

Post Boy



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Announcements

August 14 - (In-person only) - Annual picnic at the Silverada Estates Clubhouse. (The same place as the meetings.) The social activity will start about **11 a.m.** with the BBQ taking place at 11:30. Family members are welcome. A sign-up sheet was at the last few meetings for number of people coming and food you are bringing - salad, chips, dessert, condiments (ketchup, mustard, pickles, sliced tomatoes, lettuce, etc.) Contact **Mike Potter** if attending the picnic and did not sign-up yet. The club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns and water. As of Aug. 2, there were 23 people signed up.

2021 Elections: The voting will take place at the picnic. The ballot is on page 10. Please note there is no candidate for President. Please consider placing your name on the ballot for the election at the picnic.

August 28 meeting (in-person and Zoom) at 10 a.m. Scheduled is a presentation by **Scott English**, Executive Director of the American Philatelic Society. He will discuss the recent Great America Stamp Show (Aug. 12-15).

Online Auction #11 - Online bidding will start Aug. 17 at noon, ending Aug. 26 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 Aug. 15.

Jeanne Paquin is now in charge of the foreign stamp penny boxes. If someone would like a particular country, let her know and she will bring that box to the meeting. Otherwise, she will only bring a random box every meeting that she attends. Please email or phone: 775-622-3030

U.S. Postal Rate Increase

Product	Current Prices	Aug. 29, 2021 rates
Letters (1 oz.)	55 cents	58 cents
Letters additional ounce(s)	20 cents	20 cents (unchanged)
Letters (metered 1 oz.)	51 cents	53 cents
Domestic Postcards	36 cents	40 cents
Flats (1 oz.)	\$1.00	\$1.16
Outbound International Letters (1 oz.)	\$1.20	\$1.30

Post Boy Reporter

July 10 meeting – **Erik Fields** and **James Steckley** arrived early to set up the meeting room. There were 28 members in attendance including 3 virtually. **Harvey Edwards** conducted the meeting using the Zoom application, PA system, projector and large screen. **Jim and Nancy McKay** from Texas were in town visiting and will stay for the stamp show. **Steve Foster** and **Howard Grenzebach** provided refreshments. **Donovan Sehr**, 8 years old, became a junior member today.

Volunteers are needed to provide a philatelic program in Oct. The picnic sign-up sheet was passed around. More details on the picnic in the August Post Boy. The Auction Bucks auction will be Nov. 13. The annual Christmas holiday party will be Dec. 11.



Tuck Vosburg and James Steckley discussing their favorite hobby.

A new membership roster with the Bylaws will be published in the fall. Membership stands at 70 with one junior member. The meeting raffle was conducted by **Madeline Sanford**. There were 10 donated raffle prizes with a bonus prize going to **Tuck Vosburg**. The 50/50 money raffle of \$12.50 was won by **James Steckley**. The door prize, open to all attendees, consisted of an unopened inverted Jenny pane (face value \$12), was won by **George Ray**.

Stamp Show Report - July 24-25. Friday, July 23, **Eric Fields**, **John Walter** and **Harvey Edwards** arrived early to plan the setup operation. **Mike Potter**, **Russ Dyer** and **John Walter** setup the exhibit frames. **Erik**, **Dick Dreiling**, **Dick Simmonds** and **Howard Grenzebach** folded the programs. The venue personnel already had the dealer tables and windows taped. We were surprised that all the tables had coverings and skirts. That was something new.

Dick Dreiling, **Harvey Edwards**, **Howard Grenzebach** and **Larry Crain** put up the exhibit pages in the frames. The dealers were arriving as early as noon to get moved in.



Harvey Edwards, Mike Potter and Gary Atkinson welcoming a guest at the stamp show.



On Saturday **Larry Crain** offered to discuss exhibits with the exhibitor at each frame. The exhibitors had a chance to tell why they choose the subject and the story of the exhibit. About 7 or 8 members participated. Since these were non-competitive exhibits, the exhibitors learned from an accredited philatelic judge. The only award was voted by the attendees as a People's Choice Award which went to **Dick Dreiling's** "Reno Nevada" post card exhibit, shown on the left. The full list of exhibitors is below.

