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Announcements

Meetings -

Sept. 10, 2022 - In-person and Zoom meeting starts at 10 a.m. but sign in early to socialize and come early to register your auction lots with the Treasurer. After announcements and a raffle there will be a live auction. Members can have up to 5 auction lots. Coffee and refreshments will be available.

Sept. 24, 2022 - In-person and Zoom meeting starts at 10 a.m. but sign in early to socialize and come early to register your consignment lots - each member is allowed 10 consignment lots with the sell price. After announcements and raffle the philatelic presentation will be members' experiences at the Great American Stamp Show held in Sacramento.

Online Auction #22 starts Sept. 13 at noon. All lot images and descriptions must be submitted by noon Sept. 11 to Dave Parsons - NSSSauctions@gmail.com

The auction ends at noon on Sept. 22.

USPS proposes temporary price hikes for holiday season

The United States Postal Service is proposing temporary price increases on packages to help cover its costs during the busy holiday mailing season.

The additional temporary charges would be imposed on packages effective on Oct. 2 and remain in effect until Jan. 22, 2023. The increases would affect Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, First-Class Package, Parcel Select and Retail Ground services.

Among the increases would be a 75¢ surcharge on flat-rate Priority Mail and Priority Mail Express boxes and envelopes for commercial customers, and a 95¢ surcharge on these same products for retail customers.

Post Boy Reporter



Here is Jeanne Paquin and her family enjoying the picnic.

The official business was the election (by acclamation since one candidate for each office). Congratulations to the new Vice-president, **Nadiah Beekun**, the new Secretary, **Jeanne Paquin**, and returning Director, **Dave Gehringer**. All the officers and directors are listed on page one of this newsletter.



Newly elected board members L-R: Jeanne Paquin, Secretary; Dave Gehringer, Director; and Nadiah Beekun, Vice-president.

August 27 Zoom meeting – Our normal meeting place was not available today plus this weekend was the Great American Stamp Show in Sacramento, so a Zoom meeting took place. Attendance was 11 members.

There was a good discussion from some members who went to the GASS. (Some comments and articles on the following pages.) Discussed was purchasing a Zoom license and **Erik Fields** will take the reins as he has all the necessities to manage it, address, and checkbook.

The penny box inventory will gradually be in the auctions or consignment sales. Also, donations will be sent to **Robert Martin** for his kid's program using some of the foreign stamps.

Comment from **Mike Potter** on the Great American Stamp Show: I was impressed by some of the exhibits (809 frames) like "San Francisco Postal history", "Postal History of the Thirteen Original Colonies" and "First Federally Issued Postal Stamps of the United States" to name a few. And the sheer number of dollar cover boxes to go through and with over 70 dealer booths to visit was a little overwhelming. (Editor: Mike only attended one day of the show.)

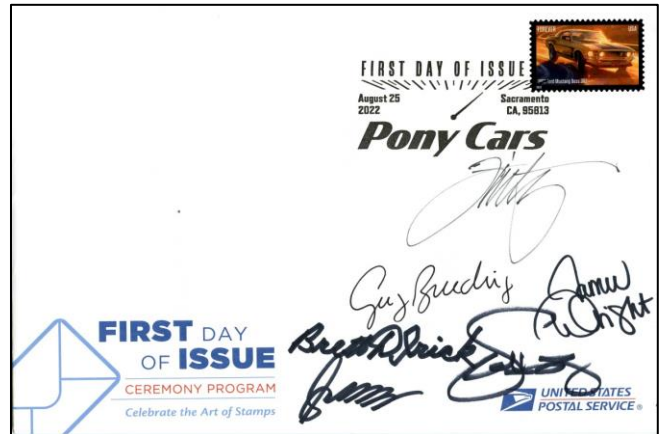


Roy's Stamps from Ontario, Canada.

Great American Stamp Show

By John Walter

About 10 NSSS members attended the show in Sacramento. A few members stayed overnight for the entire show. The big event at the show was the first day ceremony for the Pony Cars on Aug. 25 at 11:00. The USPS had a large booth next to the presentation stage, so it was easy to request first day cancellations. The people participating in the unveiling of the stamp and speakers at the ceremony were kind enough to stay and sign memorabilia. Personally, they all signed my FDC and the dedication program. Great souvenir.



There will be more in-depth reports in the *American Philatelist*, and other philatelic publications, but here are a few thoughts and observations. The first two days of the show were very well attended, and the dealers were busy. Saturday and Sunday seemed quiet with less attendees. Many national and some local stamp clubs/societies had a booth and information on many specialty areas. I hung out at the Universal Ship Cancellation Society booth and met many interesting people with stories to tell.

