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## Northern California Trivia

- Q. Where did President Warren G. Harding die?
- A. The Palace Hotel in San Francisco.
- Q. What Spanish name did Twin Peaks once have?
- A. Los Pechos de la Choca ("the breasts of the Indian maiden").

From *Northern California Trivia*  
by Ernie & Jill Couch

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## Program

I suppose it's catch-22, but I'm at a loose on how to approach having speakers at our club meetings. As we have so few members, with even fewer attending meetings, it's just plain rude to invite a speaker and have a half dozen in attendance, yet I really would like to schedule a program for the second monthly meeting. I wrote earlier about our having auctions on fifth Wednesdays, however, no one has made any inquires, let alone do anything, about it. I'm totally confused as to why you even pay dues to be a member when you don't show up even for a scheduled program.

Once again, this is your club and it's up to **YOU**, not me or anyone else but **YOU**, to do something about it.

Thus far, your silence and your non-attendance are the only yard stick I have to measure any interest you may, or may not have, regarding the direction of the club.

**ANY IDEAS???**

## Correction

Margarita Cortez's address was wrong as given in last month's newsletter. The correct address is: 26 - 13 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Rm 721 B, Astoria, NY 11102. When Margarita's newsletter was returned, I called her son and got the correction. Further changes/corrections will be noted here.

The information given in the short article regarding Joe Saverese and the ASDA show was somewhat garbled. While "piggy backing" was evidently discussed, their primary issue was the renting of our frames. This in itself is not a bad idea—in fact could put a few shekels in our coffers. I guess the only issue is how much we can get and how much ASDA is willing to pay.

The post office came out with something called the "forever" stamp. It's 41¢, and your mail takes forever...

## Filatelice Fiesta

As the show committee grows, the work load is spread thinner and thinner, which makes it easier and more enjoyable for all of us, not to mention becoming more efficient.

A reminder to anyone of you that's so inclined, we would welcome your inclusion as it helps us lighten the load and put on a better show. At a time when many shows are in very serious trouble, we're growing, and it's due to the great improvements to the show committee. It wasn't too long ago that we were a show with two or three of us doing all the work and we nearly went under. Now have some eight or ten doing the same work and it's gotten easier, however, with 15 or 20 it would be even better and the show would improve even more. One need only look at Westpex where their show committee is in excess of 50! Yes, people do make the difference.

## Westpex

Once again it showed why it is the premier WSP show. Very large crowds, terrific exhibits and nearly 100 dealers, plus Schuyler Rumsey Philatelic Auction. There was even an inverted Jenny in the auction, it sold for \$180,000.

I spoke with a first-time dealer to Westpex at the end of the first day where he declared "...today was better than any two or three day show that I've ever done..." That's why there's a waiting list to get into this show. There were dealers from across the country including Hawaii, and also from the U.K. (6), Canada (2), Australia (2), South Africa, and Thailand (2).

APS officers in attendance included President Wade Saadi, Secretary Wayne Youngblood (you've read some of his articles), Treasurer W. Danforth Walker, Deputy Executive Director Ken Martin, and Director of Expertizing Mercer Bristow. These are the ones I saw and talked with, there may have been others.

No reason we can't do the same.

