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Monthly Newsletter

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President - Stephen Schmidt Vice President - Don Ashley Secretary - Pat Koppel Treasurer - Dick Jackson

The President's Dispatch

The first meeting of the Holston Stamp Club with its new board went quite smoothly.

Charlie Bartlett sent us three boxes of books that he received as a donation to the club. I currently



have the books at home. There are 51 books and 10 pamphlets, most of which are U.S. related. I will be glad to provide a list of these books to anyone who would like a list and will be glad to bring any book to the next meeting when a member requests one. I can also provide a PDF copy of the list by e-mail. I can be contacted by e-mail at zerogoofs@yahoo.com or by phone at (423) 573-2947. Members can also pick books up at my home if they so desire.

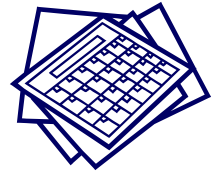
Don Ashley pointed out to everyone the information in the September newsletter about the rules and timetable for preparing cachets to be judged for the HOLPEX show next May. All entries must be forwarded to Dennis Bowman by the December club meeting. Dennis and his committee will select one to be printed on envelopes for the show. Don was asked if he could arrange a special postmark for the show covers. He said he is working on this.

Dick Jackson, representing the Stamp Acquisition Team (Dick Odum, Dan Hubbard, Steve Schmidt and Dick Jackson), presented the status of stamp purchases made for the club. A motion was made and seconded to increase the amount of funds the Stamp Acquisition Team can commit to purchases over the next year to \$1,000. The members present voted in favor of the motion.

Dan Hubbard made a purchase of about 3,500 covers at auction and brought them to the fifth Thursday bourse meeting. They were a big hit at 15¢ per cover. Over 600 of them sold.

Dick Jackson then summarized sales from the circuit books that the American Philatelic Society sends to the club each month. To continue receiving the circuit books in 2017 the club needs to notify APS and

Club Calendar



*Guests and Visitors
always Welcome!*

Oct. 20th - 7 p.m.
Monthly Meeting

make APS aware of any changes in the types of circuit books received. The APS circuit book services costs the club about \$9 a month. A motion was made and seconded to continue receiving the APS circuit books during 2017. The members present voted in favor of the motion. Dick received feedback from the members on what countries they would like added to the list and which ones they would like dropped.

Bob Smith said someone had contacted him about receiving a stamp collection recently consisting of blocks of four of 1940s and 1950s era stamps. He said if any members were interested in looking at these he would bring some to the fifth Thursday bourse.

I would like to thank our Secretary for his excellent summary of the meeting where most of this dispatch comes from.

See you on the 20th at Northeast State Student Services building.

Steve



Monthly Meeting Reminder

We will continue with special auctions so bring your items to the October meeting (a maximum of 20 per member). Please fill out the special auction sheet for your lots in advance (two copies please) and mark the lots accordingly.

There will be NE State parking permits available at the meeting should any member forget to bring theirs.

Some Thoughts about a USA Stamp Design

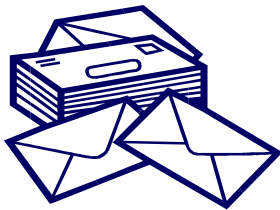
by Don Ashley

Have you ever given much thought to the USPS stamp depicting letter carriers with mail bags in 1989 (Scott No. 2420)? Here is the stamp in a plate block of four format.



Looking at these letter carriers for a while maybe you could see in them what I saw, which were a future Vice President, the sitting President that year (President No. 41) and a future Secretary of State.

Yes given enough thinking time, I believe you will agree with me that illustrator Jack Davis may have used a grinning Dick Cheney, a smiling George H. Bush and a smiling Condoleezza Rice as the models for the letter carrier caricatures.



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.

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Monthly Treasury Report

Balance on hand Sept. 1, 2016 \$2,344.16

Total Income for Sept. \$201.60

2016 dues payments \$3.00

Auction Sales of donated items \$102.85

Bourse Sales \$95.75

Total Disbursements for Sept. \$330.89

Secretary-Newsletter Expenses \$92.09

APS Circuit Book Expenses \$ 8.80

Dutch Country Purchase (covers) \$230.00

Balance on hand Sept. 3, 2016 \$2,214.87

FYI. Sixty lots were sold at the special auction (combination of items from eight members, items donated to the club and items from the club's inventory). The members items sold for a total of \$374.20. The club items sold for \$102.85.

A Unique Cover Topic

by your Newsletter Editor

I am sure all of our club members are familiar with the popularity of a first day cover (FDC) for a postage stamp. This is a cover with the first day of issue postmark (first day the stamp on the cover was authorized to be used and the location where the stamp issuing agency held a first day ceremony) for the stamp on the cover. They are so popular that there exists an American First Day Cover Society. Not so popular and therefore a lot less available are covers post-marked on the last day that a postage stamp was authorized to be used, which is the date a stamp was demonetized. Demonetizing stamps has only occurred rarely in the USA but there have been many cases throughout world history when either due to war, occupation of a country by another country, a change to a country's currency, or the transition of a colony to an independent country where stamps have been declared demonetized. So it is possible to find last day covers.

In the USA the 5¢ Franklin and 10¢ Washington 1847 stamps were demontized on July 1, 1851 due to an act of Congress on March 3, 1851. It reduced the rate for a one-half ounce or less letter from 5¢ to 3¢. Another time was after the outbreak of the Civil War. In August 1861 the USA replaced the 1851 series of stamps so any held by the Confederate States would become worthless. Can you come up with other USA examples or those in foreign countries?

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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