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Announcements

This month's stamp club meetings:

Nov. 9 - Auctions Bucks meeting where members get to spend their volunteer dollars on philatelic and miscellaneous garage/yard-sale items. See page 6 for more details on the auction.

Members that are veterans of the armed forces will be saluted at the Nov. 9 meeting. The members listed on page 5 provided a short bio and overseas duty locations. All the branches of the military are represented. Years represented are from the Korean War to 1995.

Nov. 23 - This is a Consignment Day where members can have up to 10 items for sale on the consignment table. Please use the NSSS Auction Sheet with the sale price.

Other upcoming club events:

Dec. 14 - Annual Holiday party at the Silverada Estates Clubhouse at 1 p.m.

Our last get-together for the year is the annual Christmas and Holiday Party. This is a social event for spouse and other family members. The party is at the same venue as the club meetings, but the time is 1 p.m. to about 4 p.m. Social time and room decorating starts around noon. The club provides the turkey and members are asked to bring pot-luck items, such as, vegetables, Hors D'oeuvres, desserts, etc. Sign-up sheets will be at the November meetings. More details on the party will be in the December Post Boy.

July 25-26, 2020 - Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show at the National Bowling Stadium.

Volunteers needed - Program Chair and Holiday Party coordinator.

Nadiah borrowed a book on the Blue Mauritius stamps from a member and cannot remember who that individual is. The book can be returned at the next meeting or call Nadiah.

Post Boy Reporter

Oct. 12 meeting - **James Steckley** and **Erik Fields** arrived early to set up the table and chairs. Erik also started the coffee pot. Attendance was 29 members and one visitor, Dennis, who sold his childhood collection. Refreshments were provided by **George Ray**. Get Well cards were passed around for members **Gert Perez** and **Stan Cronwall**.

Announcements - A volunteer is still needed as Program Chair and another is needed as the Holiday Party coordinator. The club received the final check from a dealer whose check bounced initially. **Paul Glass** reported 52 members have renewed membership so far. Paul will contact members who still need to renew.

The raffle had the usual 10 prizes with a bonus raffle prize won by **John Walter**. The money raffle of \$13.50 was won by **Eugene Smoots**.

The live auction had 74 items, including 10 donated items. A total of 38 lots sold for \$803.75 (most ever). Last month's total of \$788 was the highest ever; this month it was surpassed. The auctioneers were **Mike Potter** and **Gary Atkinson** with **George Ray** and **Dick Simmonds** helping.



Mike Potter, Erik Fields and Steve Foster looking over the items on the auction table

Oct. 26 meeting - **Erik Fields** and **James Steckley** arrived early to set up the meeting room. Attendance was 26 with two visitors who arrived early and left before the meeting started. Refreshments were provided by **Paul Glass**. This meeting was in competition with the Nevada Day Parade in Carson City. The parade was advertised as being 4 hours long.

Meeting Announcements - Volunteers are still needed for Program Chair and Holiday Party coordinator. **Paul Glass** is still receiving membership renewals. A new membership directory will be published in early Feb. The Holiday Party signup sheet was passed around. The party is on Dec. 14 starting at 1 p.m., but social hour starts around noon. More information in the December Post Boy. Volunteers are also needed for the 2020 Reno Stamp Show scheduled for July 25-26. Contact **Eric Fields** to volunteer.

The raffle had the usual 10 prizes with the Bonus prize going to **Scott Mathews**. The money raffle of \$12 was won by **George Ray**.

The program was a video on "The History of Philately" which was well done. Thanks to **Harvey Edwards** for arranging the program.



Brothers, Eric and Brian Moody, and Dave Gehringer, in back, looking over the consignment table items

Closed Album - Stan Cronwall 1937-2019

Stan Cronwall started collecting stamps when his grandmother gave him some stamps and an album when he was just ten years old. And, like most of us, stopped when he was 14 or 15, started again in his late twenties, stopped again and started up in 1994 or 1995. He joined our club when he met Jim Ringer at the Sparks Heritage Museum.

Stan collected stamps from the Democratic Republic of Germany (DDR); U.S. Naval overs, Civil War Covers and specialized in Germany 1933-1945, stamps, covers and cards.

He was a History major in college, specializing in the Balkans and Near East and was an amateur historian on World War two; especially the European Theater which explains his specialty. "Appalling" is the word Stan used to describe the enormous amount of reading he did to research his material. His expertise showed in his exhibiting skills with 17 different exhibits to his name. He mainly exhibited locally at the Reno Stamp Show, currently called Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show, and the Nevada State Fair. He received numerous awards for his exhibits.

