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Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club



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April 2017 Newsletter

Welcome to our recent meeting visitors. We look forward to continuing to grow our club.

Thanks to Vincent Rehder for his presentation on Bavaria. We hope to get his slides posted to our web-site soon for those of you who missed it.

We will have our joint meeting with the Cobb and Gwinnett clubs in May. If anyone has a suggestion for a program, please contact Scott Holmberg.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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April 18 Regular ASCC meeting. Program by Fred Danes on Fiji. The George VI issues of Fiji, 1937-1955

April 22 Spring Stamp Collector's Show, Safety Council Bldg. 1725 Art Museum Dr., Jacksonville, FL 10 AM – 4 PM. Information cfw@jamesandharris.com

April 22-23 2017 Gulfpex Exhibition. Gulf Coast Stamp Club. Biloxi, MS, www.gulfcoaststampclub.org.

May 2 Joint Atlanta Stamp Clubs meeting at Atlanta Stamp Collectors Club. Program, Pizza and Auction.

- May 16 Regular Atlanta Stamp Collectors Club meeting
- June 23-25 National Topical Stamp Show, Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport, Milwaukee WI. www.americantopicalassn.org
- August 3 – 6 APS STAMPSHOW. Greater Richmond Convention Center. 403 N 3rd St. Richmond, Virginia. www.stamps.org
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“Big Top” Covers and Stamps

By Steve Swain

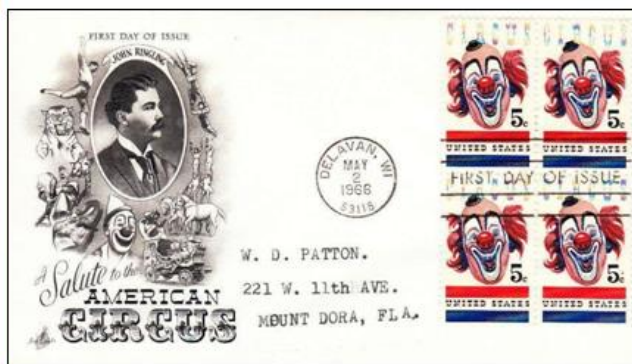
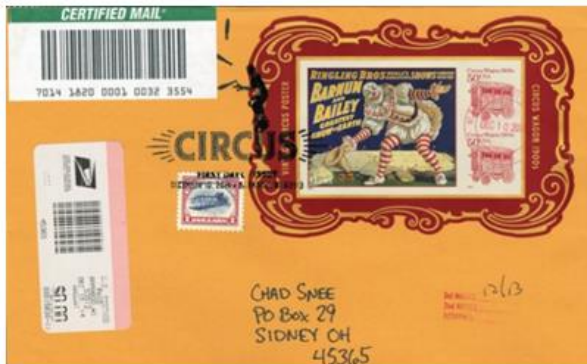
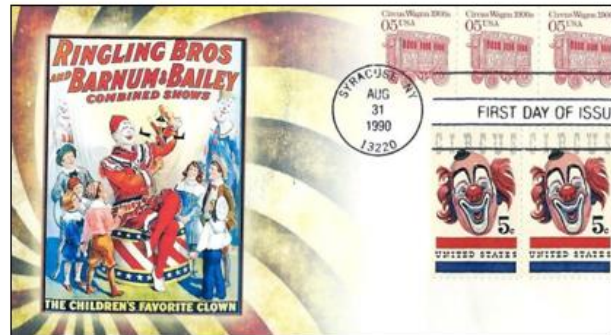
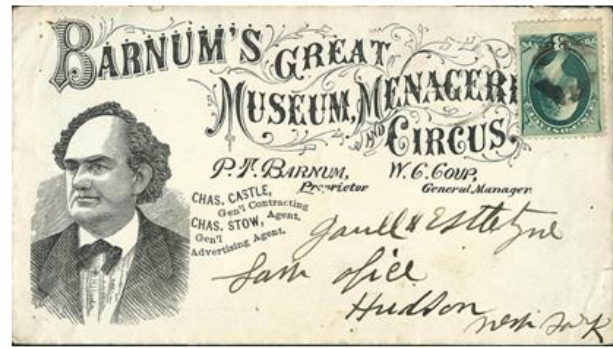
Snarling lions from darkest Africa. Colossal elephants from the exotic East. Daring aerialists performing electrifying acts high in the air. Exotic lady equestrians in glittering tights. The circus. The greatest show on earth.

But no more. With its final show on May 21 at the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Uniondale, N.Y., the 146-year run of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus’ “Greatest Show on Earth” will come to and end. Even though an estimated 10 million people attend a Ringling circus each year, the circus had become an unsustainable business for Feld Entertainment, the producer for Ringling since 1967.

With the folding forever of Ringling’s big tent, circus related collectibles will surely receive renewed attention. The colorful and enticing posters (handbills) that were the mainstays of big top promotion and advertising before radio, TV and the internet will continue to be eagerly sought.



And, although for the most part not as lively and sensational as posters, equally fascinating are advertising covers, first day of issue covers, regular mail with circus stamps, etc., chronicling the history of circuses such as Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey’s “Greatest Show on Earth.” Here are a few examples of such covers.



The 40th stamp in the Black Heritage series honors Dorothy Height, a tireless activist, who dedicated her life to fighting for racial and gender equality. She became one of the most influential civil and women's rights leaders of the 20th century.

In 1963, the Height-led National Council of Negro Women joined the Council for United Civil Rights Leadership. Height was an architect of the August 1963 March on Washington, where she shared the stage with Martin Luther King Jr. It was Height who pushed to include a voice of youth like John Lewis of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and insisted on no time limits for King's speech.

Gender equality also was important to Height, who fought for the rights of women, particularly women of color. President John F. Kennedy named her to his Commission on the Status of Women, which was chaired by Eleanor Roosevelt. Height attended the 1963 White House ceremony where Kennedy signed the Equal Pay Act. In 1971, she helped form the National Women's Political Caucus.

In 1977, Height officially retired from the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA), for which she worked for 40 years. In addition to numerous honorary degrees, Height received the nation's two highest civilian honors. In 1994, President Bill Clinton awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom. A decade later, President George W. Bush presented her with the Congressional Gold Medal. In 2009, she was a guest of Barack Obama when he was sworn in as the nation's 44th president.

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August 2017 Newsletter

Thanks to all who participated in meetings this month - especially thanks to Tony Roozen who volunteers to be our auctioneer every month. We also had a good turn out for our Member Bourse and a few bargains were purchased.

If you are interested in selling more of your duplicates or floor sweepings, you may be interested in the Button-Gwinnett Stamp Club's bourse on August 26 (Saturday). The show is on the 26th of August from 10 until 5. Location: Mountain Park UMC Fellowship Hall, 1405 Rockbridge Rd., Stone Mountain, Ga. 30087. They will have a concession booth and the youth table. If you are interested in having a table they are \$25.00 and you should contact Alan Jackson at airj1957@yahoo.com. Set up can start at 8 and they will have a couple of teens to help those in need bringing in and taking stuff out to cars. Of course, you could also just show up and shop.

