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DUES AND THE NEWSLETTER.

As the newsletter is so late the time is extended until the end of February for you to send in dues. After February the newsletter will not go to those who have not renewed their membership. If you are not going to renew please advise us—thank you.

Northern California Trivia

- Q. Where was the first Chatauqua in the west?
A. Pacific Grove.
- Q. What does the name Tassajara mean?
A. "Meat-curing place."

From Northern California Trivia

by Ernie & Jill Couch

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Happy New Year

Filatellic Fiesta

Plans are under way for Filatellic Fiesta this coming fall. One thing we plan to do is check out other venues where there's less of a parking problem. The feeling is that attendance would increase if we can make it easier and/or simpler to attend the show.

The 15 page frames converted to 16 pages seemed to work out well. The only caveat is to remember to match them together and not mix them with the original 16 page frames as there are slight differences that make it difficult to line up the two types adjacent to one another. Easy enough.

We finished up with 35 dealers for the show—a number we haven't seen for a very long time. The last being signed just before the show!

Late Newsletter

Due to computer problems this letter is very late. The February issue will also be late but hopefully not as late as this issue.

The machine seems to be running okay but still slow. Probably time to get a new one. The up side is that new ones are a lot cheaper and faster than this one.

CORRECTION

"SeaBees" was inadvertently spelled "SeeBees" in describing the cachet for the INTERFET covers in the Cover Corner for December. Unfortunately most of the newsletters had already been printed and I did not want to re-do some 30+ pages as the cost of ink is too high with the new printer. My apologies to all, but especially to any of you that served in the "SeaBees."

DUES

**DUES NOT RECEIVED BY THE
END OF JANUARY WILL STOP
THE NEWSLETTER 'TILL THEY'RE
EITHER PAID OR YOU RESIGN.
WE WANT YOUR MEMBERSHIP
SO PLEASE PAY THEM NOW.
THANK YOU.**

Meeting Attendance

How do we get you to attend the club meetings? What must we do to get you off the couch and to the meetings twice a month—24 times a year? Is that too many meetings? How about once a month? Would you attend if we met once a month—once a year?

I've often been accused of being very sarcastic when addressing this problem of attendance. That's not sarcasm, it's just frustration. Many of you have a great deal to offer the club and others a great deal to get out of the club. Only a very few have shared their collections or knowledge with the rest of us. The very essence of a club is to get together and share knowledge/experiences with the group. That's how we grow. You pay your dues, why don't you attend the meetings. They can only improve with an increase in attendance. Please, make it a point to come to the meetings.

Linn's Subscription

The annual Linn's subscription drive at the Fremont Stamp Club was cancelled. Linn's has withdrawn the annual stamp club special price program. One can only guess at their motives, however, their drive to make it available on line could be one answer. The dilution of content was started with the change in format from the newsprint style to the "magazine" style, which was a much smaller format with no reduction in price. Now it appears they want to do away with hard copies and do only a online version. Yes, the hard copy will still be available @ \$45.95, while the online version will cost \$9.95. The \$9.95 price is very likely the carrot to get people to switch and then when the majority of their subscribers are receiving Linn's online the price will very likely start increasing.

I think I'll let my subscription run out and get along without Linn's. George Linn in very likely turning over in his grave as he was really dedicated to the hobby. It's really too bad. . . !

