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MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE HICKORY VALLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 6605 SHALLOWFORD RD., CHATTANOOGA, TN.

FOR DECEMBER ONLY: DOORS OPEN AT 5:00, DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 6:00

December 8 Meeting - Potluck Dinner
Program Dinner, Election of Officers
January 12 Monthly Meeting
Program by Mike Ezell

CLUB OFFICERS

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Chattanooga Stamp Club memberships are on a calendar year basis. Yearly dues are \$10.00; send all monetary donations and membership dues to the club's Treasurer:

Mr. Carl Anderson, 919 Dunsinane Rd.
Signal Mountain, TN 37377

THE CHATTANOOGA STAMP CHRONICLE

The Chattanooga Stamp Club is affiliated with the American Philatelic Society. The club has been dedicated to the study, preservation, and promotion of the philatelic hobby since 1932.

SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS

The Southeast Federation web site is a source for information about stamp collecting activities in the region. Visit at: www.sefsc.org/federation-clubs.html

AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

American Philatelic Society (APS) is the largest nonprofit stamp collecting Foundation of philately in the world., With about 32,000 members as of 2014 worldwide. Visit at: www.Stamps.org.

PAY YOUR 2017 DUES NOW!

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER MEETING

Meeting called to Order at 7:25 PM by President Richard Barr with Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$932.00. Approved

Christmas Dinner will be held on December 8th at 6 PM at our usual meeting place. Hickory Valley Christian Church.

Election of OFFICERS will take place at this meeting.

Everyone attending is asked to bring a passing Dish, full of something.

Meeting Adjourned for Drinks and Snacks.

Club Auction then started . Over 200 lots were available for Bidding. Over 45 lots went home with a new owner.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

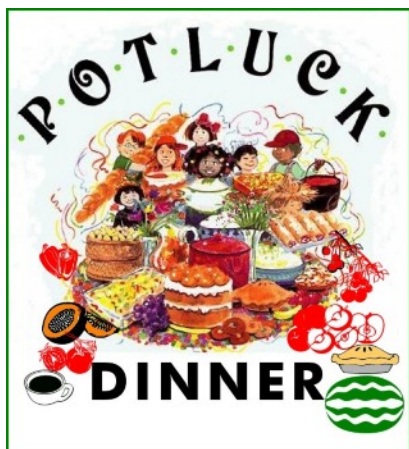
Account Balance as of 11/21/2016: \$1004
17 Members have paid dues for 2017
(29 Members paid dues in 2016)

Auction Results

64 Lots sold for a total of \$240. Club income from club lots and commission on member sales: \$45

IMPORTANT!!!

DECEMBER MEETING!



The December meeting is our annual Christmas dinner. Note the time: Dinner will be served at **6:00** p.m.

The meat and drinks will be provided by the club. Each member attending is asked to bring a vegetable and a dessert side dish to share.



UPCOMING AREA SHOWS

Jan. 27 - 29, 2017

Southeastern Stamp Expo

-Exhibit Prospectus and Entry Form Available Now -
Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs, Hilton Hotel
Atlanta Northeast, 5993 Peachtree Industrial Blvd.,
Norcross, Georgia 30092, Contact Scott Mark,
sestampexpo@gmail.com, <http://www.sefsc.org>

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!



**BEST WISHES FOR HAPPINESS FOR
YOU AND YOURS THIS HOLIDAY
SEASON. IT IS A SEASON TO
CELEBRATE.**

**AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY
ON THE ROAD COURSE**

**Mastering Postal History: How to Read and
Interpret a Cover**

An APS On-The-Road Course
January 26, 2017

Come a day early to the Southeastern Stamp Expo to join Gary Wayne Loew as he presents "Mastering Postal History: How to Read and Interpret a Cover" - the study of covers and other artifacts that explain mail rates and routes.

This course will enable the participant to:

- Recognize the four fundamental aspects of a cover - rates, routes, markings, and means
- Organize covers into a meaningful postal history collection
- Evaluate the intangibles: provenance, condition, and rarity
- Master the taxonomy of postal history artifacts
- Know where to find the answers to postal history questions
- Gain a broader appreciation of the importance of postal history as a means to study world history
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All participants will return home with a notebook which includes a valuable reference guide to researching postal history.

Bring your mystery items, and a sense of curiosity to this course. We won't have all the answers, but we'll show you how to find them!

Course Registration Fee: \$65 for APS members; Register online at <http://stamps.org/On-the-Road-Courses>
Registration Deadline: January 7, 2017
For more information about APS Educational offerings, Email: education@stamps.org

The Southeastern Stamp Expo will be held January 27-29, 2017, at the Atlanta Hilton Northeast, 5993 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Norcross, Georgia.

