



COLUMBIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY
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South Carolina's Oldest Active Philatelic Society
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President's Message & Commentary

Greetings and Happy New Year to everyone. Trust the holidays were wonderful, Santa was good to you and your New Year's celebration was fantabulous.

Our Christmas banquet turned into a grand affair. Held at our regular monthly meeting venue, the American Legion facility with the meal catered by Seawell's. Thanks, once again, for those making personal efforts and time toward decorations and other contributions to the event. I hope to see another grand affair in December of this year. Put it on your calendar NOW, December 13th, 2nd Thursday of the month.

Our 2017 Winter Stamp & Postcard Show, January 20-21, is formatted and managed well by Mark Postmus. A great forum of dealers (15) are signed up and Mark has created our show cachet and cancellation design which is featured on the show flyer. Mark has also completed the program. The show theme will be the 100th Anniversary of the U.S. Air Mail Service. CPS will feature a special montage of air mail philatelic material highlighted by a large poster board, 40" x 60", featuring an outline of state of S.C. surrounded by photoscans of famous air mail issues from "**Jenny's To Jets**" which is the theme title for honoring the anniversary. Included on the map (hopefully) will be covers from various airports around the state as "first flights" when the post office initiated air mail service from different airports within the state. The other project for the show will be air mail philatelic exhibits. One frame will feature 15 pages of First Day of Issue covers of air mail stamps, another will be perhaps 5 pages of air mail stamps along 10 pages of postal stationery, then a frame of 15 pages of special flight cachets with cancels used during National Air Mail Week held in 1938. If you have ANY of these items in your collection that you LOAN to CPS, please bring. On covers, print your last name in PENCIL on back of envelope. Make a list of stamps you are contributing. We will assemble the pages at the end of the meeting this Sunday, our regular monthly meeting. After the show, the frames will be disassembled, materials taken out and returned to owners. Photos will be taken of the exhibit. If you can stay and help mount the material Sunday afternoon, please do so. Your help will be needed and very much appreciated.

We will welcome back USPS personnel who will provide postal support for the show on Saturday, 20th, offering stamps for sale. Of course, the special pictorial cancellation, provided courtesy USPS, will be used to cancel covers. Thanks to our Postmaster, Walter Rowland, Kertina Epps and others providing support.

Officer elections in December voted the following into respective offices: President, John Owen, VP is Fred McGary with Jim Sneed as Treasurer, Dale Carruth as Ass't Treasurer and volunteer Susan Postmus being selected as Secretary. Thanks to each for stepping up and taking on responsibilities for our organization.

News/Events

Our regular monthly schedule meeting time has been changed as announced last month. We will assemble on Sunday, 14th, due to scheduled stamp show, Jan. 20-21st. Make note. That is THIS Sunday.

Dale Carruth will not be with us Sunday nor at the show. Her sister living near Conway had surgery on Wednesday (10th) and Dale is assisting with care for her. Dale is a strong supporter of CPS as she volunteers her time and efforts for many activities of CPS. She was to assist at the registration table. We need a volunteer to commit to take her place. Check this out with Mark for the registration table support table roster. Other than show director, the registration is a very important function in running the show and taking care of our visitors and guests.

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Birthdays for January is ONLY one individual, **Harold Kline** on 2nd. Congratulations, Harold. We wish you many more. Thank you for supporting CPS with your membership.

The wife of our elder statesman and member, Harvey Teal, is not doing well at this time. Remember Harvey during this time. Give Harvey a call and let him know your concern. This will cheer him for sure.

Ralph Mulkins was able to get out again after returnig home from his stay in the rehab program after his hospital stay. Ralph and wife, Jean, attended the Charlotte P.S. meeting last Sunday. Good to see Ralph out.

Our member and APS President, Mick Zais, has won Congressional approval as Under Secretary of Education. Congratulations, Mick. He is now in D.C. attending to business. Mick had to resign his office in APS. The January issue of *The American Philatelist*, the lead publication of APS, featured a nice column from Mick on "Tales From a Novice Exhibitor." A recommended read. The photo of Mick's exhibit was taken at our August show. A few copies of the article will be available for interested attendees at our meeting, Sunday, 14th

Program & Refreshments

Bob Wilson has volunteer to conduct the S&T portion of the program on stamp enthusiast, publisher C.H. Mikell.

A treasurer's report for the 4th qt. 2017 will be provided by Jim Sneed.

There will NOT be a featured program due to time needed to work the exhibit frame pages for the show.

Announcements

Jim Sneed has a **free** service. Stamp and other collectible supplies are ordered for members at cost plus postage. See Jim to avail yourself of this service.

FREE literature is available at meetings: previous copies of LINN'S Stamp News, sales catalogs with wonderful color photos of stamps and postal history and additional specialty society publication will await anyone who wants. Bourse by the table and see what you might be missing.

The Southeast Stamp Show & Expo will be held last week of January (26-28th) 2018 in Norcross, Ga at the Hilton NE Hotel. Rooms are allotted and in limited number with the special rate. See your President for additional information. The Myrtle Beach Stamp Club will present the 26th annual MB stamp & postcard show, Feb. 10-11 at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center. The APS Winter Show, AmeriStamp, will be held in Birmingham, Al, Feb 23-25th and hosted by the Birmingham Philatelic Society.

APS Affiliate Chapter for 55 years! JOIN & BECOME A MEMBER OF CPS & APS.

Remember, dues for 2018 are collectible NOW and at January meeting.