Are you planning on watching the Solar Eclipse in August? There is a great souvenir of the event being prepared by American Topical Association: **Great American Eclipse Cachet**

ATA is releasing a cacheted envelope for the Great American Eclipse on August 21, which will move across the US from Oregon to South Carolina. The ATA Office is "next door" to Carbondale, Illinois, the site of the longest eclipse duration, and also is in the totality path of the April 8, 2024, eclipse moving from Texas to Maine and beyond. The ATA cachet was designed by Amanda Morgenstern of Morgenstern Design, our "house" designer. An informational card will be included in the cacheted cover. It is available in these formats:

- **Uncanceled with Eclipse stamp (order by Aug. 14 if you wish to receive it to cancel it yourself on Aug. 21)**
- **Canceled with Carbondale Eclipse postmark of Eclipse stamp (will be mailed to you in outer envelope with additional Carbondale Eclipse postmark)**

Cost is:

- \$4 for cachet with Eclipse stamp (add 50c for postage or enclose addressed, stamped envelope)
- \$5 for cachet with \$1.15 Moon Forever stamp (add 50c for postage or enclose addressed, stamped envelope)
- \$3.50 for blank cachet; apply stamp of your choice

Order from: ATA Office, PO Box 8, Carterville, IL 62918-0008

Or email: americantopical@msn.com

Payment by check or by PayPal to americantopical@msn.com

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July 29-30 CHARPEX 2017, Charlotte Philatelic Society, Worrell Bldg., Central Piedmont Community Collee 1228 Elizabeth Avenue, Charlotte, contact Gene Zhiss 704-553-8110

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August 26 Button-Gwinnett Stamp Club's Bourse, Mountain Park UMC Fellowship Hall, 1405 Rockbridge Rd., Stone Mountain, Ga. 10 - 5

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September 19 Regular Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club meeting and program.

September 30 Oct 1 MEMPHEX 2017 Stamp and Postcard show. Memphis Stamp Collectors Society., www.memphisstampcollectorssociety.org

New Zealand Health Stamps Promotional Posters

By Steve Swain

In a previous article, I explored the varied and beautiful New Zealand Health stamps, issued each year since 1929. They are New Zealand's longest series of postage stamps issued to promote children health and support children health camps. Two enjoyable themes for collecting New Zealand's Health stamps are certainly the individual stamps themselves and the stamps on cover, either philatelically motivated mailings or otherwise. But there is another theme that some refer to as philatelic "ephemera."

To advertise and encourage the purchase of Health stamps, the New Zealand post coordinated a promotional campaign beginning in 1929 using the images of the stamps on posters. The posters would be displayed at post offices, schools, hospitals and other community locations. Pursuing a collection of these items of stamp ephemera can be equally rewarding and enjoyable.



The poster printed in 1929 (above left) to coincide with the issue of the first stamp in the series prominently encouraged you to purchase Charity Stamps as an act of "Christmas goodwill to the tubercular sufferer." And that was the primary theme of the first stamp – the fight against tuberculosis. But beginning in 1930, that theme was modified for the stamps. Revenues from their sale were to be used to promote children's health and to fund children's health camps, not the fight against tuberculosis. Interestingly, the 1931 poster (above right) does indeed promote "Health for the Children" (as also seen on the stamp images), but it also clearly presents the fight against tuberculosis slogan at the bottom of the poster.

Presented below are some of the posters created from 1943 to 1985. Note the singular theme of children's health and health camps.



An intriguing poster is one from 1935 shown here. Compare the stamp image on the poster and the image of the stamp to the right that is the stamp as issued. Prompts you to wonder if the multi-color stamp image on the poster was an original, unapproved design.



Not as philatelically attractive as the posters with images of health stamps, but possibly just as important to include in a collection of heath stamp posters, are several that did not have stamp images, such as the ones shown here.



In a future article, I will share with you items from my collection of New Zealand Health stamps on cover, including those with the official First Day and official Souvenir cachets.

The Library is now expecting to have renovations start much later than originally expected so we should be continuing to meet there for the rest of the year.

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Atlanta to host Americover 2018

The American First Day Cover Society has chosen the Atlanta area for Americover 2018. The annual convention and first-day cover show will be held at the Hilton Atlanta Northeast Aug. 3-5, 2018. That is the same facility used by Southeastern Stamp Expo, another World Series of Philately show, held in January each year

We love when our members share their special passions for collecting. If you would like to present to the club please let us know. We have been spoiled with all the great articles Steve Swain provides for us but there is always room to add any tidbits that other members might want to have included.

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December 2017 Newsletter

Our annual Holiday Party is Tuesday, December 5, at the home of Bob Lewellyn at 2442 Kings Point Drive, Dunwoody, GA 30338-5927. Bob says "It is a two-story brick house on the left side of Kings Point Drive as you drive down from North Peachtree Road; red front door. We will provide a warm welcoming home with a fire in the fireplace and two black cats (Sir Winston Meowhill and Princess Grace) to keep order :) "

A map to Bob's home is enclosed.

We will do our usual White Elephant Auction to raise funds to donate to the Dekalb Library that provides us with our meeting room. Items do not have to be philatelic for this holiday event.

Our party is always Pot Luck. The club will provide Deli meats and breads for sandwiches. We will also provide soda and ice tea. We have a couple salads and desserts promised but will need additional dishes. Feel free to bring other beverages you want as well.

2018 membership renewal form is enclosed. Membership renewal is important. Filling in your collecting interest gives us a chance to update the list we will distribute to all members in March.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 1 – 3 FLOREX The Florida State Stamp Show. Central Florida Fairgrounds, 4603 W Colonial Dr Orlando, FL www.FLOREXStampshow.com

December 2 Stamp Trading at home of Don Laberteaux, 5008 Brandlwood Ct., Lilburn GA from 9 – 11 a.m. Coffee, talking and stamps. Call Don at 770-381-7114 for details.

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- January 16 Regular Atlanta Stamp Collectors Club meeting and program.
- January 25 APS On-the-Road Course "Collecting First Day Covers" Presented by Lloyd de Vries. 9:00 – 4:00 The Hilton Atlanta Northeast, 5993 Peachtree Industrial Blvd. Norcross, GA. More details and registration information <http://stamps.org/On-the-Road-Courses> or [814-933-3803](tel:814-933-3803). Registration deadline January 10.
- January 26-28, 2018 Southeastern Stamp Expo. Hilton Atlanta Northeast, 5993 Peachtree Industrial Blv. Norcross, GA 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM www.sefsc.org.
- February 23-25, 2018 APS AmeriStamp Expo at Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex. 2101 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd. Birmingham, AL 35203 www.stamps.org/AmeriStamp-Expo-ASE

First Atlanta Northbound Air Mail Service – May 1, 1928

By Steve Swain

On September 15, 1926, Atlanta aviation history was made when the first air mail flight took off from the city. Under a charter to Florida Airways, Inc., Contract Air Mail (CAM) Flight 10 left Candler Field (now named Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport) for Macon, Jacksonville, Tampa, Fort Myers and Miami. The flight from Atlanta to Miami continued through December 31, 1926, when it was discontinued for a lack of mail to deliver. The air mail cost, 10 cents per ounce, was significantly higher than for regular service. Of 12 operational routes in the nation at the time, the Atlanta route was the only failure.

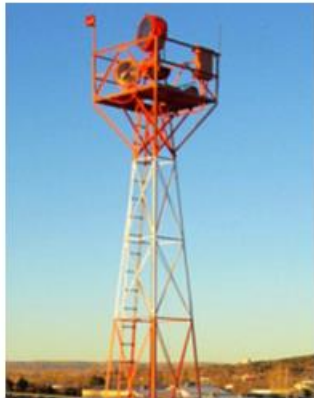
But on May 1, 1928, air mail service returned to Candler Field. CAM 19, owned by Pitcairn Aviation (the forerunner of Eastern Air Lines), provided service between Atlanta and New York. (CAM 23, owned by St. Tammany Gulf Coast Airway, flew from Atlanta to New Orleans the next day.)

