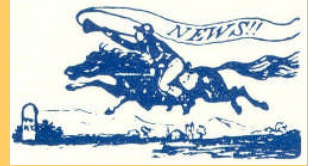


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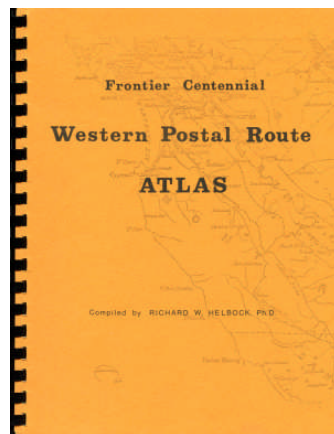
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Announcements

Next regular club meetings:

Feb. 9, 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.

Feb. 23, 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 given by Paul Glass on the American Philatelic Society.



This monograph on "Western Postal Route Atlas" needs to find the owner. **Howard Grenzebach** borrowed the publication to research some covers and cannot remember who he got it from. If you are the owner, please contact Howard.

The club is again participating in Linn's 2018 U.S. Stamp Popularity Poll voting for Best and Worst Design, and the Most and Least Important issues. Ballots are available at the Feb. meetings then will be mailed to Linn's. The club gets mentioned in Linn's as the ballots are tabulated.

Highlights from the Board meeting on Jan. 26: The Board approved a suggestion to award 200 Auction Bucks for attendance at a stamp exposition with exhibits. The complete Auction Bucks awards are on page 10. Copies of the Auction Bucks awards will be available at the next meeting.

John Walter was appointed Secretary to fill the vacancy until the term expires July 2020. **Howard Grenzebach** volunteered to send get-well and sympathy cards as needed.

An audit of the club's finances was recently completed, per the Bylaws, and found to be acceptable by the Board. **Harvey Edwards** will print an addendum of new members for the current Membership Directory.

Post Boy Reporter

Jan. 12 meeting - **Harry Pinkham** and **Erik Fields** arrived early to help **George Ray** with the meeting room setup and starting the coffee pot. Attendance was good with 25 members signing in. The refreshments were provided by **John Walter**.

Erik Fields reported on the stamp show for July 27-28 - David McNamee and Lisa Foster were selected as the exhibit judges. **John Walter** updated the website with all the pictures taken at club meetings and events in 2018. He also archived the website on a DVD to put in the library at **Dave Gehringer's** "barn" for safe keeping. **Scott Mathews** volunteered to moderate the club's Facebook page.

The raffle had the usual 10 prizes plus a bonus prize won by **Bob Wolf**. **Eugene Smoots** won the money prize of \$13.00. The live auction had 49 lots and one donated lot. Gross sales were \$220.75 for the 35 lots sold. **Erik Fields** and **Gary Atkinson** were the auctioneers with **George Ray** and **Dick Simmonds** helping.

Jan. 26 meeting - As usual, **Erik Fields** and **Harry Pinkham** arrived early to set up the meeting room. There were 30 members in attendance plus 5 visitors. One visitor, **Vaughn Yost**, joined the stamp club. He collects mainly U.S. **Dick Simmonds** provided the refreshments. Two tables were overflowing with consignment sales.

The raffle had 10 prizes and a bonus prize won by **Erik Fields**. The money prize of \$14 was won by **Dick Simmonds**.

John Wetterling gave a presentation about "Philatelic Estate Planning." He discussed having an inventory, using auctions, APS circuit books and dealers for selling. Items over \$1,000 usually do better at auctions. Written instructions for family members will help in the disposition of collections.



Gary Atkinson, Howard Grenzebach and Bob Wolf at the free table.



Harry Pinkham, Bill Littell, Steve Foster, Howard Grenzebach, Dave Gehringer, Gary Atkinson and Erik Fields at the back tables.



John Wetterling giving the presentation.



Most of the members present at the Jan. 26 meeting.

Ed Hartley Remembered (1924-2019)

[From his Member Profile which appeared in the Post Boy March 2014. Written by Marla Wetterling.]

Ed Hartley has been collecting for nearly sixty years off and on. He is currently collecting stamps from the British Commonwealth and Germany.

