



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

MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER

President's Message & Commentary

News

CPS is YOUR organization. It is run by volunteers and everyone can make a contribution in many different ways. Thanks to many of you who step up and provide refreshments for our meetings, those who contribute with "Show & Tell" as well as the featured program. Others help with the meeting venue to set up of tables and chairs. Many of you provide auction materials and help with the auction. We have started the "Auction Only Meeting" on 2nd Tuesday of the months with DST and ten individuals attended that earlier this month. The circuit books for month of April did well, almost \$90 in sales for first time. So, doing "small" things helps the pieces come together to have a meeting and functioning organization. Just attending the meetings is a contribution of supporting CPS. See what you can do!

Twenty-one members attended the April 23rd meeting. THANKS to each and everyone.

Birthdays for May are as follows: **Rick Miller** (8th), **Lewis Boatwright** (10th), **Saba Damien** (16th), **Bruce Bondo** (18th), **Judy Moffett** (20th), **Dave Pugh** (21st), **John Owen** (24th), **Gary Baker** (26th) and **Steve Moffett** (31s). Congratulations. May many more notches be added to your totem in future.

Plans and arrangements are coming together form our August Summer show. Mark Postmus will provided the featured program for our June meeting on "**Eclipses & Pihilately.**" This will tie in nicely with our show tehme: "**ECLIPSE 2017-A Total Event.**" Of course, volunteers will be needed for August 18-20th show dates. See Mark, Bill Mitchell and Fred McGary for making your commitment.

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 treasurer's report, overlooked in the business portion of meeting last month, will be provided by Jim Sneed covering 1st quarter of our the New Year. Same for membership: additions, suspensions, drops will be provided FYI.

The APS circuit books will be available for meeting Sunday. If you want stamps from a particular country, special topic and/or in a specific cateryory, complete the circuit book sheet and return to your President who is coordinating this. He is looking for someone to take over this function in June. Not a hard task, just takes accountability and attention to details. A VOLUNTEER IS NEEDED.

Darlene Walton, Commander of Post 131 (our venue meeting facility) will provide an date on plans for some facility upgrades as well as background info on the article appearing in THE STATE newspaper on the "40 & 8" box car from WWII which featured her photo and input. The article will be provided for attendees to see Sunday.

Program

Bill Mitchell will provide the featured program, a Power Point assisted "Patriotic Cachet Covers" presentation along with doing the "Show & Tell" featuring TBD topic. Thanks, Bill, for your continued support.

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.

We need volunteers for June monthly meeting: a greeter(s) for June and then 3rd quarter starting in July. See Fred McGary or John Owen to make those commitments. We need volunteers for programs 3rd quarter as well: July-August-September. Prepare a simple talk and tell us what you collect (S&T) or a featured program on philately you enjoy and why.

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 June regular monthly meeting will be on 4th Sunday vice the 3rd (Father's Day). Make note, please. The Auction Only Meeting is Tuesday, June 13th.



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