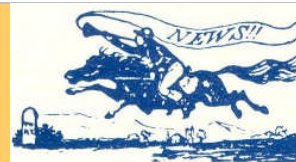


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Announcements

Consignment lot missing at the Feb. 23 meeting - A U.S. Scott# 219D stamp was on a NSSS Auction Sheet and placed on the consignment table. The item was picked up and not paid for. Please look to see if you inadvertently put the lot in your belongings. If found, please contact **Mike Potter** 359-9419.

This month's stamp club meetings:

Mar. 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.

Mar. 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 topic is "My Favorite Thing." Members are encouraged to bring a page with an item(s) that is of particular interest. Please let **John Wetterling** know how many items you want to discuss at the meeting.

This month **Howard Grenzebach** submitted a philatelic quiz on Vietnam. He added two bonus questions. Completing the quiz is an easy way to earn Auction Bucks - 120 Bucks this month, providing all your answers are correct.

Linn's Stamp Poll 2018 - Twenty ballots were collected at the last couple of meetings. Look for the ballot tabulations in about six weeks in Linn's Stamp News.

Over the past two months there were 40 raffle prizes and 4 bonus raffle prizes won at the meetings. The general raffle piles usually contain multiple items where one can find at least one item of interest to write about, either for a one page My Favorite Thing or a short Post Boy article. Scans can be made at a meeting to include in the write up. This is an easy and fun project especially on the snowy and rainy days of late.

Get busy and do something different while enjoying your favorite hobby.



I don't collect Canada, so what does this postmark mean: the dot matrix numbers are 1612192107, and 3808 M4L. Anyone?

Post Boy Reporter

Feb. 9 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 29 members and one visitor. Two new members joined - **Don & Patty Clark** who collect U.S., Iceland, postal stationery, U.S. carriers and locals. The refreshments were provided by **Erik Fields**.

In the announcements, **Harvey Edwards** reported that **John Walter** was appointed Secretary since **Stan Cronwall** is having health issues. **Howard Grenzebach** was appointed to send get well & sympathy cards as needed. **Paul Glass** reported that there are 68 paid members (not counting the two joining today). He passed out a membership directory addendum with 9 new members joining in the past year. **Erik Fields** reported on our upcoming stamp show (July 27-28). The show judges changed to Tim Bartshe & Lisa Foster with Apprentice Judge Mark Woodward.



Some of the Feb. 9 attendees.

The raffle had the usual 10 prizes plus a bonus prize won by **Dick Dreiling**. **Betty Mudge** won the money prize of \$13.50.

The live auction had 54 lots with 31 selling. Gross sales were \$288.00. **Erik Fields** and **Gary Atkinson** were the auctioneers with **George Ray** and **Dick Simmonds** helping.

Feb. 23 meeting - As usual, **Erik Fields** and **Harry Pinkham** arrived early to set up the meeting room. There were 27 members in attendance plus one visitor. **William "Will" Egger** joined today. He attended a few meetings this year and promised to join - today was the day. He collects mainly U.S.

Bob Wolf provided the refreshments. Two tables were overflowing with consignment sale lots.

The raffle had 10 prizes and a bonus prize won by **Howard Grenzebach**. The money prize of \$15.50 was won by our newest member **Will Egger**.

Paul Glass (on the right) gave a presentation on the American Philatelic Society. There were numerous handouts on the many activities and benefits offered by the APS: *The American Philatelist* journal, Expertizing Service, Insurance Program, Sales Division, APRL Library, and Estate Advisory Service to name a few. The website <http://www.stamps.org> has digital exhibits, free album pages, numerous articles, etc.



Two Bits of Alaskan History

By Patrick Crosby

The postcard view shown below of a tranquil Ketchikan, Alaska in 1909 has a strong duplex handstamp territorial cancel. Although U.S. territorial cancels are sought after, Ketchikan cancels seem to be easy enough to find and the three cards featured in this article cost between \$3 and \$8. Two of the cards are from the same correspondence and speak of a not-so-tranquil time in Ketchikan.

