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Summer Party

On August 11 the San Jose Post Card Club will host a summer party at the home of Rich and Nickie Hall at 12121 Kristy Lane in Saratoga. Mary Ann Stanfield will coordinate the food—remember it's a pot-luck.

For the past few years San Jose Stamp Club members have been encouraged to attend with only partial success. We share any number of things with the post card club including the Christmas dinner. Please plan on attending this year even if you've not done so in the past as the meeting between the members and the camaraderie that follows is very positive. Now—if you are truly anti-social or have a negative or abusive attitude then you're not welcome. Now, I'm unaware of any members that fall into that category with the possible exception of myself. I've now provided any of the curmudgeons that exist in our ranks an excuse for not attending but that does not excuse the rest of you...

And, please remember it's a must to contact Mary Ann to find out what to bring—we can't have 42 desserts—well we *could* I'm supposing...

Contact information, directions, and all other details will be in the August newsletter.

Newsletter Delivery

Some of you received the June newsletter very late—my apologies. It's the club's goal to reduce expenses and the monthly newsletter is the biggest expense we have. Sending it via e-mail greatly reduces that cost. Yes, we know that not everyone is online and we will continue to snail mail it to you. The only other way to reduce cost is to reduce the size of the letter and while we don't want to do that, we may have to.

Sequoia Auction

As most of you know, Sequoia Stamp Club very graciously made one of their auction nights available to us. This was done with all proceeds going to the SJSC. The auction took place June 12 where SJSC provided the 50 lots that were all donations by SJSC club members. It was a huge success with a grand total of \$692.50 being realized. This includes a couple post auction sales of some of the donated material.

We owe the Sequoia Stamp Club a debt of gratitude and thanks for letting us do their auction. We must also thank our new president, Brian Jones, for initiating this effort, and with the help of Kristin Patterson, seeing it through to fruition.

Feedback by Sequoia members has thus far been very positive as they saw a lot of quality, recent material that normally is not readily available.

So, again, kudos to those that were directly involved in putting the event together. It was all good for everyone.

"The legislative department is everywhere extending the sphere of its activity and drawing all power into its impetuous vortex."

—James Madison,
Federalist No. 48, 1788

Quote by David Gold, a Dallas radio talk host—

"Apparently, I'm supposed to be more outraged by what Mitt Romney does with his money than by what Barack Obama does with mine."

**DUE TO THE 4TH OF JULY
HOLIDAY THERE WILL
BE NO MEETING
ON THE 4TH.**

Northern California Trivia

Q Where was the first Episcopal cathedral in Northern California erected in 1860?

A Benicia.

Q What town was incorporated in 1908 as Ocean View?

A Albany.

From *Northern California Trivia* by Ernie & Jill Couch

Perforations

Here is a five minute course all about the perforations on stamps.

(Ed. Note—The following was selected from the Francis Stamp News, house organ of the Francis Stamp Shop, Norwood, Ohio, date not given.)

The Printers Devil Knows All About Perforations

"When stamps are in sheets the perforations are large or small holes surrounded by stamp. But when the stamps are torn apart the perforations are pieces of holes partly surrounded by stamp. Lots of people collect these holes when they are attached to stamps, and, according to the number of holes a stamp is more valuable or less valuable and vice versa, as the case may be. If a stamp is supposed to have a certain number of holes and has two holes short, or if it has two holes too far too long, it might be worth a lot more or a lot less according to what you might be able to get for it.

There are a lot of holes; little 'uns and big 'uns. And when they are all mixed up round the stamps they are compound. "Com" means "Worth" and "Pound" means "Money" hence they are worth more money. When a lot a little holes are pasted over a lot a big 'uns they are mixed. Some people measure these holes with a gauge, but that is only because, it takes too long to count them.

Some people collect stamps which have holes only a quarter too far to much or too less but they are cranks because a quarter of a hole is not a very big one. There are a lot of cranks in stamp collecting and some people would collect holes without the stamps; but you can't do that because you must have the stamp to keep the holes together. I don't know what they do with the inside of small holes, but the inside of big holes are used to throw over brides and things like that; but you can't throw the holes themselves. Perforations are a very interesting study to those who understand."

—Pacific Stamp Review & Southern Philatelist

This article was provided by our friend at the Western Philatelic Library, Matt Hedley. Matt is the person responsible for the library's tear sheets. Unfortunately, we don't have the date of this specific rendering, too bad, but I'm guessing the 1930s.-ed.

