



# San Jose Stamp Club Newsletter



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## Northern California Trivia

- Q. Apart from forts and missions, what was California's first town?
- A. San Jose.
- Q. What is called the Gibraltar of the Pacific?
- A. Mono Rock.

From Northern California Trivia

by Ernie & Jill Couch

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## Filatelice Fiesta

Filatelice Fiesta will be November 12, 13 & 14, 2010 in Gateway Hall at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds located at 344 Tully Road, San Jose.

Efforts to change the venue to an area hotel fell short due to time constraints. It is expected we will move to a hotel venue in 2011.

One of the driving forces to move is the on-going parking problem at the fairgrounds and this year will be no exception. The parking will be \$10 and we will once again give vouchers to show attendees in an amount to be decided in order to reduce your final cost.

We will once more ask for your help at the show. There's jobs during set-up and take-down but we will need the most help during the show. Registration and club tables, the youth area and with the Scouts. Often these chores are in the form of relieving those that are working these tables, but keep in mind these jobs are essential to the smooth running of the exhibition.

## Newsletter Woes

The newsletter was finished in good time, however, the mailing label lists were not available as they were still on the old machine. I've recreated the club list and just hope I've not missed anyone.

The hard drives have been removed from the old computer and sent out to have the info on them retrieved and saved to a storage device which I can then download to the new computer—it says here in very fine print!!! But it's been nearly a month, so I'm worried.

There are numerous files stored on these drives which are/will be desperately needed in the future—particularly for Filatelice Fiesta.

In the meantime good progress is being made on the newsletter and they should be timely from here on.-ed.

## Quotes . . .

The trouble with eating Italian food is that five or six days later, you're hungry again. — George Miller

A fruit is a vegetable with looks and money. Plus, if you let it rot, it turns into wine, something Brussels sprouts never do. — P.J. O'Rourke

## Haiti Archival Material Missing

The Haiti Philatelic society received information in the form of a letter that was disseminated to all of its members, regarding material that was stolen from Haiti after the earthquake. We consider this information to be of interest to the philatelic community.

“Just got back from Dominican Republic and I need to report some information that will be front [page] news later on. Material stolen from some of the archives in Port-au-Prince have left the country and most likely will make their way to auction houses or private hands — mostly government documents and photographs.

“It may be a good idea at some point to alert the HPS membership to be vigilant as to what they are purchasing, as more documents than it is suspected have been filed and microfilmed (fire prevention of libraries) and the Haitian government in due course will track down items that are missing or suspected to have been "saved" from the rubble.

“With all the transactions from the internet being recorded and stored by the major auction houses, people should be aware that they might find themselves in possession of stolen items unbeknownst to them. I would suggest that they should ask about the provenance of documents that are uncommon and suddenly are making an appearance on the web.”

— Wally Deltoro

Secretary/Treasurer, HPS

## Program

Paul Johnson has a short program on airmail that he will give during the April 21st meeting.

Paul is likely our longest term member having attended meetings prior to WWII and joining shortly after the war.

He is a long time collector of air mail stamps, covers and history and it should prove to be an interesting talk.

