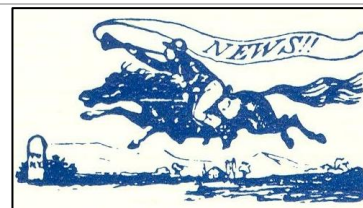


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Announcements

September Meetings

Sept. 12, 2026 - In person and online Zoom meeting starts at 10 a.m. After announcements, committee reports and raffle, there is a live auction. Members are allowed 5 auction lots with more added up to 60 total lots.

Sept. 26, 2026 - In person and online Zoom meeting starts at 10 a.m. After announcements, committee reports and raffle, there is a philatelic presentation. Members are allowed 10 lots on the consignment table. There is a Board meeting after the regular meeting.

Membership Dues Renewal - The membership year is Aug. 1 to July 31. The **renewal** dues is \$10 for individuals and \$15 for a family is payable now.

Nevada Postal History Society is requesting articles on the subject. Society membership is free and a copy of the digital publication is sent to all our members. Send articles to Scott Prior NevPHJ@Gmail.com.
https://sites.google.com/view/nevphs/home?utm_source=copilot.com

Regional Stamp Shows:

Nov. 7-8, 2026, SACAPEX, www.sacramentostampclub.org

Nov. 14-15, 2026, Filatelic Fiesta, Santa Clara, CA,
<https://filatelicfiesta.com/>

Dec. 5-6, 2026, PENPEX, Redwood City, CA, www.penpex.org

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Post Boy Reporter

Aug. 8 Picnic – Thanks to **Maggie Griener** for coordinating the food items. Attendance was 23. **Gary Atkinson** purchased burgers, hot dogs and a few veggie burgers, plus the buns. He also brought his propane grill and did the cooking. Maggie brought some home-made cherry pies and ice cream.

There were more than enough food and dessert items for everyone.

The club membership year starts August 1, so the annual election is held at this time of the year. By acclamation the following members were elected: Vice-President – **Pete Test**, Secretary – **Maggie Griener**, and Directors – **Gary Atkinson** and **Joy Sackerson**. A big thank you goes out to those leaving the Board; **Nadiah Beekun**, **John Walter** and **Dave Parsons**. All will remain active in various roles.

Aug. 22 meeting - The refreshments were provided by **Erik Fields**. Attendance was 25 members including one on Zoom. There were also 6 visitors with one expressing an interest in joining.

Jeff Waldman, President, made a few announcements. **John Walter** discussed the current issue of the Post Boy and encouraged members to complete the quiz. John also did some updating to the website with the election of new board members at the picnic. The current Board members are listed on page one of this newsletter.

Dave Parsons reported on the online auction #45 (<https://renostamp.org/auction/>) was closed on Aug. 20 with 35 of 65 lots selling for \$215.00. The next auction will start at the end of Oct. and end in Nov.

James Steckley, Donation Chair, announced he has 14 boxes of donations and is anxious to dispose of them. Maybe another all-donation live auction. **Mike Potter**, Membership Chair, says about half the members have renewed. He will contact the others about the special dues renewal of \$10.

The meeting Raffle had 10 prizes, and a bonus prize was won by Dwight Hatano, a visitor; the 50/50 prize money of \$7.25 went to **Ken Hopple**.

A U.S. stamp-pane surprise – The meeting gained some excitement when a young couple, Divens and Tara, arrived with 20 boxes and bins of post-office-fresh stamp panes. The material had belonged to Divens' grandmother, who had collected the panes over many years. After her passing, Divens was not sure what to do with the large accumulation, so the panes were offered to members at below face value. Most members purchased at least a few items.

The meeting presentation was chaired by **Erik Fields** with a discussion of the July stamp show. The show attendance was 179 on Saturday and 82 on Sunday. There were a few Comic Con attendees that visited our show. The show expenses were \$5,300. New signs were purchased for the show and worked well.

Having the show in July with Artown festivities really helps with advertising at the casinos. Erik provides feedback to the Artown committee about our show.

