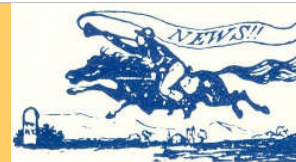


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MEETINGS 2ND & 4TH SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 10:00 A.M. (9 A.M. FOR GOSSIP & TRADING)

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President and Editor Comments:

It certainly was nice having a break after the stamp show. **Harvey Edwards** did a great job not only as the Show Chair, but also with the facility, dealers, and helping with the security and exhibits. Unfortunately, Harvey is "retiring" after 13 years as Chair. The club needs a replacement ASAP. The next Reno Stamp Show is July 28-29, 2018. This gives the members plenty of time to seriously think about and then offering your services to coordinate the show activities. Harvey is available to answer questions and give advice to anyone interested.

The Program Chair, **Nadiah Beekun**, is looking for members to give a Show-And-Tell at the Sept. 24 meeting. She is looking for those who made purchases at the Reno show or other recent stamp shows. Help members understand your collecting interests by showing and explaining what was purchased and why you wanted to add the item to your collection or exhibit. About 4 or 5 volunteers are needed to talk about your "stuff."

There is an ad hoc committee looking at revising the Auction Bucks award criteria for volunteer activities. These Auction Bucks are used to purchase donated yard/garage sale items at the Nov. 12 meeting. Suggestions can be given to **Paul Glass, Betty Mudge** or **Howard Grenzbach**. The goal is to have the revised list ready for approval at the next Board meeting on Nov. 26.

Membership renewals are now due. See notice on page 8.

A couple of new philatelic displays were set up in Reno this past week. Pictures are on page 3 and page 6. Volunteers and ideas are always needed to inform the public about our favorite hobby. This is one of the display cases at the South Valleys Library.



Post Boy Reporter

August 13 picnic - The picnic was a great success with attendance at 40. It was great having family attend and even a few grandkids. **George Ray** gets a big thank you for arranging the "indoor" picnic with outdoor temperature approaching 100°. He also provided a nice gas grill to cook the meat. **Barbara Diederichsen** coordinated the food items brought by members. There was a nice distribution with chips, condiments, salads and desserts. **Steve Foster** did the shopping for the hamburgers, a few turkey burgers, hot dogs and sausages. **Howard Grenzebach** brought enough drinks for everyone. And the grillers were **Charles White** and **Harvey Edwards**.

The only official business was the counting of election ballots by **Richard Simmonds**. The Vice-President is **Gary Atkinson** (first elected office in NSSS), the Secretary is **Howard Grenzebach** who was re-elected, and **Dave Gehringer** (first elected office in NSSS) as a Director. Congratulations to the new board members.

Three members had bourse tables and one visitor came to sell some nice stamps (Scott #1, Columbians, and other expensive items). Since the visitor sold multiple items, he donated a commission fee of \$100 to the club.

August 27 meeting - The raffle had the usual 10 items with two bonus prizes won by **Eugene Smoots** (a stuffed bear left over from the stamp show donated by the USPS) and **Howard Grenzebach**. Howard's bonus prize was *The Official World Stamp Show Exhibition Catalog* that was donated by **John Walter**. John had already purchased his own copy at the World Show. This copy was sent from APS for his volunteer activities at the show. The 50-50 money drawing of \$9.00 was won by **Gary Atkinson**.



Ragnar Kuehnert



Jeanne Paquin

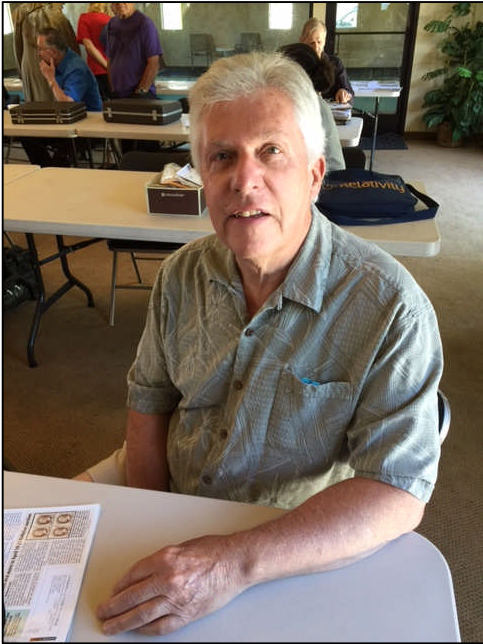
Two new members joined at the meeting: **Ragnar Kuehnert** and **Jeanne Paquin** who lives in Las Vegas. Jeanne visits Reno regularly to visit her children and grandkids.

