

The California Gold Rush of 1849
by Mathias W. Benward

The discovery of gold on January 24, 1848 started one of the largest movements of people in history. James Wilson Marshall found the first few golden nuggets at Sutter's Mill and the news quickly spread. Men flocked to the area to establish their claim regardless that the land already belonged to John Sutter. Towns sprang up overnight and prices for food and lodging skyrocketed. The first actual forty-niners arrived on the steamship California on February 28, 1849.

Soon ships from all over the world carried men to seek the fortunes. But the greatest number came over land in covered-wagons by the way of the Oregon trail. By the end of the year the population of California had increase from just 20,000 to 107,000 giving the territory enough people in be admitted as the 31st state on September 9, 1850. The men who weren't lucky enough to 'strike it rich' became farmers and ranchers in the Central Valley finding their 'gold' in a different way.

These brave people quickened the pace by which the western part of the continent was settled. California soon became the engine which brought other people who weren't searching for a quick way to get rich, but a new place to build a better life. With this new found wealth and drive, these people soon energized the United States into become the greatest nation on Earth.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to the Nashville Stamp Show '99. Our theme for the show will be the 150th anniversary of thCalifornia gold rush. Our symbol is the 49er who opened the California gold fields. This year we have fifteen stamp dealers from all over the country. They have varied stocks of stamps from the US and the rest of the world. Please stop by for a visit and

have a look at their stamps. The dealers are	+	INSIDE THIS ISSUE	+
always ready to help and answer any of your		The California gold rush	1
questions. The stamp club maintains a table		The President's Corner	1
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just top by and chat. Also, stop and look at		Malcom X	3
the exhibits. But first and foremost have a		Dealer List	4
lot of fun at the stamp show!	+		+

Matt Benward, President NPS

* NASHVILLE STAMP NEWS *

Troy Blann

As many of you know Troy Blann passed away in late February and will be greatly missed at the stamp club. He had served as our club Treasurer in the early 1990s and always attended the stamp club regularly until the last few years. He was a life member and held NPS member number 306. He was retired from the American Paper Company and is survived by his wife and son.

Our Annual Christmas Party

The party was held on December 13 and was well attended by member and guest alike. Music of the season played, Marie brought her now famous warm apple cider, and everyone else brought eats and drinks. People sat, ate, talked, and just enjoyed each others company. Once the food was eaten and everyone content the party reluctantly broke up. The room was quickly put back into shape with everyone's help. Goodbyes were said and everyone made their ways home.

New Members

James Jones
Brenda Daliey

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Meetings: Second and Fourth Mondays of each month. Buy and swap at 5:30 p.m., Business meeting at 6:45 p.m., and Program at 7:00 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Inglewood Branch Library, 4312 Gallatin Road, Nashville, Tennessee 37216.

Kids under 17 get a FREE stamp packet at their first attendance. Ages 6 and up are WELCOME!

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