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Announcements

Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show

July 27-28, 2019

International Bowling Museum, National Bowling Stadium

300 Center St, Reno

Free Admission and Free Parking at the Bowling Stadium

Stamp Show volunteers are needed to help with the setup on Friday, July 26. Help is needed from noon until about 6 p.m. A signup sheet to help at the welcome table during the show for 2 hours periods is at the July 13 meeting.

This month's stamp club meetings:

July 13, 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.

Other upcoming club events:

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. Family members are welcome. Sign-up sheet at meetings for number of people coming and food you are bringing - salad, chips, dessert, condiments (ketchup, mustard, pickles, sliced tomatoes, lettuce, etc.)

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. The date is **Sept. 28**.

The membership year starts August 1. Membership renewals start now.

The Bylaws are in the process of revision. The fiscal year will change to the calendar year (currently Aug. 1 to July 31). The last time the Bylaws were revised was 2007.

Post Boy Reporter

Jun 8 meeting - **Erik Fields** and **James Steckley** arrived early to set up the meeting room. There were 30 members in attendance including our newest member **Don & Laura McGregor**. Don collects mint and used U.S. along with a worldwide collection. **Dick Simmonds** provided the refreshments. **Mike Potter** volunteered to handle the Picnic duties – buying meat, buns and drinks. **Dan Trabke** stopped by to say good-bye as he is moving to Wichita.

Stamp show report: **Dick Dreiling** reported there are 25 frames of exhibits so far. Nine dealers plus the USPS are confirmed. **James Steckley** volunteered to start applying the first 1100 address labels to the show post cards. Another 600 labels also need to be applied. **Erik Fields** asked for a volunteer to coordinate the security at the show. ESI private security will provide the service from Friday afternoon until the close of the stamp show on Sunday.



Eric Fields & Don Clark looking at an auction item.

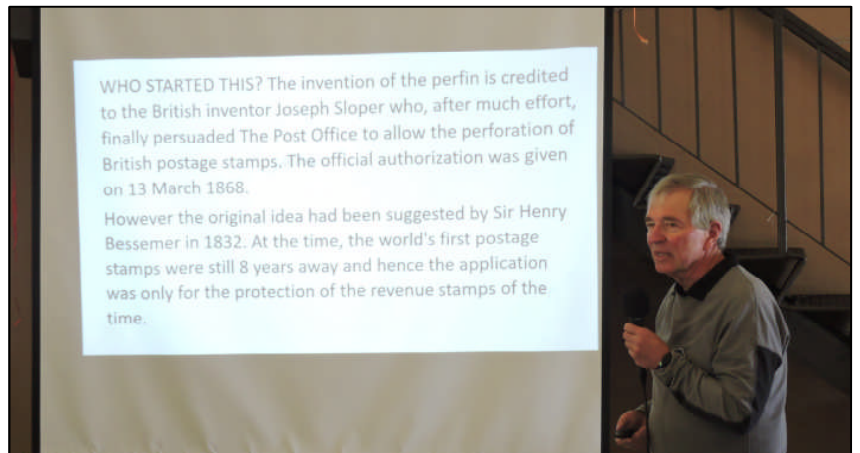
The raffle, conducted by **Betty Mudge**, had the usual 10 prizes plus a bonus prize won by **Dick Simmonds**. **Dick Dreiling** won the money prize of \$8.50. The live auction had 52 lots plus 2 Blue Sheet (donated items) with 38 lots selling. Gross sales were \$391.75. **Erik Fields** and **Gary Atkinson** were the auctioneers with **George Ray** and **Dick Simmonds** helping.

June 22 meeting - **James Steckley** and **Erik Fields** arrived early to set up the meeting room. Attendance was 28 members. Refreshments were provided by **Howard Grenzebach**. The consignment table was overflowing with sale lots.

Betty Mudge conducted the raffle which had 10 prizes and a bonus prize won by **Dick Simmonds**. The money prize of \$11.50 was won by **Scott Mathews**. **Gary Dahlke** and **Rose Moratti** returned after 13 months in Michigan. Gary is still being treated for cancer. He looks and feels good at the present time. He thanked the club members for their good wishes and Get-Well cards.

Erik Fields reported on the Stamp Show. **James Steckley** gets a big Thank You for putting about 1700 mailing labels on the advertising post cards. He also volunteered to put the 2-stamp combination on the cards before mailing. **Paul Glass** is finalizing the show banquet arrangements. There needs to be at least 25 people signed up for the banquet. Call Paul if you are interested in attending the banquet. Spouses and family members are welcome to attend.

The philatelic program was **Dave Parsons** talking about “Perfins” mainly from Great Britain and the U.S. He created a slide presentation with lots of information and showed stamps with different kinds of perfins. An article on the subject will be in a future Post Boy issue.



