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Virtual meetings 2nd & 4th Saturday starting at 10:00 A.M. - until further notice
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Announcements

Regular club meetings in November:

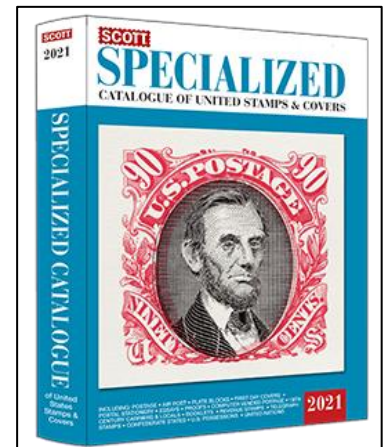
November 14 and November 28 - Both meetings will be virtual using the Zoom app. Instruction to log into the meetings will be sent a few days before each meeting.

Limited in-person attendance at Silverada Estates Clubhouse. Everyone must follow social distancing protocol and wearing a mask is mandatory.

The **Christmas/Holiday party** is canceled but there will a meeting on Dec. 12 which will be virtual only. The clubhouse is closed that day.

The club purchased the 2021 Scott U.S. Specialized Catalogue which is available for member check-out between meetings. Contact **Howard Kadohiro** if you wish to borrow the catalogue. More information about the new catalogue in article on page 6.

On-line club Auction #3 starts at noon Oct. 31 and ends at noon on Nov. 12. View lots at: <https://renostamp.org/auction>
Email bids to: NSSSauctions@gmail.com



The American Philatelic Research Library is updating their digital collection of stamp society newsletters. The Nevada Stamp Study society is one of 18 stamp clubs that has a complete "journal run." The website is "best suited for smartphone and tablets as well as desktops." <https://stamps.org/services/library>

The Collectors Club (New York) has just opened a One-Frame Competition with 30 world class exhibits. <https://www.collectorsclub.org/>
The exhibits will be on-line until November 11.

Please stay safe. Use facial covering when out-and-about along with social distancing. Don't forget frequent handwashing is essential. Keep working on your favorite hobby. The club wants to hear about your philatelic endeavors when we can meet again in-person.

Post Boy Reporter

October 10 meeting - This was a combination in-person (10) and virtual meeting (9) "broadcast" from the Silverada Estates Clubhouse. **Harvey Edwards** conducted the meeting using two laptops (one for projection), extra monitor, large projection screen, PA system (with bluetooth receiver), plus no-touch thermometer, hand sanitizer and use of facial masks. Thanks to **Dave Parsons** for allowing the club to use his paid Zoom account for these virtual meetings. There is still a problem with Wi-Fi bandwidth and some sound latency issues. Harvey will research if additional equipment is needed, e.g., omnidirectional microphone, bandwidth extendor, etc. A report and proposal will be presented at the Jan. 23, 2021 Board meeting.



Harvey Edwards conducting meeting using projection screen and social distancing with facial masks.

One visitor was present, Susie, who wanted to sell some of her stamp collection items and old albums. Harvey submitted a cachet cover to the Canadian Stamp News Cover Contest. Members were encouraged to vote for favorite cover. On-line Auction #2 had 63 lots with 47 selling for \$289.50.

On-line Auction #3 starts noon on Oct. 31 and ends noon on Nov. 12. <https://renostamp.org/auction> to place your bids. The usual Auction Bucks auction day and the Christmas/Holiday party are canceled. A Veteran Salute will take place at the Nov. 14 meeting saluting our military veteran members. The Dec. 12 meeting will be a virtual meeting only. **Gene Smoots** (Penny Boxes) is looking for new donations and has lots of boxes with off-paper stamps for 2¢ each. The 2021 Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show may need a larger venue if the pandemic restrictions continue.