WOW, it was fantastic to see our club lots sell for such great prices at the recent Sequoia Club live auction. I cannot thank everyone enough for their generous donations and support. Of course, this wouldn't have been possible without the cooperation of Sequoia Stamp Club. Their members got to see new and unusual material and we got the benefit of 100% of the proceeds. A real win-win! I sent a thank-you letter to the Sequoia Stamp Club on behalf of the members of SJSC.



Sequoia Stamp Club president, Jim Giacomazzi (L) and San Jose Stamp Club president Brian Jones (R).



Perusing the lots prior to the auction.



Auctioneer/president Jim Giacomazzi in action auctioning off the lots provided by the San Jose Stamp Club.

With this auction, we now have sufficient money in the bank to fund club activities. A new expense report form will be created shortly for all club expenses. I will send it to everyone soon and please use it for all expenses. Whenever possible, please communicate with me ahead of time on planned expenses so we avoid any misunderstandings.

The auction proceeds should not be considered to be the end of the road for reaching financial independence. A healthy club needs to have on-going annual revenue sources that fund club obligations. I have a few ideas on how to achieve this and your suggestions are welcome.

Ideas already given include:

Holding our own auction at club meetings.

Club takes a 10% fee.

Increased meeting attendance is needed to make this effective.

Hosting an auction at Filatelic Fiesta (live or silent)

Not yet accepted by Fiesta committee:

Advantage of show attendees bidding on lots;

SJSC would supply the man power to host this;

Selling raffle tickets at meetings;

We'll need more donations to use as door prizes;

Create club circuit books;

Same as Sequoia Club, we generate our own circuit books;

Members can then fill one with their own excess material;

Members can purchase stamps from books just like the APS.

Growing Club Membership:

The next club priority is to grow membership. This is everyone's responsibility as this will help us in so many ways. Increased membership gives more people to learn from, host presentations, pay dues, bid on auction items and just improve the club experience. Everyone is encouraged to "talk-up" our club to your philatelic friends. Active programs need to achieve real growth. To implement the activities I need someone to volunteer to lead growth. Will you help? We can discuss some ideas on growth, but I cannot do everything. Please give your support to this critical activity.

Philatelic Bookshelf

It is my goal to add an occasional book review to our newsletter. This is my first submission and I encourage writing a review of your own.

I always enjoy it when I can extend my interest in stamps to other parts of my life, for example, reading. A good mystery can be a fun and entertaining experience. I was alerted to the book *The One Penny Orange Mystery* by Morris Ackerman by a review in the June issue of *The American Stamp Dealer & Collector*. As I just got the book, I haven't read it fully yet, so I cannot give anything away about the story! As a life-long stamp collector, I find it fun to read a fictional book with stamp collecting at the center of the story.



The story centers on Edward Postmark's travels in the world of high-end philately in his attempts to sell his uber-rare stamp. However, I found Mr. Ackerman's writing to be difficult at times as it appears he lacks an experienced editor (I would have changed the name of the protagonist as "Postmark" is a little too cliché). The inspiration to collect Mauritius and other South Pacific Islands comes from Mr. Ackerman's service in the Navy during WWII. Even with flaws, it should be a fun summer read. You can order the book on-line at either Barnes & Noble (\$10.26) or Amazon (\$14.25).

I was under the impression Mauritius was in the South Indian Ocean—silly me. An excellent non-fiction book about the first stamps of Mauritius is *Blue Mauritius* by Helen Morgan. Buy it now on-line at Barnes & Noble for \$2.21 for hardcover—list \$29.95!—ed.

ZIP Code Fun Facts

From the May Post Mark Collector's Club Bulletin

American Profile magazine had an interesting ZIP code factoid in their April 17-23, 2011 issue.

