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Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

By Glenn Vasbinder

In 1939, an employee in the advertising department of Montgomery Ward & Company was assigned the task of developing a Christmas "animal story" which could be distributed by the branches of his firm as a "give away" during the Christmas season. Robert May, an experienced advertising man, undertook to write a Christmas story for children as part of his daily work. He decided to organize his story around the "ugly duckling" motif.

After ample consideration of possible animals, he decided to use the reindeer, because the creature was readily connected with the traditional Moore story "A Visit From St. Nicholas." He decided to give the reindeer some trait which would cause him to be shunned, yet would be of great value to Santa Claus.

The fact that Santa travelled at night suggested that Rudolph might be given large, shiny eyes which could see in the dark. However, he decided against it because it was not sufficient cause for ridicule.

Finally, he decided upon a large nose, which had long been considered a legitimate subject of ridicule in Western culture. Many youngsters, like Rudolph have some distinguished weakness which might subject them to teasing from their playmates.

So popular was May's story that over 2,400,000 copies of the first "give away" edition were distributed that year. The story was not to appear again until 1946 and in 1947 it was brought out on a commercial basis. In 1949, a song entitled "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" was composed by Johnny Marks, May's brother-in-law. The recording, sung by Gene Autry, was the reason it gained in popularity.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

Here we are again with another year coming to a close. Christmas is just around corner with the new year soon to follow! We look back on the old year passing and forward to the promise of the new year to come. This new year brings challenges to be overcome. Our annual stamp show will soon be just around the corner as will the others in the surrounding cities and states. There will be new stamps issued by the Post Office and old ones to be found with our favorite dealers. So have a great holiday season and look forward to better new year!

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Matt Benward, President NPS

* STAMP CLUB NEWS *

Nashville Stamp Show 2012

Our annual stamp show will be held next year at The Music Valley Event Center located at 2416 Music Valley Drive, Suite #144 near the Opryland Hotel. This is the same location as in previous years and has worked out well since we moved the show there several years ago. Lastly as always we can't have a show without volunteers. So if you can help out please let us know so we can make our 2012 show a success!

William P Winsted passes away

William "Bill" Winstead, Jr. passed away on Thursday December 8, 2011. Mr. Winstead attended school in Kentucky, Lipscomb University, and graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1943 a degree in Engineering. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Mr. Winstead retired from South Central Bell on May 31, 1985 after 36 years and 5 months. Bill was a member of our stamp club in the past and rejoined several years ago. He collected classic U.S. stamps and enjoyed looking through the APS circuit books at our club meetings. He had been ill for the last few months. We will all miss him.

APS AmeriStamp Expo in Atlanta

The American Philatelic Society will hold its AmeriStamp Expo in Atlanta, Georgia on January 27 - 29, 2012. This show is being held jointly with the Southeastern Stamp Expo and will feature about 75 stamp dealers, 300+ frames of exhibits, and the participation of 25 national societies. The location is The Cobb Galleria Centre at Two Galleria Parkway Atlanta, Georgia 30339. The hours are Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.-4p.m. Admission is free and here is the website: <http://stamps.org/AmeriStamp-Expo-ASE>. We are planning to go as a club with several people driving. We plan to get there by 10a.m. which would we must leave early. If you are interested in going or driving, please email me at mбенward@aol.com or call me at (615) 890-7353.

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

Meetings are held at the Madison
Branch Library, 610 South Gallatin

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

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Minutes Review for September 2011 – November 2011

The NPS held its 9/12/11 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Seventeen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 8/22/11 meeting were read and approved and approved. Larry Pacl won the door prize. Ray McIntire's name was drawn for the Participation Award, but he wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Reports were also received from the Social Media and Scouting Committees. Voting was started on the theme recommendations for the 2012 Nashville Stamp Show. The voting will be continued during the 9/26/2011 meeting. The business session was then adjourned for an excellent presentation by Matt on "The Inverted Jenny – Scott No. C3a".

The NPS had its 9/26/11 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twelve members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 9/12/11 meeting were read and approved. Larry Pacl won the door prize. Michael McKibben's name was drawn for the Participation Award, but he wasn't present to win. Robert Lancashire's application for NPS Membership received first reading. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Voting continued during this meeting for the theme for the 2012 NPS Stamp Show. After tallying the votes for the September meetings, the theme selected was the "165th Anniversary of the United States of America's First Use of the Adhesive Postage Stamp". The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS held its 10/10/11 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Thirteen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 9/26/10 meeting were read and approved with corrections. Marie Farmer won the door prize. Matt Benward won the Participation Award. Scott Simon's application for NPS membership received first reading. Robert Lancashire's application was approved after second reading and he was welcomed into NPS membership. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. The business session then adjourned for a presentation by Scott Simon on "Rocket Mail".