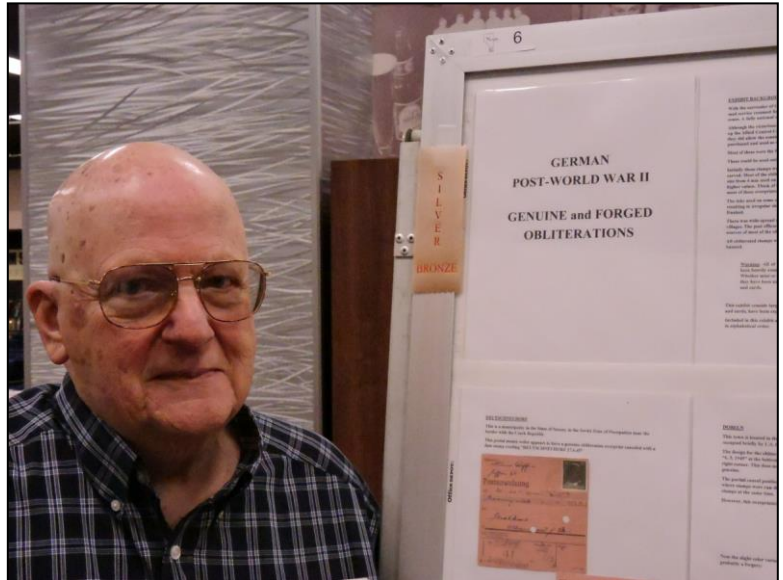
Stan Cronwall joined the Nevada Stamp Study Society (NSSS) in May 2000. He became a club Director within months of joining and was elected NSSS President two years later, serving 2003-2005. Stan later served three additional consecutive terms as NSSS President from 2009-2015. In between his Presidential stints, Stan served as Director and interim Vice President. Stan has also served as the club's Program Chair and is a regular contributor to the club's Post Boy newsletter.

Stan also was active in many other club activities, having served as the Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show (GRS&CS) Chair in 2002, the Bourse Co-Chair and then Chair from 2002 through 2006, and Show Security Chair from 2003 through 2018. Stan has also attended local, regional, and national stamp shows as a NSSS ambassador promoting the NSSS and GRS&CS.

Stan has actively worked to introduce the public to stamp collecting. Stan initiated setting up a stamp display at the Vassar Post Office (starting in 2010) and helped set up additional displays at local libraries. Stan provided guidance and answers as a NSSS representative to novice collectors as well as non-collectors about their material along with information about the club.

In 2010, he participated in the NSSS display in Carson City for First Day of Issue for the Nevada Flag stamp. Also, in 2010, participated in the Duck stamp First Day display at Cabela's.

With all these accomplishments since joining the NSSS, Stan received the club's highest recognition with the Dreiling Award presented at the July 13 stamp club meeting.



Stan next to one of his many German exhibits in the 2016 Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show



Stan receiving the Dreiling Award on July 13, 2019

He was a member of the American Philatelic Society, German Philatelic Society, and Military Postal History Society.



Elaine and Stan at the 2016 stamp club Holiday Party

Additionally, Stan was active at the Nevada State Railroad Museum in Carson City. He served three consecutive terms on the Board of Trustees and one term as Vice President. Stan headed up the Museum's membership drive starting in 2006. He organized the Museum's direct mail marketing program for the Railroad Symposium from 2002-2007 and was responsible for symposium security from 2002-2006.

Stan served in the U.S. Army from 1959 to 1966 working in intelligence - sometimes he described himself as a spy in our conversations. But it was not a career he wanted for himself. He had a business in Tucson before selling and moving to Reno.

Stan passed away on Oct. 26, 2019, two weeks short of his 82nd birthday. At his bedside were his wife, Elaine, and sons, Eric and Jason. He also has four grandchildren.

Over the last few months the stamp club meetings did not seem to be the same without Stan. He had opinions and suggestions on many subjects, always striving to make the stamp club better. The editor also misses him since we had lunch "meetings" once or twice a month. Those conversations are sorely missed.

Stan's favorite philatelic item is this uncut sheet of 15 Nazi Germany 1939 post card proofs that never made it into production because of the start of WWII. He gave a short presentation on the item at the May 25, 2019 meeting. He also "plated" a complete sheet using individual cards.