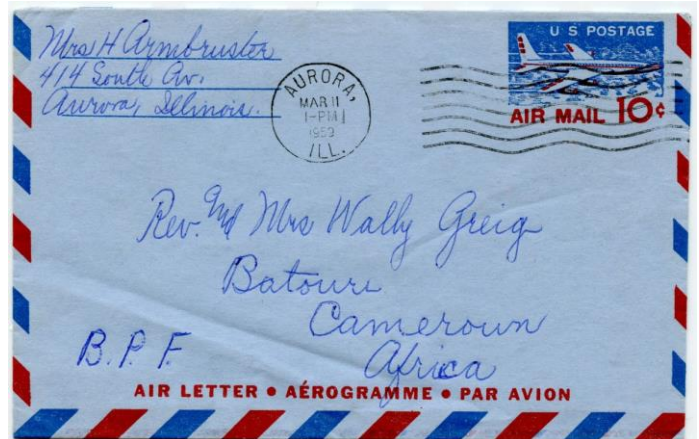
Many of the societies were offering special membership deals like 50% off first year and a free catalog of their specialty area. For instance, The Christmas Seal & Charity Stamp Society offered \$10 membership plus their Christmas Seal catalog as a freebie.

While walking around the exhibit frames, I witnessed young philatelists discussing their one-frame exhibits. All the exhibitors displayed a passion for the topics presented. I then looked at all the exhibit frames and enjoyed reading a few exhibits of interest.

The one dollar or less tables, mainly with covers, seemed to be busy throughout the show. I heard one dealer mention he just sold \$256 of 25-cent covers to one customer. All the dealers that were at the Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show were present at GASS. It was nice to say hello as I walked around the bourse area.

One area I collect is used U.S. aerograms to foreign destinations. I stopped at the Young Philatelic Leaders booth and found three aerograms for 25-cents each. What a nice find. The letters were addressed to a missionary in Cameroun, Africa which discussed bible themes and some family stories. I like them for the unusual destination address.

I also purchased some Navy hospital ship covers and then found a stack of Japanese postal cards with pictorial cancels dated in the 1920s. These will require further study.



I represented our stamp club at the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies. **Larry Crain** is creating a program to help local stamp shows with exhibits which can be hand delivered from show to show. More about this in the next Council Courier newsletter.

John Walter collects U.S. Navy ship covers & used U.S. aerograms addressed to foreign destinations & Japan.

Seaman Mail 1918

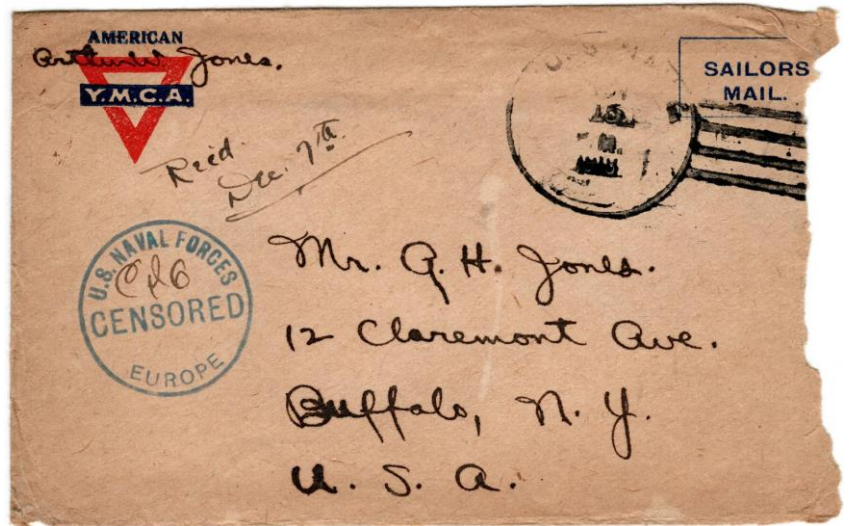
By Dave Gehringer

While looking for naval covers at GASS, a dealer showed me this cover with enclosed letter. It was written on Armistice Day. I wanted to share the entire letter with the stamp club members. A son stationed on the USS Stevens writing to his father in Buffalo, New York. It has a U.S. Naval Forces Europe Censored hand-stamp.

Armistice Day (Remembrance Day or Veterans Day) is commemorated every year on 11 November to mark the armistice signed in 1918 between the Allies of World War I and the German Empire at

Compiègne, France, for the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front of World War I, which took effect at eleven o'clock in the morning, the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918.

