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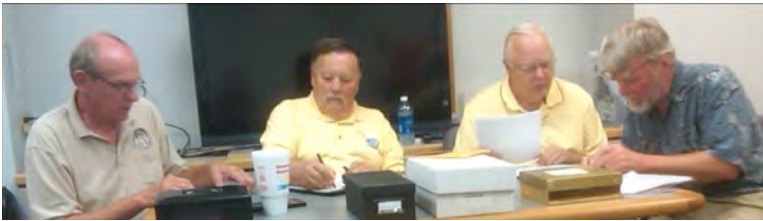
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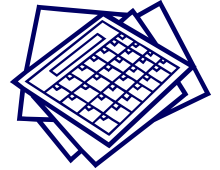
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*President - Dick Odum Vice President - Dan Hubbard Secretary - Bob Smith Treasurer - Stephen Schmidt*



## *Club Calendar*



*Guests and Visitors always Welcome!*

**February 18th - 7 p.m.**  
Monthly Meeting

*See President's Dispatch for details*

## *The President's Dispatch*

Well, hopefully you used our normal January meeting time for some at-home stamping. The bad weather and snow caused the Northeast State Community College to close its campus and as a result we cancelled our Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Therefore I do not have a lot of news for this month's President's Dispatch. I have talked to several people that went to the American Philatelic Society AmeriStamp Expo in Atlanta, Georgia last month and they were very complimentary about the show. Coming up soon is KnoxPEX on March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> followed not very long after by our own HOLPEX on May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to mark your calendars on these dates for these events.

I don't have an update on members renewing their memberships. My last count is 11 members who have renewed and paid their 2016 dues. Those who have not paid need to pay our treasurer or fill out the attached club membership renewal form and mail it to Bob Smith at the address stated on the form.

Our next monthly club meeting will be in the Northeast State Community College Student Services building on Thursday, February 18 (starting at 7:00 PM). We will continue with special auctions so bring your items (now a maximum of 20 per member) to the February meeting. Please fill out the special auction sheets for your lots in advance (two copies please) and mark the lots accordingly. We have a new parking pass for 2016 which is attached, so, print it out and put it on the dashboard of your vehicle each time you park at Northeast State for a meeting.

With the start of a New Year it's always a good time to rethink what you're doing and how to improve. We seem to take a big part of our meeting to do our auctions each month. In order to make time for

other things we can do with our time in the meetings I would like to try conducting the auction during the February meeting by only calling out the lot ID number, e.g. DH-1. This will dispense with reading the lot description during the auction. This should significantly shorten the auction time. However, it will require each of you to make note of the ID numbers of the lots you want to bid on when viewing the lots before the bidding starts.

With the winter weather perhaps keeping you inside more, you might find it interesting to explore on-line resources to do your stamping. One website I have tried lately is the Stamp Auction Network, <http://stampauctionnetwork.com/auctions.cfm>. This website is a gateway to all the major philatelic auctions and once you have registered they send you e-mail alerting you about upcoming auctions. Another resource is Linn's website, <https://www.zillionsofstamps.com/>.

If you are looking for websites with good philatelic information, Jim Pettway of the Knoxville Philatelic Society tipped me to a couple: 1) The American Stamp Dealer website, <http://www.americanstampdealer.com/Home.aspx>. It has some good items under the titles Collecting Interests, Confederate Articles, Revenue Articles and General Articles. 2) The Stamp Smarter website, <http://www.stampsmarter.com>, which has put the publications of Bill Weiss on-line in the Weiss Library. Bill Weiss, of Weiss Expertizing Services fame, was a very well known exhibitor and author of books and articles on stamps.

*President's dispatch continued.*

This library has excellent sources of information.

I look forward to seeing you at our February meeting.

*Dick*

### Other Philatelic Items of Interest

Here are some of the details about KnoxPEX 2016 from the February 2016 issue of *Knoxville Philatelic Society News*. KnoxPEX 2016 will celebrate the centennial of the U. S. National Park Service. Yellowstone, the first national park was designated to be a national park on March 1, 1972, more than 100 years ago, but the National Park Service, which is the caretaker of these treasures, was not established under the U. S. Department of Interior, until August, 25, 1916. At the time the act that created the National Park Service was signed by President Woodrow Wilson, the Department of the Interior had 35 national parks and monuments to manage. Now there are over 400 spread across all fifty states plus District of Columbia, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, Guam and Puerto Rico.



