The President’s Dispatch

At the April meeting, Dave Mielke brought a very interesting cover from Kingsport "Boatyard" from the 19th century to share with everyone and Charlie Bartlett brought several albums full of stamps that could be checked out from Charlie and gone through at your convenience.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to extend the number of auction lots to 20 per person. Consequently a new auction list is attached with spaces for 20 lots. The major business of the meeting was getting prepared for HOLPEX 2015. Volunteers were solicited to man the front sign-in table and to get lunches for the dealers. Thanks to all who volunteered! Special thanks to Dennis Bowman, Exhibits Chair, for the support he provides to HOLPEX. By the time you receive this newsletter, HOLPEX 2015 will be over. I hope you all come to the show and had an enjoyable time here.

The Blue Ridge Stamp Show was April 25 & 26 in Asheville and several members attended.

April was a five Thursday month so we had a club bourse on the 30th of April. Thanks to Grant Rowland, Steve Helton and Don Ashley for bringing material to the bourse along with what I brought. Special recognition to Don Ashley for the work he has done to help and elder club member and his wife dispose of their collection. I think each of us who attended left with something that Don brought.

Our next club meeting is at the Northeast State Community College Student Services Building on Thursday (7 PM) on May 21. We will continue with special auctions so bring your items to the May club meeting (now a maximum of 20 each). Please fill out the special auction sheets for your lots in advance (two copies please) and mark the lots accordingly.

Our treasurer informs me that several of you have not yet paid your 2015 dues. The May meeting would be a good time to take care of that item. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our May meeting.

Dick

P.S. There is a rumor from a pretty good source that Paul is going to start bringing the stuff he doesn't want to move to the club auctions.

Picture below from HOLPEX 2015 by Don Ashley.
Stamps of the Month  
by your newsletter editor

It has been 70 years since World War II fended in Europe. It was on May 7, 1945 that General Alfred Jodl representing the German High Command unconditionally surrendered all German forces to the Allied Expeditionary Force. Fighting ended in Western Europe on that day and in Eastern Europe on the following day. The Slovak Republic and Russia have issued stamps for this anniversary.

Monthly Treasury Report

Balance on hand Mar. 15, 2015  $1,513.04

Income mid-Mar. to end of Mar.  $ 35.55
Cash  $ 20.55
Checks  $ 15.00

Expenses mid-Mar. to end of Mar.  $ 16.28

Balance on hand Mar. 15, 2015  $1,532.31

FYI: The April special auction contained 126 lots from 8 members and 22 of the lots sold to 12 bidders for a total of $333.15.

*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

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

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More Don Ashley’s pictures of HOLPEX 2015.
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

Don 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.
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