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Northern California Trivia

- Q. On what river was the first electric power plant in central California constructed?
- A. American (Folsom prison).
- Q. What town once called itself the "Cherry City of California"?
- A. San Leandro.

From *Northern California Trivia*
by Ernie & Jill Couch

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Kristin Patterson

Kristin was the speaker at our June 17th meeting. She spoke on playing card revenues from the Civil War and was received very well. She knows the subject through and through and I believe we all learned a little something.

Brian Jones was there with several of the Boy Scouts from his troop. They were all assembling small collections towards earning them their Stamp Collecting Merit Badges. The boy's parents were also in attendance and both parents and sons all seemed to have a good time. Kristin's presentation was a bonus for them and the boy's parents appeared to gain a whole new outlook regarding our hobby.

It was a shame that there weren't more club members in attendance.

Which begs the question: should we schedule more speakers? With such meager club support it would be very embarrassing having only a half dozen members present—not to mention the awkward position the speaker would be placed in. Any ideas?

The Scouts will be returning July 15th to continue with their merit badge project. I must add that the members that were in attendance all teamed up with a Scout and helped them in finding stamps for their collections including yours truly. I might add that the Scouts were very well mannered and all seemed appreciative of the help they received. I believe that many of us wished that there was an adult to help give us some direction when we were very young collectors just starting out in this hobby.

A really good meeting.

~ LATE BREAKING NEWS ~

Wayne Menuz will speak on postal stationery at the meeting of July 15th. Wayne is very well versed in nearly every aspect of postal stationery (he edits the UPSS journal) and it will be a very interesting and entertaining talk—see you there.

Frames

We are adding to our exhibit frames by 50. The last of the 15 page frames have been taken to Hollister where they will undergo conversion to 16 page frames. It's anticipated they will be available by show time in November.

Filatelice Fiesta

The show committee's newest member is Ron Yamigami. Ron recently joined the club and has already shown his interest and willingness to help in any way he can. I believe his addition to the committee will prove to be very beneficial.

The committee now consists of about a dozen members which will make everyone's job a little easier. This also enables us to plan and do a few more creative things to attract more attendees to the show. Any of your ideas will be much appreciated as we certainly need to increase the shows attendance. Without dealers we have no show; without adequate attendance we have no dealers!

Paul Johnson

Paul has moved once again and has a new telephone number. Anyone wanting this information may contact Jim Sauer to obtain it.

July 4th Fireworks

For those that have enjoyed the fireworks displays put on by the Church on the Hill in the past—alas, there will be no fireworks this July 4th. I guess their high cost coupled with the economic climate had a great deal to do with this decision.

However, in the most recent issue of *Via*, the AAA magazine, there's a notice under their Events column that Redwood City will have a fireworks display. Info @ 650.365.1825 and parade.org. In checking out this website, I see this year will mark their 71st year for this event, which includes a parade, music, etc. This could be the answer for you fireworks junkies and those with children.

