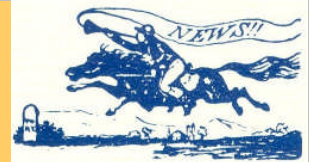


Post Boy



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MEETS THE 2ND & 4TH SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 10:00 AM AT THE SILVERADA ESTATES CLUBHOUSE LOCATED AT 2301 ODDIE BLVD., RENO

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President and Editor Comments:

The big activity this month is, of course, our annual stamp show on July 23-24 at the National Bowling stadium. See the article about going to the stamp show starting on page 3.

Volunteers are needed on Friday before the show to help with setup. A sign-up sheet will be at the next club meeting or contact **Harvey Edwards** at 775-527-2362 or email show@renostamp.org. The more volunteers present the easier it is on everyone and the quicker we can accomplish all the pre-show tasks.

There is another sign-up sheet circulating at the meeting for the annual **picnic on August 13** - same place and hours as a regular meeting. The Election Ballots will be counted and new officers and a director will assume their duties. So please come to the picnic, sign-up for the food you are bringing and let's have a good time and relax after the stamp show. The club is providing the BBQ meat, buns and drinks. Utensils, plates, condiments, chips, and salads are provided by the members. Family members are welcome at the picnic.

If you are interested in purchasing a \$5 bourse table at the picnic (all monies for items sold go to the member), please contact **John Walter**.

The Election Ballot is included on page 7 - bring to the July 9th meeting, the picnic, or mail to **Stan Cronwall**, the Nomination & Election Committee Chair. The July 9 meeting is the last meeting before the picnic.

Megan Orient (APS Shows & Exhibitions Manager) is asking for volunteers from Reno to man a NSSF booth at the [APS Portland Stamp Show](#) advertising the [Reno APS stamp show](#), March 3-5, 2017. The club booth will have Reno tourism info and a raffle for a free hotel room at the Atlantis for the stamp show. There will also be a representative from the Atlantis to help man the booth. If you plan to attend the Portland show, please contact **John Walter** as soon as possible - 775-851-7968 or NvStampSociety@gmail.com.

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June 11 meeting was attended by 19 members and one guest. Mark Shapiro attended as a guest who wanted to sell a few items inherited from a family member. **Mike Potter** provided the refreshments.

Betty Mudge conducted the raffle which had the usual 10 items with a bonus prize of a World Stamp Show 2016 volunteer T-shirt won by **George Ray**.

George was the big winner this day as he also won the 50-50 money drawing of \$10.

Harvey Edwards reported on the preparations for the Reno Stamp Show on July 23-24.

A Nomination & Election Committee report from **Stan Cronwall** stated there are, so far, four nominations for the three elected positions of Vice-President, Secretary and Director. Election Day is Aug. 13 at the picnic.

The live auction had only 34 lots with 9 sold for a total of \$25.50. We need more auction lots and more bidders. The auction is a great way to sell your duplicates and items no longer needed. The auctioneers were **Gary Atkinson** and **Harvey Edwards** with assistance from **George Ray** and **Dick Simmonds**.

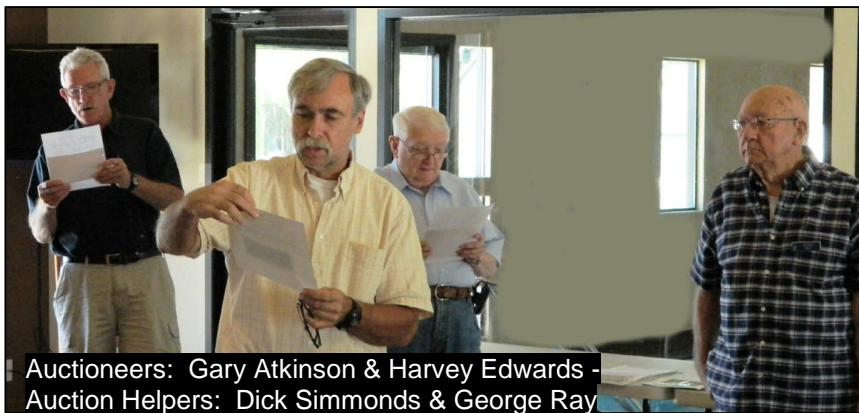
June 25 meeting was attended by 22 members and two guests. Both guests were selling, one an inherited collection (sold in entirety), and the other some recent stamps. The refreshments were provided by **Barbara Diederichsen**. **Betty Mudge** conducted the raffle which had 10 prizes plus a bonus. The 50-50 money raffle of \$11 was won by **Dave Gehringer**, and the bonus raffle prize by **David Pointon**.

