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Founded 1927, Club show since 1928
Meets 7:00 PM, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays
Hilltop Manor in 3rd floor dining room
790 Ironwood Drive, San Jose, California
Driving instructions on the website.

Annual dues:

Adults/families \$12 ~ Youths \$6
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Happy Holidays



Filatelic Fiesta

The show was very similar to recent years in that the attendance seemed sparse but steady, and those that did come seemed to spend money. While no one went away rich all seemed satisfied with the results.

We had three last minute dealers signup, and this assured us of a modest profit for the show. The dealers your editor spoke with all indicated they were satisfied with the event.

Once again, the exhibits were outstanding and varied. Exhibits Chair, Ed Laveroni has done an outstanding job in securing them.

The judging panel which Show Chairman Steve Schumann has secured year-after-year was once more superior, and this includes the apprentice judge Henry Marquez of the Fremont Stamp Club.

If you attended the Awards Dinner, I don't have to tell you how good it was with more than enough food for the hungriest of attendees, and with an above average red and white table wine for every table; arranged for by Steve Schumann.

Ever since it was decided to have the show in Gateway Hall at the fairgrounds there has been criticism. First the parking, then the condition of the hall, and the lighting and heating. Why didn't we have it in a hotel: the answer, one word, COST. We're a modest club and show and I believe we do an incredible job with what we have. Also, the fairgrounds has stepped up for us. In case you didn't notice there is new lighting and new heaters, and some repairs and painting are beginning to take place. Now if we could only get the stamp collecting community of San Jose to support us.

Christmas Party

December 12th is the date for our annual Christmas party in conjunction with the San Jose Post Card Club. Please call Mary Ann Stanfield at 408.747.1653 to determine what dish you may bring—it is after all a pot-luck.

The two clubs will provide the main course—likely a ham as all seem to enjoy that.

The dinner will take place at the regular meeting of the San Jose Post Card on December 12th at 7:00 PM in the dining room at Hilltop Manor.

Significant others are invited and encouraged to attend.

Auctions

There has been an effort to have an auction at Filatelici Fiesta for some time. Yes, we always have the WPL auction at our show, but that's a fund raiser for the library—we don't get a dime from it. We did, however, piggyback the WPL auction this year with a few lots that were sold for the benefit of the club.

We were able to have ELA hold an auction at the show. John E. La Riviere purchased the Elliott Lindsey auction some time back and has now made the decision to start holding auctions. It's unknown at this point in time just what his future plans are but it would be of mutual benefit if he were to decide to have an annual auction in our show.

Your editor remembers Elliott Lindsey Auctions and feels there is no reason John can't duplicate them in the future. It's hoped we can develop a relationship with him that will prove very beneficial for the both of us.

Along those lines you may want to visit his store in Santa Cruz.

Northern California Trivia

- Q Where is the only remaining authentic Chinese temple in Northern California?
- A Mendocino (Temple of Kwan Tia).
- Q What California town was once known as Ravine City?
- A Placerville.

From *Northern California Trivia* by Ernie & Jill Couch

I was visiting my son the other night when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper.

"Dad, this is the 21st century," he said. "I don't waste money on newspapers. But if you like you can borrow my iPad."

I can tell you this: That spider never knew what hit him.

December, 2012 Reader's Digest

Democratic Dialog

Father, must I go to work?

No, my lucky son.

We're living now on Easy Street

On dough from Washington.

We've left it up to Uncle Sam,

So don't get exercised.

Nobody has to give a damn —

We've all been subsidized.

But if Sam treats us all so well,

And feeds us milk and honey,

Please, Daddy, tell me what the hell

He's going to use for money?

Don't worry Bub, there's not a hitch

In this here noble plan —

He simply soaks the filthy rich

And helps the common man.

But Father, won't there come a time

When they run out of cash

And we have left them not a dime

When things will go to smash?

My faith in you is shrinking son,

You nosy little brat;

You do too damn much thinking son,

To be a Democrat.