Stan showing off his gift exchange item in 2018



Salute to our Military Veterans

The first meeting this month is on Nov. 9. As a tribute to our members who served in the military the Nevada Stamp Study Society salute you for your serve. These are the members who provided information on their active duty military service and overseas assignments:

Gary Atkinson, Army, Capt. 1973-1980

Nadiah Beekun, MS2, Navy, 1977-1981 Italy

Stan Cronwall, Captain, Army, 1959-1966

Richard Dreiling, CWO-4, Navy, 1957-1987 Vietnam (2 tours), Japan

Harvey Edwards, ETN2, Navy, 1973-1979

Terri Edwards, Captain, Army, 1981-1985 West Germany

Don Garrett, 2nd Lt., Army, 1957-1966

Paul Glass, Colonel, Air Force, 1960-1986 Japan

Howard Grenzebach, E3, Air Force, 1960-1964 Spain

Roy Kirk, Army, Korean War Vet

William Littell, A1C, Air Force

Charles MacLeod, E-5, Army, 1969-1972 Vietnam, Japan

Barbara Mathews, AKSN, Navy, 1973-1974

Merle "Scott" Mathews, Navy, 1973-1982 Diego Garcia (Indian Ocean)

Brian Moody, USAF, SSgt, 1975-1981

David Parsons, 1st Lt., Air Force, 1970-1972

Harry Pinkham, SMSgt., Air Force (22 years) Vietnam

George Ray, Sgt., Marines, 1955-1959

Richard Simmonds, Colonel, Air Force, 1964-1985

James Steckley, Coast Guard, 1963-1967

John Walter, Major, Air Force, 1969-1989 Japan, Guam

Vern Watts, Army & Alaska Army Nat. Guard Vietnam

Marla Wetterling, CTR3, Navy, 1990-1995 Azores

Robert Wolf, BM3, Navy, 1952-1956 } Korea, Germany, Greece,

Robert Wolf, Sgt.1st Class, Army, 1962-1979 } Iran, Vietnam (Bronze Star)



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Apology if your name is not on the list. Information was requested at the last 2 meetings and in the Oct. Post Boy. The list will be updated and published in next year's November Post Boy.

Auction Bucks Auction



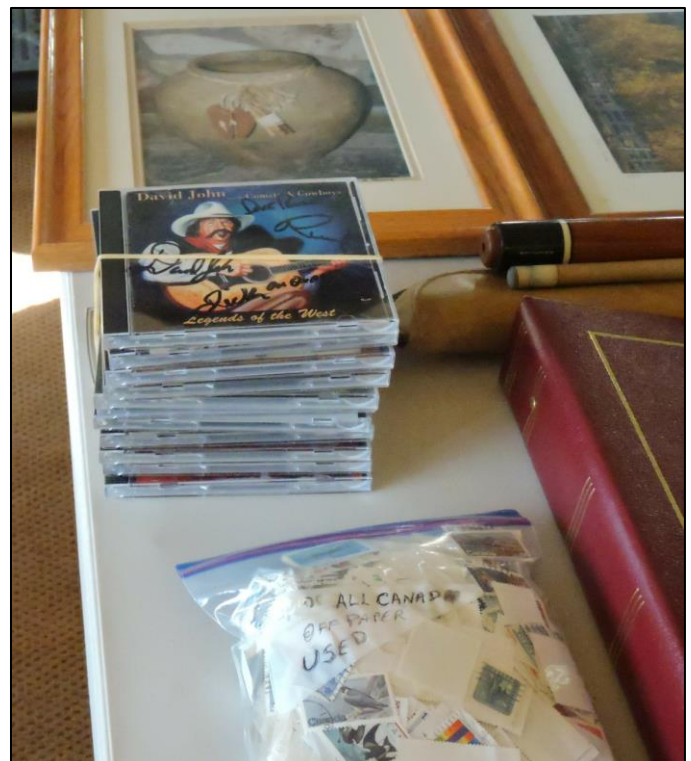
Nov. 9, 2019

Silverada Estates Clubhouse, 2301 Oddie Blvd, Reno

Auction starts around 10:30 - After the Salute to our Veterans

There is NO raffle at this meeting.

