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Announcements

This month's stamp club meetings:

May 11, 2019 - This is an Auction Day meeting where members can have 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.

May 25, 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 program will be a "clothesline presentation" by **Dick Dreiling**.

Board meeting: The quarterly meeting of the Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs is **May 11** after the regular club meeting. Please contact **Harvey Edwards** if you need to place an item on the Board Meeting Agenda.

Elections: Nominations are needed for President, Treasurer and one Director position. The voting will take place on **August 10** at the picnic.

Picnic: The annual Picnic is **Aug. 10** at the Silverada Estates Clubhouse. (The same place as the meetings.) The social activity will start about 11 a.m. with the BBQ taking place around noon. **Marla Wetterling** is coordinating this activity. Family members are welcome.

Sept. 28 - Buy, Sell, Trade Day: Previously known as Member Bourse Day, is an open time for members to purchase a table for \$5 and sell as many items as you want.

SOSP, sponsored by the Southern Oregon Philatelic Society, is soliciting "fun" exhibits in a non-competitive category. It can be a start of an exhibit or ready for judging. The cost is free for an 11 or 15 page frame, multiple frames allowed. The exhibitor can request a review by the judges for feedback. It's a great opportunity to show everyone what you collect.

SOPEX will be held June 8 and 9 in Central Point, OR (near Medford).
The Exhibitor Prospectus will be available at our next two May meetings.
Further information contact: Larry Crain, 541-779-9462
E-mail: larry.crain@gmail.com

Post Boy Reporter

April 13 meeting - **Erik Fields** and **James Steckley** arrived early to set up the meeting room. There were 33 members (and spouses) in attendance plus three visitors. Sue McKnight came at the invitation of **Dick Simmonds**. Celina Rico and Ovidio Arucha came with stamp collections looking to sell.

Dick Dreiling provided the refreshments. **Barbara Diederichsen** sent a thank you card for the Honorary membership. **Eric Moody** and **Will Egger** donated unused postage for club use. **Erik Fields** discussed the upcoming Reno Stamp Show on July 27-28.

The raffle, conducted by **Betty Mudge**, had the usual 10 prizes plus a bonus prize won by **Betty Mudge**. **Bob Wolf** won the money prize of \$15.00. The live auction had 55 lots with 30 lots selling. There were also 5 Blue Sheet donated lots. Gross sales were \$204.90. **Erik Fields** and **Gary Atkinson** were the auctioneers with **George Ray** and **Dick Simmonds** helping.



Don & Patty Clark (L), and Dave Gehringer looking at items on the auction table.

April 27 meeting - The attendance was 26. Refreshments were provided by **Gary Atkinson**. The consignment table was overflowing with 60 sale lots. **Betty Mudge** conducted the raffle which had 10 prizes and a bonus prize won by **Stan Cronwall**. The money prize of \$10.50 was won by **Dick Simmonds**. The club bought a complete set of the 2017 Scott catalogues from **Nadiah Beekun** for \$70. Each volume can be loaned from one meeting to the next (2 weeks). The philatelic program for May 25 will be **Dick Dreiling** doing a clothesline presentation. **Eugene Smoots** is looking for stamps newer than 2000 for the penny boxes. **Erik Fields** is working with Artown to develop an Artown Award for the show.

Steve Foster gave a presentation starting with basic information about Burma philatelic history, Japanese occupation, peacock overprints (a mistake by the Yangon post office which sold a 20p stamp in 1995 which had been withdrawn in 1990), and the story of his purchase of part of the very large worldwide collection of Moosa Goolam Ariff, who was an influential businessman in Rangoon during the early 1900's. The talk was about 30 minutes and Steve received several compliments.



The Last Set of Stamps Designed for the Third Reich

By Stan Cronwall

Recently, a U.K. auction house, Universal Philatelic Auctions (UPA), offered just for the asking a FREE set of mint single Third Reich “Storm Trooper” stamps with ads in both Linn’s and the APS *American Philatelist* magazine.

This was a clever marketing tool most probably intended to both increase their base of bidders in the U.S. and at the same time hopefully to get more collectors and their estate planners to consider UPA when disposing of their philatelic material

For reference, the Scott Catalogs show these as Germany B 292 and B 293 often described as Nazi Party Formations.



B 292 and B 293

B 292 featured SA (Sturmabteilung) also known as “Brownshirts” were organized originally to maintain order at Party Meetings.

