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## Upcoming Events

- **Sat. Dec. 13:** Holiday party! RSVP to **Maggie Griener** by Sat. Dec. 6. *Hors d'œuvres* at 11:00 will be followed by the main meal at 11:30. Bring your own plates, utensils, and beverages.
- **Sat. Dec. 27:** No meeting; happy holidays!
- **Tue. Jan 13–Thu. 22:** Online Auction #39. Lots due by Sun. Jan. 11.

## From the Editor

I've been honored to serve as Editor of *The Post Boy* for 2025! We saw many excellent articles with interest-

ing stamps and covers, a new NSSS President, and memorable photos of meetings and celebrations. I have recently completed my Ph.D. in chemistry at UNR and moved across the country to Hardeeville, SC (near Hilton Head Island and Savannah, GA), where I am serving as an instructor at the University of South Carolina Beaufort. So, I'll be stepping down as Editor of our award-winning newsletter (and as Secretary of the NSSS) to allow a local club member with regular attendance to fulfill these duties. **Maggie Griener** has been serving as interim Secretary, and the Board will vote soon to make her position permanent. Please continue to direct all *The Post Boy* communication and articles to [editor@renostamp.org](mailto:editor@renostamp.org)! —WLE

## Member Updates

The NSSS has received word of the recent deaths of two members.

- **Barbara Ann Diederichsen**, 1931–October 25, 2025
- **Richard Edward “Dick” Dreiling**, April 3, 1939–November 24, 2025

## ***The Post Boy Reporter***

by Maggie Griener, Secretary *pro tempore*

### **November 8**

This year's Auction Bucks meeting was held on November 8, with 23 members in attendance. **Maggie Griener** arrived early to hand out the envelopes of Auction Bucks to the members. There was spirited bidding on 40 lots of a variety of items brought for auction, and a total of 97610 Auction Bucks were spent. Auctioneers were **Gary Atkinson** and **Mike Potter**, assisted by **Nadiah Beekun**.

Online Auction #43 was announced to begin on January 13, 2026, ending January 22 at noon. Lots will be due by January 11.

The club's annual Christmas party is set for December 13. **Maggie Griener** will prepare an attendance sheet for members to sign up for the potluck holiday luncheon, and she will be cooking the turkey again this year. Look for those sheets at the next meeting and start thinking about your favorite dishes to share with your fellow members.

**Barbara Stanfield** has a sign-up sheet for volunteers to bring refreshments for next year, and **Dave Gehringer** is also seeking members to do presentations for next year. The programs can be as small or as long and elaborate as you like, so pick a favorite subject and share your knowledge and interests!

### **November 22**

President **Jeff Waldman** called the meeting to order. A Zoom connection was established with one participant. Twenty-five members were present. Refreshments were provided by **Gary Atkinson**.

A sad note as the start of the meeting was the passing of longtime NSSS member **Barbara Diederichsen**. A sympathy card was provided to sign and send to her family.

Our members who are veterans were introduced and acknowledged. We honor and thank them for their service. Happy Veterans' Day!

**Eric Moody** brought some free passes to the Sparks Museum.

The holiday potluck luncheon and Santa gift exchange were discussed and a menu and attendance sheet provided for members to sign up to bring their favorite

holiday dishes.

**Jeff Waldman** has received a very large donation, and Donations Chair **James Steckley** will be processing that for future auctions along with the 16 boxes he already has.

Membership Chair **Mike Potter** reports club membership stands at 61 members.

**John Walter** showed photos of the new stamp issues beginning in January 2026 from USPS and also his display at the Vassar Post Office for Veterans' Day. He again encouraged members to do the quiz in *The Post Boy*, both for Auction Bucks and learning new and interesting things using a variety of sources including, at your peril, AI.

**Erik Fields** discussed the ongoing plans to move the annual July show to the Reno Convention Center. The show space will be larger and will accommodate more dealers which need to be recruited.

After the raffle, **Dave Gehringer** presented another very interesting program in his series on fancy cancels on classic stamps.



