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Monthly Newsletter

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The President's Dispatch

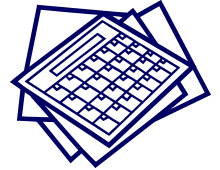
We had a good turnout at the March meeting. Richard Jackson gave a presentation on how the Stamp buying program has fared and lessons learned so far. The bottom line was that the U.S.



mixture lost money and the foreign lot has about broken even. The last of the U.S. lot was sold in the club March auction and we still have material left for sale from the foreign lot which gives the club a chance at breaking even overall on the 2014 buying program. The program brought a significant quantity of new material to the club members at a discounted price. After Richard's presentation we had a discussion about where to go with the program and the membership voted to continue with the stamp buying program and approved a budget of \$500.00 for the buying team for 2015. After the meeting members of the buying team discussed how to best serve the interests of the club, specifically U.S. collectors and cover collectors. Rather than buy another U.S. lot we decided to look at buying specific issues that were needed by the membership. To that end we decided to request that the membership fill out the attached form which lists the five to ten U.S. stamps you would like to add to your collection. The buying team will use that information when selecting what to buy for the club.

The call for HOLPEX exhibitors at our March meeting yielded Richard Jackson as an exhibitor. The attached Exhibit Entry Form should be filled out and brought to the April meeting by anyone else desiring to exhibit at HOLPEX. The club encourages members to take the time to prepare an exhibit. Please coordinate with Dennis Bowman, Exhibits Chair for HOLPEX 2015, as to who the exhibitors

Club Calendar



Guests and Visitors always Welcome!

April 17th - 7 p.m.
Monthly Meeting

See President's Dispatch for details

will be and what their display needs are.

The draft flyer for HOLPEX 2015 is attached. HOLPEX will be on Friday and Saturday (May 8th and 9th) at the Best Western Hotel on North Roan Street in Johnson City. Make sure to put these dates on your calendar and plan to come to the show. At this time Bill Vance is anticipating there will be six dealers for this two day event. The April Club meeting will be used to fill the assignments for club members to support HOLPEX.

Our next club meeting will be at the Northeast State Community College Student Services Building on Thursday (7 p.m.) on April 16. We will continue with special auctions, so, bring your items to the April club meeting. Please fill out the special auction sheets for your lots in advance (two copies please) and mark the lots accordingly. The recently conducted survey indicated that the club membership would like more auction activity. To that purpose, a motion to extend the number of auction lots from 15 to 20 per member at the April meeting would be welcome.

April is one of the five Thursday months in 2015, so, there will be a bourse at the Northeast State Community Student Services Building on Thursday (7 p.m.) on April

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The Treasurer informed me that some of you have not yet paid your 2015 dues. April would be a good time to take care of that item. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our April meeting.

Below are pictures from ROAPEX in Salem, Virginia.

Dick



Monthly Treasury Report

Balance on hand Feb. 19, 2015 \$1,480.93

Income mid-Feb to mid-Mar. \$238.70

Cash \$ 59.85

Checks \$178.85

Expenses mid-Feb. to mid-Mar. \$206.59

Balance on hand Mar. 15, 2015 \$1,513.04

FYI: The March special auction contained 92 lots from 9 members and 64 of the lots sold for a total of \$241.70.

Stamp of the Month

by your newsletter editor

This month it has been 150 years since President Lincoln was assassinated so it is very appropriate for the stamp of the month to be Scott #77. In April 1865 President Lincoln died after being shot by John Wilkes Booth in the Ford Theater in Washington, D.C. One year later the U.S. Post Office Department issued a 15¢ stamp featuring Pres. Lincoln. This stamp is noted as being the first U. S. mourning stamp as it was issued soon after his death. The stamp is based on a photograph taken of Lincoln in 1861.



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.

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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

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 Buying Team Survey

The buying team needs your input to better serve the club's needs. We met and reviewed our knowledge of the clubs U. S. stamp buying history at our monthly auctions and discussed how to better serve the U.S. collectors. We have concluded that most of our U.S. collectors have the inexpensive stamps, except for perhaps the newer issues, and that the buying team should consider bringing a few more expensive U.S. stamps to the club. To that end we ask that you provide us a list of the 5 to 10 U.S. stamps you would most like to add to your collection and be willing to buy if the buying team can acquire them at a reduced price. The club approved a budget for 2015 at the March meeting and this would be a part of this budget.

We realize that while most of us need a 1¢ blue, type 1 Franklin (Scott #5), that is a very expensive stamp and it is not a realistic purchase objective. Therefore limit your list to stamps that at most have catalog values in the hundreds of dollars value and less. This list is anonymous and there is no commitment on anyone's part to buy but the buying team will consider this information in making their selection for the club.