A big Thank You goes to **Harry Pinkham** who, almost single-handedly, setup the tables and chairs for the meeting. The only task he didn't do was making the coffee.

Announcements made concerned upcoming Stamp Shows: Reno Stamp Show on July 23-24, the APS Portland Show and the winter APS stamp show in Reno on March 3-5, 2017. Volunteers are needed for all those shows. Also [SEAPEX](#) (Sept 9-11 in Tukwila, WA) is seeking My Favorite Thing exhibit for their show, plus [WINEPEX](#) (Oct. 14-16) is asking for one-frame exhibits.

The philatelic program was presented by **Dave Parsons** entitled "Free Digital Perforation Guide, Centering, and Measurement Tool". Here is the website for the program demonstrated: <http://www.stampcollectingblog.com/free-digital-perforation-gauge/>

The program runs in your browser so it is not dependent on your operating system. Hint: It's best to register on the Stamp Collecting Blog website first. All that is required is a valid email.



Going to Our Stamp Show 2016 by John Walter

With our annual Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show returning to the National Bowling Stadium on **July 23-24**, I thought it would be a good idea to write about attending our stamp show. First of all, the stamp show will be on the first floor in the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame. There is free parking in the bowling stadium garage, just mention you are attending the stamp show.

It's a great opportunity to meet both collectors and non-collectors. We expect to have many walk-ins since the show is at street level and bowling will be taking place both in the main area and also on the first floor across the lobby from our show. Everyone who visits will have a story to tell.

