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Announcements

Meetings –

August 12 – PICNIC at the Silverada Estates Clubhouse. Room set up starts around 10 a.m. with grilling and food table open around 11:30. Please notify **Jeanne Paquin** with number of people attending and the pot-luck food you are bringing.

Aug. 26 - In person and online via Zoom meeting starts at 10 a.m. After announcements, committee reports and raffle, the presentation will be “The Good, Bad, and Ugly from the Stamp Show.” Members can have up to 10 lots on the consignment table. Extra lots may be added as lots are sold.

Online Auction #29 – All lot descriptions and images are due by noon on August 13. The auction will start at noon Aug. 15 and end at noon on August 24. Email auction lot info to **Dave Parsons**:
NSSSauctions@gmail.com

Membership Dues – The membership year is Aug. 1 to July 31 each year. The annual dues of \$20 for individual and \$25 for family is payable now. Those members who joined earlier in 2023 are good until July 2024.

Elections are conducted each year at the annual picnic, which is Aug. 12 this year. A full slate of candidates is provided below. There is one candidate for each open office.

President – **James Steckley** (2-year term) incumbent

Treasurer – **Erik Fields** (2-year term) incumbent

Director – **Dave Parsons** (3-year term) incumbent

Director – **John Walter** (3-year term)

Retiring Director is George Ray – Please thank him for his many years serving on the NSSS Board. He will remain the liaison for the Silverada Estates Clubhouse meeting venue.

Post Boy Reporter

July 8 meeting – The attendance was 19 members including one member via Zoom. **Erik Fields** and **James Steckley** arrived early to set up the meeting room. **James Steckley** provided the refreshments.

James Steckley made announcements about USPS new issue stamps and stationery in July. Some items donated to the Sparks Heritage Museum will be auctioned with proceeds to the museum. There are 20 donated lots in today's live meeting auction.

Erik Fields reminded members about the Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show, July 29-30. Dealers are still being solicited along with exhibits. **John Walter** reported on the website, Post Boy, and the Vassar post office displays.

Dave Parsons reported the online auction #28 ended on July 6. A total of 54 lots were listed with 37 lots sold for \$224.00. More sellers and bidders are needed for future auctions. The online auctions will resume after the stamp show.

Mike Potter announced a new member joined today, **Gerry Barrett**. His profile will be in next month's Post Boy. Mike reminded everyone the membership year starts August 1, so membership renewal starts now.

The raffle was conducted by **George Ray** with 10 prizes and a bonus prize won by **Nadiah Beekun**. The money of \$8.00 was won by **Eric Moody**.

The live auction had 73 lots with 55 lots selling for \$349.00. **Mike Potter** was the auctioneer with **Nadiah Beekun** helping.

July 22 meeting – Attendance was 22 members including two members via Zoom. There were also 2 family members present. **Erik Fields** and **James Steckley** arrived early to setup the tables and chairs. Refreshments were provided by **Robert Bernal**.

James Steckley announced that some large collections (UN, Ryukyu Is, US) will be in the next live club auction.

Mike Potter reminded everyone the membership year starts Aug. 1. Members joining earlier this year have their membership until July 31, 2024.

John Walter changed the Vassar post office display with Classic Cars for Hot August Nights and covers from prior Reno Air Races. **Erik Fields** announced the progress on the stamp show scheduled for next weekend.

The raffle was conducted by **George Ray** with 10 prizes. The bonus prize was won by **Robert Bernal** and the money prize of \$12.50 went to **Mike Del Grosso**.

Dave Gehringer gave a slide presentation on the 1983 Columbian Exposition Stamps and Postal Stationery. He showed his copy of the 2¢ Columbian "broken hat" variety stamp along with his album page with the rest of the Columbian stamp series. He also showed the special printing of the exposition postal cards and envelopes.



Closeup of the
"broken hat"



Columbian 2¢ (Sc. 231) "Broken hat" variety stamp.

2023 Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show Report

By John Walter

The Hall of Fame Museum at the National Bowling Stadium in downtown Reno again hosted the stamp show. The preparations started on Friday, July 28, with **Eric Fields**, Show Chair, arriving early to check out the setup of the dealer tables. **John Walter**, **James Steckley** and **Robert Dragone** also came early to help.