List of U. S. Stamps I would like to add to my collection

Scott Catalog #	Description	Mint or Used	approx. Cat. Value
1 _____	_____	_____	_____
2 _____	_____	_____	_____
3 _____	_____	_____	_____
4 _____	_____	_____	_____
5 _____	_____	_____	_____
6 _____	_____	_____	_____
7 _____	_____	_____	_____
8 _____	_____	_____	_____
9 _____	_____	_____	_____
10 _____	_____	_____	_____

Please return this form to Richard Jackson, HSC buying team leader.

HOLPEX 2015

Exhibit Entry Form

HOLPEX is the official philatelic exhibition of the Holston Stamp Club (HSC).

HSC wants to encourage new exhibitors. Exhibitors may present stamps, covers, postcards, and related philatelic materials in ways that please them, without a requirement to exhibit under specific rules. Each exhibit must have a title page that explains the purpose of the exhibit, but otherwise exhibitors are free to exhibit as they wish.

You must coordinate with Dennis Bowman as to your exhibit requirements. Dennis has frames and easels available on a first come-first served basis.

Exhibitors must mount their own exhibits and should be at the Best Western on Roan Street at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 8, 2015. Exhibitors must dismount their own exhibits beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 9 so that Dennis can take the frames and easels for storage at the end of the show.

Dennis Bowman is in charge of setting up the exhibit easels based on coordination with the exhibitors to define number and size of frames being exhibited

- Dennis coordinates with Bill Vance for location of the exhibits in the room
- Dennis will provide the easels, set them up, and take them down and store them
- Frames have been provided to the exhibitors or they have purchased what they need for mounting the exhibits
- Exhibitors will bring frames loaded with exhibit material to the show, place them on the easels in coordination with Dennis and take them back after the show to remove the exhibit material
- All empty frames will be returned to Dennis for storage after the exhibit material has been removed

Exhibitor: _____

Exhibit Topic/Description: _____

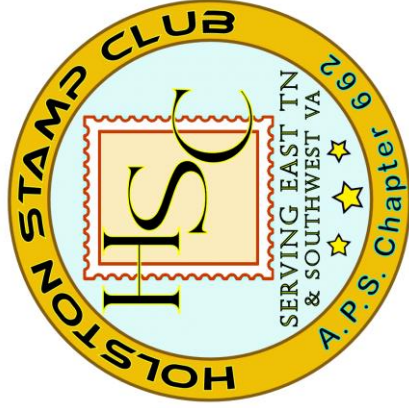
Exhibitor E-Mail Address: _____

Exhibitor Phone: _____

Number of frames & size required: _____

Mail or hand this form to: Dennis Bowman, Exhibits Chair, HOLPEX 2015, dbo_4855@yahoo.com

Phone: 423-256-2794, Address: 607 Seven Oaks Dr., Mount Carmel, TN 37645-3737



The Holston Stamp Club

And Bill Vance Presents

HOLPEX 2015

Friday & Saturday

May 8th & 9th

Best Western Hotel &
Conference Center

2406 N. Roan Street

Johnson City, TN 37601

- Exhibits
- Stamps
- Covers



Stamp Show & Bourse

6 dealers

- Bill Vance
- Bob Barger
- Cary Cochran
- Dean Carter
- John Shanewolf
- Don Richter