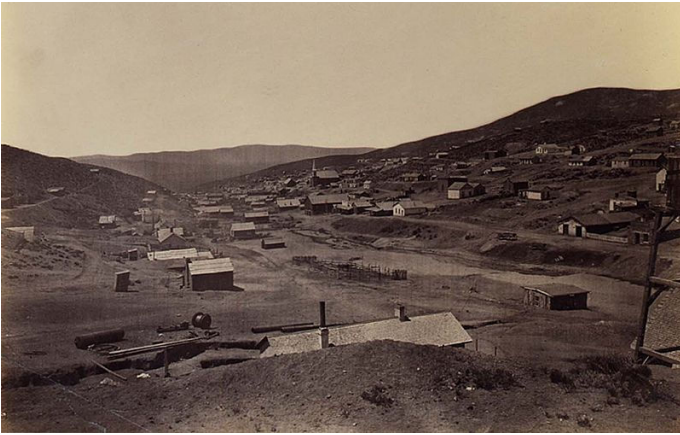
Residents of Waban, MA shouldn't have a problem remembering their ZIP code of 02468. Other sequential ZIP codes include Errol, NH 03579 and Kerby, OR 97531. The countdown city ZIP code is in Columbus, OH with 43210. The nation's highest ZIP code is 99950 in Ketchikan, AK, the lowest at 00501 belongs to the IRS in Holtsville, NY. The "luckiest" ZIP codes are from Newark, NJ 07110 and Metairie, LA 70011. One of New York City's ZIPs is the binary 10101. Melrose, NY has the dance step ZIP code of 12121. The magazine failed to mention the easiest to remember ZIP code: Newton Falls, OH 44444. Only one resident in the U.S. is assigned its own ZIP code. Any guesses? The White House with 20500, by the way the only ZIP code ending in double zero.

ZIP codes were created in 1963 to better manage increasing mail volume. The first digit represents a general geographic location beginning with 0 in the east and ending with 9 in the west. The next two digits are regional areas. The final two are specific post offices assigned alphabetically in more rural areas and according to old zone numeration in large cities.

Austin, Nevada

I had never heard of Austin, Nevada until I did a search on-line. Somewhere I picked up a billhead for a grocer named George F. Dinsmore in Austin, Nevada and not knowing anything about it prompted me to do the search.

Named for Austin, Texas, Austin was founded in 1862, as part of a silver rush reputedly triggered by a Pony Express horse who kicked over a rock. By summer 1863, Austin and the surrounding Reese River Mining District had a population of over 10,000, and it became the county seat of Lander County (the seat was shifted to Battle Mountain in 1997). In 1864, the town launched Reuel Colt Gridley's impromptu fundraising drive that raised over \$250,000 for wounded Civil War veterans, by repeatedly auctioning a sack of flour.



Austin, Nevada in 1868.

The Nevada Central Railroad was built to connect Austin with the transcontinental railroad at Battle Mountain in 1880. However, by that time the boom was almost over. Major silver production ended by 1887, although there was a slight revival in the 1910s. In the mid 1950s there was a great deal of interest in uranium deposits in the area, but the ore proved to be of low quality. Gold and silver mining has continued in the area sporadically and at generally low levels of production. High quality turquoise is still mined in the area in small quantities. This active turquoise mining, together with several shops that manufacture jewelry from local turquoise have made Austin a sort of Nevada Turquoise Mecca.

Today Austin is a "living ghost town", a well-preserved example of an early Nevada mining town. It contains three churches; the Catholic church and the Austin Methodist church were both built in 1866. The Methodist Church is now used as a community center. The Catholic Church, St. Augustine's, has been purchased and is being restored as a cultural center for Central Nevada. The Episcopal church, considered by some to be the prettiest frontier church still standing, was built in 1878 and is still in regular use. The International Hotel, first built in Virginia City in 1859 and moved to Austin in 1863 still serves meals and drinks, but does not rent out rooms (there is a motel across the street). The

International Hotel is said to be the oldest in Nevada. Austin contains numerous other historical buildings, in various states of repair.

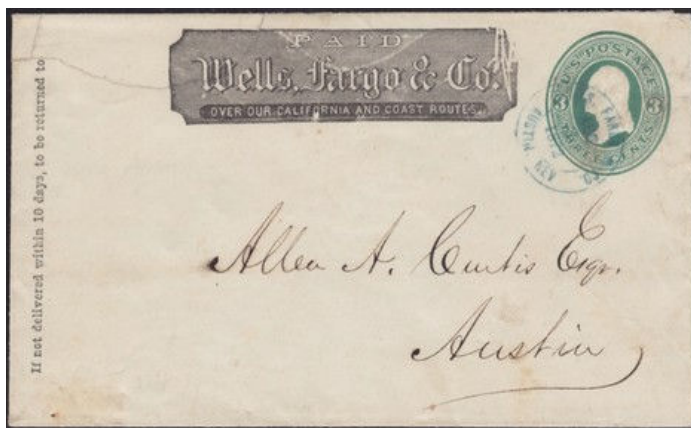
Stokes Castle, a strange three-story stone tower, is located just outside of town. It was built in 1897 by Anson Phelps Stokes, a wealthy eastern capitalist who had a financial interest in several of the local mines. It was only occupied for a month, and then fell into disrepair.