By 11:30 **Mike Potter** was delivering 2 wooden pallets with the exhibit frames and other material. By noon there was a full crew, **Ken Hopple**, **Pat Crosby**, **Dave Gehringer** and **Howard Grenzebach**, to set up the 30 frames. Later in the afternoon **James Steckley** and **John Walter** were folding the printed programs.



Street sign in front of the bowling stadium.



Welcome desk at Sunday opening. **Erik Fields**, **Tuck Vosburg** and **James Steckley** welcoming visitors.

The dealers were arriving early with **Gary Riddle**, **Hannah**, and **Miyuki Oates** helping. These individuals started helping with move-in when they were teenagers and now they are college graduates. Hospitality items were brought in by **Erik Fields** and **John Walter**.

Ten dealer tables were sold plus the USPS had a table. There were less visitors who came to sell collections this year. The attendance on Saturday was 144 (down slightly from last year). The annual Wing Fest cooking contest (one block away) was held on Friday and Saturday with many streets blocked off or one-way traffic creating problems for some attendees. People came early to spend time and money with the dealers.

Sunday was a little slower with 86 people attending – down from last year. Thirty frames were available for exhibits with 6 competitive, 5 non-competitive, and 5 display frames mainly with My Favorite pages. Two exhibit frames (with displays only) were in the lobby of the bowling stadium. There was active bowling on Sunday on the fourth floor.

Two philatelic presentations were provided by **Tom Reyman**, a member from Scottsdale, AZ. Saturday afternoon he discussed and showed unique covers on the German “Dornier Do X Flying Boat.” There were 11 attendees. On Sunday was a presentation on “The Philatelic World of A.C. Roessler” showing covers and some discussion on his famous fake stamps and



Tom Reyman at booth for American Air Mail Society.

cover creations. Tom showed some unique covers during Roessler's business ventures. There were 12 attendees at the Sunday presentation.

Exhibits

Frame #	Title	Awards	Exhibitor
1	All About Mongolia (Junior Exhibit)	Bronze	Donovan Sehr
2 - 5	Hollywood Legends	Vermeil and People's Choice	Jeanne Paquin
6 - 8	Canada Semi-Official Airmail Stamps and Covers 1924-1952	Vermeil	Thomas Reymann
9 - 10	My Favorite Pages	Display only	John Walter & Howard Grenzebach
11 - 13	U.S. Postal Cards 1873-1950 to Foreign Destinations	Gold	Larry Crain
14	The First Permanent Definitive Series Used in Ireland 1932-1939	Non-competitive	
15	Color Varieties of the Monarchy of Queen Elizabeth II	Non-competitive	
16 - 17	Captain Robert Falcon Scott's British Expedition	Silver Bronze	Tom Hayes
18	Wilkinsburg Stamp Club's Souvenir Sheets	Silver Bronze	Nadiya Beekun
19	Dealer's Choice - Marilyn Monroe Missing Color Pane	Display only	Nadiya Beekun
20	Postal History of WWII US Army Stateside Training Camps Using Free Franks on Post Cards	Non-competitive	Mike DelGrosso
21 - 23	Leather Post Cards	Non-competitive	Dave Gehringer
24	The Career of Joseph N. Hemphill	Non-competitive	Mike Potter
25 - 26	My Favorite Pages	Display only	Howard Grenzebach
Welcome	Favorite Pages and Old Show Covers	Display only	John Walter
Lobby	My Favorite Pages	Display only	John Walter



Dave Gehringer at the youth table.

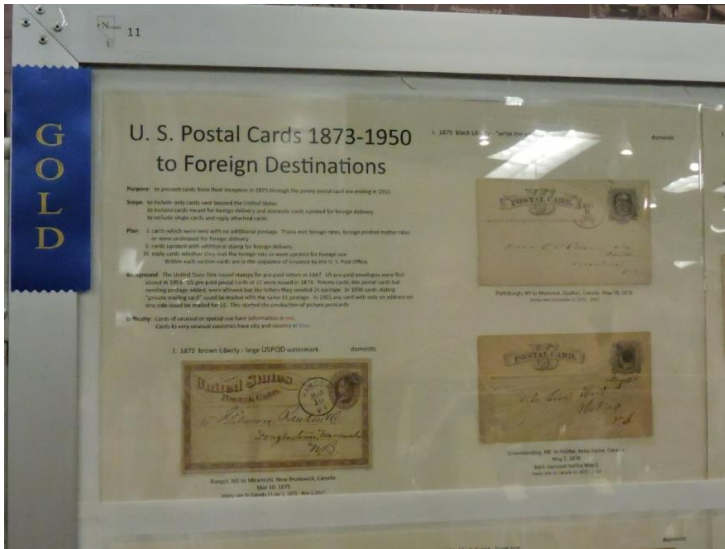
The youth table was very busy on both days as free stamps, albums, and other items were available. Some youth spent a few hours learning about stamps and different topics of interest. Parents and grandparents also enjoyed looking over the thousands of stamps available. Thanks to **Dave Gehringer** who was at the table for the entire 2 days of the show and answered many questions from both the youth and parents/grandparents. Dave says it was the best show yet for the number of youth coming to the table.

