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Northern California Trivia

- Q. What does Pescadero mean?
A. "Fishing place."
Q. How long is the deep water channel connecting Stockton to San Francisco Bay?
A. 78 miles.

From *Northern California Trivia*
by Ernie & Jill Couch

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Speakers

We've talked enough, time to start with speakers at the second meeting of every month, or perhaps a film or slide show—some kind of program.

I will start it off at the meeting of April 15th. As that is tax day I feel it apropos to talk about money—your money and how not to waste it.

The subject will be the Nigerian scam letters, along with their bogus stamps and meters. A few of you heard my rough presentation on this subject a few years ago. I have a little new material (yes, it's still out there) and will make every attempt to polish it up a little. At the very least you should learn some tips on how to spot these covers in dealers boxes. Most dealers are unaware of how to identify them or just what to look for and, more often than not, are usually available for very little.

If anyone has related scam items or material in this area, please bring it along to share with everyone.

Once it's established that there's a program every month I believe more members will attend. Also, we can expand the first meeting of the month by having show and tell, or something that will involve all those in attendance in addition to the circuit books. Any ideas?

Member Ads

I've been thinking of printing club members ads in the newsletter and would appreciate your input as to whether or not this is desirable.

We could set parameters as to size and time, perhaps even charge a small fee for longer ads.

The following is an example and really is an ad. It consists of about 40 words +/- and seven lines, which should be adequate for most ads.

U.S. Collection in Scott specialty album w/slipcase. Most mint blocks of four plus singles. Catalog value is \$1,600+++ Pay plan available. Very clean. \$1,000 net. Contact Richard Clever @ 238.0893 or e-mail to asiaphil@concentric.net

March 18th Meeting

The second meeting of March was poorly attended, which was very unfortunate as Hubert Jansen, president of the San Jose Post Card Club, was in attendance and brought with him an impressive collection of fractional currency plus some early \$1 and \$5 bills. Fractional currency is listed in the Scott U.S. Specialized Catalogue and have images of Civil War era U.S. stamps on them.

This is typical behavior for post card club members. Many routinely bring items to share with others in attendance. We would do well to follow suit as it not only makes for a more interesting evening but I never fail to learn something new. Think about what you will bring to our next meeting—which is on April 1st.

ASDA Show

For those of you that remember, Joe Saverese once more wants us to provide frames/exhibits for his show in December.

We went round and round with Mr. Saverese, to no avail—there was nothing in it for the club; and we don't owe the ASDA anything.

If there's a way to make a dollar or two by renting them our frames, it may work out but we are in the very formative stages at this time.



"I bought a new hat, dear . . . and a new dress and coat and I wrecked the car, dear . . . now don't say I didn't tell you!"

