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Announcements

Meetings –

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

August 24 - 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.

The next Online Auction #37 will be in September. Date to be announced in the September Post Boy.

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 2024 are good until July 2025. **Mike Potter** can let you know about your dues status.

Elections are conducted each year at the annual picnic, which is Aug. 10 this year. A full slate of candidates is provided on page 2. There is one candidate for each open office. The ballot is on page 2
Retiring Director is **Howard Grenzsbach** – Please thank him for his many years serving on the NSSS Board and past editor of the Post Boy.

Ideas are being solicited for our **50th anniversary** of the Nevada Stamp Study Society to be in 2025.

A report on the Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show starts on page 3.

Post Boy Reporter

July 13 meeting – **Eric Fields** arrived early to set up the tables and chairs. Attendance was 29 including 2 via Zoom. **Steve Foster** provided the refreshments.

James Steckley reported on the USPS stamp issues for release this month and in August. He also discussed the Zoom webinar sponsored by the British Empire Study Group. He announced **John Walter** was appointed Vice-President of the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies and will run for election to that position for next year.

Counterfeit stamps are flooding the U.S. market with open advertising on eBay and social media sites. The USPS will not deliver mail with counterfeit stamps. Postal inspectors are now aggressively going after the source and people that use the counterfeit stamps on mail.

Erik Fields reported on the stamp show. All the dealer tables are sold. **Jeanne Paquin** will have a good variety of exhibits with **Larry Crain** as the judge. Different show covers will be available each day of the show.

Dave Parsons reported on the July online Auction #36 which had 81 lots listed with 44 or 54% of the lots sold. Total sales were \$334.75. Several new buyers participated in the bidding. The auction ended July 25. The next online auction will be in September.

The raffle was conducted by **George Ray** with 10 donated prizes with the bonus item going to **Robert Bernal** and the money of \$8.00 went to **Betty Mudge**.

The live meeting auction had 58 member lots and 8 donated lots. **Gary Atkinson** was the auctioneer with help from **Nadiah Beekun**. Helping with the accounting was **Erik Fields** and **Steve Foster**. A total of 30 lots sold for \$268.00.

2024 Election Ballot Nevada Stamp Study Society

This ballot is to be executed on August 10, 2024 (at the club picnic).

For the office of VICE-PRESIDENT:	Nadiah Beekun
For the office of SECRETARY:	Will Eubanks
For the office of DIRECTOR:	Jeanne Paquin
For the office of DIRECTOR:	Eric Moody

The ballot does NOT need to be mailed separately since it is not a contested election.

The above members will assume their office when duly elected on August 10.

2024 Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show Report – July 27-28

Thanks to **Erik Fields**, Show Chair, the stamp show was a success. The personnel at the Hall of Fame Museum at the National Bowling Stadium had the bourse and exhibit area ready the day before the show. All the dealer booths had tables and chairs in place with table cloths and skirting already done. The show was an official event of Reno Artown – entire month of July with events and entertainment. The stamp show was listed in the Artown pamphlet distributed around Reno.

For the first time, a few dealers were arriving on Friday by 8:30 a.m. I have never seen dealers that early.

Arriving Friday afternoon to help set up the 38 exhibit frames were: **Mike Potter, Erik Fields, John Walter, Howard Grenzbach, Will Eubanks, Dave Gehringer**, and **Nadiah Beekun**. The show program was printed by **Nadiah Beekun**. Folding the programs were **James Steckley, Jeanne Paquin** and **Howard Grenzbach**.

The exhibits were mounted by **John Walter, Jeanne Paquin, Howard Grenzbach**, and **Will Eubanks**. There were 17 exhibits/displays plus 7 frames with “My Favorite Thing” pages provided by **John Walter, Jeanne Paquin, Howard Grenzbach** and **Dave Gehringer**.

Our assigned exhibit judge arrived Friday afternoon with cold symptoms. By Saturday he was getting worse with the congestion and on Sunday morning he informed us he tested positive for Covid. So none of the exhibits were judged.

