

# THE CHATANOOGA STAMP CHRONICLE

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Official Journal of the Chattanooga Stamp Club  
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

February 14 ..... Monthly Meeting  
Program ..... WWII Military Censor Markings  
..... From Australia  
March 14 ..... Monthly Meeting  
Program ..... To Be Determined

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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

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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](http://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 30,000 members as of 2017 worldwide. Visit at: [www.Stamps.org](http://www.Stamps.org).

## Minutes of January Meeting

We opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. We had election of officers. The treasurer's report was given.

I wasn't present at the Christmas party last month so no secretary's report was given.

The club is happy to welcome two visitors, Dennis Clark, and Donald Knight.

The Southeast Federation Stamp Show will be Jan 25-27. A while back a certain lady contacted Mike and Tom about selling her late husband's collection which was quite extensive. There are still several items left and we discussed how we could help her sell the rest of the collection.

Stamps will go up again Jan. 27th.

We broke for refreshment and watch a video from APS on doctoring postage stamps.

Meeting was adjourned.

Rebecca Gilbert, Secretary



## Creative Use of 3-cent Stamps.

This cover was received in the mail with 16 3-cent stamps and one 2-cent stamp for \$0.50 postage



## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Greetings Fellow Collectors

As we enter this new year, I would like for our club to grow in membership. How can we do this? By spreading the word to everyone we know that is interested in our hobby. We were happy to have two visitors with us at our January meeting and was happy to see that one of them did join. Welcome to our club Donald Knight! I would also like to welcome Randy Patterson to the officer's group. Randy has been a member for quite some time and has been elected as the new secretary for the club and his sister has been taking care of us with some delicious baked goods. Thank you to Rebecca Gilbert for serving in that capacity for the last year.

Let us strive in the new year to educate everyone that we can about the hobby of stamp collecting. We have a lot of good programs coming in 2019, our auctions in May and November, Club Picnic in June. Looking forward to a great year ahead!

Blessing for a super year.

Mike

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### JANUARY U.S. 2019 STAMPS

Love Hearts Blossom  
January 19



Year of the Boar  
January 17

Joshua Tree  
January 27  
Stamp & Envelope



Bethesda Fountain  
January 27

California Dogface Butterfly  
January 27



U.S. Flag  
January 27

Gregory Hines  
January 28



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U.S. Flag Stamped Envelope  
Set of 8 Coral Reef Stamps

## More Selections from "THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S ENCYCLOPAEDIA"

by R.J. Hutton

Revised Edition, 1966

**Affixing Machines, Stamp.** Special semi-automatic machines designed to affix ordinary postage stamps to large departmental or office mails. The stamps are in coils, automatically dampened, and pressed into position on to envelopes or wrappers by applied pressure. Not to be confused with **vending** machines (q.v.) or with metered mail (q.v.). The rolls or coils are especially made and are listed by the British G.P.O. under stock key letters: M, N, O, P, S, and T. The stamps are attached by their long sides—those for vending machines are short-side attached—and this results in their being watermarked sideways, which in the case of current G.B. stamps make a major variety. See also 'Sideways Watermarks', etc.

**Affranchts.** Abbreviation for Affranchissements (literally, 'exempted from payment'); a pre-cancel marking found on French stamps used on Official mail or on bulk postings of business mail.

**Afghanes.** See 'Afghanistan' below.

**Afghanistan.** Asian kingdom situated between Pakistan and Persia. Stamps first issued, 1870. The early issues, with their curious circular designs, are a complex study for specialists; no cancellations were available and to prevent re-use a piece was torn or cut from the stamp by the issuing clerk, with the result that few unmutilated copies have survived. All the stamps of Afghanistan were imperf. until 1907. Currency: 1868, 12 shahi = 6 Sanar = 3 abasi --- 2 kran = 1 rupee; 1921, 100 pouls or 66 paises = 1 Afghani. Area: about 250,000 sq. mi. Capital: Kabul. Est. pop.: 13,800,000.

