



**COLUMBIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY**  
**APS Chapter #043067**  
**South Carolina's Oldest Active Philatelic Society**

**AUGUST 2017 NEWSLETTER**

**President's Message & Commentary**

We were down in attendance in July, only 14 members attending last month's regular meeting.

For those 11 members who attended Tuesday night past, thank you for your support in "cutting, sorting, packing and setting-aside" work. We are continuing our efforts toward reaching our at least 2000 packets of 25 stamps for the special program. We are supporting the Total Solar Eclipse event at SC State Museum and just added, Saluda Shoals Park in Columbia (Zip area 29212). More on this later in NL. Read on...

Pay close attention to the news and announcements. Lots coming up for balance of this month that will need your close attention for events, changes and such. But plan now to attend the meeting to hear some of the announcements that may come out outside this NL. So, come support your hobby and CPS. We don't exist with YOU.

Volunteering your time is worth something. A calculation from a university study on the economic value as a volunteer found that 1 hour of volunteer work was valued at \$26.00. CPS is a volunteer organization, ALL members need in some form or another contribute their time toward what CPS does. Consider time vs. a donation. Tho' both are valuable, you as an individual with your skills and hands offer much as a resource CPS can use and needs to continue promoting philately as a hobby.

**News/Events**

Birthdays for July are as follows: **David Lever (10<sup>th</sup>)**, **Loni Young (16<sup>th</sup>)**, and **Bob Anderson (21<sup>st</sup>)**. Congratulations. We all wish everyone a great day and many more notches be added to their totem in future. By the way, David Lever has distinction of having the longest membership among these three and Loni is one of our newer members.

Plans and arrangements are coming together for our August Summer show. Of course, volunteers are needed for **August 18-20<sup>th</sup> dates**. See Mark Postmus, Fred McGary and your President to add your name as a volunteer. The registration desk is, at this time, critically short of support. Contact Fred McGary by e-mail ([fred@fmcgary.com](mailto:fred@fmcgary.com)) or phone 803-800-8873. Lots of volunteer effort is needed for the show. Registration desk, set up and help with on Friday and take down on Sunday can always use volunteers. Assembling show exhibit frames, too, then take down help is appreciated. Help in the stamp collecting merit badge area needed also on Saturday: set up & take down. Mark Postmus POC is [mapostmus@yahoo.com](mailto:mapostmus@yahoo.com) or by calling 803-309-2534 (cell). Your President can be reach by e-mail ([jwovensr@gmail.com](mailto:jwovensr@gmail.com)) or cell (803-466-4783).

There will be exhibits at our show. Remember this is for members of CPS only. There are NO rules except that you participate. Need help putting together an exhibit? Ask Bob Wilson, Bob Anderson, Mark Postmus, Fred McGary and your President for help. Not hard to do, just a commitment and effort. Also, we will have a single frame of single or 2 pages from members describing their stamp collecting interest and examples. So far, a count 12 of the needed 15 pages to fill the frame from members. Come on, folks, 3 more pages. Step up, speak up. As of Tuesday (8<sup>th</sup>) we need one or two ore individuals. Bob Wilson has vounteered to provide direct support in getting your page prepared. He will provide information Sunday at our monthly meeting to further assist with this. Bring with you material examples of what you collect. Bob will provide help is setting the frame format and work with you to display your material.

The show program on Saturday will feature NASA Ambassador Larry Metcalf presenting a PP program on

"The Great American Eclipse" at 11:30. Larry has made some 400+ presentations since January this year on the eclipse. If you attend just for this program, it will be well worth your time and effort. Invite a friend and come!

**BIG** plans being formulated for the SC State Museum and the August 21<sup>st</sup> Solar Eclipse event program. Your President is working with USPS and the Museum to feature a philatelic event there: USPS selling the Eclipse stamps and collectibles with CPS selling cachets for the event and servicing them as well. This venue will be a very opportune time to show visitors to the museum what philately is about. At our table/booth we will be servicing event covers, passing out FREE stamp packets, providing information on CPS and APS (perhaps ATA as well). **A second venue has been obtained: Saluda Shoals Park in Columbia (29212)** off St. Andrews Road. We will be in the Environmental Education bldg where the majority of people traffic will flow. Your President will provide a map of the location. Time for support is needed from 10 AM to no later than 5 PM. Details needed? See your President. We need at least 3 people to manage this booth/table. Your President has a sign up sheet and if you don't sign up, he will CALL you to ask for assistance.

Stay tuned! A lot of help will be needed to support the effort. Details will follow. WHAT WE NEED for the SCISM & SSP venues and our CPS booth: used (off paper) and/or mint stamps (US & foreign, separated) and need to be assembled into packets. Bring your BULK duplicates THIS SUNDAY. We will also do what we did Tuesday evening: sort, clip, pack and set-aside (for CPS use). We can do this in teams, individually or "assembly line method." Bring a pair of scissors (sharpened, too) to help with trimming the stamps on paper. We will NOT soak the stamps but will use cut rounds for the packets. Your hands should be clean to help out.

### **Business & Reports**

Auction forms will be available at the check-in desk when you arrive if you need. The forms help to provide proper accounting during and at end of auction. Be sure to place your name on the form.

A new set of APS circuit books will be available for meeting Sunday. You will be provided an index card to record your selection. Follow these instructions: record the book number you remove stamp(s) from, the item #(s) and amount(s). Total number of purchases and amount. Add 5% processing fee then include payment (cash or check/payable to John W. Owen). He is looking for someone to take over the accounting portion of this. Can YOU help?

### **Program**

Dr. Harvey Teal will present the featured program on Confederate covers taken from his personal collection. Bill Mitchell has the show & Tell, presenting an interesting topic of a Belgian philatelist who became personally involved in WWII. Both members always have a treat for their audience and this is no exception.

### **Announcements**

We need volunteers for September monthly meeting: a greeter(s) for Sept thru December. See Fred McGary or John Owen to make those commitments.

Monthly auctions at our regular meeting provide a basis venue for sales and exchanges. A majority of our members are collectors of US material. We have several plate block collectors. If you have a want/need list of your US collection, please bring such. Other members may have exactly what you are looking for. When he is able to come David Lever ALWAYS brings US collectibles but even he needs help in assisting members with specifics. David may be contacted via phone @ 803-772-9641.

Jim Sneed has a **free** service. Stamp and other collectible supplies are ordered for members at cost plus postage. See Jim to avail yourself of this service.

Lastly, **FREE** literature is available at meetings: previous copies of LINN'S Stamp News, sales catalogs with wonderful color photos of stamps and postal history and additional specialty society publication will await anyone who wants. Bourse on by and see what you might be missing.

### **Postlude**

September 17<sup>th</sup> is next regular monthly meeting will be back on schedule, **3rd Sunday**. Bob Anderson has the featured program.

The Auction Only Meeting is Tuesday, Sept 12th.



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