

The Chattanooga Stamp Chronicle

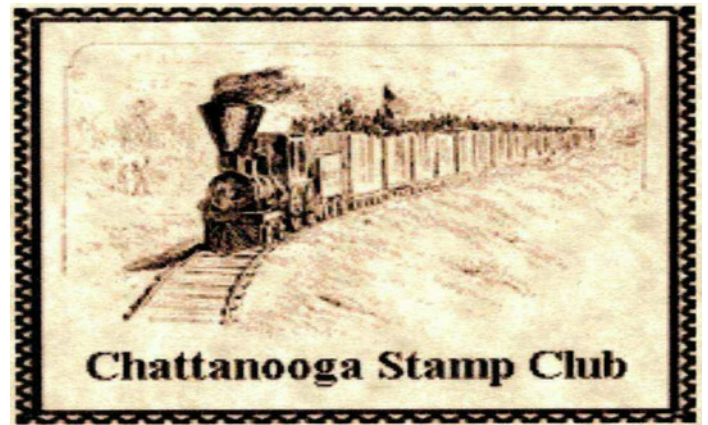
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MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE HICKORY VALLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 6605 SHALLOWFORD RD., CHATTANOOGA, TN.

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM, MEETING BEGINS AT 7:30 PM -- VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

June 9 Annual Picnic
Location Riverside Park - 5:00-7:00 p.m.
July 14 Monthly Meeting
Program Joel Rind

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Chattanooga Stamp Club memberships are on a calendar year basis. Yearly dues are \$10.00; send all monetary donations and membership dues to the club's Treasurer:

Mr. Carl Anderson, 919 Dunsinane Rd.
Signal Mountain, TN 37377

THE CHATTANOOGA STAMP CHRONICLE

The Chattanooga Stamp Club is affiliated with the American Philatelic Society. The club has been dedicated to the study, preservation, and promotion of the philatelic hobby since 1932.

SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS

The Southeast Federation web site is a source for information about stamp collecting activities in the region. Visit at: www.sefsc.org/federation-clubs.html

AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

American Philatelic Society (APS) is the largest nonprofit stamp collecting Foundation of philately in the world., With about 32,000 members as of 2014 worldwide. Visit at: www.Stamps.org.

MAY MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:20 with Pledge of Allegiance by president Richard Barr.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurers report shows a balance on hand of 898.00.

Expenditures since the last meeting were as follows:

Membership dues in the Southeast Stamp Federation..

Prizes for last month's Single page Exhibits.

Postage and Printing

Picnic Reservation Fee.

Treasurers report was approved.

Currently Gene Bricker has posted 2016 Newsletters on the Southeast Federation's Web page.

Newsletters from 2015 will be the next posted.

Next Month's meeting will be our Picnic, at Area 4 Riverside park. (Behind Naval Reserve Center off Annicola hwy. We plan to eat at 6PM. Area Reserved from 3 to ? PM. Bring your best recipe to pass around, Club is furnishing Chicken.

Come Early, stay late for Fellowship and Fun.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned for drinks and snacks before the auction.

Over 60 lots of Stamps, old and new went home with new owners. Missed Out?, well get your lots together for the next Auction coming up in November.

Tom Matuszak
Recording Secretary

(Note: Auction results - A total of 57 lots were sold by 12 members plus the club lots. Total sales = \$260)

2016 U.S. STAMP ISSUES



May 28 - World Stamp Show
NY 2016



May 29 - Repeal of the Stamp Act,
1796



May 30 - Service Cross Medals



May 31 - View of Our Planets



May 31 -
Pluto Explored

HELP WANTED!

Be a published author! Contribute to your stamp club newsletter. Tell us about an interesting item in in your collection or an interesting story about some other aspect of our hobby. Don't feel comfortable about whether what you write is good enough? Send your rough draft and it can be edited for publication.

UPCOMING SHOWS

June 4-5, 2016 HUNTSPEX 2016 Huntsville 2016 Stamp and Postcard Show, Huntsville Philatelic Club, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Conference Training Center, 1410 Ben Graves Drive, Contact: Michael O'Reilly, mcoreilly@att.net, 256-527-4601, www.stampshows.com/huntsville_hpc.html

September 24-25, 2016 MEMPEX 2016 The Memphis Stamp Collectors Society annual Stamp & Postcard Show, Agricenter International, 7777 Walnut Grove Road, Memphis Tennessee 38120, Dick Scott, 901-684-1929, mscs.dickscott@gmail.com

STAMP(S) OF THE MONTH



The first commemorative stamp was issued in 1893. The event honored was the World Columbian Exposition, a celebration of Columbus's voyages to the Americas that was held in Chicago. These were the first .big. stamps, measuring 7/8 inches by 1-11/32 inches . almost twice the size of previous stamps.

