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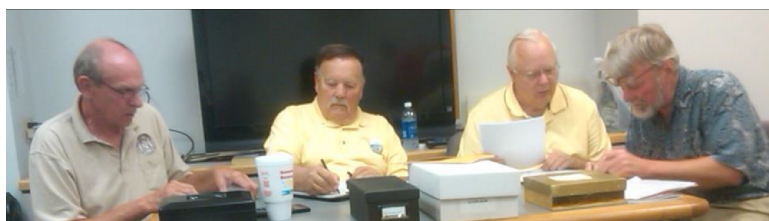
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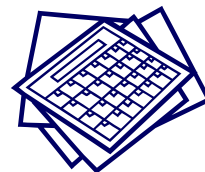
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## *Club Calendar*



*Guests and Visitors always Welcome!*

**December 17th - 7 p.m.**  
Monthly Meeting

*See President's Dispatch for details*

## *The President's Dispatch*

It's that time again. It's time for our annual Christmas meeting and time for the Annual Club dues for 2016 to be paid. Please fill out the attached dues form and bring it and your dues to the December meeting. We had a good turnout of members for our November club meeting which included three new visitors. Pat and John Schultz from Florida and Greg Cousins. Greg, who relocated to this area from Ohio, joined the club so make sure to look him up and make him feel welcome. Mike Chesman reminded us to provide him the personal information for the new name badges that he volunteered to make for club members. He showed some samples and described his progress. The new badges really look nice. Chris White discussed his efforts to obtain more publicity for the Holston Stamp Club. The second set of APS circuit books were available for members to pick from. Richard Jackson gave us a report on the first batch of circuit books, which the club members purchased \$96.00 from in October. This was followed by a request for feedback on how to improve this excellent start on APS circuit books.

The stamp club auction followed with 16 bidders spending \$272.90 to take home some great stamp and cover bargains. Here is a photo taken by the club photographer, Don, during the November meeting.



Our next club meeting will be at the Northeast State Community College Student Services Building on Thursday at 7 PM on December 17. This is the annual Christmas themed meeting with food. This year the club will be providing pizza and drinks for all those who attend. Members are invited to bring cookies or other desserts to share. **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 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.

We will also have a special auction, so, bring your items ( now a maximum of 20 ) to the December meeting. Please fill out the special auction sheets for your lots in advance ( two copies please ) and mark the lots accordingly.

Looking forward to January, the 2016 APS AmeriStamp Expo, which moves all over the USA, will be held in Atlanta over January 29, 30 and 31. That's about as close as a major stamp show like this is going to come to us. Make plans to go by checking out the information at <http://stamps.org/AmeriStamp-Expo-ASE>.

A brief review of USA Christmas Stamps: The first

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stamp for Christmas was issued by USPS on Nov. 1, 1962. It depicted a Christmas wreath and candles ( a contemporary design ). USPS has issued contemporary design Christmas stamps annually ever since. Beginning in 1965 ( with 3 exceptions ) USPS also issued a traditional ( religious-themed ) Christmas stamp ( predominantly featuring the " Madonna and Child " ). These Christmas themed stamps were joined in 1996 with an annual holiday stamp for Hannakkah ( the first one a joint issue with Israel ) and later holiday stamps for Kwanzaa, Eid and Chinese New Year. For 2015 USPS issued two new Christmas contemporary designs, a series of ten stamps from CBS' 1965 television holiday special, *A Charlie Brown Christmas* and Geometric Snowflakes in purple, pink, blue and green, but no new " faith oriented" design

Merry Christmas to all of you.

*Dick*



## Monthly Treasury Report

Balance on hand end of Oct. 2015	\$1,625.19
Income during October	\$77.27
2016 Club Dues (4)	\$70.00
Donation	\$7.27
Expenses during October	\$51.42
Newsletter	\$15.77
APS Sales Circuit	\$35.65
Balance on hand end of Nov. 2015	\$1,651.04

## Stamp of the Month

by your newsletter editor

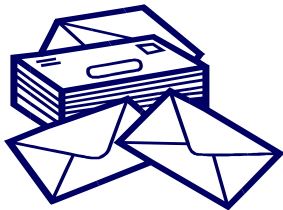
It is time for an update on the upright Jenny Invert stamp panes that USPS issued in 2013.

Linn's Stamp News & Insights recently reported that USPS has registered purchases and issued certificates to three people for the upright \$2 Jenny Invert stamp panes. That brings the total USPS has issued certificates for to 24. That's only about 25% of the up-

right Jenny Invert stamp panes that USPS had intentionally printed. Linn's believes more of these stamp panes have been found but people have not officially notified the USPS about them and the total found could be up to 29.

Toward the end of October one of the upright Inverted Jenny stamp panes that had been given a superb rating of 98 by Professional Stamp Experts was sold at a Kelleher auction for \$67,850

USPS hasn't sold all of the \$2 Inverted Jenny stamp panes yet, so, you still have a chance to purchase one of the possible remaining 70 upright stamp panes.



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.

**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**

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



Send Renewal Form & Dues To:

Bob Smith 3404 Cardinal Street  
Kingsport, TN 37660

**or bring to December meeting**

## 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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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](mailto:HSC.holstonstampclub@gmail.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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