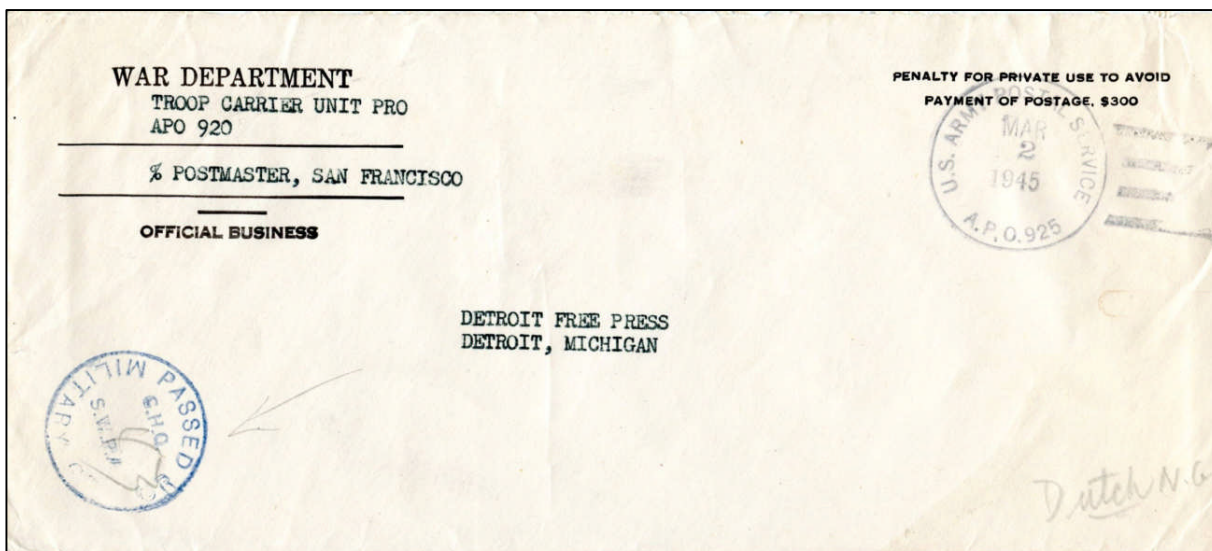


Before the show even begins, visit <http://www.renostamp.org> and click on the show page. There is a diagram of the dealer table placements and a list of the dealers with emails. If you are looking for specific material, please contact the dealers to ask if they will bring the material. I have done this in the past when visiting shows in CA and had some nice "stuff" to look at. I did not always buy the material, but thanked the dealer for bringing it for review.

Some stamp show tips: Create a want list. Pack a pair of tongs. Set your budget and stick to it.

You want to avoid buyer's remorse. Be prepared to convey to the dealer your collecting standards, i.e., mint, o.g., used, F-VF, VF, superb, graded, etc. Let the dealer know what kind of material you are looking for. If he doesn't have it in stock, he might be able to watch for it and contact you if the right item comes in. Bring your check book and some cash, since not all dealers accept credit cards. Don't forget to wear your club name tag. The dealers do notice and you can always ask for discounts as a club member.

Can't come up with any new interests?



Look what I found above at a previous show. This WWII cover was sent from APO 920 - Biak Island, Dutch New Guinea on March 2, 1945. It's not the usual cover one sees from a soldier/sailor to someone back home. This is an "Official Business" War Department cover to the Detroit Free Press. Did it contain a press release about the unit?

Short history: The base was built in July 1944 for bombers and Air-Sea Rescue squadrons for the newly created 13th Air Force. It is almost due south of Guam (where I lived for 2 years) and across the strait from Japanese Pulau. There are stories on the Internet of almost daily bombings on and around the base in 1944-45. Missions were flown in support of troops further out in the Pacific and north to the Philippines. Great history from one cheap cover.

You're probably thinking "I'll never find something like that." Well think again. Spending only a few minutes at a dealer table can be very rewarding.

I collect used stationery to foreign destinations and came across this cover on the right. Several things caught my eye: the indicia (die 85-unlisted in Scott), postmark (circular with parallel wavy lines & number — typical international cancel for that time), and the address. The address is strange since it was sent to "Librarian" with the name of the book - "Natural History" in German, and then the city which I had a problem with. I love when there is a receiving cancel on the back of a cover. In this case it was "Halle (Saale)" in Wurttemberg with a receiving postmark of Feb. 12, 1898.



Finding stuff for your collection is a lot more difficult if you have a narrow focus. If you are collecting only one thing you might have a lot of trouble finding what you need in the condition you require at a price that you are willing to pay. I have had this experience when asking for U.S. aerogrammes, used, to an overseas address/destination.

If you have several interests, the odds are much better that you will always find something for your collections. Also think about new philatelic interests.

As we assemble our membership directory, it lists our collecting interests. There are many times I see interesting items I know fellow members are collecting, and purchase them myself to give as gifts or give a heads-up to the individual about the item.

So offer to keep an eye out for what others are seeking, and perhaps they can reciprocate. It happens sometimes that two collectors will stumble upon a "eureka!" item for each other. Everyone wins, and you might have a new friend for life.

Dealers on the stamp show circuit see more material than you could ever hope to see, and they will look for items for you if they know what you want.

Be willing to work with a dealer. When asked what you collect or what you would like to see, the least helpful response you can make is to say you are "just looking." That does not allow the dealer to help you, and it is far more likely that you will end up feeling that there was nothing to buy at the show. You didn't give the dealer a chance to show his merchandise. Many times an item you are seeking is not at the front table but hidden in boxes behind the dealer.

Here is a trick that often brings happy surprises. If you have run out of things to look for at a stamp show, ask a few dealers if they have anything new on hand that they might show you.