B 293 showed a SS (Schutzstaffel) defence eschelon man. These were created to be personal body guards for Hitler to obey any order implicitly and without question. Twenty members from each city were selected with the first group from Munich. Later they were developed into the “Blackshirts” with two separate areas of responsibility – the Waffen (armed) SS military formations and the Allgemeine (General) SS providing concentration camps administrations and guards, and performing other administrative functions.

Used or on cover examples of these are very problematical due to extensive forgeries.

Originally these were to be issued as a set of five (four decreed) in honor of various Party Formations as reported in Postal Decree No. 31/1945 “New special stamps. On the occasion of the 30th January 1945 (Hitler’s anniversary as Chancellor), Reichspost will issue four stamps of 12pf plus 38pf with allegorical designs of institutions of the Party: NSFK, NSKK, SS and SA. The design for the NSFK is by graphician H. Zeiler, Berlin-Charlottenburg. The NSKK after a painting by Theo Matejko Berlin designed by the graphician W. Wieland, Cologne. The SS designed by the painter E. Meerwald, Berlin-Wilmersdorf. The SA designed by painter Renne Ahrle, Berlin-Wilmersdorf.”

The war in Europe was grinding down. Two postal decrees were amended to meet the existing circumstances. The SA and SS stamps were issued as Party Formation commemoratives on the occasion of Hitler’s birthday April 20, 1945. They were valid only until May 1945.

Two of the remaining stamps in the Party Formation series were prepared to be issued to all post offices, but were never issued.

The NSKK (National Socialist Motor Corps) was fully trained to drive anything on wheels. (We need to remember that in the years leading up to WW II, only a small percentage of people in Germany knew how to drive any kind of motorized vehicle) The NSKK provided first class mechanics, and driving instructors were appointed from their ranks to teach driving and administer driving tests. Special units of the Hitler Youth (Youth Motor Corps) trained to become NSKK members and were under the jurisdiction of the NSKK. This corps acted as traffic police at Party Rallies, as well as organized car races and rallies. When called up to service, members automatically went into the Tank Corps (Panzers).



This illustration of the NSKK stamp¹ shows an NSKK man in the center, a Tank Corps (Panzer) man to his right, and a Youth Motor Corps (Hitler Youth) on his left.

The NSFK (National Socialist Flying Corps) was another special Party unit with a section in the Hitler Youth called the Youth Flying Corps. Training was given in glider flying was given. Examinations and licenses were also given. Only after becoming a glider pilot could one become eligible to become an airplane pilot. (Remember that in the early days of the Third Reich before Hitler revoked the Treaty of Versailles, Germany was not allowed to have an air force) The NSFK became the unofficial German air force. When the Luftwaffe was established, the NSFK provided the basis of the manpower. The NSFK continued to operate aimed mainly on the young. On being called up, NSFK members automatically entered the Luftwaffe.



This illustration of the NSFK stamp¹ depicts a glider.

Very few copies of these stamps exist. All are believed to have come from proof sheets that were “liberated” from the Reichspost printing office in Vienna. Proof sheets are also rare.

All of the stamps are without gum and most are imperforate.

1. *The Philately of the Third Reich Germany 1933-1945*, Robert W. Jones, © 2011 MAR Publishing, Broomfield, CO, page 288.

