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Announcements

Washoe County Health Dept. - "As of June 1, all businesses in Washoe County can reopen to 100 percent capacity and social distancing is no longer required. Masks do not need to be worn by those who have received the COVID-19 vaccine and it has been two weeks since the final dose." So, masks are optional for vaccinated & mandatory for unvaccinated people at the Silverada Clubhouse.

June Stamp Club Meetings: In-person and online (Zoom).

Zoom instructions will be sent a few days before each meeting.

June 12 at 10 a.m. - Vote on Bylaws revision. Copy in May Post Boy.

June 26 at 10 a.m. - Guest presentation by Marjory Sente (from Prescott, AZ). She will discuss "One Collection: Exhibits, Articles & Talks."

2021 Reno Stamp & Cover Show is scheduled for July 24 and 25 at the Bowling Museum in the National Bowling Stadium, 300 Center Street, downtown Reno.

In anticipation for the show, start to plan an exhibit now. Need advice about exhibiting? There are many members who have successfully exhibited and are willing to answer any questions or help in any way. This year will have non-competitive exhibits plus My Favorite Thing pages. Contact person is **Dick Dreiling** for exhibiting information.

Online Auction #10 - Online bidding will start June 15 at noon, ending June 24 at noon. Auction instructions are on the webpage.

<https://renostamp.org/auction>

Send images and lot descriptions to **Dave Parsons** at:

NSSSauctions@gmail.com Auction lots must be received by June 13.

Club elections are coming August 14. Nominations are needed for President, Treasurer and two Director positions. A volunteer is needed as Nominations & Elections Chair. Nominations forms can be obtained from **John Walter**.

Post Boy Reporter

May 8 virtual & in-person meeting – The meeting was conducted by **Harvey Edwards**. Attendance was 22 members (13 in-person and 9 virtually) plus two visitors, Louie Pareo needed advice on value of some stamps, and Dan Gehringer. Thanks to **Dave Parsons** for the use of his Zoom subscription for these virtual meetings. This is our 27th virtual meeting. Since the pandemic restrictions started in March 2020, the club has not missed a meeting.

Harvey Edwards received some written comments on the Bylaws changes. A volunteer is needed to chair the Nominations & Elections Committee. A recent issue of Linn's Stamp News mentioned our stamp club for submitting ballots for best and worst stamp issues in 2020. Membership stands at 70 with reminder that dues is waived until Aug. 2022 membership year.

Dave Parsons reports online Auction #9 starts May 11 and ends May 20. **James Steckley** says some stamp donations will be in the in-person meeting raffle and for the bonus raffle prize.

Erik Fields reported the Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show is progressing with 9 committed dealers. Exhibits will be non-competitive along with My Favorite Thing pages. Volunteers will be needed for the show setup on July 23 and take down on July 25. **Harvey Edwards** submitted two show cancels to the USPS with space themes.

The raffle drawing for an unopened 2013 Inverted Jenny pane (\$12 face) was won by **Harvey Edwards**. **Betty Mudge** conducted the in-person meeting raffle which had 10 raffle prizes with the bonus raffle won by **Dave Gehringer**. **Dick Simmonds** won the 50/50 raffle of \$5.00.

John Walter reported his attendance at the May 6 virtual presentation sponsored by the National Postal Museum on the topic "U.S. Post & Making of the American West." See page 9 of this newsletter for more info. John also attended virtual meetings at Pipex 2021, the first virtual World Series of Philately with judged exhibits, all online for viewing.

May 22 virtual & in-person meeting – James Steckley and Erik Fields arrive early at each meeting to set up the meeting room. The meeting was conducted by **Harvey Edwards**. There were 20 members present, 16 in-person, 4 virtually, and one visitor, Louie Pareo.

Dave Parsons reported on the completion of the online Auction #9 – 57% of the 72 items sold for a total of \$420.00.

Erik Fields reported on the stamp show. Nine dealers have committed so far plus two pending which will fill all the tables. Show advertising will begin in Linn's Stamp News in the June 14 issue for 6 weeks.

Betty Mudge conducted the raffle with 10 donated prizes for the in-person meeting. A bonus raffle prize went to **Madeline Sanford**. The 50/50 raffle money of \$7 was won by **Betty Mudge**. The raffle of an unopened 2013 Inverted Jenny pane (\$12 face) was won by **Steve Foster**.

