

Going to Our Stamp Show

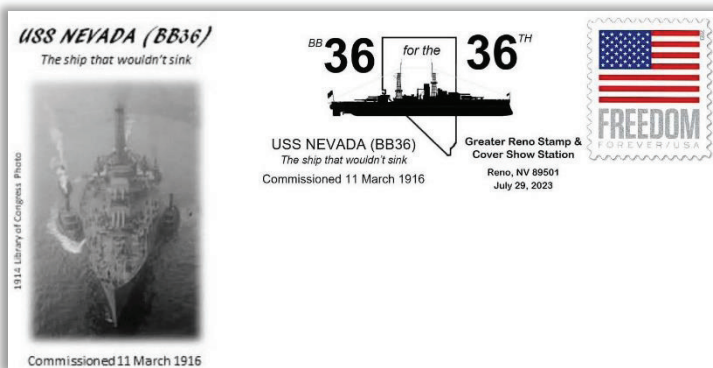
On July 29 and 30 the Nevada Stamp Study Society is hosting the 2023 Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show. Once again, it will be held in the Hall of Fame Museum on the first floor of the National Bowling Stadium. It is located at 300 North Center Street with free parking in the stadium garage. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

In addition to the dealer bourse and exhibits, we will also have a youth table and information to introduce new collectors to the hobby. Free stamps, album pages and hinges will be available.

A cachet cover with a special show cancellation for each day will be offered, along with hourly door prizes. The cachet and pictorial cancels will feature the USS Nevada “The ship that wouldn’t sink.”



Entrance to the Bowling Stadium with our show banner.



Mockup of July 29 Show Cover.



Mockup of July 30 Show Cover.

Before arriving at the show, consider some tips for a successful show visit: Create a want list. Pack a pair of tongs. Set your budget. Be prepared to convey to the dealer your collecting interests and standards, i.e., mint, NH, used, F-VF, VF, superb, graded, etc. If the dealer doesn't have it in stock, they may be able to watch for it and contact you if the item appears. Bring cash for most purchases, since not all dealers accept credit cards. Don't forget to wear your club name tag. The dealers do notice, and you can always ask for a discount as a club member. You also may consider contacting the dealer ahead of time to see if they can bring something specific. Many dealers have large inventories, and they cannot bring everything to the show. If you click on the show page at <https://renostamp.org/show.html>, you will find a diagram of the dealer table placements and a list of the dealers with emails.

Some members have expressed concern of the merits of doing a show. It seems like finding dealers and exhibitors who are interested in participating is becoming more of a challenge every year. In addition, our show does not make money for the club (last year it was -\$400). Making money is not the reason we have these shows. The show is a very important element of the goals of the club, which are to help “connect and support stamp collectors of all ages and interests” as well as attract new collectors.

There are many folks in our community who have inherited a stamp collection from a family member or a friend and have no idea what they have and what they should do with it. For some, our stamp show is their "Eureka" moment of realizing they may have something special and not a random mess of little pieces of paper. In addition, like any event, successful or not, contributes to making our community a more exciting place to live.

Our stamp show is an official Reno Artown event. The show is listed in the Artown pamphlet and on their website: <https://artown.org/event-details.asp?ID=5187>.

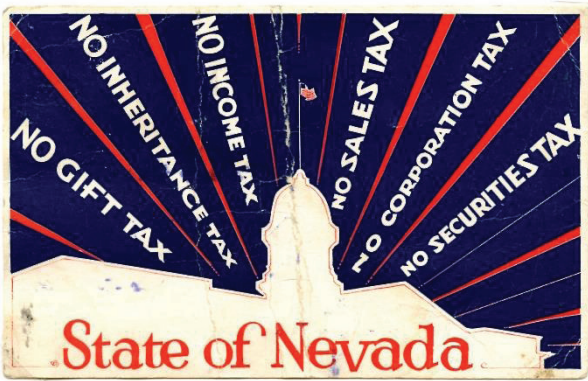
Don't forget the exhibits. There is space for up to 40 exhibit frames (16 pages per frame).

Club members are encouraged to write about one or more of your favorite items and tell why you like that item. The item can be one stamp, a group of stamps, or cover(s). You are the storyteller. The "My Favorite Thing" pages will be on display in the Bowling Stadium lobby and in the exhibit area. This is also a great way to let everyone know what you collect and what you get enjoyment from.

The best thing about a stamp show is being able to interact with like-minded people about the joys of stamp collecting. Unlike our semi-monthly stamp meetings where we only meet for a few hours, you can spend two days with your stamp collecting friends.

A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS

This postcard from fall 1946 spells out just why so many people re-locate to Nevada, especially those from the tax crazy micro-managers in California State Government.



BUT, lest we Nevadans whether native or trans-planted become complacent, watch out for those "public service" union people (like teachers) and those weak-kneed pols in Carson City who are constantly probing and dreaming up new ways to circumvent our State's Constitutional money grabbing tax protections.

They dearly love to squander your hard earned money on some hair-brained idea and then march to the TV camera and brag about how government has "saved" us from some trumped up phony-baloney problem or boogey-man.

These people love tell us it is all "for the children" and then pee it away on schemes that only fatten their larders, buy votes, and dig deeper into our lives and liberties with their rules and regulations intended to micro-manage our businesses and lives from cradle to grave.

My Favorite Things page with a State of Nevada picture post card from 1946 outlining benefits of moving to Nevada.

A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS

Just when do we collectors and accumulators flirt with the idea of having some Zeppelin stamps and/or covers?



For me, I was in my mid 20's, beyond military service and before marriage and a family. No mortgages and no station wagon payments. In other words, when I had some "beer" money, or make that "Zepp" money.

And, it was before knowing that this area of philately can quickly become very pricey, especially covers.



It didn't take long before I abandoned this collecting area. But, there are still some reminders and reminders floating around in various album nooks and crannies, and as shown here.

My Favorite Thing page from Stan Cronwall. More pages can be viewed on the club website <http://renostamp.org/favorites-1.html>