The philatelic program was presented by **Harvey Edwards** who discussed the successful 2016 Reno Stamp Show which had 380 attendees. After tallying the financials, the club was \$400 in the black. **John Walter** also discussed some of his experiences at the World Show NY2016. Pictures were shown of both shows during the presentations.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT Dean McKay

by Dave Parsons



In order to let NSSS members know their fellow members, the Post Boy will feature different members in its issues. This is a good chance to find out what others are interested in and the background of the member. This month's featured member is Dean McKay. Dean was born in Dallas, Texas and now lives in Tahoe City. Along the way he lived in Florida and Southern California.

Dean has been in the NSSS since last year. Dean enjoyed our stamp show last July.

Dean's collecting interests are U.S., Canada, British Commonwealth, and German stamps. He started collecting stamps 63 years ago as a kid and accumulated stamps along with friends. Dean has had an interesting working career, participating in the Saturn Apollo Moon launch program. He has had experience with NASA, space intelligence, and has been active in the tech world. He now serves on the boards of several companies. Dean is married to Susan Mix. Dean and Susan have 5 children and 13 grandchildren. His extended family lives in Ashland OR,

San Jose, Temecula, and Boston. Dean enjoys fly fishing, skiing at Squaw Valley, and woodworking.



When asked what his dream stamp (under \$5000CV) would be, Dean mentioned that he would like to have one of the early, low numbered U.S. stamps. So we will award him with a nice copy of #2, pictured to the left.

Dean's email is hdeanmckay@mac.com.



Vassar Post Office displays



Overrun Countries Error?

by Howard Grenzebach



The stamp was issued on June 22, 1943 to honor the first country overrun by Nazi Germany and starting W.W.II. That country was Poland. But, wait a minute. Poland's flag is red and white isn't it?

This stamp came to me with many other stamps I bought at an auction. It's used, it's very soft (like the paper you want to use to pamper your behind) and its slightly damaged. But the worst of its faults is the missing color! The red that colors the bottom half of the flag and spell out the name of the country. Its just gone. Maybe that's a good thing. This stamp could make me a millionaire. But the catalog mentions no color missing errors

I talked to several people in the club about this stamp and got several completely different responses. The first was that the color could be removed very carefully using a q-tip. Another was there's no way one ink can be removed without removing the other inks. This is a genuine color missing error. A third response was that the stamps had been left soaking in the water too long. And, I thought it was left in the sun longer than stamps usually are.

Frankly, I like the second answer best. What do you think?

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

Fly Specking In The World Of Philately

By Stan Cronwall

You have probably heard or seen the term “fly specking” as it may apply to literature or other disciplines where people squabble over nit-picking subjects such as punctuation or arguing about such trivial matters as how many fairies can dance on the head of a pin.

Maybe we stamp collectors should do a bit of fly specking with our own collections.

Warning: In all likelihood it is not going to suddenly make your collection worth a king’s ransom.

But a careful examination of what you have set aside as “dups” or material that is going to Eugene Smoots for the penny-boxes may turn up something special that only your collection will include.

You have probably already checked to make sure those potential discards are not true color changelings, or have plate flaws, or other issues well publicized in the usual catalogs.

If not, better start with those.

Then, strike off on your own to find something else that so far has not been reported.

You are a treasure hunter looking for a previously unrecognized variation.

There are two reasons to invest some time in the hunt. First, if you make the discovery yourself, you won’t have to buy it. Second, some other fly specker may want to buy it from you. Happy hunting!