Tom Reyman gave a great presentation from his home in Scottsdale, AZ showing and discussing "2nd Boer War Covers 1899-1902." The covers included: 1899 cover to Scotland, 1900 soldier mail to England, 1900 POW cover, and Transvaal to Natal cover. The covers made the history lesson of the Boer Wars very interesting.



Harvey Edwards conducting the May 22 meeting.

Closed Album - Gert Perez 1926 - 2021

Ida Gertrude Perez was born in Manhattan (New York City) and raised in Wharton, New Jersey. She passed away on April 24, exactly one month before her 95th birthday.

She was a member of our stamp club for over a decade. After celebrating her 90th birthday (May 24, 2016) she was full of anxiety since she needed to pass a road test to renew her driver's license. Probably worried too much as she passed the test and continued to attend the stamp club meetings.

She enjoyed the social aspects of the meetings and always saying "Hi" to fellow members.

Her last meeting attended was August 25, 2018. A few months later we learned she was in an assisted living facility.

Gert's family had a private funeral and burial service in Dover, New Jersey on May 14, where she was buried next to her husband Frank Perez.



Gert at her last stamp club meeting on Aug. 25, 2018.

Raymond Diederichsen 1929-2021

It is also with sadness to report the passing of Ray Diederichsen on May 2, 2021 at age 92. He was married to Barbara Diederichsen for 70 years. Barbara is a long-time member and currently an Honorary Member.

Many of the stamp club members remember Ray (who was not a stamp collector) as accompanying Barbara to the club's social events.

Barbara was very active with club activities, most recently as the meeting refreshment coordinator.

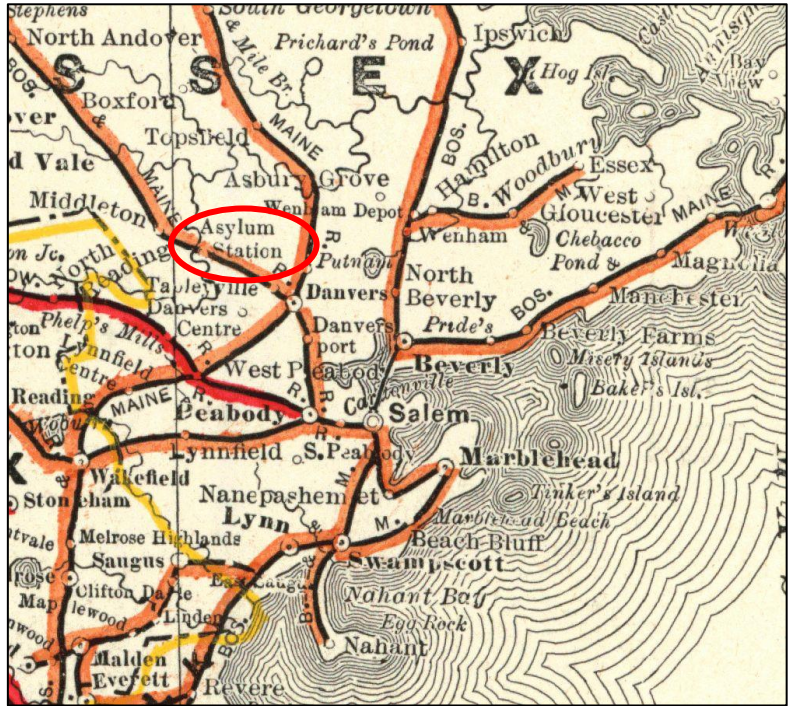


Ray and Barbara Diederichsen at the 2016 stamp club Christmas party.

