

# Post Boy

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## Announcements

### Meetings –

**March 12, 2022** – In-person and via Zoom. Meeting starts at 10 a.m. but come early to socialize and register your auction lots – 5 per member. The live auction can have up to 60 lots plus Blue Sheet donated lots.

**March 26, 2022** – In-person and via Zoom. Meeting starts at 10 a.m. Come early to set up your consignments lots – 10 per member. After the raffle there will be a philatelic presentation by **Dave Gehringer** “U.S. Booklet Panes, Part II.”

### Announcements -

Mark your calendar – July 23-24 for Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show at the National Bowling Stadium, 300 N. Center St., Reno. Exhibitor Prospectus is available from **Howard Kadohiro**.

A new 2022 Membership Directory is available. The directory can be picked up at in-person meeting or can be mailed – if requested. Contact **Mike Potter** if you need the directory mailed; 775-359-9419 or [potter0465@sbcglobal.net](mailto:potter0465@sbcglobal.net)

March online auction #17. All lots must be submitted by noon on March 13 to **Dave Parsons**; [NSSSauctions@gmail.com](mailto:NSSSauctions@gmail.com) The online bidding starts at noon March 15 and ends noon March 24.

Volunteers are needed to help with a stamp collecting program called “Time Out Tuesday” an adult education program to be held at the South Valleys Library in Reno. Mark your calendar for April 26 at 4 p.m. **James Steckley** will coordinate the activity.

APS Estate Advisory Service volunteer is needed. Information is provided by the American Philatelic Society. Contact **James Steckley** if interested.

## Post Boy Reporter

**Feb. 12 meeting** – Attendance was 26 members (21 in-person and 5 online via Zoom). **Erik Fields** and **James Steckley** arrived early to set up the tables and chairs. **George Ray** got the coffee pot going early. Refreshments were provided by **James Steckley**.

Announcements: **James Steckley** reported donations from Bob Reynolds, a Sparks Museum volunteer. **Scott Mathews** donated 3 cases of food for the less fortunate at the Silverada Estates. A new member, **Ken Root**, joined. See page 3 for member profile. **Dave Gehringer** reported the last of the books donated from **Stan Cronwall** are in this month's online auction. **Eugene Smoots** reported more Penny Box donations. Reminder that thousands of U.S. and foreign stamps are available for 2-cents each. **Dick Dreiling** donated 4 Tom Morrissey hand painted cachet covers to add to the club's inventory of over 400 covers. **Erik Fields** gave an update on the IRS filing for 501c(3) non-profit status – it's still pending approval. Erik contacted IRS and they said they are far behind in getting things done (or phrasing similar).

The raffle drawing was conducted by **Betty Mudge**. The drawing had 10 donated prizes along with a bonus prize won by **Ken Hopple**. The money prize of \$10 was won by **George Ray**.

**Mike Potter** was the auctioneer for the live auction with **George Ray** helping. There was a total of 51 lots and 2 Blue Sheet (donation) lots for a total of 53 lots. A total of 35 lots sold for a total of \$209.50.

**Feb. 26 meeting** – Attendance was 24 members (21 in-person and 3 online via Zoom). **Erik Fields** and **James Steckley** arrived early to setup the tables and chairs. **George Ray** had the coffee pot brewing early. Refreshments were provided by **Eric Moody**.

**Announcements:** **Eric Moody** reported that a new museum was opening today in Black Springs, now called Grandview Terrace, just north of Reno. It's the Northern Nevada African American Firefighter's Museum. It's housed in a 1950's firehouse. **James Steckley** reported a large donation from Karon Felton, daughter of deceased member **John Sande**. See page 4 for his closed album obit. **Tom Reyman** reported he attended Aripex (Feb. 18-20) in Mesa, AZ and said there was low attendance the day he attended. Exhibit frames numbered 238. There were 25 dealers.

**Dave Parsons** reported on the Online Auction #16. There was a total of 64 lots with 72% being sold with \$736.60 in gross sales. Online Auction #17 will start at noon on Mar. 15 and end at noon on Mar. 24.