**Barbara Diederichsen (1931–2025)**



**Dick Dreiling (1939–2025)**

## Auction Bucks Auction

By John Walter

Club members accumulate Auction Bucks through volunteer activities over the course of the year. At the first meeting in November, these Auction Bucks are used to bid on donated items similar to those found at garage and yard sales. Below are images from the auction event. A total of 22 members and one spouse attended, collectively spending 97,610 Auction Bucks to acquire 40 items.

The auction was conducted by **Mike Potter** and **Gary Atkinson**, with assistance from **Nadiah Beekun**. **Maggie Griener** served as the banker, overseeing the collection of Auction Bucks. Notably, five bottles of wine were available this year, with a red wine selling for 15,000 bucks. A small collection containing various stamps sold for 14,000 bucks, while a silverware set housed in a wooden case from Thailand achieved a sale price of 15,000 bucks.

The event provided members with an engaging and competitive bidding experience. Included below are photographs of the event and featured auction items.



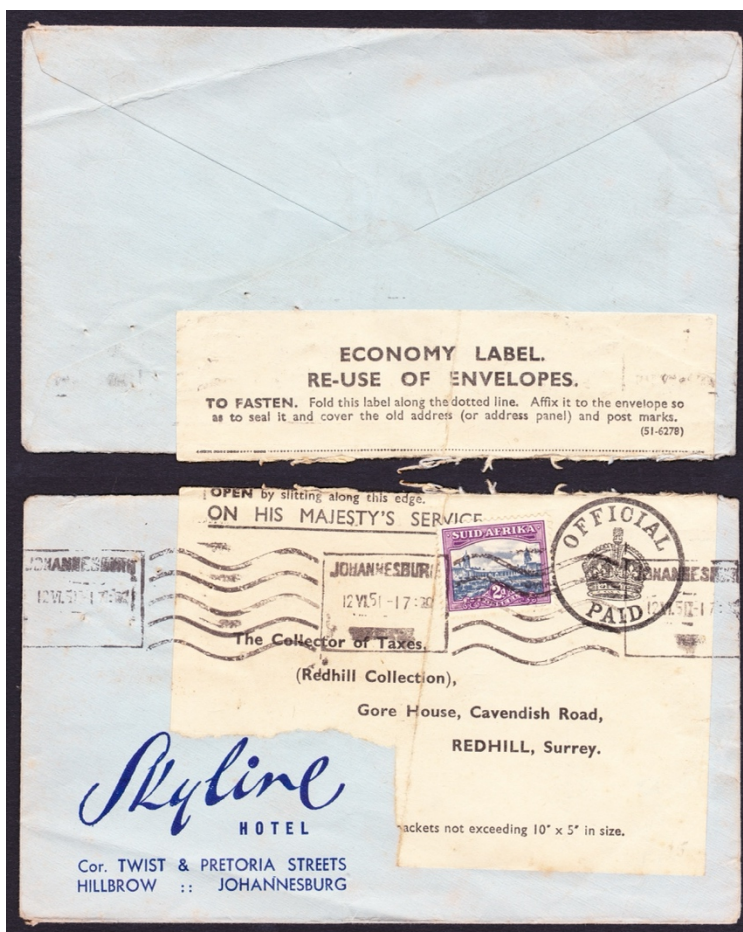


## A Wartime Economy Mailing Label

By Patrick Crosby

As the British Empire fought along with its allies in World War II, it was also dealing with the Blitz (Blitzkrieg) - surprise German air attacks on its own cities. Economies changed from peacetime to wartime production and there was rationing of food and materials. Paper was needed for the war effort. The labels on canned goods became plain and small with much of the can left uncovered. Civilians and government offices slit envelopes they received along the top, removed the contents, and reused the envelopes by placing a large adhesive label folded over the slit. The front portion of the label covered the old address, ready to be re-addressed. The next recipient could repeat the process.

These labels were printed or homemade. Many were used by government offices with or without being already officially paid. The label on the featured cover wasn't used in Britain as usual, but was applied on a hotel envelope from the Hillbrow district of Johannesburg, South Africa. The "Official Paid" franking did not apply as the (then) Union of South Africa was a sovereign nation. A 2 pence South African stamp (sc. 56) was applied to pay the 1 oz. letter treaty rate with Britain. A corner of the label was torn off to show the hotel's corner card. The repeater machine cancellation is from Johannesburg, South Africa, June 12, 1951 with the sender remitting his tax payment to the Collector of Taxes in the city of Redhill, county of Surrey, England.