From the *Daily News*, New York City, of November 4, 1939. Placed into the Congressional Record by Clarence J. Brown (R-Ohio) and said to be authored by "a prominent Democrat of the State of Georgia."

Garbage Disposal

Architect and inventor John W. Hammes built his wife the world's first kitchen garbage disposal in 1927. After ten years of design improvement, Hammes went into business selling his appliance to the public, as the In-Sink-Erator Manufacturing Co.

I want to open this month's message with a BIG thank-you to everyone who contributed to this year's success. We can be proud of the progress the club has made.

- The club's on more solid financial ground
- Grown the membership
- Improved the philatelic content of meetings

I'm thinking about goals for the SJSC in 2013. My #1 goal is make meetings something you don't want to miss. It is easy to feel like: I don't want to go tonight because it's cold...raining...I'm tired... I'd rather watch a game on TV... If we continue to develop as a club, our meetings will be something you won't want to miss. Meetings with interesting programs and a vibrant membership sharing their knowledge makes meetings that you just don't want to miss.

What are your goals for the SJSC in 2013? When do you feel like you're glad you came? This is OUR club, what do WE want to do? The long term health of the club depends on our meetings being worthwhile.

We all need to contribute to our own success. Challenge yourself: What can I do to contribute? When was the last time I shared something at a meeting? Have I invited a friend to attend? How about taking the lead on organizing a program?

Another aspect of club growth for the SJSC is how we contribute to the greater philatelic community. In addition to everybody doing something to contribute to Filatelic Fiesta, a good club should be looking outward.

I thank everyone who has helped with the Boy Scout merit badge programs I host at area shows. Nearly 100 boys worked on the stamp collecting merit badge in 2012. How else does the SJSC want to contribute to our community?

We're not "done" worrying about money, but it isn't the priority it was in 2012. We now have enough money in the bank to operate the club without individuals having to pay club expenses out of their own pocket. One idea to raise money next year is to host a much expanded auction at Filatelic Fiesta. Do you have other ideas? Raffles at meetings? Your input, please.

—Brian

"We have therefore to resolve to conquer or die: Our won Country's Honor, all call upon us for vigorous and manly exertion, and if we now shamefully fail, we shall become infamous to the whole world. Let us therefore rely upon the goodness of the Cause, and the aid of the supreme Being, in whose hands Victory is, to animate and encourage us to great and noble Actions."

—George Washington, General Orders, 1776

Fiesta Youth News:

Good news everybody, the Northern California stamp album project was ON for Fiesta. I was able to get the albums printed for \$152.26 including a clear cover, vinyl back, spiral binding and tax. If you haven't seen them at a club meeting, you can find it on the APS website. Of course, to really make this a success, stamps are required. Donations from the APS, Postal History Foundation, local dealers, and club members donated enough variation and quantity to make it a success. Club members donated a total of \$105 to defray the printing costs. Thanks everybody! Your generosity was tremendous and deeply appreciated. There will also be a new project this year with British Machin's. Please plan to help at the youth table and see the fun these projects bring to young people.

New Member:

Nathan Mitakides is the club's newest member. He visited with us on November 7 and had enough fun to join our merry little band. Nathan lives in Saratoga with his wife and has decided to restart his stamp collecting after a number of years off. Nathan collects the stamps of his native Greece. Please welcome him at your next visit to a meeting.

Filatellic Fiesta

The number of club members that helped at Fiesta was most encouraging. In the past it was a real crap-shoot as to whether or not there would be enough help to cover all the chores. At the registration table club members included Mary Ann Stanfield, Hubert Jansen, Stan Flowerdew, and John Hunt plus Edie Eggen, Anna Menuz, Kathy Schumann and yours truly. Set-up teardown and the show saw Ron Yamagami, Dave Gilman, Pat Laveroni, Carolyn Johnson, and, of course, the chairs that run the show: Steve Schumann, Wayne Menuz, Ed Laveroni, and Akthem Al-Manaseer as the awards chairman and presenter. Last, but certainly not least, is SJSC president Brian Jones who once again held his Boy Scout stamp collecting merit badge program. I believe that most of us agree that this program is of paramount importance, that is, the grooming of possible future stamp collectors; we need a market to dispose of our collections as we grow older. We must not overlook Dale Eggen as the shows voluntary photographer, which he has done for quite some time now.