The raffle was conducted by **Betty Mudge** with 10 prizes. The bonus prize was won by **Tuck Vosburg** and the money prize of \$8.00 went to **Dave Parsons**.

**Dave Gehringer** gave an excellent presentation on U.S. Booklet Panes 1900-1918. Part II discussing the issues after 1918 will be at the March 26 meeting.

The consignment table was overflowing with "pay the price posted on lot."



**First meeting for Tom Watkins (L) and Joe Franco who joined after the Reno stamp show**

## New Members who wrote their own profiles

**Ken Root** joined in early February. He was sponsored by Tuck Vosburg. When emailed for information about himself and collecting interests, he responded:

I had 2 older brothers who were stamp collectors, so it became a given that I would join in—sometime before 1950 when I was 12 years old. I collect U.S., Scandinavia (particularly Norway), the Balkan countries, Great Britain and British colonies, France and French colonies, and Papua New Guinea, and most other countries as well.

I'm a retired college professor (Sociology). I have no military service. I have no picture. That's it, I guess.

Ken lives in Plymouth, MN and hopes to attend meetings via Zoom and participate in online auctions.

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**Robert Stoldal** joined the NSSS in mid-February. I was born in San Francisco moved to Nevada in 1956 and have been a working journalist with a deep interest in our states history. I currently live in Las Vegas.

My interest in stamps and postal history, like so many, started early in life, with collecting stamps of the world. And while the stamp collecting moved to the file drawer, that drawer kept filling up as interesting stamps would arrive on a letter.

Today, my collecting interests range from the first flight, CAM 4, out of Las Vegas, to the postal and post card history of all of Nevada pre-1950. Working on small websites, <https://Captainhistory.com> and <https://Bigfootnote.com> where I post stories on Nevada history with a focus on post cards of the state.

During my working years I served as a reporter, television news anchor, creator and manager of a 24-hour Las Vegas cable news operation, and as the News Director of a statewide Nevada television news system.

I first retired in 2008, after forty years in broadcast news. I came out of retirement the following year and was named Vice President of News for the Sunbelt Corporation. With this new leadership the number of daily broadcasts were dramatically expanded. This expansion added five hours of local daily news.

In 2014 at the age of seventy-two, I again retired. But, in 2017, I became Chairman of the Board of The Nevada Independent, a nonpartisan, nonprofit news and opinion website.

In addition, I currently serve on the boards of several community organizations including Nevada Public Radio's Citizens Advisory Board, the Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, Las Vegas City Historical Preservation Commission, Preserve Nevada and Nevada Commission on Tourism, the National Atomic Testing Museum and the Nevada State Commission on Cultural Affairs and Historic Places.

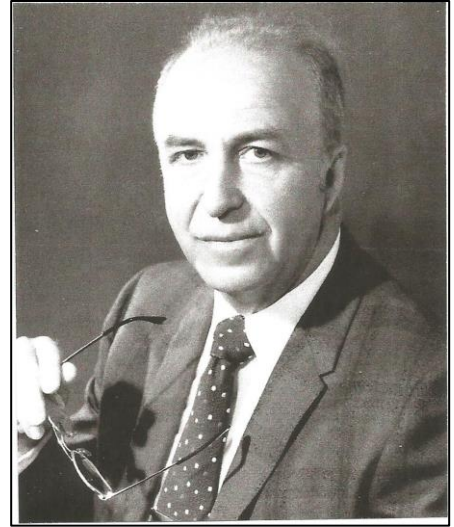
In 2020, I was the recipient of the "Distinguished Nevadan" award presented by the University of Nevada Board of Regents. The award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the cultural, and social advancement of Nevada and its people.

I am a lifetime member Reno Historic Preservation Society. **Eric Moody** and I worked together in the Nevada State Museum system.

Welcome to Ken and Bob as our newest members. Hopefully we will see them at a Zoom meeting this month.