## A Few Imperforate Stamps on Cover

By Patrick Crosby

Care should be taken when dealing with imperforate stamps for your album. The ones issued in sheet format have perforated counterparts that could be worth considerably less – unless an unscrupulous person trims the perforations off. So it's a great idea to collect imperforate stamps in pairs. Another safeguard might be to collect imperforate stamps on cover, but they don't fit conveniently in an album.

A common 1¢ Columbian Exposition envelope from back in 1893 (Sc. U348-3) was used in 1938 and an imperforate 2¢ Hudson Fulton Celebration commemorative from 1909 (Sc. 373) was added to pay the 3¢ letter rate. The stamp has wide margins indicating it was from an imperforate sheet, but unfortunately it had been ripped in half vertically and so was only good for postage. The recipient, Clarence W. Brazer, is a well-known name in philately for his work with U.S. adhesive postage stamp essays (i.e. early artwork for a future stamp). In 1946 he was awarded the American Philatelic Society's Luff Award, which is presented to three individuals in three categories – Brazer's was for Distinguished Philatelic Research. The Luff Award is presented to living philatelists, while the APS Hall Of Fame distinction is awarded to only deceased collectors for outstanding contributions to our hobby. Clarence Brazer was one of three APS Hall of Fame honorees in 1956.



Imperforate stamps on an event cover give it a little spice. A block of six 1½¢ James Harding imperforate stamps (Sc.631 from 1926) and one 1¢ imperforate George Washington (Sc. 408 from 1912 or Sc.481 from 1916) pay for 10¢ first-class airmail service. The event handstamp reads, "Last airmail flight under old rate July 31, 1928 Pittsburgh, Pa." The airmail letter rate for the continental U.S. dropped from 10¢/ ½ ounce to 5¢/ 1 ounce. A slogan machine cancel and three duplex handstamps from Pittsburgh,

PA were used to cancel all the stamps. A Kalamazoo, MI, address was changed to Oakland, CA, but the cover was first "Missent to Los Angeles, Calif." Postmarked July 31 in Pittsburgh, with August 1, Los Angeles and August 2, Oakland handstamps on the back of the cover (not shown), it received first-class airmail service all along its way.

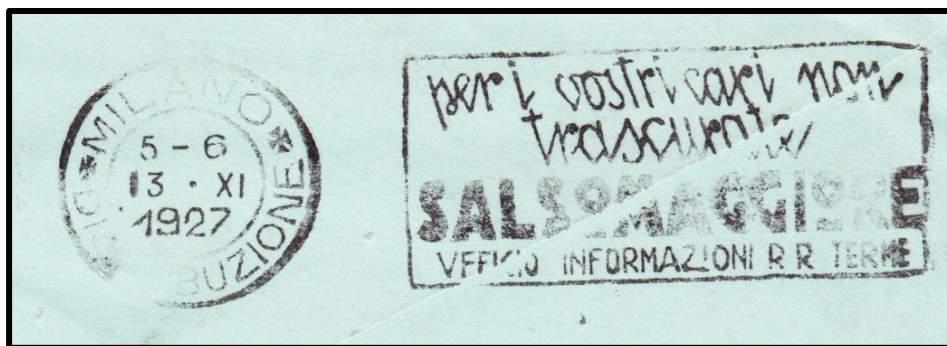


So-called "legitimate usages" of imperforate stamps on cover are harder to come by. A pair of Sc. 343 imperforate stamps simply pay the first class letter rate in 1909 with stamps issued late 1908. No funny business when there is a pair and on cover, but as an example, this stamp as a perforated single valued at about 40¢ could become valued at \$5 if given a haircut.





