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Monthly Newsletter

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The President's Dispatch

By the time you read this newsletter HOLPEX 2018 will have already become just another memory. Let's hope it was a good memory.

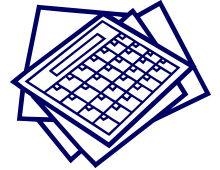
As we discussed and okayed during our April meeting I have pursued purchasing Inverted Jenny panes of six stamps from local post offices. I can say that I found a boat load of them so far. I purchased the last of the Inverted Jenny panes held at my local branch post office in Bristol, which turned out to be 40. These will be made available for sale to Holston Stamp Club members at HOLPEX and at our next meeting for the issue price of \$12.00 per sheet. There are still almost half of the 100 upright stamp panes unaccounted for. Who knows, one or even more could be in this group.

Dale Ashley updated us at the last meeting about the status of a request to the USPS Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee for a Tennessee Ernie Ford commemorative stamp for 2019. The request has been rejected but a new request can be made next year. Probably not much hope for a stamp to be issued in his memory because there are too many better known and more important people like Freida Kahlo (Mexican) and John Lennon (British). It can be tough sometimes for Americans to be selected to grace American stamps.

I will have the 5¢ stock books with me at the next meeting and as usual I will have added more stamps to them.

We have all become accustomed to "peel and stick" varieties of today's postage stamps. Before those, we had to wet the "gum" on the backs of stamps in order to get them to stick to an envelope. But before "lick and stick" varieties people had to either use their own paste, or they would sew or pin postage

Club Calendar



Guests and Visitors

always Welcome!

April 19th - 7 p.m.

Monthly Meeting at
Northeast State Community College
Student Services Building Cafeteria

stamps onto envelopes prior to mailing. Modern day technology sometimes has its advantages although today the soak-ability advantage of postage stamps is no longer.

Here is a picture from the April meeting.

Steve



The Holston Stamp Club profusely thanks the Knoxville Philatelic Society for promoting HOLPEX 2018. KPS' May newsletter mentioned HOLPEX 2018 in three different places with words to members that said if they are looking for a great stamp show to attend beyond the annual KnoxPEX show, they need to drive up to Johnson City on May 11 or 12. KPS also sent out e-mail to its members with where and when information for HOLPEX 2018.

Upcoming Monthly Meetings

May APS Circuit Books topic - Southern African Nations

May Topic by Paul Benson: Southern Africa subjects

Jun. APS Circuit Books Topic - Iran (Persia)

Jun. Topic by Charlie Bartlett: Geology/Oil & Gas/Minerals

Jul. APS Circuit Books Topic - Portugal

Jul. Topic by Dick Odum: Portugal

Aug. APS Circuit Books Topic - Danzig

Aug. Need a volunteer to make a short presentation

Sept. APS Circuit Books Topic - USA Possessions

Sept. Topic by Dick Jackson: Danish West Indies

Oct. APS Circuit Books Topic - Romania

Oct. Topic and Presenter to be determined



Monthly Treasury Report

Beginning Balance Apr. 3, 2018		\$3,556.94
Beginning Cash on Hand		\$3,470.39
checking account balance	\$2,832.06	
cash box	\$760.14	
APS Circuit Sales owned	\$121.81	
Total Income		\$182.40
HSC Auction sales	\$108.30	
Other Sales	\$64.10	
2018 Membership Dues	\$10.00	
Total Disbursements		(\$10.25)
HSC Bucks Redeemed	(\$1.00)	
APS Circuit Expenses	(\$9.25)	
Newsletter	(\$0.00)	
Ending Balance May 5, 2018		\$3,642.54
Ending Cash on hand May 5, 2018		\$3,712.58
checking account balance	\$3,396.54	
cash box	\$316.04	
issued checks not cleared	(\$0.00)	
APS Circuit Sales owed	(\$0.00)	
Adjustment		\$70.04

During the April special auction one member sold five lots for a total of \$15.40. HSC material sold for \$108.30

Stamps on Television by your newsletter editor

The Netflix series *The Crown* is about the British royal family during Queen Elizabeth II's reign. Season 2, Episode 7 begins in August 1959 and the episode opens with Peter Townsend in Belgium writing to Princess Margaret, Queen Elizabeth II's younger sister. At this time Princess Margaret is living in Clarence House in London with her mother, which is where they moved to after her older sister became the queen. At about a minute into this episode letters on a tray are brought to Princess Margaret's room. The envelopes the letters are in are a little out of focus until she notices one from Belgium. She focuses on it and two King Baudouin stamps come into sharp focus in the upper right corner of the envelope with a crisp BRUXELLES (French for Brussels) postmark. A series of King Baudouin stamps in multiple denominations and colors were the definitive stamps for Belgium starting in 1953. Princess Margaret opens the envelope, reads the letter and then drama ensues.



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.

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