## Closed Album

John Peter Sande, Jr., D.D.S., M.D. was born February 21, 1919 in Two Harbors, Minnesota. He was admitted to the University of Minnesota Dental School, Minneapolis in 1941, graduated first in his class in June of 1944 and was a member of the Kappa Upsilon Kappa Honorary Dental Society. During World War II, he became a dental officer with the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade in August 1944 and served time at a U.S. Naval base in Pensacola, FL; at the U.S. Dental School in Bethesda, MD; and in the Pacific theater on the aircraft carrier USS Saginaw Bay (CVE-82).



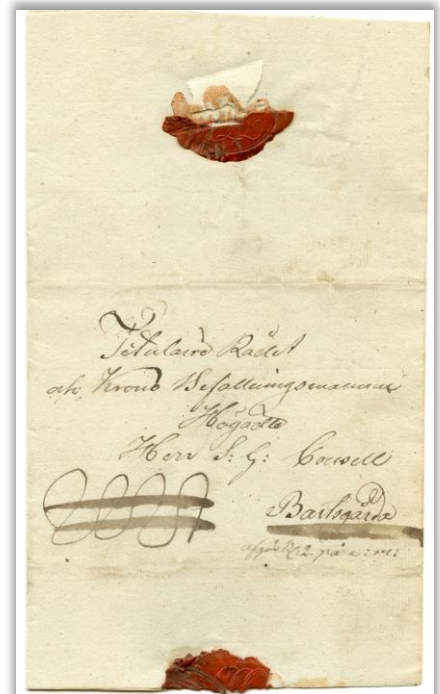
Discharged from military duty in April 1946, he returned to Minneapolis just in time to enroll in the University of Minnesota Medical School. He graduated third in his class in June 1949 with a Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Medicine degrees.

In May 1956 he became Assistant Chief of Surgery at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Reno, NV., a position he held until March of 1959. He then launched a long and distinguished private practice as a general surgeon in Reno.

He was an honest and indefatigable perfectionist, noted for his stoicism, toughness, patience, generosity, curiosity, compassion, and absolute loyalty. Following a long period of declining health, John died April 3, 2006, at age 87 years. His daughter, Karon Felton, one of his five children, donated part of his extensive Scandinavian collection to the Nevada Stamp Study Society of which he was a member in the 1980s through the 1990s. •

**Editor:** In the donation received from Ms. Felton is this “Feather Letter” with information from the dealer when the item was bought in 1985. This would be a unique item to add if you collect early postal history, military or Aland areas. The item will be in a future NSSS auction.

10047	Aland
From NAAS to BASTGARDA. A very nice	
1827 military FEATHER LETTER.	
Complete and very scarce! It is	
obviously a feather letter, but only	
small pieces of the feather remain,	
thus the LOW PRICE! Only 105.00	
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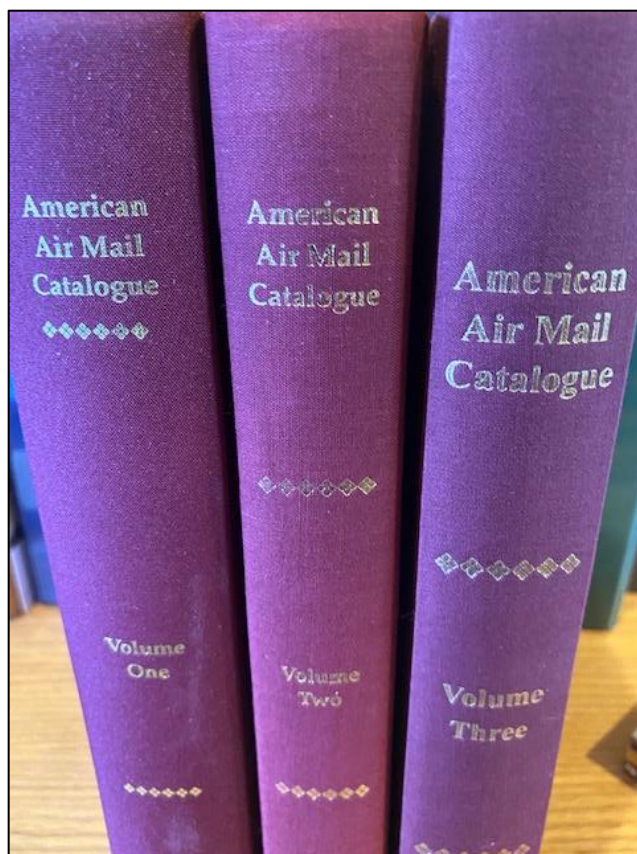