Erik Fields had hospitality items available for the dealers on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

The show opened Saturday morning with a huge sign advertising the free stamp show on the street in front of the bowling stadium. A block away on Virginia Street was the annual Wing Fest with many food booths and music and other entertainment. This led to some street closures which did not seem to affect those attending the show.

There was free parking in the stadium garage (same building as the museum). The Saturday opening had some attendees waiting in the stadium lobby. There were two display frames in the lobby to keep the people occupied before entering the show area. Within a short period of time the dealer tables and the USPS were bustling with attendees.



Large sign on the street in front of the bowling stadium. We were one block east of the Wing Fest which was on Virginia Street.

It was busy all day on Saturday with 162 attendees counted. The first day count was slightly better than last year (144).

The Sunday attendance of 85 was about the same as last year (86).



Dave Parsons and James Steckley at the registration desk on opening day.

Dave Gehringer was at the Kids Table the entire show. He not only talked with the families that stopped but also answered questions from other attendees. Families who stopped by the area received free stamps, albums and a few other items Dave was giving away.



Family who had two children at the show. The 4½ year old selected a couple of envelopes and wrote each family name on the envelope. Dave was impressed.



A quilt sign for the Kids Table was made by Susie Gehringer.

Across from the registration desk were two frames with past show covers. This is the first time covers from the first NEVPEX show in 1979 were displayed. Nice to see the Nevada Stamp Study Society sponsored two Post Office first-day-of-issue ceremonies and hosted the American Topical Association and the American First Day Cover Society in the 1980s.

The Society changed the show name from NEVPEX to the Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show in 2001.

Exhibit and Display Frames

Frame #	Title	Exhibitor
1 - 3	Nevada - Boom and Bust (Pre-Statehood - 1930s)	Harvey Edwards
4 - 5	Leather Post Cards	Dave Gehringer
6	Christmas Is - Santa Claus	Jeanne Paquin
7	Soldier Mail - WWI, WWII and Vietnam	John Walter
8	Train Mail - Delay in Service	Stewart Chang
9	Owney Postal Dog People's Choice Award	Stewart Chang
10 - 11	My Personal Favorites	Howard Grenzebach
12 - 13	German Bundespost Special Machine Cancels of the 1960s	Erik Fields
14	Reno Championship Air Races - Hand Painted Tom Morrissey Covers	John Walter
15	Overprints of Mexico's Hidalgo 5-centavo War Issue 1911-1917	Robert N. Pope
16 - 18	Presidents of the U.S. - 1st to 40th	John Walter
19 - 21	An Engineering Victory of the First Order: Hoover Dam	Terri Edwards
22	My Favorites	Jeanne Paquin
23 - 26	Discover Our Capitols	Jeanne Paquin
27	Integrating the U.S. Navy	Harvey Edwards
28	Honoring Veterans	John Walter
29 - 30	American Indians	John Walter
By the Ball	2 frames - My Favorites	Dave Gehringer and John Walter
Reg. Desk	2 frames - Past Show Covers	John Walter
Lobby	2 frames - My Favorites	John Walter

There was a full complement of 10 dealers plus the USPS. Two new dealers this year were Bay Stamps with **Jeff Waldman** and Stamps for Less with Dave Blackhurst. Dave traveled from Sandy, UT. The dealers came from Oregon, California, Utah, Texas and Nevada.



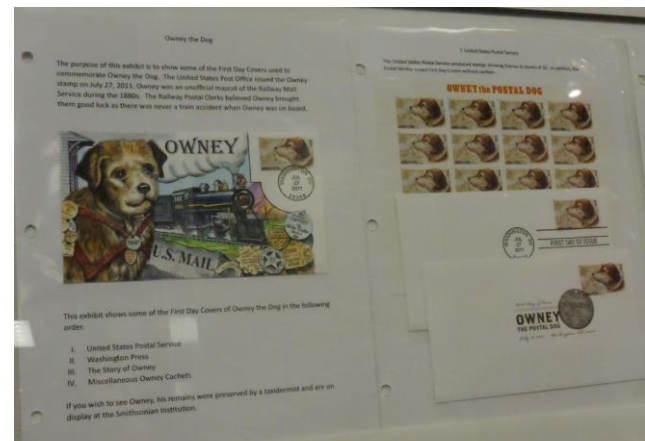
Jeff Waldman with attendees.