The NPS had its 10/24/10 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Seventeen members and five guests were present. Minutes of the 10/10/11 meeting were read and approved. Steve Meyer won the door prize. David Scutt's name was drawn for the Participation Award, but he wasn't present to win. Scott Simon's application was approved after second reading and he was welcomed into NPS membership. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. Matt that announced that the new 2012 Scott US Catalog had incorporated changes that he had submitted regarding Guam Guard Mail material and documentation. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS held its 11/14/11 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Ten members and five guests were present. Minutes of the 10/24/11 meeting were read and approved. Applications for NPS membership from Lynn Rau, Woody Carter and Bailey and Heath Bryant received first reading. Al Bollmeier won the door prize. Bailey Bryant was awarded the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. A card was sent to Nick Munn who had a broken foot. Ken and Jamie Auerweck reported that our Twitter site had 47 followers and our Facebook site was being revised for easier access. Ray McIntire provided the Treasurer's report for the third quarter 2011 that was approved by the NPS membership. Matt announced that ten dealers had committed for the 2012 Stamp Show. Matt also mentioned the need for a new "fish bowl" for our door prize drawing. The business session then adjourned for an excellent program by Ray McIntire on the "Many Varieties and Colors of the 1861 3-cent (A25) Issue".

The NPS had its 11/28/11 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fifteen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 11/14/11 meeting were read and approved. Applications for NPS membership from Lynn Rau, Woody Carter and Bailey and Heath Bryant were approved after second readings and they were welcomed into NPS membership. Jamie Auerweck won the door prize. Tom Tribke won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. The Auerwecks reported that our Twitter site had 52 followers and that Facebook had 7 "likes". Matt asked for articles for the upcoming NPS Newsletter. NPS members were encouraged to bring family and friends to the 12/12/11 Christmas Party. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

Nashville Philatelic Society

Minutes Review for June 2011 – August 2011

The NPS had its 6/13/11 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Eleven members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 5/23/11 meeting were read and approved. Matt Benward won the door prize. Dave Bodkin's name was drawn for the Participation Award, but he wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Matt reported upon the recent Huntsville and Louisville Stamp Shows. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Al Bollmeier and Larry Pacl donated stamps to the Stamp Committee. Thank you! It was noted that the computer screen projector at the library, that was to be used for the program, was out for repair. A suggestion was made that NPS consider buying its own projector. Matt said that he would check on available models and costs. The "100th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts in the U.S." was suggested as a theme for the 2012 Show. The business session then adjourned for a talk and computer program on "Railroads on Stamps" by Larry Pacl.

The NPS held its 6/27/11 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-one members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 6/13/11 meeting were read and approved. Jean Winstead won the door prize. Nick Munn's name was drawn for the Participation Award, but he wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Ray McIntire talked about Virtual Philately and mentioned that these websites could be found via Google search. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. A donation of stamps was received from the Murfreesboro Stamp Club for the Stamps Committee. Thank you! Matt asked for recommendations for the 2012 Stamp Show theme. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS had its 7/11/11 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Thirteen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 6/27/11 meeting were read and approved. Larry Pacl won the door prize. Tom Tribke won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. A donation of a large box of stamps was received from Matt for the Stamps Committee. Thank you! Matt asked for recommendations for the 2012 Stamp Show theme. Matt further suggested that preparation exhibits for the 2012 Show should be started now to be ready in time for the show. The business session was then adjourned for a discussion on "Identifying Stamps" by NPS members.