## American Air Mail Catalogs

By Dave Parsons

The NSSS recently acquired 6 catalogs from the American Air Mail Society (AAMS). These consist of three volumes each for the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Editions of the catalogs. AAMS generously provided these reference books for only the mailing costs. The books will be part of the NSSS library and are available for loan to members. The books are in brand-new condition and the 7<sup>th</sup> Edition was published in 2017.



### Volume One:

- US Contract Air Mail (CAM) Flights; Routes 1-34
- Philippine Islands
- Foreign Flag Flights

### Volume Two:

- Polar Aerophilately

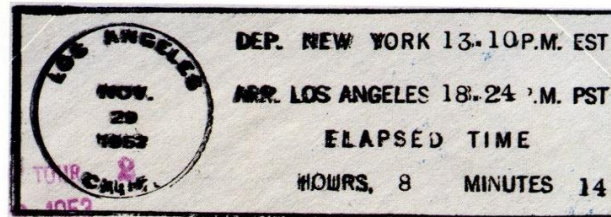
### Volume Three:

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|--|------------------------------------|
| • Official CAM First Flight Covers: AM Routes 1-28 | • Amelia Earhart Flights           |
| • U.S. Pioneer Flights: 1910-1916                  | • U.S. Glider Flights              |
| • Canal Zone Airmails: 1918-1979                   | • U.S. Governmental Flights Covers |

The 7<sup>th</sup> Edition has detailed route maps and color illustrations of the covers with stamps



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#### 1953, November 29 Coast-to-Coast and Return Nonstop Service

Shortly after Trans World Airlines began its first nonstop coast-to-coast service (see listing No. 304), American Airlines inaugurated its own version, advertised as the "First Official Non-Stop Coast-to-Coast Scheduled Service." The route was from New York to Los Angeles and return. Walter J. Hunt piloted the east-bound flight and Harry Clark manned the controls on the westbound flight.

Los Angeles, Nov. 29 (magenta)	(2,678 pieces)	2.00
a. Los Angeles Airfield, Nov. 29 (blue)	(7,655 pieces)	2.00
b. New York, Nov. 29 (magenta)	(3,614 pieces)	2.00
c. New York Airfield, Nov. 29 (blue)	(9,290 pieces)	2.00

After an interesting presentation by NSSS and AAMS member Tom Reyman, the author decided to delve into a stack of first flight covers.

The cover on the right was delivered to the author's father (who worked for American Airlines) in 1953 and is detailed above as #307, being a cover sent from Los Angeles to New York (with elapsed time of 7 hours and 2 minutes- thank you jet stream). Aircraft was a DC-7. Not quite as fast as the later jets.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Edition Books were published over 8 years, 1997-2004 and contain information which may not be found in the 7<sup>th</sup> edition.

NSSS members are encouraged to take a look at these catalogs to get a sense of how air mail routes were established.

*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.*



## Stamp Collecting is Dead, Long Live Philately!

Or in this case, My Stamp Store is Not Dead, but it isn't in Reno anymore, we just had to MOVE!