Purchased for my air mail postal history collection from fellow club member Don LaBerteaux, below are images of three May 1, 1928 first flight covers. Note the "First Flight" purple handstamp in the upper left of each cover. The city included in the handstamp design is the same as the postmark, i.e., the city from which the mailings originated: Atlanta, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.



All mailings were sent to Mr. J. R. Pryor, Birmingham, Ala., and reached their destination via the flight route from Atlanta to New York and back. The rather humorous mailing was the one that originated in Atlanta on May 1, 6:00 pm, arrived in New York (per the cover's receiving backstamp) on May 2, 10:30 am, and finally arrived in Birmingham, Alabama on May 3, 8:00 am. However, as typewritten on the cover, it traveled from N.Y. to Birmingham by rail. A rather extended period of time, distance and complexity given that Atlanta and Birmingham are only 147 miles apart! (The mailing is what is commonly referred to as a "philatelically motivated" cover.)

Not only was CAM 19 Atlanta's first northbound air mail flight, but the first night air mail service from Atlanta. In the era before radar and confronted with miles of desolate, unlighted territory, pilots would not fly at night. To remedy this, the postal service coordinated the installation in 1924 of a system of beacons across the United States to guide airmail pilots around-the-clock. Below are photos of a refurbished beacon tower installation.



Known as the Transcontinental Air Mail Route, the beacons featured a 50-foot tower with rotating lights placed on top of concrete foundations in the shape of giant arrows measuring between 50 and 70 feet long. To increase visibility of the concrete arrows, they were painted bright yellow. The first towers contained acetylene-gas powered lights which were fed by fuel stored in a shed at the base. At the top of the towers, a rotating beacon with 5,000 candlepower and would flash every ten seconds. It was this series of beacons that supported Atlanta's first northbound night air mail service.

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The Birmingham Alabama Philatelic Society, a member of the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs, asked that we remind member clubs that the APS AmeriStamp Expo 2018 will be held in Birmingham on February 23-25, 2018. The APS is looking for volunteers to assist in all facets of the show. If you, or member of your stamp club, would like to volunteer contact Kathleen Edwards, kedwards@stamps.org, 814-933-3800 ext 217. Upon request, the APS will reimburse volunteers for parking or mass transit expenses. Volunteers who work eight or more hours may request a free ticket to the Saturday night banquet. Volunteers can also sign up at: American Philatelic Society

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February 2017 Newsletter

It was great to see so many members at the Southeast Stamp Expo. Thank you to all who were able to volunteer to help put on this year's show.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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February 17-18 Stamp Dealers Association of Georgia Stamp Show. The Mansour Center, 995 Roswell St., Marietta, GA 30060. Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sun 10 AM – 3 PM

February 21 Regular ASCC meeting. Program – show and tell. Bring something you bought at the Southeast Expo – or something else you want to brag about.

March 3 – 5, 2017 APS AmeriStamp Expo. 60th anniversary. Reno-Sparks Convention Center, Reno, Nevada.

March 4-5 KNOXPEX 2017. Honoring Pat Summitt. Knoxville Philatelic Society, Holiday Inn Knoxville-West. 9134 Executive Park Dr, Knoxville, www.sefsc.org/knoxpex.html

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NEW MEETING ACTIVITY

Member Fred Danes brought an idea for stamp sales at our non auction meeting and I finally got the form for submitting items. We will plan on starting this with the February 21 meeting. It is to be printed on 4 x 6 cards and I will have some at the meeting but wanted everyone to know what information will be needed. Your item should fit inside the square.

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“FROM THE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT COLLECTION”

By Steve Swain

A primary air mail collecting pursuit of mine are covers mailed during the 1938 National Air Mail Week event. There are thousands of different cachets on covers mailed from just as many cities, towns and communities that participated in the week long celebration. When looking through a dealer's stock of Air Mail Week covers, I always try to remember not to quickly pass over a cover that on first glance has a seemingly simple, unattractive cachet and, as such, not to risk foregoing the opportunity to acquire a unique, intriguing item for my collection. This self-imposed principle recently rewarded me handsomely with the purchase of the cover shown in Figure 1.

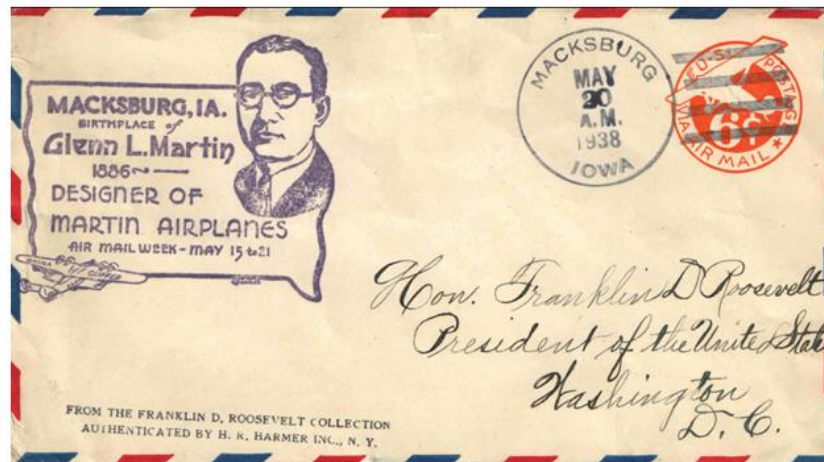


Figure 1. Macksburg, Iowa, 1938 National Air Mail Week Cover

The Macksburg, Iowa, cover's cachet is a relatively plain, somewhat lightly handstamped graphic. Couple that with the cover not being franked with the "official" Scott C23 6-cent Eagle issued in association with the Air Mail Week event and the cover's collectability seems minimal, at best. But note to whom the mailing is addressed: Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States, Washington, D.C. More importantly, appearing in the lower left corner in small capital letters is, "FROM THE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT COLLECTION AUTHENTICATED BY H. R. HARMER INC., N.Y." (Figure 2).

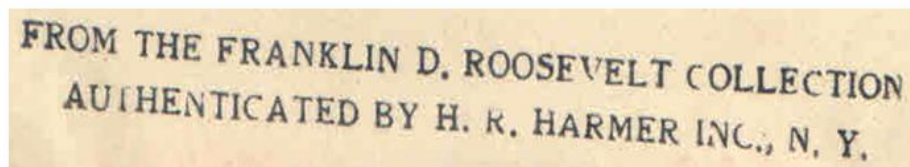


Figure 2. Enlarged H.R. Harmer Handstamp

In 1946, H. R. Harmer was selected as the company to auction the stamp collection of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Each item received a handstamp on the front or back with either

"FROM THE FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT COLLECTION AUCTIONED FEB., APRIL, 1946 BY H. R. HARMER INC., N.Y." or, as with my cover, the guaranteed assurance of "FROM THE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT COLLECTION AUTHENTICATED BY H. R. HARMER INC., N.Y."

There is not a return address or any markings on the reverse of the cover to identify who sent the mailing to the President. Could it have been Glenn L. Martin - the subject of the cover's cachet - who was born in Macksburg and was still very much alive in 1938 or was it a collector knowing of the President's philatelic interests and anonymously gave him an item for his collection? Or was it Roosevelt himself who requested that a Macksburg cover be sent to him for his National Air Mail Week collection since he had been quite active in supporting the idea for the event? We may never know.