October 24 virtual meeting - **Harvey Edwards** conducted the meeting from the Silverada Estates Clubhouse via Zoom with 7 members in-person and 13 members virtually (20 total). Plus one guest was present, David Morton, who was a collector for many years and now wishes to donate or sell many items. Harvey still has about 20 stamp show cancel covers available for \$2 each. Harvey has a list of possible themes for the 2021 stamp show. Any further suggestions, contact Harvey.



Harvey Edwards conducting meeting showing social distancing.

John Walter reported on the Post Boy (averaging 10 pages per month with original articles), updating the website twice a month plus adding the auction page, and the new philatelic display at the Vassar (Reno) post office. **Nadiah Beekun** was excited to report that a group of home-schooled students visited her stamp shop inside the Antiques and Treasures store at 151 N. Sierra St., Reno, the past week. Harvey expressed his frustration with obtaining new postal stamp issues in Carson City. **Erik Fields** says the Reno post office has most new issues.

Tom Reyman was the winner of the raffle drawing for a pane of the \$2 Inverted Jenny stamps issued in 2013. All attendees were eligible for the free drawing.

2020 Salute to our Military Veterans

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
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
Paul Glass , Colonel, Air Force, 1960-1986	Japan, Germany, South Korea
Howard Grenzebach , E3, Air Force, 1960-1964	Spain
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	
George Ray , Sgt., Marines, 1955-1959	
Thomas Reyman , Capt., Arizona Air National Guard, 1967-1980	
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, Iran, Vietnam (Bronze Star)
Robert Wolf , Sgt.1st Class, Army, 1962-1979	



The Five-Day Stamps

By Patrick Crosby

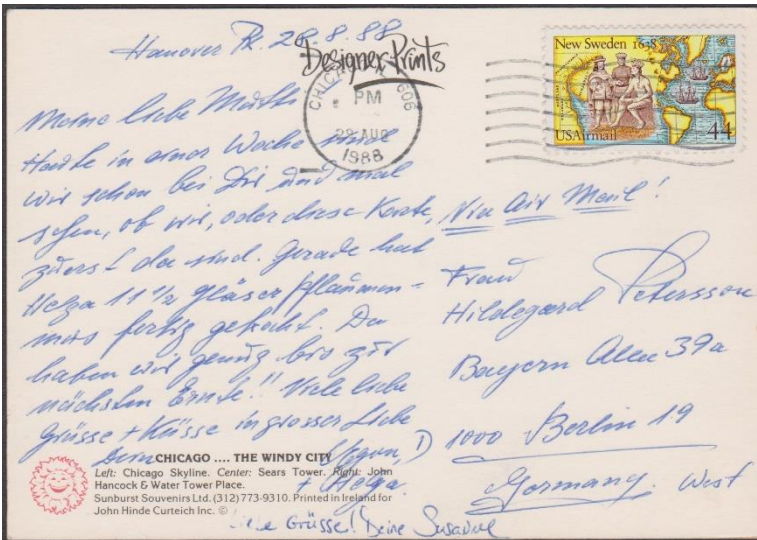
The first of eleven Swedish colonial expeditions (9 successful) to America sailed into the Hudson Bay and anchored on March 29, 1638 near the future Wilmington, DE. Fast forward 350 years, and on March 29, 1988 the United States, Sweden and Finland jointly issued similar stamps as a commemoration of the founding of New Sweden. The stamps were issued at the Universal Postal Union (UPU) international air-mail letter rates. For the United States this was 44¢. However, the UPU had a major rate changes scheduled for April 3, 1988, and the U.S. rate was boosted to 45¢. This meant that the New Sweden stamps for all three countries paid the exact rate for only 5 days. The U.S. Postal Service printed only about 23 million of the 44¢ New Sweden stamps, and then printed about 201 million of the 45¢ Samuel P. Longley stamps.

At the time of landing, Sweden was a European military power wanting to secure direct access to tobacco and furs as opposed to dealing with the French or English. Finland was then part Sweden and the first to settle and colonize New Sweden were Swedes, Finns, and a few Dutch and Germans. The colony lasted until 1655 when it was captured by the Dutch and became part of Dutch New Netherland.