KnoxPEX 2016 will be at the Holiday Inn West, 9134 Executive Drive ( I-40 exit for Cedar Bluff Road ) on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM to 5 PM with live auction starting at 6 PM and on March 5<sup>th</sup> 10 AM to 3 PM.

Staying on the theme of the U. S. National Park Service you are probably aware that the most visited national park, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, is not far from us here in Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia. This park was created in 1934 to preserve the diversity of plant and animal life in a remote region of the Southern Appalachian Mountains. The States of Tennessee and North Carolina turned over the land to be a national park under the condition that the visitors to the park not have to pay an admission fee and to this day entry into the park continues to be free. This park has been commemorated on U. S. stamps and postal stationary four times. Here are two of them, Scott No. 749 and No. C140



One of the newest national parks is also fairly close to us. Last fall the Manhattan Project National Historical Park was established from sites in Oak Ridge, TN, Los Alamos, NM and Hanford, WA. The World War II project in Oak Ridge quickly grew in secret just north of Knoxville to a complex that employed over 75,000 people. The park in Oak Ridge consists of the X-10 Graphite Research Reactor National Landmark, two buildings at the Y-12 National Security Complex where equipment separated uranium isotopes using electromagnetism, and the site of the K-25 building where the gaseous diffusion method for separating uranium isotopes was pioneered.



Unless otherwise indicated by announcement in the newsletter, Holston Stamp Club conducts its regular meeting on the third Thursday each month at 7 p.m.

**Hope to C. U. there**

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**\*OUR MEETING LOCATION\***

**Student Services Building at Northeast State Community College**

*Located near the Tri-Cities Airport*

**\*OUR INTERNET WEBSITE\***

**[www.sefsc.org/holston-stamp-club.html](http://www.sefsc.org/holston-stamp-club.html)**

## Stamps of the Month

by your newsletter editor

If you remember reading Linn's Stamp News Tip of the Week back on Nov. 23, 2015; or happened to have read an item on the website [www.thevinylfactory.com](http://www.thevinylfactory.com) about stamps at about that time; or listened to National Public Radio's broadcast of *Weekend Edition Saturday* on Jan. 9; or read Linn's Stamp News Insights column on Jan. 14 about Bhutan first day covers then you are familiar with playable record postage stamps also known as "talking stamps". However if this is a new philatelic subject for you, read on.

Burt Todd, an American, attended Oxford University where he earned a law degree in 1949. While at Oxford University he became friends with Ashi Kesang Choden-Dorfi, who in 1951 married the King of Bhutan. She invited Mr. Todd to come to the Kingdom of Bhutan (a country with no airfields and few roads in 1951) and attend the wedding, which he had to do by horseback and on foot after he traveled through India. He remained friends with the king and queen and in the late 1950s Mr. Todd was asked to help felicitate a \$10 million dollar loan to Bhutan from the World Bank in Washington, DC. Due to an ongoing border dispute with India, the World Bank refused to make the loan, but, someone at the World Bank suggested to Mr. Todd that issuing postage stamps could be a new source of income for Bhutan.

In 1960 Mr. Todd founded the Bhutan Stamp Agency and the kingdom contracted with this company to design stamps, print them and handle sales of the international market. The Bhutan Stamp Agency began issuing stamps in 1962. The stamps sold okay but they did not catch the imagination of the world stamp collecting community. To boost stamp sales Mr. Todd tried a circular design in 1966 and it was successful. The Bhutan Stamp Agency then issued a series of triangular stamps, which were well received. Later there were 3D stamps of space exploration, stamps made of silk, die-cast plastic sculpture stamps, perfumed stamps and stamps made of steel foil. Then in 1973 Mr. Todd designed a series of five postage and two airmail Bhutan stamps (Scott Nos. 152-152F) that were recordings which could be played on a normal record player. Analog records are typically made on vinyl though some people have successfully made recordings on wood, ice, tortilla and concrete that could be played. The "talking stamps" of Bhutan were vinyl.