Stokes Castle

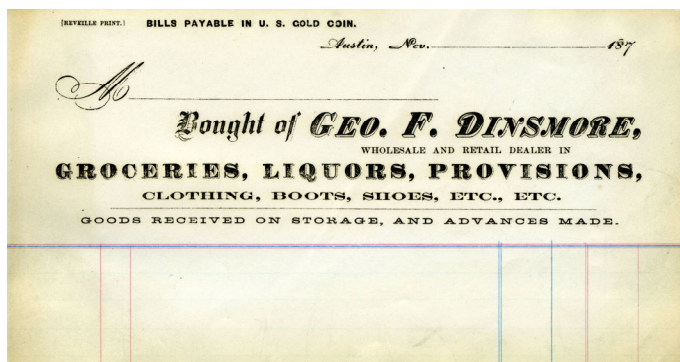
Approximately fifteen miles East of Austin is a cluster of natural hot springs maintained by visitors and local volunteers. The Hickison Petroglyph Recreational Area, located 28 miles east of Austin, features a short interpretive trail where visitors can see ancient drawings carved into the rocks. Free brochures are provided.

The Austin silver deposits consist of numerous narrow (often only several inches in width) quartz veins hosted in monzonite rock. The main ore minerals are sulfides that contain silver, including large quantities of galena and tetrahedrite. Oxidized ore, which was very shallow, included silver chloride (chlorargyrite) which was easily reduced to metallic silver, although these oxidized deposits were exhausted quickly. The deeper sulfide (hypogene) ore was much more difficult to work and had to be roasted prior to amalgamation. Milling and concentration was used to separate the silver-containing sulfides from the barren quartz. Because of the added expense of this kind of processing along with the narrow veins, only high grade ores could be profitably worked in Austin.



Cover is dated 1872 in Austin, Nevada. It seems likely it was cancelled by Wells Fargo in Austin but originated elsewhere.

The Austin veins are of an older age and were formed at a greater depth than many other silver districts in Nevada, such as the epithermal veins of Virginia City's Comstock Lode. In addition, the value of the Austin ores was largely (with several exceptions) silver (with significant base metals (lead, zinc and copper) with very little gold, while most epithermal veins have highly significant gold.



Billhead for George F. Dinsmore's store.

Sometimes unusual incidents are the reason good things happen. Such is the case with Austin. The site was actually discovered in 1862 by a horse belonging to a W. H. Talbott. The horse accidentally, kicked up a piece of quartz containing gold and silver. Talbott sent the piece to Virginia City for assay. He staked out a claim and, when word got out, others followed, and a silver rush was on. One year later, 10,000 people occupied the town. A lumber mill had been built and four hundred homes had been constructed. There were schools, churches, hotels, stores and, of course, the required number of saloons and pleasure houses. Many of the structures were of adobe and brick, which minimized the damage from fires. Floods, however, were the culprit, especially those of 1868 and 1874 which ravaged the town. By 1880, the mines began to show signs of exhaustion and its total of \$50 million in ore production was history. Once so difficult to reach, Austin is now immediately accessible on highway 50. As one of the early mining towns, it is comparatively unspoiled and is an excellent example of things as they were.

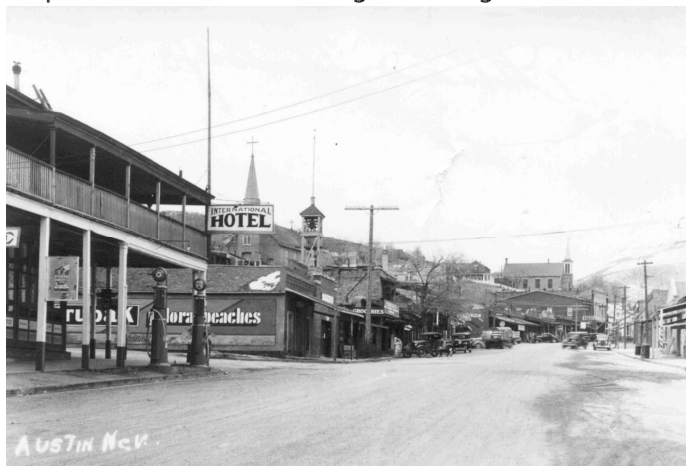
There are any number of stories and theories about how Austin got its name. But suffice it to say