The exhibits saw Richard Clever, John Hunt, Steve Schumann, and Akthem Al-Manaseer, with superior exhibits that helped fill out the frames.

All-in-all, club and committee participation in the show was very gratifying. We did good.-ed.

Lincoln, The Cad...

Sure he got slavery abolished, inspired thousands upon thousands to sacrifice their lives in the name of freedom and equality, and was a heck of a public speaker. But Abraham Lincoln was also human and had faults. One of them: He was a tad shallow when it came to the ladies.

Yes, as it turns out, not much has changed in the dating world since the 1800s. And before Lincoln was betrothed to Mary Todd — who was known to be quite a beauty in her day — he had to blow off another Mary... Mary Owens.

Lincoln is said to have jokingly agreed to propose to Ms. Owens, who he met briefly in 1833. Ms. Owens lived in Kentucky and her sister, who kept needling Lincoln about a courtship, told him she would bring Ms. Owens back to Illinois only if he agreed to marry her.

The year 1836 rolled up and so did Ms. Owens, who thought she was engaged. Quite displeased with her appearance, a confounded Lincoln instantly regretted his promise and grappled with how to handle the situation. Lincoln later wrote: "...when I beheld her, I could not for my life avoid thinking of my mother; and this, not from withered features, for her skin was too full of fat to permit of its contracting into wrinkles, but from her want of teeth, weather-beaten appearance in general, and from a kind of notion that ran in my head that nothing could have commenced at the size of infancy and reached her present bulk in less than thirty-five or forty years; and, in short, I was not at all pleased with her."

During their engagement, Lincoln wrote three letters to Ms. Owens. One of which proved his historic powers of persuasion as it sent a subtle message to her that life with him would be miserable and that she could do better: "I am often thinking about what we said of your coming to live at Springfield. I am afraid you would not be satisfied. There is a great deal of flourishing about in carriages here; which it would be your doom to see without sharing in it. You would have to be poor without the means of hiding your poverty. Do you believe you could bear that patiently? ...What I have said I will most positively abide by, provided you wish it. My opinion is that you had better not do it. You have not been accustomed to hardship, and it may be more severe than you now imagine [sic]... I know you are capable of thinking correctly on any subject, and if you deliberate maturely upon this, before you decide, then I am willing to abide your decision."

Ms. Owens ended their engagement in the fall of 1837.

I wonder if Lincoln got entangled in a Sadie Hawkins Day (Leap Year) entanglement.

All adverse and depressing influences can be overcome, not by fighting, but by rising above them. —Charles Caleb Colton

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year



Jim Sauer receiving a certificate of appreciation from SJSC president Brian Jones,



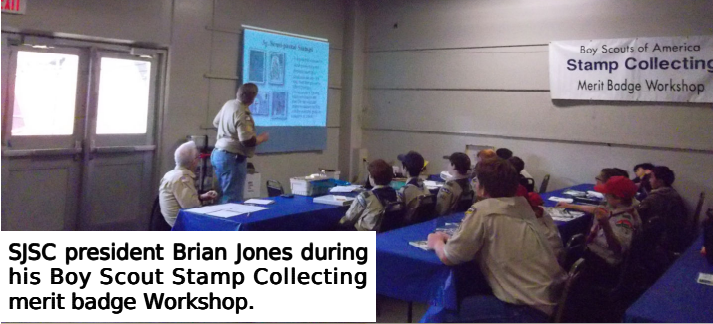
and a bottle of Courvoisier—yes!



SJSC member Richard Clever hard at work at his table.