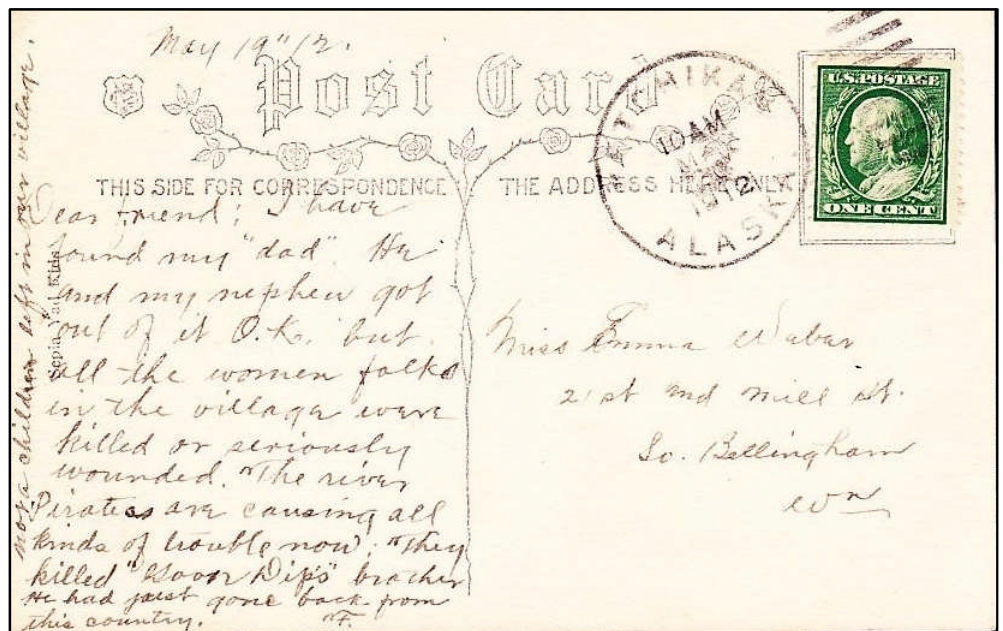


Other postcards from the same correspondence sent from "F" in Alaska to Miss Emma Weber in Washington during the 1912 fishing season are just friend to friend messages, like "Babe" is getting married and "Who's next?" The two cards with historical interest in this article show on their view sides "Best Wishes" with lilies and a comic boy and girl kissing inside her oversized bonnet. These belie the seriousness of the messages.

River Pirates? In the **card shown on the right** postmarked May 20, 1912 "F" nervously writes: Dear friend: I have found my "dad". He and my nephew got out of it O.K. but all the women folks in the village were killed or seriously wounded. The river Pirates are causing all kinds of trouble now. They killed "Goon(?) Dip's" brother He had just gone back from this country. not a child left in our village.

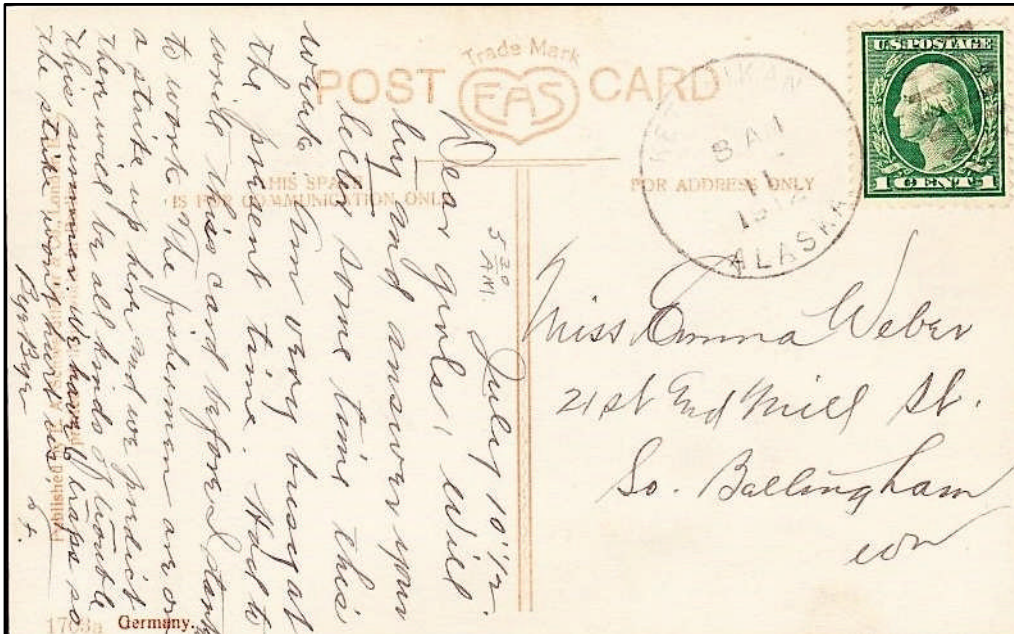
I could find very little about river pirates in the newspapers of the time, and nothing of this incident.

