

Post Boy

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Announcements

Meetings –

Dec. 10, 2022 –Christmas-Holiday Party – 11 a.m. Full details on page 3. The club will provide the main entrée with participants bringing side dishes. There is a gift exchange for those wanting to participate. Make sure Jeanne Paquin has the number of people attending and what food you intend to bring. Email: vp@renostamp.org or give her a call.

January 14, 2023 – In person and Zoom – 10 a.m. Details in the January Post Boy.

Online Auction 24 ended Dec. 1 with a total of 89 lots and 57 sold or 64%, for a total of \$335.15. <https://renostamp.org/auction>
The next online auction will be in January.

Throughout the year the stamp club has hosted meetings both in person and on Zoom with 20-30 members in attendance. Social events with the summer picnic, Auction Bucks auction and the Christmas-Holiday party are all well attended.

The club publishes an award-winning monthly newsletter and with an award winning website archives the clubs activities with reports and photos. The Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show held in July during the Reno Artown is advertised on their website and pamphlet of activities.

All this is possible with the many volunteers and numerous hours of involvement by the members. A list of these volunteers is on page 4. There is always room for more participation and ideas for future events and activities.

On behalf of the officers and directors: Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and have a very Happy New Year.

Post Boy Reporter

Nov. 12 meeting – **Erik Fields** and **James Steckley** arrived early to setup the tables and chairs. Refreshments were provided by **Nadiah Beekun**. Attendance was 27 members and 2 guests. **Robert Bernal** joined today as a new member. His profile was in the Nov. Post Boy.

James Steckley reminded everyone the next online auction starts Nov. 22 and ends Dec. 1. The online auction lots are due by noon on Nov. 20.

Jeanne Paquin is coordinating the Christmas-Holiday Party on Dec. 10 at 11 a.m. A signup sheet was passed around.

Mike Potter and **Erik Fields** were the auctioneers for the Auction Bucks auction with **Nadiah Beekun** helping. There were 62 lots with \$225,165 (auction bucks) spent. The most expensive item was an 1886 silver dollar (99% silver) which sold for \$40,000. A small wall clock went for \$28,000; a larger clock went for AB \$25,000. Philatelic items: UN collection – \$15,000; British Commonwealth collection - \$20,000; mystery box - \$15,000. Wine bottles went for about \$1,000, and large plastic bins went for \$9,000. This was the largest number of auction bucks ever spent at one of these auctions. Pictures of the auction on page 9.

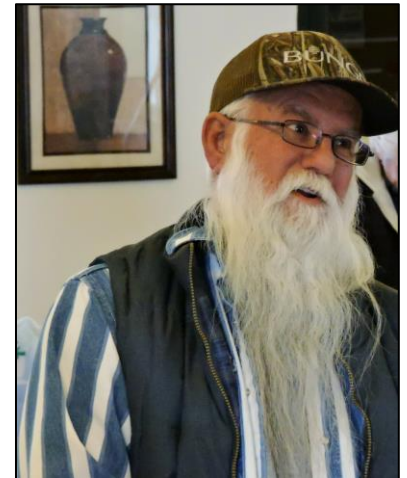
Nov. 22 meeting – **James Steckley** and **Erik Fields** arrived early to set up the tables and chairs, plus Erik had the coffee pot perking before 9 a.m. Refreshments were provided by **George Ray**. The attendance was 18 members and one spouse who brought her two support dogs.

James Steckley reminder everyone of upcoming stamp shows through Dec. James will be attending PEN-PEX, Dec. 3-4 and represent our club at the Council meeting. James reported receiving a donation from Marybel Batjer, the widow of former NV chief justice, Cameron Batjer. Marybel Batjer served as chief of staff to NV Gov. Kenny Guinn from 2000 to 2003 and as Cabinet secretary and chief policy adviser to California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Mike Potter reported that 58 members have renewed 2022 memberships and 18 still pending. **John Walter** had a new display at the Vassar post office. John updated members on activities with the Post Boy and the club website.

Betty Mudge conducted the raffle with 10 donated prizes. The bonus raffle was won by **Eric Moody** and the money of \$9.50 was won by **Eugene Smoots**.

Dave Gehringer gave a very informative presentation on “May 19, 1898 – A Significant Date in Postal History.” On May 19, 1898, Congress passed the Private Mailing Card Act. The act allowed private printers to produce their own postcards with the same postage rate as government-issued cards. Dave showed many examples with the required printing.



Robert Bernal, our newest member.

Dec. 10 - Christmas-Holiday Party

The social event of the year will be Saturday starting at 11:00 a.m. at the Silverada Estates Clubhouse. For those who want to help with decorating the tables, that time starts at 10 a.m.

Family members are invited. This is a pot-luck meal with the main entree being turkey. Members are asked to bring pot-luck items, such as, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, Hors D'oeuvres, desserts, etc. Contact Jeanne Paquin (775-450-8443) letting her know what food you are bringing.

Please bring your own beverage (wine is OK), plates and utensils for everyone in your party.

