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## *President's Dispatch*

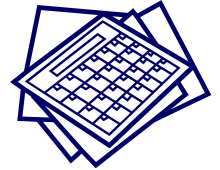
I have been sitting here listening to the rain and wondering when the rain is going to stop so that I can mow my lawn. I love rainy days because they give me an excuse to work on my stamp collection rather than the multitude of other projects I have.

My current project is my U. S. collection. I quit collecting mint U. S. as of 2007, which was the last year that most U. S. stamps were soakable. I now concentrate on modern used U. S. It is a real challenge, due to first class mail use declining and some security issues, to go about finding a source for used U. S. stamps. I probably have not received more than a dozen different stamps on my mail items so far this year. That amounts to about two different stamps per month. This is why collecting modern used U. S. stamps such a challenge.

I am going to add a new book to the club's 5¢ a stamp books. I hope to have it ready by the next meeting. It will be used plate number coil single stamps. I have around 150 of these stamps that I am donating to this project, but to make it a success, I will need donations from other club members. If you have any used plate number singles, on or off paper that you wish to donate, please bring them to the next meeting that you attend. I will get them into our new book.

Our 5th Thursday bourse on May 30th was enjoyable as usual and the attendance at the meeting was good. I came home with a new "Treasure Chest" of stamps for only \$2.00. It probably contains 2,000 or more stamps, some will go in my collection, some will wind up in the club's 5¢ a stamp books and some will go in the trash. What fascinates me about boxes of stamps like this is the fact that many stamps from the late 1800s and early 1900s still have paper remnants on them despite that fact that they have adorned many collections over the years as evidenced by the many hinge

## *Club Calendar*



*Guests and Visitors*

*always Welcome!*

**June 20th - 7 p.m.**

Monthly Meeting at  
Northeast State Community College  
Student Services Building Cafeteria

remnants that are also on them. When they get mounted in my collection, the only thing on them will be a new hinge and hopefully it will peel cleanly away when the hinge is removed in the future.

So much for my ramblings for this month, I hope to see you at our June meeting. Happy Stamp Collecting!

*Steve*

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

A total of 20 members attended the May meeting.

Steve asked for members to volunteer to make presentations in future meetings. All philatelic related subjects will be interesting to our members.

Steve told the members that should they have personal items for sale they can put ads in the club monthly newsletter instead of placing them in a meeting auction. Please forward any items to Pat Koppel or Steve. Do the same for items members are looking for.

Steve asked for a volunteer to update and maintain

## April meeting summary continued,

the club Facebook site. Charlie Davis volunteered to do this.

Steve asked for a volunteer to serve as club historian, a new position for the club. He felt there is important information about the club that needs to be cared for. Don Ashley volunteered to do this for a while.

Steve brought up the idea of holding club bourse meetings on dates in addition to evenings on the 5th Thursday in a month. He said these could be held on occasional Saturdays. Dan Hubbard said he would check with Northeast State administration to find out if the room typically used for meetings would be available on Saturdays.

Steve promoted members wearing name tags during meetings, either the ones that Mike Chesman prepares or plain adhesive labels that Steve brings to meetings. His goal is to help everyone to get to know each other more quickly.

Dan Hubbard described the lots (Trieste, British Africa, aviation topical collection, Luxemburg, Netherlands and Netherlands colonies) that the stamp buying committee bought recently at Dutch Country Auction. These stamps will be placed in future monthly meeting auctions. Dan said a used Penny Black stamp was among the items purchased. It will be in the July meeting auction.

Dawn Richards showed the members a very interesting presentation of Pres. Franklin Roosevelt stamps in a binder that she recently purchased. She also told members to look for the new U. S. Transcontinental Railroad commemorative stamp. They are selling out at local post offices.



## Monthly Treasury Report

Beginning Balance May 3, 2019	\$6,037.89
Beginning Cash on Hand	\$6,017.27
checking account balance	\$5,356.34
cash box	\$660.93
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$586.82</b>
HSC Auction sales	\$168.57
other sales	\$363.25
McDaniel Consignment Sales	\$40.00
2019 club dues	\$15.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>(\$3,413.38)</b>
APS Circuit Expenses	(\$10.00)
HSC Bucks Redeemed	(\$13.00)
Dutch Country Auction purchase	(\$2,370.15)
HOLPEX 2019 dealer lunches	(\$28.11)
Christmas stamps	(\$21.25)
Name Tag Holders	(\$4.57)
Payment to McDaniel family	(\$966.30)
Ending Balance June 5, 2019	\$3,190.71
Ending Cash on hand June 5, 2019	\$3,192.64
checking account balance	\$3,053.74
cash box	\$1,130.47
outstanding checks	\$991.57

Adjustment \$1.93

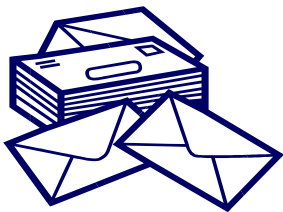
*During the May special auction four members sold 31 lots for a total of \$463.75. There were 51 HSC lots that sold for a total of \$168.57.*

*Royal Philatelic Collection* continued by your newsletter editor

When Queen Elizabeth II began her reign she continued the tradition of collecting stamps with the help of quite a number of Keepers of the Royal Philatelic Collection as she has been queen for a very long time. The albums the keepers filled were similar in style to those used by the Queen's grandfather, George V (red covers) and father, King George VI (blue albums) except that those of the Queen's years have green covers.

The collection has been moved from Buckingham Palace to St. James' Palace, which is also in London and is home to a few members of the royal family and houses some of the royal staff offices.

Items were sent to Sweden and displayed during Stockholmia 2019. These included the 1840 Kirkcudbright cover, which has ten Penny Black stamps on it. Queen Elizabeth paid £250,000 for it in 2001 after selling the Egypt and Suez Canal stamps from the collection plus some duplicates.



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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