Feedback from attendees and dealers showed the convention center venue was a hit. It was easy parking and not too far to walk. There was some confusion with the exhibit judging since the exhibit chair did not receive a list of awards. Information was gathered from each individual exhibitor with the list in last month's Post Boy and on the website: <https://renostamp.org/show.html>.

Closed Album by John Walter

Vaugh Yost – No official obituary was posted, but here is what his granddaughter shared: "It is with a heavy heart that we share that Vaughn Yost passed away on June 14th after a courageous battle with cancer. Vaughn was a man who found joy in the simple things: Sunday mornings at church with his beloved wife Terry, working on Z cars, a NASCAR race, gardening, and a round of golf with good company. A proud UC Riverside class of 1975 alumnus, he lived a full and meaningful life, and his memory will stay with us always." Vaughn was a member since 2019 and attended a few stamp club meetings each year. Vaughn and I also went to the same gym, where we often chatted while lifting weights or stretching. He never mentioned his battle with cancer.

Vaughn collected U.S. mint and used stamps. He actively participated in our online auctions.



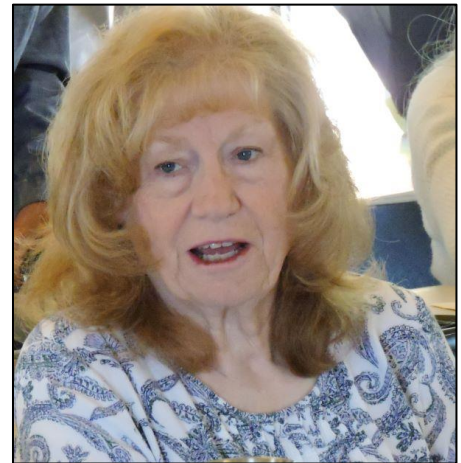
Vaughn Yost on 80th birthday.

New Member Profiles

Carrie Brugger – Carrie shared the following information about herself:

"I graduated from Sacramento State where I met my husband. I started collecting stamps when I was in my late 20s. My father-in-law helped me to collect stamps. I was collecting stamps of the United States.

"I didn't get very involved because I started driving an 18-wheeler with my husband. We started with North American Van Lines. We drove 48 states and parts of Canada. Then we changed companies and drove with flatbed trailers. I did that for six years and my husband did that for 10 years.



"When he quit, we moved to Tonopah, NV where we worked on the Tonopah test range. When the test range was closed, we moved to Las Vegas where I then worked for the National Nevada Security Site in the planning and budget department and then transferred to the Counterterrorism Operations department and retired at 68 years old. I moved to Sparks, NV exactly one year ago to be with my daughter and granddaughter. My daughter is friends with Maggie Griener's niece and that's how I met Maggie. So, I decided to get back into stamp collecting to meet people and to have something to do. However, I am just a beginner and have a lot to learn. I am thinking about narrowing my focus in U.S. collecting."

Carrie has been attending meetings since July, including our August picnic with her granddaughter. Say hello to Carrie and her granddaughter when you see them at meetings.

Marc Lane joined in August. Marc lives in Boise, ID and is a member of APS and ATA . He collects foreign and U.S. Marc is a veteran who served in U.S. Marine Corp, no overseas duty. Marc will participate in meetings using Zoom.

Michael Hendrick joined right after the July Reno stamp show. He collects worldwide issues. Michael is a veteran who served in the USAF from July 1976 to Dec 1979. He lives in Reno and we hope to see Michael at an upcoming meeting.

Rupture Appliance Used in 1915 Testimonial

By John Walter

Looking in a box of early covers I've had for a few years, I noticed a 1915 cover with two letters. As I was reading the letters my daughter came in and asked about the letters. As she read the letters she asked, "What is a rupture?" I knew immediately what the family was talking about and the use of a truss for an inguinal hernia. My daughter wanted more information so down the rabbit hole(s) I went and showed her how AI can answer her questions.

