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Monthly Newsletter

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The President's Dispatch

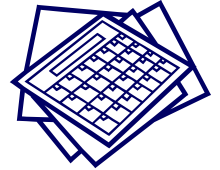
At the November club meeting we had two first time visitors, Matthew Cartier and Bob Soeder. Matthew joined the club so make sure to welcome our newest member. Richard Jackson gave a



presentation concerning fraudulent offerings on eBay. Steve Schmidt brought the brand new club copy of the 2015 Scott's Classic Catalogue to the meeting. It is available to take home on a rotational basis. Richard Jackson was the first to raise his hand so he was the first to take it home and it is currently with him. John Tulloch volunteered to work out a process for circulating this catalog more frequently than monthly so we can get it in the hands of more than 12 members in a year. This catalog covers the worldwide stamps from 1840-1940 in one volume. Following the briefing and discussion the meeting concluded with a special auction. We had 138 lots to bid on and over 60% of them sold and went home with 19 new owners.

It is that time of the year for annual membership renewal. Annual membership costs \$20 if you have your newsletter mailed as a black &

Club Calendar



Guests and Visitors always Welcome!

December 18th - 7 p.m.
Monthly Meeting

See President's Dispatch for details

white hardcopy or \$15 if you have your newsletter e-mailed to you (no hardcopy). Please fill out the attached Membership Renewal Form and either bring it to the December meeting or mail it to the Club Secretary, Bob Smith, with your dues. The information you provide on the form will help us update our membership data for contacting you and knowing what philatelic organizations you belong to. Also, it's been several years since our last Holston Stamp Club survey so please fill out the two page survey form and return it to Dick Odum. It will help us improve our meetings.

Our next club meeting is at the Northeast State Community College Student Services Building on Thursday



(President's Dispatch continued)

December 18 at 7 p.m. VP Dan has renewed our use of this facility for 2015 - don't forget to put your parking pass on your vehicle dashboard. We will continue with special auctions so bring your items to the December club meeting. Please remember to fill out the special auction sheets for your lots in advance (two copies) and mark the lots accordingly. There will also be the **traditional Holiday munchies**. The officers will bring the supplies, drinks and ice. The member are to bring any snacks they wish to share. (The food and drinks will be kept separate from the philatelic items.) **Please bring one special "White Elephant " gift to the meeting to give away.** It must be something philatelic that you have and no longer want to keep. It must be sufficiently wrapped (Christmas wrapping is optional) so that what the item is remains hidden. We will have a "gifting process " while we munch. You will go home with something equivalent to what you brought or less..... Maybe.

The new Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs website is up and our recent newsletters are posted there. Check it out. See website address at the bottom of this page.

I looking forward to seeing you all at the upcoming December meeting where we can talk about and have a lot of fun with stamps. See you there!



Dick



Monthly Treasury Report

Balance on hand Nov. 1, 2014	\$1,353.56
Total Income for November	\$48.45
New member	\$15.00
Club Stamp Sales	\$15.45
APS Refund to the Club	\$5.00
Donations to the Club	\$13.00
Total Disbursements for Nov.	\$210.08
Scott's Specialized Catalog	\$164.99
Oct. & Nov. Newsletters costs	\$45.09
Balance on hand Nov. 30, 2014	\$1,191.93

FYI: The auction contained 138 lots from 11 members and 85 of the lots sold to 19 bidders for \$340.70.

There are a lot of things for you to bring to the meeting on December 18, so, to help you remember here is a list.

Please bring with you to Meeting

- Membership Renewal Form and 2015 Dues
- Club Survey Form—both pages
- Special Auction Lot
- Special Auction Sheets (two copies)
- White Elephant Gift (wrapped) to give away
- Christmas munchies or snacks
- Parking Pass.

If you cannot make it to the meeting please mail your membership renewal form, dues and club survey form to Bob Smith. His address is on the membership form.



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.

