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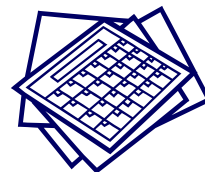
Monthly Newsletter

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



Club Calendar



Guests and Visitors always Welcome!

November 19th - 7 p.m.
Monthly Meeting

See President's Dispatch for details

The President's Dispatch

We had a good turnout for the October club meeting and the October bourse. At the club meeting Richard Jackson finished the excellent presentation with illustrations and examples he passed around of the USA 1851-57 stamps and plate varieties, specifically the 1¢ blue Benjamin Franklin and the 10¢ green George Washington. He explained why there are so many varieties of these two stamps and the various ways of printing and plate making. Well done Richard!!

Mike Chesman reminded us to provide him the personal information for the club name badges he volunteered to make for the members. He handed out individual forms for the members to fill out and return to him later. A copy of this form is attached for any who did not attend the October meeting.

Dan Hubbard announced that he had the last club special auction donations from Paul Kuehn as he has now moved to Florida. The boxes in his donation went promptly into that evening's special auction and were sold. Thanks Paul for the donations; we will miss you.

Richard Jackson brought the first APS circuit books he had received for the club members to look through. This month he had circuit books on: Thailand, Australia, Australia Antarctica Territory, South Australia, Sweden, Natal, German States (Bavaria, Bremen and Hanover), Southwest Africa, Egypt, USA Back-of-Book, USA Officials, Australia States, USA Revenues and Hong Kong. These circuit books were also available at the October bourse. He should have a new set of circuit books available for the November meeting.

The stamp club special auction followed with several items that included:

- 1) a White Plains souvenir sheet and first day cover of same and
- 2) a complete set of cacheted first day covers of the 1938 Prexies series.

Here is a photo taken by our club photographer, Don, at the October bourse.



Our next club meeting will be at the Northeast State Community College Student Services Building on Thursday (Nov. 19) at 7 PM. We will continue with special auctions, so, bring your items to the November meeting (a maximum of 20 per member). Please fill out the special auction sheets for your lots in advance (two copies please) and mark the lots accordingly. Don't forget to fill out the attached form for your new club badge by Mike Chesman.

Looking around, there will be a Saturday meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society at Powell Presbyterian Church on Nov. 21 and a Blue Ridge Stamp show at the Comfort Suites in Asheville on Nov. 21 and 22. Also it's not too early to be thinking about your "white elephant" gift for our December meeting.

I look forward to seeing you on the 19th.

Dick

Stamp of the Month

by your newsletter editor

In 1902, the U. S Congress was debating funding a project to connect the Pacific Ocean to the Caribbean Sea with a canal across Nicaragua. A stamp however helped to move the debate in a different direction.

After the success of the Suez Canal, France started in 1881 a project to build a canal across an isthmus in Columbia's province of Panama. That project failed and a second attempt was started in 1894 but eventually the second construction company went bankrupt due to engineering difficulties, financial mismanagement and deadly yellow fever epidemics. The assets of the construction company were offered for about \$100 million. An engineer in the company, Philippe Bunau-Varilla, still felt this project was the best one for a canal and sought out a government, particularly the USA, to take over the project. A bankrupt company in Nicaragua also pursued the USA to undertake its canal project.

In the spring of 1902 Mt. Momotombo in Nicaragua showed signs of volcanic activity. When news of this reached

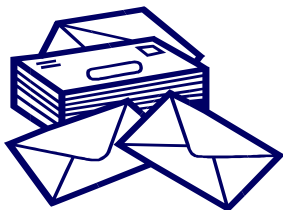


Monthly Treasury Report

Balance on hand end of Sept. 2015	\$1,669.03
Income during October	\$0.00
Expenses during October	\$43.84
Newsletter	\$12.26
Member ID Holders	\$31.58
Balance on hand end of Oct. 2015	\$1,625.19

FYI: The October special auction contained 104 lots from seven members and 64 of the lots sold for a total of \$348.80.

the USA the Nicaragua project company knew the eruption could cause their proposal to be viewed less favorably and they denied the volcano was active. Bunau-Varilla thought he could counter this using a stamp from a series of Nicaraguan stamps issued in 1900 that he remembered depicted Mt. Momotombo. He looked in stamp shops in Washington, DC and purchased 90 of them from the series Scott Nos. 121-133 that showed a smoking Mt. Momotombo. He distributed them to the members of the U. S. Senate with a caption, "An official witness to volcanic activity in Nicaragua". He impressed on them through his lobbying campaign that a volcano would threaten the canal if built in Nicaragua. The U.S. Senate voted on June 19, 1902 to authorize Pres. Roosevelt to buy the assets of the French canal project. By then the asking price had been lowered to \$40 million which probably helped the Senators make their decision.



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 interested in selling.

Charlie (Dr. Rocks) Bartlett can help you fill holes in your collection.

As you may know by now, I have a six-volume set of World Stamp Albums with over 20,000 "extra" stamps ready for you to borrow and flip through at your leisure to fill in some of the gaps in your collection. You will find an abundance of pre-1900 stamps and even more dating from 1900 to 1965 with fewer after 1965. I'm still trying to work up more of the British Commonwealth countries in a separate album. But the best news is that anything in these albums is yours for only 10% of catalogue value (You Heard That Right) ten percent!

I prefer that you keep your choice of an album for only one month so that other club members can have a chance to use it also.

Isn't it easier to leisurely compare the empty spots in your albums when you search my extras so you don't buy duplicates from the club auctions since you can't remember all the stamps you already have?

Also, on many pages, there are other duplicates in the binder crease of these in-place extras from which you can make your selections.

Have Fun and Happy Collecting!

Items Holston Stamp Club members 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 Name Tag

First Name

Middle Name or Initial

Last Name

The above will be displayed in medium sized type across the bottom of name tag

Name or Nickname by which you prefer to be called _____

(examples... Mike (for Michael), Bobby (for Robert), T.J. (for Ted Jones), Zeus (a nickname), etc.)

This line will be displayed larger and more prominently on the name tag

Your favorite stamp... Country _____

Scott Number _____

An image of that stamp will be included on your name tag

Return to Mike Chesman or any club officer or you can email your information to mike@starloremedia.com

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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