The postmark and cancellation

Starting with the postmark which looks nice with Sandusky, Ohio, Oct. 3 -15, 10-30 PM. It is a "straight-line postmark with 8 horizontal straight lines" for the cancellation. The device was manufactured by the Columbia Postal Supply Company in Silver Creek, NY. The pair of 1¢ Washington stamps (Sc #405) paid the correct first-class rate (1885-1917).



What a "TEST" handstamp from 1915 likely represents

I asked AI to explain the blue "TEST" handstamp, above the postmark. AI wanted me to send an image then responded:

I can see the cover clearly in your Word document. That blue "TEST" stamp above "SANDUSKY, OHIO" is a fascinating detail. Here's what's going on with that marking: The blue "TEST" impression is not part of the machine cancel itself — it's a separate handstamp

applied above the Columbia machine's date stamp. That combination suggests a training or proof strike rather than a normal postal marking.

In 1915, the Columbia Postal Supply Company was actively installing and servicing canceling machines across the Midwest. When technicians or postal clerks adjusted the date slugs or tested ink flow, they often used a simple "TEST" rubber handstamp to mark envelopes or sheets used for calibration. Occasionally, these pieces were mailed or saved, producing collectible anomalies like yours.

What makes yours special: The blue ink is atypical — Columbia's machine cancels used black or purple ink, so the blue "TEST" was applied manually.

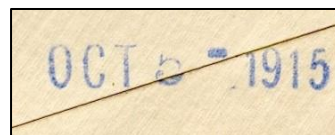
The placement above the date stamp indicates it was added before the machine cancel, perhaps by a clerk verifying the strike quality.

The SANDUSKY, OHIO OCT 3, 1915, date fits the period when Columbia machines were being serviced regionally.

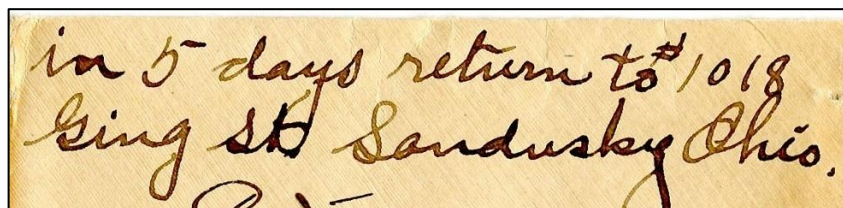
Your cover was probably used during a machine test or clerk training session at the Sandusky post office. The "TEST" handstamp identified the piece as part of that procedure — but someone may have mailed it anyway, creating a rare hybrid of operational and experimental markings.

The Columbia Postal Supply Company of Silver Creek, New York was one of the major U.S. manufacturers of postal canceling machines from the late 1890s through the 1920s. Their devices produced some of the most recognizable machine cancels of the era, "including the exact style you're seeing on your Sandusky, Ohio – Oct 3, 1915, cover."

What about the **Oct 7 1915** blue handstamp date top middle of cover. That seems to be the sending date from the Brooks Rupture Appliance Co. in Marshall, Michigan since the enclosed response letter has that date.



Receiving date on back of cover.



On the left side of the cover is the notation to return to the sender's address.

That seems to be the reason the second sending address in red. Could that "TEST" handstamp been a part of a project to track a forwarded/return cover?

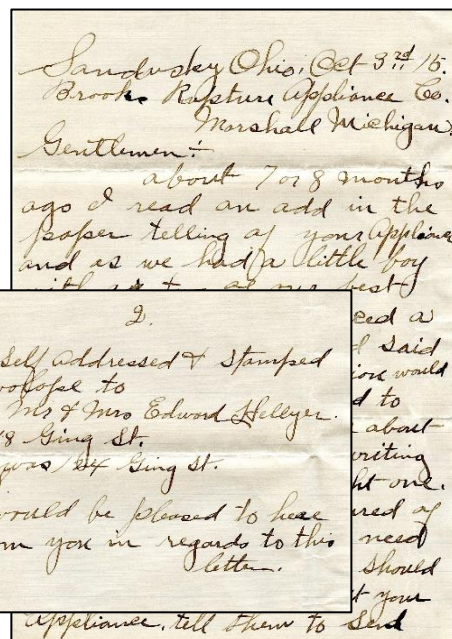
Testimonial Letter for Rupture Cure

Again, back to the cover. The notation "child cured" is in same handwriting as the address to Brooks Co.

