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

JANUARY ONLY: DOORS OPEN AT 6:00, DINNER AT 6:30

December Meeting Minutes

December Meeting of the Chattanooga Stamp Club was called to order by outgoing President Pat Coverdale with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:25 PM.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer noted a balance of $1196.00 with $60.00 outstanding checks from the Auction. Dues for 2016 are now due, please pay to Carl Anderson. Report approved.

Discussion ensued about the auction by members that had not been present. Most agreed that the auction went well.

The Floor was open for Nomination of Officers and the following were nominated for 2016:

- President - Richard Barr
- Vice President - Jim Hogue
- Treasurer - Carl Anderson
- Secretary - Tom Matuszak
- Newsletter - Gene Bricker
- Circuit Books - Mike Ezell

This slate of candidates were accepted by the members present and will serve for 2016.

Appointed positions include:
- Newsletter - Gene Bricker
gbricker@catt.com
- Circuit Books - Mike Ezell
mhezell@gmail.com

A discussion of bylaws changes was tabled until the January or February meeting.

Jim Hogue requested help on Program Topics for 2016, as of now we have 5 months covered: Christmas Dinner, 2 Auctions, Picnic, and One page Exhibit.. Every member should consider doing a months program. See Jim to reserve your month.

Joel Rind has Clear Sleeves for sale with the Club getting all the proceeds.

Program was a DVD "Division of the Union" which related Stamp History during the Civil War period.

Sign up Sheet was passed around for the January Dinner which will take the place of the Normal meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

If you have not paid your 2016 dues, see Carl Anderson!
January Meeting:

The January meeting is a potluck dinner on the regularly scheduled second Thursday date, January 14. Meat and drinks will be provided. Each member is asked to bring side dishes of vegetables and dessert to share. The dinner is scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

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**MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTION ANSWER**

The answer to last month’s question, “What is an essay?” Is ‘C.’ According to the Scott catalog, an essay is “A proposed design, a designer’s model or an incomplete engraving. Its design differs in some way – great or small – from the issued item.”

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**STAMP OF THE MONTH**

A most unusual stamp appeared in Israeli postal outlets. It features a portrait of H.G. Wells along with a depiction of the Time Machine - one that is clearly patterned after the well-known design from the classic George Pal movie adaptation. The stamp is part of a set commemorating famous authors of science fiction.

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**UPCOMING USPS STAMP ISSUES (JANUARY)**

January 12 - Quilted Paper Heart

January 29 - Botanical Art *

* See Page 3 for First Day issue information.

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**Rare “Hanging Lincoln” Chattanooga Patriotic Cover**

*By Steve Swain*

To show loyalty to one side or another during the American Civil War, both the Union and the Confederacy produced patriotic envelopes, so called for the art work depicting pro-northern or pro-southern sentiments. As can be imagined, less than flattering caricatures of Abraham Lincoln were routinely used as a theme on Confederate patriotic covers.

Widely recognized as one of the rarest and most distinctive of all Confederate patriotic covers is the “Hanging Lincoln,” shown in Figure 1. Mailed from Nashville to Joseph Rooks (?), Chattanooga, Tennessee, this cover is one of only twelve examples recorded. (The Chattanooga cover realized an auction price of $11,500.)

Figure 1. “Hanging Lincoln” Chattanooga Cover.

The extraordinary caricature on the cover shows President Lincoln hanging upside down from a tree limb, with his symbolic axe and fence rail tied around his neck. The caption reads:

“Abe Lincoln the destroyer. He once split Rails. Now he has split the Union.”

To the left and right is the caption, “The penalty of disregarding the constitution. Impeached, deposed, Tried and convicted.” Standing beside Lincoln is a mustachioed Winfield Scott, labeled “Old Fuss n Feathers”. Scott has dropped his sword and is exclaiming, “My glory is gone forever.” On the ground beneath Lincoln is the Union flag, captioned, “The stars and stripes lie in the dust, Never to rise.” A Confederate 11-star flag towers above the tree with the caption, “The stars and bars shall for ever wave triumphant.”

The Confederate Stamp Alliance lists the twelve genuine Hanging Lincoln Confederate patriotic covers as:

1) July 25, 1861, Marshall Texas
2) August 21, 1861, Nashville Tennessee
3) August 30, 1861, Athens Louisiana.
4) Nov. 2, 1861, Bowling Green Kentucky
**5) Jan. 1, 1862, Nashville to Chattanooga Tennessee**
6) Jan. 4, 1862, Nashville Tennessee
7) Feb. 20, 1862, Cumberland Gap to Knoxville
8) April 15, 1862, Cartersville Mississippi
9) April 15, 1862, Camden Mississippi
10) June 24, 1862, Camden Mississippi
11) Date unknown to JRH, West Union South Carolina
12) Privately carried and not postally used
AmeriStamp/Southeastern Stamp Expo is pleased to host a first-day-of-issue ceremony for the U.S. Postal Service's 10 Botanical Art stamps on Friday, January 29, at 11 a.m. Please join us at the Hilton Downtown in Atlanta, Georgia (255 Courtland Street, N.E.).

Join Us for AmeriStamp / Southeastern Stamp Expo, January 29-31, 2016 in Downtown Atlanta, Georgia! AmeriStamp Expo is our second largest annual event held every winter in different states around the country. This year, we are honored to co-host with the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs. Be sure to check out the new venue – the Hilton Downtown, near Peachtree Center – just a few blocks from the Center for Civil and Human Rights Museum, World of Coca Cola Museum, and Centennial Olympic Park.

This year’s show will feature a large youth area, 55 dealers and a dozen societies in nearly 100 booths, as well as 300 frames of exhibits. Shortly after show opening, at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 29, a First Day of Issue Ceremony for the new Botanical Art stamps will be held by United States Postal Service.

Admission is FREE! Parking is as low as $6/day on Fri. and $5/day Sat./Sun. If you pre-register online by January 15, your name badge will be waiting for you at the show. Or, you can fill out the registration form at the door when you arrive.