There is a gift exchange. If you want to participate, bring a wrapped gift (no more than \$15 value) for each person attending and mark philatelic, male, or female. The gifts can be “stolen,” after unwrapping, up to three times. Confused? Come and participate in the fun.

Christmas/Holiday Party and Gift Exchange

Silverada Estates Clubhouse

2301 Oddie Blvd., Reno

December 10, 2022

10:00 a.m. – Room setup, Table decorations, and social time.

11:00 a.m. - Hors D'oeuvres, pre-meal snacks & conversation

12:00 p.m. - Main meal **Turkey - then Gift exchange**

If you want to participate in the gift exchange:

**Bring a wrapped gift (no more than \$15 value) for each person attending.
Tag gift if specifically for female, male, or philatelist.**

**Please bring a plate and silverware for each person and
your own drink (wine is OK).**

Spouses and family members are welcome.

**If you have not signed up to bring a food item,
please call Jeanne Paquin 775-450-8443 or email vp@renostamp.org**

An accurate count for those attending is needed

You may come early (no sooner than 10:00 a.m.) to help with the setup and table decorations.

2022 Volunteers & Activities

At the end of the year the stamp club recognizes those members who have served the membership in various ways. If you don't see your name on the list, there are things you can do to enhance your club participation. Our president can fit your skills to different club activities. In addition to the officers and directors, here are our extraordinary volunteers:

- Historian – **Dick Dreiling** (member since 1975)
- Archivist - **John Walter** (using the NSSS website & club laptop computer)
- Program Chair - **Dave Gehringer**
- Get Well & Sympathy Cards – **Howard Grenzebach**
- Donations Chair - **James Steckley**
- Nomination & Election Chair - **John Walter**
- Sign-In Log & Auction Bucks Accounting/Distribution – **Betty Mudge**
- Silverada Clubhouse Meeting Place Liaison – **George Ray**
- Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show special cancellations - **Harvey Edwards**
- Post Office and Library Displays:
 - Vassar Post Office – **John Walter** (every 4-6 weeks)
 - Carson City Library – **John Walter & Dave Gehringer**
 - Vista Post Office – **Jeanne Paquin** Fallon – **Scott Mathews**
- Storage Unit – **Mike Potter**
- Online auctions - **Dave Parsons (auction master), John Walter (webpage)**
- Auction accounting - **Erik Fields (live auction) and Dave Parsons (on-line auction)**
- Meeting Room setup - **Erik Fields and James Steckley**
- Council of Northern CA Philatelic Societies Liaison – **John Walter**
- Penny Boxes – **Eugene Smoots, Dave Parsons, and Jeanne Paquin**
- Raffle Coordinator/Operator and Auction Bucks recorder – **Betty Mudge**
- APS Liaison & Ambassador Membership Program – **Mike Potter**
- Membership Chair – **Mike Potter**
- Member Database & Directory - **Harvey Edwards**
- Librarian - **Dave Gehringer**
- Webmaster - **John Walter**
- Post Boy Editor - **John Walter**
- Post Boy quiz master – **Eric Moody** (plus one quiz by **Dave Gehringer**)
- APS Estate Advisory service – **Gary Atkinson**
- Youth Program - **Dave Gehringer**
- Refreshments Coordinator – **Barbara Stanfield**
- Auctioneers for meeting auctions – **Gary Atkinson, Mike Potter, Erik Fields**
- Auctioneer's Assistants – **George Ray, Nadiah Beekun, Howard Kadohiro.**
- Original Post Boy articles - **Pat Crosby, Tom Reyman, John Walter, Harvey Edwards, Howard Grenzebach, Dave Parsons, Nadiah Beekun, James Steckley, Mike Potter, Dave Gehringer, and Robert Martin.**



AM 105 in Nevada – Carson City to Hawthorne

By Tom Reyman

Bonanza Air Services was formed in 1945 as a charter airline based in Las Vegas, Nevada. Initially, the airline flew Cessna T-50 aircraft but, after purchasing two DC-3 airplanes in 1946, Bonanza began scheduled flights between Las Vegas and Reno, NV. In 1949, Bonanza was awarded the AM 105 air contract and began interstate flights to Phoenix, AZ under the new name of Bonanza Air Lines



The subject cover below is from a Southbound flight in December 1949 from Carson City, Nevada to Hawthorne, Nevada. This was the first flight between the two destinations and the plane was piloted by Myron W. Reynolds.



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.

The U.S. Registration Stamp on Cover By Patrick Crosby

Sending something valuable through the U.S. mails? Since 1855 Registry Service has been available for greater security. Like the 1955 Certified Mail stamp (Scott #FA1), only a single Registration stamp was ever issued for this added service. But unlike the Certified Mail stamp that was issued as a promotion for Certified Mail, the Registration stamp (Sc. #F1, issued Dec. 1, 1911) had a different practical purpose – to speed up delivery.

