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DUES

Thanks to all those who have sent in their dues. Dues received after March 1st will reactivate the newsletter for the following month.

Northern California Trivia

- Q. What community is the seat of Del Norte County?
- A. Crescent City.
- Q. Freedom was known originally by what name?
- A. Whiskey Hill.

From Northern California Trivia

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Computer Woes

I've finally gotten a new computer and with luck will be caught up within a few weeks. The work is now starting in earnest as all the information on the old machine must be transferred to the new one. Tried to do it with connecting the two machines — won't work — so must now do them one at a time, ouch! There are hundreds of files, some very large. The San Jose Stamp Club file alone was over a half gig! Perhaps I'll have it finished in time for my passing!

At any rate the newsletter should be a little more timely from now on — or at least until the new computer dies...

The New Computer

Just when I thought I had it all worked out — **BAM!** — the new computer, the new Gateway machine, with tons of ram and storage — wouldn't allow me to get online!!!

After being reassured by ATT that my modem and connections were all good, my only recourse was to take the new machine back to the vender. I'm not sure just what I expected, but there was absolutely no problems or delays with Fry's — they exchanged it for another new computer pronto.

So, now it was time to start getting all the files (again) from the old machine transferred to the new one. The problem is that the old computer doesn't always boot up — sometimes it takes several attempts and a very long time — huge waste of time.

I'm making every effort to get this out in time. When this newsletter is received you will know whether or not, or to what degree I was successful.-ed.

REMINDER: All cell phone numbers are being released to telemarketing companies and you will start to receive sales calls - **YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR THESE CALLS** - To prevent this, call the following number from your cell phone: **888-382-1222**. It's the National DO NOT CALL list. It blocks your number for five (5) years. You must call from the cell phone number you want to have blocked. You cannot call from a different phone number.

Filatelie Fiesta

Fiesta chairman Steve Schumann is trying to arrange for a better venue for the show. He's presently working with a couple hotels, but nothing can be confirmed at the time of this writing.

The reason for a change is obvious. In addition to the parking problems, it would project a much better image were we to hold the show in a large hotel. By eliminating these two major problems it is hoped the attendance would increase exponentially, not to mention we would likely attract more dealers — you know, the people that pay for the show.

At the next committee meeting the issue of a venue should be resolved and will be reported in the April newsletter.

Jacques Refregier

Jacques has been absent from the club meetings for a while now and with good reason. He suffers from bronchitis and after a bout of severe coughing his daughter took him to emergency and they admitted him to hospital where he stayed for a week.

I'm pleased to report that Jacques is home and on the mend. He hopes he's able to come to the next meeting which would be March 3rd. If not he says he will attend again as soon as possible.

Post Office Requirements

In case you didn't notice, the newsletter is folded with the closure at the top and held together with a self-adhesive dot. All else is the same.

Seems the USPS doesn't want them closed with staples any longer, and the fold must be at the bottom. Some clubs have reported their newsletters returned as unmailable due to noncompliance.

The Second Amendment

"This year will go down in history. For the first time a civilized nation has full gun registration! Our streets will be safer, our police more efficient, and the world will follow our lead into the future!" — Adolf Hitler, 1935

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

— Santayana, *The Life of Reason*