Jim Sauer and Barbara Kayfetz



SJSC president Brian Jones during his Boy Scout Stamp Collecting merit badge Workshop.



Akthem Al-Manaseer presenting to Ed Laveroni for Ross Marshall.



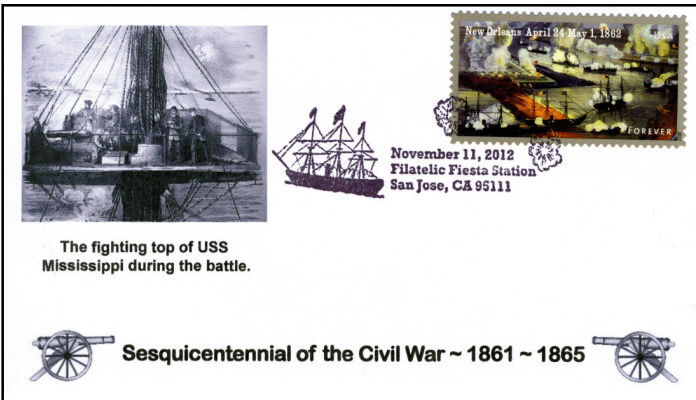
Steve Schumann presenting to Akthem Al-Manaseer



Akthem Al-Manaseer and wife Nada with Exhibit awards.



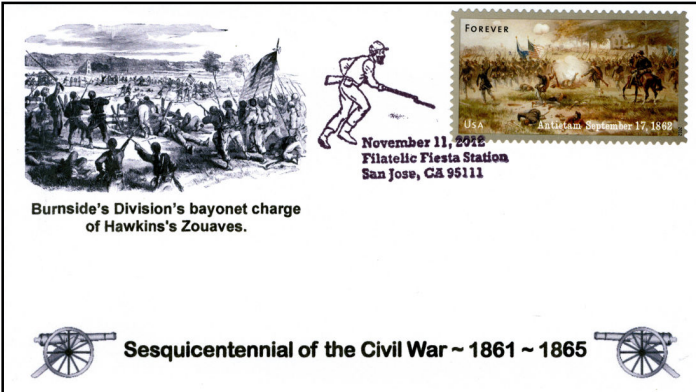
The Jury at the critique.



The fighting top of USS Mississippi during the battle.

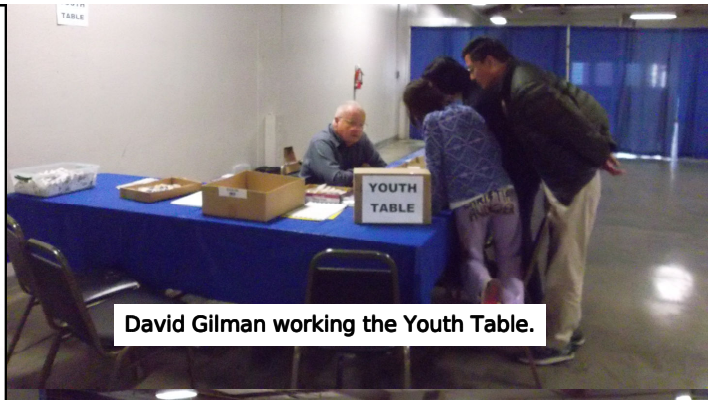
Sesquicentennial of the Civil War ~ 1861 ~ 1865

The cachets and cancels for the second in a series of pairs of stamps issued for the sesquicentennial of the Civil War.



Burnside's Division's bayonet charge of Hawkins's Zouaves.

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David Gilman working the Youth Table.



A view of the bourse.



