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## Northern California Trivia

- Q. Robert Bousefield named what Contra Costa County community in 1911?
- A. Kensington Park.
- Q. For whom was Monterey named?
- A. Count of Monte-Rey, Viceroy of Mexico.

From *Northern California Trivia*  
by Ernie & Jill Couch

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## Meeting Attendance

If you had a clue as to how much I dislike having to holler, scream, plead, cajole and otherwise demean myself trying to get you to attend a meeting you would, out of common decency and concern for my health, attend a meeting from time to time.

I have no idea of how to get you to turn off the boob-tube and venture out on a Wednesday evening and join a group of peers in the hobby you love.

At this point in time it's catch 22, many won't come because we don't entertain you and we can't order-up any form of entertainment (program, speaker, slide show, etc.) without a reasonable assurance of there being an audience.

Getting down to the nitty-gritty, it's **your** fault not mine. This isn't Field of Dreams, you know: Build it and They Will Come.

There have been attempts to have a program without one iota of interest on anyone's part!

So where do we go from here? I will provide programs if membership will assure me of attendance. That is about as simple as I can make it. If there is attendance in the future there will be programs in the future. The ball is now in your court.

If I am mistaken and programs are not the issue then just what is the issue? Why don't you attend club meetings? Share your reservations with me—please! Otherwise this stamp club will fold as have many others, not only in California but in the country.

There **must** be participation by the membership in order to succeed. No participation, no club, no nothing!

It's up to **you** to help eliminate the problem—start attending meetings. ■

2nd Daylight savings time ends (fall back)
4th Election Day
10th Marine Corps Birthday
11th Veterans Day
11th Remembrance Day (Canada)
25th Thanksgiving Day

## Humboldt Stamp Show

September 27th & 28th was the 23rd annual Humboldt Stamp Show in Eureka. Having never been to this show, I traveled there with member/dealer Richard Clever.

Chamber of Commerce weather prevailed with an exceptional dinner for all on Friday evening (\$16 for baby-back ribs that were the best in recent memory) plus a congenial group of folks from the Humboldt Stamp Collector's Club made my trip most enjoyable.

Did I find anything new for any of my collections—no. But that's not new—I couldn't find anything at Westpex!

The number of dealers, while not a great many, was diversified and all seemed to do very well. Kurt Schau of Harmer-Schau Auctions said he attends nearly every year as there is abundant business there for him and this year was no exception. It appears collectors in the area are very active—and yes they have the boob-tube up there too. They just don't seem to be as sedentary as so many of us are here in San Jose...

I believe it's very important to get to some of these shows in Northern California as often as we can. There are those get to Sacramento, Reno, Fresno, and the Redding shows from time to time but many don't even go to some shows here in the Bay Area.

It's a chance to meet some very fine folks, make contacts that could benefit you in the future and at the same time have some fun—and you could all use a little fun in your lives. And we haven't even talked about some of the fine restaurants you get exposed to. Eureka was no exception in this department. The Samoa Cookhouse with its endless breakfast, to a seafood restaurant (can't recall the name) that was, in my opinion, second to none. Next time, and there will be a next time, I believe I'll take along a fishing rod as Eureka is a port city with fishing opportunities.

Get out and have some fun. ■

