The President’s Dispatch

I have proposed an idea to the club to encourage member participation in various aspects of the club. This would entail giving members bonus coupons (I call them HSC Bucks) that would be good for purchasing club merchandise, both merchandise that we offer for sale and CLUB offerings in the monthly auctions. These HSC Bucks will not be good for the purchase of merchandise offered by individual members either for sale or in an auction. HSC Bucks can be accepted by individual members if they choose to accept them. They may also be bought, sold and traded by members see fit either at face value or at a discount again if a member chooses to do this. Another way of using HSC Bucks could be to pay membership dues for the next year.

Here are my ideas on how to earn HSC Bucks. I am open to other ways to earn HSC Bucks.

- Attending a meeting: $1 HSC Buck
- Short presentation (10 min. or less): $2 HSC Bucks
- Presentation (greater than 10 min.): $4 HSC Bucks
- Bringing a guest to a meeting: $1 HSC Buck
- Signing up a new member: $5 HSC Bucks

Bob Smith reported that he had visited a Mr. Whitehead in Elizabethton regarding some stamp related materials that Mr. Whitehead is offering for sale. The descriptions Bob provided on the materials did not seem to appeal to any of the members in attendance.

We held a fifth Thursday bourse in the student lounge on November 30. Twelve members attended and there was quite a bit of buying, selling and trading going on that evening.

A suggestion was made that we should include the topics of upcoming presentations we hope to have at each meeting. I received a calendar from Richard Jackson that has both the topic for the presentation each month and the APS circuit book stamp topics that will be included with the set of APS circuit books each month. We still need members to volunteer to make a presentations in Aug. Oct. and Nov. in 2018.

The December meeting will have a Christmas party theme and the club will supply pizza and drinks. Members are encouraged to bring a dessert or some type of snack (this is not a requirement). Members are also asked to bring a philatelic related "white elephant" gift for the progressive gift exchange. There will be no presentation in December due to the food and gift exchange. We will hold an auction after the gift exchange.

Merry Christmas and we hope to see you at our festive December meeting.

Steve
**Monthly APS Circuit Book Topics** by Dick Jackson

Thanks for all of the suggestions members provided to me for the circuit books that the American Philatelic Society (APS) sales unit sends to our club every month. I compiled the suggestions into a list that I sent to APS. During 2018 the circuit books I bring to the club meetings will have stamps APS members wish to sell from the following countries.

- Australian States
- Bahamas
- Bermuda
- France
- French Colonies
- German States
- Hong Kong
- Italy
- Italian States
- Jamaica
- Malaysia-Singapore
- New Zealand
- Southern African countries

I also have a list of the members who volunteered to make presentations during club meetings. The list appears on the third page of this newsletter. It provides the philatelic topics that each presenter will cover. There are openings later in the year so please be thinking about other subjects that you could put together a short presentation about and then contact me to assign the presentation to a meeting.

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**Monthly Treasury Report**

**Beginning Balance Nov. 3, 2017** $3,503.69

**Beginning Cash on Hand** $3,530.37

- checking account balance $3,207.92
- cash box $465.16
- issued checks not cleared $44.29
- APS Circuit Sales owned $98.42

**Total Income** $160.70

- HSC Auction sales Nov. $34.70
- Other Sales $16.00
- 2018 Membership Dues $110.00

**Total Disbursements** ($72.11)

- Newsletter Envelopes & Postage ($14.66)
- Buying Committee purchase ($14.27)
- from Dick Odum Postage for APS Circuit Books ($14.90)

**Ending Balance Dec. 2, 2017** $3,618.96

**Ending Cash on hand Dec. 2, 2017** $3,628.63

- checking account balance $3,324.00
- cash box $603.71
- issued checks not cleared ($299.08)

**Adjustment** $9.67

FYI. Thirty-three lots sold by members during Nov. special auction totaling $163. A total of 33 HSC owned lots sold during the auction which totaled $34.70.

**Stamp of the Month** by Steve Schmidt

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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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