The black on yellow stamp has a English language history of Bhutan and two folk songs. The silver on purple stamp has a folk song. The silver on blue stamp has a history of Bhutan narrated by Mr. Todd in English. The yellow on red stamp has a history of Bhutan in the Dzongkha language. The red on white stamp has a folk song. The silver on black stamp has a folk song. The gold on green stamp has the national anthem.

In 1974, about two years after the king who was Mr. Todd's friend died, the Kingdom of Bhutan cancelled its contract with the Bhutan Stamp Agency. The Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corporation (IGPC) in the USA then took over the responsibilities for designing, printing and distributing Bhutan stamps. There have been other entities that followed IGPC with designing and printing stamps but what has been produced since the era of the Bhutan Stamp Agency never as unique.



By the way stamp collectors have not valued the "talking stamps" very highly but recently collectors of vinyl records have and their market value is climbing. The 2016 Scott *Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue* values a mint set of the seven at \$400. Currently the set is selling for about \$300.

## CLASSIFIED SECTION

### Items Holston Stamp Club members interested in selling.

**Charlie (Dr. Rocks) Bartlett** can help you fill holes in your collection.

As you may know by now, I have a six-volume set of World Stamp Albums with over 20,000 "extra" stamps ready for you to borrow and flip through at your leisure to fill in some of the gaps in your collection. You will find an abundance of pre-1900 stamps and even more dating from 1900 to 1965 with fewer after 1965. I'm still trying to work up more of the British Commonwealth countries in a separate album. But the best news is that anything in these albums is yours for only 10% of catalogue value (You Heard That Right) ten percent!

I prefer that you keep your choice of an album for only one month so that other club members can have a chance to use it also.

Isn't it easier to leisurely compare the empty spots in your albums when you search my extras so you don't buy duplicates from the club auctions since you can't remember all the stamps you already have?

Also, on many pages, there are other duplicates in the binder crease of these in-place extras from which you can make your selections.

Have Fun and Happy Collecting!

### Items Holston Stamp Club members interested in buying

**Dan Hubbard** is always looking to purchase used stock books of all types. Contact me directly or bring them to the next meeting.

**Don Ashley** (e-mail [dwa7@bvunet.net](mailto:dwa7@bvunet.net)) wants the following:

Uncached FDCs: any quantity, preferred left side free of address. Address centered or to the right side and open flap highly desired. Please advise what you have available.

Also interested in dual FDCs for joint issues with foreign countries.

**Ed Ferber** is buying and selling government postal cards - US, Possessions, Canada, Caribbean islands, WW. Interested in mint and used, collections or individual cards, early or contemporary use. Greatest interest in illustrated advertisement and unusual usage (e.g.: rare foreign destination, auxiliary marking, special delivery). Please contact Ed at [my.collie.dog@gmail.com](mailto:my.collie.dog@gmail.com) or his 302-593-4192 cell phone.

**Ed Ferber** also desires collections or individual postal stationery items in mint, pre-printed or used condition that are unusual in some way. Seeking specialty items such as EFO, plate variety, poor inking, mis-cut, fold-over, illustrated advertisement, exposition, twice used, special delivery, postage due, auxiliary marking (missent, damaged, train late and others). Also want contemporary cards properly used in rate period with solid postmarks.

**Bob Smith** is looking for early USA stamps, mostly Scott No. 500 and earlier in both mint and used. See Bob at the meeting for want list.



