The Chattanooga Stamp Chronicle

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Official Journal of the Chattanooga Stamp Club

MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE HICKORY VALLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 6605 SHALLOWFORD RD., CHATTANOOGA, TN. DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM, MEETING BEGINS AT 7:30 PM -- VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

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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/stamp-clubs.html.

AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

American Philatelic Society (APS) is the largest nonprofit stamp collecting Foundation of philately in the world. With about 30,000 members as of 2017 worldwide.

Visit at: www.Stamps.org.

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

The January Meeting of the Chattanooga Stamp Club was called to order at 6:30 p.m. This meeting was to celebrate our postponed Christmas party.

The Club provided the Ham and Turkey, which was cooked by Tom. Various dishes were provided by other Club members. A Sincere Thank You too all who did this as it was a delicious meal.

After Dinner we held the Annual Election of officers. Elected were Mike Ezelll as President, Jim Hogue as Vice president, Rebecca Gilbert as Secretary, Carl Anderson as Treasurer. Gene Bricker will continue as newsletter editor. Dan Chaij will continue as our representative to the Southeast Federation.

The Southeast Federation is sponsoring a Stamp Show on January 26-28 , 2018.

Door Prizes were then drawn for with No 5 being a popular number. Darrell Zeucher will be leaving our Club due to his work taking him to Kentucky. We wish him well in his new Job.

Tom

WANTED!

Material for articles in the Chattanooga Stamp Chronicle is needed. Write a story of your favorite philatelic item in your collection, or other interest you have that you can share with the club members. Submit it to your newsletter editor in any form, and it will be edited for proper format, etc.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Greetings Fellow Stamp Collectors. First of all, I want to say thank you for the great turnout we had for the Christmas party. It was a great time of fellowship and food. I would also like to thank everyone who came early to help set-up everything.

We have some wonderful things coming up in the following months and I hope that everyone of you will be there to see what is happening. If you know of anyone who would love to find out what stamp collecting is all about, please invite them to attend a meeting.

We still have some months to fill for programs and if you are interested in presenting a program, please let Jim Hogue know.

I would like to welcome Rebecca Gilbert to officer's team as she took on the role of Secretary for this year. She is taking Tom Matuszak's place who has served well for the last few years. Thank you, Tom.

Remember to come early so that you can take advantage of the circuit books. We will have two months to go through. Thanks, and hope to see you all there.

Mike

FARLEY'S FOLLIES

The issues that motivated and angered philatelists of generations ago don't resonate much with newer philatelists. Some of the most popular United States stamp issues of the mid twentieth century are the so called Farley issues. Their story was often told and widely known years ago, but is not much related anymore.

James Farley was a New York businessman and politician. He was very well connected and served as Franklin Roosevelt's campaign manager for his two successful runs for New York governor and his first two runs for the White House. It was said, that it was upon his election as President, that Roosevelt offered Farley any office that he wanted. Farley chose the office of Postmaster General, as the workload was modest and the opportunities for patronage were great. Farley was not a stamp collector but he was surrounded by people, including the President, who were. As the 1930's progressed, Farley would go to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) and have special runs of current postage stamps made for him. He would give imperf sheets, often in formats other than in the way that they officially issued in, to friends and to the President. This was fine as long as no one knew about it, but before long these imperf sheets began appearing on the philatelic market and the political fallout for Farley and the President was unpleasant. Farley's solution was to issue these imperforate sheets to the public at face value, thus destroying the premium value for the sheets that he produced privately.

The imperforate issues that followed are called the Farley Issues and are listed in the Scott catalog as #752-771. Technically, they are reprints or reissues and because they were issued in formats other than the correctly issued stamps, Scott's own listing policy should preclude them being in the catalog. But they have a cachet and an interesting story and are a very popular sub specialty of mid twentieth century US philately. Collectors like them because the imperf sheets can be cut up in a multitude of different ways providing the hobby with such varieties as gutter pairs and blocks of four with crossed gutters. Because the entire groups of Farley's were issued to collectors in full panes of 400, and collectors could buy as many as they wanted, the Farleys are not rare. But there are enough varieties to make the game of collecting interesting. And the price point is high enough to add a bit of spice. If you have gotten to the point where each new addition to your US collection makes a painful dent in your checking account a little detour into the Farley's could be quite enjoyable.

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APS AmeriStamp Expo 2018

American Philatelic Society, Sheraton Birmingham Hotel, 2101 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd., North, Birmingham, Alabama 35203-1101, Barb Johnson, stampshow@stamps.org, 814-933-3803 ext. 217, https://stamps.org/AmeriStamp-Expo-ASE

June 16-17

HUNTSPEX 2018

Huntsville 2018 Stamp and Postcard Show, Huntsville Philatelic Club, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Conference Training Center, 1410 Ben Graves Drive, Contact: Michael O'Reilly, mcoreilly@att.net, 256-527-4601, www.stampshows.com/huntsville_hpc.html

August 3-5

Americover 2018

American First Day Cover Society, An APS World Series of Philately Show, Hilton Atlanta Northeast, 5993 Peachtree Industrial Blvd., Norcross, Georgia 30092-3416, Contact Chris Lazaroff, showinfo@afdcs.org, http://www.afdcs.org/show

January U.S. Stamp Issues

January 11 Year of the Dog





January 18 Love Flourishes

January 19 Meyer Lemons





January 21 Byodo-In Temple (Stamp & Envelope)

January 21 Sleeping Bear Dunes





January 30 Lena Horne

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(Thoughts on stamp collecting. From Jan-Feb 2017 Stamp Insider -The President's Page)

- Stamp collecting is not the same as it was many years ago. It is changing, and the internet is a big part of that.
- There are still millions of stamp collectors out there. Many still attend shows, and belong to clubs and societies.
- It is recognized that there has been a problem in attracting new collectors, both youthful and adult.