Ed and his family left Germany in 1938 (when he was 14 years old) out of their need for personal safety with the impending war looming in the near future. As they were moving in a rapid fashion, Ed's father's friends had agreed to hold onto his stamp collection until they were settled in their new home or were fortunate to return to their homeland.

They relocated to Shanghai, China at this time and stayed there for 9 years. The last two years they were interned by the Japanese with Germany's support.

After World War II the family attempted to find their friends who had remained in Germany and they found out that they had perished. The stamp collection Ed had started as a young man was gone along with the family friends.

In 1947 he came with his family to the United States and Ed began collecting stamps again. In the 1960's he opened up a restaurant and sold his stamp collection for business capital.

During the next twenty years, Ed spent most of his time on his business and then in the mid 1980's he started collecting stamps again.

Ed joined the Nevada Stamp Study Society in the early 1990s. Ed has fond memories of being the Exhibit Chair for the American Topical Association National Show hosted by Reno and our club members. He remembers receiving exhibits from all over the country and how full this house became with the items for the show.

Ed Hartley celebrated his 90th Birthday at a club meeting on March 22, 2014. It was a true pleasure to interview him and he has a wealth of knowledge in philately as well as WWII history. One of Ed's current hobbies include playing bridge, and, is considered a Master Bridge Player.

Barbara Stanfield remembers ED as being a math whiz. Stan Cronwall was grateful that Ed translated, from German, many items used in his Third Reich German Exhibits.

In 2014 Ed moved to Washington state with his wife to be near family. After Charlotte passed away Ed moved to the Sacramento area, again to be close to family. Ed passed away on January 16, 2019.



Ed and his wife Charlotte at the club's 2008 Christmas party.



Ed celebrating his 90th birthday at a club meeting on March 22, 2014.

Stamp Collecting in the Soviet Union It Could Get You a Train Trip to the Gulag or Worse

by Stan Cronwall

When the armies of the Soviet Union began clawing back the territory overrun by Nazi German in 1941 and 1942, dictator of the USSR Joseph Stalin was highly regarded by many in the west as good old “Uncle Joe”.

Largely unknown to westerners was the lengthy “enemies list” that Stalin and his inner circle had compiled and acted upon in the form of various purges. The inner circle included the following Viacheslav M. Molotov, Lazar Kaganovich, Marshal Kliment Voroshilov, Andrei Zhdanov, Marshal Mikhail Tukhachevsky, Sergei M. Kirov, Valerian V. Kulbyshev, Genrikh Yagoda, and later Levrentri Beria. Kulbyshev died from acute alcoholism and a heart attack.

The inner circle itself saw some members purged. NKVD head Yagoda was found guilty in the last of the so called Show Trials and shot. Kirov was shot to death in his office. Marshal Tukhachevsky one of the five original Marshals of the Soviet Union and Chief of Staff was brought before a military tribunal, found guilty and shot.

It is interesting to note that Stalin although he succeeded Lenin in 1924 was not pictured on a Soviet stamp until the November 23, 1934 set of 6 stamps marking the first decade without Lenin. Stalin and Lenin appear on a single stamp Scott 545. Stalin next appeared on a single stamp in a set of 7 issued in March 1938 commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Worker's and Peasants Red Army (Scott 634) which has him reviewing cavalry troops.

Here are the first two stamps where Stalin appeared: (Scott 545 and Scott 634)



Members of Stalin's inner circle were also conspicuous by their absence on stamps except for Sergei M. Kirov pictured on a November 1935 issue (**Scott 582**). This stamp was part of a continuation of the Portrait series remembering the murders of prominent Soviet Revolutionaries.

While Stalin viewed Kirov as a threat in life, he capitalized on his death. He immediately began a “cult of Kirov” being the first mourner at Kirov's state funeral in Red Square and served as a pallbearer. In effect, Kirov was completely rehabilitated as we will see as his memory is honored later on other stamp issues

The purges of 1937-1938 (The Great Purge) were perhaps the most devastating to the Soviet military when literally thousands of senior officers were purged as Stalin and his minions decapitated the top of all branches. This included highly experienced and ranked individuals who had served on the Republican (Soviet supported) side of the Spanish Civil War developing tactics and fighting the Italian-German forces abetting Franco's insurgents.