*Now a space inside Antiques & Treasures Rock, 540 S. Rock Blvd. Sparks, Nevada*

**By Nadiah Beekun, Philatelist and Stamp Store Owner**

Nothing says Downtown Reno like Office Space...People come from all over the world to downtown Reno because they don't want to gamble, watch shows, catch a movie or even do something silly like go to an antiques and collectables store and, maybe, buy STAMPS. They come to Reno to go to see office space. At least that is what the buyers of the old historical (that used to be **Parkers Western Wear**) building formally known as Antiques & Treasures Downtown, and home to the only stamp store in over 100+ miles, **RENOS-TAMPS.com** before they shut us down and closed the store for **RENO**vation...in order to create more empty office space.

### renovation

[ ren-uh-vey-shuhn ] *noun*

the act or process of repairing, renewing, or restoring to good condition

### RENOvation

[ ren-oh-vey-shuhn ] *noun*

the act or process of re-purposing or demolishing wonderful buildings or destroying existing businesses in order to make Nevada more like California and not let gamblers spend their money on anything but slot machines. (see "Californication" ...)

I found out that our store had been sold because one of the new owners opened the door to my stamp and fixture storage room located in the basement of the Antiques Mall where I had my vendor store space for over 17 years. I politely explained that this area was not open to the public and he told me that he was the new owner... This was at the end of July. I notified the store owners of my encounter and they told me that they had just found out about it that morning and that the new owners wanted us out by the end of the year.

Boyd and Sharon went searching for a new location and found several options but NONE of them panned out. Time rushes by and we were worried that our store would end up the way that the Virginia Street Antiques Mall had 3 years ago...Empty Building and Vendors either retired or scattered from here to Carson City. I tried to see about getting my old stand-alone store on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street back, but that building had been sold and I would have to be there instead of taking off for a couple of weeks to go see the (3 of them) Grands, go down to Goldfield or Quartzite, or go do a little traveling to Turkey or with the Fulbright program.

Eventually, Sharon and Boyd found an empty building on Rock Blvd., just south of I-80 and just north of Baldini's on Glendale. It is only 7,000 sf. Instead of 17,000 sf. And the rent is more, but now WE HAVE PARKING! They signed the lease in late September, but then had to do a lot of cleaning and repairs. It used to be a Motorcycle shop with sales on one side and service on the other. The floors and walls had to be steamed (because of oil) and repainted and things had to be fixed. We were not going to be able to start to move in until sometime in late November and everything in the Sierra St. location had to be out by the end of December. Me? I had booked tickets to Florida for the month of October in May when I found out that I would become a grandma again in late September and could I PLEASE come and HELP!

I started the de-crapification process, put my helper in charge and then left for Jacksonville where I had a great time! And then I came back to urgency and confusion. Spaces were being assigned and changes had been made and where was I going to put what? Everything had to be packed and moved and not all boxes

had been marked with contents. Lots ended up in storage and while my space has always been a place of confusion, it became worse as boxes went to storage and others ended up taking space that was needed for product placement. I and a few other Vendors are STILL unpacking, but more is becoming available daily and by mid-March the store will have an official "Grand Opening" that will (hopefully) be attended by Sparks Nobility, the Media, and paying customers & Philatelists!

As always, I do not spend every waking moment at the store so it is best to call me before you decide to come down if you want to see me although you can always look through (and buy) stamps, some supplies, and other philatelic material in my space. Thank you all for helping me for all of these years and let's see how much longer we can all LAST! Philatelically yours, Nadiah Beekun

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**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](mailto:classicnevada@yahoo.com).

**Buying:** Stamp Collections Worldwide & United States, Large or Small Estate. Postal History, Post Cards, Ephemera, Stock Certificates, Checks, Old Business Ledgers and Billheads, Mining Lumber, Staging & Express, Pony Express, California Gold Rush. Photographs 1840's - 1920's, California & Nevada Oil Paintings, anything Rare from California or Nevada History... Contact member **Mark Baker** 530-417-1117 or Email [Mark@goldrushpaper.com](mailto:Mark@goldrushpaper.com).

**Wanted:** U.S. aerogramme: #UC52 - must be used and addressed to an overseas address. Contact member **John Walter**, email: [walter60@gmail.com](mailto:walter60@gmail.com).

