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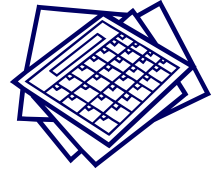
Monthly Newsletter

Issue no. 574

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



Club Calendar



Guests and Visitors always Welcome!

August 20th - 7 p.m.
Monthly Meeting

See President's Dispatch for details

The President's Dispatch

It is with regret that I let you know that a longtime member of the Holston Stamp Club, Charlie Overstreet, has passed. For many years Charlie was club president and kept the club going through some tough times. I can still remember his smile and gentle way when he invited me to join the club 13 years ago. My, how time flies, R.I.P. Charlie.

In our July meeting we voted to provide the rebate the club receives from the APS for new APS memberships this year to each new member joining the APS. This should provide extra incentive for club members who are not currently APS members to join. This was followed by a discussion about the club utilizing the APS circuit books to buy and sell stamps through the APS. After a lively discussion it was voted to further pursue obtaining APS circuit books for the club to buy from. I will present more information about this at the August meeting. While selling through the APS was put on hold, Paul Kuehn will present selling on the Internet at the August meeting as an alternative way for club members to sell their items. Charlie Bartlett, presented a box of stamps to the club to benefit the club treasury. Items in this box are 1¢ each and the box can be taken home to look through. Pay the club treasures for the stamps. Van VanNostrand donated a set of 2013 Scott Catalogues to the club. This will replace the older 2009 club set and Dan will seek to sell or auction the older set.

One of our young members, Calyb Schmidt, (picture to the right) announced he is working on a Boy Scout Stamp Collecting Merit Badge and Van volunteered to help him.

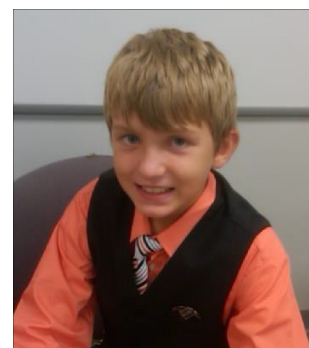
The monthly special auction was held next where seven sellers sold 55 items.

Our next club meeting will be at the Northeast State Community College Student Services Building on Thursday (August 20) at 7 PM. We will continue with special auctions so bring your items to the August club meeting (now a maximum of 20 per person). Please fill out the special auction sheets for your lots in advance (two copies please) and mark the lots accordingly.

Other August Events: Bill Vance's Summer Stamp Show is August 22 & 23 at the Holiday Inn on Cedar Bluff Road in Knoxville.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in August.

Dick





Monthly Treasury Report

Balance on hand June 20, 2015		\$1,645.28
Income during July		\$ 40.37
Stamp Sales	\$ 39.02	
Cash Donations	\$ 1.35	
Expenses during July		\$ 10.25
Newsletter	\$ 10.25	
Balance on hand end of July 2015		\$1,675.40

FYI: The July special auction contained 77 lots from seven members and 55 of the lots sold for a total of \$248.05.

Stamps of the Month

by your newsletter editor

In last month's newsletter I wrote about German catapult mail. That was for service across the North Atlantic Ocean. There was also catapult mail service across the South Atlantic Ocean.

In 1930 there were two tests using seaplanes and ocean passenger liners to move mail from Berlin to Rio de Janeiro with multiple stops in-between. The service was not continued after the tests.

In 1933 a new service was tested by Deutsche Lufthansa (DLH). A special ship was stationed in the South Atlantic Ocean. A seaplane took off from land and then landed on the ocean next to one of the ship. A crane on the ship pulled the seaplane onto the ship over a mat on the stern. The seaplane was then placed on a catapult, refueled and launched to continue the flight to land.

The tests were considered successful. In 1934 a second ship was built and later a third ship (*Schwabenland*, *Westfalen* and *Ostmark*) and they allowed DLH to move air mail back and forth between Berlin and Brazil on a regular schedule. DLH alternated weeks with Zeppelins carrying air mail. When Zeppelins didn't fly DLH carried the air mail weekly. For awhile the two services integrated with each other to move the air mail as quickly as possible.

DLH continued this air mail service until 1939.



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 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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