Young & beginning
collectors welcome

Free Admission

Free Parking

Exit 20 off I-26

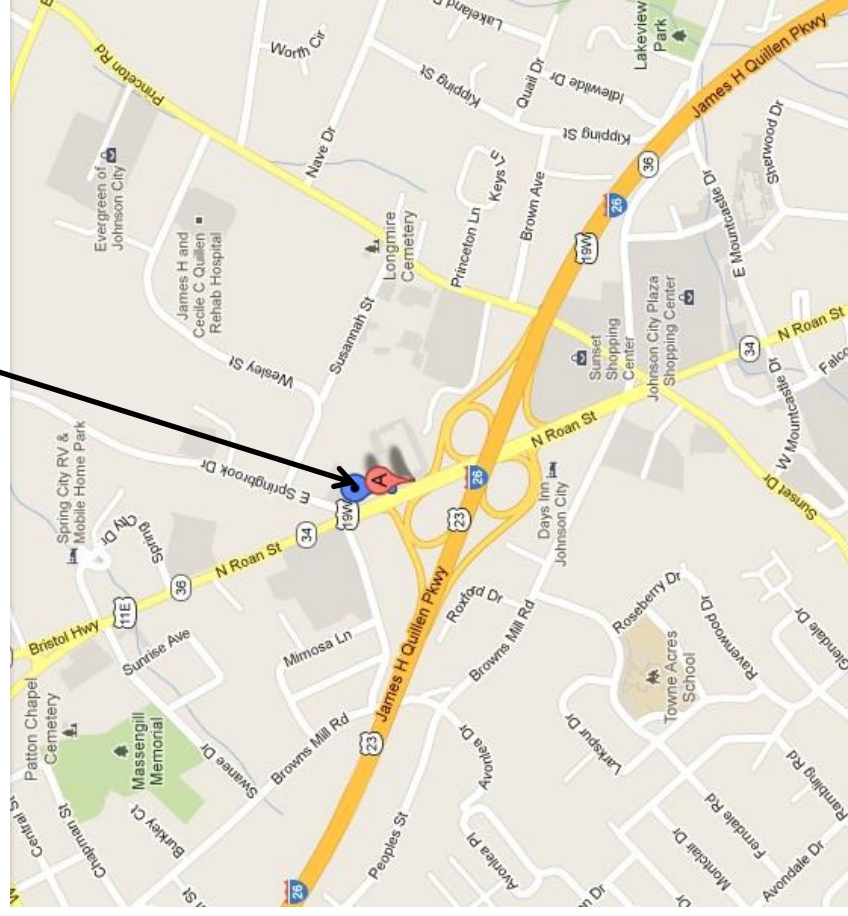
Come to the Stamp Show at

Johnson City, TN

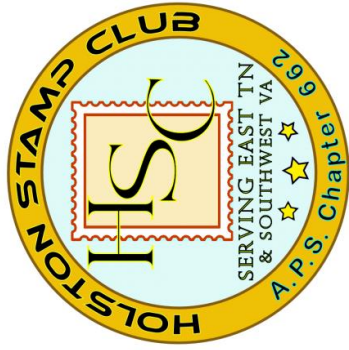
Best Western

Friday May 8th 11 AM-5 PM &

Saturday May 9th 10 AM-5 PM



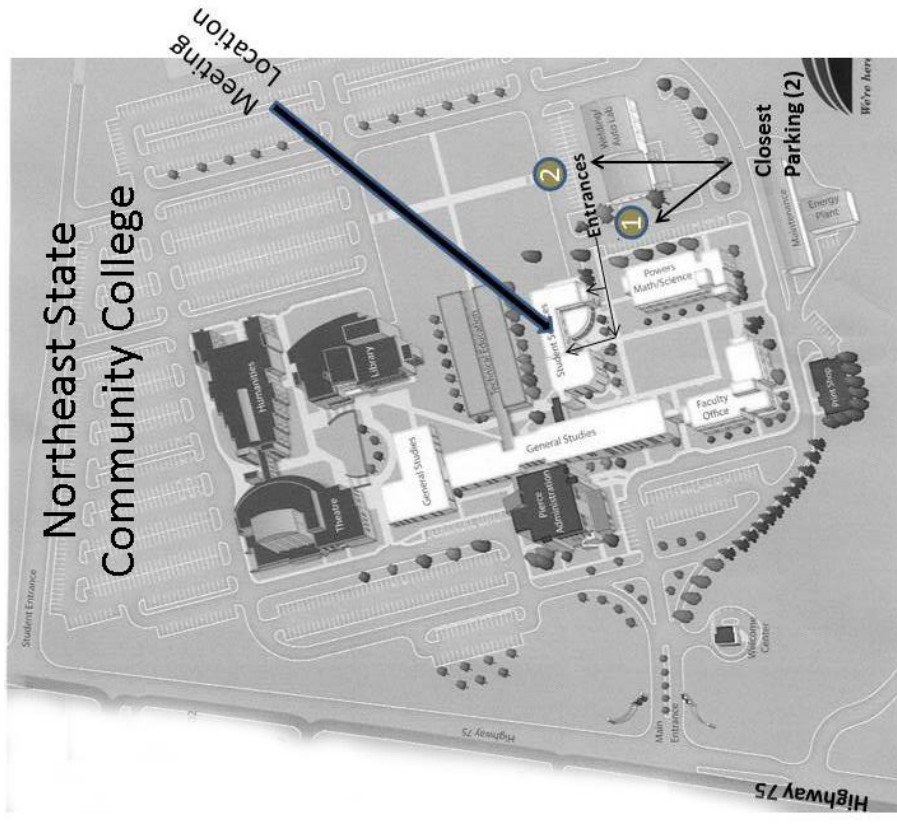
Holston Stamp Club



- 50 years Promoting and encouraging Stamp Collecting
- Currently 28 Members
- Tri-Cities plus Abingdon to Greenville
- Elizabethton to Mt. Carmel
- Chapter of American Philatelic Society
- Monthly Newsletter
- \$20/year dues (\$15 email option)

Club Meeting

- 3rd Thursday of every month
- 7:00 PM
- At Northeast State Community College
- In Student Services Bldg.
- In Faculty/Staff Dining Room
- Auction or bourse at every meeting
- Any Person interested in Stamp Collecting is encouraged to become a member
- Come to a meeting to check it out, meet members, and join club



Application for Membership

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State/ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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 \$
	1						
	2						
	3						
	4						
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