it got its start in 1863 about a mile further up Pony Canyon from Clifton. The camp grew very rapidly. Lander County was formed December 19, 1862. At the time, Lander County was almost one-third of Nevada. By 1863, almost 10,000 people had flocked to the Austin area. Austin's boom prompted the territory's legislature to move the county seat from Jacobsville to the young silver mining camp. Lots on Main Street sold for an average of \$8,000 in gold.

The first newspaper arrived in 1863 in the form of the Reese River Reveille. It is still published today and claims to be the oldest continuously published newspaper in Nevada. By the time of Austin's incorporation in 1864, the town's voting population had grown to 6,000. Austin and Clifton became embroiled in intense competition for supremacy. When Austin won the contest for the county seat in 1863, people began moving from Clifton to Austin. Soon, Clifton was left with only a few empty wooden buildings. Clifton was still active in 1865 but when the mill closed in 1867, the town was abandoned. While Austin's mining activity was at its peak during the late 1860s and early 1870s, production began to slow rapidly after that. The last robust year for Austin was 1872 with a production of \$250,000.

The town of Austin Nevada is more than just another stop along Highway 50, the *Loneliest Road in America*. Celebrating its 150th anniversary this year, it's a place to enjoy rugged and scenic trails, or soak in the warm, soothing waters of Spencer Hot Springs. Born an old-west town, Austin, Nevada was home to some of Nevada's more colorful prospectors and silver miners. Today, with the Toiyabe Mountain Range its backyard, it features some of the best mountain biking, hiking and exploring in the state. Although rich in history, this town is not a "ghost town." Austin's historic Main Street has motels, bed and breakfasts, RV parks, restaurants, gas stations and unique shops to visit.

Sounds like a place to visit, especially right now as they celebrate their sesquicentennial. I have e-mailed their Chamber of Commerce to find out if they have cacheted covers for the event and will report their answer in August—if I get one.



Downtown Austin in the 1920s.

Celebrity Inventions

From historybuff.com

The recent oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico is a prime example. After the leak was contained, the job of filtering the oil out of the seawater began. This is accomplished by what is called an Ocean Therapy Solution (OTS) oil separation turbine, which spins affected seawater to separate it from oil. BP ordered 32 of these devices. The fascinating part is that the actor Kevin Costner developed and holds the patent for this apparatus!



Deepwater Horizon prior to explosion. Various fire boats and other vessels combat the fire on the Deepwater Horizon while the United States Coast Guard searches for missing crew members.

What do the dropping of the A-bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki and one of the Marx Brothers (Chico, Harpo, Groucho, Gummo, and Zeppo) have in common? Zeppo Marx, invented a device for holding an A-bomb in place until released.



The Enola Gay, piloted by Lt. Col. Paul W. Tibbets, on Tinian Island. We all know it was the Enola Gay that dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima but how many of you knew it was the Bockscar piloted by Major Charles W. Sweeney that dropped the second atomic bomb on Nagasaki?

Zeppo's clamps held both A-bombs dropped on Japan to end World War II. Later, in 1969, Zeppo was part of a team that received a patent for a cardiac pulse rate monitor that was designed to let people with heart problems know if their pulse was shifting into a danger zone.

There has been much debate as to whether or not it was necessary to drop the A-bombs. History has re-enforced President Harry Truman's decision to use them. It's been estimated the U.S would have lost upwards of a million men while Japan would have lost considerably more.

What do cell phones and the 1930s-1940s movie star Hedy Lamarr have in common? In 1942 Lamarr and composer George Antheil received a patent for a "secret communication system" that could use carrier waves of different frequencies to remotely control devices like zeppelins and torpedoes. The military used their invention extensively in World War II. It is this same technology, with minor modifications, that cell phones utilize today. Unfortunately, a patent is only good for twenty years, so the Lamarr estate did not benefit financially from her invention—but the cell phone inventors made a bundle off her invention.



Cellular phones, Scott 3191o., issued May 2, 2000.

What does fishing and the actor Gary Burghoff, the man who played Radar on M*A*S*H, have in common? Burghoff invented a device he calls "Chum Magic," a floating apparatus that fishermen can fill with chum to lure fish to their boats. He received a patent for the device in 1992.