The take-down crew on Sunday had the following club members helping with the frames: **Mike Potter, Pat Crosby, Gary Atkinson, Erik Moody, Steve Foster, and Russ Dyer.**

Many additional members volunteered on Saturday and Sunday at the Welcome Table. The list is below.

Overall, there were about 10 people who came to sell collections. The attendance on Saturday was 152. Sunday was a little slower with 101 people attending. The smoke on both days (from the Dixie fire) and air quality certainly didn't help.

The dealer "happiness quotient" was mixed. The downtown road closures on Saturday for the Pride parade was confusing for some attendees. Some parade people did stop in to see what the stamp show had to offer.

2021 Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show Non-competitive Exhibits

Frame #	Title	Exhibitor
1 - 5	Reno Nevada (People's Choice Award)	Dick Dreiling
6	A Kid's Life (Junior Exhibit)	Donovan Sehr
7	Numbers on Registration Labels 1 to 15	Larry Crain
8 - 10	Pictorial Cancellations in Thematic Collections and Exhibits	Harvey Edwards
11	My Favorite Things	Howard Grenzebach
12	The Girl Who Became an American Twice	Jeanne Paquin
13	The Race To The Moon	Dick Dreiling
14	Postal History of WWII Army Training Camps, Air Fields and other Army Installation using the "Free Frank" to Send Mail	Mike Del Grosso
15 - 19	A Tourist Guide to New Orleans at the Beginning of the 20 th Century	Terri Edwards
20	The Career of Joseph N. Hemphill	Mike Potter
21 - 25	Discover the Capitals	Jeanne Paquin
26	Queen Victoria – The Plate Number Issues of 1864	Howard Grenzebach
27 - 29	An Engineering Victory of the First Order: Hoover Dam	Terri Edwards
30 - 32	How Much Is It Now?	Larry Crain
33 - 36	The Penguins, Fact and Fiction	Terri Edwards
3 frames	My Favorite Thing pages	Various Members

Miyuki Oates and Gary Riddle helped move the dealers in and out. Gary also helped with mounting some of the exhibits and general stuff. The welcome table was manned by: **Dick Dreiling, Mike Potter, Gary Atkinson, Dick Simmonds, Betty Mudge, James Steckley, Harvey Edwards, John Walter, Dave Parsons, Terri Edwards, Jeanne Paquin, and Madeline Sanford.**

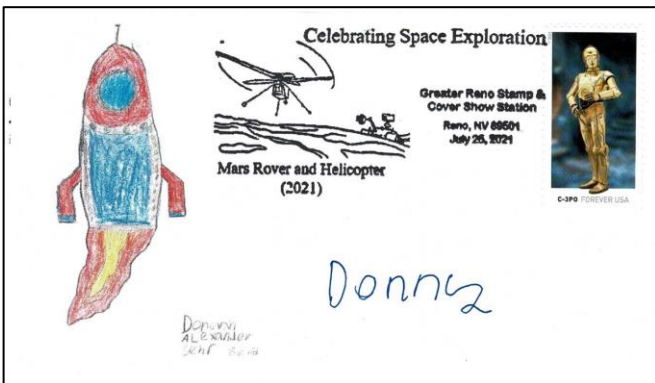
New members joining at the stamp show: **Joe Franco** collects United States, Japan, Philippines, and UAE. **Tom Watkins** collects Worldwide stamps, Caribbean Islands, and United States. Both Joe and Tom live in Minden.

Youth Table Report

By Dave Gehringer

Our youth table went much like the rest of the stamp show. A Virginia Street Pride parade on Saturday added confusion to those driving downtown. The smoke from a large wildfire north of Reno did not help if people wanted to walk outside. We had 6 or 7 young people came by the table as well as older novices. Some visitors donated stamps and other material during the show.

Jeanne Paquin and her grandson and granddaughter spent some time at our youth activity area. Jeanne had presented a puzzle to solve. The challenge was to put together a dozen first day covers in such a pattern that would show two hearts within the assembled square of covers. **Donovan Sehr**, our new junior member and junior exhibitor, did solve the challenge with a little bit of help. Overall, a good time was had by all.



