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Announcements

Due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic, and with Governor Sisolak's shelter in place guidelines in effect until at least the middle of April, **all NSSS group meetings are canceled through the end of April**. Come the beginning of May, we will assess where the physical meetings stand.

The Post Boy will continue monthly publication. The next issue is due the first few days in May. As you will be spending time at home, why not send an article for publication. Howard Kadohiro sent an article two days ago on a Hawaiian Fumigated Cover, read about it on page 5.

Until the next physical meeting (hopefully May 9) stay healthy and keep us informed if anyone is having difficulties.

In the meantime, **Harvey Edwards** is coordinating a virtual video-conferencing for meetings on April 11 and April 25 at the usual meeting time of 10 a.m. An email with instruction to download the software application was sent to all members. If you already downloaded the app, then all you need is the Meeting ID and Password for the April 11 meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting Nevada Stamp Study Society
Time: Apr 11, 2020 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/537989356?pwd=V0lxdEh2Vy9DVfVQM3daSkFmYUZjUT09>

Meeting ID: 537 989 356 Password: 008524

Please consider your nomination for our elections on Aug. 8. Nominations are open for Vice-President, Secretary and two Directors.

The Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show is July 25-26, 2020 in the Hall of Fame Museum at the National Bowling Stadium, 300 N. Center St, downtown Reno. The show is still on schedule and will be discussed at the next Board meeting on April 11 via video conference.

Start planning your exhibit now. Every member is encouraged to have a My Favorite page for exhibit at the show. There are examples on the club website: <http://renostamp.org/exhibits.html>

The Stamp Show Committee also needs some volunteers. The more members that volunteer the less work there is for everyone. Contact **Erik Fields** if interested in helping at the show.

Post Boy Reporter

March 14 meeting - **James Steckley** and **Erik Fields** came early to set up the meeting room with tables and chairs. Attendance was 19 members. The refreshments were provided by **James Steckley**.

Some announcements: With the coronavirus spread, there is NO meeting on March 28. The new 2020 membership directory is available from **Paul Glass**. Name tags are also available from Paul. **Erik Fields** reported the 3,000 post cards for the July 25-26 stamp show are printed. **John Walter**, the Post Boy editor, is soliciting articles and any posting on the Buy Want Sell Trade page. **Gary Atkinson** will not be at meetings for a few months as he is self isolating at home before his wife is due for a marrow transplant in a few months.

The raffle was conducted by **Mike Potter** with the usual 10 prizes with **Scott Mathews** winning the Bonus prize and **Gary Atkinson** winning the Money prize of \$11.50. **Bob Ennes** won the free drawing for the \$12 Inverted Jenny pane. He did not open the sealed pane at the meeting.

The live auction had 44 lots and 12 donation lots. A total of 27 lots sold for \$236.65. The auctioneers were **Mike Potter** and **Gary Atkinson** with help from **Dick Simmonds** and **George Ray**.

March 28 virtual meeting - No physical (face-to-face) meeting was held due to the government guidelines regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Information was sent via email to those members with Internet access for a virtual meeting via video conferencing. The meeting started promptly at 10 a.m. There were 9 members in attendance via laptop, iPhone, iPad, and notebook. Any device that connects to the Internet can be used.

Harvey Edwards arranged the video conferencing using Zoom software. Announcements - the passing of member **Gary Dahlke**, elections with nominations for Vice-President, Secretary and two Directors, APS on-line courses scheduled live each day this week, several First Day of Issue ceremonies are postponed by USPS because of the COVID-19 pandemic. APS is offering a \$5 discount for joining when using the code AMBASSADOR.

The Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show, July 25-26, is still being planned. Possible show cover cachet / postmark celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Carson Mint and another for the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution. Harvey showed some examples of the postmarks (maybe a different one for each day of the show).

The 2020 Membership Directory was published in February. If you need a directory, contact **Paul Glass** and one can be mailed.