Many members volunteered both days at the Welcome Table, they included: **James Steckley, Mike Potter, Gary Atkinson, Dave Parsons, Jeanne Paquin, Tuck Vosburg, Erik Fields, and Howard Kadohiro.**

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



The “heavy lifting” crew: Gary Atkinson, Pat Crosby, Howard Kadohiro, Mike Potter, Eric Moody.



Larry Crain's Gold winning exhibit.



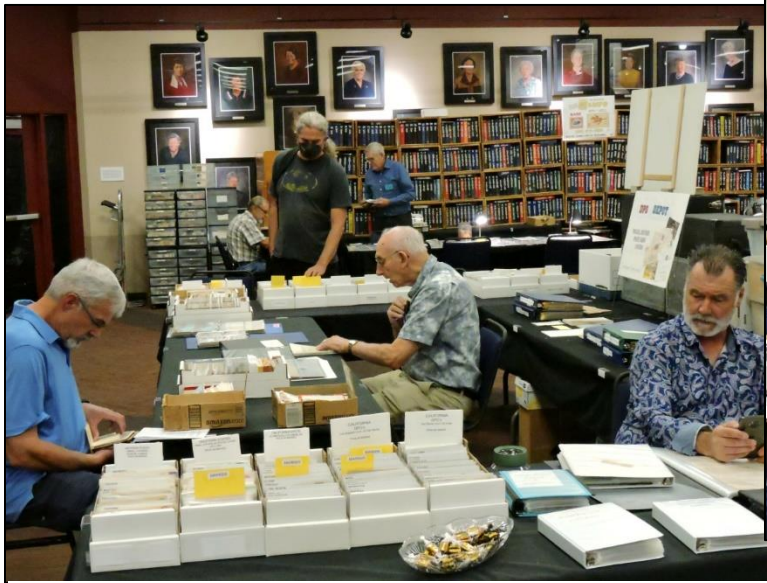
Gary Atkinson looking over the My Favorite page frames.



Mark Baker's table with members, Eugene Smoots, Howard Kadohiro, and Larry Crain.



Tom Reyman giving a presentation on the German Dornier Do X Flying Boat.



Dealer table with Mike DelGrosso (center) and Robert Dragone (right).



Nadiah Beekun's table.



Kyle Nybo's dealer table.



Peter Gutter's dealer table.

Ed Dimick's double dealer table.



Aniline Ink

By Howard Grenzebach



Example is a 1d Universal from New Zealand, which shows the tell-tale reverse im-

It was a while ago somebody was asking me how to determine if a stamp was printed with "aniline ink." It's a good question that not a lot of people can answer. I was quite unable to tell him myself. I've heard of the ink as it's mentioned in the Scott as one of those sub-varieties that are worth a small fortune (a very small fortune) should you have it but they fail to let you know how to tell aniline ink from the Inkspots unless you read the section about inks that gives you all you need to know about stamps. They don't often give examples that you can compare your stamp with.

I was busy researching the subject of Swedish stamp types of the 1930s when I happened to notice the appearance of "aniline inks" and how to tell somewhere among the pictures of Swedish stamps of the thirties. It wasn't related to what I was looking for but it did jog my memory of the question about that ink, so I looked. The site was the "Stamp Community" an online, ongoing site of collectors talking to each other. Someone had asked if this was a stamp printed with aniline ink?

Yes, came the answer, it is. "Aniline ink was an ink with a coal-tar base, that was designed to "bleed" to prevent re-use of a stamp.

The stamp was posted by a collector called "jubilee." You can find it at this address:
https://www.stampcommunity.org/topic.asp?TOPIC_ID=8208&whichpage=1

Under the question is an article by B. Shippen, M. D. called "Something About Coal-Tar." While you're there, check out the article.