The three stamps issued by the United States (Scott C117), Sweden (Scott 1672), and Finland (Scott 768) were based on an 18th century illustration in a book on Swedish colonies. The U.S. issue is our typical sized commemorative, and the Swedish and Finnish stamps are longer and show more of the illustration including two settlers and three Indians. The Swedish stamp is part of a booklet pane of six different stamps (all at the soon to be defunct 3.60 krona rate) showing connections between Sweden and the United States.

Most cover collectors prefer their stamps to be on envelopes and would like examples paying the exact due amount. That means March 29 to April 2, 1988 for the New Sweden stamps. However, a new 45¢ U.S. stamp was not issued until May 14, 1988, so a 1¢ stamp added to the New Sweden stamp on envelope in this time period is also desirable.



Then there is the collector like me who like their stamps on cards. I am happy to have the stamp on a 1988 postmarked postcard to Germany even though it overpays the then 36¢ international airmail card rate by 8¢. A bonus for me were the two Chicago skyscrapers on the view side, the Sears Tower and the John Hancock Center.

A 1938 3¢ U.S. stamp (Sc.836) commemorated the 300-year anniversary of the founding with a painting by Stanley M. Arthur titled "Landing of the First Swedish and Finnish Settlers in America." What will 2038, the 400th anniversary, bring? I can hardly wait to see.



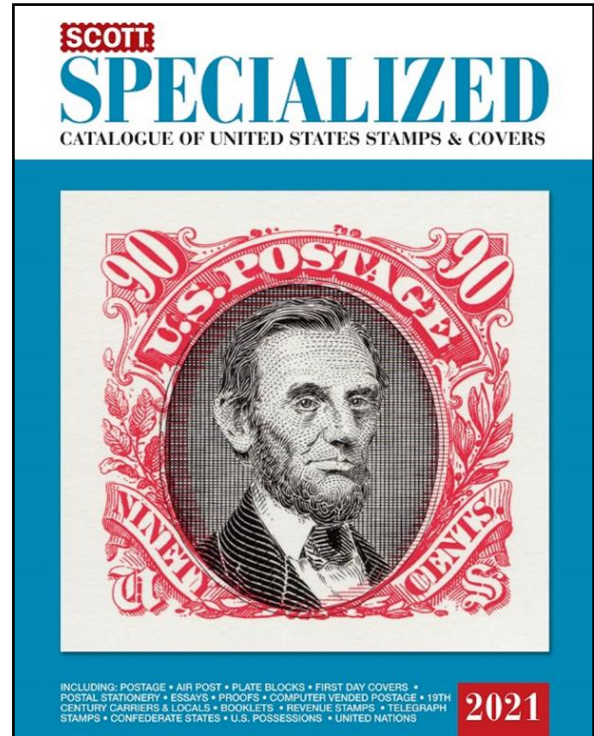
Patrick Crosby is a member of the Nevada Stamp Study Society and collects U.S. postal cards, especially used, including first days; the 1886 Grant Letter Card (or Sheet); UC16, the first U.S. aerogram; and postal history on business or picture post cards.

2021 Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps & Covers

By Howard Kadohiro

The stamp club ordered and has received the 2021 *Scott Specialized Catalog of United States Stamps & Covers* and despite having several advisors to the editor suggesting "that no value changes were needed this year," the editor did mentioned several areas that have seen some significant changes. Examples are:

1. "Large value increases in local stamps and Confederate States postmasters provisional" and many changes in sanitary fair stamps and encased postage. These changes were the result of their appearance in "important auctions during the past year."
2. In the graded stamps section, there were "many" increases in the highest graded stamps.
3. Values for panes of modern issues from 1996 to the present have been added. Values for panes of earlier issues will be added to future editions of the catalog.



