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Announcements

The 2020 Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show is canceled.

See page 2 for President's message about the stamp show cancellation.

Regular club meetings in June:

June 13 and June 27 - Both meetings will be virtual using the Zoom app. Instruction to log into the meetings will be sent a few days before each meeting.

George Ray checked with Silverada Estates about physical meetings. June 1 they will start allowing small groups, up to 10 people, to meet. All the normal precautions will be adhered to with facial covering, social distancing, hand sanitizer, etc. The club normally has three times that many attending a meeting, so impossible for person-to-person meetings until further notice.

Nominations for elected office are due by July 1. Nominations are needed for Vice-President, Secretary (both 2-year terms) and two Directors (3-year terms). Contact **John Walter** if interested in placing your name on the ballot. Elections are normally at the August (the 8th) picnic, but uncertain if we can physically meet at that time.

Volunteer is needed for the **Program Chair**.

Membership renewals are due in July. Reminder the membership year is Aug. 1 to July 31. Dues is \$20 for individual and \$25 for a family.

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The Isle of Man issued a set of eight stamps May 4 in response to the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. The Isle of Man Post Office describes this set as "highlighting the message that love, faith, care, compassion, work, community, words and science will #CarryUsThrough these unprecedented times."

(from *Linn's Weekly Stamp News*, May 25, 2020 issue)

2020 Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show Canceled

By Harvey Edwards, President

"Good news travels fast; bad news travels faster"

Hello fellow NSSS members:

As you are all aware, our lives and daily activities have been upended by COVID-19. We are making less trips to the store and having to be creative to keep in contact with our children, grandchildren and friends.

The club has moved its meetings, for the time being, to the web using Zoom. At each meeting we have talked about the annual stamp show but at the May 23rd meeting we reached the point where we had to vote on whether to go forward or cancel the show scheduled for July 25-July 26 at the National Bowling Stadium. I think most everyone in attendance would really have preferred to go forward but, regretfully, we determined that we had little choice but to cancel the show.

Some things were within our ability to address but many of the obstacles were not. Nevada is currently in "Phase 1" of reopening with the governor expected to speak this evening (May 26th) about moving into Phase 2, potentially next week at the end of May. The Bowling Stadium would be a "Phase 3" reopening. "Large" gatherings would be allowed in Phase 4. I have not heard any discussions about target dates for Phases 3 or 4.

In talking with the Stadium manager, he hadn't received any specific directions for reopening. They anticipate that the museum (our show room) occupancy will be halved. We revised the show room layout to a less dense layout that accommodates only 8 dealers and the post office (down from 13 dealers and the post office) and we had commitments from 8 dealers to fill those tables. However, we do not know if the bowling stadium would have been open for the show. Nor do we know if the city would have let us go forward with the show, what kind of mitigation plan they would require of us or how onerous it might be.

We also don't know if our revised layout would have been acceptable to the City but if it were, physical distancing would have required us to monitor and limit the number of people in the show room and the number of customers at any dealer booth throughout the show. We would also have had to manage attendees waiting to come into the show.

There was a concern that many of our members are in the at-risk category and we might be taking on a liability if an outbreak was traced back to the show. We were also concerned about setting up sanitizing stations, providing any required PPE (face masks) and signage requirements. Some other concerns were how to determine/monitor the wellness of attendees, whether we could or would enforce wearing masks, and who would enforce physical distancing and the wearing of masks.

We hope that you agree, or at least understand, our reasoning for canceling this year's show.



Editor: This is a mock-up of one of the show covers that Harvey was working on. The other cover and cancellation celebrated the 150th Anniversary of the Carson Mint. Plans were to have a different cover theme and cancellation for each day of the stamp show. Oh well!

Post Boy Reporter

May 9 virtual meeting - Harvey Edwards conducted the meeting via Zoom with 13 attendees. Members with any type of Internet connection can attend, even using your smart phone. Instructions on connecting to the video conference are emailed before each meeting. The Zoom meeting was a big hit and well received!

Announcements: A volunteer is still needed as Program Chair to coordinate philatelic presentations at meetings. **Erik Fields** and **Harvey Edwards** led a lengthy discussion about the July 25-26 Reno Stamp Show including a possible need to cancel/postpone the event. Discussed were a variety of things such as advertising post cards mailing deadline, and deadline for placing announcements in Linn's. Also discussed were security, and what measures will be necessary for sanitation, and how to plan for "walk -ins," including the homeless. Dealers are still eager to attend. There would be little or no competition from other philatelic activities, because most others are now canceled. It was agreed to postpone final decision to the May 23rd meeting. Harvey will contact the supervisor at the venue which is still closed for their input; all Artown activities with groups of people are canceled in July; still lots of uncertainties.