Our club's FIRST junior show cover with cachet artwork (showing a spaceman) and autographed by Donovan. The covers quickly sold out for both days of the show.



Youth table with Donovan Sehr and his sister and Dave Gehringer.

More show photos:



Donovan signing his cover.



WESTPEX report

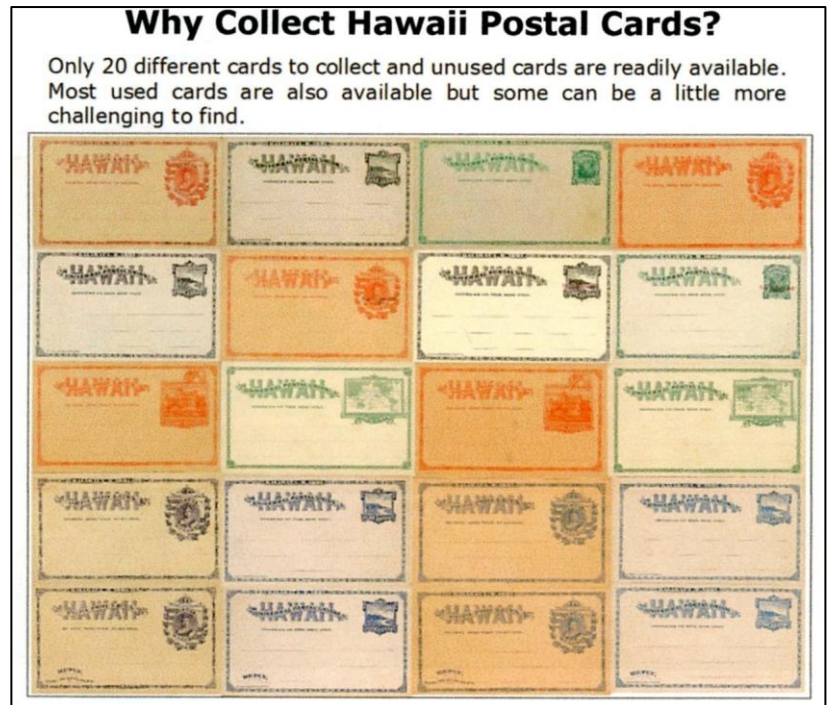
July 30, 2021 – August 1, 2021

John Walter, Dave Gehringer and Howard Kadohiro attended the WESTPEX stamp show in Burlingame, CA.

Howard Kadohiro is very active in the Hawaii Philatelic Society which meets every year at WESTPEX. This year the society had a presentation about the pre-U.S. postal cards “Hawaii Postal Cards 1882-1900.” It seems to be an easy area to collect since only 20 cards have major Scott numbers. One of the exhibits featured all the postal cards.

Looking at <http://WESTPEX.org>, this exhibit won the Grand Award.

On the right are all 20 Hawaii postal cards.



John Walter collects the Ryukyu Islands and enjoys attending the annual meeting of the Ryukyu Philatelic Society. This year the presentation was on Scott #17 “Subduing the Mysteries of Ryukyu Islands 100 Yen Cornerstone of the Ryukyu Philatelic Collection.” Last summer John purchased an unused pair of these stamps. So, the presentation was especially educational discussing the plating of all 100 stamps. The 10 or so members at the meeting also discussed some show-and-tell items that members worked on during the pandemic year. Included was the exhausting plating of 100 stamps for Scott #14. Everyone walked away with a T-shirt with an image of a pair of #17. Very nice!



Scott #17 and #17c pair owned by John Walter.

Dave Gehringer is active in the Universal Ship Cancellation Society which had their local Saginaw Chapter meeting. **John Walter** is also a member, and the six members in attendance shared some show-and-tell covers purchased at the show. Dave is now collecting destroyer covers and John is starting to collect hospital ship cancels. Only 20 hospital ships built – How hard can it be?

John represented the Nevada Stamp Study Society at the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies meeting. He has represented our stamp club since 2015 at Council meetings.

