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Announcements

Meetings –

Nov. 12, 2022 – No Zoom. Auction Bucks auction day. It starts at 10 a.m. There is no raffle, but refreshments will be available. More info on page 3. Auction items are needed.

Nov. 26, 2022 – Zoom and live meeting starts at 10 a.m. The clubhouse will be open at 9 a.m. for coffee, gossip, trading, putting items on the consignment table. Raffle items are always needed. After announcements, committee reports and raffle, there will be a philatelic presentation. This is our last meeting for the year.

There are no membership meetings in December.

Mark your calendar – **Christmas-Holiday Party – Dec. 10** at 11 a.m. Sign up at the November meetings with number of people attending and pot-luck food you are bringing. Still needed are desserts and vegetables.

November Online Auction – Auction lots must be submitted by noon Nov. 20 to Dave Parsons NSSSauctions@gmail.com. Auction #24 bidding starts at noon on Nov. 22 and ends Dec. 1 at noon. Pickup winning lots on Dec. 10 at Christmas party.

Proposed Postage rate increase – January 22, 2023.

First class mail – goes to 63¢. Post Cards will be 48¢.

First class metered mail increases from 57¢ to 60¢.

1 oz. international mail increases from \$1.40 to \$1.45.

Looks like the Forever stamps are getting more valuable (provided you purchased them within the last few years).

2023 Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show – July 29-30. Looking for exhibits, contact **Erik Fields**. Same venue at the Hall of Fame Museum at the National Bowling Stadium, 300 N. Center St., Reno.

Post Boy Reporter

Oct. 8 meeting – The meeting room was set up for an afternoon party for another group. So, **Erik Fields** and **James Steckley** arrived early to set up only part of the meeting room with 2 long tables. Attendance was 21 members in person and 2 via Zoom. **James Steckley** provided the refreshments.

Since the attendees had to squeeze into a smaller area, the PA system was not used. This made the audio better for Zoom attendees since only the laptop microphone was used. The projector and large screen were not used either. No raffle was conducted with very limited table space.

Mike Potter reported via Zoom from Mexico that membership renewals are still coming in. About 10 members have not paid yet. Contact Mike if you have a question about your membership renewal.

Dave Parsons reminded everyone that online Auction #23 starts at noon on Oct. 11 and ends at Noon on Oct. 20. **James Steckley** reported most of the donations have been sold via the meeting and online auctions.

John Walter gave a report on the Post Boy newsletter, thanking Eric Moody for his monthly quizzes. He also discussed the website and the monthly updates. Articles are always needed for the Post Boy especially one or two pages. **Erik Fields** announced the dates for the 2023 Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show are July 29-30. The website show page will be updated with the new dates. <https://renostamp.org/show.html>

Jeanne Paquin volunteered to coordinate the Holiday Party on Dec. 10 at 11 a.m. A signup sheet will be at the next few meetings for the potluck food items.

Gary Atkinson was the auctioneer for the live auction with **Nadiyah Beekun** and **Howard Kadohiro** helping. There were 45 member lots and 4 donation lots with 36 sold for a total of \$234.00.

Oct. 22 meeting – Attendance was 21 members and a visitor (Robert Bernal) who planned to join. No Zoom attendees as there was a problem. **Erik Fields** and **James Steckley** arrived early to setup the tables and chairs. Refreshments were provided by **James Steckley** and **Gary Atkinson**.

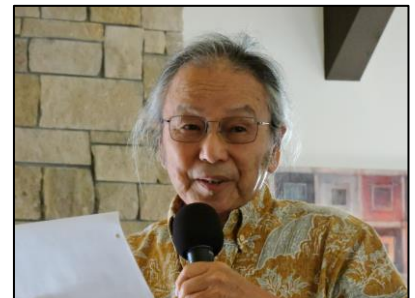
Dave Parsons reported on the Online Auction #23. There was a total of 62 lots with 35 being sold (58%) with \$195.50 in gross sales. The raffle was conducted by **Betty Mudge** with 10 prizes. The bonus prize was won by **Robert Bernal** and the money prize of \$9.50 went to **Howard Grenzebach**.