There are five Special Feature articles including:

- The listings for the 1980-99 Great Americans now include values for stamps on cover. Plus, additional background on this popular series.
- Provides detailed information about the 1995-97 Flag Over Porch coil stamps. Included with the article is a table providing values for the various die-cut peak/valley configurations of these stamps, some of which are quite scarce.
- Numerous important additions, revisions and corrections have been made to the Essays section. These enhancements, which include many new illustrations, are focused on the classic period. More details are provided in a Special Feature article.
- Postage values for all nondenominated U.S. postage stamps, beginning with the 1975 Madonna and Child Christmas stamp, are presented in a Special Feature article at the end of the catalog introduction.

I was interested in valuation changes for Hawaiian stamps and was planning to report on any changes in value for about 500 items. These were mostly listings for used, unused, non-hinged and on cover. There were no changes in any of the items from 2020.

The U.S. Specialized Catalogue contains detailed information for the following stamp categories:

U.S. Postage - Air Post - Plate Blocks - First Day Covers - Postal Stationery - Essays - Proofs - Computer Vended Postage - 19th Century Carriers & Locals - Booklets - Revenue Stamps - Telegraph Stamps - U.S. Confederate States - U.S. Possessions - Canal Zone - Danish West Indies - Guam - Hawaii - Cuba - Puerto Rico - Philippines - Ryukyu Islands - United Nations

Howard Kadohiro is a member of the Nevada Stamp Study Society and collects Hawaii material.

November Quiz - Iceland

by Stan Cronwall

The place names of Greenland and Iceland are grossly misleading thanks to two Viking explorers back in the days before yore.

The story goes that Erik the Red and his family, originally from Norway, were banished from their homeland because his father committed manslaughter. First, they all settled in Iceland, but then he was involved in some big disputes and ended up killing several men. He was put on trial and banished from Iceland for three years. During his banishment, Erik sailed around the neighboring area. On his return, he began talking up the area he had visited calling it Greenland knowing that just the name would be appealing to his fellow Vikings living in Iceland. His plan worked and many people followed him to the new land establishing a settlement.

Iceland was so named by another Norwegian, Floki Vilgeroarson, who had heard about a far off, but interesting place so he decided to take his family and friends to investigate. He was beset by various problems eventually in summer landed in a land that was both beautiful and quite warm. But the following winter was bitterly cold killing off all his cattle. It was after this when Floki decided to call this new place Iceland. He then went back to Norway, telling everyone that it was not a good place to settle.

Iceland is a Nordic island country in the North Atlantic with an area of 40,000 square miles and a population of just under 350,000 people making it the most sparsely populated country in Europe.

It was settled by Norwegians and to a lesser extent by other Scandinavians who brought along their Gaelic slaves. The country came under the control of various Nordic countries over the years. The struggle for independence was achieved in 1918, and a republic was founded in 1944.

Thanks to post WW II industrialization of the fishing industry and Marshall Plan, Iceland went from being one of poorest countries in Europe to one of the wealthiest and most developed in the world.

1. In the philatelic world, Iceland's tradition of Nordic social welfare work began in the early 1930's with the issue of four Semi-Postal stamps where the receipts from the surtax went to a special fund used for the charitable efforts indicated on the stamps. Which of the following causes were not covered by the fund?
a. Eradication of tuberculosis b. Breast cancer research c. Halting baby seal hunting
2. Icelanders have freedom of religion, while at the same time the Constitution also established the Evangelical Lutheran Church as the State Church. More than 67% of the population belongs to that denomination. Add in other Christian groups, and the percentage swells to almost 80%. Despite this, the first Christmas stamp did not appear until the fall of?
a. 1973 b. 2009 c. 1981 d. 1962
3. The 175th anniversary of Iceland's Postal Service was celebrated in 1951 with two stamps which featured what means of delivery?
a. A pack train b. Mailman on foot c. Trawler to reach outlying islands
4. Baked Puffin (yes, the colorful bird) is considered somewhat of a delicacy. The first time the bird appeared on a stamp it was featured on an issue which is?
a. Part of a four-stamp series on artists and their work in 2013 b. A souvenir sheet for the Nordia 2009 Philatelic Exhibition c. A 10-stamp souvenir sheet of exotically colored seabirds issued in 2000.
5. A strange stamp was issued to commemorate the opening of the National Oceanarium of Iceland exhibition hall in the island's capital, Reykjavik. The stamp features a serpentine perforation pattern in the shape of?
a. A sea snake b. The straw served with kid's drinks in the snack bar c. A sea worm d. There is no such venue or stamp