Most countries changed the name of the holiday after World War II to honor veterans of that and subsequent conflicts. Most member states of the Commonwealth of Nations adopted the name Remembrance Day, and the United States chose Veterans Day.



Dear Dad,

Nov. 11 - 1918

The big day has arrived. I guess the whole world is having a wild celebration, and it must be especially wild in the States. I just copied the radio press report from London that stated that the armistice was signed today at 5 a.m. It was wonderful news. Events have moved more rapidly during the past few weeks than anyone dared to predict. War critics have throughout the war drawn a comparison between this and the Civil War. In that Civil War both sides were able to fight apparently equally for a long time and then the end came quickly, as it would probably do in this war. It hid the nail on the head.

But the peace has come would be hard for you to bear, because with your daughter now earning her own living, and the Navy supporting your son, and public opinion keeping your automobile locked in the barn a good share of the time, you were having a mighty soft time. You will just have to make up your mind that it was too good to last.

I have heard of no plan about what to do with the destroyer flotilla at this base, but the rumor going around is that we will make a cruise about the British Isles, stopping at every port of importance for some kind of celebration. That will be fine if it isn't overdone. I would welcome a chance to see something of this side of the water before we return because as far as I have been ashore in Liverpool and Davenport only. However, I would rather spend Christmas at home than taking part in a parade at some other little one-horse place. I suppose three or four months here will be the most reasonable time to figure on, and it could be six months or more.

It certainly gives me a restless feeling to know that it is all over with, and we are free to go back home as the Admiralty orders us back. Think I should be able to get my discharge pretty soon after we do get to the States.

There probably isn't much use in trying to make plan as to what I would do for a living when I get home. At least I guess I can plan that it won't be agricultural, unless conditions have an immense change in the business and its future. The income tax statistics have shown that a farmer's money return are less than those of a school teacher. You can probably give me some valuable suggestions as to what to do I will find worthwhile when I get there.

We received mail today. There were five letters for me – yours of Oct. 22nd, Aunt Bertha's of Oct. 24th, and Mother's of Oct. 18th, 21st, and 24th. I was mighty glad to hear none of you have been sick with influenza. Two fellows in the radio crew received word of the death of relatives and friends from influenza.

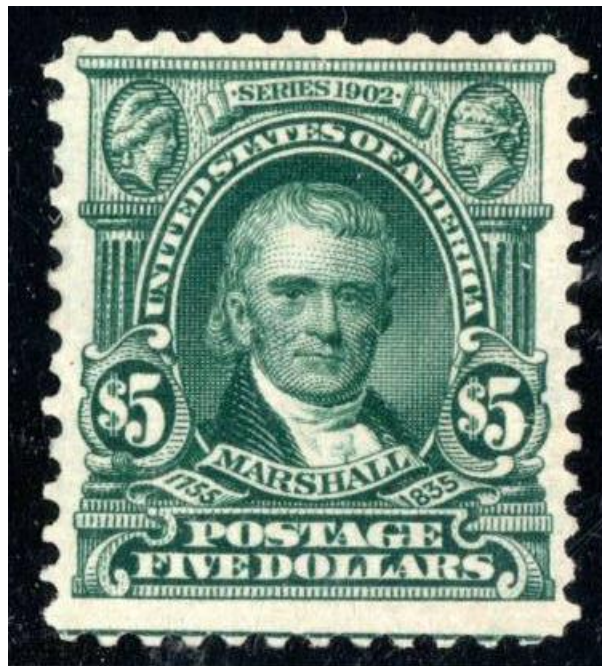
Am sorry you haven't heard from me in over a week when Mother wrote last. I have written every few days.

Nothing has been said about whether or not the censorship regulations are lifted. As soon as they are I will give you a rapid fire series of letters telling about the exciting times we have had.

Am going ashore now. Will write tomorrow. Much love to you all, Arthur
Arthur W. Jones U.S.S. Stevens c/o Postmaster New York City

High Value John Marshall Scott #313

Another purchase at GASS that Dave is proud to share is this stamp. He was looking at different auctions and finally found this VF stamp at a dealer. The stamp was issued on June 5, 1903.



Dave Gehringer collects early U.S. ship covers with emphasize on USS Lexington and some destroyers. He also collects early U.S. booklet panes.

