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President's Dispatch

Wow! What a great turnout we had at our last meeting.

Twenty-seven people came to the meeting and just at the right time because we had plenty of auction lots for that meeting.

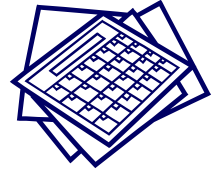
Have you ever given any thought to what will happen to your collection after you leave this world? Do your heirs know that your collection may have value and what to do with it? I know that I do not really care what happens to my collection but my heirs should at least know how to go about disposing of my collection to get its value for themselves, if that is what they choose to do with it. It would be great if you knew someone who wanted to get more involved in collecting and would take on at least part of your collection to advance their own collecting interests. But if not, then your heirs should have some idea of what to do with it. Perhaps donating it to an appropriate charity, or maybe donate it to the local stamp club (the Holston Stamp Club comes to mind). Or, maybe its your desire that part of it be given to a local stamp club and then sell the rest. If that's the case, do you have a favorite auction house? If so, you should leave the contact information for it in your will so those handling your estate will learn whom to contact.

I myself am considering directing my heirs to give all of the literature items I have to our club and then disposing the balance of my collection through a 50/50 split with the club. This assumes, of course, that my family decides not to continue the collection.

Turning to other subjects, I attended KnoxPEX 2019 the first weekend in March and don't forget that I will be giving a short lesson on how to resize Showgard stamp mounts just before our next meeting, starting at about 6:30.

Steve

Club Calendar



Guests and Visitors

always Welcome!

March 21st - 7 p.m.

**Monthly Meeting at
Northeast State Community College
Student Services Building Cafeteria**

Following is a brief summary of February's regular meeting courtesy of our club secretary.

The meeting started out with Steve Schmidt giving each member a cover with the Tennessee Ernie Ford stamp. Steve had taken these to the Bristol, TN postoffice and got the stamp cancelled with the special USPS pictorial postmark for the centennial of Tennessee Ernie Ford's birth. If a member hasn't received one yet please see on contact Steve.

Steve brought up to the members that the club had missed paying annual dues to the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs. He asked the members if they wished to continue supporting the federation. A motion was made and seconded that the club continue as a member of the Federation of Stamp Clubs and that payment of dues be brought current. The motion was then passed.

The contents of the Boyer-McDonald families stamp collection were discussed and after looking it over members requested the collection be broken up into lots for the monthly club auction rather than putting up the whole collection as one lot. Steve

February meeting summary continued,

volunteered to take the collection home and separate the contents into lots of like materials. Steve said it may be after the March meeting before he will have the first lots ready to bring back to a meeting.

Members were reminded that the next HOLPEX will be held on May 10 and 11. Any member wishing to preparing an exhibit (full frame, half frame or single page) need to be thinking about what their exhibit will be.

A presentation was made by Dawn Richards about how interesting USPS first day of issue ceremonies can be. She told the members that the next one in our general area will be held in Huntsville, Alabama toward the end of February for the stamp commemorating the bicentennial of Alabama statehood.

Dawn provided a handout to everyone describing how to send self-addressed envelopes to become philatelic covers (limit of two per year) to the three USA year around Antarctica stations. These are the McMurdo Station, the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station and the Palmer Station.

Here's a picture taken by Don Ashley of some of the members at the February meeting with some of the materials for the February auction.



Monthly Treasury Report

Beginning Balance Feb. 4, 2019	\$4,241.98
Beginning Cash on Hand	\$4,242.83
checking account balance	\$3,677.29
cash box	\$623.94
outstanding checks	\$33.40
Jan. correction for APS Insurance	\$25.00
Total Income	\$740.30
HSC Auction sales	\$575.05
other Sales	\$59.45
2019 Membership Dues	\$20.00
Donations	\$85.80
Total Disbursements	(\$10.50)
APS Circuit Expenses	(\$10.00)
Accounts Receivable (IOU)	(\$0.50)
Ending Balance Mar. 3, 2019	\$4,972.63
Ending Cash on hand Mar. 3, 2019	\$4,970.57
checking account balance	\$4,112.68
cash box	\$857.89
Adjustment	(\$2.06)

During the February special auction four members sold 35 lots for a total of \$159.95. There were 80 HSC lots that sold for a total of \$575.05.

The Royal Philatelic Collection by your newsletter editor

Have you ever wondered about the origin of the stamp collection put together by the British Royal Family? You know that postage stamps began being issued in 1840. Well starting in 1864 Queen Victoria and Prince Albert's fourth child (second son), Prince Alfred, at 20 years old, perhaps due to him seeing the world through his service in the Royal Navy starting at age 14, took a very strong interest in stamps. As his collection grew it sparked the interest of his older brother, Prince Albert, who purchased the collection from Alfred. Prince Albert added to the collection and then gave it to his son, Prince George. Prince George pursued collecting stamps seriously. In 1893 he was elected to be the honorary vice-president of the Royal Philatelic Society of London. Later that year, when George married, philatelic society members gave George an album containing about 1,500 stamps to further expand his collection. More on this subject next month.



Unless otherwise indicated by announcement in the newsletter, Holston Stamp Club conducts its regular meeting on the 3rd Thursday each month at 7 p.m.

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