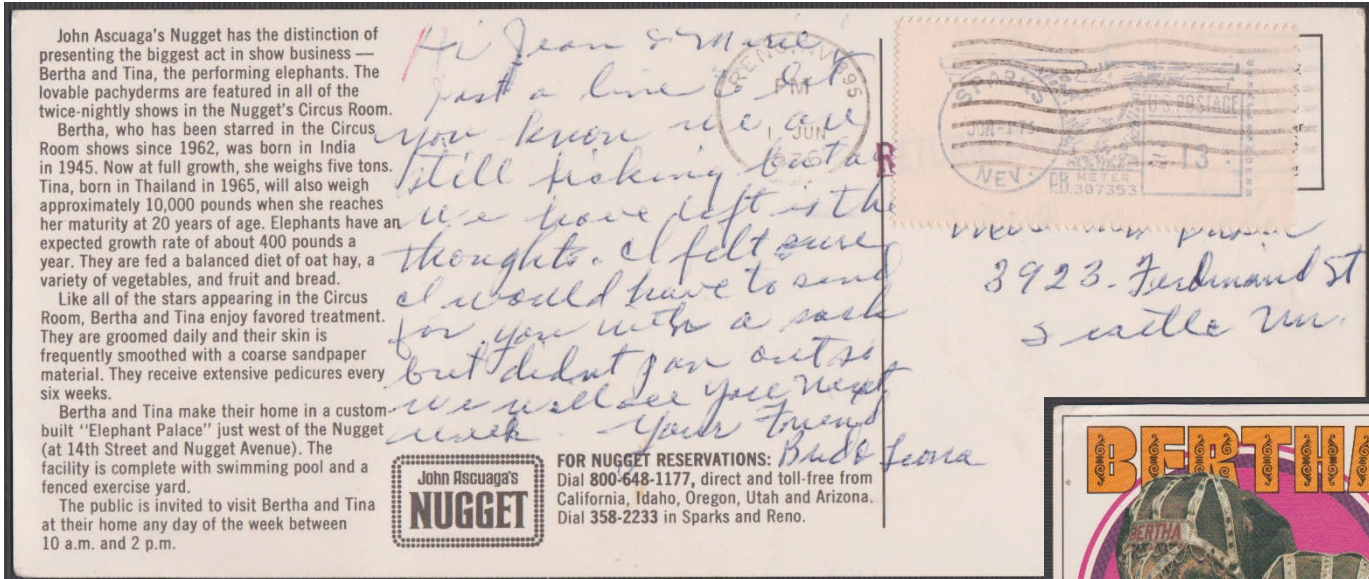
Stan Cronwall is a member and his collecting interests include Germany: Third Reich 1933-45 and the areas it occupied (stamps covers & cards). He also collects U.S. World War II Patriotic Covers and Cards; Civil War Patriotic Covers (both U.S. and CSA); U.S Naval Covers; DDR stamps; and, Post WW II Soviet Zone Hitler Head Obliteration stamps, covers & cards.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls...

By Patrick Crosby

...now appearing twice-nightly in the Circus Room of John Ascuaga's Nugget in beautiful downtown Sparks, Nevada, are Bertha and Tina, the World's Most Talented Performing Elephants!

Did you get a chance to see Bertha solo or with Tina from the mid 1960's to the late 1990's? Besides performing in the Circus Room they were regulars in the annual Nevada Day parade in Carson City. According to the featured postcard anyone could visit them daily from 10am to 2pm at their home on Nugget Ave.



Besides the local history, this advertising postcard has some interesting postal history with its postage meter label and its unusual size. Postage meter labels are not typically found on postcards. Notice the violet "R" touching the left edge of the label. Holding the card to a light "Returned for Postage" is easily read.

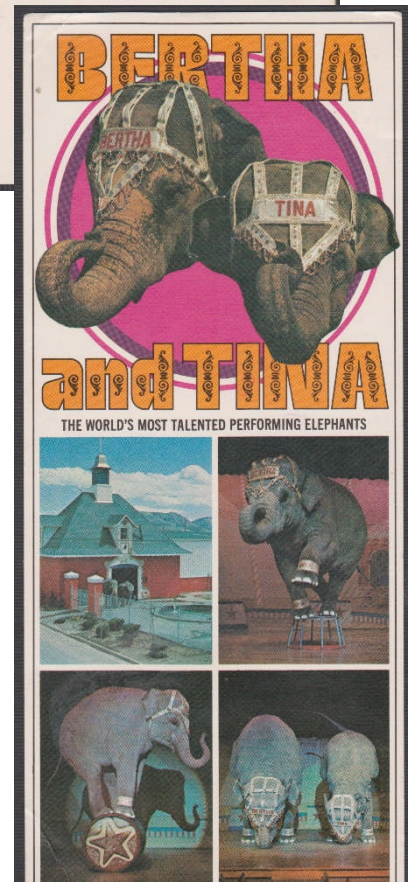
Let me give an optimistic possibility of what occurred. Bud and Leona were enjoying themselves so much they didn't even think about putting postage on their complimentary postcard at the front desk. They just dropped it in the hotel mail slot. The post office caught the not infrequent error and applied an ancillary postal marking. ("Ancillary" is a more accurate term than "auxiliary" and implies the delivery delay is the sender's fault.)

The post office returned the card to the hotel front desk and the hotel, as a courtesy, placed 13¢ postage meter label from their Pitney Bowes Postage Meter Co. machine, the label covering the ancillary marking. The label reads Sparks, NV, but the card was postmarked in Reno, both dated June 1, 1976. The ink used on the label glows bright orange under UV light so it could be processed in the automatic facing and canceling machines at the post office. The perforated label also has a repetitive security design watermark.

At 8¼ inches long the card exceeds the then 6 inches allowed for the 9¢ postcard rate, so 13¢ letter rate postage was required. The hotel employees were familiar with this requirement on their postcard.