In addition to the society meetings, there were 62 dealers to browse for endless items. John also collects used U.S. aerograms addressed to foreign destinations. He hit the jackpot with Stephen Taylor, a dealer from the UK. Dave also was successful with some purchases from the Rumsey auction and other dealers. Looks like some show-and-tell items for our stamp club presentations.

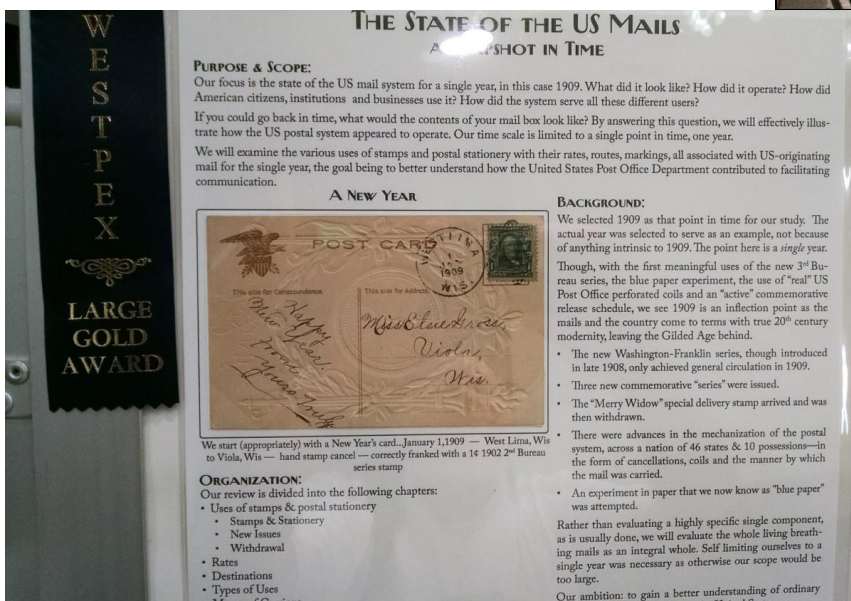
Top exhibits were displayed in 202 frames with the Grand Award winner to compete at StampShow 2022 World Series of Philately Competition for the highest national award, “Champion of Champions.”

Usually, the show admission is \$5 for all 3 days, this year it was free (for first 1000 attendees registering). Nice! Also, the usual Marriott parking of \$20/day was at a reduced rate of \$5/day with a WESTPEX ticket.



Exhibit area with 202 frames

Dave Gehringer wondering around the dealer area looking for bargains.



Example title page from a Large Gold Award winner entitled “The State of the US Mails.” The exhibit looked at the US mail system in the year 1909. What did it look like? How did it operate? How did American citizens, institutions and businesses use it?

A great story was told using various stamps, post cards, covers, etc.

