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Monthly Newsletter

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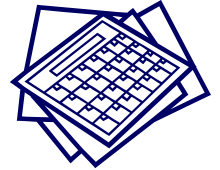
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*President - Dick Odum Vice President - Dan Hubbard Secretary - Bob Smith Treasurer - Stephen Schmidt*



## *Club Calendar*



*Guests and Visitors always Welcome!*

**March 17th - 7 p.m.**  
Monthly Meeting

*See President's Dispatch for details*

## *The President's Dispatch*

We had a great turnout and an interesting meeting in February. We started with a question about whether or not everyone was happy with the current meeting format. While most people were happy with the current format, some were willing to entertain a change. After a considerable dialog I took on the assignment to come back in March with a suggestion for format change for the club to consider and vote on. We also tried out a variation to our special auction format intended to shorten the auction time. It did accomplish that but in a vote after the auction it was obvious that a clear majority favored returning to the previous method where we describe each auction lot, and so we will resume doing that at the March meeting.

We also discussed the Facebook page for the Holston Stamp Club that Bob Smith has created. I took the assignment to create five new pages to update information about our club and they have been posted as I write this. Chris White discussed the opportunity to "push" our club Facebook page for a fee to advertise the upcoming HOLPEX show. He will discuss this matter further during the March meeting and the club will then vote on it. Check out our Facebook page by opening Facebook in your browser and typing *Holston Stamp Club* in the *Search Facebook* box at the top of the Facebook page. Give us a "like" if you like what you see.

Stephen Schmidt reports that we now have 27 members who have paid their 2016 dues. Thank you! Those who have not paid need to pay the treasurer or mail the enclosed form to Bob Smith at the address on the form.

During the February meeting Richard Lockman mentioned the USPS post office in the Mountain Home Veterans Administration Medical Center in Johnson City. He said it carries most of USPS

new issues. I visited the post office to see what they had and was able to buy a number of recent issues from very pleasant people who were glad to help. Convenient parking reserved for post office customers, no lines and smiles—check it out the next time you are in Johnson City. The post office is Bldg. 53 at 53 Memorial Drive, Mountain Home, TN. The zip code is 37684.

Our next club meeting will be at the Northeast State Community College Student Services building on Thursday (Mar. 17) starting at 7 PM. We will continue with special auctions so bring your items to the March meeting (now a maximum of 20 per member). Please fill out the special auction sheets for your lots in advance (two copies please) and mark the lots accordingly. March has five Fridays so we will have a 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday meeting/bourse at the same place on Thursday (Mar. 31) starting at 7 PM.

An upcoming event that you might find of interest is the World Stamp Show-NY 2016 which opens its doors on Saturday, May 28. The exhibition runs for 8 days through June 4 at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York City and is a once-a-decade event. Detail information about the event may be found on the Internet at <http://www.ny2016.org>. Over 200 dealers and 100 philatelic societies are involved.

Don Ashley recently posed a question for the membership: *Can you name seven previous locations that hosted the Holston Stamp Club?* We will see who knows the answer on Mar. 17.

*President's dispatch continued.*

I have got some puzzlers for the membership myself. One of them is who can identify the stamps displayed on the page after the Classified Section.

I look forward to seeing you in March.

*Dick*

#### An Item from Bob Smith

I received an e-mail the other day from Jim Pettway of the Knoxville Stamp Club. He recommended a website I didn't recognize so I had to look it up.

On the opening page Bill Weiss and Don Denman, who are apparently the authors, say the page is "An educational website designed to help combat deceptive on-line stamp listings". There are click-on sites for Sales Listing reviews, 1847USA, a Perfin Census, Games and Puzzles, The Weiss Library, a U.S. Plateblock tool, U.S. postage rate tool and New York City Foreign Mail cancels. There were also click-ons for *Linns Stamp News* articles and ASDA articles.

The Sales Listing reviews are apparently examples of Ebay listings that may or may not be very accurate. I have not looked into this too far and don't know how current they are.

The Weiss Library has several interesting books as both read only and PDF listings.



Unless otherwise indicated by announcement in the newsletter, Holston Stamp Club conducts its regular meeting on the third Thursday each month at 7 p.m.