My Thoughts on Attending the Great American Stamp Show

By Robert Martin

Although I did not stay at the Sheraton Grand Hotel, I did spend some time there at the Universal Ship Cancellation Society hospitality room, and attended the Palmares Banquet on Saturday, which always has a whole lot of serious stamp collectors present, including several world-class exhibitors. This GASS was well arranged and very professionally done, with 35 Society booths, including one for Plate Number Coil Collectors' Club (PNC3) where they signed up 4 new members, had a 3 hour board meeting, and a 2 hour membership meeting. I am the Vice-President of PNC3, and effective September 1, 2022, I will be serving as the club President.

I ran into many old friends, including members from NSSS, and several members from Collectors' Club San Francisco. The lectures were great, as always, but I miss Jacques Schiff, who died a few years ago, who used to give the same, well-attended lecture every year about auctions, buying, selling, and valuing stamps. Janet Klug, Past President of APS could not attend, due to her deteriorating health. I miss her a lot. Kristin Patterson was there and presented a lecture that was standing room only about selling on eBay.



The American Philatelic Society booth at the entrance to the show area.

GASS had 69 dealers present, many with multiple booths, something for everybody, except not much for beginners and children, as is almost always the case nowadays. The American Topical Association (ATA) and the American First Day Cover Society (AFDCS) were co-sponsors. They had nice booths. The United States Postal Service (USPS) had a very large booth. The USPS held a First Day cover ceremony on Thursday, the first day of the GASS, but I was unable to attend the first day. Unfortunately, the USPS is not getting adequate input from GASS organizers on what to bring to sell, so many collectors were disappointed. For example, postal stationery collectors were disappointed.

There were lots of great exhibits, too many to view, as always, but the ones I did get to see were well done, especially for collectors who are primarily interested in seeing covers, which appear to be about 99% of exhibits nowadays.

Schuyler Rumsey had a very nice auction going on during the entire convention, but I was unable to spend much time there. I was slightly disappointed that the one item I really wanted got bid up beyond

my maximum I was willing to spend, but at auctions like these, held on the internet with telephone bids as well as in-room bidding going on, not too many bargains were to be had. I wanted a "crash cover," that was rescued from an airplane crash, but it was not to be. I am always looking for items that are unusual that beginners and children will find interesting.



Viewing lots for the Schuyler Rumsey live auction.

I was not able to attend the APS general meeting this year, which I always have done in the past, because it conflicted with the PNC3 Board meeting I was required to attend. At every GASS over the past 22 years, I have had issues with wanting to attend two or more lectures being held at the same time. I do not know if there is a solution to that problem, but it would be nice to find a way to have the popular sessions not occurring at the same time. I miss one popular dealer, Brian and Lori Hunt (Hunt's Stamps of Texas) who were not able to make it. I hope to see them at future shows.

I was pleasantly surprised when past APS President, and well-known prolific philatelic writer and international judge John Hotchner sat next to me at the Palmares banquet. He is a quiet and unassuming man who has contributed incredibly to our hobby. Sadly, his wife of 53 years passed away a year ago after a long illness, but the benefit for us is that he now has more time for philatelic ventures. I also got to spend several minutes with Bob Lamb, former Executive Director of APS, and a storehouse of knowledge. It sounds like I am just dropping names, but it was exciting to meet and talk with these philatelic leaders. Roger Brody, famous collector, exhibitor, signer of the Roll of Distinguished Philatelist, and former President of Collectors Club at New York City was there, gracious as always, along with the current President of the Collectors club, Lawrence Haber. There are just too many to mention, so I am stopping here, but the fact is GASS is where one will find these people.

Sunday, as always, was the slowest day, but I was able to get some face-to-face with expert Canada stamp dealer, Roy Houtby (Roy's Stamps) from Ontario, who spent over 30 minutes giving me some valuable advice and guidance about my collection of Canada stamps. Many people choose to leave on Sunday mornings, but I have found Sundays to be an excellent time to get a little more facetime with dealers.

Technically, the lighting was good, and parking, though not cheap, was plentiful. The concession stand had an extremely poor selection, and pretty high prices. For example, a bottle of water cost \$5.00 plus tax. Many people attending chose to cross the street to the 7-11 store or go a half block to a Subway sandwich shop, where prices were closer to normal. The Registration booth was well staffed, and security was well done.

The lighting and projection equipment in the lecture rooms were of good quality. I think about 10% to 15% of attendees were wearing masks, but that seems to be rapidly phasing out. I am strongly in favor of protecting one's health, and the health of others, but getting over masking requirements is welcome to me, especially because I can understand people better when they are not being muffled through a mask.

If the cost of admission were \$50.00, it would have been well worth it, but as always, it was FREE!