From England to Utah in 1890

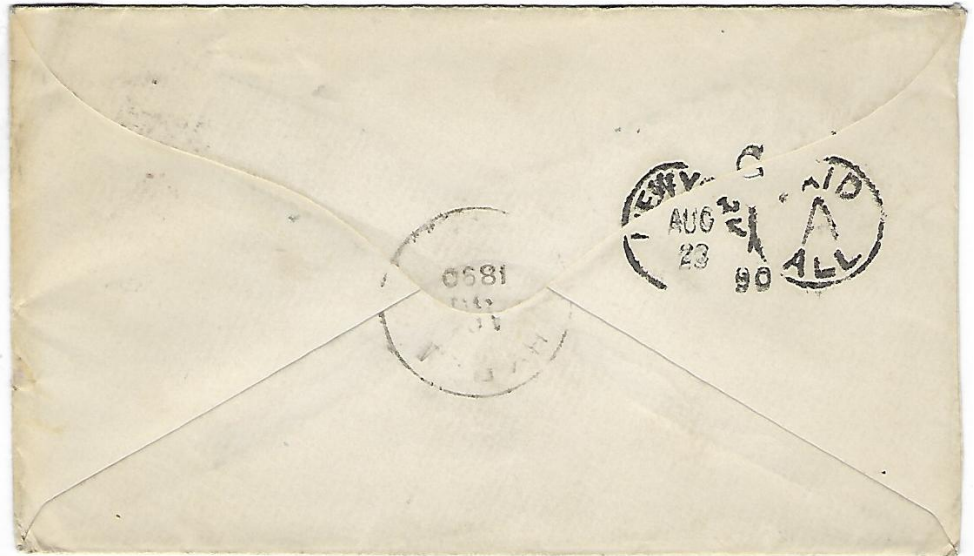
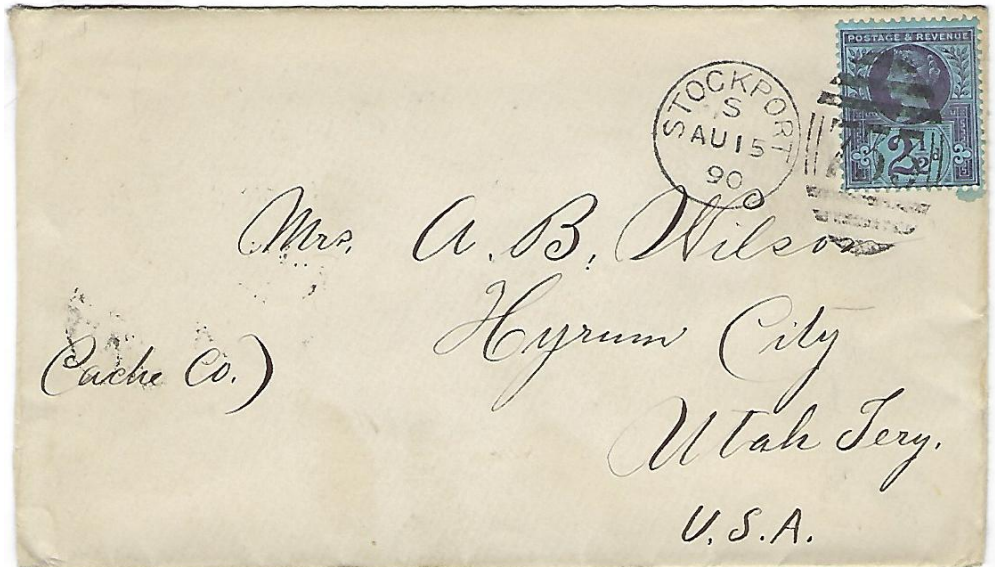
By Tom Reyman

This cover was mailed from Stockport, England (near Liverpool) on August 15, 1890 to a recipient in Hyrum City, Utah Territory in the United States. Utah did not become a state until January 4, 1896.

To reach the United States from England in 1890, mail needed to be transported by ship. A ship from Liverpool would likely have docked at New York City.

The backstamp indicates that it did arrive at New York City on August 23, 1890. From there it would have travelled by train to St. Louis (likely on the New York Central Railroad) to St. Louis, Missouri. A connection would have been made with the Missouri Pacific Railroad to carry it to Kansas City, Missouri. The Union Pacific Railroad reached Westward to Denver, Colorado then to Cheyenne, Wyoming and on to Ogden, Utah.

To reach Hyrum City, Utah, about 35 miles North of Ogden, the cover probably was carried by stage and was received at the Hyrum Post Office on August 30. (backstamp).



References:

- 2020 Road Atlas, Rand McNally, Large Scale; Pages 206-207.
- The Historical Guide to North America Railroads, Third Edition; Kalmbach Books 2014; Pages 192-194, 204-209, 292-295.

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.

