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

## *President's Dispatch*

After being reelected on an unopposed slate to the position of president, I began wondering about what the membership thinks about our club. Do you enjoy the meetings? What do you like about the meetings? What do you like about our club in general? Why are you a member of the club? And on the reverse side, what don't you like about our meetings? What don't you like about our club? What can be done to improve our meetings? What can you do to improve our meetings? What can be done to improve our club? What can you do to improve our club? Is there anything that you would like to see or talk about that we do not currently do or say? Please let me know.

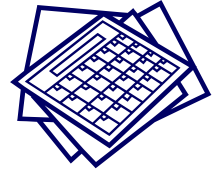
Occasionally I receive a comment about something that someone enjoyed either by direct comment or by email or text message. These comments are helpful in that they tell me that we are doing something right and I do not often get any negative feedback. That is good and I do appreciate any and all comments. I received two compliments from members after the fifth Thursday bourse at the end of January telling me how much they enjoyed that meeting. Thank you! This lets me know that we should continue the bourses on the fifth Thursdays.

The above questions will be put into a questionnaire that I will distribute at our next meeting. You may do as you please with it. Use it for scratch paper, throw it away or answer some of the questions and return it to me (the preferred option).

I am planning on giving a short work session before the March meeting on how to resize and repair stamp mounts (Showgard, Hawid and Scott). If you would like to participate in this work session, please be at that meeting by 6:30 for the session.

*Steve*

## *Club Calendar*



*Guests and Visitors*

*always Welcome!*

**February 21st - 7 p.m.**

Monthly Meeting at  
Northeast State Community College  
Student Services Building Cafeteria

Following is a brief summary of January's regular meeting courtesy of our club secretary.

Don Ashley told everyone that the 90 sheets of Tennessee Ernie Ford stamps, which he helped to have custom printed as part of the local celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ernie Ford's birth, are selling well. He added that the main post office in Bristol, TN received approval for a pictorial postmark which it will use on Feb. 13 to cancel stamped envelopes upon request. Don said he will spend some time at the post office on that day getting covers he is preparing cancelled. He reminded club members who have bought the stamp that the value of the stamp is 50¢ and by Feb. 13 the USPS price for first class mail will be 55¢ for first ounce, so, be sure to add 5¢ more of stamps to the Ernie Ford stamp before putting an envelope in the mail. The club members decided to have the club purchase two sheets of these stamps. Steve Schmidt said he would provide envelopes, put stamps on them and get them cancelled with the special pictorial postmark to give to club members.

## January meeting summary continued,

All members were asked to give some thought to volunteering to give a philatelic related presentation during a future meeting. No matter the topic, members enjoy these brief presentations.

The club treasurer announced so far 24 members have renewed their membership for 2019.

Dan Hubbard, representing the stamp buying committee, announced that purchases totaling about \$500 were made at a recent Dutch Country Auction. These materials will begin showing up in the club's monthly auction in February. More about the materials can be found under the Monthly Treasury Report.

Steve Schmidt spoke about detecting watermarks on stamps. Steve recommended using Clarity Watermark Fluid because it doesn't stain stamps. In the past naphtha lighter fluids ( Zippo and Ronsonal ) were used by some collectors but their formulas have changed and now they can leave noticeable stains. Mechanical watermark detectors such as SAVE Signoscope are available but can be expensive. Some collectors have used rubbing alcohol ( isopropyl alcohol ) but it can cause stamps to curl.

Dick Jackson showed the club an envelope with numerous markings that he determined was a letter from someone in Australia to a soldier in a prisoner-of-war camp in Germany during World War I. He explained how the markings showed the envelope passing through various locations and censors on its way to the Red Cross who would have sought out the appropriate camp.

Charlie Bartlett showed the club a jigsaw puzzle of stamps he put together after Christmas and mounted on a board. He challenged members to look at the stamps for two minutes and write down the names of the countries. A few took up his challenge.



## Monthly Treasury Report

Beginning Balance Jan. 1, 2019	\$4,443.40
Beginning Cash on Hand	\$4,406.78
checking account balance	\$3,774.45
cash box	\$705.24
outstanding checks	\$72.91
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$351.10</b>
HSC Auction sales	\$12.55
other Sales	\$273.55
2019 Membership Dues	\$65.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>(\$515.90)</b>
HSC Bucks Redeemed	(\$9.00)
APS Circuit Expenses	(\$9.25)
Dutch Country Auction purchase	(\$431.24)
Ernie Ford stamps purchase	(\$42.00)
Ending Balance Feb. 2, 2019	\$4,241.98
Ending Cash on hand Feb. 2, 2019	\$4,242.83
checking account balance	\$3,677.29
cash box	\$623.94
issued checks not cleared	(\$33.40)
APS Circuit insurance paid in Dec.	(\$25.00)
<b>Adjustment</b>	<b>(\$0.85)</b>

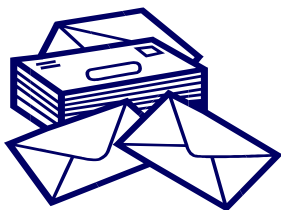
*During the January special auction four members sold 17 lots for a total of \$151.35. HSC materials sold for \$12.55.*

*Two lots from recent stamp buying committee purchase will appear in February auction.*

Nauru definitive set, Scott Nos. 17-30, ( issued 1937 thru 1948 ) never hinged. Second printing of this set on glazed surface white paper. Catalog value is \$218. Reserve price is \$45.



Czechoslovakia collection ( 1918 thru 1969 ) on album pages in Scott binder. Collection is well organized with no duplicates. Some of the later issues are in mounts. Includes back of the book stamps for Bohemia, Moravia, Slovakia and Eastern Silesia. Reserve price is \$120.



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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