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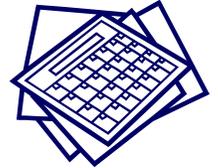
President's Dispatch

Time flies by so fast. It seems like we just had our April meeting and it is already near the time for our next meeting. By the time you read this HOLPEX 2019 may be history and we will soon be looking at the calendar and thinking about the HOLPEX show for next year. I am going to propose at the next meeting that we set up a couple of committees to handle some of the things involving the club and club business. I will present my suggestions and ask for other suggestions. This means we will need some volunteers to head up these committees.

I was a little disappointed in the number of surveys that were returned to me. I am assuming that this means those of you who did not return their survey are happy with the way things are currently being done. If there is something which you do not like or something you would like to see added - get that survey to me.

This is a stamp club and we try to make it interesting and enjoyable for all members. Two of our goals are: 1) teach members about stamps and stamp collecting, and 2) help members obtain additional items for their collections. We can only accomplish goal #1 with the help of members. If you have knowledge, experience or just an event or experience involving stamps and stamp collecting, please share this with the membership. You can do this by giving a presentation, making a display for the annual stamp show or even by just making a one or two page summary about something that is related to philately. Goal #2 is accomplished by members participating in our monthly auction, either selling unwanted or unneeded items or purchasing such items from someone else. The club's stamp buying committee also contributes to this by purchasing stamps at various philatelic auctions or other sources, splitting up the stamps into lots and then placing the lots in the monthly auctions for club members to bid on.

Club Calendar



Guests and Visitors

always Welcome!

May 16th - 7 p.m.

**Monthly Meeting at
Northeast State Community College
Student Services Building Cafeteria**

Please remember that philatelic donations are gladly accepted by the club. If the donation is for the 5¢ a stamp books, the stamps need to be sorted by country.

See you at May's meeting.

Steve

Following is a brief summary of our April regular meeting courtesy of our club secretary.

A total of 21 members attended the April meeting. HOLPEX 2019 was the first topic of discussion.

- Members were requested to sign up for times to man the show sign in table.
- Flyers about the May 10 & 11 show at the Best Western Hotel in Johnson City were handed out to members to place in various locations within the Tri-Cities and the surrounding areas.
- Exhibits for the eight frames that will be set up at the show were requested. Exhibits can be one or two pages or half or full frame.
- Volunteers were requested to arrive early to help set up and then stay late to help with clearing the meeting room.

April meeting summary continued,

There was some discussion on the club establishing a policy on some amount of compensation to the club when the club assists non-club members with sale of philatelic materials. The stamp buying committee will discuss this topic further and get back to the members with a recommendation.

Charlie Davis made a presentation on using insurance to protect the economic value of someone's stamp collection. He explained that homeowners insurance can provide riders that address the value of collectables but their cost can be high. Insurance specifically marketed to compensate individuals for damage to the collections whether in their house, a safety deposit box or being transported to an exhibit is available and is usually reasonably priced. He added that such insurance can be extended to cover items such as catalogs and philatelic related literature, Charlie said when obtaining such insurance members need to compile information on the market values of their philatelic items in order to establish their actual replacement value should the occasion arise where a claim must be filed for damage or loss to a collection.

Dick Jackson made a presentation on the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing methods for making postage stamps using "wet printing" and "dry printing". He showed how "dry printing" was an improvement over "wet printing" and when the bureau decided to convert over to "dry printing". He also explained how to distinguish stamps that were first printed using "wet printing" and then later reprinted using "dry printing".



Monthly Treasury Report

Beginning Balance Apr. 5, 2019		\$5,546.27
Beginning Cash on Hand		\$5,530.34
checking account balance	\$3,976.75	
cash box	\$1,596.37	
outstanding checks	\$42.58	
Total Income		\$535.55
HSC Auction sales	\$101.85	
other sales	\$13.70	
McDaniel Consignment Sales	\$390.00	
Total Disbursements		(\$28.00)
APS Circuit Expenses	(\$10.00)	
HSC Bucks Redeemed	(\$18.00)	
Ending Balance May 3, 2019		\$6,037.89
Ending Cash on hand Apr. 5, 2019		\$6,017.27
checking account balance	\$5,356.34	
cash box	\$660.93	
outstanding checks	\$0.00	
Adjustment		(\$20.62)

During the April special auction six members sold 51 lots for a total of \$196.80. There were 27 HSC lots that sold for a total of \$101.85.

Royal Philatelic Collection continued by your newsletter editor King George VI, through John Wilson (Keeper of the Royal Philatelic Collection), maintained the collection by adding stamps issued since the death of his father, King George V. These stamps, which came from the British General Post Office plus the Dominions of the British Commonwealth and British colonies, were mounted in blue albums similar in style to the red albums his father had used. King George VI didn't spend as much time on the stamp collection as his father, who was reported to set aside three afternoons each week to work with the stamps.

This is a private collection but after World War II ended King George VI had John Wilson take portions of the Royal Philatelic Collection to international philatelic exhibitions. The first exhibition was one in Bern, Switzerland in 1946 where the Nevis stamps from the collection were displayed. Other portions of the collection made appearances both in and outside of the Commonwealth.

More on this subject next 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.

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