The President’s Dispatch

In the August meeting we voted to pursue obtaining American Philatelic Society (APS) circuit books for the club to buy from. After a presentation of what was involved we had two members from the club volunteers to perform the necessary work. Richard Jackson volunteered to be the club's APS Chapter Circuit Manager and John Tulloch volunteered to be the Assistant APS Circuit Manager. The club voted to buy the APS annual insurance on the APS circuit books in case of loss or damage while they are in the care, custody or control of our Chapter Circuit Manager or Assistant Chapter Circuit Manager. The estimate for the total cost of the APS insurance to the club is less than $100 per year for receiving between 150 and 180 APS circuit books of new materials for club members to buy from.

We were pleased to have Charlie Davis visit a club meeting and join the club.

We then held our monthly auction where eight sellers sold 66 items.

Several club members went to Bill Vance's Summer Show in Knoxville and our club photographer provided pictures of the eight dealers who participated in the show. See next page.

The USPS upright Jenny stamp panes have been the subject of considerable controversy lately in the philatelic news revealing that the said panes were not randomly distributed. The Inspector General of the USPS has a blog about these stamps at https://www.uspsoig.gov/blog/jenny-come-lately. At this site you can read more about the distribution of the stamp panes and add your two cents worth of comments regarding this issue.

From an article in Linn ‘s Stamp News and Jim Pettaway at Knoxville Philatelic Society the following tips.

- The Federation of NY Philatelic Societies' on-line journal, Stamp Insider, is free at http://www.stampinsider.org. This site provides all back issues to 2003. It takes awhile to download but be patient as it is a quality publication.

- A great stamp collecting web directory is at www.2-clicks-stamps.com. 2-Clicks-Stamps provides a database of 3,500 classified philatelic web pages, all under a specific categories presenting the most relevant stamp collectibles resources that you can find on the Internet today. The directory consists of 15 main categories These include stamp dealers, stamp auction, stamp postal services, stamp on-line catalogs and stamp collectors. Check it out for some good information.

I was particularly impressed by both of these sites.

Our next club meeting is at the Northeast State Community College Student Services building on Thursday ( 7 PM ) on September 17. We will continue with special auctions so bring our items to the September meeting ( now a maximum of 20 per member ). Please fill out the special auction sheets for our lots in advance (two copies please ) and mark the lots accordingly.
President's dispatch continued.
Other coming philatelic events in our area include:
- Blue Ridge Stamp Show on September 12 and 13 at the Comfort Suites, 890 Brevard Road in Asheville, NC
- ROAPEX 2015 Stamp Show on September 19 at Unitarian Church, 2015 Grandin Road in Roanoke, VA.

Dick

Here are the pictures from Bill Vance’s Summer Stamp Show in Knoxville

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### Monthly Treasury Report

Balance on hand end of July 2015 $1,675.40

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Balance on hand end of August 2015 $1,712.96

FYI: The August special auction contained 125 lots from eight members and 66 of the lots sold for a total of $127.75.

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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.

**Hope to C. U. there**

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*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
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.
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