February 9 ........................................ Monthly Meeting
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A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT
Mike Ezell

Thank you to all who attended our January meeting. We had a great turn-out. A special thanks to Dan Chaij, Tom Matuszak and Richard Barr for providing the drinks and snacks. In the coming months, I am excited about the programs and activities that the club has planned. In March our one-page exhibits, June we will have our club picnic, our auctions in May and November and the best for last, our Christmas Party in December. I consider these the highlights of our agenda for 2017. We also have several programs planned that will educate us even more in this hobby. I am looking forward to learning more about postal history from members who have studied their topics with a sincere passion.

If you know someone who is interested in finding out more about collecting stamps, encourage them to come to the meeting with you. I am sure that they will love the comradery among our members and will learn more about stamp collecting. If you are a member who has not attended in a while, please mark your calendar to join us on February 9th.

Thank you and have a great month.
Mike

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NEEDED!

Presenters of the program are still needed for April and October.

Refreshment volunteers needed as follows:

Drinks: July, August, October, & November

Snacks: May, August, September, & October

Sign up at the next meeting if you are willing to provide these items!

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Rattlesnake Island Local Post Started Again

Rattlesnake Island Local Post stamps came back. Dr. James P. Frackelton, the original creator of the stamps, has announced that the island will again start issuing the popular stamps. The original stamps were first issued in 1966 as rectangular but were soon declared illegal by the US Post Office Department. They were subsequently reissued in 1967 as triangular stamps and continued through 1989 after which new owners of the island discontinued them.

The new stamps were issued in three denominations as before for post cards, letters, and parcel post. The post card stamp featured a photograph of the island airstrip and marina and sold for 25¢, the letter stamp a photograph of the northwest corner of the island for 50¢, and the parcel post stamp a photograph of the island marina for $1. They were issued in perforated and imperforate formats as before.

Unlike before the new stamps were not processed through the Port Clinton, Ohio Post Office but will be processed through the Post Office at Sandusky, Ohio.

The first day of issue for the new stamps was scheduled for September 23, 2005. First day covers were available by sending a self addressed stamped envelope to Rattlesnake Island Local Post, c/o Griffing Air Service, Sandusky Airport, Sandusky, OH 44870. Remittance for the cost of the stamps desired was required. International collectors also included 80¢ for postage from the US.

Dr. Frackelton also announced that all covers bearing previous Rattlesnake Island triangular stamps [not the original rectangular ones] will be honored and canceled at the island.

Questions about the Rattlesnake Island stamps should be addressed to Bob Fritz at rikid@cox.net or by calling the toll free number 1-877-RILPOST.

(This article was edited to bring references to the current time. I don’t know for sure whether this contact information is still valid as the source of this information is from some time ago.)

UPCOMING AREA SHOWS

March 4-5, 2017 KnoxPex 2017
Knoxville Philatelic Society, Holiday Inn Knoxville-West, 9134 Executive Park Dr., Knoxville, Tennessee 37923, Tom Broadhead, broadhea@utk.edu, 865-696-4803, http://www.sefsc.org/knoxpex.html

March 18-19, 2017 Nashville Stamp & Postcard Show
Nashville Philatelic Society, Fifty Forward Center, 301 Madison Street, Madison, Tennessee 37115, Tom Tribke, show@nashvillephilatelic.org, 615-833-5161, http://www.nashvillephilatelic.org

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, 256-527-4601, www.stampshows.com/huntsville_hpc.html

January New Issues

January 5
Year of the Rooster

January 7
Love Skywriting

January 22
Liliuokalani Gardens

January 22
Gateway Arch

January 28
Seashells

Answers to Puzzle Time, Page 2:
1-G, 2-E, 3-H, 4-F, 5-I, 6-J, 7-K, 8-M, 9-B, 10-C, 11-A, 12-D, 13-L
One Page Exhibit Rules

1. Exhibits must be entered in one of four categories:
   A. Historical Event - Use a stamp or stamps to illustrate a single historical event
   B. Back of the Book - Illustrate a special usage with a stamp or stamps. Can be Air Mail, Special Delivery, Revenues, Postage Due, etc.
   C. Artistic Expression - show how a particular art form is promoted by the use of postal issues. For example: the movies, famous paintings, sculptures, etc.
   D. Open - Anything goes as long as it is tied to stamps.

2. Limit 3 entries per person. Can be all in one category or in multiple categories.

3. Must be on 8-1/2 x 11 sheets of white card stock in a plastic page protector.

4. Contents can include anything that fits on a page, i.e. pictures, graphics, photo copies, etc.; however, a real stamp or cover must be included in the exhibit.

5. Descriptions can be typed or hand-written.

6. Judging will be by popular vote of members present.

7. Exhibitor’s name must not be a part of the exhibit.

   Neatness counts, good eye-appeal means votes.
   Prizes will be awarded in each category.