My research of the various covers auctioned by H. R. Harmer in 1946 revealed some rather interesting prices in comparison to what I paid for my Roosevelt item. Suffice it to say that my cover did not command anywhere near the hundreds of dollars as the prices were for many of the auctioned pieces. I continue to wonder how my cover made its way into the general philatelic marketplace, especially at such a low price, after the 1946 Harmer auction. Quite possibly, the cover could simply have been an item originally purchased during the Harmer auctions, placed in a collection, and that collection sold at some point to a dealer.

But if so, and fortunately for me, that dealer apparently did not heed my self-imposed principle to not quickly pass over an Air Mail Week cover that on first glance has a seemingly simple, unattractive cachet. That cover could very well be a unique and relatively valuable item, at least to a collector of National Air Mail Week covers!

Those of you with an internet connection might want to check out the new online magazine issued free by Kelleher Auctions. <http://db.kelleherauctions.com/php/home.php>
Collectors Connection includes many articles about our hobby.

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Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club Membership

Our meetings are held at the Atlanta Library at 980 Ponce de Leon at 7:00 on the first and third Tuesday of every month. Membership includes our monthly newsletter with upcoming stamp collecting events in the area. The First Tuesday meeting includes a stamp auction. The Third Tuesday meeting will have a featured speaker or presentation on a stamp collecting related topic.

Annual Dues of \$12.00 entitles you to our monthly newsletter and participation in all club events. You can pay your \$12 dues to our Treasurer, Barbara Asher at the next meeting or mail to her at: Barbara Asher, 1633 Adelia Pl, Atlanta, GA 30329.

Name: _____

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Are you a member of American Philatelic Society? _____

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The holiday party:



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I was sad to hear of the passing of long-time member Dr. Henry Wilson

Dr. Henry H. Wilson, M.D.

March 15, 1932 – November 5, 2016

Henry Harold Wilson was born in Pachmarhi, India in 1932 as a British Colonial to parents Mona Mavis and Herbert Harold Wilson. Henry was raised with two brothers, Aubrey and Leslie, and one sister, Margorie.

Henry attended La Martinière College in Lucknow, India and subsequently pursued educational training to become a physician at Nagpur University in Nagpur, India. He graduated with a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) in 1955. Henry always knew he wanted to be a doctor and interned at the Wanless Hospital (voted "Best Intern") and Mission Presbyterian Hospital in India. He also worked at Railroads Hospital in Mumbai. He then accepted a position at Aramco Arabian Oil Hospital in Saudi Arabia, which is where he met his future wife, Mary Elizabeth Thomsen, a Registered Nurse and native of Dumont, New Jersey.

Henry and Mary were wed in Rome, Italy and honeymooned throughout Europe. Their international travels took them to Newfoundland, Canada, where Dr. Wilson worked as a Medical Officer to fulfill a one year contract. Dr. and Mrs. Wilson next moved to Los Angeles, California where he specialized in Pediatrics at the Children's Hospital in downtown LA. Then Dr. Wilson's career took them to tropical Saint Croix in the Virgin Islands where he practiced at Charles Harwood Memorial Hospital for three years. Next their travels took them to Atlanta in 1965 where he worked at various hospitals (St. Josephs, Chief Pediatric Resident. Medical Director, Central Presbyterian Clinic. Staff Pediatrician, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta) and volunteered at various clinics (Mrs. Stacey Smith's Home for Exceptional Children, Crippled Children Services, Christian Medical Society, Cabbagetown, Atlanta. DeKalb Medical Society Health Care Center, Flying Doctors Mission Trips, Calcutta, India). Dr. Wilson was also an Emeritus member of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Dr. Henry Wilson opened a private pediatric practice in Decatur, Georgia in 1968 and practiced for over 50 years retiring at the age of 78 on June 30, 2010. Dr. Wilson was a passionate and compassionate practitioner of the medical sciences, and always strove to care for his patients and their health, while taking great pride in their accomplishments. Dr. Wilson was truly humbled when many of his original patients brought their own children to his pediatric practice for care extending through multiple generations.

Dr. and Mrs. Wilson raised two children, Renee and Michael, who have given them six grandchildren: Renee's daughter Morgan and Michael's five children; Michael, Dylan, Mackenzie, Cade, and Aidan. Dr. Wilson's children and grandchildren were always a source of pride and joy! Dr. Wilson is survived by his wife Mary, two children, six grandchildren, sister Margorie and her husband Dr. Ayres D'Souza. Also honorably mentioned are Dr. Wilson's sisters-in-law Dorothy Wilson (wife of brother Leslie), and Maggie Wilson (wife of brother Aubrey).

Henry was a sports enthusiast who was an accomplished player of football (soccer), field hockey, and cricket. He loved birds, gardening, Indian cuisine, and music (which he never hesitated to sing loudly despite his inability to carry a tune). Dr. Henry Wilson will be dearly missed by his family, friends, and colleagues.



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NEWS RELEASE

STAMPS UNLIMITED OF GA. INC., a landmark in Downtown Atlanta for 40 years has closed its doors. The shop catered to collectors supplying them with stamps and albums. They were located for 30 years in the Carnegie Building and the last 10 years in the Equitable Building.

October 2016

Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club Membership

Our meetings are held at the Atlanta Library at 980 Ponce de Leon at 7:00 on the first and third Tuesday of every month. Membership includes our monthly newsletter with upcoming stamp collecting events in the area. The First Tuesday meeting includes a stamp auction. The Third Tuesday meeting will have a featured speaker or presentation on a stamp collecting related topic.

Annual Dues of \$12.00 entitles you to our monthly newsletter and participation in all club events. You can pay your \$12 dues to our Treasurer, Barbara Asher at the next meeting or mail to her at: Barbara Asher, 1633 Adelia Pl, Atlanta, GA 30329.

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Are you a member of American Topical Association? _____

Stamp Collecting Interest _____

2017 Southeast Stamp Expo Auction: The SE Stamp Expo does not use a licensed auctioneer for this auction and is therefore limited to club members, exhibitors, show dealers, judges, and society members. Our goal is to offer a fun way to spend Friday and Saturday evening and maybe add a few items to either your collections, or in many cases your dealer inventories. Our auction has been well attended in past years and any monies we raise go directly into the show budget. If you want further details on this auction you can contact Allen Johnson at allen.c.johnson@ricoh-usa.com or your club secretary, LeA Coe at leacoe@bellsouth.net.

WHAT: **First Day of Issue ceremony for the U.S. Flag Forever Stamp**

WHO: USPS Chief Human Resources Officer and Executive Vice President Jeff Williamson
American Philatelic Society President Mick Zais, Brigadier General, U.S. Army (ret.).
USPS Director of Stamp Services Mary-Anne Penner

WHEN: Fri., Jan. 27 at 11 a.m.

WHERE: [Southeastern Stamp Expo, American Philatelic Society Stamp Show](#)
[Hilton Atlanta Northeast](#)
5993 Peachtree Industrial Blvd.
Norcross, GA 30092

BACKGROUND: With the new U.S. Flag stamp, the Postal Service continues its tradition of celebrating patriotism with one of the most recognizable symbols of our nation. The stamp, sold in booklets of 10 and 20 and coils, features a detail from a photograph of the billowing Stars and Stripes. Terrence W. McCaffrey was the art director of the project and Greg Breeding of Charlottesville, VA, designed the stamp with an existing photograph of the flag taken by Tom Grill of New York.