Certainly the path that most of us followed as kids, involving answering colorfully-worded ads in comic books, magazines, newspapers, and on the covers of match books, plus mail order approvals, scouting programs, etc., is no longer producing the kind of new collectors that have always energized the hobby.

- Worldwide, the hobby appears to be in good shape. The traditional major European collectors have been joined by many enthusiastic ones from areas like China, India, and the near and far east. Although many of the newer collectors use the internet, show attendance seems to be quite high.
- A meaningful dialogue has emerged in an attempt to improve matters and to keep up with the changes in the hobby. Programs have been initiated by the USPS, APS, and ASDA to attract new and youthful collectors. More effective use of the internet and more mainstream advertising has also been discussed.
- Finally, some patience on the part of all is probably required. Just as the changes to the hobby have not occurred, so too our responses will need some time to see if they are working. The dialogue needs to be continued and our optimism should remain high.

LINN'S 2017 U.S. STAMP POPULARITY POLL Select from the following list the 2017 commemorative stamps; 2017 definitive and special **stamps**; and 2017 **postal stationery** that have the best and worst designs in your opinion, as well as those you feel are the most important and least necessary in subject. VOTE BY THE NUMBER PRECEDING THE ISSUE NAME ONLY Commemorative stamps 3. Oscar de la Renta 2. Dorothy Height 1. Year of the Rooster 6. WPA Posters 5. Nebraska Statehood 4. John F. Kennedy 8. Henry David Thoreau 9. Sports Balls 7. Mississippi Statehood 12. Disney Villains 10. Total Solar Eclipse 11. Andrew Wyeth 15. Father Ted Hesburgh 14. Protect Pollinators 13. Sharks 16. National Museum of African 17. History of Hockey American History and Culture LEAST NECESSARY WORST DESIGN MOST IMPORTANT REST DESIGN Definitive and special stamps 20. Gateway Arch 19. Liliuokalani Gardens 18. Love Skywriting 23. USA Star 22. Seashells 21. U.S. Flag 25. Robert Panara 26. Delicioso 24. Uncle Sam's Hat 29. Corsage 28. Boutonniere 27. Green Succulent 31. Flowers from the 32. The Snowy Day 30. Strawberries Garden 34. Alzheimer's 33. Christmas Carols LEAST NECESSARY MOST IMPORTANT **WORST DESIGN BEST DESIGN Postal stationery** 37. Barn Swallow forever stamped envelope 35. Northern Cardinal forever stamped envelope 38. Azulilo Chilean Blue Crocus forever 36. Liliuokalani Gardens Priority Mail postal card stamped envelope LEAST NECESSARY MOST IMPORTANT WORST DESIGN **BEST DESIGN** Now vote for your single personal favorite stamp issue of 2017. Your choice can be from the commemorative, definitive-special or postal stationery categories. Se-tenant issues (different designs in one pane) are counted as one issue. MY FAVORITE 2017 STAMP (please write in number and stamp issue name): SEND BALLOT TO: Linn's Stamp Poll, Box 4129, Sidney, OH 45365. All ballots must be postmarked by March 1, 2018. Photocopied ballots are acceptable. Stamps are pictured in the Dec. 18 issue on pages 20-21.

This is the recipe for the pie served at the January dinner. There were several requests for it.

DERBY PIE

1 Cup Sugar

½ Cup Flour

2 Eggs, Slightly beaten

1/4 Pound Butter, Melted and cooled

1 Cup Broken Pecans

1 (6 oz.) Pkg Chocolate Chips

1 Tsp Vanilla

1 9-inch Frozen Pie Crust

Mix together the sugar and flour. Add slightly beaten eggs, butter, the pecans, chocolate chips, unmelted, and vanilla.

Pour into frozen pie crust & bake at 325° for 1 hour.

Enjoy!

LINN'S 2017 STAMP POPULARITY POLL

← Attached is the annual stamp poll ballot. This poll is taken every year by Linn's Stamp News. You are invited to cast your vote on this ballot. Clip it out, mark your votes, and either mail it to the address noted, or bring it to the next meeting of The Chattanooga Stamp Club, and the ballots will be collected and mailed for you.

There are three categories of stamp issues for 2017:

- * Commemorative Stamps
- * Definitive and Special Stamps
- * Postal Stationery

For each category, you are invited to select the Best Design, Worst Design, Most Important, and Least Necessary. Also vote for your favorite stamp overall.

(If you are not aware of the designs of each stamp, a pictures of the issues for 2017 will be available.)

