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Announcements

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

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

July 10 at 10 a.m. - After the general meeting there will be a Board meeting which members are encouraged to attend

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

Volunteers are needed on July 23 to help setup the show area starting at 10 a.m. Volunteers also needed for taking down the exhibit frames on Sunday after 4 p.m.

The Welcome table also needs volunteers during the show hours.

Sign-up sheets will be at the July 10 meeting. Or contact **Erik Fields**.

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**.

The American Topical Association (ATA) is having a virtual "My One-Page Exhibit" to encourage new and experienced exhibitors to create a single page presentation of philatelic material that interests them. The deadline for free submission is July 15 <http://americantopical.org>

WESTPEX stamp show is July 30 to August 1 in Burlingame, CA next to the San Francisco Airport. It is the largest west coast stamp show with over 200 frames of exhibits, 75 dealers, numerous philatelic programs, meetings and Shuyler Rumsey live auction each day. <http://westpex.org>

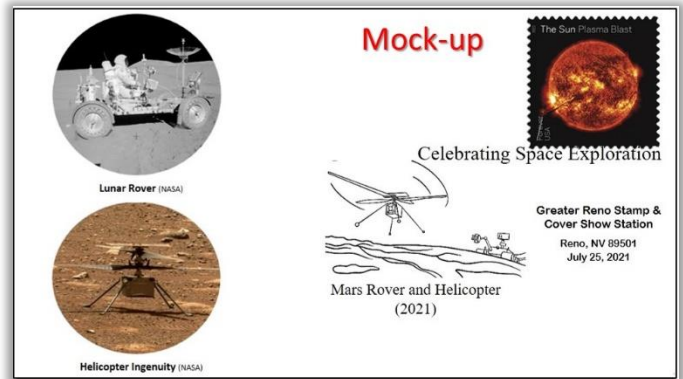
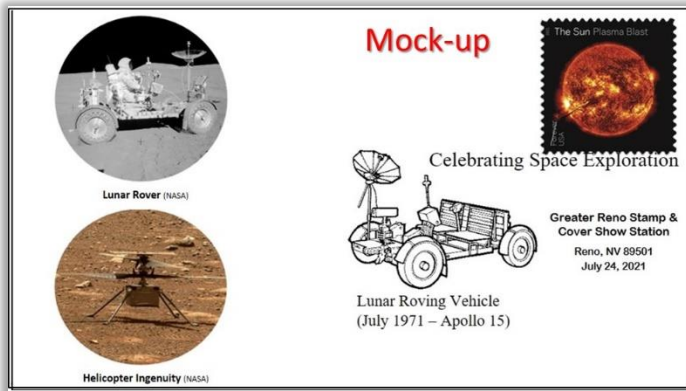
LaPosta Journal - <http://lapostapub.com/lpindexnew.html> - is offering free download of their award-winning quarterly journal of postal history articles published before 2014.

Attending Our Stamp Show

The Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show is scheduled on July 24-25, in the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame at the National Bowling Stadium, 300 North Center Street in downtown Reno. The show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. The show is open to the general public with free admission and free parking. Eleven dealers and the USPS have booths.

There will be up to 40 frames of Non-Competitive exhibits using APS frames with 16 pages per frame. An exhibitor prospectus is available on the Society's website. <https://renostamp.org/show.html>

A cachet cover with a special show cancellation for each day will be offered, along with hourly door prizes.



There will be a children's area with free stamps and albums. Dealers will be available to sell, buy and offer free appraisals.

Before arriving at the show, consider these tips for a successful show visit: Create a want list; Pack a pair of tongs; Set your budget and stick to it. You want to avoid buyer's remorse. Be prepared to convey to the dealer your collecting standards, i.e., mint, used, F-VF, VF, superb, graded, etc. Let the dealer know what kind of material you are looking for. If he doesn't have it in stock, he might be able to watch for it and contact you if the right item comes in.

Bring your checkbook and some cash, since not all dealers accept credit cards. Don't forget to wear your club name tag. The dealers do notice, and you can always ask for a discount as a club member. You also may consider contacting the dealer ahead of time to see if they can bring something specific. Many dealers have large inventories, and they usually cannot bring everything to the show. If you click on the show page at <https://renostamp.org/show.html>, you will find a diagram of the dealer table placements and a list of the dealers with emails.

The best thing about a stamp show is being able to interact with like-minded people about the joys of stamp collecting. Unlike our twice monthly meetings where we meet for only a few hours, you can spend two days with our stamp collecting friends.