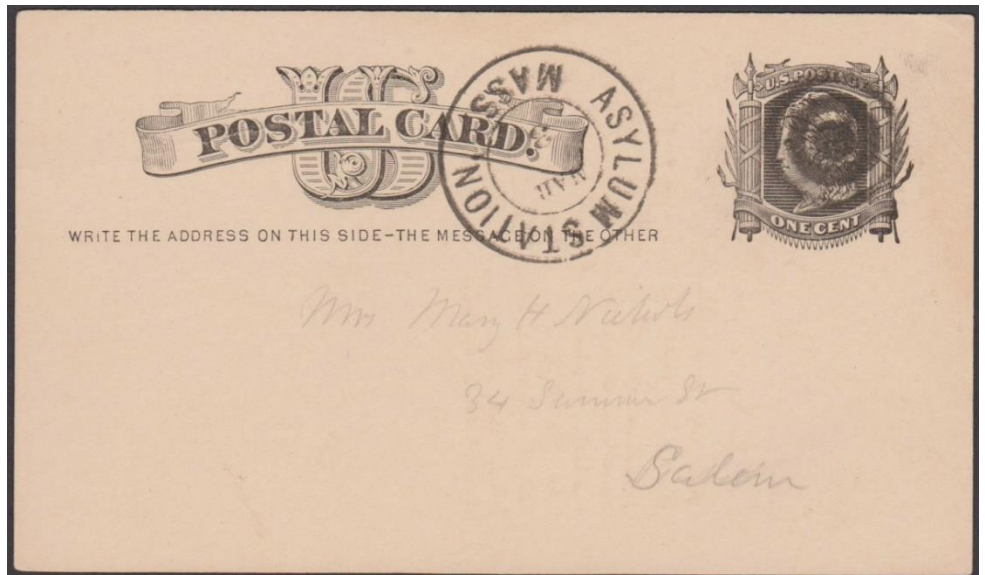
Asylum Station, Massachusetts

By Patrick and Paul Crosby

Double-ring postmarks always attract me since they are far less common than their single-ring counterparts. But this one has a town name of Asylum Station. What kind of Asylum? Was it rest facility like a sanitarium? Or was it a hospital for wounded war veterans? Or was it a mental hospital? It was easy to find out that the post office was in operation only from 1878 to 1899, but I couldn't find out much else until I saw an 1887 railroad map (by George F. Cram) that showed Asylum Station depot 4 miles northwest of Danvers, MA. Wait a minute! My brother, Paul, used to live in Danvers, and now lives in nearby Peabody and maybe he can help. A wealth of information followed, and I found out he used to do some counseling work at the hospital when it housed a detox facility.



The government postal card, shown here, the common (as in 50¢) Scott #UX5 and UPSS (United Postal Stationery Society) #S4, has a postmark showing March 3 and is dated March 3, 1879 in pencil on the reverse. Asylum Station was a railroad depot on the Boston & Maine R.R. (also the Lawrence branch of the Eastern Railroad) that was formerly called Swan's Station, and the post office was located inside the depot until the 1890's when it moved to the Street Railway Station. The State Lunatic Hospital at Danvers began operation in 1878 in the western most section of the town of Danvers, a rural area. It was also known as the State Hospital for the Insane and most recently Danvers State Hospital.



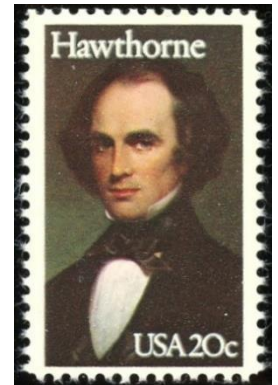
Construction and the running of the hospital basically followed the Kirkbride Plan. A Philadelphia physician, Dr. Thomas Story Kirkbride believed that most insane persons are curable and the process of restoring a more natural "balance of the senses" can be "...greatly enhanced by pleasant surroundings, fresh air, and pure water."

Encouraging the Kirkbride Plan was social reformer Dorothea Dix who was an advocate for the mentally ill seeking active government participation and who during the Civil War had been Superintendent of Army Nurses for the Union. The state of Massachusetts was in dire need of a new facility because of overcrowding and the shutdown of a South Boston facility. The Kirkbride complex of buildings was built on Hathorne Hill and was designed in a Victorian style with Gothic elements. Included in this mostly self-sufficient hospital were pleasant walking gardens, a large farm where some of the patients worked, and a view to Boston 18 miles away.



Sc. #1844, 1983, 1¢ in Great American Series

Author Nathaniel Hawthorne added the “w” in his name because he did not want to be associated with his great-great-grandfather, Judge John Hathorne. Why? Because the judge was the lead judge for the Salem witch trials, which unjustly condemned and executed 19 persons for witchcraft during a period of mass hysteria. He lived on the hill on which the state hospital was built 200 years later. Called “Hathorne Hill,” it was the name given to the whole area.



Sc. #2047, 1983, 20¢, Literary Arts Series

When the railroad station changed its name from Asylum Station to Hathorne in 1899, the post office also changed its name to Hathorne (October 26, 1899). Currently the post office is a small part of a larger building about 200 yards away from the previous Asylum Depot post office.



