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.
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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.

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.

Tom

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

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 Seinde 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 alongside those of many somewhat independent 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.