Dealers buy and sell among one another at shows, and they buy from customers, so they often have new items on hand that haven't been formally added to their stock. You might be the first person to see these items if you specifically inquire, and you never know what gems could turn up. I have done this many times and had the first look at items and purchased a few over the years.

Collectors always want to buy things at the lowest prices possible. But remember, dealers are paying the costs of producing the stamp show through their booth fees. Dealers also have overhead that includes travel to and from the show, food and lodging, acquisition of material, insurance, taxes, labor, supplies and all of the risks associated with operating a business.

That said, it does not mean that you shouldn't negotiate. If you are purchasing an inexpensive item, it makes no sense to bargain for a lower price, but if you are spending significant amounts of money, it does no harm to ask the dealer for his or her "best price."

But, while it doesn't hurt to ask the question, don't insult the dealer if he can't or is unwilling to negotiate a downward price.

He knows what he paid for the item and how much he has to make to stay in business. In this case, if the asking price is more than you want to pay, the appropriate response from you is simply "no, thanks." Don't feel forced into buying something you don't really want or can't afford.

For most collectors, time spent visiting the various dealer booths is the highlight of any stamp show. Dealers, too, enjoy their time spent with fellow enthusiasts. If there were ever a perfect win-win situation, it might be found where stamp collectors gather with stamp dealers.

Often the problem at a stamp show is seeing too many things to buy, rather than too few. But having shows to attend is surely one of the best parts of our hobby.

Please make some time to visit the exhibits. If you are thinking of exhibiting, this is the time to educate yourself and see what fellow philatelists have accomplished in telling a story about something that has a special interest to them. The exhibit judge will be critiquing the exhibits Saturday afternoon, about 3 p.m. The exact time will be in the show program. This is an excellent time to "follow along" and hear the comments at each exhibit frame.



Visitors at our 2015 stamp show

All club members are encouraged to make a few "My Favorite Thing" pages for exhibit in the show frames. This is another activity that is both educational and fun.

One last thought for everyone to consider is the **Awards Banquet on July 23**. Last year we had a great catered meal at the bowling stadium. This year the awards dinner will be one block from the show in Harrah's. The menu and cost is on page 8. Looks like we will have two choices of entree - stuffed chicken or salmon. There needs to be a minimum of 25 attendees for the best pricing.

Addendum: Suggestions to make a My Favorite Thing exhibit page is on page 10 of this Post Boy.

July Post Boy Quiz from Canada

by Stan Cronwall

1. What birds are shown on the 1946 airmail stamps?
a. Arctic Terns b. Canadian Geese c. Northern Puffins
2. In 1970, a Canadian Minister of Labor was kidnapped and killed. His picture is shown on a 7 cent stamp issued in 1971. Who was he?
a. Guy La Fleur b. Pierre Pilot c. Pierre La Port
3. The use of what postal device is encouraged on a 1979 stamp?
a. Guillotine Cancel b. Postal Code c. Mr. Zip
4. A single stamp was issued in 1966 to promote public safety. What did it show:
a. Traffic Signs b. Condoms c. Bicycle Lanes
5. What bridge between Canada and the U.S. appears on a 1977 issue?
a. The Verranzo Narrows Bridge between Detroit, Michigan and Ontario
b. The Peace Bridge between Fort Erie, Ontario and Buffalo, New York
c. The St. Lawrence River Bridge between Montreal, Canada and Plattsburg, New York.
6. In what year were the Olympic games held in Montreal?
a. 1928 b. 1940 c. 1976
7. In what year did Canada issue a set of territorial and provincial flags on stamps?
a. 1979 b. 1898 c. 1910
8. The first bishop of Quebec was honored on the 350th anniversary of his birth on a 1973 stamp. What was his name?
a. Monsignor Geoffrion b. Bishop Simon Richard c. Monsignor de Laval
9. What topical subject dominated Canadian semi-postal stamps?
a. Wildlife b. Sports c. Lakes
10. What American Deputy Postmaster General appears on a 1976 Canadian issue?
a. Benjamin Franklin b. James J. Farley c. Alfred E. Newman