The Dreiling Award nomination form has a link on the website homepage. **John Walter** reported on the website (updated after each meeting) and the Post Boy newsletter which has several members submitting articles.

Robert Martin reported from paradise (lives in Hawaii). He has the same Stay at Home guidelines as NV PLUS a 14 day quarantine for folks coming to the island. His school program Stamp Club for Kids is on hold since all the schools are closed. He normally has 250 to 300 students join the stamp club every year. On a weekly basis he will normally have anywhere from 50 to 80 attend. The school library only has chairs and tables for 70 at a time. He normally takes the club in three shifts, so rarely is the library overloaded, but it has happened. In those situations, the extra kids are happy to just sit on the floor. There are extra tongs, bowls of stamps, and bowls of hinges to accommodate any overloads.



Robert Martin participating from his home in Maui, Hawaii.

Robert is always in need of colorful stamps (CTO stamps are OK) to give the school kids along with stamp tongs (4½ inch size) and some colorful covers. He prints 250 19-page albums to give away each year. Contact Robert if you want to donate any items, email: mauistampcollectordude@gmail.com Website: www.stampcollectingclubsforkids.org

Also discussed was the situation with the USPS being financially strapped.

May 23 virtual meeting - A few members had a problem setting up their Zoom connection but, 19 members attended. Another rewarding virtual meeting. It is always great seeing everyone.

Harvey Edwards worked hard on two Show cover cancels - passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution and the 150th Anniversary of the Carson Mint. The club might be able to use them as a small fund raiser to offset some of the stamp costs for this year. The club spent about \$250 for show advertising post cards.

Eric Fields is picking up the club mail on a regular basis from the post office box.

Robert Martin discussed his perfin collection and still adding items - now over 10,000.

Incline Village is the First Day city for the upcoming Great Outdoors stamp issue on June 13. No official ceremony is planned but First Day Covers can be purchased through the USPS Fulfillment Center.

Three new upright Jenny panes have been found from purchases through the USPS Fulfillment Center. The club still has about a dozen unopened panes that are raffled at meetings. The club raffled three of the panes before the stay-at-home guidelines. Unfortunately, no upright Jenny panes were found.

The national APS, AFDCS, ATA Joint Great American Stamp Show is canceled for Aug. 20-23 in Hartford, CT.

(from Linn's, June 1): Is Iceland becoming a dead country for collecting stamps? Announcement that no new Icelandic stamps will be issued after Oct. 29, although Iceland Post "will probably reprint older stamps in order to have sufficient stamps for senders." The USPS Board of Governors selected Louis DeJoy as the next postmaster general. He is a North Carolina business executive without any Postal Service experience. No more customized postage from Stamps.com after June 16. For 16 years individuals and businesses applied for custom made postage with family, pets and business logos known as Photostamps. The USPS ended the contract.



Harvey Edwards sent a post card to members on May 13. Image below:

Hi,

Hope this note finds you doing well. I have missed the socializing as much as talking about and looking at stamps since the club hasn't had any face-to-face meetings due to the COVID-19. We have been doing the next best thing by having Zoom meetings and our online turnout is increasing. It's been good being able to talk to other club members and see that they are doing okay. And, if that's not enough, we've had a nice and interesting range of topics.

Here's looking forward to when we can resume our face-to-face meetings. In the meantime, join us virtually and please stay safe.

...Harvey
President, Nevada Stamp Study Society

The message seemed to work as the attendance at the virtual meeting increased 46% from May 9 to the May 23 meeting.