Depending which source is chosen, the attrition rate among general and field grade officers may have reached 50 percent. Reportedly, the purge included every officer above the rank of colonel, priests, academicians, foreign technical experts brought in to modernize Soviet industry, well-to-do peasants, national minorities, foreign expatriates

who had come to the Soviet Union to help build communism and even foreign communist leaders were summoned to return to Moscow.

The 1937-1938 purge also came down hard on the community of artists. Caught up in this drag net were such people as musicians, writers, poets, actors, film and stage directors, singers, painters, composers, musical directors and like artistic disciplines.

Individuals and groups known to be stamp collectors were also suspect. Otherwise why would anyone collect the stamps of countries like Germany and Great Britain. They must be malcontents or enemy agents who are somehow plotting actions against the Soviet State or other anti-Leninist activities.

Whether you were a member of the inner circle or “had the ear” of one to denounce an individual or a group, those under suspicion were at the mercy of the Soviet secret police known at that time as the NKVD. The letters NKVD = People’s Commissariat for Internal Affairs which over saw state security and police forces.

The NKVD were easily recognized by their distinctive blue uniforms and garrison caps. (As shown on the right)



When their “black Mariah” vehicles parked in front of an office building, residence, or apartment house, you knew that one or more people were about to disappear into their system most likely never to be heard from or about again.

NKVD beat and tortured in order to force prisoners to denounce or name individuals or groups that harbored anti-State and/or anti-Leninist views.

The beatings and torture continued until “confessions” were gained. From there, a prisoner could just be shot and dumped into a mass grave or put on a train headed to a stop in the Gulag system.

During the Great Purge 1 in 20 people were arrested. By 1939, it is estimated that 1,772,993 people were in Soviet prison camps, and that as many as 681,692 or better than 1,000 per day had been executed.

Interestingly, only two of those purged were rehabilitated in later years. This was true early on in the case of Sergei Kirov whose name has been taken by cities, streets, schools, factories and his name is even shared by a class of Soviet-Russian naval battlecruisers.

Here are two more stamps featuring Kirov (Scott 1832) a single issued June 28, 1956 and (Scott 3185) also a single issued in 1986:



Scott 1832



Scott 3185

The next two stamps illustrate places where Kirov's name lives on; the founding of the Kirov Military Medical Academy (Scott 1330) from a set of three issued March 24, 1949, and the single (Scott 5140) commemorating the 200th anniversary the Kirov (after re-naming) Opera and Ballet Theater in Leningrad.



Scott 1330



Scott 5140

The total rehabilitation of Kirov would not be complete without the single stamp (Scott 4119) from a set of 5 featuring Soviet Warships. This stamp shows the cruiser Kirov which was the first in a new class of Soviet battle cruisers:



Another purge victim rehabilitated is Marshal Mikhail Tukhachevsky, one of the five original Marshals of the Soviet Union and Chief of Staff whose image appears on this Soviet stamp (Scott 2705) from a set of 5 issued in February 1963 to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the Soviet Army and to honor its heroes.

If you lived in the Soviet Union “back in the day,” which of our NSSS stamp club members would you have named or denounced in an attempt to save your own skin?

Think about it.

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.

February Quiz on South Africa

By Stan Cronwall

South Africa (officially Republic of South Africa) is a republic with three capitals; Pretoria (administrative), Cape Town (legislative) and Bloemfontein (judicial).

It became a union on May 31, 1910 made up of former British colonies of the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Transvaal and the Orange Free State which all became provinces. The nation became a republic May 31, 1961.

This quiz will deal with South Africa proper not including the self-governing tribal homelands of Bophuthatswana, Ciskei, Transkei and Venda. These separate republics were set up by Africa in the early 1960's creating home areas for specific tribes. These issued their own stamps before being re-absorbed into South Africa on April 27, 1994.