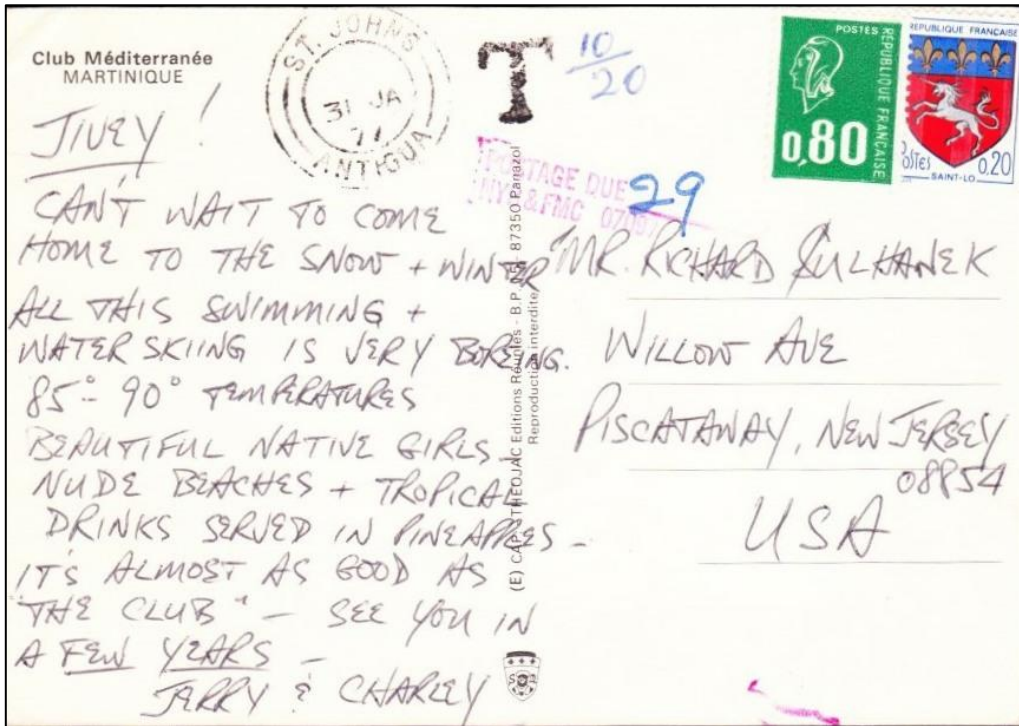
The virtual meeting went very well. The free use of the Zoom software only allowed a 40 minute meeting. **Marla Wetterling**, from Oregon, participated. It was good to see Marla. **Dave Parsons**, from Truckee, saved a drive along I-80. Even **James Steckley** enjoyed the meeting since he did not have to wear pants to attend. Hopefully, he was just kidding.

Next virtual meetings are: **Saturday, April 11 at 10 a.m. and April 25 at 10 a.m.** These are the same days and time as the regular in-person meetings. Any questions about using the software, please contact **Harvey Edwards**. A reminder email will be sent a few days before each meeting with ID and Password for that day.

Greetings from The West Indies

by Patrick Crosby

It is the middle of winter in 1977 and Jerry and Charley can't resist rubbing in their vacation fun in the sun to their buddy in New Jersey. They were at Club Med on the West Indies island of Martinique, an overseas region of France. The Martinique stamp below shows one of their "beautiful native girls".



Unfortunately, the two French stamps on the postcard were not acceptable. This is because by the time the card was mailed the boys were a few islands north in the city of St. Johns on Antigua. At the time Antigua and Barbuda (the country name) was an Associated State of the United Kingdom so the French stamps had no postal validity and no postage had been paid. Antiguan stamps should have been used. Antigua and Barbuda includes the islands of Antigua and Barbuda plus the uninhabited much smaller Redonda and some other very small rock/coral islands. The Antigua stamp on the right shows the British connection not only with the portrait of Queen Elizabeth II, but also the vignette shows the former naval base Nelson's Dockyard, which is in English Bay.