The NPS had its 7/25/11 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twelve members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 7/11/11 meeting were read and approved. Jerry Jirikovac won the door prize. Rouse Tucker's name was drawn for the Participation Award, but he wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Matt Benward received an APS Silver-Bronze Certificate for the NPS Newsletter. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. The Brentwood Philatelic Society donated stamps to the Stamp Committee. Thank you! Matt asked for additional recommendations for the 2011 Stamp Show theme. Both the 125th Anniversaries of NPS and the American Philatelic Society were suggested. Matt asked if the Collector's Day program at the Nashville Children's Museum were planned again for next year. Steve Meyer said that he thought it was and that he would keep the club advised. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS held its 8/8/11 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Thirteen members and eight guests were present. Minutes of the 7/25/11 meeting were read and approved. Marie Farmer won the door prize. David Scutt's name was drawn for the Participation Award, but he wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Dave Bodkin reported that long-time NPS member and friend Jeanette Rudy was seriously ill. A card was sent via Dave with NPS's best wishes. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Matt asked again for theme recommendations for the 2012 Nashville Stamp Show and mentioned that voting would be held in September to select the theme. Matt also advised that he was having a "Stamp Collectors Cookout" at his home on this coming Saturday, August 20th. The business session was then adjourned for an "Ice Cream Social" and a talk on "APS Stamp Sale Services" by Matt.

The NPS held its 8/22/11 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Eighteen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 8/8/11 meeting were read and approved. Tom Grimes won the door prize. Ken Auerweck won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Ray McIntire reported on the APS Show in Columbus, Ohio that he attended. The NPS was saddened to learn of the death of Jeanette Rudy. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Ray McIntire presented the Treasurer's Report for the 2nd Quarter of 2011 that was read and approved. The Auerwecks reported good interest in the NPS Twitter and Facebook Social Media Sites and that changes were being made to the Facebook page for easier access. Matt asked again for theme recommendations for the 2012 Nashville Stamp Show. Larry Pacl suggested the "150th Anniversary of the Great Locomotive Chase". Voting for the theme selection will be held during September. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

MY BROTHER'S STAMP COLLECTION

by Larry Pacl

My sister-in-law recently sent some of my brother's stamp collection. She found these while unpacking after her move to Florida. Among the stamps are two gems; one marks the beginning of my last stamp collection, the other marks almost the end of my active collecting back then.

The first is a block of four of Scott's 802, the U. S. Virgin Island commemorative of 1937. The two right hand stamps are overprinted:

Sixth Annual Exhibition
THE DENVER STAMP CLUB
May 9-14, 1938
Denver, Colorado

I vaguely remember the exhibits at this show. I was eight at the time would have attended with my brother and he would have purchased the block of four. He would have been eleven.



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Where the twelve days for Christmas originated

The twelve days of Christmas, a carol evocative of rich Christmas fare, was used as a British Victorian fireside forfeits game played before families took down their Christmas decorations.

A parlor game before eating mince pie and Twelfth Night Cake, and the carol was sung on the Twelfth and final night of Christmas, the Epiphany.

The Twelve Days of Christmas is now accepted as part of the canon of holiday carols. But, it originated long ago as a gentle parody by 13th century French minstrels poking fun at some solemn chant of their day.

The song dates back, as far as the British are concerned, to a 13th century manuscript stored in the library of Trinity College, Cambridge, and called 'Twelfth Day.'

No one can say when the carol rose from relative obscurity, but in 1780, a miniature children's book called 'Mirth Without Mischief', published it as a folk song.

As a Victorian parlor game, the carol involved a test of memory and concentration. Players had to forfeit if they failed to get the verses' wording correct, or in the right order.

As the carol progressed, feats of memory and concentration became more demanding and players found it hard to escape forfeits.

The carol is common in Britain, France, Canada, and the United States and different versions contain a variety of strange gifts.

American versions offer Bulls-a-roaring, hounds-a-hunting, bears-a-leaping, hares-a-running, wolves-a-howling, and deers-a-running.

Other versions include Limerick oysters, gold finches, grey elephants, an Arabian baboon, and a papingeyey, peacock, and a goose that was grey. Colley birds, meaning black birds, became calling birds or colored birds.

In the British versions, the lady of the carol would eventually receive 12 leaping lords, 22 dancing ladies, 30 pipers piping, 36 drummers, 40 milk maids, 42 swimming swans, 42 laying geese, 44 gold rings, 36 blackbirds, 30 French hens, 22 turtle doves and 12 partridges in 12 pear trees. In all there are 364 gifts; one for every day of the year but one, and that one is reserved for the gift of true love.

ON THE TWELFTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

My true love sent to me,
Twelve lords-a-leaping
Eleven ladies dancing
Ten pipers piping,
Nine drummers drumming
Eight maids-a-milking
Seven swans-a-swimming
Six geese-a-laying
Five gold rings
Four colly birds
Three French hens
Two turtle doves
... And a partridge in a pear tree.

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