1. When the nation became the Union of South Africa in May 1910, what happened to the remaining stamps from the former British colonies in the new country?
 - a. They were demonetized effective August 19, 1910
 - b. They remained valid until December 31, 1938
 - c. They were confiscated and burned
2. The Air Post souvenir sheet issued in 2011 commemorates 100th anniversary of the first South African air mail flight. The sheet has a unique die-cut shape. What is the shape?
 - a. Stylized early plane
 - b. Modern jet plane
 - c. An early air mail drop bag
3. During World War II, South Africa fought on the side of Allies and honored their service with two sets of stamps issued 1941-1942, and 1942-1943. An airman appears on both Scott 85 and Scott 92, but there is no airplane shown on the second stamp. What was the plane shown on the earlier stamp?
 - a. Hawker Hurricane fighter
 - b. Mosquito bomber
 - c. Spitfire fighter
- b. A round souvenir sheet was issued to commemorate the New Year 2002 – the Year of the Horse. Get out your magnifying glass to answer how many individual stamps are in the sheet. They could be shaped like slices of pie, or not. How many did you find?
 - a. 8
 - b. 1
 - c. 4
 - d. 6
5. The centenary of railways on South Africa was commemorated on a single stamp issued in May 1960. The Scott catalog descriptive text indicates that the stamp illustration includes a map of the railroads, as well as both an old and new locomotive. Where is the old engine on the stamp?
 - a. Scott made an error – it is not shown
 - b. Opposite the 1860 “sign”
 - c. Just above the 1960 “sign”
6. A miniature Air Post souvenir sheet issued in 2009 features 10 different dinosaurs. All the stamps are inscribed, “International Airmail Postcard.” When viewed through red and blue glasses what happens to the animals?
 - a. Their mouths open
 - b. Their legs move
 - c. They become three-dimensional
7. The 100th anniversary of the introduction of postage stamps in South Africa was commemorated with a set of stamps issued in 1953. The first stamp was issued by which British Colony?
 - a. Transvaal
 - b. Cape of Good Hope
 - c. Natal
 - d. Orange Free State
8. Wildlife Protection was the theme of a four-stamp set issued in 1976 featuring Cheetah, Black Rhino, Blesbok and Zebra. Scott reminds collectors that?
 - a. These stamps printed on white paper is printer’s waste
 - b. Forgeries exist
 - c. Those on yellow toned paper have a value twice that on white paper
9. A set of four stamps noting Achievements was issued in 1991 to mark the 30th anniversary of the Republic of South Africa. A single stamp and the souvenir sheet feature Western Deep Levels Gold Mine. What is so significant about this mine?

- a. It is the world's deepest mine
been an accident in the mine's history
- b. It is the most productive gold mine ever
- c. There has never

10. In 2005, a single stamp was issued to address the Prevention of Blindness. The stamp was lithographed but produced in a special way to enhance the message. What was done in the printing process to achieve this goal?

- a. The stamps were embossed to create a message in Braille
- b. The typeface selected was to make it easily read by those with limited vision
- c. The overall design was selected with consideration for those with macular degeneration

Bonus question: ISLAPEX '98 (International Philatelic Exhibition) was the subject of a souvenir sheet issued in October 1998. The sheet featured the designs of two unissued South Africa stamps created originally for the 1927 definitive series. The colors of the stamps on the sheet are?

- a. Red and Black & Green and Gray
- b. Red and Light Gray & Green and Light Blue
- c. Red and Green & Green & Black

