The President’s Dispatch

We had a great turnout for the regular March meeting and a not-so-great turnout for the March fifth Thursday bourse. The March regular meeting revisited the issue of meeting format and a motion was made, seconded and approved to revise the fifth Thursday meeting format to be a presentation followed by a bourse. A list of presenters was started. Dick Jackson signed up to be the June 30th (next fifth Thursday meeting) presenter. We also discussed the Facebook page for the Holston Stamp Club and a show of hands indicated only 4 or 5 members used Facebook. Chris White could not attend so we rescheduled further Facebook discussion to a future meeting.

I am happy to say we acquired a new member, Jesse Mason, so please make him feel welcome and that brings our 2016 paid membership to 33. Those who have not paid need to pay the club treasurer or mail the attached form to Bob Smith at the address on the form.

Club member, Richard Jackson, was an exhibitor at KnoxPEX and won a medal for the favorite exhibit, which Richard upgraded from a presentation he made to our club earlier about Union Army Col. E. Ellsworth. Tom is shown below receiving the medal from Tom Ringenbach of the Knoxville Philatelic Society.

The Knoxville Philatelic Society most graciously lent our club some exhibit frames for our use at HOLPEX 2016. During the March meeting Richard Jackson with some helpers held a show and tell demonstration with the frames. Richard showed us how to set up a frame and demonstrated how easy it is to mount your exhibit. We have enough frames for at least eight exhibits of up to 16 pages (8.5 inch by 11 inch portrait format) per exhibit. At this time we have five committed exhibits and are looking for three more. Please think about making a commitment to prepare and exhibit during our April meeting. Questions about layouts?—See Richard.

We also had a report from our Stamp Acquisition Committee about the items they bought for the club at the KnoxPEX auction. The committee bought two lots. One lot was three volumes of Souvenir sheets cataloging at $2,798, which we will sell at 20% of catalog value to club members. The other lot was a worldwide album of 565 pages with basically pre-1940 issues (approximately 14,000 to 18,000 stamps), which we will sell at club auctions, country by country, starting at two cents per stamp.

Don Ashley’s “stumper” about the seven previous meeting places of our club was answered by Van VanNostrand, who added a few to the list of seven.

This was followed by our special auction that included 20 items from the two lots the club bought at KnoxPEX. Eleven
President's dispatch continued.
sellers sent 153 items home with new owners.

Our next club meeting will be at the Northeast State Community College Student Services building on Thursday (7 PM) on April 21. This will be the last meeting before our HOLPEX show and we will need to get commitments from the club members to support the show, so, please plan to attend. A flyer for the show is attached. We will continue with special auctions, so, bring your items to the April meeting (now a maximum of 20 per member). Please fill out the special auction sheets for your lots in advance (two copies please) and mark the lots accordingly.

I look forward to seeing you in April.

Dick

Stamp of the Month
by your newsletter editor

For those club members who like to collect stamps that are about subjects that are truly out of this world as of Feb. 22 USPS issued a new stamp for you to add to your collection. It is the latest global forever stamp to be used to mail a one-ounce letter to any country to which First-Class Mail International service is available. The image on the stamp is Earth’s moon. It is a bright, golden-yellow photograph surrounded by a blue frame. This self-adhesive stamp is sold in panes of 10 with an appropriate depiction of a forest at night below the 10 stamps.

Treasurer’s Report

Balance on hand end of Feb. 2016 $2,028.77
Income during March $217.50
2016 Club Dues (1) $ 11.00
Cash Donations $ 0.55
Sale of Club Material $147.40
APS Circuit Sales $ 58.55
Expenses during March $300.77
Mar. Newsletter $ 20.77
Stamp Purchases $280.77
Balance on hand end of Mar. 2016 $1,945.50

FYI: There were eleven members who altogether brought 156 items for the March meeting special auction. One hundred thirty items sold for a total of $416.45.

The issue date was selected by USPS because there was a full moon the night of Feb. 22, which was the Snow Moon.

Do you know the names and dates for all of the full moons in 2016? If you are not sure then here is the list (courtesy of NASA) for the Northern Hemisphere.

Jan. 23 Wolf Moon July 19 Buck Moon
Feb. 22 Snow Moon Aug. 18 Sturgeon Moon
Mar. 23 Worm Moon Sept. 16 Harvest Moon
Apr. 22 Pink Moon Oct. 16 Hunter’s Moon
May 21 Flower Moon Nov. 14 Beaver Moon
Jun. 20 Strawberry Moon Dec. 13 Cold Moon

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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.

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

Items Holston Stamp Club members interested in selling.

**Charlie (Dr. Rocks) Bartlett** can help you fill holes in your collection.

As you may know by now, I have a six-volume set of World Stamp Albums with over 20,000 “extra” stamps ready for you to borrow and flip through at your leisure to fill in some of the gaps in your collection. You will find an abundance of pre-1900 stamps and even more dating from 1900 to 1965 with fewer after 1965. I'm still trying to work up more of the British Commonwealth countries in a separate album. But the best news is that anything in these albums is yours for only 10% of catalogue value (You Heard That Right) ten percent!

I prefer that you keep your choice of an album for only one month so that other club members can have a chance to use it also.

Isn't it easier to leisurely compare the empty spots in your albums when you search my extras so you don't buy duplicates from the club auctions since you can't remember all the stamps you already have?

Also, on many pages, there are other duplicates in the binder crease of these in-place extras from which you can make you selections.

Have Fun and Happy Collecting!

Items Holston Stamp Club members 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: $______

Send Renewal Form & Dues To:
Bob Smith 3404 Cardinal Street
Kingsport, TN  37660

or bring to December meeting

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
Holston Stamp Club

- 50 years Promoting and encouraging Stamp Collecting
- Currently 28 Members
- Tri-Cities plus Abingdon to Greenville
- Elizabethton to Mt. Carmel
- Chapter of American Philatelic Society
- Monthly Newsletter
- $20/year dues ($15 email option)

Also of Facebook

Club Meeting
- 3rd Thursday of every month
- 7:00 PM
- At Northeast State Community College
- In Student Services Bldg.
- In Faculty/Staff Dining Room
- Auction or bourse at every meeting
- Any Person interested in Stamp Collecting is encouraged to become a member
- Come to a meeting to check it out, meet members, and join club

Application for Membership

Name:____________________________________________
Street:____________________________________________
City:_____________________________________________
State/ZIP:_________________________________________
Phone:__________________________________________
Email:___________________________________________

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The Holston Stamp Club
And Bill Vance Presents

HOLPEX 2016
Friday & Saturday
May 6th & 7th
Best Western Hotel & Conference Center
2406 N. Roan Street
Johnson City, TN 37601

- Exhibits
- Stamps
- Covers

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6 dealers
- Bob Barger
- Dean Carter
- Cary Cochran
- Don Richter
- John Shanewolf
- Bill Vance

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Johnson City, TN
Best Western
Friday May 6th & Saturday May 7th
10 AM-5 PM
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