August Quiz – Antarctic Mail

By Eric Moody

1. Which of these countries does not issue stamps for its Antarctic territories?
(a) France (b) Great Britain (c) Russia (d) Australia
2. What South American country produced a stamp in 1951 (Scott #594) which depicted on a map the territory it claimed on the Antarctic continent?
(a) Chile (b) Argentina (c) Brazil (d) Peru
3. In 1933 the U.S. issued a stamp (Scott #733) celebrating the second of Admiral Richard Byrd's expeditions to Antarctica. It was a 3-cent stamp, but for an additional 50 cents a buyer could have it cancelled and sent from the American expedition's base on the southern continent. What was the name of this base?
(a) Coney Island Ice Camp (b) Admiral Byrd Camp (c) Little America (d) Little Detroit
4. A dependency of the Falkland Islands, this area on the tip of the Antarctic peninsula had stamps (Scott #2L1-2L8) bearing its name issued in 1944, during World War II. The name of the area is:
(a) Palmer Land (b) Marie Byrd Land (c) Elsworth Land (d) Graham Land
5. Another isolated Falkland Islands dependency, just off the west coast of the Antarctic peninsula also had stamps (Scott #5L1-5L8) printed for it in 1944. It is:
(a) Alexander Island (b) South Shetland Islands (c) Scott Island (d) South Sandwich Islands
6. The British Antarctic Territory, formed in 1962, began issuing stamps the next year even though its population consisted (and still does) of just a few hundred personnel assigned to several research stations. Postal and other administrative affairs are centered at its capital:
(a) South Park Station (b) Scott Island Research Post (c) Thatcher Air Station
(d) Rothera Research Station
7. Ross Dependency, which has had its own postage stamps since 1957 (Scott #L1-L4), is an area claimed by what country?
(a) Great Britain (b) Australia (c) New Zealand (d) France
8. Stamps overprinted "King Edward VII Land" in 1908 (Scott #121a) and "Victoria Land" in 1911 (Scott #130d-131d) were produced by this country for use by Antarctic expeditions that were launched from its ports.
(a) New Zealand (b) Great Britain (c) Australia (d) Canada
9. The French Southern and Antarctic Territories' first stamp was issued in 1955, the same year the new political entity was created. This initial stamp was an overprint of Scott #289 from the island which had previously administered the Territories. What is the island?
(a) New Caledonia (b) Mauritius (c) Madagascar (d) South Georgia

10. The Antarctica Post agency began issuing stamps in 2002. A “local postal service,” it carries mail between New Zealand and several Antarctic research stations maintained by that country and the U.S. The agency’s official home base is:
(a) Auckland, New Zealand (b) London (c) Washington, D.C. (d) Dunedin, New Zealand
11. The first Australian Antarctic Territory postage stamps appeared during the years 1957-1959 (Scott #L1-L5), but there had been earlier, unofficial “stamps” produced for use on letters and packages coming from the continent: In 1954, in conjunction with a major scientific expedition to Antarctica, a set of stamps was printed and used as:
(a) tax stamps (b) commemorative labels (c) mailing receipts (d) postage due stamps
12. In 1957 the second stamp issued for the Ross Dependency (Scott #L2) featured portraits of a pair of Antarctic explorers. They were:
(a) Roald Amundsen and Richard Byrd (b) Ernest Shackleton and Robert Scott (c) Douglas Mawson and James Ross (d) The Bolero Brothers

The August quiz is worth **120 Auction Bucks**. Please complete the quiz and give your answers to **Betty Mudge** at the next meeting or email to postboyquiz@renostamp.org

July Quiz Answers: 1. d 2. b 3. a 4. c
5. d 6. a 7. b 8. d 9. b 10. c 11. d
12. c

Vista Post Office (Sparks) Display

Thanks to **Jeanne Paquin**, the stamp club has a philatelic display at a new local post office. Jeanne will be changing the display every 6-8 weeks. The photos show the large wall frames using some of the club’s posters and stamp pages.



2021 Election Ballot Nevada Stamp Study Society

This ballot is to be executed on August 14, 2021, at the annual picnic.

Installation of the elected officers and directors will take place at the picnic.

If there are not enough candidates for each office, floor nominations can be made at the time of election (at the picnic). The approval of the nominee is needed BEFORE the floor nomination is made.

Nomination/candidate needed

For the office of **PRESIDENT**:

☐ _____

For the office of **TREASURER**:

☐ Erik Fileds

For the office of **DIRECTOR**: TWO positions are available

☐ Howard Grenzebach☐ Jeanne Paquin

Please do not send ballot since no office is contested. Nominations only in-person at picnic with consent of nominee.