Kevin Morris

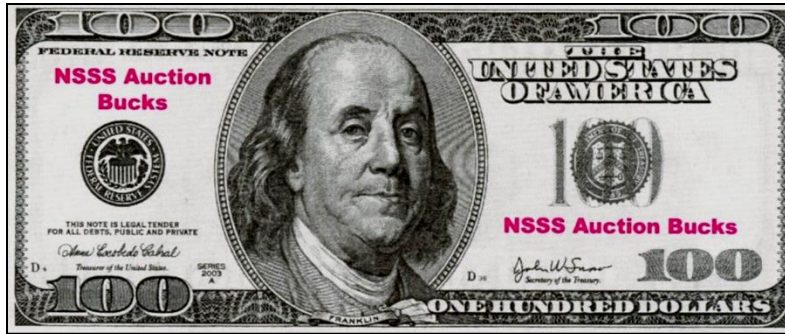
There were two presentations. **Kevin Morris** discussed his 8 years of experience with “Post Crossing” – exchanging post cards from members all over the world. The organization is free to join – www.postcrossing.com. There are over 800,000 members in 208 countries. Most post cards seem to be picture post cards, but others have written messages. English is the preferred language used in the exchange.

Howard Kadohiro talked about Florence Finch (Medal of Freedom recipient) who helped the U.S. POWs after the Japanese conquest of the Philippines. She was a Filipino-American in the Philippine resistance (1942-1945) and served in the USCG (1945-1946). She lived to be 99 years old and died in N.Y. in 2016. Howard shared many letters and covers from the Philippine POWs in the early 1940's.



Howard Kadohiro

Auction Bucks Auction



Nov. 12, 2022

Silverada Estates Clubhouse, 2301 Oddie Blvd, Reno

Auction starts around 10:15 - After the **Salute to our Veterans**

There is NO raffle at this meeting.

The meeting on November 12 is the only meeting where you can spend your hard-earned Auction Bucks to “purchase” real items – philatelic and other “stuff.” Members donate yard/garage sale type items for the auction. A few members usually bring some bottles of wine and other “valuable“ items to spice up the bidding. It’s a fun time for all. Spouses are invited to help spend your bucks.

- 😊 Arrive early with your donated items and to view the other items in the auction.
- 😊 Coffee and refreshment are provided.
- 😊 Donated items usually include some wine, books, music CDs, plus many more. This year there is a great assortment of movie DVDs and some artificial plants.
- 😊 Bring your yard/garage sale items and participate in the auction using your hard-earned Auction Bucks awarded for your volunteer activities.
- 😊 Word is there will be some philatelic items offered.
- 😊 This meeting is strictly to spend your Auction Bucks. Come and enjoy the fun.
- 😊 Earned Auction Bucks were distributed to members at the Oct. 22 meeting. If you did not receive your bucks, Betty Mudge will have them available on Nov. 12.



Some philatelic and non-philatelic items from 2021 Auction Bucks auction.

2022 Salute to our Military Veterans

As a tribute to our members who served in the military the Nevada Stamp Study Society salutes you for your serve. These are the members who provided information on their active-duty military service and overseas assignments:

Gary Atkinson, Army, Capt. 1973-1980

Nadiah Beekun, MS2, Navy, 1977-1981 Italy

Richard Dreiling, CWO-4, Navy, 1957-1987 Vietnam (2 tours), Japan

Harvey Edwards, ETN2, Navy, 1973-1979 Submarine duty

Terri Edwards, Captain, Army, 1981-1985 West Germany

Howard Grenzebach, E3, Air Force, 1960-1964 Spain

Tom Hamilton, Marines,

Charles "Chip" MacLeod, E-5, Army, 1969-1972 Vietnam, Japan

Merle "Scott" Mathews, Navy, 1973-1982 Diego Garcia (Indian Ocean)

David Parsons, 1st Lt., Air Force, 1970-1972

George Ray, Sgt., Marines, 1955-1959

Thomas Reyman, Capt., Arizona Air National Guard, 1967-1980

Richard Simmonds, Colonel, Air Force, 1964-1985

James Steckley, Coast Guard, 1963-1967

John Walter, Major, Air Force, 1969-1989 Japan, Guam

Vern Watts, Army & Alaska Army Nat. Guard Vietnam

Robert Wolf, BM3, Navy, 1952-1956 Korea, Germany, Greece,

Robert Wolf, Sgt. 1st Class, Army, 1962-1979 Iran, Vietnam (Bronze Star)



The cachet is an original painting by Mel Crawford.