Plans are underway for the 2017 Southeast Stamp Expo. Please contact Scott Holmberg if you are interested in volunteering. Our club does the registration desk so we need many volunteers.

Also if you would like to work with young collectors contact Barbara Asher to volunteer for the youth activity table.

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I hope everyone is planning to bring items for the Member Bourse on July 18. We will have extra tables set up so you can have an area to lay out your items. Be sure to put prices on your items so you can be free to wander to other member's sections and shop and swap.

If that date does not work for you, you may be interested in the Button-Gwinnett Stamp Club's bourse on August 26 (Saturday). The show is on the 26th of August from 10 until 5. Location: Mountain Park UMC Fellowship Hall, 1405 Rockbridge Rd., Stone Mountain, Ga. 30087. They will have a concession booth and the youth table. Set up can start at 8 and they will have a couple of teens to help those in need bringing in and taking stuff out to cars. If you are interested in having a table they are \$25.00 and you should contact Alan Jackson at airj1957@yahoo.com. Of course, you could also just show up and shop.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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July 29-30 CHARPEX 2017, Charlotte Philatelic Society, Worrell Bldg., Central Piedmont Community Collee 1228 Elizabeth Avenue, Charlotte, contact Gene Zhiss 704-553-8110

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New Zealand Health Stamps

By Steve Swain

As a collector of postal history, I periodically visit a website called BuckaCover (www.buckacover.com) and search for additions to my various cover collections. While on the site several months ago, I mistakenly clicked on “New Zealand” from the menu options. But that erroneous click has produced many hours of enjoyment with a new collection theme: New Zealand Health stamps.

In 1929, New Zealand began what has grown to become the country's longest series of postage stamps known as Health Stamps, issued to promote children health and support children health camps. Each year since then, a stamp or set of stamps has been issued carrying a surcharge for health, as indicated on the stamp.



The stamps were modeled on Christmas Seals, first issued in Denmark in 1904. The first New Zealand Health stamp (seen above on the left) focused on eradicating tuberculosis, as stated under the image of the nurse. Note the 1d postage amount in the lower left corner and the 1d “charity” amount in the lower right corner. On the 1930 stamp (seen above on the right), the slogan was changed to “Help Promote Health,” since the goal was changed to raising funds to

establish and run children health camps. Most of the stamps issued in the 1930s promoted “health” with images of children.



But In the ensuing years, the images and messages used on the stamps reflected changing health topics and issues over time. In the 1940s, health stamps typically focused on children, depicting their general welfare and happiness as central to the future success of the nation. Images included children at play, on a swing, with a nurse, or being helped over a stile by a soldier. Slogans like ‘Children’s Health is the Nation’s Wealth’ reinforced this perspective.



In the 1950s and later in the 1960s, health stamps promoted outdoor sports. A yacht was featured in 1951, children playing rugby in 1967 (also the 75th anniversary of the New Zealand Rugby Union), and young cricketers in 1969.



An interesting caveat to the outdoor sports theme strategy occurred in 1959 with the introduction of the 'Bird Series'. The idea of using pictorial designs on Health stamps had been raised several times in previous years. As it was becoming increasingly difficult to obtain suitable designs with a straight Health theme, it was suggested that a bird series be introduced with the object of achieving some continuity of design over the next few years. This occurred with the 1959-1962 issues as seen with these examples.



Beginning in the mid-1970s to the present day, there has been a mixture of themes ranging from children playing outdoor sports, the promotion of eating fruit and vegetables, and children's pets. But each issue clearly promotes children's health, honoring the intent of the original series begun in 1929.



If you are looking for a new collection idea, consider the beautiful and varied New Zealand Health stamps. The majority of the issues are quite inexpensive and can still be obtained from the New Zealand postal authority. In a future article, I will share with you an intriguing collection theme associated with the Health stamps, namely, promotional posters displaying images of the stamps.

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Barbara Brown missed the Show and Tell meeting last month but emailed me this fascinating item:



She has this 1958 New York cancelled plastic postcard. It has a molded image of the Empire State Building on the front side.

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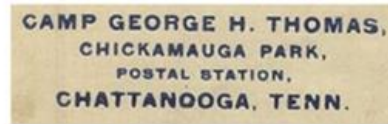
"Fake Town" Spanish-American War Postal History

By Steve Swain

During the 1898 Spanish-American War, Georgia had the most training camps of any state with twenty-five locations. The two most important camps were Camp Onward in Savannah and Camp Thomas, established April 22, 1898. Located on the site of the American Civil War battlefield at Chickamauga, south of Chattanooga, TN, Camp Thomas was named as a tribute to General George H. Thomas and his gallant stand during the 1863 Battle of Chickamauga.

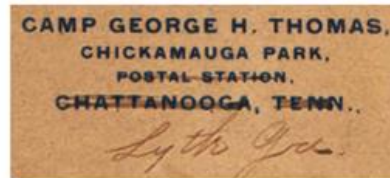
The first important military post office of the war was established on June 6, 1898, at Chickamauga National Park. At its peak, the Chickamauga Park Post Office and its twenty mail clerks, plus Army mail carriers, would process 320,000 letters a day, servicing the soldiers encamped there.

As explained in the Annual Reports of the Post-Office Department Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1898, camp military post offices were designated as a branch station of the nearest regular post office and placed within the jurisdiction of the postmaster at that office. In the case of the Chickamauga Park Post Office, it was the postal - or branch - station of the regular post office in Chattanooga, Tennessee, as shown on the return address portion of the cachet on the cover in Figure 1.



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But note the same return address portion below the cachet on the cover in Figure 2. “POSTAL STATION, CHATTANOOGA, TENN.” has been marked through and the handwritten “Lytle, Ga” has been added. Lytle, Ga. was not an official branch station of Chattanooga, Tennessee, as apparently known by the person sending the letter.



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When troops began pouring into Chickamauga Park, Lytle barely bore a resemblance to a town, having only an aggregation of several shanties and shelters. However, the Lytle community quickly expanded and flourished because of the large military presence at Camp Thomas. While Chattanooga businesses benefited from the infusion of money each payday, the town of Lytle was always there for those who could not afford a trip to the large city. Any soldier at Camp Thomas could get to Lytle in a few minutes, even own foot. It was here in “Fake Town”, as the troops dubbed Lytle, where a strip of bars, houses of prostitution, and gambling halls known as “The Midway” quickly sprang up and ran day and night. Eventually, many soldiers considered Lytle their home, as evidenced by the handwritten “Lytle, Ga.” in the return address area of the cover in Figure 2.

Even though the cover in Figure 2 was indeed serviced and delivered, was military mail processed through Lytle prohibited since Lytle, Ga. was not an official branch station of Chattanooga, Tennessee? “Yes”, according to instructions issued to the Chattanooga, Tenn., Postmaster, as provided in the Annual Reports of the Post-Office Department:

Under terms of a bill (Senate 4554), you will establish a station at some central point on the Chickamauga field, preferably on the Tennessee side, and will make that the clearing house for all work being done through the postal cars side tracked near Lytle, Ga. post office and will as far as possible divert the military mail going to and now being taken from the Lytle post office.