Dave Blackhurst talking with Gary Atkinson.



Kurt Harding, from Texas, assisting customers.



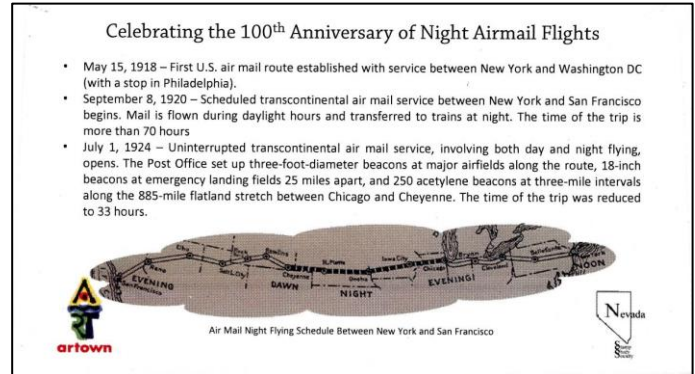
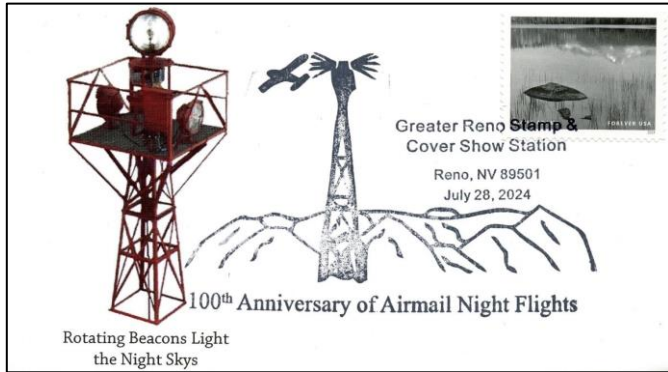
“Owney, The Postal Dog” exhibit was awarded the People’s Choice Award. First 2 pages of exhibit shown.



Thanks to club members who volunteered on more than one day to help, especially packing things up and the take down of the exhibit frames on Sunday: (on the left) **Erik Fields, Howard Kadohiro, Mike Potter, Nadiah Beekun and Dave Parsons.**

2024 Show Covers

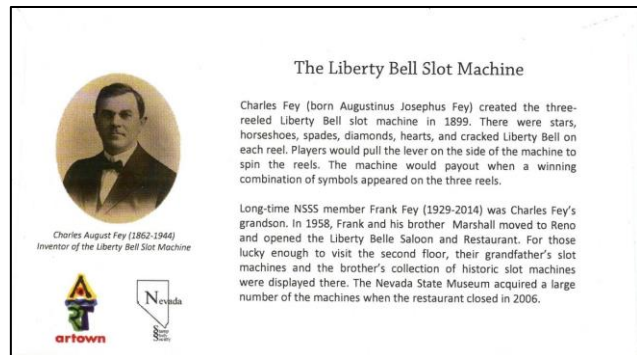
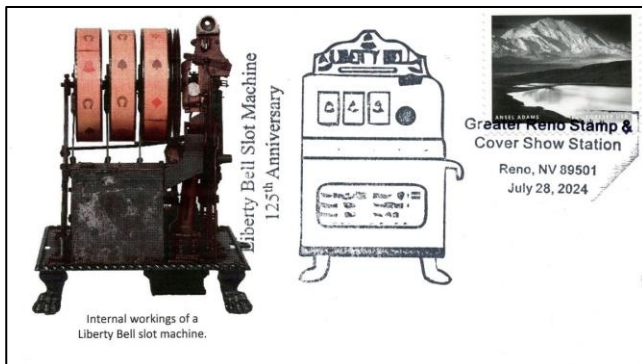
Show covers are available for both days for \$3.00 each and two for \$5.00. On Saturday the cover celebrated the 100th Anniversary of Airmail Night Flights with a special cancellation with an Ansel Adams stamp on each cover. The cancellations and cachets were designed by Harvey Edwards.