Unusually Attached Postage

By Patrick Crosby

When I saw an online scan of the featured postcard from 1898, I wondered why someone would cut a stamp apart and then place it, separated, on the wrong corner of the card. Then I noticed an arrow in pencil by the postmark pointing to maybe an explanation. At \$3.20 I just had to satisfy my curiosity.



Stamp & cancel right side up.



The stamp is not cut apart, but the card itself has two slits with the postage stamp tucked in quite tightly. The outgoing postmark ties the stamp to the card. The arrow does point to an explanation and (according to a German friend) reads with frustration in an odd and antiquated fashion, “The pesky thing won’t stick”. Apparently, there was no paste handy.

Looking at the address side of the postcard with “Postkarte” at the top and the address written in the correct area, why was the stamp attached at the bottom? Universal Postal Union (UPU) regulations said the stamp was to be placed in “...one of the upper corners of the front.”

The sender wanted to avoid interfering with the lovely Munich Maximilianeum Building and Bridge scene on the view side, and instead cut slits into the small message area. There is no street address, but it is addressed to a section of the city and “(Färberei)”, which is “dye factory”.

Bavaria had postal autonomy (separate from Germany) until 1920 but was never a separate member of the UPU and instead was considered part of the German Imperial Post Office for international purposes. The Bavaria (Bayern) 5pf (pfennig) stamp used is Scott 62a, the “a” is for toned paper, issued beginning in 1890. Interestingly, Scott 62 was not issued until 1900.

What postal rate did 5 pfennig (equal to 1 cent U.S.) pay? I’m not sure, but I can think of two possibilities. The first is that perhaps Bavaria and Austria-Hungary had a postal treaty providing reduced rates between close neighbors (like between the USA and Canada) and 5 pfennig was the card rate, the same as the German domestic card rate. Mailed from Bavaria, at the time still a kingdom but part of the German Empire, to Austria-Hungary, the distance between the two respective cities of Munich (Muenchen on the postmark = München) and Innsbruck was only around 110 miles by road. In fact the card was received in Innsbruck the same day it was posted in Munich, July 10, 1898. Also, a spoken dialect, Southern Bavarian, was shared in this Austro-Bavarian region. This dialect was common in the 11th to 14th centuries and persisted in Innsbruck because of its geographical isolation in the Alps. This could be why the card’s wording seemed antiquated to my friend.

The second possibility is that the 5 pfennig value paid the correct UPU international rate if the postal clerks considered the card to be printed matter. Otherwise, the postcard rate was 10 pfennig. I see two UPU regulations not followed in order to enjoy the lesser priced printed matter rate, both of which could have been graciously ignored:

1) Only "Postkarte" is printed on the card. The indicia should have included in French or German "Universal Postal Union". However this regulation need not be followed if the postcard was intended for domestic use. If "Drucksache" (German for "Printed Matter") had been added to the card and "Postkarte" crossed out, then there'd be no question. Although not effective until January 1, 1899, it had already been decided at the UPU Congress in Washington, D.C. in mid-1897 that "Postkarte" (in any language) on a card would be allowed as printed matter.

2) There could be no handwritten message, while signatures were allowed. The small message area on this card passes happy greetings and good-bye to cousins and has a few signatures. With no real message, the post offices could allow it at the printed matter rate.

Maybe you have a supply of not canceled U.S. stamps with no gum on the back at home – now you know what to do with them.



Picture side of card with slits & stamp in the left bottom.

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Patrick Crosby is a member of the Nevada Stamp Study Society and collects U.S. postal stationery, stamps, and postcards with an emphasis on postal history.

Washington, D.C. to Hollywood, California in One Day

By Howard Grenzebach

Nice, average everyday cover with a field of purple Jefferson 3¢ stamps offset by one pink 2¢ Adams mailed in 1954 from Washington D. C. to Hollywood, California.



According to the receiving cancel it arrived in Hollywood one day after leaving the Silver Springs post office in Maryland. Wait a minute. Maryland?? Are there no post offices in Washington D. C.?



It seems most every cover has a small mystery and now we have computers to help us solve those mysteries. By "googling" the D.C. address I find that 8020 West Beach Drive is about eight or ten blocks from the nearest post office, across the border in the next state, Maryland. Its right behind the Society Restaurant on Thayer Avenue... It left Maryland on Oct 15 and arrived in Hollywood on the 16th (1 day, 2 hours later).

BTW, Nice house. Looks comfortable. BTW, this cover came to me from another member through the raffle at a club meeting. Thanks.