There are various reasons for the less than complete compliance with this directive. Foremost is that the Lytle post office was not to be disturbed and the Postmaster was not in any way to

abolish or abridge it. Thus, the facility was never in jeopardy of being closed and remained available as a viable, working location to continue to operate and fulfill its non-military mail role. But it seems that the Congressional directive regarding military mail was either not properly communicated to the troops (or the Lytle postal employees), some of the troops and postal employees disregarded the directive, or both. Therefore, military mail was processed through the "Fake Town" office, although in a very limited amount. As such, postal historians have been afforded an opportunity for a fascinating research and collecting theme.

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MESSAGE FROM HARVEY BRICKLEY:

I have two messages for members of the Cobb County and Atlanta Stamp Collectors clubs. If you have seen me at our meetings, you likely remember I have been bringing several albums and stock books to our meetings. I have passed them around so you can purchase them if you choose. I gather these up at the end of our meetings. Because of transportation problems, I stopped bringing stamps with me. I also stopped because someone failed to return these stamps. My little blue book has been returned with stamps from only 8 of the almost 60 pages in this book. I would like to get them back if the holder of the stamps would return them to me anonymously.

I am still interested in selling all my stamps at bargain prices.

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March 2017 Newsletter

Start of the rainy meetings. We didn't have very many at the February meetings due to the issues with weather but thanks to all who came. There are always things to learn and see about stamp collecting at every meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 3 – 5, 2017 APS AmeriStamp Expo. 60th anniversary. Reno-Sparks Convention Center, Reno, Nevada.

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March 21 Regular ASCC meeting. Program by Vincent Rehder on Bavaria

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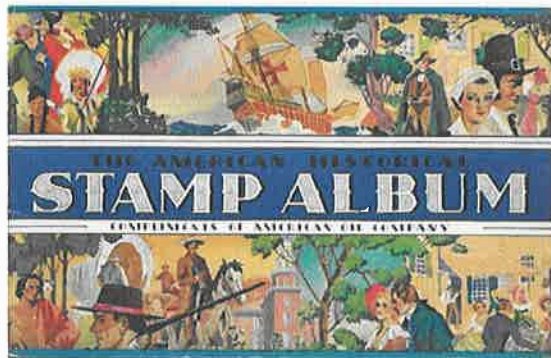
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Oil Company Stamp Albums

By Steve Swain

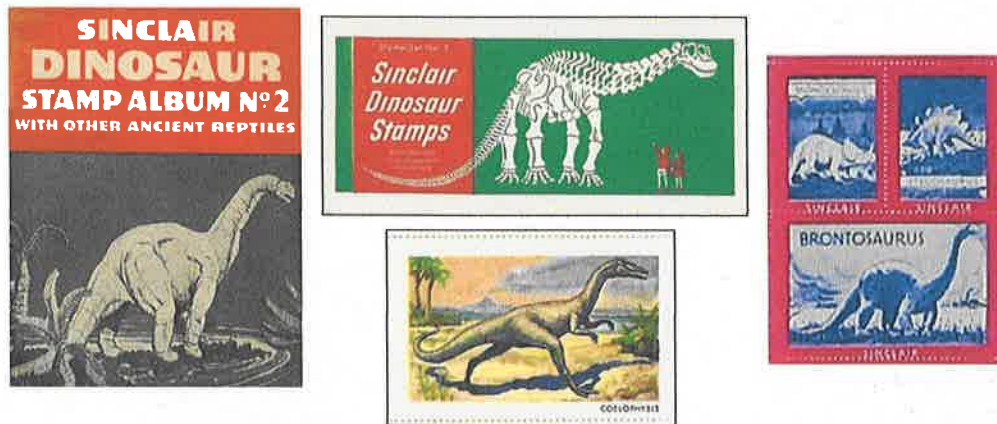
During the 1930s, several oil companies endeavored to attract patrons to their gas stations by offering free stamp albums and stamps specifically designed for their albums. Of course, these stamps were not legitimate U.S. postage stamps, but labels, seals, stickers, poster stamps, etc., known to philatelists as cinderellas.

The American Oil Company offered two albums: The American Historical stamp album – with stamps depicting famous events and monuments - and the Presidents of the United States stamp album – with stamps depicting the first thirty-two Presidents.



The first page of the albums explains that four new stamps were issued every week and patrons had to drive to a gas station or dealer to get the stamps. The arrival of new stamps was sometimes posted in local newspapers.

The Sinclair Oil Company also used stamps and stamp albums to attempt to attract customers. But unlike the American Oil Company stamp offerings of various themes, Sinclair remained consistent with their primary marketing approach and offered albums and stamps exclusively devoted to dinosaurs. The company estimated that 4 million albums and 48 million stamps were offered during the campaign.



Two regional oil companies – Tide Water Associated Oil Company and Skelly Oil Company – also promoted their companies with stamps and stamp albums. Tide Water’s "Let's Get Associated" series offered hundreds of stamps covering a variety of topics such as history, scenic areas, birds and animals, the West and the Golden Gate International Exposition. Skelly’s stamp promotion with their Captain Midnight’s Air Heroes stamps and album was but one component of the company’s elaborate and extensive marketing scheme using the Captain Midnight character.



Jonathan Goldstein submitted a story from the November 21, 2016 New York Times reviewing a book "The Nine of Us, Growing up Kennedy" by Joan Kennedy Smith. The review mentioned stamp collecting in a story about Joe Kennedy and Franklin Delano Roosevelt:

It's fun, too, to see statecraft through the eyes of an 8-year-old girl. By 1935, Joe Kennedy had worn out his welcome with President Roosevelt, despite his brilliance in building the Securities and Exchange Commission: To Roosevelt, the Boston banker was a braggart. Still, Kennedy held some sway over the Irish Catholic vote; best to keep him in thrall. When Kennedy mentioned to the president his son Bobby's stamp collection, Roosevelt knew just what to do.

"Roosevelt was himself an avid collector," Jean explains, "and he found a moment... to dictate a note to Bobby." Later, when Roosevelt invited all the Kennedys to the Oval Office, Bobby walked in clutching his album. "President Roosevelt was delighted," Jean recalls. "The two of them moved to the large desk, where the leader of the free world brought out his stamp collection, too. There they lingered, the president and the boy, necks craned over their albums."

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Thanks to Fred Danes for his program on the George VI issues of Fiji. He brought his collection and showed some of the detailed differences that can be collected.

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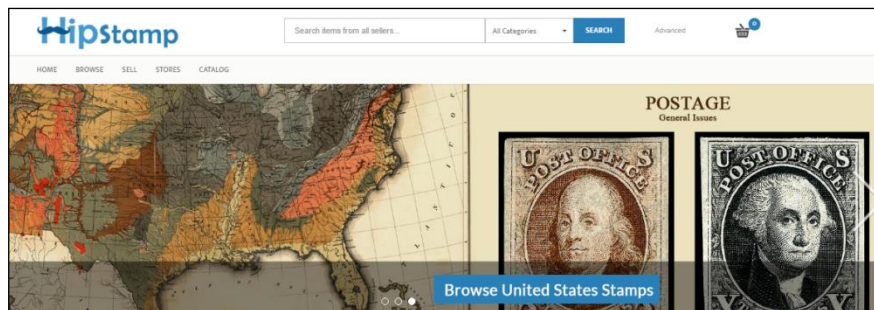
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Be Cool, Man, With HipStamp

By Steve Swain

With a nod to the '60s, the coolest, most hip way to buy and sell stamps is available at HipStamp (WWW.HIPSTAMP.COM), an attractive, well-designed site offered by Hip eCommerce providing pathways to hundreds of thousands of philatelic items.