The stamp was expected to be quickly noticed by postal employees at the originating, intermediate (if any), and receiving post offices and be immediately processed. But ordinary postage stamps continued to be allowed and most registered mail did not receive the benefit. Also, some postal patrons thought that if they used the special registration stamp, they did not need to go to the post office to fill out the required forms. So, they dropped their “registered” letter in a mailbox and received only first-class service.



As Scott Specialized puts it, “These special stamps were abolished May 28, 1913...”, but were allowed for registered mail until supplies were used up. The stamps were Special Usage, never allowed for other purposes.

The featured cover from Feb. 26, 1914, shows what to typically expect on a registered cover of this era.

On the front of the cover is a typical (for intermediate size post offices) carmine “Registered No.” box handstamp with the record number from the post office Registry Book penciled in the blank space. A return receipt to the sender stating when, where, and to whom the item was delivered was at this time free as long as this service was requested, as in “Return receipt demanded” on this cover.



In 1910 it was noticed that postal employees were not always checking the reverse side of registered envelopes for signs of tampering, as required. Consequently, all dated postmarks were only to be applied on the reverse.



So, the fronts on registered mail have oval postmarks with only the originating post office's city, state, and sometimes station. The backsides would show two originating post office's "Registered" dated handstamps tying the flap to the rest of the envelope as shown. The receiving and in-between (if any) post offices used their similar handstamp applied on the backside.

Registered U.S. mail service is still available. Items must still be presented to a postal employee, a mailing receipt is given to the sender, and, if requested, an electronic verification that the item was delivered, or an attempt was made is provided. Instead of the 10¢ fee that Sc. #F1 paid, today's registry fees start at \$14.65.

I recently paid \$18 for the featured cover. Scott values #F1 on cover at \$85, and I see examples online for sale from \$40 to \$100. The 2¢ envelope used is Sc. #U411d, which is common.

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December Quiz - Gone to The Dogs – All Around the World

By Eric Moody

Over the years, dogs have proved to be a popular subject on postage stamps. This quiz is about some of their appearances on stamps around the globe.

1. Puppies are featured in this 2003 set of stamps from Ireland that celebrates:
(a) the Irish Humane Society (b) the dog food industry (c) baby animals (d) children's literature
2. East Germany (German Democratic Republic) issued a set in 1976 that featured five different breeds of dogs. Included were all of the following except:
(a) Airedale (b) German Shepherd (c) Great Dane (d) Russian Wolfhound
3. In 1995 this European nation produced a set of dog stamps (#B779-B783) celebrating breeds identified with the country.
(a) France (b) Great Britain (c) Spain (d) Germany
4. The Puli is a sheepdog associated with this nation, which featured it on stamps (#1148-1150, 1153-1155) issued in 1956.
(a) Russia (b) Hungary (c) France (d) Italy
5. An "Eskimo dog" appeared in a 1958 set of Canadian stamps that commemorated the centennial of the:
(a) Canadian Kennel Club (b) Canadian Sportsmen's Association (c) Canadian Humane Society
(d) American Eskimo Cultural Society
6. A 1999 set of French stamps (#2740-2743) featuring cats and dogs included one that depicted a:
(a) Brittany Spaniel (b) French Poodle (c) Bichon Frise (d) St. Bernard
7. This short-legged dog, long associated with the British royal family, has been featured on the stamps of more than twenty countries and territories (including Montserrat's #1104 in 1999).
(a) English Bulldog (b) Springer Spaniel (c) Yorkshire Terrier (d) Welsh Corgi
8. Goofy and Pluto were included in this country's 1995 set of stamps (#1698-1709) that featured Disney characters "portraying American Indians or appearing in western scenes."
(a) St. Vincent (b) Gambia (c) Mongolia (d) Grenada
9. Cats and dogs shared space in a set (#953-960) released by this African nation in 1985.
(a) Egypt (b) South Africa (c) Nigeria (d) Guinea
10. Several stamps (#2796-2799) commemorating the big Intercanis Dog Show were issued in 1990 by this former country.
(a) East Germany (DDR) (b) Czechoslovakia (c) Soviet Union (d) United Arab Republic
11. A set of dog stamps that included pictures of a Dalmatian and an Abruzzi sheepdog (#1966, 1968) was produced in 1994 by:
(a) Italy (b) Yugoslavia (c) Austria (d) France
12. An indigenous wild dog was featured on a 2006 stamp (#2502) from this country.
(a) South Africa (b) Sudan (c) China (d) Australia

The December 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

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

Auction Bucks auction items at Nov. 12 meeting



Mike Potter, auctioneer, with faux plant.



Erik Fields, auctioneer, with live plant.

Vassar Post Office Display

The two wall frames at the post office have holiday material celebrating Hanukkah (begins sundown Dec. 18), Christmas (Dec. 25), and Kwanzaa (begins Dec. 26). The second frame is for the start of the new year and celebrating the Lunar New Year (Year of the Rabbit). Every 4-6 weeks the philatelic display is changed by **John Walter**.



2022 new issues for these holidays.