The Postage Due handstamp shows 29¢ and this amount was figured using a formula first used by the United Postal Union (UPU) beginning in 1976. It doesn't require the destination country to know what currency is being used in the country of origin. A postal clerk in St. Johns, the capitol of Antigua and Barbuda, notices the French stamps, does not deface them in any way, and postmarks the card away from the stamps. Since there is no return address (the first option is to return to writer) he then handstamps a "T" (for the French "taxe" – the official language of the UPU is French) and writes "10/20". The "10" is the shortpaid amount and the "20" is the normal UPU surface (airmail was not requested) letter rate to other UPU countries including the USA. From now on the card is postally considered to be a letter.

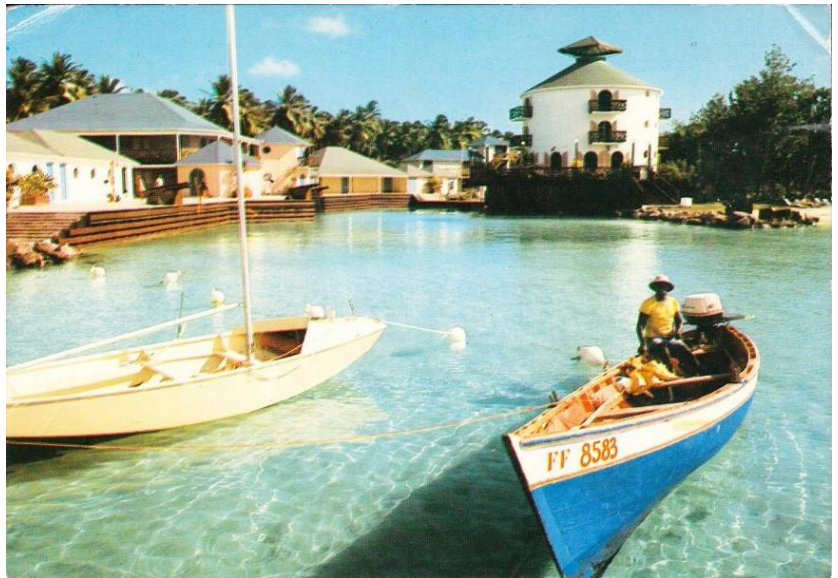
When the card arrived in New York City the foreign mail clerk took the “10/20” fraction (or ½) and multiplied it by the USA’s standard UPU surface letter rate to another UPU country, which was 18¢. The clerk then added a 20¢ handling charge. So $(1/2 \times 18¢) + 20¢ = 29¢$. (In mid-1981 the handling charge jumped to 42¢.)

I’m thinking Jerry and Charley heard about their bonehead postage move when they got home. But then again, they weren’t really on a “cultural” vacation.

From 1967 to 1981 Antigua and Barbuda was an Associated State of the United Kingdom, then becoming an independent state in the United Kingdom’s Commonwealth of Nations. Along with some other island nations they use the East Caribbean dollar which since 1976 has

been pegged to the US dollar at an exchange rate of \$1US = \$2.70EC. Martinique, where the Club Med is located, now uses the Euro.

Kenneth A. Wood in his stamp collecting encyclopedia *This Is Philately* has some interesting tidbits from the philatelic point of view. Although Antiguan stamps are considered legitimate, only the 1922 issues of Barbuda are considered legitimate by Scott catalogue. A set of 11 Leeward Island stamps (as the one shown) were overprinted “BARBUDA”. Stanley Gibbons catalogue does include later issues. Ken Wood mentions Barbuda’s “...chief local occupations are fishing, smuggling, and farming”. The barren, uninhabited Redonda (once mined for phosphate) also has postal issues, but no one considers them to be legitimate. Here is the rub – the stamps of both Redonda and Barbuda, some being overprints on Antiguan stamps, are valid for use in Antigua.



View side of the vacation post card



Although the island of Antigua, where most citizens live, was spared a direct hit from Hurricane Irma in September 2017, the smaller island of Barbuda 25 miles north was not. It was in the eyewall of the Category 5 hurricane at its near peak intensity. With nearly 95% of its structures damaged or destroyed by flattening or flooding (including the only two hotels), the island was virtually uninhabitable and the citizens were evacuated to Antigua. Now reconstruction is underway, but recent photos from Google Maps still show extensive destruction and very few inhabitants in Codrington, Barbuda’s only town. However, when viewed from the skies the islands of Antigua and Barbuda are gems.