Attending Our Stamp Show

By Erik Fields, Show Chairman

On July 27 and 28 the Nevada Stamp Study Society is hosting the 2019 Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show. Once again, it will be held in the Hall of Fame Museum on the first floor of the National Bowling Stadium. It is located at 300 North Center Street with free parking in the stadium garage. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Our theme this year is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the landing of the first man on the moon. Show covers will be available with a special show cancel denoting the anniversary and the new "1969 First Moon Landing" stamp which is being issued by the USPS on July 19, just in time for the show. In addition to the dealer bourse and exhibits, we will also have a youth table to introduce new collectors to the hobby. Free stamps, album pages and hinges will be available. We are looking for volunteers to help during the show. If you are interested, either e-mail me at cheney44@charter.net or call me on my cell at (775) 232-4760. We will also have a sign-up sheet at our next club meeting on Saturday, July 13.



Entrance to the Bowling Stadium with our stamp show sign



New stamps to be issued on July 19

Before arriving at the show, consider John Walter's famous tips for a successful show visit: Create a want list. Pack a pair of tongs. Set your budget and stick to it. You want to avoid buyer's remorse. Be prepared to convey to the dealer your collecting standards, i.e., mint, o.g., used, F-VF, VF, superb, graded, etc. Let the dealer know what kind of material you are looking for. If he doesn't have it in stock, he might be able to watch for it and contact you if the right item comes in. Bring your checkbook and some cash, since not all dealers accept credit cards. Don't forget to wear your club name tag. The dealers do notice, and you can always ask for discounts as a club member. You also may consider contacting the dealer ahead of time to see if they can bring something specific. Many dealers have large in-

ventories and they usually cannot bring everything to the show. If you click on the show page at www.reno-stamp.org, you will find a diagram of the dealer table placements and a list of the dealers with emails.

Some members have expressed concern of the merits of doing a show. It seems like finding dealers and exhibitors who are interested in participating is becoming more of a challenge every year. In addition, it does not seem to make very much money for the club. This may be true; however, making money is not the reason we have these shows. The show is a very important element of the goals of the club, which are to help connect and support stamp collectors of all ages and interests as well as attract new collectors. For example, I have run into many folks in our community who are not even aware that stamp collecting is a thing. In addition, there are many folks out there who have inherited a stamp collection from a family member or a friend and have no idea what they have and what they should do with it. For some, our stamp show is their "Eureka" moment of realizing that what they have may

be something special and not a random mess of little pieces of paper. In addition, any event, whether it's a minor league baseball game, concert, art event, or stamp show, whether successful or not, contributes to making our community a more exciting place to live. Besides, who wants to share a ride for several hours to see a stamp show in Sacramento when you can have a stamp show right here in Reno. (No offense to Sacramento.)

Don't forget the exhibits. So far 25 frames are confirmed plus about 5 frames for "My Favorite Thing" pages are planned. Club members are encouraged to write about one or more of your favorite items and tell why you like that item. The item can be one stamp, a group of stamps, or cover(s). You are the storyteller. The "My Favorite Thing" pages will be on display in the Bowling Stadium lobby and in the exhibit area. This is also a great way to let everyone know what you collect and what you get enjoyment from.

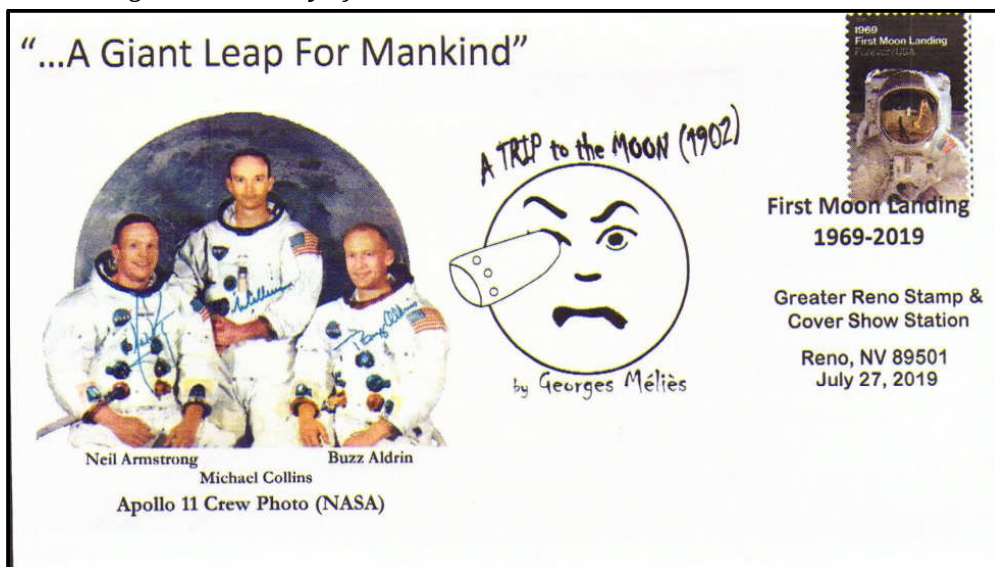
The best thing about a stamp show is being able to interact with like-minded people about the joys of stamp collecting. Unlike our bi-monthly stamp meetings where we meet only for a few hours, you can spend two days with our stamp collecting friends.