**Wanted:** U.S. Navy hospital ship covers. Contact member **John Walter**, email: [walter60@gmail.com](mailto:walter60@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:editor@renostamp.org)



## March Quiz – Lakes of the World

By Eric Moody

1. Lake Naivasha is one of several lakes – Victoria is another - that appear on stamps (Scott #54, etc.) issued for this former British colony in Africa.  
(a) Nigeria (b) Kenya (c) Sierra Leone (d) Southern Rhodesia
2. Will Rogers' airplane is shown flying over Lake Managua on 1939 stamps (#C236-C240) of this Central American country.  
(a) Honduras (b) Costa Rica (c) Nicaragua (d) Panama
3. A 1947 U.S. stamp (#952), which commemorates the dedication of the Everglades National Park, carries the outline of this 730 square mile lake.  
(a) Lake Pontchartrain (b) Fort Peck Lake (c) Lake of the Woods (d) Lake Okeechobee
4. This deepest of U.S. lakes is featured on both a perforated stamp of 1934 (#745) and an imperforate stamp (#761) released the following year.  
(a) Lake of the Woods (b) Crater Lake (c) Lake Powell (d) Lake Tahoe
5. Lake Nyasa in east Africa is showcased on 1945 stamps (#68 and #75) issued by  
(a) Nyasaland (b) Mozambique (c) Nyasa (d) Mozambique Company
6. Scenes of the "Lake District" in this European country have been depicted on a number of its stamps (#621, #2349, etc.). The country is  
(a) Switzerland (b) Norway (c) Sweden (d) Great Britain
7. Constructed in the 1960s, the Aswan High Dam in this northeastern African country impounds the waters of a major river to form a very long lake. The dam has been celebrated on a number of the country's stamps (#626, 1003, 1294, etc.), and is sometimes depicted with the body of water it created. This new lake is called  
(a) Lake Luxor (b) Lake Sadat (c) Lake Nasser (d) Gaza Lake
8. The largest freshwater lake in southeast Asia, Tonle Sap was featured on a colorful set of stamps issued in 2019 (#2669-2677) by the country that surrounds it. This country is  
(a) Cambodia (b) Thailand (c) Malaysia (d) Vietnam
9. The deepest lake in the world, Lake Baikal has been depicted on numerous stamps (#2277, 5966, etc.) of the country it is located in. It also appears on a United Nations (New York) World Heritage Sites stamp of 2020 (#1253). The present-day nation where the lake can be found is  
(a) Siberia (b) Kazakhstan (c) Russia (d) Mongolia
10. One of the Great Lakes is shown on a Wonders of America stamp (#4047) that was issued in 2006. It is  
(a) Lake Superior (b) Lake Huron (c) Lake Michigan (d) Lake Erie
11. A 2006 U.S. stamp (#4073) commemorates the 17<sup>th</sup> century voyages of this French explorer along the east coast of North America. His name is now attached to this large body of water:  
(a) Hudson's Bay (b) Lake Champlain (c) Gulf of St. Lawrence (d) Chesapeake Bay

12. This 1938 stamp (#238) from Switzerland, part of a set depicting the League of Nations headquarters in a Swiss city, shows a well-known lake. It is  
(a) Lake Como (b) Lake Lucerne (c) Lake Geneva (d) Lake Constance

The March 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@renotamp.org](mailto:postboyquiz@renotamp.org)

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

## Vassar Post Office Display

The display was changed the first week in February with material for Black History and Heritage Month, President's Day, Winter Olympics, and Valentine's Day.

**John Walter** was at the post office on a busy day so lots of patrons were in a slow-moving line before seeing the postal clerks.

Three or four customers made comments admiring the display and one customer just wanted to talk.

One patron thinking I was a postal employee started asking questions and had to be stopped and told – "I do not work for the post office."

Pictures taken at an angle because of glare from bright windows facing the wall frames.