JUNE IS PICNIC MONTH!

Thursday, June 9 is the annual picnic of the Chattanooga Stamp Club. We will meet at Pavilion #4 at the Chattanooga River Park. This park is behind the Naval Reserve Center on Amnicola Highway. The picnic will begin about 5:00 p.m. Chicken and drinks will be provided. Also plates, cups, flatware, etc. Bring a covered dish of vegetables, salad and/or dessert to share.



Newspaper Stamps

Stamp collecting is a hobby that interests many of people of all ages. It's a great way to tie in a piece of history that may otherwise have been forgotten in present day life. Rare stamps serve as reminders of years past and the mailing practices that have since been phased out. Newspaper stamps are a prime example of one such category of stamps.

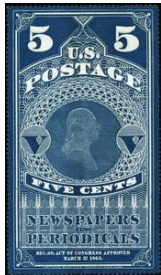
Newspaper stamps were issued in 1865 to prepay the costs of shipping newspapers and periodicals. These attractively designed stamps were later discontinued in 1898. These stamps are available in a variety of conditions, as well as in various denominations and styles.

Today, an independent carrier usually makes daily newspaper deliveries. Other newspapers arrive in the mail without a postal inscription of any kind, thanks to a special periodicals rate offered by the USPS.

Realizing that dissemination of news and opinion was beneficial to the commerce and development of a nation, many countries instituted preferential postal rates for newspaper delivery. With the reduced rates came special stamps to pre-pay the rates.

Newspaper stamps are classified as back-of-the-book material. Most newspaper stamps are listed in the Scott catalogs with numbers prefixed with the letter "P". An anomaly of the Scott catalog is that United States newspaper stamps are prefixed with the letters "PR", a prefix used elsewhere in the catalogs for newspaper tax stamps.

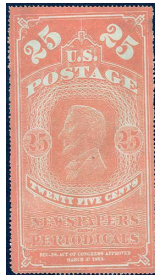
1865 [1865 issue unwmk](#) (no perf info)



PR1



PR2



PR3

U.S. newspaper stamps are usually elaborately designed and very colorful. The first three U.S. newspaper stamp designs feature Washington, Franklin and Lincoln. A 25 orange-red Abraham Lincoln newspaper stamp, Scott PR3, is shown.

"Victory," "Peace" and "Commerce," or mythological female figures such as Hebe, Clio, Ceres, Minerva and Vesta. A \$9 yellow Minerva newspaper stamp, Scott PR27

In 1899 the U.S. Post Office Department demonetized its newspaper stamps and sold 26,989 sets of the 1895 stamps to the public. Thus, newspaper stamps join special delivery stamps and all postage stamps issued prior to 1861 as the only demonetized U.S. stamps.

1875 [1875 issue](#) (23 stamps)



PR9



PR17



PR27

These issues often confuse even advanced collectors and dealers. The key to successfully correctly identifying these stamps is the ability to identify the paper and colors. A basic understanding of the differences in paper types and in colors is essential.

YOUR NEWSLETTER ONLINE!

The Chattanooga Stamp Club Newsletter is now available online! This is a benefit of membership in the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs. Access the web site at:

<<http://www.sefsc.org/federation-clubs.html>>

Newsletters from November, 2015 thru June, 2016 are available now. Earlier editions will be added from time to time. Other club newsletters are also online and you can get news from other stamp clubs at this site.



The Americana Unit was founded in 1951 by a group of members of the American Topical Association who were interested in the study of those stamps from around the world that depict some aspect of "AMERICANA". It could be U.S. Presidents, The U.S. Flag, The Liberty Bell, Famous Americans, Famous American Landmarks (Mount Rushmore, The Grand Canyon, etc) or any philatelic recognition of the history, culture or ideals of the United States of America.

Since 1951 the scope of Americana philately has grown to include the US conquest of space and the bicentennial of the American Revolution and the Bicentennial of the Statue of Liberty. The Americana Unit is the largest and most active philatelic club devoted to the collecting of stamps covers and other philatelic material related to the topic of Americana. In 1972 the Unit affiliated the the American Philatelic Society (APS) as Unit number 40.

The unit publishes a quarterly journal called the Americana Philatelic News. Each 24 page full color issue contains articles about Americana topics, new issue listings as well as officer reports. You are invited to join with other collectors from all parts of the US (and some overseas) who enjoy collecting the topic of AMERICANA! Email: ddengel@americanaut.org

Postage stamps

Postage stamps are miniature works of art designed to reflect the American experience and highlight heroes, history, milestones, achievements and natural wonders.