**Hope to C. U. there**

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### *Treasurer's Report*

Balance on hand end of Dec. 2015 \$1,893.54

Income during January & February \$206.15

2016 Club Dues (11) \$200.00

Cash Donations \$ 0.25

Sale of Club Material \$ 5.90

Expenses during January & February \$ 70.92

Jan. Newsletter \$18.40

Feb. Newsletter \$15.77

D. Hubbard Auction Sales \$36.75

Balance on hand end of Feb. 2016 \$2,028.77

FYI: There were eleven members who altogether brought 180 items for the February meeting special auction. Eighty-five items sold for a total of \$415.55.

My biggest surprise was a link to my absolutely favorite website—1847USA.com. As many of you know, I have focused my collecting on early ( mostly pre-1940 ) USA stamps and as you also know this is a confusing area. The various colors, perforations, papers and secret marks—not to mention the 1908-1922 Washington/Franklins—well, it can make your head spin. I had found and used the 1847USA website several years ago and referred to it successfully for probably five years. One day I tried to pull it up and nothing happened. It seemed to have disappeared. I was always puzzled by this and regretted not being able to access all of this wonderful information. Finally it's been recovered.

1847USA has a very detailed photo of each stamp produced in the USA . In a chart following the photo, there are listings of each variety, color, plus the Scott number and letter, if there is a subgroup. You also get the approximate number of each example printed and the earliest use date. At the end of the listing is the purpose of each stamp—what it was actually used for.

1847USA.com is available again—any USA collector should look it up.

## CLASSIFIED SECTION

### Items Holston Stamp Club members interested in selling.

**Charlie (Dr. Rocks) Bartlett** can help you fill holes in your collection.

As you may know by now, I have a six-volume set of World Stamp Albums with over 20,000 "extra" stamps ready for you to borrow and flip through at your leisure to fill in some of the gaps in your collection. You will find an abundance of pre-1900 stamps and even more dating from 1900 to 1965 with fewer after 1965. I'm still trying to work up more of the British Commonwealth countries in a separate album. But the best news is that anything in these albums is yours for only 10% of catalogue value (You Heard That Right) ten percent!

I prefer that you keep your choice of an album for only one month so that other club members can have a chance to use it also.

Isn't it easier to leisurely compare the empty spots in your albums when you search my extras so you don't buy duplicates from the club auctions since you can't remember all the stamps you already have?

Also, on many pages, there are other duplicates in the binder crease of these in-place extras from which you can make your selections.

Have Fun and Happy Collecting!

### Items Holston Stamp Club members interested in buying

**Dan Hubbard** is always looking to purchase used stock books of all types. Contact me directly or bring them to the next meeting.

**Don Ashley** (e-mail [dwa7@bvunet.net](mailto:dwa7@bvunet.net)) wants the following:

Uncached FDCs: any quantity, preferred left side free of address. Address centered or to the right side and open flap highly desired. Please advise what you have available.

Also interested in dual FDCs for joint issues with foreign countries.

**Ed Ferber** is buying and selling government postal cards - US, Possessions, Canada, Caribbean islands, WW. Interested in mint and used, collections or individual cards, early or contemporary use. Greatest interest in illustrated advertisement and unusual usage (e.g.: rare foreign destination, auxiliary marking, special delivery). Please contact Ed at [my.collie.dog@gmail.com](mailto:my.collie.dog@gmail.com) or his 302-593-4192 cell phone.

**Ed Ferber** also desires collections or individual postal stationery items in mint, pre-printed or used condition that are unusual in some way. Seeking specialty items such as EFO, plate variety, poor inking, mis-cut, fold-over, illustrated advertisement, exposition, twice used, special delivery, postage due, auxiliary marking (missent, damaged, train late and others). Also want contemporary cards properly used in rate period with solid postmarks.

**Bob Smith** is looking for early USA stamps, mostly Scott No. 500 and earlier in both mint and used. See Bob at the meeting for want list.





## Membership Renewal Form

Dues: \$20/year (\$15 email option)  
Family Membership (multiple members)  
add \$5 to above

- Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_
- Street: \_\_\_\_\_
- City: \_\_\_\_\_
- State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_
- Email: \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
- Amount Dues Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send Renewal Form & Dues To:

Bob Smith 3404 Cardinal Street  
Kingsport, TN 37660

**or bring to December meeting**

APS Member? – Yes No (circle one)

If yes please provide APS # \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any other Philatelic Organizations \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? – contact Bob at [HSC.holstonstampclub@gmail.com](mailto:HSC.holstonstampclub@gmail.com)

# 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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