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The President's Dispatch

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make our club's 50th anniversary celebration at HOLPEX 2017 such a great success. Without the help of many different members, we would not have been able to hold such a memorable event.

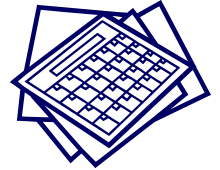


The dealers who made up HOLPEX also seemed to be happy with the results of the show. Bill Vance has said that he would like to sponsor another two day show next year and has already started planning for it. A motion was made to have Bill Vance organize HOLPEX 2018 as a two day show on the Friday and Saturday before Mother's Day. The motion was seconded and passed by the members present at the meeting.

Dennis Bowman has the remaining cachet covers from HOLPEX 2017. Some with the show postmark and some without. If you would like to purchase one or more of these covers, please contact Dennis at (423) 256-2794. Dennis also stated that the deadline to obtain the show cancel on any cover is June 12, 2017. (The deadline will have passed by the time you read this newsletter).

A few members saw the television spots we had for the stamp show and the club. Although they were brief (3-4 minutes), they did generate some interest and a few of the non-members attending the stamp show said they found out about the show from the television reports. Chris White

Club Calendar



*Guests and Visitors
always Welcome!*

June 22nd - 7 p.m.
Monthly Meeting at
Northeast State Community College
Student Services Building Cafeteria

White mentioned that the TV stations would be interested in doing a spot about the club if it involved an upcoming event such as conducting a stamp collecting workshop at one of our area senior centers. Chris also mentioned that we should get involved with the Boy Scouts of America Sequoyah Council's annual Merit Badge University (last held at Milligan College in Feb. 2017). We could help Boy Scouts earn their Stamp Collecting Merit Badge during this all day event.

Dan Hubbard reminded the membership that the current parking permits will expire by the date of the June meeting. He will get new permits and bring them to the June meeting. Be sure to get one from Dan when you arrive and take it back to your vehicle before staying for the meeting. This way you do not get ticketed by Northeast State security or towed.

I mentioned at the May meeting that I am going to attempt a new stamp collecting project. I am going to try to build a digital catalog of the stamps of the Trucial States. These were a group of sheikdoms next to the southwestern coast of the Persian Gulf. This area was known by the British as the Pirate Coast. The sheikdoms signed

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treaties with the British government (hence the name, "trucial") in 1820 and they became informal protectorates under Great Britain. The sheikdoms or emirates remained in this relationship with the British until Dec. 1971 and during that time period they issued postage stamps. The seven principal trucial sheikdoms then became independent. Six of them (Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Sharjah, Ajman, Umm Al Qawain and Fujairah) formed the United Arab Emirates on Dec. 2. The seventh one, Ras Al Khaimah, joined them on Feb. 10, 1972.

If anyone has stamps from these, I would be interested in borrowing them so that I may scan them and use the scans in my digital catalog. I will also accept donations of stamps from these countries. Donations will be scanned and then placed in my reference collection. The stamps do not have to be Scott listed, as the purpose of my catalog is to list EVERYTHING that I can find, Scott listed or not Scott listed. I expect this project will take a few years to complete. When completed, I intend to post the catalog on-line for the free use of any collector, anywhere.

We are still in need of members to do presentations at our meetings. If you have a presentation you would be willing to share with the club membership, please contact me, or one of the officers of the club so that we can plan enough time during a meeting for your presentation. If you only need 5 to 10 minutes there is no need to set it up in advance. Just bring it to a meeting and we will give you the time needed to make the presentation.

Have you taken note of the fact that June is a special month because it has five Thursdays? Please remember that the club will host a bourse on June 29 in the regular location for the club monthly meetings.

Steve



Monthly Treasury Report

Beginning Balance May 1, 2017	\$3,046.54
Beginning Cash on Hand	\$3,060.65
checking account balance	\$2,706.63
cash box	\$354.02
Total Income for May	\$72.76
HSC Auction sales	\$36.90
HOLPEX cover sales	\$35.00
Goodenough collection sales	\$ 0.86
Total Disbursements for May	(\$8.80)
APS Circuit sales expenses	(\$8.80)
Ending Balance Jun. 1, 2017	\$3,124.61
Ending Cash on hand Jun. 1, 2017	\$3,312.60
checking account balance	\$2,868.53
cash box	\$444.07
Uncleared checks / Adjustment	(\$187.99)

FYI. Six members sold items totaling \$120.40 at the special auction. HSC owned items sold during the auction totaled \$36.90.

Stamp of the Month by your newsletter editor

For those of you who are into Olympic themed stamps are you aware of the error made by Andorra, small principality in-between France and Spain, when it printed stamps about the 1980 Summer Olympics, also known as the Games of the XXII Olympiad, that were held in Moscow, Soviet Union. These were the games that the USA and many other countries boycotted after Soviet military forces invaded Afghanistan in December 1979. The postal administration of Andorra designed a series, a 5 peseta stamp, a 8 peseta stamp and a 50 peseta stamp. Unfortunately the athletic figure selected for the 5 peseta stamp was one that had been prepared for the 1980 Winter Olympics. Downhill skiing looks very out of place in this set, but since Andorra is mountainous, snow skiing in the summer maybe something residents and tourists there do.



