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The President's Dispatch

The meeting on March 16th was well attended and we had two visitors at the meeting, Monica Masters and Brickey Clabaugh. Monica decided to join the club and paid dues at the end of the meeting.

Welcome Monica. We hope that Brickey also decides to join the club.

The Davy Crockett stamps for the HOLPEX covers came in and were delivered to Dennis Bowman. The club members had a short



discussion about numbering the covers. The idea was brought to a vote and was voted down.

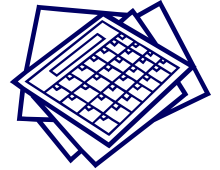
The special postmark for the HOLPEX covers has been forwarded by the local postmaster to the USPS District Office in Nashville for approval and should be ready for us for the show in May.

The remaining stamps from the Goodenough family collection are now available for 5¢ per stamp. Anyone is welcome to take any or all of the twelve folders home, pick out stamps and pay the club treasurer.

According to Richard Jackson, the one page exhibits we displayed in a frame at KnoxPEX were a great success and he thanked everyone for their contributions. These will also be displayed at HOLPEX and possibly at other area shows.

There was also some discussion about the Boy Scouts of America, Sequoyah Council's one day Merit Badge University held annually in February. It was held at Milligan College earlier this year. We have several people in the club who are involved with Boy Scouts and could offer their services to the Sequoyah Council to teach the Stamp Collecting merit badge session during Merit Badge University. Van told us he is a certified instructor for this merit badge. Maybe he can help us interface with the Sequoyah Council when it plans this one day event next year.

Club Calendar



*Guests and Visitors
always Welcome!*

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

Dave Mielke told everyone about counterfeit USA first day covers sold by a part-time dealer named Jerry P. Mather (an alias for Gary Westemberger) in the late 1970s. Dave said there were thousands of the counterfeit covers sold to stamp dealers and collectors up to when the fraud was brought to light by the American First Day Cover Society. People who purchased these covers failed to notice that the postmarks on the first day covers were made from a rubber stamp while official first day covers are postmarked using a steel die. Mather, who also counterfeited collectable baseball cards, was convicted of mail fraud and possessing counterfeit postmarks. He was sentenced to three years but only served three months in jail. Dave said these counterfeits are now sold on eBay provided they are properly marked as being counterfeits. He obtained a couple of the Mather covers and passed them around for members to see examples of postmarks made from rubber stamps.

We have several newer members in the club who seem interested in learning more about stamp collecting. Anyone who would willing to do a presentation for the club, please let me know. I will be doing a short presentation on stamp collecting basics at the next meeting. I know that most of you will probably know what I will be going over but we need to help those that are newer to stamp collecting.

We also had a fourth Thursday bourse on the 30th of March and we had a very good turnout. The club had a new selection

President's Dispatch (continued)

of souvenir sheets available from the club's stamp buying committee. The ones sold during the bourse brought in \$200 to the club. The ones that were not sold will be available at the next meeting for members to view and purchase. The club is running low on philatelic material to offer for sale and for auctions. If you hear of any collections available, please let the stamp buying committee know so they may look at them and possibly purchase them for the club.

Steve

HOLPEX Cover Update by Don Ashley

USPS informed me the Holpex Station Pictorial Postmark was approved and it will be announced in the May 11th Postal Bulletin.

The second USA stamp for the cover was selected. It is the 37¢ "First Class" Wavy Flag stamp issued in 2002. By the way, did you know, due to the various ways this stamp was produced, there are known to be at least six major varieties of it?

After looking at different arrangements, the below picture shows what was selected for the order the stamps on the cover and the placement of the postmark.



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

Beginning Balance Feb. 21, 2017	\$2,988.70
Beginning Cash on Hand	\$2,958.90
checking account balance	\$2,701.93
cash box	\$256.97
Total Income for Mar.	\$493.13
HSC Auction sales	\$140.03
HSC Bourse sales	\$323.93
2017 Club dues	\$20.00
Total Disbursements for Mar.	(\$369.30)
APS Circuit sales expenses	(\$6.80)
Purchase Blair souvenir sheets	(\$287.50)
Purchase Nordfrim souvenir sheets	(\$75.00)
Ending Balance Apr. 1, 2017	\$3,082.73
Cash on hand Apr. 1, 2017	\$3,076.69
checking account balance	\$2,380.39
cash box	\$696.30
Uncleared checks / Adjustment	(\$6.04)

FYI. Four members sold items totaling \$99.35 at the special auction.

Stamp Show Picture contributed by Don Ashley

Here are exhibits from the Roapex Spring 2017 Stamp Show hosted by the Big Lick Stamp Club of Roanoke Valley on March 25th.



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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