6. The Europa issues of 2014 featured somewhat interesting musical instruments invented by Icelanders. Which of these are shown on the stamps?
 - a. A stone harp b. A round saxophone c. A stone tambourine d. An electromagnetic harp.
 - e. None of these f. All of these
7. A miniature sheet of ten stamps issued in 2009 displayed creatures from Icelandic folktales. They could also be from nightmares brought on by the consumption of local alcoholic beverages one of which has been nicknamed "Black Death." Which of the following are **not** among the spine-tingling oddities shown on the stamps?
 - a. Saber-toothed sea worm b. Icelandic rattlesnake c. Northern electric eel
8. A unique souvenir sheet was issued in 2011 to celebrate the opening of the Harpa Reykjavik Concert Hall and Conference Center. The stamps are shown as part of the building's façade in various colors, shapes and sizes. How many stamps are displayed on the sheet?
 - a. 10 b. 1 c. 7 d. 5
9. In 1926, a set of 15 stamps was issued to mark the millenary of the "Althing" the Icelandic Parliament which is the oldest in the world. (No, millenary has nothing to do with the ceremonial hats they wore). These stamps were also overprinted as OFFICIAL STAMPS in 1930. What color were the overprints?
 - a. Red & Black b. Lake & Yellow c. Brown & Blue d. Green & Blue
10. The Flag of Iceland and a rising sun were portrayed on a 1969 set of two stamps. What was the significance of these issues?
 - a. Joint economic cooperation between Iceland and Japan b. The opening of the Atlantic herring and cod season
 - c. The 25th anniversary of the Republic of Iceland

Bonus Question:

The German airship "Graf Zeppelin" made two trips to Iceland. The first was what amounts to a fly-by on July 17, 1930. The second was a trip that originated in Friedrichshafen, Germany on June 30, 1931 and returning on July 3. This one involved a mail exchange in Reykjavik. There were no landing/docking facilities, but the airship did get low enough to allow the passing of mail bags. Mail from this flight bears a special green triangular Reykjavik hand stamp featuring a Viking ship.

Iceland marked the 1931 flight by issuing three stamps on May 25 which were overprints on the regular King Christian X 1920 issue. Some sources say these stamps were only valid until July 1, 1931. (Yes, 7 whole days.) Maybe that's a factor in their catalog prices. What color are the overprints?