This is the transcription of the letter sent:

"Sandusky Ohio, Oct 3rd 15. Brooks Rupture Appliance Co., Marshall Michigan.

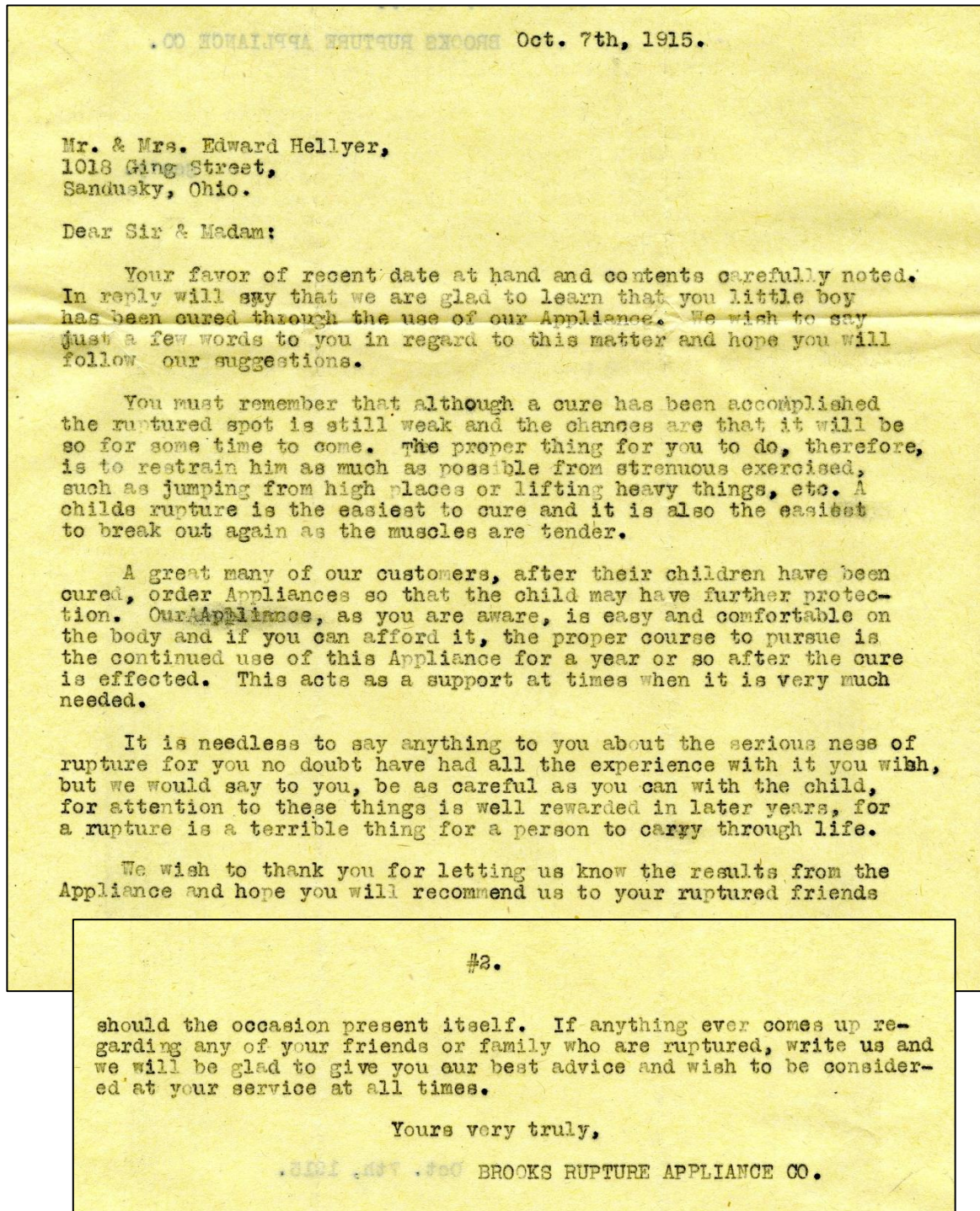
"Gentlemen: About 7 or 8 months ago I read an ad in the paper telling of your appliance and as we had a little boy with (??) two of our best physicians pronounced a very bad rupture, and said nothing but an operation would do any