**Africa correios.** Inscription on the 1898 general issue for all the Portuguese territories in Africa.

**Africa Occidentale Espanola.** Spanish West Africa, q.v.

**Africa Orientale Italiana.** Italian East Africa, q.v.

**Afrique Equatoriale Francaise.** French Equatorial Africa, q.v.

**Afrique Occidentale Francaise.** French West Africa, q.v.

**Agency.** This term has two meanings in philately.

1. A postal agency operated by the Post Office of one country in the territory of another, by arrangement with the latter—for example the British postal agencies in the Persian Gulf area.

2. An organisation of either public or private enterprise handling and promoting sales of new issues to the stamp trade on behalf of the issuing governments. The outstanding example is the Crown Agents Stamp Bureau, with headquarters in London and an American bureau in Washington, currently supplying dealers with the stamps of more than sixty territories of the British Commonwealth.

**Aguascalientes.** District of Mexico which issued revolutionary pro-visionals in 1914.

**Aguinaldo.** Local stamps of doubtful status issued by the Aguinaldo revolutionary government of the Philippines in 1898.

**Airgraph.** Forces' mail introduced in 1941 to reduce the load carried by aircraft. Letters written on special forms were photographed on to microfilm and carried to their destination where they were photographically enlarged and forwarded to the addressee. In this way a ton of ordinary mail could be reduced to slightly more than 17 lb. in weight. The service was withdrawn in 1945.

A somewhat similar system was adopted during the Franco-Prussian War of 1870 for flying messages into besieged Paris by pigeon.

## STAMPED OUT

I got rid of my stamp collection the other day. It was no great loss from a monetary standpoint. The emotional loss, though, was enormous.

There was a time when my collection might have fetched a good amount, because there was a time when people cared about stamps. They used them to mail bills, letters and postcards, and in the process paid attention to what was on them. You didn't have to be a collector to value the beautiful, quirky and rare.

Today, many if not most bills are paid online. Letters are rarely written and sent; email suffices. Stamps are still used occasionally, if rarely saved or savored. And most of what passes for stamps are generic images printed on demand at a postal kiosk.

Stamps were, and sometimes still are, things of beauty and history, links to distant places that spawned a global hobby known as philately, or, simply, stamp collecting. Putting a bright spotlight on the hobby was none other than President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the philatelist in chief, often shown in official White House photographs with a magnifying glass, viewing his collection.

Before hours wasted on video games and other ephemeral pleasures, the hobby transfixed and transported youngsters. Stamps were the adhesive coins of the realm, a way to learn geography, history and politics.

Every high school had its stamp club. I never joined one, but I did earn the stamp collecting merit badge in Boy Scouts (thankfully, the badge still exists), and I amassed a sizable collection from various sources.

I received foreign stamps from one of my dad's well-traveled co-workers. On my own, I pursued new domestic issues, sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to post offices of issue. The envelope would come back with the new stamp and the dated postmark with the special "First day of Issue" cancellation. For the new "commemorative" stamp, I acquired a "plate block" of four stamps ripped from the corner of a sheet of stamps, printed on the first day. Even the United Nations issued stamps, which could be sent only from the United Nations headquarters in Manhattan, and I collected them, too.

There were stamp shows and dealers who would advertise in the back pages of comic books. For a few bucks they'd send you a package of loose stamps to get you hooked. Stamp collecting could be addictive, and for many in my generation it was.

But there comes a time to let go of childish things, and the stamps, plate blocks and first-day covers I collected in the 1950s had sat in a box in the basement for too many years, unlocked at, unattended to, low-hanging fruit in my efforts to downsize.

So off I went, with my collection, first to Maryland Stamps and Coins, open for 42 years and among the dwindling number of businesses still serving a dying hobby.

There I learned the sad truth: There is no longer a market for the collection I once so greatly valued. Collectors are passing on at an alarming rate; the average collector, I was told, is 65 to 70 years old. There was a time when the Inverted Jenny stamp was a household name; though examples continue to fetch seven figures at auction, how many people have even heard of it?