Club members are encouraged to write about one or more of your favorite items and tell why you like that item. The item can be one stamp, a group of stamps, or cover(s). You are the storyteller. The "My Favorite Thing" pages will be on display in the Bowling Stadium lobby and in the exhibit area. This is also a great way to let everyone know what you collect and what you get enjoyment from.

COVID pandemic precautions as per county health department – masks are mandatory for the unvaccinated; masks are optional for FULLY vaccinated people. Hand sanitized will be available at each dealer table and at the welcome table. Enjoy your stamp show!

Post Boy Reporter

June 12 virtual & in-person meeting – **Eric Fileds** and **James Steckley** arrived early to set up the room with tables and chairs. Individually wrapped refreshments were provided by **John Walter**. The meeting was conducted by **Harvey Edwards**. Attendance was 26 members (21 in-person and 5 virtually). Thanks to **Dave Parsons** for the use of his Zoom subscription for these virtual meetings.

The Bylaws changes were approved. The complete Bylaws with new changes will be published with the membership directory later this year. A volunteer is needed to chair the Nominations & Elections Committee. Elections for President, Treasurer, and two Directors is August 14 at the annual picnic.

The consignment table had many lots for sale. **Harvey Edwards** reminded the members of the increase in postal rates in late August.

Erik Fields reports the Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show is progressing with 10 committed dealers. Exhibits will be non-competitive along with My Favorite Thing pages. Volunteers are needed for the show setup on July 23 and take down on July 25. The two show cancels with space themes were approved by the USPS.

The raffle drawing for an unopened 2013 Inverted Jenny pane (\$12 face) was won by **Ken Pinkela**. **Betty Mudge** conducted the in-person meeting raffle which had 10 raffle prizes with the bonus raffle won by **Betty Mudge**. **Gary Atkinson** won the 50/50 raffle of \$9.50.

Dave Gehringer reminded everyone the club library has two books by Chris West available for checkout: “The History of the United States in 36 Postage Stamps” and the companion book “The History of Britain in 36 Postage Stamps.”

June 26 virtual & in-person meeting – **Erik Fields** arrived early to set up the meeting room. There were 22 members present and 3 visitors: 20 people in-person, and 5 virtually. The visitors were Marjory Sente in Prescott, Kurt Streepy in Indiana and a potential junior member, 8-year-old Donovan Sehr (grandson of **Jeanne Paquin**). Jeanne announced that Donovan will have an exhibit at the stamp show.

Dave Parsons reported on the completion of online Auction #10 – 67% of 94 lots sold for a total \$952.65. There were 16 different winning bidders in this auction. Total sales of all 10 auctions is \$10,197.65. Proceeds to the club including donations and commissions on member sales is now \$2,741.92.

Erik Fields reported on the stamp show. All the dealer’s tables are sold. Non-competitive exhibits are still needed.

Betty Mudge conducted the raffle with 10 donated prizes for the in-person meeting. A bonus raffle prize went to **Eugen Smoots**. The 50/50 raffle money of \$7.50 was won by **Madeline Sanford**. The raffle of an unopened 2013 Inverted Jenny pane (\$12 face) was won by **Howard Grenzebach**.

Marjory Sente gave a wonderful program discussing her purchase of a collection on the Grand Canyon. She then began adding items to develop an exhibit which was revised at least 3 times. From the material she explained how that evolved into writing articles, giving presentations to the general public and stamp clubs. The collection of covers showed social history of the people and postal history rates at the time. Included was the earliest post marked cover from the Grand Canyon.



Some of the members at the June 26 meeting. Donovan Sehr sits in front with a space-themed hand-drawn cachet on the table.

Two of My Favorite Things

By Tuck Vosburg

Timing is everything!

Two stamps that have become a pair of my favorite things came about when our club Vice President, James Steckley, asked me to go in with him to join the American Topical Association. With our membership we receive a magazine, "Topical Times."

As our club's Auction #7 began, I, coincidentally, picked up the latest issue of the magazine to look through it. And there, toward the back, were pictures of a stamp I was sure I had just seen in the auction preview. The title of the article accompanying the pictures was "History of the World's First Postage Stamp with a Butterfly" by Vladimir Kachan of Belarus and it featured the stamp in our auction.

In the article, we learn that butterflies have formed secondary and primary themes for philatelic releases by more than 200 countries and territories of the world since the end of the 19th century.

But the "first" butterfly stamp was of Princess Liliuokalani of the Kingdom of Hawaii. While the Princess was in London for Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in 1887, she acquired a brooch in the shape of a butterfly. It contained 159 diamonds and two tiny ruby eyes.

