



COLUMBIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY
APS Chapter #043067
South Carolina's Oldest Active Philatelic Society
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President's Message & Commentary

Your President regrets a late NL for December. Just a lot going on, particularly our annual Christmas banquet held this past Thursday. A bit more on that later.

We had attendance in November of 17 members and one visitor, Ward Harris, who is a collector and found Columbia has a stamp club and so he joined us for a visit. He was welcomed and, of course, invited back.

Our 2017 Winter Stamp & Postcard show, January 20-21, is formatted and managed well by Mark Postmus. A great forum of dealers (14) are signed up and Mark is also responsible for creating our show cachet and cancellation design which is featured on the show flyer. Mark has also agreed to edit the program. The show theme will be the 100th Anniversary of the U.S. Air Mail Service. CPS will feature a special montage of air mail philatelic material highlighted by a large poster board, 40" x 60", featuring an outline of state of S.C. surrounded by photoscans of famous air mail issues from "**Jenny's To Jets**" which is the theme title for honoring the anniversary. Included on the map will be covers from various airports around the state as "first flights" when the post office initiated air mail service from different airports within the state. The other project for the show will be air mail philatelic exhibits. One will feature fifteen pages of First Day of Issue covers of air mail stamps, another will be 15 pages of air mail stamps, another single frame will have covers issued and cancelled during National Air Mail Week in 1938. However, this will NOT happen unless members take ownership of these exhibits. Your President cannot do this by himself. Your help is needed and NOW since it will take time and effort to put the materials together, mount them for exhibit with descriptive terms. See your President and Bill Mitchell for details and how you can contribute and help. Your President has already begun assembling the stamps, FDI covers, FF covers, etc. Many of these have been purchased on eBay and Hipstamps but they are everywhere to be found. You may have duplicate US air mail stamps in your collection you can donate and help with the project. Same for the other items needed. Start searching out your duplicate materials and items you have that can be used on a "loan" basis to CPS. CPS needs someone to take charge of this project and see it through.

News/Events

Christmas Banquet was this past Thursday and catered by Seawells, here in the building. Dale Carruth, Annette Metz and a friend decorated the tables. Your President and Wayne Peelman help set the tables. There were contributions of desserts by wives of members (thank you all) and Hors'oeuvres provided by your President and wife. Thanks to all who helped with the dinner preparation for the event including Mark and Susan Postmus who provided the coffee. Twenty-one were in attendance including our Postmaster of Columbia, Walt Rowland. Our attendance was down from last year's high. Those who did not attend missed a fine evening, Our facility provided a better venue, the food was excellent in taste and service and the fellowship enjoyed. Door prizes included free meal (Fred McGary), free year's membership (Susan Postmus) and a free 2018 US Air Mail Centennial Calendar (???, sorry, cannot remember who won it). Your President provided a summary of CPS 2017 events to conclude the program.

Birthdays for December include Sidney Locke (4th), Orlin Cramer (10th) and Mick Zais (10th). Congratulations, gentlemen. We wish you many more. Thank you for supporting CPS with your membership.

Long time member, Ralph Mulkins, has been ill of recent. He is currently in rehab regaining strength with expectations of coming home this coming week prior to Christmas. Another member, Saba Damian,

is recovering from pneumonia but managed to preserve and attended the banquet. Thanks, Saba, and we wish you full return to good health. Good to see you out and about.

Our member and APS President, Mick Zais, has won Congressional approval as Under Secretary of Education. Congratulations, Mick. We are pulling for you and our prayers go out to keep you safe and healthy for the new job.

On the agenda for the meeting is the election of officers for 2018. Nominations are open for ALL positions and your voice and participation are welcomed and needed. Remember, this is a service organization made up of volunteers who care about philately, **first** on a local level, here in midlands of SC. **Second**, we all share a common bond of love of the hobby. **Thirdly**, members are expected to broadcast their hobby interest to others and serve as a mentor to younger collectors. **Forthly**, this organization needs ACTIVE support through participation.

As Bill Mitchell mentions in the monthly post card reminder, YOUR CPS needs your volunteer efforts for featured programs, show & tell and refreshments, particularly starting the new year next month.

Program & Refreshments

Saba Damian stepped up and volunteered to bring refreshments. Who will provide the refreshments for the January meeting? Thank you, Saba.

Fred McGary is providing the featured program on early US first day covers.

Announcements

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.

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 by the table and see what you might be missing.

The Southeast Stamp Show & Expo will be held last week of January (26-28th) 2018 in Norcross, Ga at the Hilton NE Hotel. Rooms are allotted and in limited number with the special rate. See your President for additional information. The Myrtle Beach Stamp Club will present the 26th annual MB stamp & postcard show, Feb. 10-11 at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center. The APS Winter Show, AmeriStamp, will be held in Birmingham, Al, Feb 23-25th and hosted by the Birmingham Philatelic Society.

APS Affiliate Chapter for 54 years! JOIN & BECOME A MEMBER OF CPS & APS.
Remember, dues for 2018 are collectible NOW and at January meeting which is on 14th.