Photo of Hathorne P.O. courtesy of Paul Crosby, 2021.

The hospital closed as a hospital in stages, finally ending in 1992. Most of the hospital was torn down to be turned into a condominium complex. But the facade of the building was kept, and it looks like a big, old mansion.

The Asylum Station postmark with target killer is considered to be a DPO (discontinued post office) since the name was changed. A lightly written message on the reverse speaks of a Joshua who seems to have diphtheria. I recently purchased this card for a bargain price of \$7. Thanks to long-time postal employee Christine Mitchell at the still existing Hathorne Post Office for her colorful input.

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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.

Rattlesnake Island Local Post Air Mail

By Tom Reyman

Approximately 60 miles Northwest of Cleveland, Ohio lies a group of islands known as the Lake Erie Islands in the waters of Lake Erie. Put-in-Bay Island is famous for its strategic role in the naval battles during the War of 1812 when Admiral Perry used it as a base of operations for his Lake Erie fleet. About two miles from Put-in-Bay is the less well-known island of Rattlesnake Island named for its serpentine appearance on the waters of Lake Erie. Rattlesnake Island is a privately owned property that is a retreat for an exclusive group of wealthy owners who make-up the ownership club for the island. Currently, there are approximately 65 members who have access to the guarded facilities there which include homes, lodging, and restaurants. No casual visitors are permitted on the island.

In 1929, a private air strip was constructed by the owner of the property at that time. In the 1950's, another cross runway was added. As the residents of the island needed access to mail services a local post service was established in 1966 so the U.S. Post Office could deliver mail via a Ford Trimotor aircraft. This service continued from 1966 to 1989. This was the only USPS-sanctioned local post in the United States.



The subject cover was posted from the island in 1968 with a Los Angeles destination. The mailing includes regular U.S. postage but features the Rattlesnake Island 10-cent local post stamp that includes an image of the Ford Trimotor approaching the island.

Under new ownership of the island, air mail service was restarted in 2005 but was again discontinued in 2013.

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Tom Reyman is a Nevada Stamp Study Society member whose collecting interests are U.S. FAM covers, general Air Mail covers, Canadian Semi-Official Air Mail stamps and covers, and Cape Breton (Nova Scotia) covers.

Bonus Raffle Prize by Howard Grenzbach

At the meeting of April 10th, I was fortunate enough to have won two items from the raffle table and, since I now had two yellow numbers for the final drawing, I won that too. What a day, huh?

The prize was wrapped in plain brown wrapper so I thought maybe I should wait until I got home to open it. I opened it at the clubhouse anyway. Inside was a Pacific Coast Rain Forest sheet with First Day cancels. I'll put that one on the table at the next meeting. The other was a "Stamp Collecting Folio" from the Postal Commemorative Society.

The first thing I noticed was my favorite issue of a U.S. set, the stamp collector's issue, #2198-2201. What I didn't know about the set is that it was issued in conjunction with a similar set printed by the Swedes, #1585-1588. Both sets are included in this folio along with a first day of issue (ArtCraft cachet) cover using the high values from each country. The other page has several stamps from different years showing various aspects of collecting like stamp shows, post offices and, of course, Benjamin Franklin our first postmaster.



USA 20c George Washington 1732-1799

USA 5c Issued on May 21, 1966, this 5c stamp promotes the Sixth International Philatelic Exhibition (SIPEX) in the nation's capital. First Day City was Washington, D.C.

USA 3c This 3c stamp marks the 100th anniversary of the issuance of the first U.S. postage stamps. Its First Day of Issue was May 17, 1947 in New York, N.Y.

Interphil 75c USA Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was the site of the 1976 Interphil philatelic exhibition. It was also the First Day City for this 13c stamp first issued on January 17, 1976.

Stamp Collecting 8c This 8c stamp collecting issue reproduces "U.S. #1," the 5c Benjamin Franklin stamp of 1847. First Day of Issue was November 17, 1972 in New York, N.Y.

USA 3c FIPEX, the Fifth International Philatelic Exhibition, was held in New York, N.Y. This was also the site of the First Day of Issue for this 3c stamp on April 30, 1956.

