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## *The President's Dispatch*

I started last month's meeting around 7 p.m., as usual. We had 18 members present. Because we had no presentation for the meeting, I asked for volunteers to make presentations at upcoming meetings and received three volunteers.

Dick Odum and Mike Chessman have both volunteered to make short presentations at our October meeting and another person (I don't



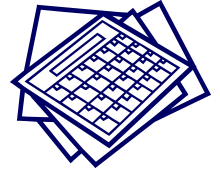
remember who) volunteered to make a presentation at our November meeting. Because the December meeting usually our annual holiday party, we will not need a presentation in December.

Richard Jackson announced that there are some changes to the way APS circuit books are going to be handled because of APS policy changes. APS is going to add extra circuit books each month and the topics will change month to month. Also they will arrive close to the date of our monthly meeting.

Charlie Bartlett handed out lists of countries he has been collecting for about 80 years and announced he is ready to sell his collection country by country to club members. See Charlie if you are interested.

The stamp album that was given to Richard Jackson and passed onto the club as a donation turned out to be a disaster. All of the stamps were mounted with doublestick tape or magic tape (used like a hinge). The majority of the stamps are trash, although I have discovered that 90% of the unused stamps can be soaked off the pages with a little care. While doing this a few of the used stamps were also saved. Used stamps that still

## *Club Calendar*



*Guests and Visitors  
always Welcome!*

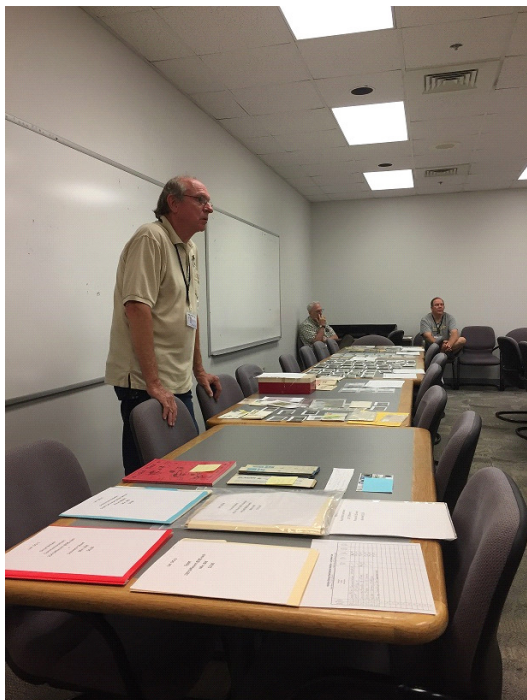
**October 19th - 7 p.m.**  
Monthly Meeting at  
Northeast State Community College  
Student Services Building Cafeteria

have some of the original gum and those with remnants of an envelope (maybe 2% or 3%) could also be saved. Also CTOs and stamps with very large hinge remnants could be saved. I tried to remove tape from stamps with some success. This was done with a generous amount of lighter fluid, lots of scraping and rubbing, lots of patience and someplace (such as outside on a porch) with lots of ventilation. This procedure in my opinion is not worth the effort for 5¢ stamps.

I have started to put some 5¢ stamp books together and will bring them to the next meeting. They will contain stamps salvaged from the world wide Traveler Stamp Album mentioned above and stamps that I am donating to the club. I will probably not be finished soaking the stamps from the Traveler album by the time the next meeting arrives but I will bring what I have available. Any club member who wishes to donate stamps to the 5¢ books, please bring them to one of our meetings and I will add them to the books. I am trying to keep things organized by country, so, I would appreciate it if you could sort them by country and put them in some type of

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envelope ( envelopes from your junk mail would work just fine ) with the country name written on the envelope. I will also accept stamps that are mounted on album pages, notebook paper or anything similar. I could also use stock pages for this project. The



preferred type would be any kind of stock page which allows the entire stamp to be viewed without removing the stamp from the stock page but no donation will be turned down.

Stamp donations can be from any country, however U.S. stamps will not be added to stock book pages unless they are PNCs, pre-cancels, coil pairs or have a catalogue value of more than a dollar. U.S. stamps mounted on pages will be



## Monthly Treasury Report

Beginning Balance Aug. 9, 2017		\$3,131.26
Beginning Cash on Hand		\$3,157.38
checking account balance	\$2,930.11	
cash box	\$227.27	
issued checks not cleared	\$0.00	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$261.75</b>
HSC Auction sales Aug.	\$217.05	
HSC Auction sales Sept.	\$44.70	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<b>(\$40.52)</b>
Secretary Expenses Aug.	(\$31.32)	
KPS Circuit Postage	(\$9.20)	
Ending Balance Oct. 2, 2017		\$3,378.61
Ending Cash on hand Oct. 2, 2017		\$3,427.93
checking account balance	\$3,052.01	
cash box	\$443.18	
issued checks not cleared	(\$67.26)	

Adjustment \$49.32

*FYI. Thirty-seven lots sold during Aug. and Sept. special auctions totaling \$244.90. A total of 122 HSC owned lots sold during the auctions which totaled \$261.75.*

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accepted although I have my doubts as to whether any common U.S. stamps will sell.

I would also like to thank Dan Hubbard for his generous donation of four stock books for this endeavor.

The stamp buying committee has agreed to purchase stamps from Dick Odum. He purchased several world wide stamp albums at the Knoxville Philatelic Society auction that was held on October 3. After Dick has taken what he can use for his collection he has agreed to sell the balance of the stamps to the club for a penny each. Some of this material will be at the next meeting and we can discuss how the club would like to distribute this material. We have a couple of ideas as to how to sell this material and would like additional input from the club members.

Two of our club members will celebrate birthdays during October. Dick Odum's birthday is October 24 and my birthday is the date of our next meeting .

I hope to see you at on next meeting on October 19th. Remember October is Stamp Collecting Month.



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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