Air Post stamp. The four-engine plane shown in the design is referenced as "Condor Plane". Planes with four engines at that time were all military. The plane shown was probably from what country?  
a. Great Britain      b. United States                      c. Germany
5. For Christmas 2015, specially shaped honey-cakes were the theme for stamps which included a souvenir sheet of three, and a booklet with two designs that were self-adhesive. The shapes of these holiday treats were?  
a. Tree, Bell & Angel                      b. Heart, Woman & Man                      c. Church, Sleigh & Tree
6. Danish Late Fee stamps were last issued in 1934. These were added costs charged for delivering letters to a ship or train after the regular mail had been bagged and sealed. The very first stamp in this category began not as a Late Fee stamp, but was a fee for what other postal activity?  
a. Post office clerk's help in filling out forms and writing addresses                      b. Delivery on Sundays  
c. Parcel Delivery
7. Denmark's new Post & Tele Museum in Copenhagen was featured on a set of four stamps issued in 1998. A year before, there was a single somewhat related stamp that marked the end of one aspect of mail service. What postal service was ended?  
a. Rural Free Delivery      b. Weekend Delivery                      c. Railway Mail Service
8. In 1956, Denmark released what is known as the "Northern Countries Issue" The intent was to emphasize the close bonds among the northern countries. Each country issued a like stamp featuring the same Whooper Swans graphic. Which of the following countries was not included in the line-up of these nations?  
a. Iceland                      b. Greenland                      c. Finland

9. The A 326 stamp design was issued in a strip of four in 1990. The shape as shown suggests that the main stamp graphics are probably?
- Bird Feeders
  - Pieces from an antique royal banquet service
  - Helmets from medieval sets of armor
10. The "People in Winter" issues of 2011 included a sheet of four, individual self-adhesives, and booklet stamps in panes of 10 and 12. The subjects shown are?
- Ice Hockey, Bathing Viking, Ice Fisherman & Woman Feeding Duck
  - Ice Skating, Man Walking Dog, Ice Boat Sailing & Ice Tent Camping
  - Bathing Viking, Woman Feeding Duck, Man Walking Dog & Ice Fisherman

### Bonus Question:

In 2005, a semi-postal stamp was issued both as a single and in booklet form with the surtax originally intended for an SOS Children's Village in Burundi. Instead the surtax went to the relief fund for the December 26, 2004 tsunami. This change in charitable purposes was?

- Never disclosed to the public
- Addressed by a sticker noting this change to be applied to the front covers of the booklets
- Was not sanctioned by UNESCO

The January 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](mailto:postboyquiz@renostamp.org)

**Dec. Quiz Answers:** 1. b 2. a 3. c  
4. d 5. a 6. c 7. d 8. a 9. c  
10. d Bonus: All are FALSE

## Sparkling Holiday (aka Coca-Cola Santa) Souvenir Sheet Used on Christmas Mail

By John Walter

I took the opportunity to mail about a dozen Christmas cards using the souvenir sheet with the one Forever stamp. One cover came back "Returned For Postage," about half had no postmark (but hard to see over the dark colors), and the other half had some sort of postmark. What is interesting is that all the cards were mailed at the same time.

On the right is a scan of one of the covers sent to Dave and Susie Gehringer (no postmark). I put my return address on the reverse to preserve the front of the cover for showing.

I ordered a "block" of 100 sheets and will have some left over for next year. These S/S are not available from individual post offices - only from the USPS Stamp Fulfillment Services.



## Buy, Want, Sell, Trade

*If you would like to have an advertisement in the Post Boy, please email [editor@renostamp.org](mailto:editor@renostamp.org).*

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:bjmudge2004@yahoo.com).

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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:editor@renostamp.org).