



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

**SEPTEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER**

**President's Message**

**News**

-Looking Back, A "Recap"

Via the calendar, September is the last month of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. What have we been doing for the last nine months? Our average attendance since January for our regular monthly meeting has been 19. Since we started the auction those attending averaged 12 but a high 18 for first auction was an anomaly. Lately, that number over last 3 months has been 10 (ten). Folks, it is plain. The auction night is not functional. Second, though our average attendance for our monthly meetings has remained steady, it is not where it was last year when we averaged 21. We have conducted two shows this year. With a new show director, our dealer participation has been steady and even improved. Attendance has been steady on Saturday but poor on Sunday. CPS has some improvements to make for the balance of this year: October thru our Christmas banquet and final meeting of the year in December. I challenge particularly those members who have NOT been regular attendees. Mark your calendars for October 16<sup>th</sup>, Nov 20<sup>th</sup>, Dec 15<sup>th</sup> (Christmas banquet) and Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>-final meeting of 2016. IF YOU ARE NOT HAPPY WITH THE MEETINGS, WE NEED YOUR SUGGESTIONS AND PARTICIPATION ON HOW CPS CAN IMPROVE. The Tuesday auction meetings are NOW discontinued for balance of 2016.

Birthdays in September are as follows: GEORGE NICHOLS (5<sup>th</sup>), ANDY BANCO (5<sup>th</sup>), WAYNE PEELMAN (18<sup>th</sup>) and JOHN AMOS (26<sup>th</sup>). Celebrate with those in attendance Sunday and let them know you appreciate having them as friends and fellow philatelists.

**Business & Reports**

Auction forms will be available at the check-in desk when you arrive if you need them. Pick up your name tags and return them to check-in table when leaving.

The treasurer will provide a report on 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter standings at the October meeting. If you have questions on anything financial, see Jim Sneed or Dale Carruth.

The January show is four short months ahead and the planning is underway for this to be a productive and exciting event. The theme is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of opening of Camp (now Fort) Jackson, our neighbor on the east side of Columbia. We are in planning process of having a couple of special events during the show. IF YOU WANT TO BE A PARTICIPANT IN PLANNING, VOLUNTEER. These two shows we have are basically put on by a handful (5-6) people. Additional help is needed in advertizing/media promotion, exhibits and for January and the special events. We are also planning to have a special USPS cancellation and cachet as in past. See Mark Postmus, Bill Mitchell or John Owen for additional details.

**Program**

Bob Anderson will conclude his program on the postal history of the Confederacy which he started last month. The program stirred a number of questions and interest. This is a great topical area of collecting and with a limited number of stamps issued it is very feasible to collect a representative and complete collection, minus,

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perhaps, some of the varieties. Of course, stamped and delivered mail is another story but even these provide an interesting study into the history of the time. Dr. Harvey Teal, well known collaborator and editor on postmarks during the Civil War especially in S.C. can, at a future date, fill in details on questions for which Bob may be lacking in information.

For our meeting Sunday, Mark Postmus & Susan Postmus are providing refreshments this month. Bill Mitchell has Show & Tell.

### **Announcements**

We welcome our newest CPS member, Scott English, Executive Director of APS. Thanks for joining CPS, Scott. Vice President Bill Mitchell continues to reach out for support of our meetings: Greeters, Show & Tell as well as featured program participation. Also needed is continued support for refreshments. He announces this with every card he mails to you on a monthly basis. This is continuing challenge. Step Up, Be Counted and Volunteer.

Monthly auctions at our regular meeting will provide 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.

Bill Mitchell is bringing US plate blocks and singles, MNH, from the balance of Henry Kemp's accumulations. Bring your want list. There will be additions brought beside the PNBs.

### **Postlude**

Philately is fun, interesting, educational and enjoyable. Share this with someone who wants to know what you do for a hobby. Invite a friend, provide a ride to our CPS meetings. It takes effort to build a good organization. YOU can help. Remember, though you are one among many, together we can! See you this Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 1:30 to set up auctions for items and to socialize. Meeting starts promptly at 2 pm. Be there!