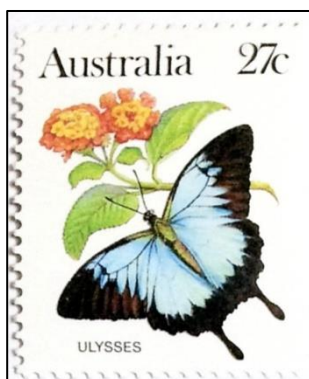
It was made with wings set on springs, so they fluttered as she walked. She always wore the brooch in her hair.

In November 1890, a 2 cent Hawaiian stamp was issued with a picture of the Princess wearing the butterfly brooch in her hair. Thus, becoming the subject of the first postage stamp containing a butterfly.



Hawaii #52 and #57

As it turned out, I was fortunate enough to be the high bidder on the two similar stamps of the Princess that Howard Kadohiro put in the auction. So I now have this interesting little story to go along with my two Hawaiian stamps!



Tuck Vosburg is a NSSS member with collecting interests in pre-1975 US, Italy, San Marino, and Vatican City.



JIPEX – 1936

By Tom Reyman

The Johannesburg International Philatelic Exhibition or JIPEX was conducted from November 2 through 14 in 1936. The motivation for the exhibition, which was organized by the Johannesburg Philatelic Society, was to be a celebration of the British Empire. Johannesburg is the largest city in the country now known as the Republic of South Africa but in 1936 was the Union of South Africa. The “union” name is derived from the fact that the country included the former British colonies of Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Bechuanaland, Zululand, Transvaal, and Orange River Colony.

For the exhibition, the organizers produced a variety of special covers and postcards for the event. Two examples of the covers containing the overprinted souvenir sheets are shown here with the ½ pence green stamps and the one pence red stamps. These covers were postmarked on each day of the exhibition. Both of these example covers were postmarked on November 13 and are both registered mailings to the same recipient, B.P. Stewart. The souvenir sheets themselves are unusual in that they include advertisements, and the printings are in English and Afrikaans languages. Many printing flaws have been found in the souvenir sheets themselves leading to additional philatelic interest in the varieties.



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.

Address Correction Service With Extremely Rare Postage Due Meter

By Patrick Crosby

Post Office Yermo, Calif.
Matter mailed by you to:
Fred Noller

POST OFFICE
DEPARTMENT
Official Business
MAY 11
11 AM
POSTAGE DUE 2 CENTS
State of California
Division Of Mines
(Name)
Perry Building
(Street and Number)
San Francisco 11,
(Post Office and Zone)
California
(State) c16-61060-1

(KEY NO. 157 MIS \$1)
Is undeliverable for the reason checked:
☐ No such address ☐ Unclaimed ☐ Not found ☐ Refused
☐ Removed—Left no address ☐ Deceased ☐ Other reasons see below

Removed to: Calico Ghost Town
Box 82
Yermo, California

Forwarding postage required _____ cents.
Fill in amount ONLY when requested by sender.

Shown is the Post Office Department's (POD) card Form 3547 (revised 1-50) used by the POD to notify a sender of third-class (i.e., printed matter) or fourth-class mail (i.e., parcel) of a corrected address, while at the same time the postal item was being forwarded. In this case the sender was the Division of Mines for the State of California in San Francisco and they had sent an item to Fred Noller in the Mojave Desert community of Yermo, CA. The reason for the address update was that Fred had recently moved (called "removed") to nearby Calico Ghost Town, serviced by the Yermo post office. Fred now had a fixed mailing address – Box 82, Yermo, CA – instead of General Delivery.

NOTICE TO SENDER

The information on the reverse side of this form has been furnished in accordance with your request. Please correct your mailing list accordingly.

Matter bearing a pledge to pay forwarding or return postage and that for which the addressee has guaranteed forwarding postage is forwarded or returned, rated with the postage due. Matter not bearing such pledge or covered by a guarantee is treated as prescribed by the Postal Laws and Regulations.