The reverse of the cover has a map of the cross-country night flights – New York to San Francisco, and the following information:

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Night Airmail Flights

- May 15, 1918 - First U.S. air mail route established with service between New York and Washington DC (with a stop in Philadelphia).
- September 8, 1920 - Scheduled transcontinental air mail service between New York and San Francisco begins. Mail is flown during daylight hours and transferred to trains at night. The time of the trip is more than 70 hours.
- July 1, 1924 - Uninterrupted transcontinental air mail service, involving both day and night flying, opens. The Post Office set up three-foot-diameter beacons at major airfields along the route, 18-inch beacons at emergency landing fields 25 miles apart, and 250 acetylene beacons at three-mile intervals along the 885-mile flatland stretch between Chicago and Cheyenne. The time of the trip was reduced to 33 hours.



Sunday's cover celebrated the 125th Anniversary of the Liberty Bell Slot Machine. Information on back:

The Liberty Bell Slot Machine

Charles Fey (born Augustinus Josephus Fey) created the three-reeled Liberty Bell slot machine in 1899. There were stars, horseshoes, spades, diamonds, hearts, and cracked Liberty Bell on each reel. Players would pull the lever on the side of the machine to spin the reels. The machine would payout when a winning combination of symbols appeared on the three reels. Long-time NSSF member Frank Fey (1929-2014) was Charles Fey's grandson. In 1958, Frank and his brother Marshall moved to Reno and opened the Liberty Belle Saloon and Restaurant. For those lucky enough to visit the second floor, their grandfather's slot machines and the brother's collection of historic slot machines were displayed there. The Nevada State Museum acquired a large number of the machines when the restaurant closed in 2006.

Japan New Constitution Souvenir Sheet

By Howard Grenzebach

Issued May 3rd, 1947, to introduce the Japanese people to their new constitution after WWII. the Diet Building figures prominently in the 50 sen design because it symbolizes the Diet's status under the new constitution as the highest "organ of state power.

After the issuance of these stamps, the chrysanthemum crest of sixteen petals, which is the personal emblem of the imperial family rather than a national coat of arms, disappeared from Japanese stamp designs. It has since been seen only on the 1959 series commemorating the wedding of the Crown Prince, where it had a logical connection with the occasion.



*"We, the Japanese people, acting through duly elected representatives in the National Diet, determined that we shall secure for ourselves and our posterity the fruits of peaceful cooperation with all nations and the blessings of liberty throughout this land, and resolve that never again shall we be visited with the horrors of war, through the action of government, do proclaim that sovereign power resides with the people and do firmly establish this constitution. **Government is a sacred trust of the people, the authority of which is derived from the people, the powers of which are exercised by the representatives of the people, and the benefits of which are enjoyed by the people.** This is a universal principle of mankind upon which this constitution is founded. We reject and revoke all constitutions, laws, ordinances, and rescripts in conflict herewith.*

We, the Japanese people, desire peace for all time and are deeply conscious of the high ideals controlling human relationship, and we have determined to preserve our security and existence, trust-

***ing in the justice and faith of the peace-loving people of the world.** We desire to occupy an honored place in an international society striving for the preservation of peace, and the banishment of tyranny and slavery, oppression and intolerance for all time from the earth. We recognize that all peoples of the world have the right to live in peace, free from fear and want.*

We believe that no nation is responsible to itself alone, but that laws of political morality are universal: and that obedience to such laws is incumbent upon all nations who would sustain their own sovereignty and justify their sovereign relationship with other nations.

We, the Japanese people, pledge our national honor to accomplish these high ideals and purposes with all our resources."