On May 22, 1912, The Valdez Daily Prospector had a headline "Pirates Loot Mining Camp" reporting it was done by "coast pirates" and stolen were all valuables and portable property. Houses were broken into, the windows broken and the doors smashed in.



The only other reference I found was also from The Valdez Daily Prospector, September 21, 1912, and datelined Vancouver, British Columbia: *"Carried Off by Pirates" ... a powerful band of Chinese pirates yesterday carried off the master and chief engineer of a river tug and are holding them for ransom. They demand \$20,000. ...they boarded the tug, towing her and seized the entire crew, but afterward released all except the two officers.*

There was much more in the newspapers about the message on the **card shown below** postmarked July 11, 1912. "F" writes to Emma: *The fishermen are on strike up here and we predict there will be all kinds of trouble this summer. We have traps, so the strike won't hurt us.*



The Daily Alaskan of April 10, 1912 sets the stage with the article "Canneries Crowd Alaskan Waters". There were already about 12 established canneries in the Southeastern Alaskan waters, and 28 new ones were built in the spring of 1912, with 8 of the new ones in Ketchikan. The existing canneries faced extreme competition from the new canneries which were bringing in expensive new fishing methods and cannery tenders that dwarfed those of the existing canneries. Where the

old-timers had been fishing for years with the unwritten law applying to the salmon streams of Alaska, "It's mine – I saw it first", the new canneries wouldn't abide. With the demand for salmon about to explode the fishermen, who the canneries relied upon for their supply, decided to strike.

It was reported in The Valdez Daily Prospector of June 29, 1912, that fishermen were receiving 22 to 24 cents for the number of fish needed to make a case of salmon, while the canneries were selling a case for \$5. So the fishermen wanted double the previous year's prices. Both sides were now organized.

By July 4th all 2,500 fishermen of the Fishermen's Union refused to go to work at the old prices. The canneries threatened that they were bringing in new fishermen from Seattle, but this wasn't true. However, there had been no disorders. The strike was settled July 25th in a compromise, as reported in The Valdez Daily Prospector of August 16, 1912. For almost three weeks no fish had been packed. Where 30,000 cases per day should have been packed, only a small quantity from fish traps were packed. It was speculated that the fishermen got what they demanded.

"F" in his postcard message said, "We have traps so the strike won't hurt us." But they were undoubtedly looked upon as strikebreakers. The Douglas Island News on August 14, 1912 stated: *The fishermen at Ketchikan and vicinity, no longer on strike, have taken up arms – or rather pens – against the fish trap, which they say is a curse and a blight wherever it has been used.* They wanted fish traps abolished to return "God given rights" to both native and white Alaskans.

What happened to "F" and Emma, who worked in a cannery? I like to think that homesick "F" went home to Washington after the fishing season, married Emma on Valentine's Day, 1913, and they never ate fish again. A happy ending.

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.

Member Spotlight - Brian Moody

By Dave Parsons

In order for NSSS members to know their fellow members, the Post Boy will feature 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 **Brian Moody**. Brian was born in Burlington, Vermont and went to school in Bitburg Germany and Taipei, Republic of China before attending the University of Nevada Reno. Brian currently lives in Sparks.

Brian was in the Air Force for 6 years as a Sergeant in the UK and then at Nellis AFB. He worked as a census taker and also at John Ascuaga's Nugget. He worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 27 years before retiring.

Brian began collecting stamps when he was young and had an uncle who was an agricultural attaché who passed on stamps to him. He re-started collecting when he was in high school. He is interested in Christmas stamps - World-wide.

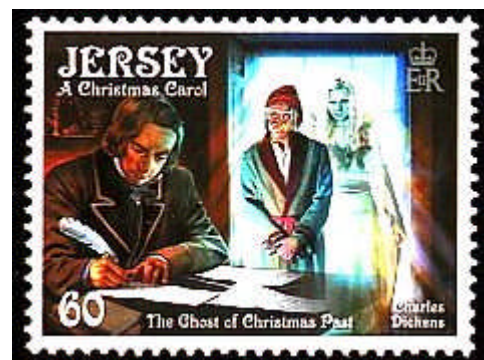
Brian joined the Club in 2017.

Brian is not married but has a brother Eric who recently joined the NSSS. Brian is also interested in coin collecting and photo journalism.