Hipstamp's primary organizational design promotes Stores, somewhat akin to virtual brick and mortar stamp shops. One such Store in the current inventory of 583 is the Liberty Stamp Shop founded in 1946 by the late Leo & Irma Eaton. Offering over 117,000 items on HipStamp, Liberty was one of the first post WWII street level stamp stores in the Chicago Loop area.

Several tests confirmed that HipStamp's search engine is very capable of quickly sorting through the multitude of Store offerings and displaying exactly what you requested. But more importantly, the site's navigational design includes an effective filtering system. After choosing a Store, filter the available items by selecting one of the thirteen major Categories, such as Canada. Then further filter the display using Sub-Categories, such as Canada-New Brunswick. Clicking the

image for a stamp or cover jumps to a page where you can choose to access additional details about the item or click to view a high-definition, enlarged image. Of course, on this page is a button to “Add to Cart.”

Two additional Categories to use as filters for Store offerings are available from the home page’s left side menu. **Publications & Supplies**, with 5,698 listings, presents several offerings for Showgard Mounts, but is primarily a corridor to worldwide philatelic handbooks, hardcovers, paperbacks, newsletters, and auction catalogs. An 1898 Scott Standard Postage Catalog caught my eye and will be a fine addition to my philatelic library. **Special Philately** presents 1,077 listings of cinderella stamps, fakes and reproductions, maxi cards, postal stationery, stampless covers, and philatelic ephemera.



Once registered as a new user, open a Store on HipStamp by completing the required information and agreeing to the sites terms and conditions. I recommend that you first carefully review the site’s fee structure accessible as an intrasite link at the bottom of the Home page. If you wish, you can join HipStamp as a Premium Store owner providing you with a dedicated account manager who will assist with sales and promotions. You may even be featured in the site’s weekly newsletter!

As for member interaction features, the site boasts of its **Community** links under **Blog** and **Forums** providing posts by employees and members on various topics. But don’t be surprised if you see discussion threads related to comic books instead of stamps. Hip eCommerce also maintains a virtual portal for HipComic and the two Hip sites apparently share common **Community** links.

We will plan our annual Member Bourse for July. If you would like your name and interests included on our club roster be sure I have your collecting interests. If you filled in your member application and sent it to Barbara Asher, then I have it.

If you have children you are trying to get interested in our great hobby check out the American Topical Association's Topical Tidbits. The Spring 2017 issue is "The Magic of Disney." There are games and information aimed at the young collector.

Click below to view the Spring edition.

<http://americantopicalassn.org/tidbits/2017-spring.pdf>

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November 2017 Newsletter

I'm sure a few of you noticed that I had wrong dates for November meetings in the October newsletter. Correct information is, we are not able to meet first Tuesday since that is November 7 Election Day for Fulton County.

I was glad to see several members made it to the joint meeting in October.

Our club December Holiday Party is in planning still – Barbara Asher will be coordinating the food. Details will be in the December newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 4 Stamp Trading at home of Don Laberteaux, 5008 Brandlwood Ct., Lilburn GA from 9 – 11 a.m. Coffee, talking and stamps. Call Don at 770-381-7114 for details.

November 18-19 Stamp Dealers of Georgia Greater Atlanta Bourse at the Mansour Center, 995 Roswell Street, Marietta, GA, 30060. Times are Saturday 10 am to 5 pm, and Sunday, 10 am to 3 pm

November 21 Regular Atlanta Stamp Collectors Club meeting and auction. Meeting at Atlanta Library branch at 980 Ponce de Leon. This is the corner of Ponce de Leon and Frederica and there is a Marta bus stop at that corner. Meeting starts at 7:00.

December 1 – 3 FLOREX The Florida State Stamp Show. Central Florida Fairgrounds, 4603 W Colonial Dr Orlando, FL www.FLOREXStampshow.com

January 26-28, 2018 Southeastern Stamp Expo. Hilton Atlanta Northeast, 5993 Peachtree Industrial Blv. Norcross, GA

1895 Atlanta Exposition Postal History Curiosity

By Steve Swain

In the years following the American Civil War, Atlanta's leaders hosted a series of three "cotton expositions" that were important to the city's recovery and economic development. These expositions helped Atlanta stake its claim as the center of the New South. The expositions were:

- The 1881 International Cotton Exposition
- The 1887 Piedmont Exposition
- The 1895 Cotton States and International Exposition

The most ambitious of the city's cotton expositions was the 1895 event. It was open for 100 days, beginning on September 18, 1895 and ending December 31, 1895. The event attracted visitors from the U.S. and 13 countries. Over \$2,000,000 was spent on the transformation of Piedmont Park where the exposition was conducted.

Some of the more interesting items of postal history from the 1895 Exposition are advertising covers featuring a cachet of the seal of Atlanta known as the "resurgens" image (Figure 1). "Resurgens" is Latin for "rising again". The seal depicts a Phoenix rising from the flames, symbolic of Atlanta's resurgence after its destruction during the Civil War. The seal was used for the design of the official medal for the 1895 Cotton Exposition (Figure 2).



Figure 1.
Official Seal of Atlanta.



Figure 2.
Official 1895 Exposition Medal.

Figure 3 presents an Exposition advertising cover using the resurgens image. Note the dates above and below the Phoenix (see enlarged image). 1895 is the year of the Cotton Exposition and 1865 was the year the Civil War ended and, implicitly, the year Atlanta began to rise from the ashes and rebuild.



Figure 3. Exposition Advertising Cover with Enlarged Cachet Image.

But note the dates above and below the Phoenix on a cover from my collection, seen in Figure 4. The upper date is 1895, the year of the Exposition. But the curiosity is the lower date of 1864, not 1865.



Figure 4. Exposition Advertising Cover with Enlarged Cachet Image.

Explanation? The circular date stamp (cds) on the Figure 4 cover is May 25, 1895, i.e., an Exposition pre-opening date. The cds on the Figure 3 cover is Dec 12, 1895, i.e., during the time the Exposition was being conducted. Research revealed several of the same resurgens advertising covers with an April or May cds having the 1864 date in the cachet. Covers with an August or later cds had the 1865 date.

Thus, it is a fair conclusion that the same person or company created both versions of the cacheted covers and the earlier, pre-opening versions of the cachet had the incorrect 1864 date. This error was corrected at some point and the 1865 date was used for all future resurgens cachets.

An interesting side note regarding the resurgens image is its use on streetlight posts, water meters and elsewhere throughout the city of Atlanta. An example of the use on a water meter cover is shown below in Figure 5. For an enlightening article, with photographs, about the usage of the image, visit *Lapham's Quarterly* at www.laphamsquarterly.org/roundtable/atlanta-resurgens.



Figure 5. Resurgens Image Used on Atlanta Water Meter Cover.

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The Birmingham Alabama Philatelic Society, a member of the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs, asked that we remind member clubs that the APS AmeriStamp Expo 2018 will be held in Birmingham on February 23-25, 2018. The APS is looking for volunteers to assist in all facets of the show. If you, or member of your stamp club, would like to volunteer contact Kathleen Edwards, kedwards@stamps.org, 814-933-3800 ext 217. Upon request, the APS will reimburse volunteers for parking or mass transit expenses. Volunteers who work eight or more hours may request a free ticket to the Saturday night banquet. Volunteers can also sign up at: American Philatelic Society

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October 2017 Newsletter

Well, sending last month's newsletter out early meant some mistakes. Please note change in October meetings.

