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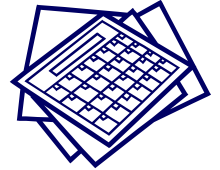
President's Dispatch

During the rainy spell we had recently, I spent quite a bit of time adding stamps to the 5 cent stock books. Most of the stamps are pre-1980 with some dating back to the late 1800s. I have also added another stock book to our inventory, this one is for the German Democratic Republic. I have also moved the Hungary inventory from a 16 page stock book to a 30 page stock book. I hope many of you will take advantage of these nickel stamps. I would also like to thank everyone who has donated to the 5 cent stock books.

David Mielke, one of North Carolina members, reminded everyone at the June meeting about the upcoming Charlotte Regional Philatelic Exhibition, CHARPEX 2018, which will be over the last weekend in July. David said if anyone has not attended a previous CHARPEX they should take the time to go to Charlotte and check it out. More about CHARPEX on page 2.

Our presenter for the June meeting was Charlie Bartlett who spoke about the world of geology. Charlie started off by explaining that his love of travel is somewhat tied to his career in geology. Charlie has visited five of the world's seven continents, which amounted to 55 different countries. His opportunities for travel started while he was a Boy Scout when attended the BSA World Jamboree in Paris, France in 1947. Then he spent time in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and saw a few places in Asia. His travels took him as far away as Antarctica. He described to everyone how he was able to observe penguin behavior up close. Charlie, also known to us and many others as Dr. Rocks, then went back to the topic of geology. He used USA stamps to show examples of geologic formations such as Devils Tower (Wyoming), Shiprock (New Mexico) and Grand Canyon (Arizona). He explained the types of rock that made up these formations. He then went onto minerals and again using USA stamps showed us petrified wood,

Club Calendar



Guests and Visitors

always Welcome!

July 19th - 7 p.m.

Monthly Meeting at
Northeast State Community College
Student Services Building Cafeteria

wulfenite, variscite, tourmaline, azurite and others. Charlie then repeated the offer he had made to members during the May meeting which was if anyone had a rock or mineral they would like to be identified he or she should bring it to a meeting for him to inspect.

Be sure to look at Richard Jackson's article on page 3. He always has interesting information on both stamps and postal history.

I hope to see everyone one at this month's meeting.

Steve

CHARPEX 2018

CHARPEX, sponsored by the Charlotte Philatelic Society, will be held at Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, North Carolina on July 28 and 29 (last Saturday and Sunday in July). On July 28 it will open at 10 AM and close at 6 PM. On July 29 it will open at 10 AM and close at 4 PM. There will be at least 20 dealers present. There will be about 60 frames of exhibits and a silent auction for 300 lots. During the two days the North Carolina Postal History will hold a meeting. Meetings will also be held by the Carolina chapter of the German Philatelic Society, the Ebony Society of Philatelic Events and Reflections, and the British North America Philatelic Society.

Dr. Rocks during his presentation showing a world globe with markers on all of the countries he has visited.



Monthly Treasury Report

Beginning Balance June 5, 2018		\$3,755.34
Beginning Cash on Hand		\$3,766.87
checking account balance	\$3,290.32	
cash box	\$476.55	
APS Circuit Sales owned	\$0.00	
Total Income		\$89.00
HSC Auction sales	\$71.00	
Other Sales	\$18.00	
2018 Membership Dues	\$0.00	
Total Disbursements		(\$46.02)
HSC Bucks Redeemed	(\$10.00)	
APS Circuit Expenses	(\$9.25)	
Newsletter Expenses	(\$26.77)	
Ending Balance July 7, 2018		\$3,809.85
Ending Cash on hand July 7, 2018		\$3,811.57
checking account balance	\$3,555.58	
cash box	\$312.89	
issued checks not cleared	(\$0.00)	
APS Circuit Sales owed	(\$56.90)	
Adjustment		\$1.72

During the June special auction two members sold 10 lots for a total of \$55.50. HSC material sold for \$71.00.

Prize Papers your newsletter editor

Are you familiar with the Prize Papers? If not then you are not alone unless you happened to have learned about them in an ABC News item back in May. Between the years 1650 and 1815 England was involved in numerous naval conflicts. Whenever British ships captured enemy ships bags of mail were among the "prizes" taken from the ships. The mail inside these bags was never delivered. Eventually they were held by the National Archives of the United Kingdom. The estimate is that there are 160,000 letters in these bags. A multiyear project was started by the University of Oldenburg in Germany in May to prepare the Prize Papers (envelopes and the letters inside them) for digitization. Eventually there will be a free online research database with brief descriptions of the letters and pictures. The letters between 1770s and early 1780s are unorganized due to the poor way they were stored. So those interested in personal insights into letters about the American Revolution will have a long wait until they can be sorted out.



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.

Hope to C. U. there

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Stamps From Nowhere – Long Island

Long Island (1916)

Called **Drymoussa** by Thucydides, **Makronisi** by later Greeks, and **Uzun Ada** by Turks, it was captured and occupied by the British in 1916.

I guess you figured out that the featured nowhereland this month is not in the western hemisphere. This month's nowhereland is a strategically well-placed island that controls the entrance to the Gulf of Izmir (then called Smyrna) in the Aegean Sea off the coast of Turkey about 400 miles southwest of Istanbul. HUH? OK. It's in Turkey.



In early 1916 World War I was well underway and the Ottoman Empire (ie. Turkey) was reluctantly allied with Germany. Great Britain, at the peak of its colonial power, had attacked the Ottoman Empire with an eye toward extending its empire. However, British efforts to capture Constantinople during the Dardanelles Campaign of 1914 and the Gallipoli Campaign of 1915 had been soundly defeated.

In April 1916, as part of its continuing bombardment of the Turkish coast, the Royal Navy captured and occupied what was then called **Chustan Island** and renamed it **Long Island**. Although this was probably not their first choice for an addition to the empire, the British, nonetheless, established a postal system in early May and issued stamps for local use in their newest “colony”. Unfortunately, the only stamps readily available were Turkish fiscal stamps. Undeterred and with a typewriter readily available, the British proceeded to overprint (overtyping?) the few Turkish stamps on hand.



When the Turkish stamps were exhausted the British continued to manufacture stamps with their trusty typewriter using whatever paper happened to be available. During the short time they occupied the island the British produced far more stamps than were needed by the few people who actually lived on the island at the time and apparently used several different typewriter ribbons. As a result, a number of stamps in different colors and on different papers have reached the hands of collectors. Although the stamps were rarely used for postage a few covers are known. Unlisted by Scott, the stamps occasionally show up in auctions at exorbitant prices. The known covers are very rare and quite valuable.



On May 15, 1916 the British monitor, M30, which was blockading the Gulf and guarding the approaches to “Long Island”, was sunk by Ottoman shore batteries. No longer well-protected the nascent Long Island “colony” was abandoned by the British on May 26, 1916. Its postal system had been in operation for about a month.

Good luck finding a genuine Long Island stamp. Forgeries are plentiful.