Zoleinna Schar at the exhibit frames in 2018

If that is still not enough for you, don't forget our awards banquet that will be held Saturday, July 27, at Harrah's. The venue is down the street from the Bowling Stadium. To make the banquet a success there needs to be 25 attendees minimum. A social hour starts around 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. The signup sheet and menu will be available at the July 13 meeting.

Eric Fields is the Chair of the Stamp Show Committee. Erik collects U.S., Falkland Islands and "from those small, far away places that don't get noticed very often."



Tentative design for the show cover

July Quiz on Italy

by Stan Cronwall

The stamps of Italy begin with Scott 17 issued in 1862. War and revolution brought together the former independent Italian States and Kingdom of Sardinia in 1859-60. On March 17, 1861 the name was changed to the Kingdom of Italy.

Extreme care is the order of the day when collecting these precursors to the stamps of the Kingdom.

1. Two very colorful air post stamps were issued May 20, 1933 to commemorate the Trans-Atlantic Flight Rome - Chicago of a seaplane squadron led by General Italo Balbo. These stamps had three sections with the center and right sections paid postage. The left is a registered air express label overprinted "APPARECCHIO" and the abbreviated pilot's name. How many different triptychs of each value were issued?
a. 24 b. 20 c. 10
2. Mussolini came to power in the early 1920's but his likeness did not appear on any stamps until 1941 to mark the Rome-Berlin Axis. The lowest values in this set of six show Hitler and Mussolini without head gear. The higher values show Hitler wearing a garrison cap and Mussolini with a helmet. Which of these also depict the Italian fasces and German swastika?
a. Scott 413-418 b. Scott 416-418 c. Scott 413-415
3. A single stamp was released in 2011 commemorating the 50th anniversary of the first man in space April 12, 1961. The celebrated man was?
a. Neil Armstrong b. Yuri Gagarin c. John Glenn
4. In 1997, a single stamp was issued honoring Galileo Ferraris. He is best known for what aspect of engineering?
a. Electrical Engineer & Physicist b. Founder of Ferrari Automobile dynasty c. Aviation Pioneer
5. The "Breaking of the Chain" graphic (A 255) illustrating the end of the Kingdom and fascist influence was first used on stamps issued in 1945-46. The graphic was again used in 1947-48 in a set of three. What were the changes in this -re-issue?
a. Watermarks b. Face Values c. Colors
6. A two-stamp issue from May 5, 1979 marks a starting point for Italy in what European joint nation enterprise?
a. NATO b. European Parliament c. European Economic Community
7. Following the end of WW II, there were still Italians who held some regard for the prior regime of Benito Mussolini. Despite his disastrous war time association with Germany and misadventures in Africa in the quest for empire, many Italians remember that "at least the trains ran on time." This may relate to the three-stamp issue from 1939 that celebrated the 100th anniversary of Italian railroads. Which of these is depicted on all the stamps?
a. Streamlined Electric Engine b. Wood Burning Locomotive c. Diesel Locomotive
8. The Music Day at the 2009 International Philatelic Exhibition in Rome, saw the issue of three stamps. Two of these honored famous Italian singers. Which were so honored?
a. Enrico Caruso b. Luciano Pavarotti c. Mino Reitano

9. A single stamp was issued April 24, 1953 to celebrate the 20th running of the 1000 mile, Mille Miglia, road race. As shown on the stamp, what kind of vehicles are racing?
 a. Open Wheeled Racers b. Motorcycles c. Closed Sedans
10. Stamp Day in 1972 was marked by the issue of a single stamp which featured which of the following vehicles?
 a. Passenger & Mail Autobus b. Horse Mounted Post Boy c. Post Man on Bicycle