Thanks to Fred Danes for a great presentation on the detailed ways to determine fake Nebraska and Kansas overprints at the September meeting.

The Atlanta Stamp Clubs joint meeting hosted by Button Gwinnett is October and since their meeting date is third Wednesday, our second meeting (normally October 17) is cancelled.

Club member Steve Swain was honored at the August 3-6, 2017, American Philatelic Society's annual show in Richmond, VA with two awards in the Literature Competition. *Georgia Post Roads*, the quarterly journal of the Georgia Postal History Society for which Steve is the Editor, was honored with a Silver award. Steve is also a contributing Editor and columnist for *Stamp Insider*, the 80-page bi-monthly journal of the Federation of New York Philatelic Societies. Steve's column, *Stamp In-Sites* (reviews of websites of interest to stamp collectors) received a Silver award. For more information about the Georgia Postal History Society or *Stamp Insider*, please contact Steve at swain.steve9@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 30 Oct 1 MEMPHEX 2017 Stamp and Postcard show. Memphis Stamp Collectors Society., www.memphisstampcollectorsociety.org

- October 3 Regular Atlanta Stamp Collectors Club meeting and auction. Meeting at Atlanta Library branch at 980 Ponce de Leon. This is the corner of Ponce de Leon and Frederica and there is a Marta bus stop at that corner. Meeting starts at 7:00.
- October 7 Stamp Trading at home of Don Laberteaux, 5008 Brandlwood Ct., Lilburn GA from 9 – 11 a.m. Coffee, talking and stamps. Call Don at 770-381-7114 for details.
- October 17 No ASCC meeting due to joint Atlanta clubs meeting this month.
- October 18 Joint meeting hosted by Button Gwinnett Club at 7:00 at Mountain Park Methodist Church, Youth Room at corner of Rockbridge and 5 Forks. Program and auction. Dinner will be provided.
- October 27-28 United Nations Expo 17, American Philatelic Center, 100 Match Factory Place, Bellafonte, PA www.unexpo17.com
- November 1 Regular Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club meeting and auction.
- November 15 Regular ASCC meeting and program.

New Zealand Health Stamps on Covers

By Steve Swain

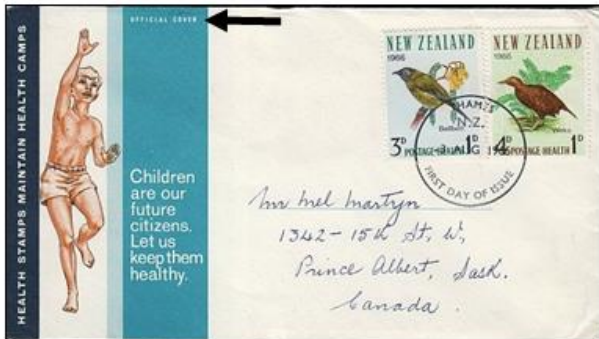
Author's Note: While writing this article, I learned that the New Zealand Post has discontinued the issuance of semi-postal Children's Health Stamps. An announcement from Stand Children's Services, formerly known as Children's Health Camps, cited the reason as a decline in mail volume and, thus, the number of Children's Health Stamps being sold.

In this third article about New Zealand Health Stamps, I'll share with you covers onto which health stamps have been affixed. These covers are of three types as indicated by their markings: First Day covers, Official covers and Official Souvenir covers. In reality, all three types are First Day covers, as we will see.

Below are examples of "First Day" covers. All of the covers except the one in the lower right have "First Day of Issue" included with the circular date stamp cancellation. The exception is the 1937 cover created before the use of the "First Day of Issue" cancellation. Also notice the "First Day Souvenir Cover" marking on the 1937 cover. This wording is rather scarce with New Zealand Health Stamp covers.



In the 1950s and 1960s, the “Official Cover” lettering was clearly visible, as seen below with the first two covers. But beginning in the 1970s, the marking experienced somewhat of a transition and was not as readily noticeable, as with the lower two covers. (Arrows indicate the marking.) This is especially true with the “Our Goal” cover where the marking’s very small lettering is barely visible.



Health Stamps were typically issued in August, September or October of each year. The above “Official” covers have postmarks for one of those months. More importantly, the day and year of the postmark is the first day of issue for the stamps affixed to the covers. Thus, “Official” covers are also “First Day” covers. (Visit <http://stampsnz.com/health.html> for a listing of first day of issue dates for all Health Stamps.)

“Official Souvenir” covers are also First Day covers as supported by the dates on their cancellations. Examples are the two covers below. Note the curiosity with the cover on the right. The designer of the cover included dotted lines in the upper right corner of the cover to indicate the placement of stamps. However, the stamp issued in that year (1949) had a vertical format, not horizontal as the dotted lines indicated.



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September 2017 Newsletter

Early newsletter so the copies going in the mail get the Eclipse date postmark.

Please support the Button-Gwinnett Stamp Club's bourse. Some of our members will have tables. The show is on the 26th of August from 10 until 5. Location: Mountain Park UMC Fellowship Hall, 1405 Rockbridge Rd., Stone Mountain, Ga. 30087. They will have a concession booth and the youth table so it can be a family outing.

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History unearthed as London's mail rail line opens to public

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LONDON, Aug 8 (Reuters) - Deep below London's bustling streets, a piece of once-vital communications technology will soon be roaring back into life after years of disuse - a train.

The train operates on the "mail rail" line - a 6.4-mile underground train track that once transported letters and parcels 70 feet below ground to and from sorting offices on the east and west sides of the city 22 hours each day.

The line, construction of which began in 1915, ceased operations in 2003. It will be opened to the public next month as a tourist attraction, part of the new Postal Museum in the city's Clerkenwell district.

"Mail rail originally came about because mail was being delayed in London due to congestion in the streets above us," Adrian Steel, director of the Postal Museum and mail rail told Reuters.

Visitors can now ride a section of the old track in specially built trains, and explore an engineering depot turned exhibition space.

"One of the biggest jobs we've had is finding a way of taking people through these narrow tunnels that were never meant for people to pass through in a way that's not completely uncomfortable or dangerous," Steel said.

Apart from their role in delivering mail, the tunnels played a useful role during the World War One and World War Two.

Construction of the line was halted when war broke out and the space was instead used to store valuable artefacts, and was relied on heavily to avoid mail disruption during the blitz of World War Two.

Aside from its unique history, another aspect of the mail rail line sets it apart from other London underground train lines - an absence of rats.

"It's a rodent free terminal and under London which is unusual", Steel said. "Because there were no people on the trains, there is no food for the rats and mice".

Rail mail at London's Postal Museum opens to visitors on Sept. 4.

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The Library is now expecting to have renovations start much later than originally expected so we should be continuing to meet there for the rest of the year.

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Believe It Or Not.



Thanks to Barbara Brown for providing this image. The post office delivered.

Atlanta to host Americover 2018

The American First Day Cover Society has chosen the Atlanta area for Americover 2018. The annual convention and first-day cover show will be held at the Hilton Atlanta Northeast Aug. 3-5, 2018. That is the same facility used by Southeastern Stamp Expo, another World Series of Philately show, held in January each year

We love when our members share their special passions for collecting. If you would like to present to the club please let us know. We have been spoiled with all the great articles Steve Swain provides for us but there is always room to add any tidbits that other members might want to have included.

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