## Membership Renewal Form

Dues: \$20/year (\$15 email option)  
Family Membership (multiple members)  
add \$5 to above

- Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_
- Street: \_\_\_\_\_
- City: \_\_\_\_\_
- State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_
- Email: \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
- Amount Dues Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send Renewal Form & Dues To:

Bob Smith 3404 Cardinal Street  
Kingsport, TN 37660

**or bring to December meeting**

APS Member? – Yes No (circle one)

If yes please provide APS # \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any other Philatelic Organizations \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? – contact Bob at [HSC.holstonstampclub@gmail.com](mailto:HSC.holstonstampclub@gmail.com)



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# VISITOR PARKING PERMIT

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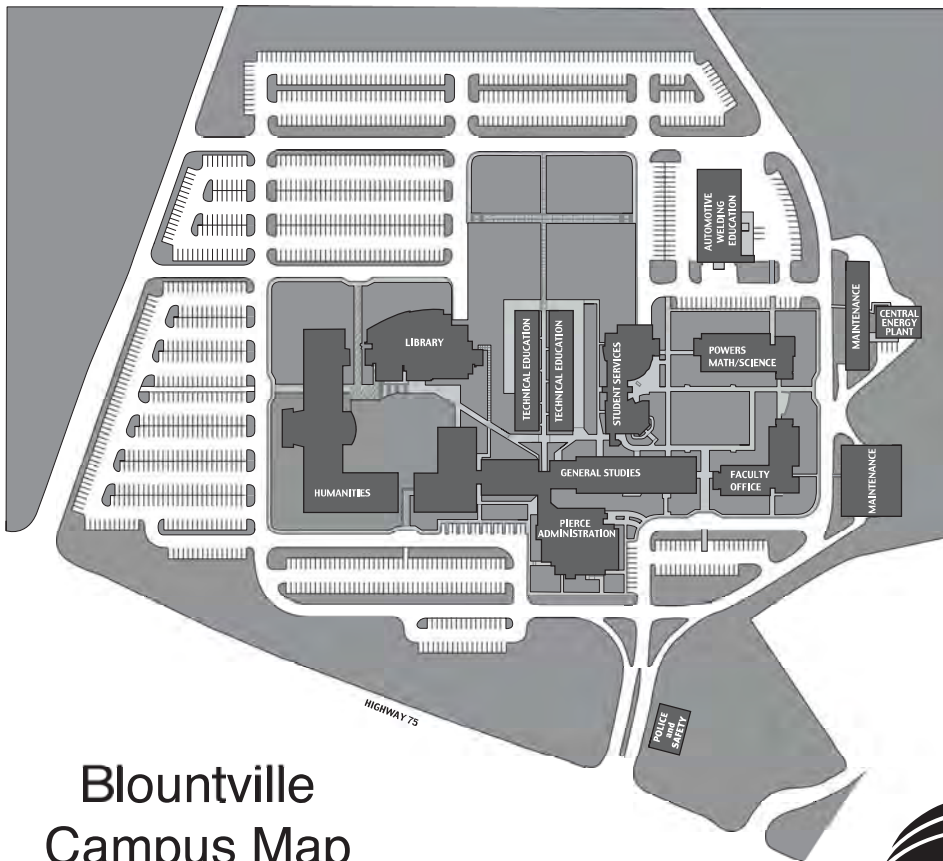
**Event:** Meeting

**Date(s):** January - May 2016

**Locations:** Faculty/Staff Dining Room

**Issuing Office:** Office of Administrative Services

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**LEGEND**

**Student Services Building**

- Bookstore - A218
- Courtyard/Cafeteria
- Auditorium - A202
- Student Development - A213

**Powers Math-Science Building**

- Science Division - B104

**General Studies Building**

- Center for Students with Disabilities - C2418
- Advising/Assessment - C2407
- Evening & Distance Education - C2404
- Police and Safety - C2401
- Student Support Services - C1108

**Faculty Office Building**

- Behavioral/Social Science - F104
- Financial Aid - F102
- Health-Related Professions- F100
- Humanities Division - F234
- Mathematics Division - F116
- Technical Education Division - F211

**Library**

**Pierce Administration Building**

- Admissions - P203
- Business Office - P105
- Computer Services - P217
- Enrollment Services - P318
- Visitor Information Center - P201

**Welding/Auto Lab Building**

**Technical Education Building**

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For assistance, call Police and Safety at extension 3255 on campus or 423.323.0255 off campus.



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# Holston Stamp Club Special Auction – Lot Owner List

Owner Name \_\_\_\_\_ Owner Initials xx \_\_\_\_\_ Please print or type.

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