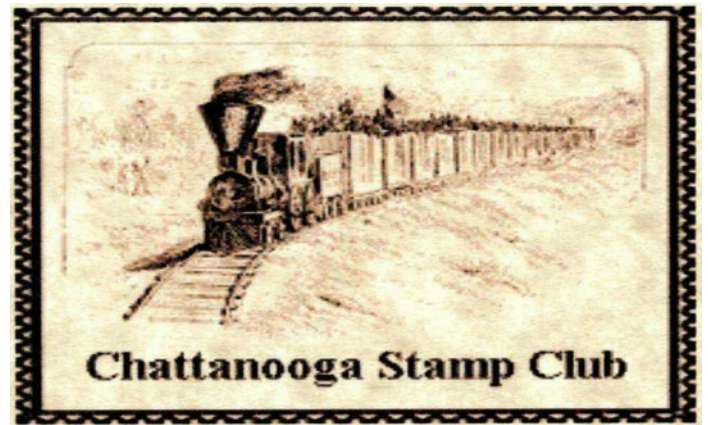


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MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE HICKORY VALLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 6605 SHALLOWFORD RD., CHATTANOOGA, TN.

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

March 10 Monthly Meeting
Program Confederate Postal History
April 14 Monthly Meeting
Program Single Page Exhibit Competition

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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.

February Meeting Minutes

The February meeting of the Chattanooga Stamp Club was called to order at 7:25 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance

16 members were in attendance. 19 members have paid their 2016 dues which are due now, see Carl Anderson to take care of this matter if you have not paid.

Minutes of the last meeting were read.

Treasurers report of \$1116.68 and no checks outstanding

Treasurer's and Secretary's reports were approved.

Martha Higgins is in the process of selling Howard's Collection. If anyone is interested you can call her.

Next Months Topic will be Confederate Postal History.

April will be a One Page Exhibit. Everyone is encouraged to participate with 3 exhibits being the limit. Rules were passed out.

Snacks and drinks were enjoyed before the Program on WW II Censor marks. This program was presented by Jim Hogue.

Jim again requested members to see him about making a Presentation at an upcoming meeting.

Tom Matuszak, Secretary

KnoxPEX 2016 □ *National Park Service Centennial*

The Knoxville Philatelic Society will host KnoxPEX 2016, celebrating the centennial of the National Park Service, and our local attractions - the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the new Manhattan Project National Historical Park, on March 5-6 at the Holiday Inn Knoxville-West, 9134 Executive Park Dr., Knoxville, TN 37923. Show hours are Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Admission and parking are free.

If you have not paid your 2016 dues, see Carl Anderson!

APRIL PROGRAM

We will be doing single page exhibits for next months program. I hope that everyone will submit at least one exhibit (you can do three). There will be awards and prizes in each of the four categories: Topical, U.S., Foreign, and Postal History. If you need materials to display the exhibits, please pick them up at the March meeting.

The following is the rules for the one page exhibit competition:

One Page Exhibit Rules

- Exhibits must be entered in one of four categories:
 - Postal History - Entire envelopes with postage and postal markings. This includes FDC's, advertising covers, ship covers, etc.
 - United States - Any issue including BOB items, singles, multiples, EFO's etc.
 - Foreign - Any non U.S. Items including BOB items, semi-postal, etc.
 - Topical - including U.S., Foreign, mixed, seals, etc. that have a topical theme.
- Limit 3 entries per person. Can be all in one category or in multiple categories.
- Must be on 8½ x 11 sheets of white card stock in a plastic page protector.
- Contents can include anything that fits on a page, i.e. pictures, graphics, photo copies, etc., however a real stamp or cover **must be included** in the exhibit.
- Descriptions can be typed or hand-written.
- Judging will be done by popular vote of members present.
- Exhibitors name **must not** be a part of the exhibit.

Neatness counts, good eye appeal means votes.

Prizes will be awarded in each category.



2016 U.S. STAMP ISSUES

January 12 - Quilled Paper Heart *

January 29 - Botanical Art *

* - Shown in January Newsletter

January 17 - Red Pears



January 17 - La Cueva del Indio (Priority Mail) stamp and stamped envelope

January 17 - Columbia River Gorge (Priority Mail Express)



January 29 - U.S. Flag

February 2 - Richard Allen



February 5 - Year of the Monkey

February 19 - Grapes



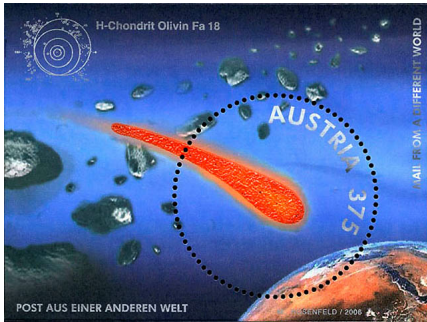
February 22 - Moon (\$1.20 Global Forever Stamp)