good. We decided to write you to learn more about your appliance, after writing a letter or two we bought one, and now our boy is cured of the rupture and don't need to wear it anymore. Should you find a skeptic about your appliance, tell them to send a self addressed and stamped envelope to

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Hellyer, #1018 Ging St. (was 124 Ging St. P.S. would be pleased to hear from you in regards to this letter."

The response letter from Brooks Rupture Appliance Co.:



The company's response letter ..."glad to learn that your little boy has been cured through the use of our appliance." ... "A child's rupture is the easiest to cure and it is also the easiest to break out again..."

What “rupture” meant in 1915

AI was asked about “rupture” in that era. “The term rupture was the standard layperson’s word for a hernia throughout the 19th and early 20th centuries. Inguinal hernia is the most common in children. By 1915, hernia surgery was becoming safer and more common. A child might need surgery because:

- The hernia could become incarcerated (trapped)
- It could become strangulated, cutting off blood supply—life-threatening
- Trusses (support belts) were used, but not considered a cure

So “may need surgery” fits perfectly with how hernias were treated at the time.

Bottom line: A child with a “rupture” in 1915 = a child with a hernia, usually inguinal, and surgery was considered the definitive treatment.”

One last thing, I was looking for the address in Sandusky. The house was built in 1914 and looks good to this day.

The house is 1992 sqft with 3 bedrooms and 2 baths on 2 levels. The house was last sold in 2008.

I did not expect to find all this information from looking at the cover and reading both letters. My daughter was surprised and expressed an interest in items like this.

I’ll have to give her more postal history lessons and show her how easy it is to research on the Internet.



September New Issue Stamps

Sept. 12, **U.S. Coast Guard Academy**. Single (82¢) forever commemorative stamp; pane of 20; (press sheet with die cuts at \$98.40), 489108 (press sheet without die cuts at \$98.40).

Sept. 18, **Winter Wreath**. Single (\$1.75) global forever stamp; pane of 10.

Sept. 19, **Christmas Cookies**. Four (82¢) special forever stamps; double-sided pane of 20.

Sept. 23, **Kwanzaa**. Single (82¢) forever stamp; pane of 20.

Sept. 25, **Squirrels & Chipmunks in Winter**. Four (82¢) forever stamp, double-sided pane of 20.

Sept. 25, **Linda McCartney**, 5 designs (82¢) forever stamps, pane of 20.

Sept. 29, **Hanukkah**. Single (82¢) forever stamp; pane of 20.

“Hello Bill!” and the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition

By Patrick Crosby

As the story goes, when a brother Elk of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (B.P.O.E.) arrived at the 1897 Elk’s National Reunion and had a question, they were often referred to sparkplug Billy Goddard who probably knew the answer. There seemed to be a continuous “Hello, Bill, I’m so and so and was told to ask you...” Soon they were all greeting each other with “Hello Bill” and a custom was born.



Shown is a colorful “Hello Bill!” postcard promoting the Elk’s Reunion, Los Angeles, CA, July 11th to 17th, 1909, and showing a mission heritage, a bustling city street, an exaggerated orange (for agriculture and the good weather) and a businessman. Above the Elk head is a clock showing 11:00 [pm], the time daily for reflection on members absent and alive. The sender of this card on July 15, 1909 writes, “The Elks are here sixty thousand strong. The city is a bower of beauty in purple and white.” The Elk’s colors are royal purple and white.