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

Quiz – Triangular Postage

By Eric Moody

Triangle-shaped postage stamps have been with us for over a century and a half. They are unusual – not as rare as round stamps, but always attention getting. The following questions relate to triangular issues from around the world.

1. In 2013 this European country produced a stylized triangular stamp (#4300) that represented a Christmas tree:
(a) Poland (b) Germany (c) Sweden (d) Hungary
2. The first triangle-shaped U.S. stamp appeared (on a stamped envelope) in
(a) 1950 (b) 1965 (c) 1997 (d) 2000
3. An inverted triangle airmail stamp (#C3) carrying a picture of a gyrfalcon was issued by this island country in 1930.
(a) New Zealand (b) Iceland (c) Japan (d) Ireland
4. Various breeds of dogs are depicted on a set of triangular stamps (#1410-1415), each of which is paired with a similar-themed triangular label, that was produced by this West African country in 1997:
(a) Guinea (b) Guyana (c) Guinea-Bissau (d) Papua-New Guinea
5. All of this European country's airmail stamps before World War II had triangular shapes.
(a) Estonia (b) Netherlands (c) Lithuania (d) Spain
6. In 1997 the Chinese New Year (Year of the Ox) was marked by this non-Asian country with two 3-stamp souvenir sheets of triangular stamps (#2605-2606).
(a) Iran (b) Cuba (c) Canada (d) Grenada
7. Also in 1997, two triangular stamps (#3130-3131) celebrating the Pacific 97 stamp show were issued by this country.
(a) Canada (b) U.S. (c) Mexico (d) Japan
8. This former Asian republic (in later years a part of the Soviet Union) issued its own postage stamps during the 1920s and 1930s. In 1927 it produced triangular stamps (#23-24) depicting sheep herding.
(a) Manchuria (b) Siberia (c) Kyrgyzstan (d) Tannu Tuva
9. U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt appeared on a triangle-shaped stamp (#198) issued by this very small European state in 1946.
(a) Monaco (b) Luxembourg (c) San Marino (d) Vatican City
10. This island country issued a set of triangular stamps (#894-897) in 2000 that celebrated the 150th anniversary of its Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
(a) Sri Lanka (b) Iceland (c) Maldives Islands (d) Mauritius
11. The world's first triangle-shaped postage stamps – two of them – appeared in 1853 from this former British colony.
(a) Burma (Myanmar) (b) Hong Kong (c) Cape of Good Hope (d) Jamaica

12. This Baltic Sea nation's first Air Post stamps, in 1921, were inverted triangle-shaped issues which featured a plane built by French aviation pioneer Louis Bleriot's aircraft factory.
 (a) Finland (b) Latvia (c) Estonia (d) Poland
13. (Bonus question) Celebrating the 10th anniversary of its national Congress Center, a se-tenant pair of triangle-shaped stamps (#1641-1642) was released by this Mediterranean country in 1988.
 (a) Cyprus (b) Tunisia (c) Malta (d) Monaco

The August quiz is worth 130 **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

Vassar Post office Display

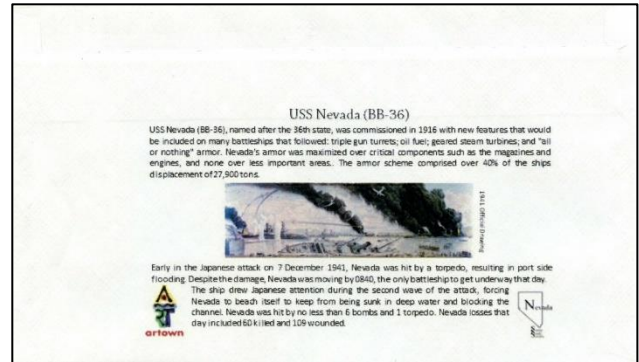
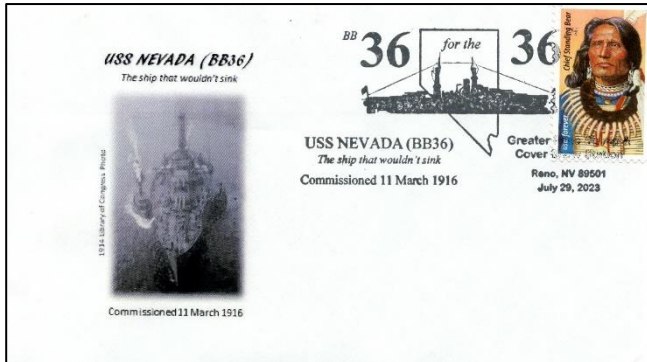
Both display frames were changed at the post office to reflect upcoming Reno events. Hot August Nights celebrates Classic Cars and Rock and Roll with major events at all the large casinos. The casinos have large sound stages in their parking lots where they sponsor live entertainment. Also available are food vendors, hot rod races, cruising the streets of Reno and Sparks, plus lots more.