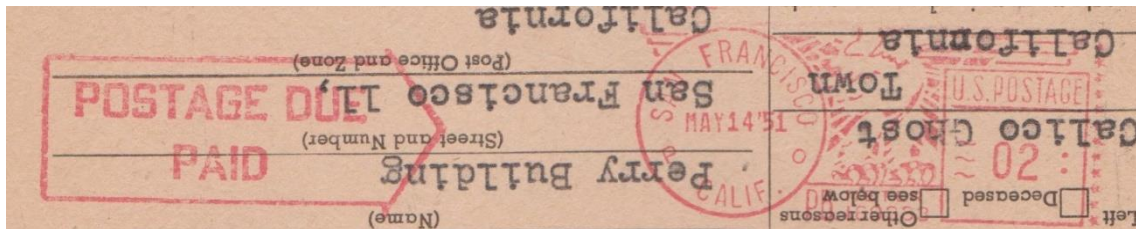
It should be clearly understood that the provisions for furnishing Form 3547 apply only to third- and fourth-class matter sent out in the regular course of business for purposes other than obtaining the address of the person to whom the matter is sent. The facility may not be used in connection with mail matter sent out primarily for the purpose of collecting past-due accounts.

Form 3547 (Revised 1-50) c16-61060-1 U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

How do I know that Fred Noller was a newcomer to the area? Calico, CA was a silver mining town from the early 1880's. Walter Knott of Knott's Berry Farm, Buena Park, fame inherited his uncle's silver mill in Calico in 1951, and then proceeded to buy the rest of the town from the Zenda Mining Co. One of the colorful, period-dressed, longtime employees at Knott's Berry Farm was Fred Noller who moved to Calico to

be caretaker and greeter and became “Calico Fred”. The Form 3547 has a Yermo, CA, postmark of May 11, 1951. The town was gradually restored while also being a tourist attraction. In 1966 Calico Ghost Town was donated to San Bernardino County and is a fee regional county park.

The postal item mailed to Fred, by postal regulations, included the notation “PM [Postmaster], if forwarded...to a new address / Notify sender on form 3547 / Postage for notice guaranteed”. The form itself says “Postage Due 2 Cents” which was the Address Correction Service fee and was paid back in San Francisco where the post office used a Pitney Bowes meter machine whose impression included both a value side with “02” (2¢) and “Postage Due / Paid” arrow side as evidence of payment.



The value side of the meter includes “San Francisco, Calif., May 14 ’51”, and a spread out “P.O.” in the dial which denotes a post office meter machine as opposed to a private company machine. Under the eagle is the Pitney Bowes machine number “P.B. 169333”. The arrow style – right pointing outline arrow containing “POSTAGE DUE / PAID”, barbs on pointed ends – was only used experimentally for just over three years and was only used in three machines, one in New York, NY, and the other two in San Francisco. The meter machine for the featured cover was in use from 12/7/1949 to 1/31/1952 at the San Francisco Rincon Annex Post Office and its impression has the catalog number PD-B1B (PD = Postage Due).

The United States Postage Meter Stamp Catalog is very detailed and is free to use online. It rates this meter impression on cover at the highest type rarity [RRRR] - extremely rare to unique. If the same impression is just on a piece of meter tape it was probably a favor, philatelic impression, but is still considered [R] – rare, difficult to find.

Typically, a Penalty cover (“Penalty for Private Use to Avoid Payment of Postage, \$300”) is boring by itself. Then add a postage meter stamp and most collectors see Dullsville. But even Dullsville has its bright lights, and this one cost me \$3.50. Thanks to Wikipedia for the Calico and Knott’s information and for a tip on a philatelic related children’s book. [Calico Dorsey: Mail Dog of the Mining Camps](#) by Susan Lendroth with illustrations by Adam Gustavson tells the true story of a stray Border collie who found a job and a home in early Calico.

References:

The United States Postage Meter Stamp Catalog, by Rick Stambaugh, en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Postage_Meter_Stamp_Catalog

Anthony S. Wawrukiewicz and Henry W. Beecher, *U.S. Domestic Postal Rates, 1872-2011* (Bellefonte, PA: American Philatelic Society, 2011) [Available from APS]

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.