Judy Johnson, the membership manager of the American Philatelic Society, the world's largest nonprofit organization for stamp collectors, confirmed all of this. The society has 28,953 members today compared with 56,532 two decades years ago — a 50 percent drop in 20 years, and prospects are not good.

"Trying to bring in the younger 30-to-50-year-old crowd

is really difficult," she said. The continuing decline is because of "things you can't control, illness and death."

The Maryland stamp dealer had no commercial use for my collection. But, he said, I could donate them to Stamps for the Wounded, a veterans organization, it was, the brochure he handed me stated, "Philately's Volunteer Service Committee". I called Bruce Unkel, who helps organize donations. He invited me to bring my collection to a storage facility in Falls Church, Va., where, every Saturday for four hours, volunteers sort and prepare the donations for shipment to Veterans Affairs hospitals and residences across the country.

Arriving at the facility, I walked through deserted hallways to reach the locker where three men, Bruce, 76, Larry, 74, and Drew ("just old," he told me), sat and sorted. Except for when the facility "puts their intercom on and we get music and advertisements," Drew said, it is quiet in the storage unit where they go about their work.

On average, they get one collection a week. It cost \$30 to ship a box, and they ship about eight a month, mostly to veterans of Vietnam and Korea. In addition to stamps, they accept cash, to cover the cost of the storage rental and, well, postage. All three men still collect, but Bruce won't touch anything "worldwide" issued after 1970 because there is just too much of it, and every two years you must buy a new stamp album to accommodate new additions. It is all just too much, even for the die-hards.

Eugene L. Meyer

Silver Spring, MD.  
Journalist and author

(N Y Times, Sept. 30, 2017)

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### EXPRESS YOUR OPINION WITH THIS!

**LINN'S 2018 U.S. STAMP POPULARITY POLL BALLOT**

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Select from the following list the 2018 commemorative stamps; 2018 definitive and special stamps; and 2018 postal stationery that have the best and worst designs in your opinion, as well as those you feel are the most important and least necessary in subject.

**VOTE BY THE NUMBER PRECEDING THE ISSUE NAME ONLY**

Commemorative stamps		
1. Year of the Dog	2. Lena Horne	3. Bioluminescent Life
4. Illinois Statehood	5. Mister Rogers	6. STEM Education
7. United States Airmail (blue)	8. Sally Ride	9. Flag Act of 1818
10. O Beautiful	11. Scooby-Doo	12. World War I: Turning the Tide
13. The Art of Magic	14. Dragons	15. United States Airmail (red)
16. John Lennon	17. Honoring First Responders	18. Hot Wheels
BEST DESIGN _____	WORST DESIGN _____	MOST IMPORTANT _____
	NECESSARY _____	LEAST _____
Definitive and special stamps		
19. Love Flourishes	20. Lemon	21. Byodo-In Temple
22. Sleeping Bear Dunes	23. U.S. Flag	24. Peace Rose
25. Frozen Treats	26. Statue of Freedom	27. Poinsettia
28. Birds in Winter	29. Madonna and Child by Bachiacca	30. Kwanzaa
31. Sparkling Holidays Santa	32. Hanukkah	
BEST DESIGN _____	WORST DESIGN _____	
MOST IMPORTANT _____	LEAST NECESSARY _____	
Postal stationery		
33. Byodo-In Temple Priority Mail stamped envelope		
BEST DESIGN _____	WORST DESIGN _____	
MOST IMPORTANT _____	LEAST NECESSARY _____	

Now vote for your single personal favorite stamp issue of 2018. Your choice can be from the commemorative, definitive-special or postal stationery categories. Se-tenant issues (different designs in one pane) are counted as one issue.

**MY FAVORITE 2018 STAMP**  
Please write in number and stamp issue name:

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Issue \_\_\_\_\_

**SEND BALLOT TO: Linn's Stamp Poll, Box 4129, Sidney, OH 45365.**  
All ballots must be received by March 1, 2019. Photocopied ballots are acceptable.  
Stamps are pictured in the Dec. 17, 2018 issue on pages 44-45.