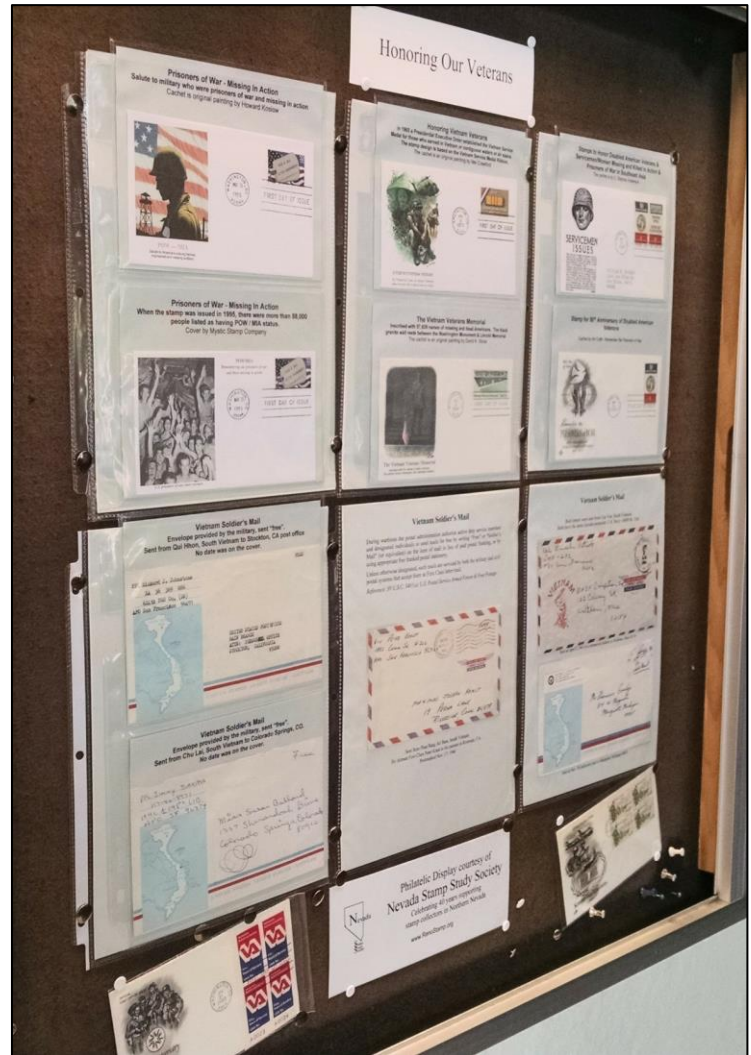
- a. Red b. Green c. Black d. Blue e. Brown f. Orange

The November quiz is worth **110 Auction Bucks**. Please complete the quiz and give your answers to Betty Mudge at the next in-person meeting or email to postboyquiz@renostamp.org

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

Vassar Post Office Display

Every 6-8 weeks our stamp club puts up a philatelic display using two wall frames at the main Reno post office on Vassar St. **John Walter** changed the display the first week in October. One frame celebrates October as National Stamp Collecting month and Nevada Day (Oct. 31, 1864, Nevada State admitted to the Union). The second frame is a salute to all military veterans using stamps, covers and military mail.



Buy Want Sell Trade

For Sale: The entire estate of **John Wetterling** which consists of mostly Swedish material along with some U.S. and other countries. The catalog value is roughly \$50,000 with \$3,000 to \$4,000 in U.S. There is a large quantity of stamps including binders, notebooks, pages, and singular stamps, booklets, postcards, postal history. Lots are already in order by Scott catalog. For those who remember John, he did many stamp club meeting presentations on things like rocket mail, balloon mail, ship mail, etc. Somewhere in the collection is a Hindenburg postcard which was his favorite most recent find. **Marla Wetterling** is selling everything for \$10,000, nothing is being held back. Please text Marla at 775-223-4181 if you are interested or have questions. She will rent a U Haul to deliver to Northern Nevada. She currently lives in Klamath Falls, OR.

For Sale: Black Showgard & Prince stamp mounts mostly in strips, many different sizes. Contact member **Mike Potter** at (775) 359-9419 or email: potter0465@sbcglobal.net.

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.

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Wanted: U.S. aerogramme: #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. Now that everyone has been home for a few months and looking at or working at your favorite hobby, how about a short story on some of your favorite items, recent purchases, country, or topic you are working on, etc. Submit article to editor@renostamp.org

Stamp Club Auction #3

The on-line auction starts at noon on Oct. 31 and ends at noon on Nov. 12.
There are 57 lots both from members and donations to the stamp club.

Just a reminder, you need to be a club member to sell lots and make bids. If auction lots need to be sent to the winning bidder, that person is responsible for the postage if they cannot pick up the lot in person. The stamp club has a 10% commission, paid by the seller.

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Email bids to: NSSSauctions@gmail.com