"They Were Expendable"

by Howard Kadohiro

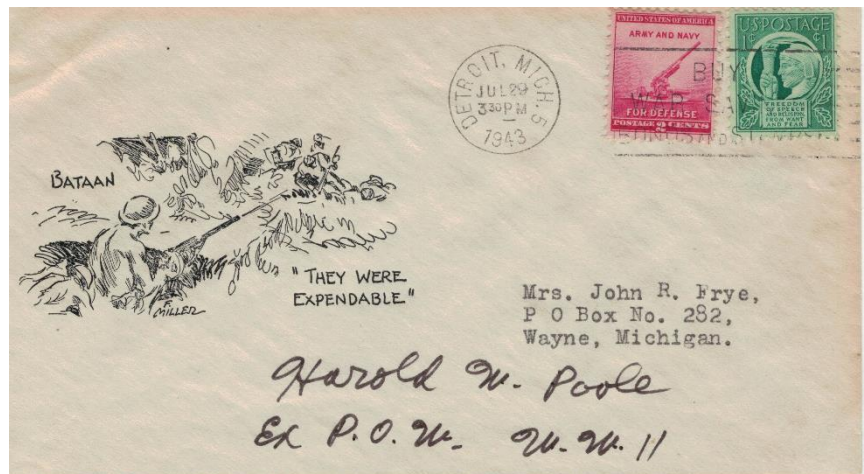
In an interview with a representative of the New York City Transit Authority (NYCTA), the reporter seemed intent of excoriating the manager for not providing adequate number of train cars, and buses to prevent over-crowding. The NYCTA had cut service and did not shut down to provide transportation for essential workers. Why did the NYCTA not put additional cars into service to prevent overcrowding? Her answer revealed how inadequately NYCTA was prepared for Covid-19. Transit workers were not provided with any PPE early on and when some workers showed up with masks, they were ordered to remove them because the mask will frighten commuters and they should only be for hospital workers and first responders. The MTA spokesperson's response was stunning. Because transit workers were not provided PPE the coronavirus had decimated their ranks, sickening thousands and killing many that the number of buses and train/subway cars was all that the MTA could provide. The Health of the NYCTA workers were sacrificed to protect the frontline hospital workers.

Using the analogy that the effort to defeat the Covid-19 virus is a war, at the beginning of WW2 the United States Armed Forces Far East, USAFFE, were ordered to defend the Philippines and never surrender to the Japanese with the promise of reinforcement of men, equipment, and supplies. These were empty promises. The leadership at the War Department had no intention of sending reinforcements to the Philippines. Yet they ordered the USAFFE to hold on and keep fighting until aid arrived.

The focus of the War Department was on defeating the Axis powers in Europe. The abandonment of the USAFFE in the Philippines led to the largest surrender US armed forces personnel in history.

Like essential workers today, the Bataan Death March survivors were not forgotten, and support continued through the war. At the end of WW2 veterans were given financial, education and health benefits under the G.I. Bill. How will history record how essential workers (hospital, transit, truckers, farmers, food processors, supermarket clerks) were treated? Will we provide aid to mitigate the cost of medical care from exposure to the virus, and other financial aid, or will we just pat them on the back, tell them what a great job they did, give them a pink slip and tell them they're on their own to deal with the effects of the virus?

Howard Kadohiro is a member who collects Hawaii material. He had relatives that served in the US Armed Forces in the Far East, North Atlantic, and Occupied Japan during World War II.



Patriotic cover signed by a prisoner of the Japanese



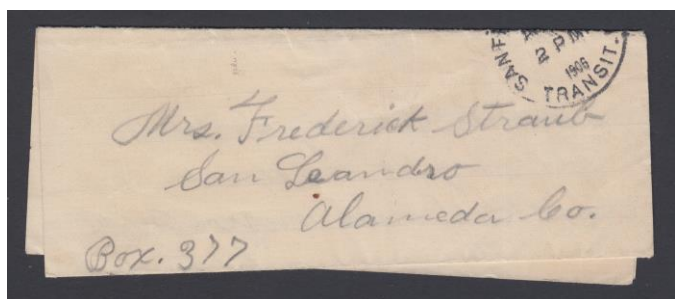
Cover with Bataan War Prisoner Cinderella to raise funds to support the Bataan POWs