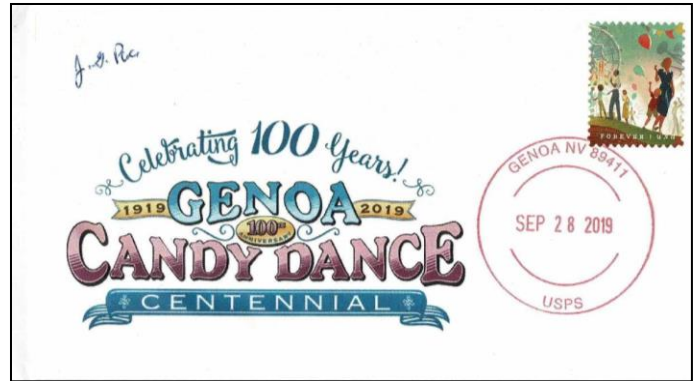
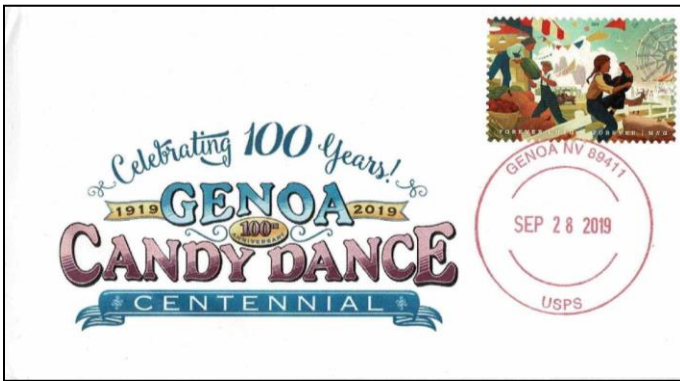
- ☺ Arrive early with your donated items and to view the other items in the auction.
- ☺ Coffee and refreshment are provided.
- ☺ Donated items usually include some wine, books, music CDs, and new this year, a rolling desk chair, some model horses, plus many more items.
- ☺ Bring your yard/garage sale items and participate in the auction using your hard earned Auction Bucks awarded for your volunteer activities.
- ☺ Word is there will be some philatelic items offered.
- ☺ This meeting is strictly to spend your Auction Bucks. Come and enjoy the fun.
- ☺ If you did not receive your Auction Bucks at the Oct. 26 meeting, they will be available on Nov. 9.



Some items from last year's auction

Candy Dance 100th Anniversary

By Dave Gehringer



In the first part of September, I noticed in our monthly community magazine, “Valley Scoop,” that the Genoa Candy Dance would soon be upon us and that this would be the one hundredth celebration of that event. In 1919, the residents of Genoa, Nevada’s first settlement, put on a community event to make money to electrify the downtown streets of Genoa. Homemade cookies and candy were sold to all and a dance was held to celebrate the event. That continues to this day with a grand crafts fair with many local contributors selling their creations.

This, of course, led me to the conclusion that this 100th Anniversary should be commemorated with a Philatelic Cover.

On Friday, Sept. 13th, I drove to Genoa and met the postmaster at the modern Post Office just south of town. He was an older gentleman and worked the front counter with only one other employee. He was interested in my project and agreed to help. Since Candy Dance was Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 28th & 29th, I needed to secure a cancel for that time period.

The post Office was open on Saturday morning and he agreed to my using his cancelling device Saturday, opening day of the festivities.

I found the town manager, Mr. Chevallier, who was closing his office, told him the plan and agreed to talk with him Monday. Unfortunately, it was not possible to meet with him.

I really wanted to provide some sort of centennial memento or keepsake for those at the event who were interested.

I then called Harvey Edwards who did such a good job with the Reno Stamp Show covers. We pulled graphics from Genoa’s web site. Stamps used were from a recent issue by USPS picturing state and county fairs. We were off to the races. Here, you see the finished product.



The four State and County Fair stamps issued July 25, 2019

November Quiz on Liberia by Stan Cronwall

Liberia or more correctly The Republic of Liberia is a relatively small (4.5 million people) African country situated on the Atlantic coast bordered by Guinea on the north, Sierra Leone to the west, Ivory Coast on the east and the Atlantic Ocean to the south.

Native peoples in the area were remnants of the Kingdom of Koya, largely based in the area now known as Sierra Leone.

These were pushed back into the country's interior with the arrival of the Americo-Liberian peoples in 1828. These were free people of color, freed slaves, and their descendants, as well as a smaller number of Afro-Caribbeans who arrived by ship under the auspices of the American Colonization Society.

Six individual colonies were established. Five of these joined together then finally the sixth to proclaim an independent republic July 26, 1847.

It was these new arrivals who set about forming a true governmental structure based upon the U.S. Constitution with an elected president.