References:

Anthony S. Wawrukiewicz and Henry W. Beecher, U.S. International Postal Rates, 1872-1996 (Portland, OR: CAMA Publishing Co. 1996) esp. pp. 257-258

Kenneth A. Wood, This Is Philately (Albany, OR: Van Dahl Publications, 1982)

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.

Hawaii Fumigated Cover

By Howard Kadohiro

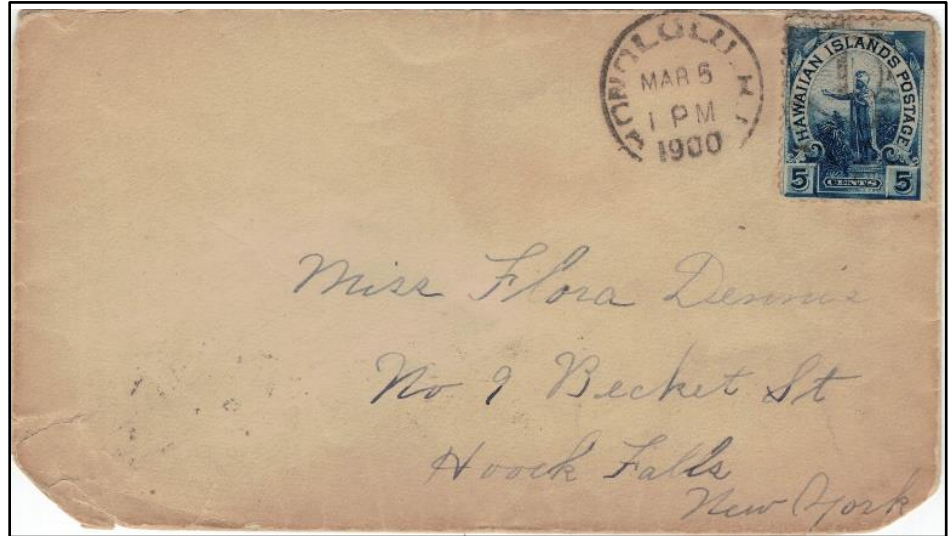
Coronavirus pandemic!! My daughter has my wife and me under “house arrest.” We are forbidden to leave the house and she checks on us daily. Wash your hands, use hand sanitizers, and wipe down all surfaces with disinfectant wipes. Wear gloves when getting our mail and disinfect them before opening. We live in extreme times.

Disinfect mail before opening? Reminded me of a fumigated Hawaiian cover I bought over 20 years ago. There were ten times from 1853 to 1900 that epidemics in Hawaii, Asia, and San Francisco resulted in mail being fumigated before delivery in Hawaii or shipping to foreign destination.

Almost all fumigated covers are from the 1895 Cholera Epidemic and 1899-1900 Bubonic Plague Epidemic. Fumigated covers have the telltale signs of two or more clipped corners and postmarked during the quarantined dates.

Honolulu was quarantined from August 20, 1895 to October 23, 1895 during the Cholera Epidemic of 1895. “Mail was fumigated before it could be put aboard a ship bound for another port.”

Quarantine dates for the 1899-1900 Bubonic Plague Epidemic were December 12, 1899 to April 30, 1900. The cover shown is from this period. It was posted in Honolulu on March 5, 1900 addressed to Hoosick Falls, N. Y. and has two bottom corners clipped.



Address side of cover postmarked Honolulu, HI, March 5, 1900 to New York. Reverse side of cover with transit postmark March 13, 1900 and receiving postmark in Hoosick Falls, NY on March 19, 1900. Notice the clipped corners.

Reference: Post Office In Paradise, www.hawaiianstamps.com, Fumigated Mail and Other Epidemic Mail Covers.

Howard Kadohiro is a member who collects Hawaii material.