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



Italian Occupation of Austria

By Howard Grenzebach

During World War I, Italy invaded southwestern Austria where the armies were immediately bogged down in trench warfare. When the war ended Italy occupied parts of Austria and Dalmatia (now, the southern part of Croatia) but was pushed out of Dalmatia by treaty, retaining only the city of Zadar.

Italian stamps were overprinted for use in the two countries. While at first glance the overprints seem alike, they are different in a few respects.

The stamp on the left was used in Austria and has serifs and curly cues on the letters while the overprint on the right, used in Dalmatia, is plain. The letters on the Austrian stamp is of a slightly smaller font and the spacing between the lines are larger. Note the scan below comparing the two. BTW, I didn't cut the stamps, I just scanned them that way.

And now you know how to tell the difference.



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November Quiz - Gone to the Dogs - in the U.S.

By Eric Moody

Most countries, among them the United States, have occasionally “gone to the dogs” by depicting canines on their postage stamps. The following questions involve dogs that have appeared on U.S. stamps.

1. The first appearance of a dog on a U.S. stamp occurred in
(a) 1898 – with a group of pioneers (b) 1948 – with a group of pioneers (c) 1966 – celebrating the centenary of the SPCA (d) 1979 – honoring seeing eye dogs
2. The U.S. began producing Christmas stamps in 1962, but a dog didn’t appear on one until
(a) 1974 (b) 1982 (c) 1987 (d) 1999
3. Seeing eye dogs were celebrated on a stamp in 1979. Depicted on it is a
(a) golden lab (b) collie (c) Australian shepherd (d) German shepherd
4. Featured in a “Disney characters” set of 2006:
(a) Lady and the Tramp (b) Goofy (c) Old Yeller (d) Pluto
5. In 2001 Snoopy appeared on a stamp (#3507) commemorating
(a) cartoonist Charles Schulz (b) American cartooning (c) the comic strip Peanuts (d) World War I aviation heroes
6. A 2019 set of four stamps depicting “military working dogs” did not include a picture of a
(a) Doberman Pinscher (b) Labrador retriever (c) German shepherd (d) Dutch shepherd
7. One stamp (#3417) in a 2000 set featuring children’s art carried a fanciful drawing of a
(a) St. Bernard rescuing skiers (b) dog swimming (c) dog on the moon (d) poodle flying
8. The first Chinese (Lunar) New Year stamp to portray a dog on it was issued in
(a) 1990 (b) 1994 (c) 2000 (d) 2012
9. A dog sled, being pulled by a team, appeared on a polar exploration stamp in
(a) 1933 (b) 1959 (c) 1971 (d) 1986
10. 1984 was a big year for dogs in U.S. philately. A set celebrated eight different breeds, and another stamp depicted this famous canine:
(a) Lassie (b) Pluto (c) Rin Tin Tin (d) McGruff the Crime Dog
11. A dog is one of the animals featured in this whimsical 1998 set (#3230-3234) titled
(a) wet noses (b) long hair (c) bright eyes (d) cute pets
12. In 1986 a dog sled and team appeared on a stamp that commemorated Artic explorers
(a) Richard Byrd and Floyd Bennett (b) Robert Peary and Matthew Henson (c) Roald Amundsen and Lincoln Ellsworth (d) Robert Peary and Richard Byrd

The November 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

October Quiz Answers: 1. c 2. b 3. d 4. b 5. d
6. c 7. b 8. a 9. b 10. a 11. d 12. d 13. c

New Member - Robert Bernal

The October 22 meeting was the first for Robert Bernal. He brought some items from his collection to show other members. Robert was born in Herlong CA Army Depot many years ago. His wife, Hermine, was born in Germany. He moved to Nevada 3 years ago from CA. His family was large with 7 siblings. One of his brothers got him interested in stamps which he says, “have so much color and brightness in them, it is just so 😎 cool.”

Robert worked as a General Forman Iron worker for 34 years when he retired at age 51. He brags about his favorite vehicle a 57 Chevy two door Belair. Some other hobbies are coin collecting, fishing, and hunting.

Robert enjoyed his first stamp club meeting winning a couple of the raffle prizes and the bonus raffle prize. His picture will appear in the next Post Boy.

Vassar Post Office Display



Every November our stamp club honors our member veterans. At the same time there is a philatelic display at the main Reno post office doing the same.

The other post office display frame has Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa items. That photo will be in the December Post Boy.