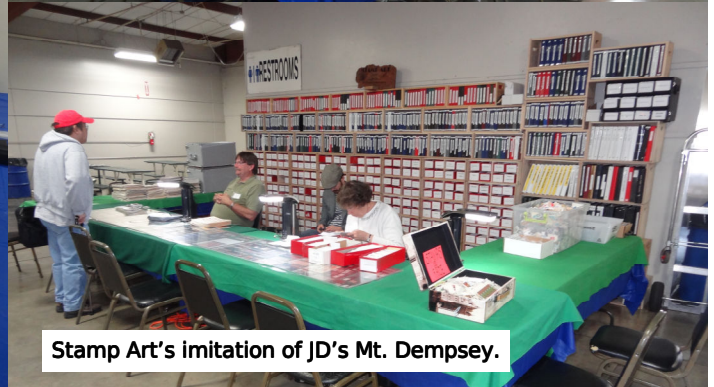
Stu Leven, Program Editor, and show chair Steve Schumann.



Boy Scouts during Brian Jones workshop for the stamp collecting merit badge program.



Jim Taff hard at it???



Stamp Art's imitation of JD's Mt. Dempsey.

Ambition is the germ from which all growth of nobleness proceeds. —Thomas D. English

Dorothy Parker

Dorothy Rothchild grew up in New York, went to a catholic convent school in Manhattan and Miss Dana's school in Morristown, New Jersey. Her mother was of Scottish ancestry, and her father was Jewish. Dorothy felt a constant resentment at being Jewish. Her mother died when she was yet an infant, and her father remarried.

Her first success in writing came when she sold verses to editor Frank Crowninshield of *Vogue* magazine. She was hired by *Vogue* for \$10 a week to write captions. Crowninshield was also the editor of *Vanity Fair*. A year later, sensing her talents, he gave her a job on this magazine. She worked with Robert Benchley and others known as the "Algonquin Round Table."



Dorothy Parker, Scott 2698, issued August 22, 1992. Born August 22, 1893, West End, Monmouth County, New Jersey. Died June 7, 1967 New York, New York.

At this time, she married a handsome Hartford man, Edward Pond Parker II. Though this marriage was dissolved by divorce a few years later, it was his name she preferred to use as her nom de plume rather than Rothchild.

Contrary to her off-handed wit, Parker took her work seriously. Her first book of satirical verse, *Enough Rope*, published in 1926, included the oft quoted couplet "Men seldom make passes/At girls who wear glasses."

Shortly after *The New Yorker* magazine was established in 1925 by Harold Ross, Parker left *Vanity Fair* to write short stories for *The New Yorker*. She also contributed numerous book reviews, covering such authors as Nan Britton, Upton Sinclair, Emily Post, Sinclair Lewis and Ernest Hemingway. Parker contributed book reviews to *Esquire* magazine for which "Best Fiction of 1957" covered Ellery Queen, Truman Capote and James Thurber.

Parker married Alan Campbell, whose father was Scottish and mother Jewish. The couple went to Hollywood as a screenwriting team. He joined the army during WWII. They were divorced in 1947, but remarried in 1950, separated in 1952, then reunited in 1956 (Some sources say 1961). Alan Campbell committed suicide in 1963.

An interesting woman, there is much more to her life and work on the internet; including two films made about her and Alan Campbell: Campbell was portrayed by Hal Holbrook in the 1977 film *Julia* and by Peter Gallagher in the 1994 film *Mrs. Parker and the Vicious Circle*.

'Buckey' O'Neill

A monument to William Owen "Buckey" O'Neill stands on the Yavapai County Courthouse Plaza in Prescott Arizona. It was unveiled July 3, 1907, by Captain O'Neill's adopted son Maurice and Kate Hicky, the daughter of O'Neill's best friend. The statue was created by Solon H. Borglum. It pays tribute to the First United States Volunteer Cavalry (Theodor Roosevelt's Rough Riders) and Captain O'Neill, the organizer of the Rough Riders.

O'Neill grew up in Washington, D.C. He was nicknamed "Buckey" because of his ability to go against the odds or "Buck the Tiger" in the game of faro, and not because he is riding a bucking horse on the statue.



William Owen "Buckey" O'Neill and the Rough Riders, Scott 973, issued October 27, 1948. Born February 2, 1860, St. Louis, Missouri; Died July 1, 1898, San Juan Hill, Cuba.

