



COLUMBIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY
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JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER

President's Message & Commentary

We had a smaller attendance in June, only 18 members present. However, 9 members attended the auction only-work night. Tho' little material was offered for auction, the circuit books were reviewed with additional sales. Auction books will reappear for August 9th and again on August 12th. Get your collecting interest, topics in to your President so he can order new selections for August. He needs these requests before end of month.

For those who attended Tuesday night past, thank you for your support in "cutting, sorting, packing and setting-aside" work. We got a nice start toward out goal of 1000 packets of 25 stamps for the special program. We are supporting the Total Solar Eclipse event at SC State Museum. More on this later in NL. Read on...

Pay close attention to the news and announcements. Lots coming up for August 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.

News

Birthdays for July are as follows: **Ken Ferguson (1st), Bob Wilson (8th), Jim Sneed (11th), Harvey Teal (15th), and Dale Carruth (20th).** Congratulations. We all wish everyone a great day and many more notches be added to their totem in future. By the way, Harvey is the elder of this group.

Plans and arrangements are coming together for our August Summer show. Of course, volunteers will be needed for **August 18-20th dates**. See Mark Postmus, Bill Mitchell and Fred McGary for making your commitment. Lots of volunteer effort 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.

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, Bill Mitchell, Fred McGary and your President for help. Not hard to do. 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.

BIG plans being formulated for the SC State Museum and the August 21st 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 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). Stay tuned! A lot of help will be needed to support the effort. Details will follow. WHAT WE NEED for the museum 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.

The same 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

Rick Miller will present the featured program at the meeting. Mark Postmus presented a v. nice Solar Eclipse Philately program last month. There is no S&T this meeting.

Announcements

The August meeting is on 2nd Sunday, August 13th since our regular date, 3rd Sunday, is on same day as our stamp show. So, NO MEETING on 20th here at AL bldg.

We need volunteers for September monthly meeting: a greeter(s) for Oct thru December. See Fred McGary or John Owen to make those commitments. Linda Nelson has volunteered for refreshments for August. Anyone want to help her? Refreshments needed for Oct-December. See Fred McGary to pick your date.

The S&T program portion is cancelled for July. Instead, we will be sorting stamps and preparing the packets of stamps CPS will provide at the State Museum Aug. 21st program.

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. David Lever ALWAYS brings US collectibles but even he needs help in assisting members with specifics.

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

The **September** regular monthly meeting will be back on schedule, 17th, 3rd Sunday.

The Auction Only Meeting is **Tuesday, AUGUST 8^h.**

The Charlotte Philatelic Society (CPS-North) will have their annual show and exhibit July 29-30th. Anyone interested in attending, see your President. Would like to attend but need a ride? See your President or Vice President.



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