The President’s Dispatch

At the December club meeting we had a great turnout and I think everyone had a great time. It started with a table of great munchies and drinks for everyone followed by a “white elephant” gifting game. This year more that half of the people brought gifts that were definitely of a quality that exceeded the definition of “white elephant”. Although no major arm wrestling sessions broke out there were several jaw dropping snatches, however it all ended in good fun. The members present then considered and approved a recommendation by the club treasurer, Steve, to pro-rate the club dues by discounting the yearly amount by $1 per month for those joining during the year. This was followed by our VP, Dan, announcing he had arranged for the club to continue meeting at Northeast State for 2015. John Tullock briefed the club on a process he had put together to improve the circulation rate on the brand new club copy of the 2015 Scott Classic Catalogue as well as other club library items. John also acquired and donated to the club a supply of pockets and cards for the club library books, a nice cart for conveying books back and forth and a donation to the library of the Scott Worldwide Catalogue for year 2000, a six volume set. The club members unanimously accepted John's process for the library. This was followed by a great special auction which was a great way to close out 2014.

It is that time for annual membership renewal. Annual club membership cost is $20 if you have the monthly newsletter mailed to you (black and white paper copy) or $15 if you have the newsletter e-mailed to you (no paper copy). For those who have not already renewed for 2015, please fill out the attached membership renewal form and either bring it to the January meeting or mail it to the club secretary, Bob, with your dues. The form will help us update our membership information for contacting you and knowing what other philatelic organizations you may belong to. Unfortunately many of you forgot to fill out and turn in the two page survey form that was part of the December newsletter. This form helps us improve our meetings. The form is attached to this newsletter, so if you haven’t done so already, please fill out the two page form and bring it to the January meeting or mail it to the club secretary. Bob's address is on the membership renewal form if you do not
(President’s Dispatch continued)

plan to attend the January meeting. The results will be posted in a future newsletter.

Our next club meeting will be at Northeast State Community College Student Services Building on January 15 (a Thursday) at 7 PM. Note that January is a month with five Thursdays so we will also have a 5th Thursday Bourse on January 29 at the same place and same time.

Attached is the Northeast State parking permit pass for 2015. Fill it out and remember to put it on the dashboard of your car every time you attend a meeting this year. We will continue with special auctions during the regular monthly meetings, so, bring your items to the January club meeting. Please fill out the special auction sheets for your items in advance and bring two copies to the meeting. Be sure to mark your lots accordingly. The new Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs website for our club is up and our recent newsletters are posted there. Check it out. See website address at the bottom of this page.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the upcoming January meetings where we can start 2015 with a bang! See you there.

Dick

Once again there are a lot of things you may need to bring to the meeting on January 15, so, to help you remember here is a list.

You may need to bring to the Meeting:
- Membership Renewal Form and 2015 Dues
- Club Survey Form—both pages
- Special Auction Lot
- Special Auction Sheets (two copies)
- Northeast State Parking Permit for 2015

Unless otherwise indicated by announcement in the newsletter, Holston Stamp Club conducts its regular meeting on the 3rd Thursday each month at 7 p.m.

Hope to C. U. there

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Stamp of the Month by your newsletter editor

This month I’m featuring Scott Nos. 2006 thru 2009, which in 1982 were the USPS stamps that commemorated the theme of The 1982 World’s Fair held in Knoxville, “Energy Turns the World”. The sources of energy depicted in the four stamps were solar energy, synthetic fuels, breeder nuclear reactor and fossil fuels.

Do you remember going to Knoxville and attending this fair? Pres. Regan opened the fair on May 1 and it ran until Oct. 31. You can see above that in 1982 the price of a first class stamp was 20¢. Regular gasoline that year cost $1.30 per gallon.

*OUR MEETING LOCATION*
Student Services Building at Northeast State Community College
Located near the Tri-Cities Airport

*OUR INTERNET WEBSITE*
www.sefsc.org/holston-stamp-club.html
CLASSIFIED SECTION

Items Holston Stamp Club members are interested in selling.

Charlie (Dr. Rocks) Bartlett, is having a STAMP EXTRA SUPER SALE.

- U. S. Stamps—Mint (mostly never hinged)
- U. S. Stamps—Used
- British Commonwealth (from A to Z)
- World Countries: 6 Albums (from A to Z)
- Mostly at 20% of Catalogue Value (some less)
- Plus extra 10% discount when purchase exceeds $50.00

Isn’t it easier to leisurely compare the empty spots in your album when you search my extras (so you don’t buy duplicates)?

Bring your album(s) to my office, and I will bring my extra book(s) for you to search slowly.

I have a full set of Scott’s 2012 catalogues to use.

Call me for an appointment at (276) 628-4136 at my office, 432 East Main Street, Suite G, Abingdon, Virginia (or I may be able to meet you at another location).

P.S. I can even loan you one or more of these extras books for a month if that will suit you better! I trust all HSC members to return books in a timely manner so others can use them.

Items Holston Stamp Club members are interested in buying

Dan Hubbard is always looking to purchase used stock books of all types. Contact me directly or bring them to the next meeting.

Don Ashley (e-mail dwa7@bvunet.net) wants the following:

- Uncacheted FDCs: any quantity, preferred left side free of address. Address centered or to the right side and open flap highly desired. Please advise what you have available.

  Also interested in dual FDCs for joint issues with foreign countries.

Ed Ferber is buying and selling government postal cards - US, Possessions, Canada, Caribbean islands, WW. Interested in mint and used, collections or individual cards, early or contemporary use. Greatest interest in illustrated advertisement and unusual usage (e.g.: rare foreign destination, auxiliary marking, special delivery). Please contact Ed at my.collie.dog@gmail.com or his 302-593-4192 cell phone.

Ed Ferber also desires collections or individual postal stationery items in mint, pre-printed or used condition that are unusual in some way. Seeking specialty items such as EFO, plate variety, poor inking, mis-cut, fold-over, illustrated advertisement, exposition, twice used, special delivery, postage due, auxiliary marking (missent, damaged, train late and others). Also want contemporary cards properly used in rate period with solid postmarks.

Bob Smith is looking for early USA stamps, mostly Scott No. 500 and earlier in both mint and used. See Bob at the meeting for want list.
Membership Renewal Form

Dues: $20/year ($15 email option)
Family Membership (multiple members)
add $5 to above

- Name (s): ____________________
- Street:_______________________
- City: ________________________
- State/ZIP: _________________
- Email: _____________________
- Phone: _________________
- Amount Dues Paid: $_______

APS Member? – Yes  No  (circle one)
If yes please provide APS # _______________
Please list any other Philatelic Organizations_______________________________

Questions? – contact Bob at HSC.holstonstampclub@gmail.com
2015 Holston Stamp Club Survey

Name: ____________________________

For us to improve we need feedback on the following Club activities

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Subjects You Would Like To See Presented: _________________________________________________
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- What are your collecting areas of interest? Specific Countries of interest are on the next page. [Check all that apply]
- As a result of the last several years of monthly auctions, please tell those bringing material to auction what you want to buy in the way of stamps, covers, literature & catalogs (foreign/US/topical/used/MNH/booklets/souvenir sheets/Plate # coils/FDC’s/coverpostcards/maxicards/literature/etc).

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VISITOR PARKING PERMIT

Name: Holston Stamp Club
Event: Meeting
Date(s): 3rd Thursday of Each Month Throughout 2015
Locations: A110
Issuing Office: Office of Information Technology

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The pass will allow you to park in any visitor, staff, or student space.

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