AMERIPEX 86 22c Issued on May 25, 1985, this 22c stamp promotes AMERIPEX '86, the largest philatelic exhibition ever held in North America. It was first issued on January 17, 1956 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The first American Postmaster General, Benjamin Franklin, is honored by this 3c stamp. It was first issued on January 17, 1956 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Stamp collecting began casually in the 1840s. It is said the world's first stamp collector, a young London woman, used her collection of 16,000 used Penny Blacks and Two Pence Blues to paper the walls of her dressing room. Others saved stamps in boxes and in drawers.

A more formal collection system began to evolve within a few decades. By the 1860s, nearly 2,000 different stamps had been issued by 85 postal administrations around the world. To allow collectors to classify and organize them, stamp albums appeared, along with other tools of the collecting trade. In 1863, George Herpin of Paris gave a name to this exciting, fast-growing avocation. He called it "philately," a combination of Greek words meaning an interest in things on which taxes have been paid.

The "Father of American Philately," John Walter Scott, arrived in New York from England in 1861. Within a few years, he had established a thriving stamp business that included the publication of monthly price lists. He also held the world's first auction sale of stamps, founded the Collectors Club of New York, and was the prime mover in organizing the first stamp exhibition held in America. No doubt the highlight was Charles Corwin's display of the 2-cent British Guiana "Cotton Reel," the first stamp to be sold for more than \$1,000!

The first competitive exhibition of international caliber was also held in New York, in 1913. Since then, similar shows have been held in the United States every decade. New York continued to play host through 1956, after which the exhibition moved to Washington, D.C. and then to Philadelphia. Ameripex '86, the eighth and largest philatelic exhibition staged in the United States, is being held in Chicago, Illinois.

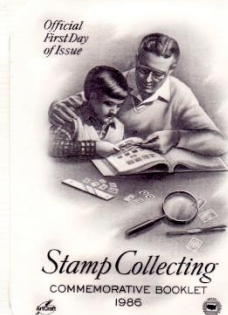
STAMP COLLECTING FOLIO

The entire stamp collecting joint issue project was designed under the direction of Richard Sheaff. Sheaff also designed the three stamps that are unique to the U.S. booklet. The Swedish booklet, including the stamp that is the common-design in both nations' booklets, was designed by Sweden's Eva Jern.



The common-design stamp pictures a 1938 stamp issued by the U.S. and one issued by Sweden, both commemorating the tricentennial of Swedish-Finnish emigration to America.

The U.S. booklet was first placed on sale on January 23, 1986 at State College, Pennsylvania, home of the American Philatelic Society. The Swedish booklet was issued on the same day in Stockholm, Sweden.



FIRST DAY OF ISSUE



This special Cover bears an important "double postmark" — the official single stamp First Day of Issue postmark for both the U.S. stamp booklet and the Swedish stamp booklet.

Howard Grenzbach is currently a Director of NSSS and collects Worldwide pre-1950, early Grenada, and Swiss standing Helvetia.

June Quiz – Brazil

by Stan Cronwall

Most people don't know why the people in South American countries generally speak either Spanish or Portuguese. It all dates back to 1694 when Pope Alexander VI (a Spaniard) signed the Treaty of Tordesillas in Tordesillas, Spain and authenticated in Setubal, Portugal. This divided the newly discovered lands between the Portuguese Empire and the Crown of Castile (Spain). The meridian (dividing line) was 370 leagues west of the Cape Verde Islands off the coast of Africa.

Portugal's area was thus restricted to what I'll call the "rump" of what becomes Brazil.

Brazil was an independent empire from 1822-1889 when a constitution was adopted and the country became officially the United States of Brazil.

Let's skip over the empire issues and the first stamps issues by the new republic.

