



COLUMBIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY
APS Chapter #043067
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JUNE 2017 NEWSLETTER

President's Message & Commentary

We had a smaller attendance in June, only 18 members present and only 7 attended the auction only meeting on Tuesday, June 13th. Our treasurer's report last month says we are still in good shape.

Pay close attention to the news and announcements. Lots coming up in July and August that will need your close attention for events, changes and such.

For those of you who missed the First Day of Sale of the new Total Solar Eclipse stamp on Monday, 20th, don't be alarmed, YET. Though the Columbia main post office and all branches sold out of the stamps that day, more are on order. Your President will have a limited number of panes of 16 on Sunday for S&T and sale. You will receive an e-mail notice when a new supply should arrive. Looks like this was probably a nationwide "buyout" due to the publicity and uniqueness of the stamp itself.

News

First off, **Happy Father's Day** last Sunday. Hope all the Dads got recognized by family and friends.

Birthdays for June are as follows: **Fred Monk (4th)**, **Becky Ferguson (19th)**, and **Jean Mulkins (27th)**. Congratulations. We all wish everyone a great day many more notches be added to their totem in future.

Plans and arrangements are coming together for our August Summer show. Of course, volunteers will be needed for August 18-20th show dates. See Mark, 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 is appreciated.

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 starting THIS SUNDAY.

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 APS circuit books were brought back to the Tuesday Auction Night program and additional sales were recorded.

A new set of APS circuit books will be available for meeting Sunday. If you want stamps from a particular country, special topic and/or in a specific category, complete the circuit book sheet and return to your President who is coordinating this. 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

this function in July. Not a hard task, just takes accountability and attention to details. A VOLUNTEER IS NEEDED. Who will step up?

Darlene Walton, Commander of Post 131 (our venue meeting facility) provided information that the AL Box Car 40-8 has found a new home in Bishopville, SC. She gave us a history at last month's meeting about the 40-8 rail box cars and the one which SC received.

Program

Mark Postmus will provide the featured program for our meeting on "**Eclipses & Philately.**" This will tie in nicely with our show theme: "**ECLIPSE 2017-A Total Event.**" Mark will also do the S&T, blending the information about of show cachet and the museum cachet, both with their individual postal cancels.

Announcements

For our August show, a SINGLE frame will be prepared to feature what our members collect using a simple one page "Show & Tell" of your collecting interest. Ask to participate. NO, volunteer to do this. We want 14 volunteers to commit to this. Your President will provide at least ONE but 14 others are needed. Sign up your S&T topic page. See your President. Each of our frames hold 15 pages. Need help, ASK!

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

The program for the July is cancelled. Instead, we will be sorting stamps and preparing the packets of stamps CPS will provide at the State Museum Aug. 21st program. OUR monthly meeting for August will be 2nd Sunday, on 13th. We will be prepping for State Museum CPS table give-a-ways.

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 July regular monthly meeting will be back on schedule, 16th, 3rd Sunday.
The Auction Only Meeting is Tuesday, July 11th.



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