November 2016 Stamp Issues

November 1
Hanukkah



November 3
Nativity

UPCOMING 2017 U.S. ISSUES:

(Tentative)

January	Love Skywriting
February	Year of the Rooster
February	National Museum of African American History and Culture
May	John F. Kennedy
Spring	Uncle Sam's Hat
Spring	Seashells
Spring	California Dogface Butterfly
Spring	Barn Swallow
Spring	Father Ted Hesburgh
Spring	WPA Posters
Summer	Sharks
Summer	Flag
Summer	Flowers from the Garden
Summer	Delicoiso

INDIA'S POSTAL SYSTEM

Indian postal systems for efficient military and governmental communications had developed long before the arrival of Europeans. When the Portuguese, Dutch, French, Danish and British displaced The Marathas who had already defeated the Mughals, their postal systems existed alongside those of many somewhat independent states. The British East India Company gradually displaced other powers and brought into existence a British administrative system over most of India, with a need to establish and maintain both official and commercial mail systems.

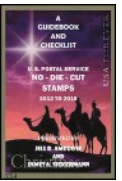
The world's longest-lived mail delivery system exists to this day in India. Called the Dak or Dawk system, this organization can be traced back to Roman relay runners. Dak runners carried the mail over long distances by inserting it in a stick, split down the middle. A torch bearer helped guide the runners at night, and another ran along beating a drum to scare off dangerous animals. Sometime during the seventeenth century, the job of carrying the torch and tom-tom were combined. The East India Company ran the system while Britain controlled India. During that time, postal inspectors were employed, and time keepers kept the runners on schedule.

Although the Indian Post Office was established in 1837, Asia's first adhesive stamp, the Scinde Dawk, was introduced in 1852 by Sir Bartle Frere, the British East India Company's administrator of the province of Sind. The Indian postal system developed into an extensive, dependable and robust network providing connectivity to almost all parts of India, Burma, the Straits Settlements and other areas controlled by the British East India Company (EIC). Based on the model postal system introduced in England by the reformer, Rowland Hill, efficient postal services were provided at a low cost and enabled the smooth commercial, military and administrative functioning of the EIC and its successor, the British Raj. The Imperial Posts co-existed with the several postal systems maintained by various Indian states, some of which produced stamps for use within their respective dominions, while British Indian postage stamps were required for sending mail beyond the boundaries of these states. Telegraphy and telephony made their appearance as part of the Posts before becoming separate departments. After the Independence of India in 1947, the Indian postal service continues to function on a countrywide basis and provides many valuable, low cost services to the public of India.



Review: *Stamps You Can't Die For*

U.S. Postal Service No-Die-Cut Stamps 2012 to 2015: A Guidebook and Checklist by Jill R. Ambrose and James A. Siekermann. 80 pages, 6 × 9 inches, perfect bound, Cincinnati, Ohio, ©2015. \$14.99 plus postage from Amazon.com.



As franking technology and new postage stamp formats evolve, collectors are quick to react by looking for new collectibles and then developing listings and eventually catalogues of this material. Enter USPS no-die-cut stamps, in particular the “modern” ones introduced in 2012. For some years self-adhesive stamps have been printed in large press sheets, then die cut so individual stamps can be peeled, and cut further into panes and packaged for shipment to post offices. However, some sheets are now prepared without die cuts and then cut into panes.

As collectors realized that only a limited number of such sheets and panes were available for each new issue, the demand increased quickly. In fact the first such no-die-cut panes were prepared for the July 20, 2012, baseball all-stars, and all the press sheets were sold out before the stamps were issued. The resulting stamps are imperforate. The full press sheet, before it is cut into panes, offers the possibility of cutting gutter pairs and blocks. The panes can be cut to yield margin singles or blocks with plate numbers.

The number of panes cut from a press sheet depends on the stamp size and format. Press sheets can be cut into five to six, eight to ten, twelve, or sixteen panes. This new guidebook shows each issue from July 2012 through 2015. A checklist accompanies each issue so collectors can quickly note that they have the press sheet, pane, mint single, used single, plate block, cross gutter block, horizontal gutter pair, vertical gutter pair, and first day cover.

Notes for each issue include location of the plate numbers, the number of no-die-cut press sheets released, and hence the feasible number of imperf stamps available. If the stamps were withdrawn from sale by USPS, that date is recorded. The authors have assigned their own numbering system, which is included along with the Scott number for each issue.

In the case of the July 2012 baseball all-stars, one press sheet has the four stamps and then separate press sheets were printed for each of the four stamps. Thus there are five press sheet numbers — GCPS (Guidebook and Checklist of Press Sheets) 1 through five, and the stamps are numbered 1-4 for the block of four different baseball stars followed by 5 through 8 for Ted Williams, Larry Doby, Willie Stargell, and Joe DiMaggio, each of whom has his own press sheet.

The next issue was the August 18, 2012, War of 1812 USS *Constitution* sheet GCPS 6; the stamp itself is number 9. This book ends with the October 23, 2015, Geometric Snowflakes issues, GCPS 108 and stamp numbers 270–273. No values are assigned to the issues. Most have a volatile value as they are resold by dealers or online auctions. It is possible to subscribe to the press sheets with USPS for new issues. Illustrations throughout the book are in color.

Since the press sheets continue to be released, the authors plan to issue periodic updates. For those seeking a new area of “collectibles,” the no-die-cut stamps may offer some appeal. It will take some investment to obtain the early releases and to form a complete collection.

— Alan Warren

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