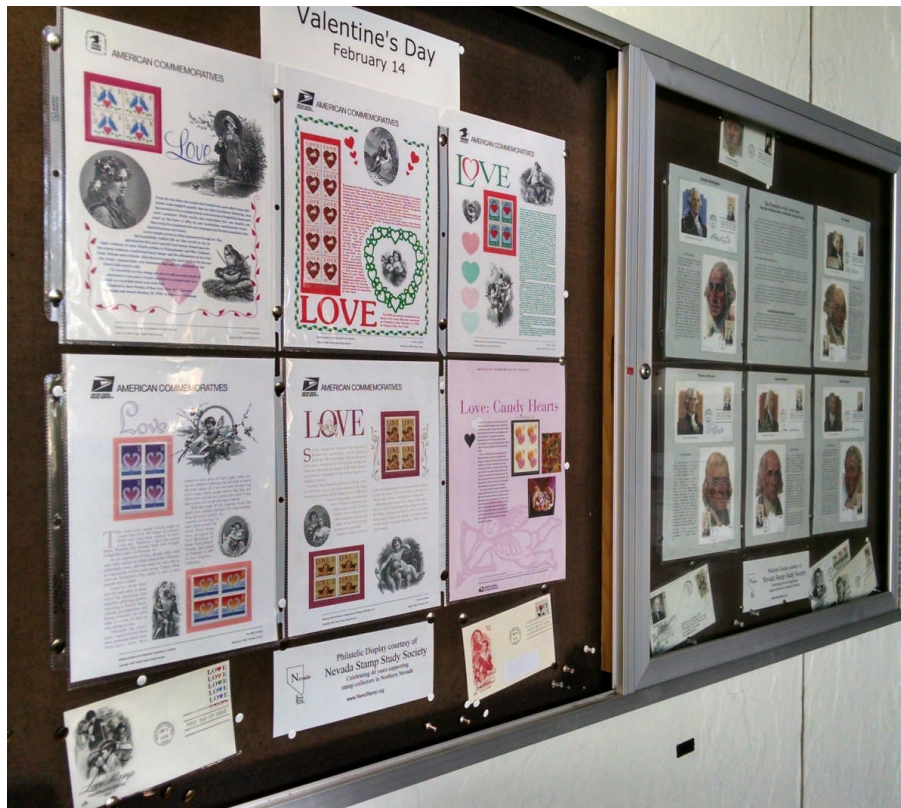
The February quiz is worth **110 Auction Bucks**, including the bonus. Please complete the quiz and give your answers to Betty Mudge at either of the February meetings or email to postboyquiz@renostamp.org

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

Vassar Post Office Display

John Walter changed the two-frame display cases the club maintains at the main PO in Reno. One frame has Love stamps and covers to remind everyone of Valentine's Day. The other frame has covers and cards celebrating U.S. presidents - at least the first five to serve.

As you can see, six pages fill a frame nicely. If anyone wants to showcase some of their philatelic pages at the post office, please contact **John Walter**. The frames are locked and the area by the clerk's windows is locked and closed at night. So, the items on display are secure.



Buy, Want, Sell, Trade

If you would like to have an advertisement in the Post Boy, please email 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

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: Great Britain MNH. 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.

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: 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

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.

AUCTION BUCKS (revised January 2019)

The purpose of the Auctions Bucks Program is to encourage and involve NSSS members in the club's activities. You can only earn Bucks by participating in NSSS activities as follows:

1. Providing a new member _____ 200 Bucks
2. New member ("Jump Start" bonus) _____ 250 Bucks
3. Providing a program at a meeting _____ 1500 Bucks per program
4. Providing refreshments _____ 1000 Bucks
5. Selling door prize tickets _____ 100 Bucks
6. Donating door prizes _____ 25 Bucks each (limit 10)
7. Providing Auction/Consignment item _____ 25 Bucks each
8. Donate items for the good of the club ----- 10 X # of Bucks as Auction yields
9. Officer/Director/Committee chair attend Board mtg — 100 Bucks
10. President conducting meeting _____ 250 Bucks per meeting
11. Treasurer _____ 250 Bucks per meeting
12. Club Member attending meeting or Board meeting - 25 Bucks each meeting
13. Meeting room set up & take down _____ 100 Bucks
14. Any club activity (except meetings) _____ 100 Bucks per hour
15. Post Boy Editor _____ 500 per issue
16. Providing original Post Boy articles _____ 200 Bucks per article, per page
17. Correct Post Boy answers _____ Bucks vary per quiz
18. Penny box donations _____ 1/2 Buck per stamp
19. Show Chairman _____ 5,000 Bucks
20. Penny Box coordinator(s) _____ 100 per meeting
21. Soaking & drying stamps for the penny box _____ 100 Bucks per hour
22. Attend a stamp exhibition with exhibits _____ 200 Bucks

- Members will be responsible for turning in "outside" meeting activities hour values to the "Buck" chairperson. Please count your Penny Box donations too.
- Auction Bucks will be distributed before Auction Bucks auction meeting in November.
- You may carry Auction Bucks over from a previous year's earnings.
- Bucks may be issued by the board for special activities.
- Auction Bucks are "earned" and are no longer sold by the club.

GETTING INVOLVED IN NSSS ACTIVITIES IS THE ONLY WAY TO EARN BUCKS !!!