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**Filatelice Fiesta II
Nov 13 - 15, 2009**

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds

Northern California Trivia

- Q. Where is Horsetail Falls?
A. Desolation Valley.
- Q. A local shingle mill led to what community's name?
A. Shingle Springs.

From *Northern California Trivia*
by Ernie & Jill Couch

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Summer Party

The San Jose Post Card Club will have it's annual summer bash on August 15th. Once again Darlene Thorne has agreed to have it take place in her home.

All San Jose Stamp Club members are invited to attend. As this is a pot-luck, please coordinate with Mary Anne Stanfield (408.747.1653) as to what to bring. We don't need 14 apple pies—or 14 anything else.

WHERE: 20097 John Dr., Cupertino
WHEN: August 15th at 12 noon.

It's expected there'll be a couple dealers there with post cards for sale—usually at special prices for the event—plus club members from the San Francisco and Santa Cruz clubs. Should be a fun event.

It's hoped we will see **YOU** there.

July/August Speaker

If you think postal stationery is boring—well, you missed the July meeting where Wayne Menuz gave an outstanding presentation on some of the oddities of worldwide postal stationery. Wayne drew from his collection of some 800,000 pieces a representative selection of some of the oddest, goofiest, off-the-wall items you can't imagine. It was truly an entertaining and informative evening. Too bad so many of you missed it.

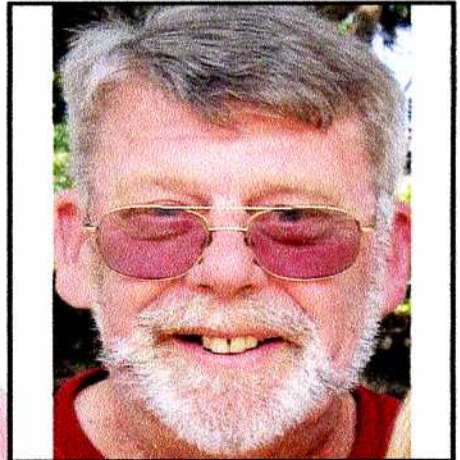
It's getting close to when I must print and mail this newsletter and I haven't a speaker lined up for the August 19th meeting. I expect to have one by then and if not I'll give a talk on something—not sure just what at this time—but something!

Scandinavian Collection

I've been entrusted with a very nice collection of Scandinavia by Joe Graves of the San Jose Post Card Club. Joe wants the collection to go to a deserving youth that will continue building it. It's a great start.

I'd really like to find a good home for it and am asking for your help to find a deserving young person.

John Van Alstyne



We're saddened to report the passing of John Van Alstyne. Born in Sacramento December 26, 1940 he passed away June 23, 2009 at the age of 68, after losing his battle with cancer. Preceded in death by his parents, Mary and Jack Van Alstyne and brother Peter, he is survived by significant other, Sherry Straley, daughter Kelly Bieling and husband Chris of Utah, grandchildren, Sierra & Riley, and his former wife Laurie Moreno of Arizona. A native of Sacramento he graduated from McClatchy High School, was an active member of the 20-30 Club, Sacramento Philatelic Society and served in the U.S. Navy. He was owner and president of Van Alstyne Electric for over 20 years. Stamp collecting was his passion both as dealer and collector. The Nevada desert was his second home and rarely missed a chance to take his dune buggy there with friends. He loved his cactus garden, watching war and cowboy movies and his Tuesday night poker games.

A memorial service for family and friends was held Tuesday, June 30, 2009 at the VFW Hall, 3300 U St., Antelope, CA. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the APS Junior Stamp Program, Bellefonte, PA, 16823 or The Veterans Home in Yountville, PO Box 1200, Yountville, CA 94599.

May you rest in peace, John.