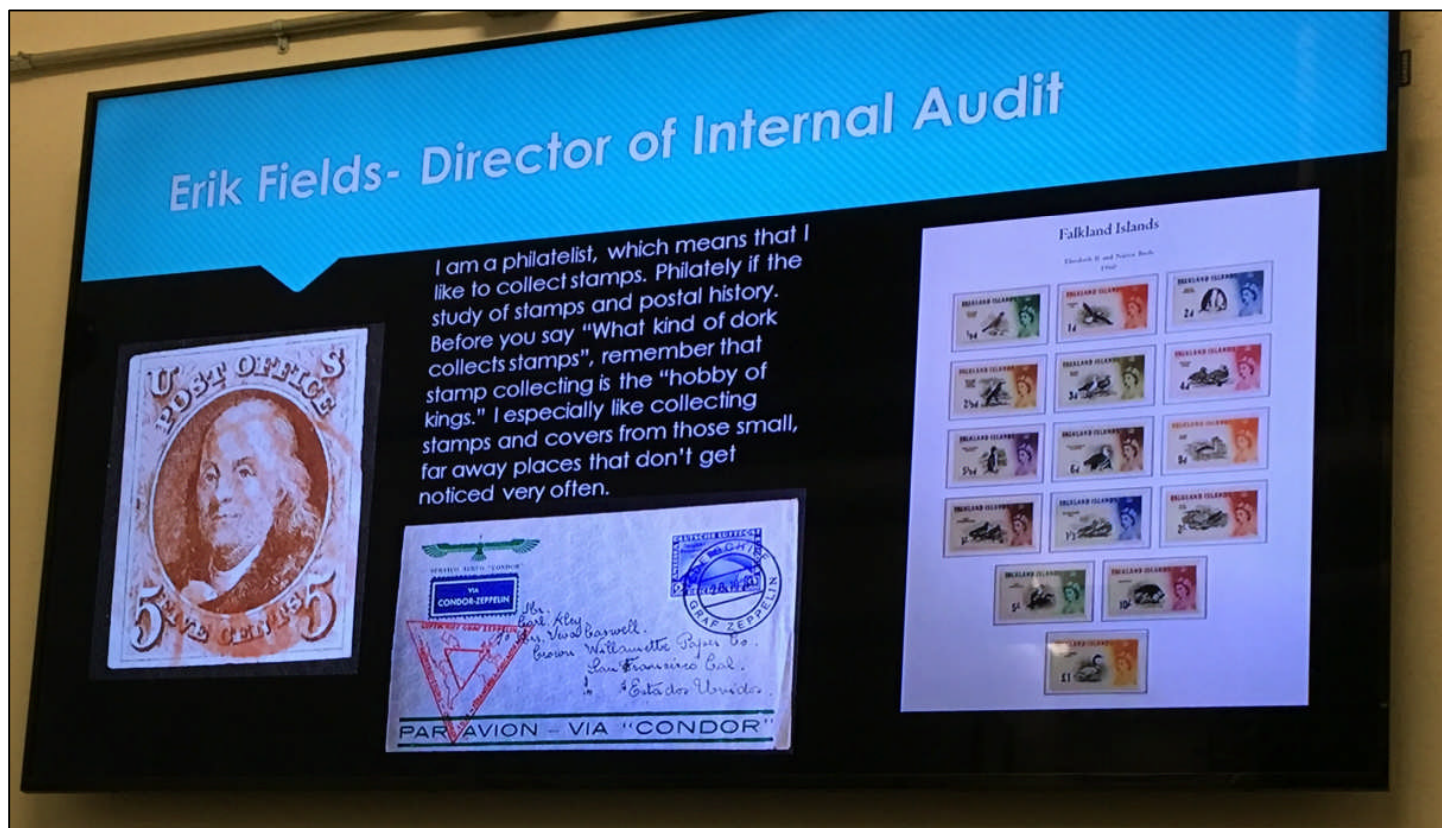
Bonus Question: The VII Winter Olympic Games were held at Cortina d'Ampezzo January 26 – February 5, 1956. A set of four stamps were issued to mark the event. Which of the following events were NOT shown on the stamps?
 a. Bobsledding b. Skiing c. Ice Hockey d. Snowboarding

The July quiz is worth **110 Auction Bucks**, including the bonus question. Please complete the quiz and give your answers to Betty Mudge at the July 13 meeting or email to postboyquiz@renostamp.org

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

Peppermill Employee Hobbies by Eric Fields

Here is a photo from one of the video screens in the employee area featuring employee's favorite hobbies at the Peppermill Resort Hotel. Each participating employee gets one slide to briefly talk about their hobby with a few pictures. My contribution depicts my recent acquisition of U.S. Scott #1 and a Zeppelin cover. Both were purchased at club meetings. And from the Falkland Islands, the Queen Elizabeth fauna issue on a Palo album page that cost me more than the stamps that are in it. (Hopefully that will change.)



Vassar Post Office Display

The stamp club display at the Reno post office was changed the end of June by John Walter.

The new display has items celebrating July 4th and the 50th Anniversary of the First Moon Landing.

New stamps for the anniversary moon landing will be issued July 19 and will be available at the Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show on July 27 and 28.



Buy, Want, Sell, Trade

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

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.

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.

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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 - must be 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.

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