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## *The President's Dispatch*

Our June meeting, called to order at 7:00 PM on June 22, was the smallest in recent years with an attendance of only twelve members.

Dennis Bowman gave a report on the sales of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary club cachet covers sold during HOLPEX 2017 and afterwards. He reported that approximately sixty covers had sold so far and he said he would have an accurate count for the next meeting.

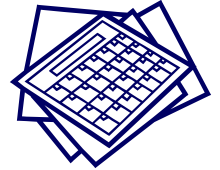


Our stamp buying committee held a discussion on what types of purchases club members would like the committee to pursue. It was suggested that club members who collect USA stamps bring their want lists to a meeting so the committee would have a better idea what to look for. Another suggestion was that the committee should purchase some very desirable USA stamps and then raffle them off to club members rather than auctioning them to club members.

I would also like any topical collectors in the club to make known what topics interest them. This information would be very helpful to the stamp buying committee in guiding them on what stamps to be on the lookout for.

June had five Thursdays in it. During our June meeting Richard Odum volunteered to be in charge of the club's fifth Thursday bourse, which was held on June 29<sup>th</sup> at the Northeast State Student Services Building. Richard reported to me after the bourse that about eight club members attended. They

## *Club Calendar*



*Guests and Visitors  
always Welcome!*

**July 20th - 7 p.m.**  
Monthly Meeting at  
Northeast State Community College  
Student Services Building Cafeteria

enjoyed looking through the philatelic items brought to the bourse by two club members.

Here is some information I found about stamps issued during Africa's colonial period in the early 1900s.

In 1891 Portugal granted leases to one third of the land in its Portuguese Mozambique colony along the southeast coast of Africa to three royal companies to help prevent Great Britain and Germany from taking over parts of the colony that Portugal had not developed. The *Nyassa Chartered Company*, in Portuguese *Companhia do Niassa* and sometimes called *Niassa Company*, was one of royal companies. The land leased to the Nyassa Company to develop was in the northern part of the colony, the present day provinces of Cabo Delgado and Niassa.

In 1901 the Nyassa Company sought, and received, permission from the King of Portugal, King Carlos I, to issue its own stamps rather than continuing to rely on overprinting stamps issued by Mozambique.

The series of stamps was made up of 13 values with two different centers. The lower six values had a giraffe in the center. The higher seven values had camels in

*President's Dispatch continued*

the center. ( Scott Nyassa Nos. 26 through 38. ) There were seven different printings of this stamp series between 1901 and 1922, although only a few of these were sent to the Nyassa Company for postal use. The remainder were issued direct to the philatelic market in London by the engraver and printer, Waterlow and Sons Limited.

During the reprinting in 1903, it would appear that through a genuine printing error one sheet ( 50 stamps ) of each of the 13 values was printed with an inverted center and released to the Nyassa postal market. These were bi-colored stamps so the black border was printed on the stamps first and then the colored center. The demand among collectors for the inverts was so high that Waterlow and Sons decided in 1922 that it could take advantage of the strong demand by printing twenty sheets ( 1,000 stamps ) of each value with inverted centers solely to sell to the philatelic market. An overwhelming majority of the Nyassa inverts on the market today are these speculative "deliberate error" stamps.

The article where I obtained this information claims that it is possible to tell the difference between the genuine inverts and the deliberate inverts but did not explain how to make this differentiation.

Scott has not assigned catalog numbers to these inverted center stamps. The Scott Catalogue does state that inverted centers for this series of stamps are known to exist but believed to be purely speculative. Catalogue values for the inverted center mint stamps range from £30 to £70 ( \$34 to \$80 ) depending on whose prices you believe.



*Steve*



## Monthly Treasury Report

Beginning Balance June 1, 2017	\$3,124.61
Beginning Cash on Hand	\$3,237.00
checking account balance	\$2,868.53
cash box	\$444.07
issued checks not cleared	(\$75.60)
<b>Total Income for June</b>	<b>\$58.79</b>
HSC Auction sales	\$47.20
HOLPEX cover sales	\$11.59
<b>Total Disbursements for June</b>	<b>(\$108.45)</b>
APS Circuit sales expenses	(\$9.15)
lunches for HOLPEX dealers	(\$87.71)
APS Circuit sales paid to APS	(\$11.59)
Ending Balance June 19, 2017	\$3,187.34
Ending Cash on hand June 19, 2017	\$3,187.69
checking account balance	\$2,792.93
cash box	\$502.41
issued checks not cleared	(\$107.56)

*FYI. Four members sold 25 items totaling \$51.75 at the special auction. HSC owned items sold during the auction totaled \$47.20.*

### Stamp of the Month by your newsletter editor

Last month the newsletter devoted one page to the solar eclipse that will occur in August and the stamp USPS issued in June showing a solar eclipse using thermochromatic ink. *Linn's Stamp News* has announced that another postal service will issue a series of stamps on the upcoming solar eclipse printed with thermochromatic ink. Alderney, the most northerly of the Channel Islands in the English Channel, will issue a small sheet of six se-tenant stamps about the solar eclipse (printed by Guernsey Post) on July 20. The name of the series is Coastal Eclipses because each stamp shows what the solar eclipse will look like from six different cities located on coasts around the world. The cities are:

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada - 44 penny  
Miami, Florida, USA - 59 penny  
Hamilton, Bermuda - 60 penny  
Dakar, Sengal - 73 penny  
Saint Anne, Alderney - 80 penny  
Anadyr, Russis - 90 penny

You can find out more about these stamps at Guernsey Post's philatelic website,  
[www.guernseystamps.com](http://www.guernseystamps.com)



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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