Stan Cronwall's collecting interests include Germany: Third Reich 1933-45 and the areas it occupied (stamps, covers & cards). He also collects U.S. World War II Patriotic Covers and Cards; Civil War Patriotic Covers (both U.S. and CSA); U.S Naval Covers; DDR stamps; and, Post WW II Soviet Zone Hitler Head Obliteration stamps, covers & cards.

Editor: Since Stan did not provide any images, I spent some time locating one interesting stamp with some great possibilities for flyspecking.

In 1980 the USPS (along with the Italian Post) issued a commemorative stamp to honor the 280th anniversary of Philip Mazzei’s birth.

The stamp exists in two different perforations: 11x11 and 10½x11¼. The second perf. variety is catalogued 10 times the price of the perf. 11. In addition, this stamp has plenty of easy-to-find flyspeck varieties. They are nothing valuable or rare, but enough to catch the eye of a casual stamp collector.



1980 Philip Mazzei 40¢ airmail postage stamp. Scott C98 - notice how the end of word "Airmail" floats separately in two latter stamps.



US 1980 Philip Mazzei 40¢ airmail postage stamp.
Airplane silhouette with "shadow"

Notice the airplane silhouette has an additional blue shadow caused by so called "kiss print."

This is only one example of some stamps that are lurking in the penny box at 2¢ per stamp.

None of these varieties are listed in the *Scott U.S. Specialized Catalogue*.

Philatelic Displays Around Town

The philatelic display was changed at the Vassar Post Office and a new display, using three display cases, was installed at the South Valleys Library on Sept. 1. **John Walter** and **Howard Kadohiro** first changed the display at Vassar using Tom Morrissey cachet covers from the Reno Air Races held in 1999, 2000, and 2001. **Pictures are on page 3.** The second Vassar display case has Columbus material and Nevada Day covers to celebrate October events.



The South Valleys Library display has a variety of material to appeal to both children and adults. If visiting the post office or library, please let the personnel know that you appreciate the displays. This should make it easy to get another invitation for future displays.



South Valleys Library displays

September Post Boy Quiz on United States

by Stan Cronwall

1. Most of us recall the tragedy of the mass killings at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in December, 2012. The Americana Issues of 1975-81 included a 29 cent stamp that shows the Sandy Hook Lighthouse. In what state is it located?
a. Massachusetts b. New Jersey c. Delaware
2. The Columbian Issue of 1893 includes 16 stamps. One features the "Santa Maria" flagship of Columbus. What is the denomination of this stamp?
a. 15-cents b. 5-dollars c. 3-cents
3. The Bright Eyes issues from 1998 consisted of 5 stamps each priced at the then first class postage rate of 32-cents. Which animals were **not** featured in this set?
a. Owl & Pussycat b. Parakeet & Fish c. Hamster & Dog
4. The Harding Memorial Issue of 1923 was a tribute to President Warren G. Harding who died in San Francisco on August 2, 1923. What does the middle initial "G" stand for?
a. Gallatin b. George c. Gamaliel
5. The booklet stamp issued in late 1990 was denominated "F". It had additional text on the stamp face. What were those words?
a. Forever b. For U.S. addresses only c. Not valid for Mexico or Canada
6. The 2-cent Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition Issue was released in 1909. Who is featured on the stamp?
a. William H. Seward b. Abraham Lincoln c. Edwin M. Stanton
7. One of the Champions of Liberty series was issued in 1957 in honor of Ramon Magsaysay. Who was he?
a. The Sultan of Brunei b. President of the Philippines c. U.N. Secretary General
8. On February 16, 2012 a "Forever" stamp featuring comedian Danny Thomas was issued. He was also the founder of what famous hospital?
a. Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center b. Hope Children's Hospital c. St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital
9. What famous person is featured on the 3-cent violet Hawaiian Territorial Issue of 1937?
a. Captain James Cook b. King Kamehameha c. Samuel Dole
10. A set of four stamps issued in 1973 in the Bi-Centennial series featured Communications in Colonial Times. Which of these subjects was **not** included in that set?
a. Lanterns b. Drummers c. Postriders