Robert Martin is a member of the NSSS with an interest in educating children on our favorite hobby. He currently lives in Pennsylvania. He publishes *The PhilatelicKid* newsletter: <http://stampcollectingclubsforkids.org/>

British RAF 1936 Goodwill Flight

By Tom Reyman

The British Royal Air Force (RAF) dispatched three "Singapore III" flying boats from Singapore to Manila on February 13, 1936 to begin a "Goodwill Tour". This tour was to fly from Manila, Philippine Islands to Tokyo, Japan with several stops along the way including Hong Kong, Amoy (Szeming or Xiamen), and Shanghai. One of the three aircraft exhibited engine troubles after arrival at Manila, therefore two aircraft continued the tour.

The aircraft left Manila on February 16, 1936. The third aircraft was repaired and joined the other two as they arrived at Amoy/Szeming/Xiamen on February 23. The subject cover was one that completed this leg of the tour. All the posted mail from Manila carried on the tour received the cachet "Via Flying Boat of the British Royal Air Force" and the date of departure from Manila of February 16. The cover shows the machine imprint of the Szeming receipt.



The planes continued their journey and had reached Shanghai with the next planned stop being Tokyo. On February 26, there was an attempted military coup in Tokyo and the tour plans were changed. Mail for Tokyo was taken to Tokyo by surface means and the British aircraft continued the tour back to Hong Kong and then to French Indo China.

Reference:

- American Air Mail Catalogue, Volume 1, 7th Edition; 2014, National Color Graphics, Spokane, Washington; Page 320.

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September Quiz - We're Celebrating *What*?

By Eric Moody

Over the centuries, the United States has produced numerous commemoratives and definitive issues that honor events, places, things and personalities that are not widely known or have become less than “household names” today. Test your knowledge of the following rather obscure – or unexpected – stamp subjects.

1. In 1948 a stamp was issued to commemorate the centenary of the American Turners Society. This organization is:
(a) the American version of the British society that studies the work of famed painter J.M.W. Turner and his equally famous son Archibald.
(b) an agricultural society that sponsors advances in plowing technology.
(c) a gymnastics and physical health promoting organization.
(d) a culinary club that celebrates traditional American foods.
2. A 1926 stamp depicting a statue of Swedish-American John Ericsson honored a:
(a) Civil War general (b) pioneer banker (c) Michigan U.S. Senator (d) designer of naval warships
3. A stamp in 1972 (#1468) commemorated the founding of this by Aaron Montgomery Ward in 1872:
(a) chain stores (b) the mail order business (c) manufacturing of pre-fabricated homes
(d) assembly-line canned foods production
4. Emily Bissell was honored on a stamp in 1980 for her introduction of this in the U.S.:
(a) the art of origami (b) Arbor Day (c) Easter seals (d) Christmas seals
5. Ernie Nevers, depicted on a stamp in 2003 (#3809), was an early:
(a) aviator (b) stage actor (c) football player (d) tennis star
6. This Swedish entertainment figure was commemorated on a U.S. stamp in 2005:
(a) Ingmar Bergman (b) Greta Garbo (c) Jenny Lind (d) Anita Ekberg
7. The 400th anniversary of this explorer's expedition into the unknown interior of North America in the 1540s was commemorated on a 1940 stamp. He was:
(a) Francisco Coronado (b) Walter Raleigh (c) Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle
(d) Hernan Cortez (Cortes)
8. This very domestic issue of 1934, adorned with a famous painting by James McNeill Whistler, honored:
(a) homemakers (b) the home mortgage industry (c) home health care providers (d) mothers
9. Issued in 2000, this stamp (#3190m) depicted a famous science fiction character:
(a) Robby the Robot (b) The Invisible Man (c) E.T. (d) Godzilla
10. A coil stamp of 1998 (#3208) celebrated the distinctive American:
(a) drive-in movie theatre (b) diner (c) baseball park (d) amusement park

11. The 1957 stamp that carried an image of a “Bountiful Earth” female figure honored the:
(a) Garden Clubs of America (b) Future Farmers of America (c) 4-H Clubs (d) country’s wheat farmers
12. A 1997 issue honored this relatively little-known religious figure and social reformer, who lived from 1788-1853:
(a) Richard Henry Dana (b) Jane Addams (c) Hattie Caraway (d) Felix Varela

The September 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

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

More Pictures from the Great American Stamp Show



Dedication & unveiling ceremony of the stamp pane of Pony Cars.



Youth Champion Christina Esbeck explaining her “Cupcakes” exhibit.



Youth Champion Sjon Brejtus discussing his exhibit “Railroad Perfin's Used on Covers.”