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

Stamp Subject of the Month by your newsletter editor

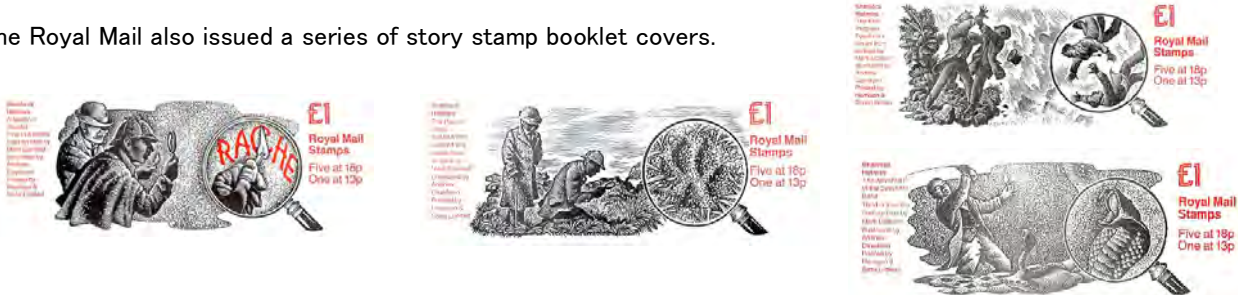
In the last few years there have been Sherlock Holmes movies put out by Warner Brothers (*Sherlock Holmes* in 2009 and *Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows* in 2011 both starring Robert Downey Jr. and supposedly another Sherlock Holmes movie is getting underway), a BBC television show titled *Sherlock* starring Benedict Cumberbatch began in 2010 (broadcast in the USA by PBS as part of its Masterpiece Mysteries series, and a CBS television drama series titled *Elementary* starring Jonny Lee Miller began in 2012. As the best known detective in literature I figured Sherlock Holmes was probably a popular philatelic topical subject. On the Internet I found many sources including *The Philatelic Mr. Holmes* and the *Philatelic Sherlock Holmes*. Also the American Topical Association issued *The Philatelic Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*, a 72 page booklet, in 2000. So I learned a lot. The Sherlock Holmes stories were written by the British author Arthur Conan Doyle. Sherlock Holmes caught the public's imagination in 1887 with the novel *A Study in Scarlet*. Altogether Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (he was knighted by King Edward VII for his service during the Boer War in Southern Africa) wrote 56 short stories and 4 novels featuring Sherlock Holmes from 1887 to 1903. At one point Sir Conan Doyle grew tired of the character and in a short story in December 1893 Sherlock Holmes died. The public outcry for more Sherlock Holmes however forced Sir Conan Doyle to bring him back to life in more stories. Sherlock Holmes on stamps started in 1972 with a single issue by Nicaragua and since then appeared on stamps as well as the portrayal of these stories in the movies.



The UK's Royal Mail issued stamps about stories and movies.



The Royal Mail also issued a series of story stamp booklet covers.



Alderney issued some very nice Holmes stamps.

There are many more Sherlock Holmes stamps out there so if this topical intrigues you there are plenty of resources that will help you put together a collection.





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

2015 Holston Stamp Club Survey

Name: _____

For us to improve we need feedback on the following Club activities

Club Activity/Function:	More of this:	Okay as is:	Less of this:	Thoughts /Comments
➤ Business /Introductions				
➤ Education/Presentations				
➤ Monthly Auctions				
➤ Quarterly Bourse				
➤ Newsletter				
➤ Club Stamp Buying Activity				
➤ Pre-meeting Activity				
➤ Socializing & Talking				
Please describe any modification/improvement suggestions you have:				

Subjects You Would Like To See Presented: _____

- What are your collecting areas of interest? Specific Countries of interest are on the next page. [Check all that apply]
- As a result of the last several years of monthly auctions, please tell those bringing material to auction what you want to buy in the way of stamps, covers, literature& catalogs (foreign/US/topical/used/MNH/booklets/ souvenir sheets/Plate # coils / FDC's/covers/postcards/maxicards/literature/etc.