Member Spotlight - Barbara Stanfield

by Dave Parsons

To let NSSS members know their fellow members, the Post Boy will feature different 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 **Barbara Stanfield**. Barbara was born in Los Angeles. As her Dad was a Navy pilot, they lived all over the place as he served for 23 years. Her husband Jerry was in the Army Nurse Corp so there were more moves from the U.S. to Germany, the DDR, and worldwide. She relocated to Reno in 1997.

Barbara is a long-time member of the NSSS, joining the club in the late 1990's. Barbara is now serving as the refreshment coordinator for our stamp club meetings.

Barbara's collecting interests are mostly topical as she enjoys fairy tale blocks, art on stamps, and culturally significant issues. In addition to stamp collecting, Barbara loves working in the yard.

Barbara enjoys time at the Sparks Railroad Museum and helping with the junior club. In the past she has worked at the Nevada State Fair, setting up exhibits and frames.

Barbara enjoys the NSSS as she likes the people in the group and enjoys learning about stamps. She feels part of our NSSS family. And the NSSS is appreciative of Barbara for all her work in coordinating our meeting refreshments.



Here for Barbara is a souvenir sheet issued in 2005 from China showing 5 Fairy Tales of Hans Christian Andersen: Top row (the stamps repeat in the next row but reversed) - *The Emperor's New Clothes*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Thumbelina*, *The Little Match Girl*, and *The Ugly Duckling*.

2020 Membership Profile

By Howard Kadohiro

The Nevada Stamp Study Society 2020 Membership Directory was distributed at the February 22 meeting. Membership declined from 70 to 62 since 2018.

Members listed in biannual directory:

2016	64
2018	70
2020	62

Membership was made up of:

Individual	42	
Family	9	(2 members listed for each family membership)
Life & Honorary	2	

Members reside in:

Northern Nevada	51	
California	5	
Hawaii	1	
Oregon	1	
Pennsylvania	1	
Texas	2	
Undisclosed	1	(only have email for this one member)

Members also belong to the following philatelic organizations:

APS	American Philatelic Society	26	(Family membership has both as APS members)
AAPE	Am. Ass. of Philatelic Exhibitors	3	
AFDCS	Am. First Day Cover Society	2	
ASDA	Am. Stamp Dealers Association	2	
ATA	Am. Topical Association	3	
HPS	Hawaiian Philatelic Society	3	
USCS	Universal Ship Cancellation Society	3	
USSH	U.S. Stamp Society	2	
UPSS	United Postal Stationery Society	2	
	Sacramento Philatelic Society	1	
	Stamporama	1	
	Western Cover Society	1	
ISJP	International Society of Japanese Philately	1	
ISWSC	International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors	1	

Closed Album - Gary Dahlke 1938-2020

By Paul Glass

Gary Lee Dahlke, age 81, passed away in the loving care of his family on March 23, 2020, at the Norlite Nursing Center, Marquette, MI.

Born May 21, 1938, in Rice Lake, Wisconsin, the family moved to Marquette in 1946. His schooling included Northern Michigan University with continued studies at Western Michigan University from where he earned his bachelor's degree in Marketing. Upon receiving his degree, Gary returned home to work in the family U-Haul dealership and oil company. With the retirement of his father, uncle, and cousin, Gary assumed ownership of the dealership and oil company in the late 1970's, a business he successfully operated until his own retirement in 2004.



Gary Dahlke & Rose Moratti at recent Christmas party.

Gary began collecting around age 10 or 11 and started collecting stamps and Indian Head coins. He later began an interest in genealogy. Those remained his prime interests - stamps, coins and genealogy.

He and Rose Moratti became a couple some years after their respective spouses passed away. They both grew up and lived in Marquette, Michigan. Later, Rose's husband came to Reno to work and Rose had a home in Sparks. For the last 10 years or so, Gary and Rose would spend the summers in Michigan, fall & spring at Rose's home in Wingfield Springs in Sparks and winters in Mesa, Arizona.

Gary and Rose joined the NSSS about 10 years ago and faithfully attended the club's annual Christmas party. Gary enjoyed collecting recent USPS issues and selling his excess stamps at our stamp club meetings. His major collecting interests were U.S., Canada, and Germany.

