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Northern California Trivia

- Q. What present-day community had the colorful early nickname of "By Hell?"
- A. Woodland.
- Q. Chasing a band of Indian raiders led Major James D. Savage to discover what valley?
- A. Yosemite.

From Northern California Trivia
by Ernie & Jill Couch

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Speaking of Meetings

We've missed your smiling face and for some of you it's been quite a while. I'm not sure why you resist attending — it's only twice a month, but without more support we could be in a world of hurt.

Hobby groups are experiencing a lack of interest everywhere. As the average age of stamp collectors is retirement age +/-, I find it difficult to believe video games, skate boarding, cartoons, and the myriad mindless activities of our youth is any reason for your non-participation. Television is so mindless, imitation and boring, not to mention biased, that it would indeed be sad if this was any sort of factor in your lack of attendance.

While I don't work per se, and have limited income, I still manage to have a number of other activities. I belong to the Bay Area Knife Collectors Assn., am in the process of getting my bicycle in running order that I will be able to take advantage of the numerous bike paths and jogging trails in the South County (I need the exercise), and am preparing to build myself a new surf fishing rod. Also, I recently purchased a new digital camera and am planning to spend some time playing with it.

Granted I quit editing the Sunnyvale Stamp Society newsletter, however, I continue to edit our club newsletter. I belong to four stamp clubs and try to make most of their meetings, and go the Western Philatelic Library Friday evenings to hold it open for collectors benefit — but seldom see any of you. And we won't even mention Filatelice Fiesta.

While I don't expect you to get as involved as I am, it would be nice if you would show up once in a while and lend a hand with club activities — oh-God, did I intimate you help in some way? I lost my head, I'm sorry. The fact that the officers have served for a dozen or so years, and we have no V.P. shouldn't mean that any of you should entertain any thoughts of ever becoming a part of the solution as opposed to continuing being a part of the problem.

Club Offices

In the past there have been those that took exception to my opinions as regards our clubs state of affairs and the lack of involvement by most of the membership. I just want to restate to everyone that all of the club office positions are open, the Filatelice Fiesta Chair is open, and editorship of this newsletter is open. **YOU** can be the one running this clubs activities.

So don't be shy, step right up and show us how it's done.

Newest Member

On a much brighter note, we wish to welcome our newest member Reynaldo Pertica, who joined at the July 2nd meeting. His area of interest is El Salvador as that is his country of origin. He's new to our hobby and any help will be very welcome.

Please make it a point to introduce yourself and make him feel welcome at the next meeting.

Flags of Our Nation

The APS has available on their website pages for the first ten Flag Stamps issued plus spaces for two strips if five.

While these pages are a great idea the pages are nearly useless. There are illustrations that are oversized and overpower the stamps themselves, a basic no-no in exhibiting.

The spaces provided for mounting the stamps are too short and too high. I don't know who designed them, but they failed miserably — a total waste of ink, paper, and time.

It's really a shame that the APS, the parent organization in this country for stamp collectors, can't produce a set of pages for a new issue that works.

See these pages on the APS website at: www.stamps.org/index.htm

If you see them differently than I do, please contact me and give me your view of them. And, if you agree with me please tell me.

There are other pages on the same site for other stamp issues, however, I haven't checked any of them out.-ed.