1. Early stamps of Liberia included some issues that incorporated elements from the national coat of arms. One of these was a white dove carrying a document which was meant to signify "the breath of peace." Which of these early stamps clearly shows the dove carrying the document?
a. Scott 21 b. Scott 31 c. Scott 41 d. Scott 42
2. From 1893 – 1924, Liberia issued both national stamps, and Registration Stamps to be used in specific main cities. There were five of these designated areas. Then, in 1941 there was one last Registration stamp. The issues F 20 - F 24 are printed tete-beche. When the stamps were overprinted with "1921" in black, half of the values have the overprint inverted. Are the catalog values the same for both varieties?
a. Yes b. No
3. At one time in its history the area of today's Liberia was known as the Pepper Coast. Native peoples harvested the crops and traders transported the product to Europe. Other agricultural products have also been among Liberia's exports. The first to appear on a stamp was in 1889. What agricultural export was shown?
a. Coffee b. Pepper Plants c. Pineapple d. Oil Palm
4. Over time, Liberian stamps have seldom featured personalities from other countries. The first time was in 1945. Who was so honored?
a. Winston Churchill b. Abraham Lincoln c. Franklin Roosevelt
5. In the early 1900's adjacent countries tried to take territory away from Liberia. Troops were sent to guard the border. Liberian Military Stamps were issued for their use and surcharged with the value and the letters L F F. What did these letters stand for?
a. Liberian Freedom Fighters b. Liberian Frontier Force c. Liberian Frontier Fighters
6. Liberia's first three Air Post Stamps were issued February 28, 1936. Two of these were surcharged on regular issues from 1928. The third was surcharged on an Official Stamp from the same year. What makes these stamps rather unique is the caption below which calls attention to the stamp gum and its condition relative to the values. The values shown are for gum that is?
a. Disturbed b. Undisturbed c. Re-gummed d. Original Gum

7. During the period 1999-2004 Liberia was in the midst of a brutal and chaotic civil war that reduced the country to anarchy. Government services including postal operations functioned erratically. During this time overseas agents continued to produce stamps under pre-war contracts and a large number of issues appeared and were marketed to overseas collectors. Scott says they will be listed when their sale and postal use have been confirmed. Is this narrative true?
- a. Yes b. No c. Only partially true
8. Even though the country has historically embraced Christianity, the first time that Christmas was actually celebrated on a stamp was?
- a. 1975 b. 1985 c. 1995 d. 2005
9. In 2005, Liberia elected the world's first black female president, and Africa's first elected female head of state. She first appeared on Liberian souvenir sheets in late 2007 sharing the spotlight with Chinese President Hu Jintao, and separately with U.S. President George W. Bush. After serving two terms and guiding the nation back from the disastrous years of civil war and the ebola crises, she stepped down in 2018. Who was she?
- a. Etweda Cooper b. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf c. Matilda Newport
10. Liberia issued a souvenir sheet in 1989 to help commemorate the World Stamp Expo in Washington, D.C. The sheet features 8 different Liberian stamps. The original was issued with dates that fall between?
- a. 1882-1896 b. 1897-1908 c. 1909-1918

BONUS: Get out your best magnifying device to help answer this eyeball straining question.

In 2014, Liberia issued a set of 32 stamps (Scott 2926-2967) showing the team photographs of the countries participating in that year's World Cup Soccer Championships held in Brazil.

The way Scott has handled it is a bit confusing, but on September 4 a single separate stamp from the team photograph set of 32 was re-issued (Scott 2980) with an overprint in yellow.

What does the overprint show?

- a. The Championship team coach's name b. The name of the Most Valuable Player in the Championship
- c. The Championship Game final score

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

<p>Oct. Quiz Answers: 1. b 2. a 3. b 4. a, c & d 5. a 6. b 7. c 8. c 9. b 10. c Bonus: a</p>

Vassar Post Office display for National Stamp Collecting Month

The stamp club had a two-frame display celebrating National Stamp Collecting Month at the Vassar Post Office. This the main Reno post office.

One frame had covers and stamps, the other material showed items for Nevada Day (Oct. 31 - the day Nevada was admitted to the Union in 1864).

John Walter setup the display. The photos are taken at an angle because of severe glare from the overhead lights and the large window facing the display wall. This is the best way to take the pictures.

The post office display is a project Stan Cronwall started in 2010. He secured a key for the display cases so we just go in the lobby to change the display without interrupting or bothering the postal clerks.

