



COLUMBIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY
APS Chapter #043067
South Carolina's Oldest Active Philatelic Society

OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

President's Message & Commentary

We had attendance in September of 14 members. I thank Jim Sneed for standing in behalf of myself and Fred McGary as we were both out of town. Thank you for your faithfulness but **we** need to get our average attendance up again. Any suggestions?

What is special about October beside Halloween and Octoberfest? It is **NATIONAL STAMP COLLECTING MONTH!** For those in attendance, some free colorful prints offered by APS for the month will be offered. Also, at the meeting will be discussion on several important topics that have a direct bearing on the future of CPS as an operative and functioning stamp society. May I suggest you attend so your input can be received about the future of CPS.

We will be missing Harry & Loni Young during the fall months as several of the Young family are participating in Columbia Ballet's rehearsals for the Christmas NUTCRACKER musical.

CPS received a nice "Thank You" letter from the Executive Director and Director of Education at the SC State Museum for our participation in and support of the August Solar Eclipse event at the venue. A copy of the letter will be available for attending members to view at the meeting Sunday.

There will be NO circuit books for October. Not enough response from members. Does anyone care about having this access to an unlimited supply of stamps of their collecting habits at great prices? This is an item on the agenda for the meeting.

Our member and APS President, Mick Zais, has been nominated to fill post of Ass't Secretary of US Dept of Education. Congratulations, Mick. Thank you for your willingness to continue to serve your country.

The CPS quarterly treasurer's report will be given as well as handouts on additional financial summations on the summer show and Total Solar Eclipse project. Your attendance will avail you of this information. If you are absent, you will have to request a copy be forwarded to you to stay in touch with your society's finances.

Lastly, your President will not be in attendance for this month's meeting. He has been invited to be the program speaker for the October meeting of the Asheville, NC Philatelic Club. They meet on same Sunday as we do.

News/Events

Birthdays for October are as follows: **Ralph Mulkins (1st)**, **Art Keeter (3rd)**; **Keith Dionne (6th)**; **Larry Jeffcoat (24th)**. Congratulations to these CPS members. We all wish everyone a great day and many more notches be added to their totem in future.

Christmass Banquet is up for discussion as to date. Current plans are for a catered meal on Thursday, Dec. 21st.

Program & Refreshments

Who has the S&T and featured programs for this month? Bill Mitchell stepped up to fill the gap. What about November and December? See Fred McGary and pitch in to help. This is another subject up for discussion at the meeting.

Bill Mitchell also stepped up and volunteered to bring refreshments. Who will provide the refreshments for the November and December meetings?

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Announcements

We need volunteers for our monthly meeting: a greeter(s) for October thru December; programs leaders for feature plus S&T needed thru December. See Fred McGary for those commitments.

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 on by 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.

Two months remain on the service of the present officers. If you are interested in serving CPS in 2018, Please make contact with the President or Vice President to submit your name. Election will be in December on 17th at regular scheduled meeting. All offices are open for election.

Postlude

November 19th is next regular monthly meeting. Mark your calendar and plan to participate. We need commitment. Our annual Christmas banquet is December 21st, 3rd Thursday. Mark your calendar. **Discussion is on the agenda for changing the date.** Your input is needed. Attend and let the organizers of this event know your preference.

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