January 12…………………………..….….. Monthly Meeting
Program ….. “Getting To Know the APS” by Mike Ezell
February 9………………………….……….Monthly  Meeting
Program .……………………..…………..  To be Determined
(We need program presenters - volunteer today!

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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.
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SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS
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AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY
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MINUTES OF DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting was called to order by the outgoing President.
Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
Treasurers Report was read and approved.
Election of Officers for 2017 is as follows:
President - Mike Ezell
Vice Pres - Jim Hogue
Treasurer - Carl Anderson
Secretary- Tom Matuszak
Newsletter - Gene Bricker.

Looking ahead to 2017 the Club will be partnering with the Scout Troop that meets at Hickory Valley Christian Church. Tom Matuszak will be Point man and looking for individuals to assist a Scout work on the requirements of the Stamp Collecting Merit badge. We need to pass on the knowledge that each of us possess to the next generations in the interest of Stamp Collecting. Be ready to Volunteer. More details to follow.
Meeting adjourned and Christmas Dinner was enjoyed.

Many thanks to all for participating by coming to the dinner, and bringing your Best Dish to Share.
Food was Blessed and the Christmas Party began.
Tom Matuszak, Secretary

Question for World Wide collectors:

Do you have a stamp issued by the “Republic of Buryatia?”
See Page 3 for an explanation of what these stamps really are!
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It is situated on the border with Mongolia. The Republic of Buryatia is a federal subject of Russia (a republic), located in Asia in Siberia. Its capital is the city of Ulan-Ude. Its area is 135,600 sq mi with a population of 972,021 (2010 Census).

The Soviet Union broke up and was replaced by the Russian Federation more than 25 years ago. Russia comprises numerous larger and smaller republics which run their own local affairs. However the Russian postal service serves the entire federation very much like the USPS, and no local Russian states are allowed to run their own postal systems releasing postage stamps.

Soon after the break-up of the Soviet Union, stamps from individual states making up Russia began to be offered. At first they were in the form old Soviet postage stamps with overprints added.

In philately, a Cinderella stamp is "virtually anything resembling a postage stamp, but not issued for postal purposes by a government postal administration..." The term also excludes imprinted stamps on postal stationery.

No one should tell you what to collect. But it is only fair that collectors know what they are buying if they want to add Republic of Buryatia stamps to their stamp albums. Just be aware these type of stamps are not legal postage.

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Abyssinia. Ethiopia (q.v.).
Acambaro. District of Mexico which issued revolutionary provisional in 1914.
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Accessories. A wide range of accessories is available to aid the modern collector, including hinges and mounts of various kinds, magnifiers, tweezers, perforation and measurement gauges, color guides, etc. In the stamp trade other goods such as albums, catalogues, and philatelic books are not usuallylooked on as 'accessories' but are more frequently considered 'departments' on
Acors. The Azores. Portuguese Atlantic islands. First issues were Portuguese general issues o/p in 1868, followed by colonial key-types. Since 1931 uses general issues of Portugal. Area: 922 sq. m.; pop. (1930): 253,935; capital: Ponta Delgada; currency: 1853: 1,000 reis = 1 milreis; 1912: 100 centavos -- 1 escudo.
Adams &. Co.’s Express. U.S.A. Pacific coast local issues of 1854-5. There was also an Adams City Express Post operating in New York in 1850, and was possibly the Atlantic coast affiliation of the Californian company.
Additional Halfpenny. From 1813 to 1839 hand-struck markings of this type were applied, in certain circumstances, to mail passing from England to Scotland. They denoted that an extra 1/2d. postage was chargeable. The additional charge was authorised to reimburse the Post Office for tolls paid by mailcoaches on Scottish turnpike roads.
Adelie Land. French possession in Antarctica, first discovered by Dumont Durville in 1840. In 1948 a French expedition established a base in Adelie Land, and in January 1950 a Madagascar stamp was overprinted 'Terre Adelie-Dumont Durville 1840' for use there. Since 1955 Adelie Land has used the stamps of the French Southern and Antarctic Territories, q.v.
Aden. British colony and protectorate in South Arabia. First annexed to British India in 1839, Aden used Indian stamps until it became a separate Crown Colony on 1 April, 1937. On the same day Aden's first distinctive stamps were issued, a set of pectorials in the famous Dhow design. Area of colony and protectorate: about 112,000 sq. m. Pop. (est. 1960): 660,000. Colony only: 75 sq. m. Pop. (est. 1964): 210,000. Indian currency was in use until 1951; thereafter East African currency—100 cents = Is. Since 1963 the colony of Aden has formed part of the South Arabian Federation (q.v.).
Aden States. Only two of the sultanates of the Aden Protectorate issue their own stamps—Kathiri State of Seiyun and Qu’Aiti State of Shihr and Mukalla, otherwise known as Qu’Aiti State in Hadhramaut. In philatelic literature these two states, which together make up the Eastern Aden Protectorate, are usually referred to as Aden (Kathiri) and Aden (Qu’Aiti). Stamps first issued 1942.