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Northern California Trivia

Q. Coaling Station A of the Southern Pacific Railroad led to what town's name?

A. Coalinga.

Q. What protects Crescent City from strong winds?

A. Point St. George.

From *Northern California Trivia*
by Ernie & Jill Couch

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Filatellic Fiesta Chair

Filatellic Fiesta appears to be on its way. We now have a venue that should be available to us far into the future, very competent bourse and exhibit chairmen in Wayne Menuz and Ed Laveroni, and our juries are pretty much assured with the efforts of Steve Schumann. And, there are others who are helping: Bill Dwyer and his creative mind is designing and producing souvenir sheets and post cards, and Akthem Al-Manaseer has the inside track on the banquet arrangements.

The weak link is myself. I'm tired of struggling with the show these past ten plus years. Now that most of the struggle seems to be under control I would like to step down. The show needs some new blood to manage it. I have no one in mind. What's needed is a person who wants to do it and will further improve the show with new and fresh ideas, and the best part is that he will have a group of people behind him that have many interesting and viable ideas to work on. The show chair should turn out to be a fun and rewarding position.

If you want to take on this position call or e-mail me and we can talk. I'm willing to help that person through the first year so they can ease into it. I really do need to be relieved of this position and want you to consider doing it.

I will continue with the club and the newsletter. I need the opportunity and time to build the club back into the viable and fun organization that it once was. And yes, I will need your help with that also. There's no reason, other than apathy, that we can't get this done. It's been suggested we consider auctions on fifth Wednesdays which occur four times a year. Your comments??? Second Wednesdays should be devoted to programs: films, slide shows, speakers, etcetera.

Also, we really need a couple more people to help with the youth table at the show and, perhaps, with any new or young collectors at the meetings. **It's called participating.**

San Jose Stamp Club

Since becoming president some ten plus years ago the club has vacillated between 3 - 5 members to over a dozen that attended meetings. Meeting attendance has been very inconsistent and this, of course, is a major problem. A plan to improve, not only, attendance but participation in club activities is necessary. I'm not talking about Filatellic Fiesta, but the club, our meetings, and the newsletter.

There has been much speculation recently regarding merging our group with the Sunnyvale Stamp Society. I don't necessarily believe this such a bad idea—in fact endorse it, but only under certain circumstances. SSS is at present dealing with major problems, not the least of which is operating as a suspended corporation. Legally they cannot do any sort of business—like a show or their auctions. Presently President Ken Entin is conferring with a CPA and an attorney. I'm anxious as to the outcome as we may be in the same boat. If so we must then take steps to rectify this problem.

This is a situation every group must attend to if they are incorporated, and there are a great many other groups in this situation—and unaware.

This is not life threatening, however, I feel we all have a certain obligation to help in any way they can that we may be able to continue as a club.

Your input and ideas are needed now more than ever and I fully expect everyone to contribute.

Club mergings and the like will just have to wait.

Memorial Day

Memorial Day is May 26th. First known as Decoration Day, an event dedicated to decorating Civil War veterans graves started in 1868. In 1971 Congress declared it Memorial Day to honor the memory of all who have fallen in battle preserving our freedom and way of life.

Unless you have family or friends that have been lost, you may not give it much heed, however, this year stop and offer a prayer to our fallen heros.