This month's quiz is worth 100 Auction Bucks, if all your answers are correct. Please complete the quiz and give your answers to Betty Mudge at the July meeting or email to postboyquiz@renostamp.org

June Post Boy Quiz Answers: 1. b, 2. a, 3. b, 4. c, 5. b, 6. a, 7. c, 8. b, 9. c, 10. a. Bonus: b

**2016
Nevada Stamp Study Society Ballot**

This ballot is to be executed on the August 13, 2016, at the annual picnic. Absentee ballots must be received by the day of voting. See below for mailing instructions. Ballots will be counted at the picnic with the winners announced at that time.

Installation of the elected officers and director will take place at the picnic.

No write-in candidates will be allowed since members not present will not have the opportunity to vote on last minute candidates.

For the office of VICE PRESIDENT of the stamp club:

Gary Atkinson

For the office of SECRETARY of the stamp club:

Howard Grenzebach

For the office of BOARD OF DIRECTORS (vote for one only):

Steve Foster

Dave Gehringer

When you have made your selections, please fold the ballot and return it to the Nomination and Election Committee Chair - Stan Cronwall.

If you are mailing your ballot please send to:
Stan Cronwall, Chair
Nominations and Elections Committee
PO Box 2907
Sparks, NV 89432

Please put your name on the mailing envelope, so your membership can be verified.

Awards Banquet Menu

Historic Bill Harrah's Club Room
4th Floor of Harrah's Reno Casino & Hotel
219 N. Center street
(775) 786-3232 (800) 427-7247

Drinks: No host bar. Drinks and conversation start at 6 p.m.

Plated Dinner: 7 p.m.

Dinner selection includes chef's choice of starch, seasonal vegetables, rolls with butter, regular or decaf coffee and hot or iced tea.

Salad: Mixed Greens with Candied Walnuts, Dried Cranberries, Blue Cheese Crumbles and Balsamic Vinaigrette

Entree: (Choice of ONE)

Chicken Formaggio - Stuffed Breast of Chicken with Asiago, Mozzarella and Piccorino Cheeses, Topped with a Florentine Sauce

OR

Fillet of Salmon - Pan Seared Fillet of Salmon with Mango Chutney

Dessert: New York Cheese Cake with Fresh Fruit Compote

Award Presentations: At the conclusion of the dinner

Price: \$30 (includes tax and gratuities)

For Reservations: Paul Glass

pdglass60@gmail.com

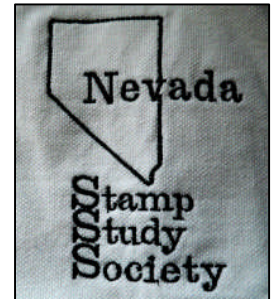
(775) 425-8939

Please contact Paul as soon as possible to confirm a reservation with your entree choice. The signup sheet will be at the July 9 meeting.

Buy, Want, Sell, Trade

If you would like to have an advertisement in the Post Boy, please email editor@renostamp.org.

For Sale: Monogrammed shirts with the Nevada Stamp Study Society logo for \$25. The monogram can also be placed on a shirt you provide for \$15. Right now the shirts are dark blue with white monogram or white shirt with dark blue monogram. Members regularly wear the monogrammed shirt at meetings. With the upcoming Reno stamp show and the APS AmeriShow in March, it's great advertising for our club. Contact member Dave and Susan Gehringer, ds-ginger@sbcglobal.net or (925) 408-6807. They will need your shirt size and color when ordering. Cropped logo from a shirt is on the right.



Looking For: **Barbara Stanfield** remembers loaning her husband's exhibit on *Nursing on Stamps* to a club member. She cannot find the exhibit at her home. The last time she remembers it was at the NV State Fair in 2010. Anyone remember this exhibit or have this exhibit at home? Please contact Barbara at (775) 825-1350.