A list of 2016 stamps with a description and an illustration of the stamps is shown online at:

https://about.usps.com/news/national-releases/2015/pr15_069.htm

STAMP OF THE MONTH

In 2006, Austria issued this curious stamp, which could even be said to be out of this world. The stamp contains 0.03 grams of dust from a meteorite found in Morocco two years earlier, which was fixed to the stamp with a special adhesive:



Collecting Postal History

Postal history is the study of material carried by and related to official, local, or private mails. It illustrates routes, rates, markings, usages, and other postal aspects. It describes services, functions, and activities related to the history of the development of postal services. Postmark collections—also called "marcophily"—demonstrate classifications and studies of postal markings related to official, local, or private mails on covers and other postal items.

Postal history, therefore, tells the story of how mail has been handled, who has handled it, and why. In postal history, research is necessary to interpret a cover and its postal markings. In doing such research, one comes face to face with the history and the personalities of a particular event, place, or postal service (These insights come from the Australian Postal History Society.).

Tracing the postal history of one's environment—be it a town, state, territory, or county—is a subject of increasing popularity. The domain of postal history includes a variety of areas of research: the rise and fall of stagecoach, railroad, and truck mails; the development of postal systems and methods of handling mail; disinfected, censored, delayed, or wreck covers; and correspondence from prison and internment camps. All that and more is collected, studied, exhibited, written, and spoken about by those who constitute the membership of the Postal History Society.

*From the web site of the Postal History Society:
<http://www.postalhistorysociety.org/>*

American First Day Cover Society (AFDCS)

The American First Day Cover Society (AFDCS) is a volunteer non-profit and non-commercial organization serving the needs of First Day Cover collectors, cachetmakers, and dealers. Founded in 1955, the society has a membership of approximately 1,500 active first day cover collectors, including hundreds of collectors who design and manufacture their own cacheted FDCs.

The AFDCS holds a national annual convention, Americover, maintains a historical archive, and publishes a journal, First Days, full of news and education every two months (six issues a year). There are many benefits to membership, including our Member Mentor Program, Estate Planning, Tax Deductions, Fund Raising Auction and discounts on our many informative Handbooks. This is all available to you for the very modest membership dues.

*American First Day Cover Society
PO Box 16277, Tucson, AZ 85732 (520) 321-0880*

American Philatelic Society

With nearly 32,000 members in more than 110 countries, the APS is the largest, non-profit organization for stamp collectors in the world. Founded in 1886, the APS serves collectors, educators, postal historians, and the general public by providing a wide variety of programs and services.

The Society is entirely supported by membership dues, gifts, and the sale of publications, souvenirs, and services.

Our Mission:

*to promote stamp collecting for people of all ages

*to offer services to its membership and to philately in general, including knowledge and education, which enhance the pleasure and friendliness of stamp collecting

*to initiate and coordinate new programs for the benefit of stamp collecting and of all collectors

*to represent the United States of America in the world body of philately

*to assist its members in acquiring and disposing of philatelic materials

The APS Has Something for Everyone

Whether you are a beginning collector or have collected for years, we welcome you to join the more than 31,000 members of the APS. Joining the APS provides services and educational opportunities to broaden your interests and enhance your collecting enjoyment!

*American Philatelic Society
100 Match Factory Place
Bellefonte, PA 16823
814-933-3803*

American Topical Association (ATA)

The American Topical Association (ATA) is a US-based philatelic society and the largest organization devoted to topical stamp collecting. It was established in 1949, and currently serves members in over 60 countries. ATA publishes Topical Time, its bimonthly journal. It also publishes numerous handbooks and maintains checklists of philatelic material organized by topics. The organization runs the National Topical Stamp Show as well as supporting 49 study units on various topics and 32 local chapters.

The American Topical Association is an affiliate of the American Philatelic Society.

*American Topical Ass'n
PO Box 8
Carterville, IL 62918-0008*

"It is with great sadness that I find the Obituary for Leon Hudson. He was an Honorary Member of the Chattanooga Stamp Club for his tireless work on the 50th Anniversary Flight to Chattanooga. He had been in bad health for the past couple of years. He supervised Bob Millard, Ross Page and myself as we canceled all the covers for the Club. There was a special called meeting to bestow the membership dues."

Jackson Case III