When asked what his dream stamp (under \$5000 CV) would be, Brian said he would like some of the series of Christmas Stamps featuring Charles Dickens. (Below are some of those stamps.)

Brian has enjoyed meeting NSSS members and participating in the different activities at the meetings.

Brian does not have an email address at this time. Check the member directory for contact information.



March Quiz on Vietnam

by Howard Grenzebach

1. The earliest stamps of Vietnam were from the occupying country overprinted with the initials of the names of two parts of the country. They were C.C. (Cochin China) and:
a. A & T (Annam & Tonkin) b. I. C. (Indo-China) c. V. M. (Viet Minh)
2. Shortly after the issuance of those stamps three countries were combined under a single governmental unit called Indochina and stamps were issued for that unit. The modern names of those countries are Vietnam, Cambodia and:
a. Korea b. Thailand (Siam) c. Laos
3. Indochina's name was prefaced by the name of the country who colonized them. That preface was:
a. Italian b. French c. British
4. Indochinese stamps were issued until the aforementioned country was driven out but, before that happened the first Vietnamese stamps (locals) were issued and used. These were Indochinese stamps overprinted for Vietnamese use and issued by:
a. The Viet Minh b. The people's Liberation Front (Viet Cong) c. South Vietnam
5. The last issues of Indochina came out in 1946 (overprints of Vichy issues). When did the first stamps of a recognized Vietnam appear:
a. 1947 b. 1951 c. 1954
6. The first recognized Vietnamese issues were from 2 countries. They were:
a. South Vietnam & the PLF b. North Vietnam & the PLF c. South & North Vietnam
7. The People's Liberation Front (PLF/Viet Cong) issued stamps to be used in:
a. South Vietnam b. North Vietnam c. Neither
8. The earliest South Vietnamese stamps portrayed several local sights and the emperor, whose name was:
a. Ho Chi Minh b. Nguyen Cung c. Bao-Dai
9. Vietnamese stamps were issued under several different names they were, Annam, & Tonkin, Cochin China, Indochina, Viet Minh, South Vietnam, North Vietnam and, after the war:
a. Vietnam b. North Vietnam (still) c. Annam, Tonkin & Cochin
10. During the wars (there were 3) the hero of North Vietnam was portrayed several times. He was:
a. Nguyen Van Vui b. Creighton Abrams c. Ho Chi Minh

BONUS Question 1: The first stamps of a re-united Vietnam featured a map of the new country with people voting and was issued in: a. 1973 b. 1976 c. 1977

BONUS Question 2: In what year was a series of stamps issued by the International Commission in Indo-China? These were Indian stamps overprinted for each of the countries.
a. 1947 b. 1954 c. 1959

The March quiz is worth **120 Auction Bucks**, including the two bonus questions. Please complete the quiz and give your answers to Betty Mudge at either of the March meetings or email to post-boyquiz@renostamp.org

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

Ham-Fisted or Just Musically Illiterate?

By Stan Cronwall

We all know that the “artists” who are hired to be stamp designers aren’t necessarily the brightest blubs on the tree witness the clown act that used a photo of the Statue of Liberty outside a casino in Las Vegas instead of a photo of the real thing on U.S. stamps Scott 4486, 4488 and 4490 issued in 2011.

Maybe you have forgotten about or never knew that the Lenin torch bearers in post war East Germany (perhaps better known as the DDR or Deutsche Demokratische Republik) had their own set of incompetents on the payroll.

Check this out.

This stamp, on the right, from a set of two was issued July 20, 1956 to mark the centenary of the death of composer Robert Shumann. The stamp with Shumann’s portrait is Scott 296.

The only problem is that the sheet music used in stamp above is actually work by another composer, Franz Schubert. True, both last names begin with capital letter “S”, but what a goof.



Scott 296



Scott 304

This minor “error” (or it might have been “major”) was corrected by a second set of two stamps issued October 8, 1956. Here is Scott 304 from that set, shown on the left.

This time, they got it right.

You might think that there is a price differential between these because of the “error.” Well there is.

But not what you might think. In the 2017 Scott Catalog, the one with the wrong composer’s work is shown to have a value of \$ 1.25 Mint and 25¢ Used.

The later corrected issue is shown to be \$ 2.75 Mint and 40¢ Used.

If your collection includes one or both stamps or the complete sets, you won’t be selling them to help pay off your mortgage or child’s student loans. At best they are just another philatelic oddity.

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.