As you know, when he was in town, he participated actively in our club meetings. Both he and Rose were members of our club. He often offered current U.S. stamps to our members at face value. Gary was well-known at the Post Office in Marquette as he and Rose would annually make biscotti cookies during the holidays and ship numerous parcels of them to family and friends using multiple stamps on the packages. Gary told me that one time the post office clerk in Marquette saw a package that had 40 to 50 stamps on it, started to count the many small postage stamps, and finally Gary assured the clerk that he had the right amount of postage and the clerk took his word for it!

Gary always had a positive outlook on life, even while he struggled with stomach cancer these last two years. I had talked to him several weeks ago on the phone and he was still looking to return to Sparks this summer.

Throughout the years, Gary kept actively involved in the community, giving back whenever possible. In his leisure, he enjoyed time spent with family, coin collecting, genealogy, and stamp collecting. He was a member of the American Numismatic Association, Commemorative Air Force Association, American Philatelic Society, Nevada Stamp Study Society, Palatines to America, Marquette County Genealogy Society, and Marquette Range Engineers.

Gary is survived by 4 sons, 2 daughters, 25 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and his special friend and significant other, Rose A. Moratti.

Rest in Peace, Gary! Condolences can be sent to Rose Moratti, 304 Jonathan Carver Rd, Marquette, MI 49855.

April Quiz - Hawaii

By Howard Kadohiro

Hint from Howard: Answers can be found by referring to Scott Catalog and on the Internet at Post Office in Paradise, at <http://www.hawaiianstamps.com/>.

1. Who is quoted referring to Hawaii as "The loveliest fleet of islands that lies anchored in any ocean."
a. James Michener b. Robert Louis Stevenson c. Jack London d. Mark Twain
2. After receiving much criticism about its stamp design from the philatelic press, Hawaii issued its first Banknote Issue in 1864 using U. S. Scott No. 73, "Black Jack", as its model.
a. True b. False
3. The first stamps issued by Hawaii, Scott No. 1 thru 4 were called:
a. The Numerals b. The Royals c. The Missionaries d. The Provisionals
4. Which was not a subject of U.S. regular, commemorative, or air post issue.
a. Hawaiian Green Sea Turtle b. Hawaiian Rain Forest c. Byodo-In Temple d. Iolani Palace
5. July 1851 rates for pre-paid and collect letters to the U.S. (West and East Coast) range from 15 cents to 22 cents per letter. Rates for letters within the Kingdom of Hawaii were set at:
a. Free b. 1 cent c. 2 cents d. 5 cents
6. Between 1894 and 1898, the Kahului Railroad printed a set of adhesive stamps to pay for freight and packages sent outside the mail. What two events contributed to the scarcity of information regarding these stamps:
a. Spanish-American War 1898 b. Great San Francisco Earthquake and Fire 1906 c. World War I 1914-1918 d. Hawaii Tidal Wave of 1946
7. Portrait of King Kamehameha I, first king of Hawaii, was used for the "Boston Engraved" and 1868 re-issues, Scott Nos. 5 thru 11.
a. True b. False
8. Last day that Hawaiian stamps were valid for postage was:
a. January 17, 1893 b. August 20, 1898 c. June 13, 1900 d. December 7, 1941
9. Bi-sects of Hawaiian stamps found on covers and pieces were never authorized by the Hawaiian post office and are all philatelic "favors".
a. True b. False
10. Which scene is pictured on Hawaii envelopes, Scott No. U1 thru U14.
a. Diamond Head and Waikiki b. Honolulu Harbor c. Kealakekua Bay d. Pearl Harbor

The April quiz is worth **100 Auction Bucks**. Please complete the quiz and give your answers to Betty Mudge at our next face-to-face meeting or email to postboyquiz@renostamp.org

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

Vassar Post Office Display

The philatelic display was changed at the post office with one frame saluting material for Vietnam Veterans Day on March 29. The other frame was celebrating the start of the baseball season. The display was designed and set up by **John Walter**.



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.