So, as I see it, Bud and Leona got a free night's stay, ate at the \$2 buffet, enjoyed complimentary drinks, won big at the tables, then sent a free postcard for free. I feel I got a good deal also, recently paying \$1.30 for this free postcard.

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.



Back side of above post card

May Quiz on Norway

by Stan Cronwall

Little more than a year ago, Norway ran away with the medal count at the 2018 Winter Olympic Games with 14 Gold, 14 Silver and 11 Bronze.

This Kingdom hosted the Olympic Winter Games in Oslo February 14-29, 1952.

1. A set of three semi-postal stamps were issued in late 1951 in support of the upcoming Olympic event. The scenes depicted on the stamps were?
 - a. A Winter Scene & Skater
 - b. A Winter Scene, Bobsledding & Skating Scene
 - c. Ski Jumping, Skating & Ice Hockey
2. The symbol of a rampant lion was a graphic element on many early Norway issues, and has appeared on most designs of Official Stamps until they became invalid as of April 1, 1985. The last time the lion appeared on a regular issue was:
 - a. The New National Arms of 1943
 - b. The 1955 centenary of Norway's first postage stamp
 - c. The same set overprinted for the 1955 Oslo Philatelic Exhibition
3. Usually a semi postal stamp would be used to help finance a specific cause. This was not the case in 1925 when a set of stamps was issued to help raise funds for Roald Amundsen's planned flight which never happened. Strangely this was the first time an airplane appeared on any Norway stamp. The flight was planned for what destination?
 - a. The North Pole
 - b. Greenland
 - c. The South Pole
4. King Haakon VII and the royal family left Norway in 1940 going into exile in Great Britain to escape the German occupation and returned in 1945. This is shown on a regular issue included in a set marking the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II. How many stamps were in this release?
 - a. 7
 - b. 3
 - c. 1 plus a Souvenir Sheetlet
5. A stamp in a set of three issued in 1938 shows a reindeer and what appears to be another object. What other object is a part of the design?
 - a. A shadow on the mountain
 - b. A plane in the sky
 - c. A bird in the sky
6. Fish and the fishing industry are an important part of Norwegian life. Two sets of self-adhesive booklet stamps were featured on issues from 1999 and roughly six months later in 2000. The fish shown in the earlier booklet are:
 - a. Pike and Halibut
 - b. Herring and Mackerel
 - c. Cod and Salmon
7. The St. Valentine's Day issue of 2007 is followed by a special note regarding catalog values. What is the essence of this annotation?
 - a. Values are for postally used only
 - b. Stamps must have selvage
 - c. CTOs are invalid
8. Norway hosted the World Ski Championships in Oslo February 17-27, 1966. This event was celebrated with a set of three stamps. One of these is in a vertical format. Which is the activity shown on this issue?
 - a. 2000 BC Rock Carving of Skier
 - b. Cross Country Skier
 - c. Holmenkollen Ski Jump

9. After the Royal family went into exile during WW II, the Government was headed by Prime Minister Vidkun Quisling inaugurated February 1, 1942 and his fascist National Samling Party. Most stamps issued during his tenure were demonetized May 15, 1945. Oddly, this did not apply to the Official Stamps (Scott 044-054). What symbol was featured on the design for this set?
- a. The rampant lion & swastika b. Quisling & Frontier Guardsman c. Nazi Norwegian Party Emblem
10. On October 1991, a four-stamp souvenir sheet was issued to commemorate National Stamp Day. What primary visual element was used on this occasion?
- a. Various means of delivering mail b. Hands working on a stamp collection c. Children & their stamp collections

BONUS: Their Viking heritage was often depicted by ships on Norwegian stamps. One of the earliest was included in a set issued in June 1942. What best describes the direction of the stripes on the sails?

- a. Diagonal b. Horizontal c. Vertical

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

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

Vassar Post Office Display

The philatelic display was changed on May 3 with one frame displaying material for Memorial Day and the other frame with Flag Day material. **John Walter** updates the post office display every month or two.



Buy, Want, Sell, Trade

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

Wanted: Mint Plate Blocks from 2011-2018, Scott # 4501a on. Contact member **George Ray** 359-9296.

Wanted: Used modern U.S. stamps for the Club's Penny Box. Anything is appreciated. California postmarks also needed. Contact member **Gene Smoots** 359-8570.

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 **Nadia Beekun** at (775) 762-4905, <http://www.RenoStamps.com> or email: classicnevada@yahoo.com.

For Sale: Great Britain MNH. The items include sets, and presentation booklets. The prices are about 25% of 2016 Scott catalog. Contact member **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.