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.

Internet Resources - From time to time the editor will devote a page or two of the Post Boy to information and resources found on the Internet. The website links in blue can be accessed by just clicking.

APS exhibiting course at Westpex

The American Philatelic Society will offer a one-day course on the first day of the Westpex 2019 stamp show in April. The on-the-road course is on thematic exhibiting.

The Westpex stamp show will take place April 26-28 at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront in Burlingame, Calif.

The course "Competitive Thematic Exhibiting in North America" will be taught by Phillip J. Stager, who has more than 25 years of experience in philatelic judging.

Students will learn the difference between thematic and topical exhibiting, how to prepare thematic exhibits for national competitions, exhibiting skills using the *APS Manual of Philatelic Judging and Exhibiting* (seventh edition, 2016) and FIP (International Federation of Philately) rules, and the "big 4" criteria for evaluating exhibits.

Stager is a Leading authority, having prepared award-winning exhibits on a variety of subjects, including zeppelin mail, and Canada booklets and booklet panes.

The course is \$45 for APS members and \$95 for nonmembers.

To register, visit the APS website at www.stamps.org/Learn/Courses

For additional information on the Westpex stamp show, visit its website at www.westpex.com

Free album pages for British stamps

This project operated by Gerard McGouran offers free album pages for the stamps of Great Britain (1840-2018). Gerard has been creating album pages since 2015, and he's very generous to offer them for free. If you collect British stamps, I highly recommend visiting GB Stamp Albums at <http://www.gbstampalbums.co.uk/>

Gerard also offers color illustrated pages for Great Britain (976 pages), United States (2411 pages), Ireland (426 pages), Guernsey & Alderney (319) pages, Isle of Man (359 pages), Jersey (343 pages), Gibraltar (282 pages), and Falkland Islands (455 pages) for a small fee of £10 to £25.

All you need to do is print selected album pages that fit your needs.

Railway & Ship Mail Resources + eBooks and Exhibits

Here is a website that is a resource for Railway and Ship Mail, based in the United Kingdom. Some items can be downloaded depending on the interest: <http://www.TPO-seapost.org.uk>

Another website that has many exhibits in PDF that are downloadable to have a close look is: <http://www.rfrajola.com> Frajola also has some eBooks that are free to download. Of particular interest are his books entitled - *The Pony Express-Postal History* and *Mails of Westward Expansion 1803-1861*. Both have many covers in color with appropriate commentary.

Kelleher's Stamp Collector's Quarterly

A FREE subscription to an 80-page printed quarterly magazine that's filled with educational articles is a must for all collectors. Their mission statement is "to offer the finest stamp magazine in our hobby's history!"

The free subscription is available by calling or Email: 1-800-212-2830 or info@kelleherauctions.com
The website is www.kelleherauctions.com You can also register for a subscription on the website.

German Third Reich Study Society

A new *Third Reich Study Group Bulletin* is out (62 pages). It is free and available at www.trsg-usa.com.

This issue may best be described as a publicity issue, as the society looks to get the word out about the group. According to the editor, Christopher Kolker, the new bulletin contains:

- A new pamphlet about the group
- Our old study guide - I want you to make it even better
- The great scans of Jerry Crow
- Danzig
- Trivia
- New items for sale
- And a great dialogue between our members this is what makes the group so great!

"The previous year has been a big and busy one for the Third Reich Study group. We have added 20-25 new members, while losing only a couple, usually due to age. We have also accomplished our biggest goal ahead of schedule: nearly every single bulletin that has ever been written by the Third Reich Study Group is now online at www.trsg-usa.com, starting from 1969 to the present day, that includes over 200 issues. For those keeping track, that's about 5500 pages. Because of the time and labor that has been invested, over the last 3 to 4 weeks I can simply taking a little time off from such endeavors in order to rest up to begin our next goals.

"We are in the midst of creating a new study manual for new members and even existing members who may be unfamiliar with some of the more basic materials of our topic and discipline. This will be taken extensively from one written 25 years ago by the former editors. While expertly written, that one needs to be updated with new information and color pictures and graphics. Furthermore, it needs to be available online or in print. This would be something to help attract new members who want to know more, but really need an easily readable digestible amount of information so that they feel that they gain some understanding as to the topic."

Computer Vended Postage Stamps

Richard Porcelli maintains a website on this subject: <http://computerstamps.us>

If you have an interest in these stamp issues, it is a great resource.

YouTube video on [The History of Philately](#)