San Francisco Mail after the 1906 earthquake

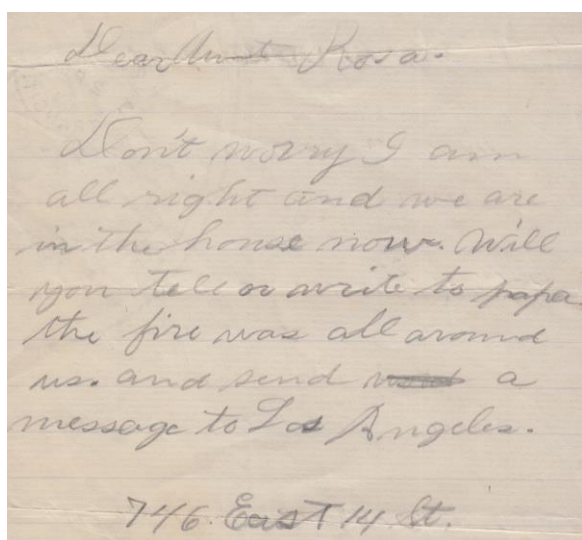
By Emmanuel GPS

At 5:12 a.m. on April 18, 1906, an earthquake devastated San Francisco, California, and shook nearly the entire west coast of the United States. The earthquake and fires caused hundreds of deaths and millions of dollars in losses. Fortunately, the gorgeous United States post office at 7th and Mission, opened in 1905, survived.

As an emergency measure, mail without stamps was accepted until the sale of stamps was possible at the main post office on April 25. Mail was postmarked in San Francisco and sent to the receiving post office, where postage due was assessed, postage due stamps affixed, and the fee collected from the recipient of the letter.



The small cover featured here was postmarked in San Francisco on April 24, 1906 at 2pm. It arrived in San Leandro, California at 7:30am, where the recipient paid 4¢ postage due. On the back the postal clerk applied two 2¢ postage due stamps with hand-cancel "Rec'd April 26, 1906."



The letter reads:

"Dear Aunt Rosa Don't worry. I am all right and we are in the home now. Will you tell or write to papa the fire was all around us and send a message to Los Angeles. 746 East 14 St."

Postage stamp sales resumed in San Francisco on April 25, only a week after the disaster struck. Rapid resumption of postal services sent a powerful message to the country and world: San Francisco might be laid low, but its heart —its business and personal relationships —still beat.

Emmanuel GPS, a native Frenchman, is the lead person of the Inverness (California) stamp club where he resides. He is a past Director and life member of <https://www.rotaryonstamps.org/>. He owns this highlighted cover.

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June Quiz - Switzerland by Howard Grenzebach

Switzerland is one of the oldest democracies in the world that still exists today having begun in 1291. The first stamps of Switzerland were printed several years later with the Cantonal issues in ... well ... that might be one of the questions.

1. There are 2 types of watermark according to the Scott catalog, but one is not a true watermark because it was:
a. Impressed into the paper b. Drawn c. Invisible
2. Three Cantons are represented in stamp issues by the name of their largest cities. They are Zurich, Geneva and:
a. Lucerne b. Ghent c. Basel
3. Helvetia is the Latin name for the area settled by the Helvetii people of Celtic origin and also the Swiss symbol as represented on several early stamps by a:
a. Male b. Female c. Saint Bernard
4. "Pro Juventute" means "For the Children" and is used on semi-postal stamps until the first Pro-Patria stamp was issued in 1936 (B 77). When was the 60th anniversary of this stamp celebrated by another stamp?
a. 1994 b. 1996 c. 1998
5. In 1900 a stamp was issued to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the UPU (Universal Postal Union) then re-engraved with value numbers. The numbers were:
a. Lined b. Solid c. With a solid background
6. What was the year of issue for the Cantonal stamps?
a. 1843 & 1845 b. 1853 & 1855 c. 1863 & 1865
7. The Federal Administration stamps (#1-13) were issued showing the ubiquitous:
a. Helvetia b. Swiss cross c. Saint Bernard
8. In 1882 (and 20 years following) a stamp with the Helvetia design was issued. That Helvetia was different from the previous one because it was:
a. Laying down b. Sitting c. Standing
9. A souvenir sheet was issued for the 1974 International Philatelic Exhibition and the UPU centenary picturing:
a. Medieval Postal Couriers b. Chocolate candy c. Early Swiss stamps
10. Official stamps were first issued by Switzerland for use in:
a. The League of Nations b. United Nations c. The Confederation of Nations.