1. The 1893 issues of the nation featured what images in the main illustration?
a. Sugar Loaf Mountain b. Hermes c. Liberty Head d. Southern Cross Constellation e. None of these
f. All of these
2. The only Special Delivery Brazilian stamp was issued in 1930. Scott E 1a commands a premium price because?
a. It is not watermarked b. It has an inverted surcharge c. It is perforated
3. Three times in the history of Formula 1 Racing, the Driver's Championship title has been won by a Brazilian. This was commemorated on an issue released in March 1988 with part of race car and part of Brazilian flag. Which driver or drivers have held this honor? (This requires a bit of digging)
a. Ayrton Senna b. Emerson Fittipaldi c. Juan Fangio d. Philippe Massa f. Nelson Piquet
4. Despite having a direct Zeppelin route from Germany to Rio de Janeiro, the only Brazilian adhesives to show any reference to the service were four overprinted stamps. The first set of 2 was issued August 16, 1931. These carried surcharges on Santos-Dumont's airship (Scott design A 2) and Augusto Severo's airship "PAX" (Scott design A 3). What color were the surcharges?
a. Blue b. Red c. One of each color
5. Brazil had a revolution October 3, 1930. In April of 1931, a set of 14 stamps were issued. They had been prepared as semi-postals but were sold as ordinary stamps with the surtax ignored. I wonder who "ignored" the surtax?
a. The new Federal Government b. The new postal authority c. The stamp purchasers d. Who knows
6. Brazil began issuing die-cut stamps for Christmas in 2003. What was the main illustration in this stamp?
a. Christmas Tree b. Santa & Presents c. Ribbon & Ball d. Ornament e. Candle
7. In the Campaign for the Prevention of Aids, Brazil issued a block of 8 stamps in 2011. How many of the stamp designs included depictions of condoms?
a. All b. 6 c. 4 d. 2 e. 1 f. None
8. A set of stamps was issued in 2009 that featured Traditional Games. Which of these was not included?
a. Checkers b. Paddleball c. Dominos d. Marbles e. Badminton

9. In 1931, a set of 5 stamps was issued with one that showed the Meridian of Tordesillas. This treaty signed by a Pope laid down edicts which mandate certain provisions of socio-economic behavior between those of Spanish and Portuguese heritage. These include but are not limited to?
- Who is permitted to ride burros on Holy Days
 - Whether or not tortillas can be made from a flour-corn meal mix
 - Whether tequila can be adopted as a national drink or must it be cerveza
 - None of these
 - All of these
10. Esperanto is an international auxiliary language devised by Dr. Ludwig Lazarus Zamenhof, a Polish eye doctor in the late 1800's. He believed that much of the distrust and misunderstanding between ethnic peoples was the result of language differences. He resolved to create an international language to help break down those barriers.
- The 9th Brazilian Esperanto Congress convened on January 19, 1937 and was commemorated on a stamp. The main illustration showed the massed flags of the participating nations and the Star of Esperanto. How many earlier Brazilian stamps were issued to mark these gatherings.
- 6
 - 5
 - 3
 - 1
 - None

Bonus Question: In the Scott Catalog, there is a special note between the stamp issues of 1930 and those of 1931-1934. Seems that from 1930 to 1947 imperf or partially perforated sheets of nearly all commemoratives and some definitive issues were obtainable. (Whatever that means.)

The next reference to imperf stamps is for the souvenir sheet issued in 1938 for the Brazilian International Philatelic Exposition. This time the sheet is imperf although a few perforated sheets exist. (Confused? So am I)

Is this statement in the Scott Catalog true or false? a. True b. False

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. c 2. a 3. b 4. a 5. b 6. b 7. c 8. ad 9. c 10. a Bonus: b

National Postal Museum seminar May 6, 2021 The U.S. Post and the Making of the American West

By John Walter

Email received after attendance at the seminar:

Thank you for attending "The US Post and the Making of the American West." We hope you enjoyed our event.

The Gossamer Network can be found at <https://gossamernetwork.com/> and the data can be found at <https://cblevins.github.io/us-post-offices/>.

To learn more about the book, visit the Oxford University Press webpage: <https://global.oup.com/academic/product/paper-trails-9780190053673?cc=us&lang=en&>

Oxford University Press is currently offering a **30% discount on the title**. After adding "Paper Trails" to your cart, simply enter the promotion code: AAFLYG6.

If you are interested in learning more about what is happening at the National Postal Museum, consider signing up for the newsletter by clicking on Owney, the Railway Mail Service Mascot, at the bottom of the museum's home page at <https://postalmuseum.si.edu/>

Buy Want Sell Trade

Wanted – U.S. stamps, used or mint (the cheapest) for the following Scott #:

28	263	313	385	460	534B
39	276A	322	386	461	539
122	277	351	395	500	544
243	278	356	445	505	
244	292	362	446	519	
245	293	363	456	534	
262	312	366	459	534A	

Contact – Emmanuel at emmanuelgps@gmail.com Text phone number 415-881-0428.

Buy and Sell - almost anything philatelic and ephemera. This includes stamps, post cards, FDCs, photos and documents of mining, and 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.

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.

Wanted: Articles for the Post Boy newsletter. 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