O'Neill came to Prescott in 1881 as a court reporter for Judge Deforest Porter. In the fall of 1885, he attended a medicine show where he met Pauline Marie Schindler. On April 27, 1886, they were married. On November 15, 1893, the young couple moved into the house built by W.B. Jones on the corner of Sheldon and Mt. Vernon Streets. O'Neill had an office upstairs to publish the *Hoof and Horn*, a stockman's paper. He contributed to the *San Francisco Chronicle*. O'Neill was also probate judge and sheriff, a reporter, a mining promoter, candidate for delegate to Congress in 1894 and mayor of Prescott.

He was mayor of Prescott when he left for Cuba to fight in the Spanish-American War with the Arizona Volunteers. On May 4, 1898, the Prescott volunteers met at the Plaza to bid their good-byes to friends and family. The train headed for the regimental rendezvous at San Antonio, Texas.

The regiment that Captain O'Neill commanded was officially called the First United States Volunteer Cavalry. Colonel Theodore Roosevelt said he was joining a regiment of "rough riding men." The sobriquet stuck, and they were ever-after known in the history books as the Rough Riders.

Captain O'Neill was the only regimental officer killed from among the Arizona Volunteers. He was supposedly shot by a sniper. He was buried on the battlefield, and on May 1, 1899, his remains were returned to the United States and laid to rest with the nation's honored dead at Arlington National Cemetery.

Solon Borglum's statue of the Rough Riders is shown on the 1948 3¢ stamp marking the 50th anniversary of the Rough Riders.

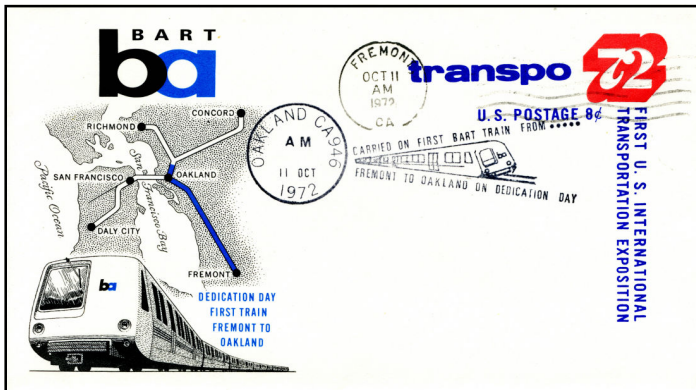
Covers, Cards, Stamps, etc.

BART

BART began regular passenger service on September 11, 1972, reporting more than 100,000 passengers in its first five days of operations. The Market Street Subway opened in 1973 and the Transbay Tube finally opened on September 16, 1974, linking the four branches to Daly City, Concord, Richmond, and Fremont. During the first five years of operation BART operated on a weekday-only schedule. Dedications started on October 11, 1972, with the first link on BART, the 28 miles from Fremont to Oakland. There was no dedication or commemorative cover, to my knowledge, for the opening of the Market street subway, and if you know of one please advise the editor. The dedication ceremony for the Transbay Tube was September 14, 1974.

The history of the Bay Area Rapid Transit system was fraught with Bay Area politics and blind stupidity. Today, 40 years after the first dedication, BART is beginning to make progress toward extending the system to Santa Clara County. San Mateo County was the first to succumb to a total lack of foresight by backing out of the plan, believing CalTrain to be adequate for their future needs. Marin was next, though they had a legitimate argument regarding their ability to pay their share of costs. I'm not certain of Santa Clara County's reluctance to participate, but they did not become a part of the plan. And even now, 40 years later, they seem to have their fair share of detractors. The fact that had they participated initially the cost would have been miniscule to what it will cost today—plus it would have been paid for by now with only maintenance costs to contend with. And, yes, a link to San Jose has been initiated, and it's anyone's guess as to when and at what price. And, last but not least in my mind, without the San Jose link my access to A's games at the Oakland Coliseum has been greatly hindered!