BONUS: In 1992, a 29-cent stamp was issued to honor Theodore von Karman. What's he famous for:

- a. Developing the process for light beer b. Designing the VW Karmann-Ghia c. An aerospace engineer and physicist

This month's quiz is worth 110 Auction Bucks, if all your answers are correct, including the bonus. Please complete the quiz and give your answers to Betty Mudge or email to

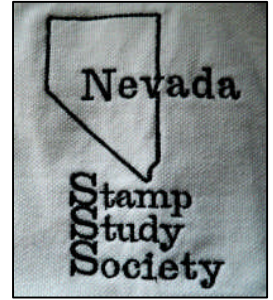
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August Post Boy Quiz Answers: 1. Noir = Black, 2. Azul = Blue, 3. Gelb = Yellow, 4. Verde Mela = Apple-Green, 5. Rouge = Red, 6. Chair = Flesh, 7. Bruno = Brown, 8. Gris = Gray, 9. Weinrot = Claret, 10. Pizzara = Slate. **BONUS:** Deep Violet

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 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.



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, 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. Many of the stamp club members purchased items at our recent Reno Stamp Show. How about a short article on why the item was purchased and a scan of the item. 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) 851-7968 or editor@renostamp.org.

Wanted Membership Renewals

August is **membership renewal** month. Please renew ASAP. Please make sure your collecting interests and membership in philatelic groups, such as, the American Philatelic Society are up-to-date. The membership renewal form is available at meetings or download from the website:

http://renostamp.org/pdf_files/membership_application.pdf

If you are member of the American Philatelic Society, the Membership Chair needs to know that. Our free APS Chapter status depends on a certain percentage of local members. Currently we have 68 members.

Please contact **Paul Glass** with any questions: membership@renostamp.org

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APS Winter Stamp Show in Reno by John Walter

At the last stamp club meeting there were a few questions about the APS AmeriStamp Show on March 3-5, 2017.

Some of the questions involved exhibiting: Can I exhibit at the show? Is it just for previous APS award winners? What about first-time exhibitors?

From the website: <http://stamps.org/AmeriStamp-Expo-ASE>

"AmeriStamp Expo focuses on single frame and non-traditional types of exhibits and features the annual **Single Frame Champion of Champions** and the **Most Popular Champion of Champions**."

A copy of the exhibitor prospectus and entry form are here:

http://stamps.org/userfiles/file/shows/ameristamp/Exhibit_Prospectus.pdf

http://stamps.org/userfiles/file/shows/ameristamp/Exhibit_EntryForm.pdf



Hopefully downloading and reading the forms should answer most questions. If there are still question, please email the APS Shows & Exhibition Manager, [Megan Orient](#) or call her 814-933-3815.

After speaking with her on Sept. 2, she will be doing some work to advertise our stamp club via show material. Which also means volunteers are needed for various work at the show. There will be free parking for volunteers and free awards dinner if enough hours are worked at the show. The volunteer registration web-link is not available yet. When the time comes to register, the APS web page is the easiest way.

Megan asked if the club was willing to co-sponsor an event or dinner. The cost would be minimal or no-cost. More discussion on this subject at the next club meeting.

Some local tours being planned might include the National Auto Museum and the Old Post Office, which is a block away. I also mentioned the Nevada State Museum and Mint in Carson City. The legislature will be in session and they are always a show unto themselves. A tour of Virginia City (depending on the weather & roads) and the V&T Railroad Museum and train ride (if running during the winter) might be interesting.

Dick Simmonds received permission to have the Wadsworth Post Office display from the Sparks Heritage Museum transported to the convention center for the show.

What would a national stamp show be like without seminars and philatelic presentations? Dick Dreiling has a great program, using his Reno picture post cards, that he has given at most of the local libraries. Anyone else with ideas for a presentation at the show?

Other ideas for local organization involvement include the [Lincoln Highway Association](#) and the [Pony Express Association](#).

Email your suggestions for tours, programs, etc. to [John Walter](#).