What do Paul Winchell and open heart surgery have in common? Paul Winchell was famous in the 1950s and 1960s for being a ventriloquist. His two dummies were Jerry Mahoney and Knucklehead Smiff. Believe it or not, he invented the artificial heart that is used to replace defective human hearts.



Heart Health, issued February 9, 2012, at Washington D.C.

How about soft-serve ice cream and the former Prime Minister of Great Britain Margaret Thatcher? Yes, in the 1940s, she invented the first machine to produce soft-ice cream. Today, her invention is utilized at the local Dairy Queen and other ice cream parlors.

Who knew! I guess that not all entertainers and politicians are fuzzy brained twits—well most are you know.-ed.

Covers, Cards, Stamps, etc.

The United States Post Office has an internal mailing service designated G-10. G-10 mailings are used primarily as a means of blanketing an area USPS wishes to advertise a post office service, solicit funds for or impart information. This service is very occasionally used to advertise private sector events they feel will benefit the post office—the most recent I'm aware of was for the APS StampShow in Midland, Michigan a few years back. An enormous area was covered and was paramount in the shows phenomenal success—both for the APS and the USPS.

The mailings we are most familiar with are the annual appeal for foodstuffs to alleviate hunger every May: *Stamp Out Hunger*. Many of us are also familiar with the efforts to boost usage for express and priority mail.

The theme for this article are some of the post cards used with American Eagles as a major element of their designs.

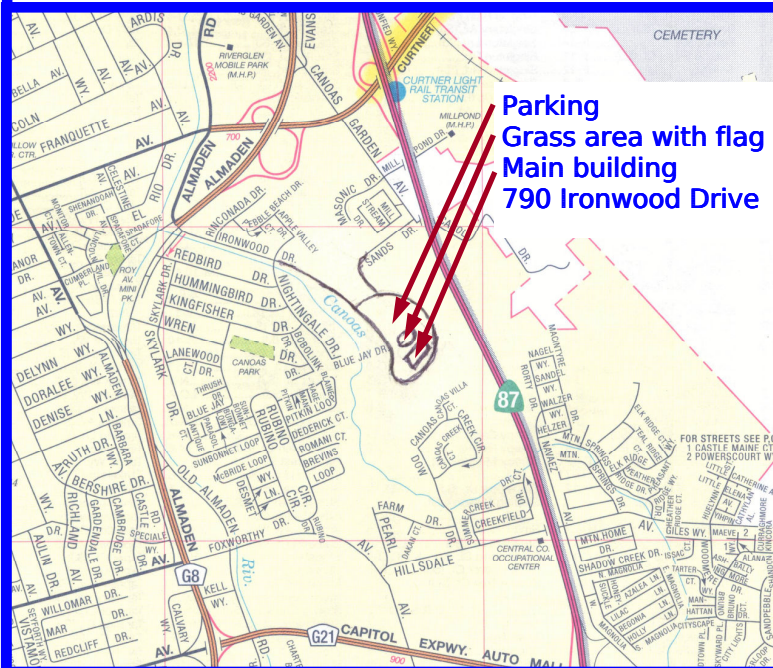


The card at right was used in 1987, while the card above is dated 1988. The card at upper right was used during the \$9.35 rate period.



It is not necessary for all great men to be great in action. The greatest and most sublime power is often simple patience. —Horace Bushnell

**THE JULY MEETING IS ON THE 18TH
AUGUST MEETINGS ARE ON THE 1ST & 15TH**



Show Calendar

**ASDA Summer Stamp Show
July 6 - 8**

**Crowne Plaza Hotel
1177 Airport Blvd., Burlingame
Fri & Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 4**

Vintage Paper Fair

**August 4 - 5
Hall of Flowers in Golden Gate Park
9th & Lincoln, San Francisco
Sat 10 - 6, Sun 11 - 5
Free Admission**

APS StampShow 2012

**August 16 - 19
Sacramento Convention Center
1400 J Street, Sacramento
Thurs - Sat 10 - 6, Sun 11 - 5
Free Admission**

Great American Stamp Expo

**September 1 - 2
Napedak Hall
770 Montague Expressway, San Jose
Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 4
Free Parking & Free Admission**

**The San Jose Post Card Club meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month
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Visit the SJSC website at: filatelicifiesta.org**

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