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## Official Journal of the Chattanooga Stamp Club

MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE HICKORY VALLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 6605 SHALLOWFORD RD., CHATTANOOGA, TN.

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM, MEETING BEGINS AT 7:30 PM -- VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

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

### CLUB OFFICERS

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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](http://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. Visit at: [www.Stamps.org](http://www.Stamps.org).

### 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:

1<sup>st</sup>: Richard Barr, for "Rocket Flight Cover"  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Jim Hogue, for "Various Picture Permit Imprint Indicia", tie with Mary Sheckells for "Medal of Honor Recipients"

#### Artistic:

1<sup>st</sup>: Sherry Hogue, for "Christmas Flowers"  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Mika Mariano, for "Queen Esther on Stamps"

#### Historical:

1<sup>st</sup>: Dan Chaij, for "Philately of Imperial TransAntarctic Expedition"; tie with Jim Hogue, for "Wife's V.J. Day Letter to Husband"  
2<sup>nd</sup>: 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.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Before I mention anything else, I would like to extend my condolences to the Harrison Gill family in the death of Harrison Gill Jr. who was a life-long member of the club. Mr. Gill passed away on March 20. My prayers and encouragement goes out to this family and my hope is that each of you will do the same.

In our last meeting, we had our 1-page exhibits. Although we had a low turn-out for this event, we still had a wonderful time looking at all the items that were submitted. There were some good exhibits displayed. I want to thank especially Dan Chaij for bringing a cake and Jim and Sherry Hogue punch for the members and members' wives and husbands and guests to enjoy. As you can tell from the picture (below) it was a beautiful cake and the punch was very good.

It's hard to believe that we are going into April already. Soon it will be time for our auction month in May and then our club picnic in June. Looking forward to the months ahead.

Let me encourage you to come and join us. Call other members who have not been in a while and get them excited about coming back. Promote the club to all those you know who might be interested in stamp collecting.

Thank you all for being members of the Chattanooga Stamp Club!!!

Mike



The cake that was served as the refreshment at the March 9 meeting.

**AUCTION**

**The May program is the semi-annual auction. All members are invited to bring their duplicates and enter them in the auction. The minimum bid for all lots must be at least \$1.00. Only members may enter lots in the auction, however, anyone may bid in the auction. Auction cards are available at the April meeting.**

## 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. ...

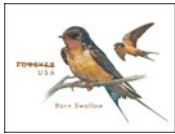
Poor Monsieur Pns, he's cold and dead,  
One of those stamp-collecting cranks.  
His garret held no crust of bread,  
But albums worth a million francs.  
on them his income he would spend,  
By philatelic frenzy driven:  
What did it profit in the end ...  
You can't take stamps to Heaven.

— Robert William Service (1874–1958)

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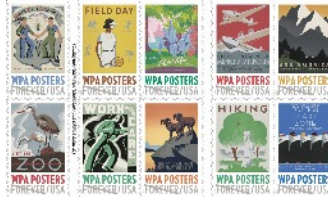
## March New Issues

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



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## UPCOMING AREA SHOWS

**June 10-11, 2017 HUNTSPEX 2017** Huntsville 2017 Stamp and Postcard Show, Huntsville Philatelic Club, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Conference Training Center, 1410 Ben Graves Drive, Contact: Michael O'Reilly, [mcoreilly@att.net](mailto:mcoreilly@att.net), 256-527-4601, [www.stampshows.com/huntsville\\_hpc.html](http://www.stampshows.com/huntsville_hpc.html)

## 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, [timbartshe@aol.com](mailto:timbartshe@aol.com)

American Ceremony Program Society. \$7 dues. John Peterson, 6987 Coleshill Dr., San Diego, CA 92119-1953, [www.acps.org](http://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, [ilrno2@netzero.net](mailto:ilrno2@netzero.net)

American Society of Philatelic Pages & Panels. \$15 dues. Gerald Blankenship, P.O. Box 475, Crosby, TX 77532.

American Society of Polar Philatelists. \$22 dues in U.S. Alan Warren, PO Box 39, Exton, PA 19341.

Americana Study Unit of the ATA. \$9 dues in U.S. Dennis Dengel, 17 Peckham Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603-2018.

American Topical Association \$25 dues (\$33 non-U.S.). American Topical Association, Vera Felts, PO Box 8, Cartersville, IL 62918-0008.

Arizona-New Mexico Postal History Society \$10 dues. Peter Rathwell, 4523 Mountain View Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85028.

Armed Forces Stamp Exchange. \$7.50 dues. Richard West, Box 30607, Clarksville, TN 37040.

Art Cover Exchange. \$10 dues. Joe K. Doles, 105 Lawson Rd., Rochester, NY 14616-1444.

Auxiliary Markings Club. \$15 dues. [johnson66@charter.net](mailto: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](http://www.canalzonestudygroup.com)

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