The Chattanooga Stamp Chronicle

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Chattanooga Stamp Club memberships are on a calendar year basis. Yearly dues are $10.00; send all monetary donations and membership dues to the club’s Treasurer:

Mr. Carl Anderson, 919 Dunsinane Rd.  
Signal Mountain, TN 37377

THE CHATTANOOGA STAMP CHRONICLE

The Chattanooga Stamp Club is affiliated with the American Philatelic Society. The club has been dedicated to the study, preservation, and promotion of the philatelic hobby since 1932.

SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS

The Southeast Federation web site is a source for information about stamp collecting activities in the region. Visit at: www.sefsc.org/federation-clubs.html

AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

American Philatelic Society (APS) is the largest nonprofit stamp collecting Foundation of philately in the world. With about 32,000 members as of 2014 worldwide.  

April 13.........................Monthly Meeting  
Program ......................... Number Ones of the World
May 11.........................Monthly Meeting  
Program .......................... Club Auction

CLUB OFFICERS

President ....... Mike Ezell  mhezell@gmail.com  
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Chattanooga Stamp Club  
Meeting, March 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order by president Mike Ezell at 7:30. The Pledge of Allegiance was offered.  
The minutes of the February meeting were read by Gene Bricker in the absence of secretary, Tom Matuszak. Minutes were approved.  
Treasurer Carl Anderson was absent but had reported the bank balance as $991. Treasurer’s report was approved.  
A club membership list was distributed to members who wanted it.  
Jim Hogue asked for someone to present the program for April.  
Announcement of the stamp show in Madison, TN on March 18-19.

There was a 30 minute break for refreshments and viewing the exhibit entries and voting. The back of the book category was combined with the Open category because there was only one entry.  
This left 3 categories.

Winning entries in the categories were:

Open:
1st: Richard Barr, for “Rocket Flight Cover”  
2nd: Jim Hogue, for “Various Picture Permit Imprint Indicia”, tie with Mary Sheckells for “Medal of Honor Recipients”

Artistic:
1st: Sherry Hogue, for Christmas Flowers”  
2nd: Mika Mariano, for “Queen Esther on Stamps”

Historical:
1st: Dan Chaij, for “Philately of Imperial TransAntarctic Expedition”; tie with Jim Hogue, for “Wife’s V.J. Day Letter to Husband”  
2nd: Mika Mariano, for “God Keeps His Promises”

Overall:  
Dan Chaij, for “Philately of Imperial TransAntarctic Expedition”

Award Certificates were distributed, and meeting was adjourned.

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We offer our condolences to the family of Life  
Member #242, Harrison Gill, Jr., who passed away on  
March 19.

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Stamp Collector

My worldly wealth I hoard in albums three,
My life collection of rare postage stamps;
My room is cold and bare as you can see,
My coat is old and shabby as a tramp’s;
Yet more to me than balances in banks,
My albums three are worth a million francs.

I keep them in that box beside my bed,
For who would dream such treasures it could hold;
But every day I take them out and spread
Each page, to gloat like miser o’er his gold:
Dearer to me than could be child or wife,
I would defend them with my very life.

They are my very life, for every night
over my catalogues I pore and pore;
I recognize rare items with delight,
Nothing I read but philatelic lore;
And when some specimen of choice I buy,
In all the world there’s none more glad than I.

Behold my gem, my British penny black;
To pay its price I starved myself a year;
And many a night my dinner I would lack,
But when I bought it, oh, what radiant cheer!
Hitler made war that day — I did not care,
So long as my collection he would spare.

Look — my triangular Cape of Good Hope.
To purchase it I had to sell my car.
Now in my pocket for some sous I grope
To pay my omnibus when home is far,
And I am cold and hungry and footsore,
In haste to add some beauty to my store.

This very day, ah, what a joy was mine,
When in a dingy dealer’s shop I found
This franc vermillion, eighteen forty-nine ... 
How painfully my heart began to pound!
(It’s weak they say), I paid the modest price
And tremblingly I vanished in a trice.

But oh, my dream is that some day of days,
I might discover a Mauritius blue,
poking among the stamp-bins of the quais;
Who knows! They say there are but two;
Yet if a third one I should spy,
I think — God help me! I should faint and die. ...

Poor Monsieur Pns, he’s cold and dead,
One of those stamp-collecting cranks.
His garret held no crust of bread,
But albums worth a million francs.
on them his income he would spend,
By philatelic frenzy driven:
What did it profit in the end ...
You can’t take stamps to Heaven.

— Robert William Service (1874–1958)

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March New Issues

- Nebraska Statehood
  March 1

- Barn Swallow Envelope
  March 3

- WPA Posters
  March 7

- Pears
  March 23

- Mississippi Statehood
  March 31

The Largest Stamp Mosaic Honours Machin Design

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In March 2015 a huge mosaic of almost 230,000 stamps, made in Spain by Correos, got a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest ever mosaic made of stamps. Peter Boyd made a huge 27 by 9 meters mosaic in England, over a period of 10 long years, using 528,200 stamps to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Royal Mail's Machin stamp design. The mosaic was exhibited in Farnborough, England from 10th to 11th March at the Southern England Stamp Show. A 2017 commemorative stamp was also released to celebrate this event. This mosaic is two times bigger in terms of the number of stamps used to make it and also in terms of size.

Source: Mintage World.com

UPCOMING AREA SHOWS


CLUBS FOR U.S. COLLECTORS

- Alaska Collectors Club. $15 dues. Eric Knapp, 4201 Folker Street #C102, Anchorage, AK 99508.
- AMG Collectors' Club $20 dues. Roger Santala, 2244 Fairview Place, Billings, Montana 59102.
- American Air Mail Society. $23 dues, $28 foreign. AAMS, P.O. Box 110, Mineola NY 11501.
- American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors. $20 dues. Tim Bartshe, 13955 West 30th Avenue, Golden, CO 80401, tim.bartshe@aol.com
- American Ceremony Program Society. $7 dues. John Peterson, 6987 Coleshill Dr., San Diego, CA 92119-1953, www.acps.org
- American First Day Cover Society. $30 dues ($40 non-U.S.). Doug Kelsey, Box 16277, Tucson AZ 85732.
- American Plate Number Single Society. $8 dues. Rick Burdsall, PO Box 1023, Palatine, IL 60078-1023.
- Amer. Revenue Assoc. $22.50 dues. Lyman Hensley, 473 E. Elm, Sycamore, IL 60178.
- American Society of Philatelic Pages & Panels. $15 dues. Gerald Blankenship, P.O. Box 475, Crosby, TX 77532.
- American Topical Association $25 dues ($33 non-U.S.).
- American Topical Association, Vera Felts, PO Box 8, Carterville, IL 62918-0008.
- Armed Forces Stamp Exchange. $7.50 dues. Richard West, Box 30607, Clarksville, TN 37040.
- Auxiliary Markings Club. $15 dues. johnson66@charter.net, Jerry Johnson, 6621 W. Victoria Ave., Kennewick, WA 99336
- Beacon [C11] Study Group. $5 dues. A. McFarlane, Box 669, Bartonsville, PA 18321.
- Bullseye Cancel Coll. Club. Dues $15 U.S., Canada & Mexico; $20 elsewhere. Stanley Vernon, 2749 Pine Knoll Dr. #4, Walnut Creek, CA 94595-2044.
- Canal Zone Study Group. $8 dues. John C. Smith, 408 Redwood Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60193-2748, www.canalzonestudygroup.com

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