The second postcard is for the 1909 Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition (AYP) held in Seattle, WA, to promote business opportunities in the Pacific Northwest. The card shows some of the exposition grounds from the central fountain with a view to Mt. Rainier. The steamship showed ties we had with Japan, and the train connects the U.S. West and East. The left side panel depicts Alaska and the right shows logging in the northwest. But why is there a "Hello Bill"? I believe it was a tip of the hat to Elk's Day at the exposition, which was July 28th. There was the Elk's parade in the morning, and Elk's circus parade in the afternoon, followed by the Elk's circus. The sender writes to a friend in Idaho "We...are going to the fair in the morning" and signs it "Bill"!! Both cards shown were by the same publisher, Edw. H. Mitchell.



There was only one U.S. postage stamp issued for the AYP, which was relatively small and not at a World's Exposition level. The stamp, 2-cent Scott 370 (imperforate is Sc. 371), depicts William M. Seward who in 1867 had negotiated a treaty for Alaska Territory. Although the U.S. domestic and to Canada card rates were the same at 1-cent, Washington residents were excited and didn't mind paying an extra penny to use the stamp, as with the shown Aberdeen, WA, American machine flag canceled postcard to New Brunswick, Canada.

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- <https://www.elks.org/history/hellobill.cfm>, Origin of "Hello, Bill"

Patrick Crosby is a member who lives in McMinnville, OR. He collects U.S. postal stationery, stamps and postcards with an emphasis on postal history.

August quiz answers: 1. c, 2. d, 3. b, 4. d, 5. a, 6. b, 7. c, 8. d, 9. c, 10. b, 11. c, 12. b.

Each correct quiz answer is worth 100 Auction Bucks. Please complete the quiz and give your answers to **Maggie Griener** at the next in-person meeting or email to: postboyquiz@renostamp.org

September Quiz: Postage From Down Under

By Eric Moody

The following quiz is all about postal issues of Australia.

1. A stamp depicting Australia's newly completed federal Parliament House in the capital city of Canberra appeared in this year.
(a) 1901 (b) 1913 (c) 1927 (d) 1931
2. The first British monarch to appear on a stamp of the Commonwealth of Australia was
(a) Queen Victoria (b) George V (c) Edward VII (d) George VI
3. This 1899-1900 pictorial (#91) from an Australian state that produced its own stamps until 1912, features a view of the spectacular Russell Falls.
(a) Queensland (b) Victoria (c) Tasmania (d) New South Wales
4. Historic Australian railroad stations are the subject of a colorful set of four stamps issued in
(a) 1970 (b) 1998 (c) 2000 (d) 2013
5. A 2009 set of stamps (#3104-3108) celebrated some of the country's most famous
(a) National parks (b) bridges (c) beaches (d) city parks and botanical gardens
6. The 75th anniversary of the discovery of this rich silver-lead mining field was commemorated on a 1958 stamp (#311). The name of the field is
(a) Kalgoorlie (b) Broken Hill (c) Bowen Basin (d) Ayers Rock
7. The first animal to be depicted on a stamp of Australia, in 1913, was a
(a) koala (b) kookaburra (c) lyrebird (d) kangaroo
8. The opening of a spectacular new opera house on this city's waterfront in 1973 was celebrated with the issuance of a stamp (#584). The city is
(a) Melbourne (b) Sydney (c) Adelaide (d) Brisbane
9. The centennial of this annual sporting event was marked with two stamps (#2321 & 2322) that appeared in 2005. The famous event is the
(a) Melbourne Cup (horse racing) (b) Rip Curl Pro (surfing) (c) Australian Golf Open
(d) Australian Tennis Open
10. This British monarch appears on a two penny Australian stamp printed but never issued in the tumultuous three-king year of 1936.
(a) George VI (b) Edward VII (c) Edward VIII (d) George V
11. The historic 1872 post office in this notable Outback settlement is shown on a 1982 stamp (#832). The town is
(a) Alice Springs (b) Kalgoorlie (c) Darwin (d) Ballarat
12. 150 years of shipping on this major river was commemorated with a set of ten stamps (#2173-2182) in 2003. The river is the
(a) Snowy (b) Murray (c) Darling (d) Murchison