The other display frame has covers from prior Reno Air Races which take place in September. In the past our stamp club produced covers with a special postal cancel and cachet.



2023 Show Covers

Stamp show covers and cancellations were created by **Harvey Edwards**. The covers were canceled each day of the show by the U.S. Postal Service. Each cover is \$2.00 and can be ordered by contacting **Erik Fields**, email: treasurer@renostamp.org. The theme features the *USS Nevada* (BB36) - The ship that would not sink.

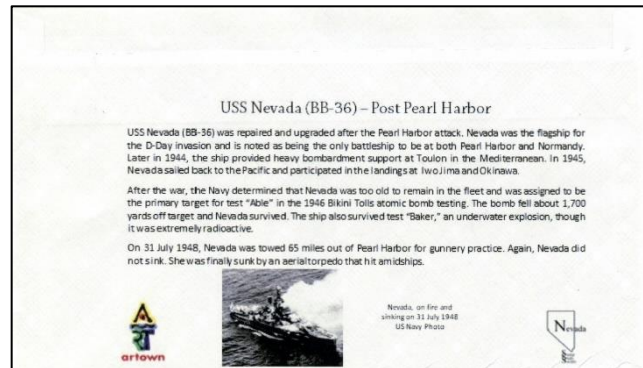
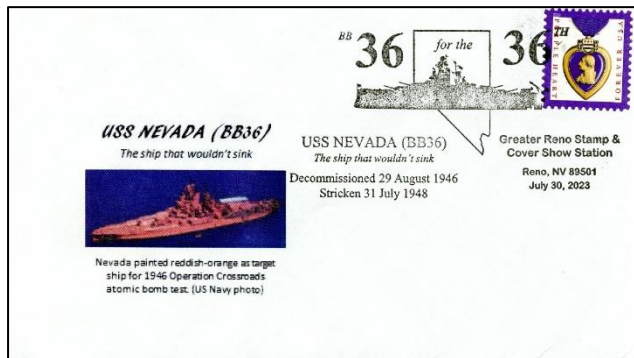


The front and back of the July 29 show cover.

Text information on the back of the cover: *USS Nevada* (BB-36), named after the 36th state, was commissioned in 1916 with new features that would be included on many battleships that followed: triple gun turrets; oil fuel; geared steam turbines; and "all or nothing" armor. Nevada's armor was maximized over critical components such as the magazines and engines, and none over less important areas. The armor scheme comprised over 40% of the ship's displacement of 27,900 tons.

Early in the Japanese attack on 7 December 1941, Nevada was hit by a torpedo, resulting in port side flooding. Despite the damage, Nevada was moving by 0840, the only battleship to get underway that day.

The ship drew Japanese attention during the second wave of the attack, forcing Nevada to beach itself to keep from being sunk in deep water and blocking the channel. Nevada was hit by no less than 6 bombs and 1 torpedo. Nevada losses that day included 60 killed and 109 wounded.



Front and back of the July 30 show cover.

Text information on back of the cover: *USS Nevada* (BB-36) was repaired and upgraded after the Pearl Harbor attack. Nevada was the flagship for the D-Day invasion and is noted as being the only battleship to be at both Pearl Harbor and Normandy. Later in 1944, the ship provided heavy bombardment support at Toulon in the Mediterranean. In 1945, Nevada sailed back to the Pacific and participated in the landings at Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

After the war, the Navy determined that Nevada was too old to remain in the fleet and was assigned to be the primary target for test "Able" in the 1946 Bikini Tolls atomic bomb testing. The bomb fell about 1,700 yards off target and Nevada survived. The ship also survived test "Baker," an underwater explosion, though it was extremely radioactive.

On 31 July 1948, Nevada was towed 65 miles out of Pearl Harbor for gunnery practice. Again, Nevada did not sink. She was finally sunk by an aerial torpedo that hit amidships.