Bonus Question: In 2001, considering the prediction of doom for all computers, The Swiss issued a stamp for:

- a. Alice Rivaz b. National Council of Women c. The Geneva Convention

The June 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

May Quiz Answers: 1. b 2. c 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. d 7. c 8. b 9. a 10. C Bonus. c
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Changes in Values of Hawaiian Stamps - 2019 to 2020

By Howard Kadohiro

Scott #	Description	Unused Value 2019	Used Value 2019	Unused Value 2020	Used Value 2020	Value Change +/-	% Change
1	2c blue	\$660,000.00		\$625,000.00		-\$35,000.00	-5.3
19	1c black	\$600.00		\$625.00		\$25.00	4.2
19	pair	\$1,275.00		\$1,300.00		\$25.00	2.0
20	2c black on cover		\$19,000.00		\$17,500.00	-\$1,500.00	-7.9
34	18c dull rose (71)		\$42.50		\$45.00	\$2.50	5.9
44	10c red brown ('84)		\$11.00		\$12.00	\$1.00	9.1
48	50c red		\$90.00		\$95.00	\$5.00	5.6
UX3	3c blue green (21,426)	\$65.00		\$67.50		\$2.50	3.8
UX4	1c red, buff (171,240)	\$25.00		\$27.50		\$2.50	10.0
UX6	2c black (R) (10,000)	\$60.00		\$65.00		\$5.00	8.3
UX7	3c blue green (R) (8574)	\$75.00		\$80.00		\$5.00	6.7
R1	25c green (160,000)		\$19.00		\$20.00	\$1.00	5.3
R4	\$5 vermillion & violet blue(21,000)		\$55.00		\$57.50	\$2.50	4.5
R5	\$10 reddish brown & Green (14,000)		\$60.00		\$65.00	\$5.00	8.3
R12	\$50 slate blue & carmine (7,000)	\$65.00		\$70.00		\$5.00	7.7
R12	used		\$75.00		\$70.00	-\$5.00	-6.7

Changes in values for select Hawaiian stamps. Scott US Specialized 2019 and 2020 catalogs used.

I've been wondering for a while how catalog value for Hawaii stamps were trending. Scott Matthews had a copy of Scott 2020 US Specialized and I had the 2019 volume. With Scott's help I began tracking about 500 Hawaii values starting from Scott number 1 thru R16. Mainly unused, used, unused non-hinged, and on cover. It resulted in changes in 16 values, 13 increases and 3 decreases. Largest dollar increase was in Scott No. 19 unused in single and pair, \$25.00. Largest % increase UX4 unused, 10%. Largest dollar decrease was Scott No. 1 unused, \$35,000.00. Largest % decrease was No. 20 on cover, 7.9%.

It took some time to enter all the values, but thanks to the coronavirus I had all the time to complete this project. Volume 1 of 2021 Scott Standard Catalog is out, so this information is dated, but still interesting.

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This is a Hawaii Scott #6 unused from an upcoming <https://siegelauctions.com/Sale #1223>, June 4-5, 2020. There are many Hawaii stamps, stationery, and postal history items in the auction. The auction catalog can be downloaded and viewed at your leisure. Nice illustrations and write-ups for each lot.

Stamping in Quarantine

By Dave Parsons

When 6 year-old grandson Matthew came into my office early one morning during the current quarantine. I was working on some stamps. (I know, what a surprise!) He had a lot of questions about what I was doing and what were the differences in all those little pieces of paper. He was very interested in the tongs. After a little practice he was able to pick up stamps and inspect them, then he could pick up piles of stamps.

He was very interested in the red stamps that I had a pile of ready to soak. They were the early Australia King George V series that I am going to fly-spec. So, we made a trip to the kitchen for a little soaking exercise (Sorry Lois, we didn't make too big of a mess). Matthew enjoyed gently moving the stamps around in the water and then placing them in a drying book. I don't know if he will ever get into stamp collecting with all the electronic amusements out there now, but with a little exposure early on, who knows?

***Dave Parsons** is a member and his collecting interests include U.S. used and BOB, Mint U.S. Commemoratives, Canada, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland, South Africa and Liberia.*

(Editor: Dave was in Southern California when the quarantine started. He has family close by and had some stamps and tools of the hobby to keep busy. He is providing his Zoom account for the stamp club virtual meetings. He plans to return to Truckee the first week in June.)



Dave Parsons with grandson, Matthew, soaking stamps.

Buy Want Sell Trade

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

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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. 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

Vassar Post Office Display

By John Walter

A new philatelic display was installed at the main Reno post office on Vassar St. The club has exclusive use of two locked wall frames that all customers must walk past before seeing the postal clerks. The right frame has baseball related items that was kept for another month with the word “Eventually” added to “April ... Time to Play Ball.”

The left frame has two themes, “Spring Is ...” with Wildflower stamps and hummingbird cachet covers. The other theme is “Flag Day - June 14” with stamps and a few covers.



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