July Quiz – Lesser-Known Royals

by Eric Moody

1. In 1934 King Alexander of this European country was memorialized with a set of fourteen black- bordered mourning stamps (Scott #102-115) after he was assassinated while on a visit to Marseilles, France. His grief-stricken country was:
a. Romania b. Hungary c. Bulgaria d. Yugoslavia
2. As a self-designated Emperor, Bokassa I ruled this country, which at one time was part of French Equatorial Africa, from 1976 until he was overthrown in 1979. The coronation of the emperor (who until that time had been serving as president) was commemorated on several stamps (Scott #309-312) issued in 1977. Bokassa's country was:
a. People's Republic of Congo b. Central African Republic c. Uganda d. Senegal
3. The last emperor of this South American country, Pedro II visited Nevada and Virginia City's mines while on a tour of the United States in 1876. Depicted on many of his country's stamps, beginning in 1866 (Scott #53), he was ruler of:
a. Brazil b. Argentina c. Chile d. Venezuela
4. Isabella II, who was known as the "Queen of Sad Mischance" because of her turbulent life and reign and her removal from the throne in 1870, appeared on this country's first postage stamp (Scott #1) in 1850. Her country was:
a. Mexico b. Tuscany c. Spain d. Portugal
5. As Queen Salote, she ruled this small Pacific nation from 1918 to 1965. Her twentieth anniversary on the throne was celebrated with a set of stamps in 1938 (Scott #70-72). The country she ruled was:
a. Samoa b. Fiji c. Tuvalu d. Tonga
6. He first appeared as king on two-stamp in 2000 (Scott #877-878) that celebrated the first anniversary of his enthronement as Mohammed VI. What country does he rule?
a. Morocco b. Tunisia c. Iran d. Libya
7. He was his nation's last monarch. As King Manuel II, he came to the throne when his father, Carlos, was assassinated in 1908. He first appeared on a stamp (Scott #156) in 1910; later that year he was chased off the throne by revolutionaries. What was his country?
a. Spain b. Portugal c. Uruguay d. Tunisia
8. This mountainous small state, bordered by Switzerland and Austria, is ruled by Prince Hans-Adam II. He first appeared on a stamp (Scott #293) in 1955 when he was ten years old and still heir to the throne. His country is:
a. Luxembourg b. Andorra c. San Marino d. Liechtenstein
9. This small African country issued a set of stamps (Scott #1168) in 1998 commemorating the first anniversary of the coronation of King Letsie III. The land-locked state presided over by Letsie is:
a. Swaziland (Eswatini) b. Lesotho c. Natal d. Botswana

10. In 1929 Martin Harman, owner of a small, rocky island off the western (Devon County) coast of England, decided to declare himself King Harman I of his domain. He minted Puffin denomination coins and issued Puffin stamps to be used on letters and packages privately carried from the island to the nearest post office on the mainland. His currency and postal activities quickly came to the attention of British authorities, who put a stop to both. The former king was soon allowed to continue producing stamps, but they had to be placed on the back of envelopes intended for deposit in the Royal Mail – not on the front next to official British postage. The Puffin stamps soon attracted a substantial following among stamp collectors. In 1969 Britain's National Trust acquired the island and it has been managed since then by the Landmark Trust as a historic site and wildlife preserve. The new regime continued to issue the island's famous – and highly profitable – stamps to tourists and collectors, and in 1974 official government postal charges were incorporated into the Puffin stamps so that they could be used as regular postage stamps on mail coming from the island. This former “kingdom” with a very unusual history is:
- a. Jersey b. Isle of Man c. Lundy d. Isle of Wight
11. From 1932 to 1945, the Japanese maintained the “puppet state” of Manchukuo which they had created out of Manchuria and one other province in northeastern China. They installed Henry Pu-yi, a mild-looking young member of the Chinese royalty, as the country's chief executive, and then in 1934 they made him Emperor Kang Teh. His first appearance on stamps as emperor came in 1934 (Scott #50-55). The years in Manchukuo were not Pu-yi's only stint as a head of state. He was also:
- a. Governor of Japanese-occupied Hong Kong b. Governor of Japanese-occupied Dutch East Indies
c. President of Manchuria d. Emperor of China
12. Karl (Charles) I was the last emperor of Austria-Hungary, ruling just three years during wartime. His abdication marked the end of the old Habsburg Empire. (He is pictured on several Austrian stamps – Scott #168-171.) During which war did he reign?
- a. Franco-Prussian War b. World War II c. World War I d. Crimean War

The July quiz is worth **120 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

June Quiz Answers: 1. a, b & c 2. b 3. f 4. c 5. d 6. a 7. c 8. d 9. d 10. c Bonus: a

Buy Want Sell Trade

Wanted – U.S. Duck stamps, prefer mint: RW 29, RW 30, RW 31, RW 32, RW 81, RW 83, RW 84. Contact member George Ray by phone only (775) 359-9296.

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.



Vassar Post Office Display By John Walter

The display frames at the Vassar post office were changed in early June to have flag-stamped covers to commemorate Flag Day on June 14. That display case is on the left.

The other frame has covers and material for July 4th celebration of our country's birth.

The pictures are taken at an angle because of severe glare from the lights above the display case and reflection from the window directly in front of the display cases.

The display case on the right now has Summer Olympic material for the Tokyo Summer Olympics July 23 to August 8.

Also included is a page of Classic Car stamps to remind everyone of Hot August Nights August 2 - 7.