19 billion U.S. postage stamps were printed in 2015.

12 billion postage stamps were sold in 2015 — 77 percent of them in the popular Forever format.

In 2015, \$5.5 million in philatelic products were sold, up 1.65 percent from last year. \$65 million was generated by the sales of Souvenir Sheets.

\$618 million in stamps and stamp product orders were received by mail, telephone (1-800-STAMP-24) and online at usps.com/stamps in 2015.

The first Forever stamp, issued in 2007, was an image of the Liberty Bell.

Forever stamps can be purchased at the current First-Class Mail postage price — they remain valid for full postage no matter how prices change.

Semi-postal stamps are First-Class Mail stamps sold by the Postal Service at a price above the cost of a regular stamp. These stamps raise money for causes designated by Congress.

Four semi-postal stamps have been issued to date: Breast Cancer Research (issued 1998), Heroes of 2001 (issued 2002), Stop Family Violence (issued 2003) and Save Vanishing Species (issued 2011). Breast Cancer Research and Save Vanishing Species are still available for purchase.

The Breast Cancer Research semi-postal stamp has raised more than \$81.8 million for breast cancer research since 1998. To date, more than 998 million stamps have been sold. The stamp is scheduled to remain on sale until December 2019.

In 1992, the self-stick stamp began to replace the traditional version. By 2005, 98 percent of all stamps were self-stick, though some collectors still prefer the traditional wet-then-stick style.

The first woman featured on a U.S. postage stamp was Queen Isabella in 1893. The first American woman featured was Martha Washington in 1902.

The first Hispanic-American featured on a U.S. postage stamp was Admiral David Farragut in 1903.

The first Native American to be featured on a stamp was Pocahontas in 1907.

The first African American to be featured on a U.S. postage stamp was Booker T. Washington in 1940.

The 2015 stamp program featured two joint issuances with other countries. The Gifts of Friendship stamps honor the lasting bond between the US and Japan, while the Ingrid Berman stamp honors an Academy Award-winning actress beloved in both the US and Sweden.

Postal History was made in 2015 with the first non-denominational stamps issued at rates other than the First-Class Forever rate. Like Forever stamps, they will always be valid.

The Smithsonian's National Postal Museum is dedicated to the preservation, study and presentation of postal history and philately. The Museum, located in Washington, DC, was created by an agreement between the Smithsonian Institution and the United States Postal Service in 1990 and opened to the public in 1993.

In 2013, the William H. Gross Stamp Gallery — the world's largest gallery dedicated to philately — opened its doors. The gallery provides an experience available nowhere else and offers something for everyone, from casual visitors to experienced collectors. For more information, go to postalmuseum.si.edu.

THOUGHTS FROM AN ASTRONAUT

Henry Warren "Hank" Hartsfield, Jr. (November 21, 1933 – July 17, 2014) was a United States Air Force officer and a USAF and NASA astronaut who logged over 480 hours in space.



"As I orbited the earth..."

Stamp Collecting Thoughts from an Astronaut

Henry W. Hartsfield, Jr., NASA Astronaut, has been the Commander of various Discovery, Columbia, and Spacelab missions. His profession is one about which most of us can merely dream. Yet one of his chosen forms of relaxation is stamp collecting... a hobby shared by millions of people from all walks of life. Commander Hartsfield sent along the following letter with the hope that it would encourage new collectors, and reinforce what you advanced collectors already realize. .. stamp collecting really is the #1 hobby!

I am most happy to give you a few thoughts on collecting stamps from my perspective. I, as many, collected stamps as a child but put them aside during my high school and college days. I resumed serious collecting in my adult years but have often regretted not having continued collecting during my youth.

Collecting and studying stamps and, in particular, their use, has been a source of real pleasure to me. It provides an avenue for unwinding and relaxing after a particularly trying day at work.

Through philately I have met very interesting and thoroughly fascinating people from throughout the world. The world of stamp collecting knows no borders or restrictions to profession or jobs. We are bound by a common interest. Through this contact, I have learned much about others and their professions and avocations.

By reading, attending stamp club meetings and stamp shows, and talking with other collectors about their interests, I now have a better understanding about our world, its history, its politics, and its problems as they are reflected in its stamps. As I orbited the Earth and looked on our beautiful planet, I appreciated it more because, partly through philately, I better understand the region at which I was looking.

The above are a few of my thoughts on why I enjoy stamp collecting. I hope they are helpful.

Sincerely,

Henry W. Hartsfield, Jr.

NASA Astronaut

(The above courtesy of Mystic Stamp Company Guide to Stamp Collecting)