Stamps: _____

Cards/Covers: _____

Literature: _____

Other: _____

Check all you collect

World Stamp Index

Aden	Cayman Islands	French Morocco	Kenya	Niger	Spanish Colonies
Aegean Islands	Central African Republic	French Oceania	Korea	Nigeria	Sri Lanka & Ceylon
Afghanistan	Chad	French Sudan	Kosovo	Niuafo'ou	St Helena
Aitutaki	Channel Islands	French West Africa	Kuwait	Niue	St. Kitts & Nevis
Åland Islands	Chile	Gabon	Kyrgyzstan	Norfolk Island	St. Lucia
Albania	China	Gambia	Latvia	North Borneo & Labuan	St. Pierre & Miquelon
Algeria	Chinese Provinces	Georgia	Lebanon	Norway	St. Vincent
Andorra	People's Rep. of China	German Colonies	Leeward Islands	Oman	Sudan
Angola	Christmas Island	German States	Lesotho	Orange River Colony	Suriname
Anguilla	Cilicia	Germany	Liberia	Pakistan	Swaziland
Antarctic Territories	Cocos (Keeling) Islands	Germany (Allied Occ.)	Libya	Palau	Sweden
Antigua & Barbuda	Colombia	German Plebiscites	Liechtenstein	Palestine	Switzerland
Argentina	Comoro Islands	Ghana	Lithuania	Panama	Syria
Armenia	Congo	Gibraltar	Luxembourg	Papua New Guinea	Taiwan
Ascension	Cook Islands	Gilbert & Ellice Islands	Macao	Paraguay	Tajikistan
Australia	Costa Rica	Great Britain	Macedonia	Penrhyn	Tanzania
Austria	Crete	G. B. Regional Issues	Madagascar	Peru	Thailand
Azerbaijan	Croatia	Greece	Madeira	Philippines	Thrace
Azores & Terr.	Cuba	Greenland	Malagasy Republic	Pitcairn Islands	Tibet
Bahamas	Curacao	Grenada	Malawi	Poland	Togo
Bahrain	Cyprus	Guatemala	Malaya	Portugal	Tokelau
Bangladesh	Czech Republic	Guinea	Malaysia	Portuguese Colonies	Tonga
Barbados	Czechoslovakia	Guinea-Bissau	Maldive Islands	Qatar	Transvaal
Belarus	Dahomey	Guyana	Mali Republic	Rhodesia	Trieste
Belgium	Danzig	Haiti	Malta	Romania	Trinidad & Tobago
Belize & Br. Honduras	Denmark	Honduras	Manchukuo	Russia	Tristan da Cunha
Benin	Djibouti	Hong Kong	Marshall Islands	Russian Civil War Issues	Trucial States
Berlin	Dominica	Hungary	Martinique	Ryukyu	Tunisia
Bermuda	Dominican Republic	Iceland	Mauritania	Saar	Turkey
Bhutan	Ecuador	India	Mauritius	Samoa	Turkmenistan
Bohemia & Moravia	Egypt	Indian Conv. States	Mexico	San Marino	Turks & Caicos Islands
Bolivia	El Salvador	Indian Native States	Micronesia	Sao Tome e Principe	Uganda
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Equatorial Guinea	Indian Overseas Forces	Moldova	Saudi Arabia	Ukraine
Botswana	Eritrea	Indo-China	Monaco	Senegal	United Arab Emirates
Brazil	Estonia	Indonesia	Mongolia	Serbia	United Nations
Brit. Antarctic Territory	Ethiopia (Abyssinia)	Ionian Islands	Montenegro	Seychelles	United States
Brit. East Africa (K.U.T.)	Falkland Islands & Dep.	Iran	Montserrat	Sharjah	Uruguay
British Guiana	Faroe Islands	Iraq	Morocco	Sierra Leone	Uzbekistan
Brunei	Fiji	Ireland	Mozambique & Terr.	Singapore	Vanuatu
Bulgaria & Terr.	Finland	Israel	Nagorno-Karabakh	Slovakia	Vatican City
Burkina Faso & Up. Volta	Fiume	Italian Colonies	Namibia	Slovenia	Venezuela
Burma	France	Italian States	Natal	Solomon Islands	Vietnam
Cameroun	French Colonies	Italy	Nauru	Somalia	Virgin Islands
Canada	French Congo	Ivory Coast	Nepal	Somali Coast	Yemen
Canadian Provinces	French Equatorial Africa	Jamaica	Netherlands	Somailand Protectorate	Yugoslavia
Canal Zone	French Guiana	Japan	Nevis	South Africa	Zambia
Cape of Good Hope	French Guinea	Jordan	New Zealand & Terr.	South Georgia	Zimbabwe
Cape Verde Islands	French India	Kazakhstan	Nicaragua	Spain	Zululand

CLASSIFIED SECTION

Items Holston Stamp Club members are interested in selling.

Charlie (Dr. Rocks) Bartlett, is having a STAMP EXTRA SUPER SALE.

U. S. Stamps—Mint (mostly never hinged)
U. S. Stamps—Used
British Commonwealth (from A to Z)
World Countries: 6 Albums (from A to Z)
Mostly at 20% of Catalogue Value (some less)
Plus extra 10% discount when purchase exceeds \$50.00

Isn't it easier to leisurely compare the empty spots in your album when you search my extras (so you don't buy duplicates)?

Bring your album(s) to my office, and I will bring my extra book(s) for you to search slowly.

I have a full set of Scott's 2012 catalogues to use.

Call me for an appointment at (276) 628-4136 at my office, 432 East Main Street, Suite G, Abingdon, Virginia (or I may be able to meet you at another location).

P.S. I can even loan you one or more of these extras books for a month if that will suit you better! I trust all HSC members to return books in a timely manner so others can use them.

Items Holston Stamp Club members are 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) 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 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.

Holston Stamp Club Special Auction – Lot Owner List

Owner Name _____, Owner Initials xx _____ Please print or type.

Owner Initials xx	Lot #	Catalog # and/or Description	Catalog Value	Catalog Used	Minimum Bid \$	Winning Bidder #	Winning Bid \$
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