Another, legitimately used cover has two poorly separated single 1½¢ James Harding imperforate stamps (Sc. 631 from 1926) on a common 2¢ envelope (Sc. U432) paying the 5¢ surface letter rate to Italy in 1927. The originating postmark is from New York,, NY City Hall Station, and notice the redundant “C.H. STA.” with a star inside the killer portion. The slogan cancel on the reverse from Milan, Italy, has to do with railroad times and reads in part, “For your loved ones not neglected”.



## Quiz: Hats

by Eric Moody

- Silent film star Charlie Chaplin is shown on U.S. stamps #2821 (1994) and 3183a (1998) in his trademark persona The Little Tramp. In both instances he is wearing this type of hat.
  - skimmer
  - skimmer
  - derby
  - derby
  - fedora
  - homburg
- This popular men's hat of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, which was worn with its wide brim folded up on three sides, numbered among its users George Washington, who is shown wearing it on a U.S. stamp (#706) of 1932. Generally referred to as a kind of cocked hat, it is specifically a
  - blocked hat.
  - tricorn.
  - toque.
  - bicorn.
- In a set of Belgian stamps from 1919 (#124–137), King Albert I is depicted wearing a
  - sailor's cap.
  - miner's helmet.
  - beret.
  - army helmet.
- The wide-brimmed slouch, or bush, hat shown in the center of a 1940 Australian stamp (#184) has long been part of military uniforms in that country and this one, which depicted it on a 1984 issue (#811).
  - Spain
  - Argentina
  - New Zealand
  - Italy
- This famous American author of such books as *Giant*, *Show Boat*, and *Cimarron* is shown wearing a close-fitting cloche hat on a 2002 U.S. stamp (#3433).
  - Eudora Welty
  - Willa Cather
  - Margaret Mitchell
  - Edna Ferber
- A Brazilian stamp of 2005 (#2965) shows Pope John Paul II wearing this on his head.
  - gaucho's hat
  - baseball cap
  - mitre
  - zuchetto
- In 2008, this popular American singer of the 1940s–1980s appeared on a U.S. stamp wearing one of his trademark fedoras.
  - Bing Crosby
  - Frank Sinatra
  - Tony Bennett
  - Burl Ives
- From the 1920s to 1950s the kings of Egypt appeared on the country's stamps sporting this type of head covering.
  - turban
  - top hat
  - Bedouin headdress
  - fez
- King George V of Great Britain was featured on a New Zealand stamp of 1926 in an admiral's uniform which included this headgear.
  - bicorne hat
  - naval round hat
  - shako
  - busby
- Marianne, symbol of the French Republic, is usually depicted on that country's stamps (#505, 553, 1994, etc.) wearing this type of cap.
  - Corsican
  - Phrygian
  - beret
  - skull
- A celebrity in his field, Felipe Rojas-Lombardi is depicted on a 2014 U.S. stamp (#4923) wearing a
  - jockey's cap.
  - swimming cap.
  - chef's hat.
  - diving helmet.
- During World War II, Canada issued stamps (#249–252) that featured King George VI with these on his head.
  - ceremonial parade hats
  - pith helmets
  - sailor's knit caps
  - military officers' hats
- Hollywood movie cowboys of the silent and early sound eras, such as Tom Mix, William Boyd (Hopalong Cassidy), and Gene Autry, who are depicted on U.S. stamps #4414g, 4447, and 4449, usually appeared onscreen in this style Western hat.
  - pinch front
  - gambler
  - ten gallon
  - Dakota

The quiz is worth 130 Auction Bucks. Please give your answers to **Maggie Griener** at the next meeting or email them to [postboyquiz@renostamp.org](mailto:postboyquiz@renostamp.org). **November quiz answers:** 1c, 2b, 3d, 4b, 5c, 6c, 7a, 8c, 9d, 10c, 11b, 12c.



## Vassar Post Office Display

By John Walter

The end of November and the month of December are easy for philatelic displays. Featured displays at the post office are for Thanksgiving then comes Hanukkah “Festival of Lights” starts Dec. 14 to Dec. 22. Of course, Christmas on Dec. 25 has lots of stamps but I am using only half a frame. The last holiday to celebrate is Kwanzaa which “Encourages Unity & Joy Among African Americans” stars Dec. 26 to Jan. 1.



Got a good picture of both display frames without too much light reflection.