Buy and Sell - almost anything philatelic and ephemera. This includes stamps, post cards, FDCs, photos and documents of mining, and also Western interest. Plus selling philatelic supplies. Contact member **Nadiah Beekun** at Classic Nevada, 28 W. 2nd Ave, downtown Reno, (775) 762-4905, <http://www.RenoStamps.com> or email classicnevada@yahoo.com.

Wanted - pre-1950's, picture postcards from Scotland, preferably castles and abbeys. Contact member **Marla Wetterling** (775) 575-1337 or email: opusnrosebud@att.net.

Wanted: U.S. aerogrammes: #UC49, and UC52 - must be used and addressed to an overseas address. Also needed is FDC of UC63a. Contact member **John Walter**, email: walter60@gmail.com.

For Sale - Album collections of Channel Islands & Jersey (MNH). Plus Ireland, Netherlands, New Zealand, Canada, Great Britain with mint & used. Contact member **Jean Johnson** by calling (775) 828-2158 and ask for Jean.

Wanted: Articles for the Post Boy newsletter. Are you curious about an item you saw or purchased from the consignment table or purchased in an auction? After doing the research why not write a short article for the PB. Did you win a raffle prize at a meeting and wanted to find more information on one of the items? A short write-up about your find will benefit all the club members. Submit article to editor@renostamp.org

Wanted: Advertisements for philatelic items you may be seeking for your collection or an exhibit. You may be surprised by the items our members may have lurking in their collections. Also wanted are advertisements for items or duplicates you want to sell. Contact the editor (775) 651-7968 or editor@renostamp.org.



Correction: In the June issue, the Post Boy Reporter stated Gary Dahlke gave some recent mint stamps to **Jean Johnson**. It was actually **Dave Gehringer** that gave the stamps.

EXHIBIT PAGE SUGGESTIONS

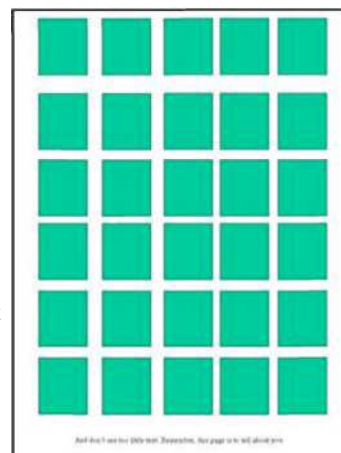
The exhibit “A Few of My Favorite Things” is intended to let each member say a few things about what they collect, maybe why and show some examples from their collection. Each page should be a mini-exhibit capable of standing on its own.

You may put all your collecting interest on one page or use multiple page with one collection per page. (Your pages will not be side by side.) Include your name on the back of each page.



Leave a page margin.

An exhibit page should contain a balance of text and material. Too much material and you're not telling enough of the story of your collecting interest; too much text and it's not a philatelic exhibit. Avoid using too much of either.



Vary your page layout to avoid “railroad tracks.”



Show philatelic knowledge by telling something about the material. Don't use catalog numbers.

Different fonts or lettering styles can be used to differentiate the storyline, philatelic knowledge, and the significance of the material to the story. Avoid using exotic and difficult to read fonts as well as too large or small.



Use different types of material such as stamps, postmarks, covers, etc. if they are within your collecting interest.

Some recent pictures:



Yes, That's me at the World Stamp Show-NY2016



Just a few of the 4,000 frames of exhibits at the World Stamp Show-NY2016
Can't image setting up all those frames - volunteer anyone?



This is the actual Invert Jenny that sold for \$1.3 Million on May 31. My picture while the stamp was on display at the auction booth.



One of the Vassar Post Office display cases changed on June 30. John Walter & Stan Cronwall put up a new display every two months.

Many pictures were taken at the World Stamp Show and New York city (Time Square, WTC and Memorial, Statue of Liberty while on the Staten Island Ferry, Radio City Music Hall-Rockefeller Center, St. Patrick's Cathedral +++). Come to the Aug. 27 meeting to see it all.