The first step in handling anything is gaining the ability to face it. —L. Ron Hubbard



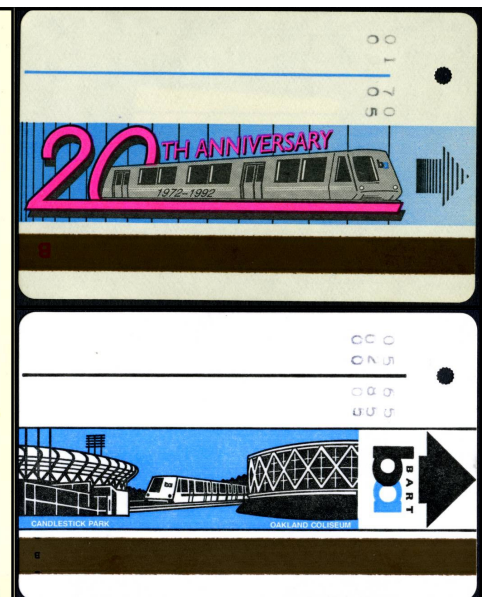
Dedication cover for the first link from Fremont to Oakland.



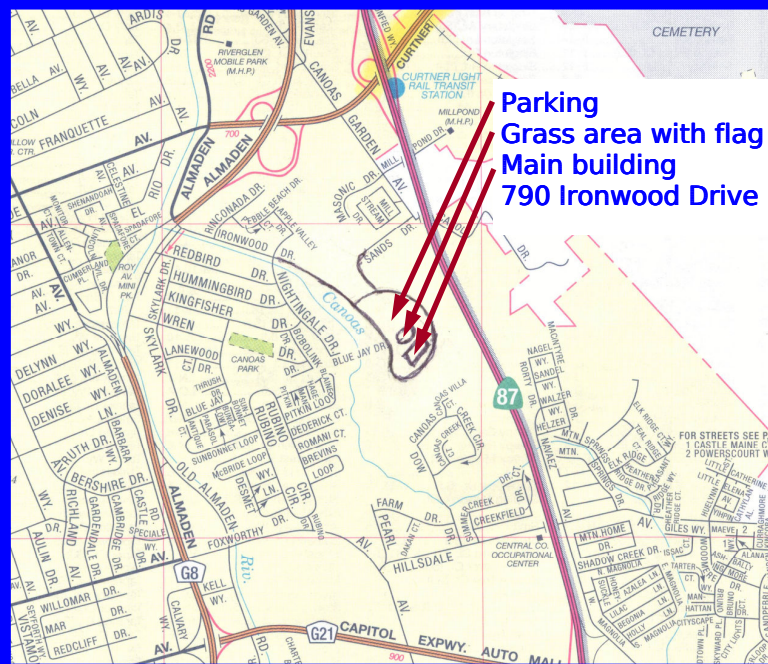
Dedication cover for the Transbay Tube.



One of many BART post cards and a couple of the numerous commemorative BART tickets issued over the years.



**DECEMBER MEETING IS ON THE 5TH
JANUARY MEETINGS ARE ON THE 2nd & 16TH**



**Parking
Grass area with flag
Main building
790 Ironwood Drive**

Show Calendar

**Penpex
December 1 - 2
Communities Activities Building
1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City
Sat 10 - 5:30, Sun 10 - 4
Free Admission - Free Parking**

**December 12
Annual Pot-Luck Christmas Dinner
Hilltop Manor Dining Room
790 Ironwood Drive, San Jose
See page one for details - see you there**

**Sacramento Stamp Fair
January 5 - 6
Scottish Rite Center
6151 H Street, Sacramento
Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 4
Free Admission - Free Parking**

**Great American Stamp Expo
January 26 - 27
Napredak Hall
770 Montague Expressway, San Jose
Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 4
Free Admission - Free Parking**

**The San Jose Post Card Club meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month
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Visit the SJSC website at: filatelicifiesta.org**

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