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

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 → used and addressed to an overseas address. 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.

NEVADA STAMP STUDY SOCIETY

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**Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show
July 27-28, 2019**

EXHIBITION PROSPECTUS

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. This is an open show. This Exhibition is open to any collector, regardless of society affiliations, to exhibit his/her own material providing the entry meets the requirements of this Prospectus. All work on the exhibit must be the work of the exhibitor.
2. Each entry must give the **TITLE** of the exhibit and a brief description not to exceed 30 words. Exhibitors should include a copy of the title page, plan and an exhibit synopsis (required for Silver State Challenge). The entry form may be reproduced to obtain additional copies. Exhibit details will be forwarded to the judging team. Entries received after June 14 but prior to July 12 may be accepted but will not be forwarded.
3. Entries that have received a Vermeil or higher award at a World Series of Philately (WSP) will be entered into the **Silver State Challenge**.
4. Exhibits must not show marks of identification of ownership on the face of the pages or sheets being exhibited. If the exhibit contains covers, the exhibitor must cover his/her name and address so it is not visible.
5. Each exhibitor must file with the Exhibition Committee a signed entry form, which is attached, signifying acceptance of these rules and regulations. No entries will be accepted after July 12, 2019.
6. Exhibits will be limited to a minimum of one frame and a maximum of ten frames. All exhibits must be in sheet protectors and mounted on individual pages to fit frames holding sixteen 8 ½ x 11 inch pages in a 4 rows across of 4 each or twelve pages of 11 X 11 inch pages placed in four rows of three pages each.
7. The entry fee will be \$8.00 per frame for adults, payable with application. Novice exhibitors may enter up to four frames of one exhibit at no charge and additional frames at \$8.00 per frame. Juniors 14 and under may enter at no cost. Entry fee will be forfeitable upon failure to exhibit. Make checks payable to “**NSSS**.”
8. In the event the exhibition is oversubscribed, the Exhibition Committee reserves the right to allocate frames or reject any exhibit in whole. Entry fee and return postage will be promptly refunded for any exhibit rejected because of oversubscription.
9. **Exhibitors must provide their own insurance.** The Nevada Stamp Study Society will provide all reasonable care and security for exhibits received. The Nevada Stamp Study Society will provide uniformed security during all the hours the show is open and during all hours the show is closed. However, the Nevada Stamp Study Society is not responsible for any loss due to theft or any other cause. The Exhibitor agrees not to hold the Nevada Stamp Study Society responsible for any liability or claim for personal injury, property damage or loss.
10. **Do not ship exhibit** with entry form and fee. You will be notified, in writing, when and where to ship your exhibit. Exhibitors may hand carry their exhibits to the show. No exhibits will be removed from the exhibition frames until after the show is closed at 4:00 p.m. July 28, 2019.

Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show OFFICIAL EXHIBITION ENTRY FORM

Mail completed and signed form and check for fees to: **Dick Dreiling**
35 McLemore Ct.
Sparks, NV 89441-0501

1. I have read and agree to the Rules and Regulations on the Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show Exhibition Prospectus. I hereby apply to enter my exhibit in accordance with the Rules and Regulations.
2. Title of Exhibit: _____
3. Description of exhibit: _____

4. Is this a **Silver State Challenge** exhibit (received vermeil or higher at a WSP show)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Show name and award(s): _____
5. Adults: Number of pages _____ requiring _____ frames at \$8.00 per frame Total \$ _____
Juniors: Number of pages _____ requiring _____ frames at \$0.00 per frame Total \$ _____
(Juniors - Age) _____ Parent or Guardian Approval Signature: _____
6. My exhibit will be ☐ sent by _____, insured for \$ _____ or ☐ hand delivered.
Please return my exhibit by ☐ USPS or ☐ (specify)_____.
7. I authorize the use of my name in the program ☐ Yes ☐ No.(Check one).
8. I have ☐ have not ☐ exhibited before.
9. I am a member of the following philatelic organizations ☐ APS, ☐ ATA, ☐ AFDCS, ☐ NSSS ☐ OTHER (specify) _____.
10. Remittance enclosed: _____ Frame Fees \$ _____
Novice Credit [\$8.00 x number of frames (\$32.00 max)] \$ (_____)
Entry Return and Insurance Fees \$ _____
Total Remittance \$ _____

NAME (Please print or type): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: _____

EMAIL: _____

(Signature)

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FOR EXHIBITION COMMITTEE USE ONLY:

Date Exhibit Received:		Number of Pages:	
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Awards and Ribbons:		Date Returned:	