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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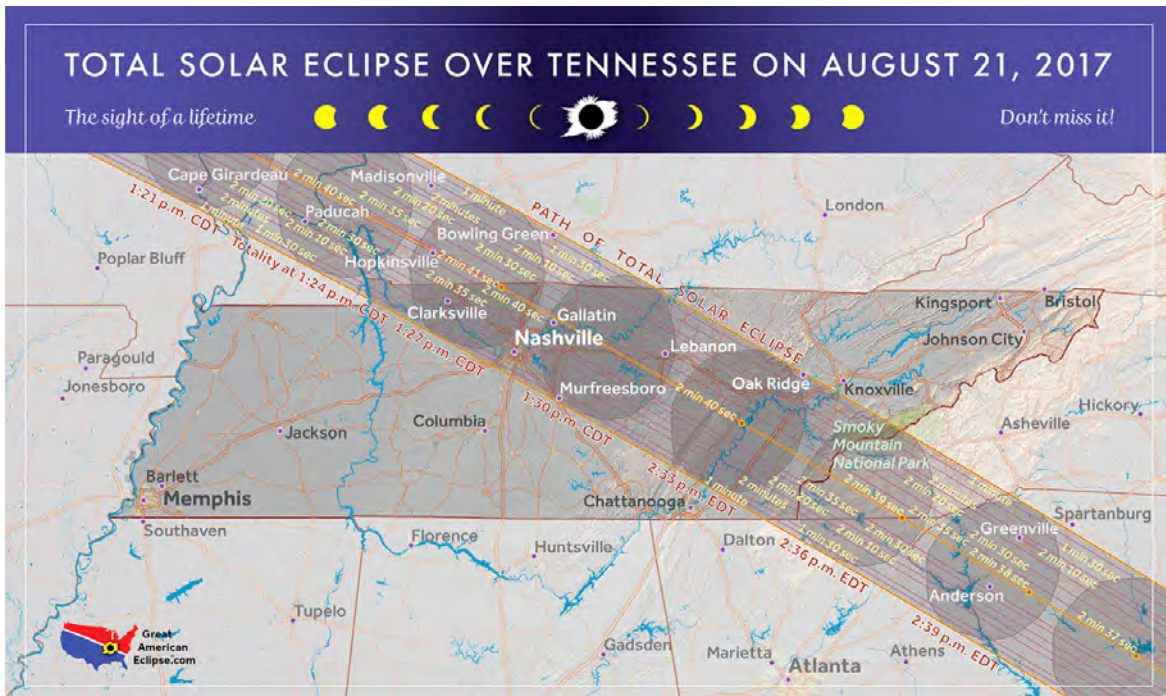
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Solar Eclipse from West Coast to East Coast in August

Just in case you haven't heard the big news, on August 21st (a Monday) there will be a total eclipse of the Sun viewable within the continental USA. The last time this occurred was in 1970. This time though the total solar eclipse will be extra special because the shadow path or path of totality will stretch from coast to coast across the USA. According to NASA it has been 99 years since a solar eclipse path of totality (a 70 mile path) has traversed so much of the USA (from Oregon through South Carolina), which makes it a once in a lifetime event for us. Within the path of totality the Sun will be blocked by our moon for about three minutes. One of our members, Mike Chesman, has remarked that our moon completely covering the Sun is a remarkable event because daylight will become dark, the brighter stars and planets will become visible and a sunset glow will surround viewers in all directions. Also the Sun's outer atmosphere, its corona, normally washed out from view by the Sun's intense light, will be easily viewable. NASA considers this event so special that it has set up a website just for it at <http://eclipse2017.nasa.gov>. There is also information at <http://www.greatamericaneclipse.com>.



The above map shows the path across Tennessee. The Tri-Cities is outside the path of totality, so, in our area there will be a partial eclipse with about 96% of the Sun being blocked between 1 to 4 PM. Though 96% sounds like a lot, without being in the path of totality the features described above will be missed. Anyone interested in viewing the eclipse will need to use solar safe viewing glasses to block both visible light and ultraviolet rays from the Sun. Mike will bring some to sell at the June meeting for \$1 each.

If you wish to witness totality of the eclipse, Mike recommends any location near Sweetwater, between Chattanooga and Knoxville. In Sweetwater totality should last about 2 minutes and 35 seconds at about 2:34 PM. Partial phases of the eclipse will last a few hours.

The U.S. Postal Service will be issuing a forever commemorative stamp on June 20 in recognition of what is one of the most spectacular astronomical events a person can expect to experience while standing on Earth. The title given to the stamp is to be printed with thermochromic ink. At room temperature the center of the stamp will be dark as shown the heat from your finger will change the color from black to clear and you will be able to view the underlying image of our moon when you remove your finger. As need to get one of these stamps to see what the unsold in panes of sixteen. On the back of the pane will August 21. The picture on the stamp was taken on Libya. The same photographer took the picture of the



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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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