

New Member - Robert Stodal

Robert Stoldal joined the NSSS in mid-February. He was asked to provide a bio about himself.

I was born in San Francisco moved to Nevada in 1956 and have been a working journalist with a deep interest in our state's history. I currently live in Las Vegas.

My interest in stamps and postal history, like so many, started early in life, with collecting stamps of the world. And while the stamp collecting moved to the file drawer, that drawer kept filling up as interesting stamps would arrive on a letter.

Today, my collecting interests range from the first flight, CAM 4, out of Las Vegas, to the postal and post card history of all of Nevada pre-1950. Working on small websites, <https://Captainhistory.com> and <https://Bigfootnote.com> where I post stories on Nevada history with a focus on post cards of the state.

During my working years I served as a reporter, television news anchor, creator and manager of a 24-hour Las Vegas cable news operation, and as the News Director of a statewide Nevada television news system.

I first retired in 2008, after forty years in broadcast news. I came out of retirement the following year and was named Vice President of News for the Sunbelt Corporation. With this new leadership the number of daily broadcasts were dramatically expanded. This expansion added five hours of local daily news.

In 2014 at the age of seventy-two, I again retired. But, in 2017, I became Chairman of the Board of The Nevada Independent, a nonpartisan, nonprofit news and opinion website.

In addition, I currently serve on the boards of several community organizations including Nevada Public Radio's Citizens Advisory Board, the Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, Las Vegas City Historical Preservation Commission, Preserve Nevada and Nevada Commission on Tourism, the National Atomic Testing Museum and the Nevada State Commission on Cultural Affairs and Historic Places.

In 2020, I was the recipient of the "Distinguished Nevadan" award presented by the University of Nevada Board of Regents. The award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the cultural, and social advancement of Nevada and its people.

I am a lifetime member Reno Historic Preservation Society. **Eric Moody** and I worked together in the Nevada State Museum system.