This is the preamble of the Japanese constitution. The **sentences in bold** were used on the souvenir sheet. The full constitution was printed and sent out to all addresses in Japan to familiarize the people with the new order of things. That job was entrusted to Dr. Ashida Hitoshi, a Diet member who later became the Prime Minister of Japan.

Special thanks to Ken Kamholz, the publisher of "Japanese Philately" the newsletter of the ISJP (International Society for Japanese Philately) for sending the information found on this very special page. Thanks also to the people who assembled the information that I have used here.

The souvenir sheet had a printing of 603,300, Scott 831a. Printing was by photogravure on grayish watermarked paper. The souvenir sheet measures 5" x 7¹/₁₆".

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

August Quiz – ‘Bots And ‘Droids Invade the Stamp World

By Eric Moody

Beginning in the 1970s, robots and androids of various sizes, shapes and types appeared on the stamps of numerous countries. The questions below all relate to these appearances by robotic entities.

1. A stamp (#1906a) carrying the image of “Maria,” a robot in Fritz Lang’s classic 1927 futuristic film *Metropolis*, was issued by this European country in 1995.
(a) France (b) Austria (c) Germany (d) Switzerland
2. This comic book superhero looks robotic on a 2007 U.S. stamp (#4159h), but actually he is wearing a high-tech suit that gives him superpowers.
(a) The Incredible Hulk (b) Captain America (c) Iron Man (d) Thor
3. This South American country celebrated the United Nations’ International Year of Education in 1970 by producing a set of stamps that featured children’s drawings, one of which (#789) is of robots.
(a) Argentina (b) Brazil (c) Colombia (d) Uruguay
4. In 2007 the U.S. issued a set of stamps (#4143a-o) to mark the 30th anniversary of the release of the first *Star Wars* movie. The two robot characters depicted in the set are:
(a) R2-D2 and BB-8 (b) R2-D2 and D-O (c) C-3PO and BB-8 (d) C-3PO and R2-D2
5. *Lost in Space*, the cult 1960s American television series, was commemorated with a set of nine colorful stamps (one of which depicts the series’ resident robot) issued in 1997. The stamps appear on a souvenir sheet produced for collectors by this African country.
(a) Nigeria (b) Togo (c) Senegal (d) Morocco
6. A stamp set from this Middle Eastern country celebrated science fiction novels, among them the “robot stories” of Isaac Asimov. The stamps, one (#1424) bearing the image of a robot, were issued in 2000 by:
(a) Israel (b) Lebanon (c) Egypt (d) Jordan
7. In 1989 a stamp (#5768) commemorating the launch of the robotic interplanetary probe Phobos was released on a souvenir sheet by this space exploring nation.
(a) U.S. (b) Japan (c) China (d) Russia
8. Data, an android character in the TV series *Star Trek – The Next Generation*, appears in a 2016 set of stamps (#4481) from this South American country.
(a) Venezuela (b) Suriname (c) Guyana (d) Brazil
9. From 2005 to 2018 the private company Zazzle produced and sold numerous custom, or personalized, postage stamps, some of which featured drawings of robots. Under an agreement with postal authorities, the stamps were authorized for use in this country.
(a) Great Britain (b) Australia (c) U.S. (d) Canada
10. In 2021 the U.S. released a set of ten stamps (#5573-5582) featuring robots from this popular motion picture franchise.
(a) Star Trek (b) Star Wars (c) The Avengers (d) Masters of the Universe

The August quiz is worth 100 **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

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

Vassar Post Office Display

This month's new post office display is for Hot August Nights which feature classic cars, both stamps and covers. The other display frame set up last month contains material for the Olympics.



Club Picnic on Aug. 10 at 11 a.m. at the Silverada Clubhouse, 2301 Oddie Blvd, Reno.

Don't forget to contact Jeanne Paquin if attending the club picnic on Aug. 10. The food items needed are side dishes, vegetables, snacks, desserts. The club will provide the grilling meats and buns. Family members are welcome. Jeanne needs an exact count of those attending for the purchase of the meats.

Please bring your own drinks, plates and utensils. Call Jeanne at 775-450-8443 or email: jeanne@renostamp.org