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Official Journal of the Chattanooga Stamp Club MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE HICKORY VALLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 6605 SHALLOWFORD RD., CHATTANOOGA, TN. DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM, MEETING BEGINS AT 7:30 PM -- VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

June 8	Monthly Meeting
Program	Semiannual Auction
July 13	Monthly Meeting
Program Local/Private	e Post Stamps, by Gene Bricker

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Membership Information

Chattanooga Stamp Club memberships are on a calendar year basis. Yearly dues are \$10.00; send all monetary donations and membership dues to the club's Treasurer:

Mr. Carl Anderson, 919 Dunsinane Rd. Signal Mountain, TN 37377

THE CHATTANOOGA STAMP CHRONICLE

The Chattanooga Stamp Club is affiliated with the American Philatelic Society. The club has been dedicated to the study, preservation, and promotion of the philatelic hobby since 1932.

SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS

The Southeast Federation web site is a source for information about stamp collecting activities in the region. Visit at: www.sefsc.org/federation-clubs.html

AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

American Philatelic Society (APS) is the largest nonprofit stamp collecting Foundation of philately in the world. With about 31,000 members as of 2017 worldwide. Visit at: www.Stamps.org.

MINUTES OF MAY MEETING

May meeting of the Chattanooga Stamp club called to order by VP Jim Hogue at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the last meeting were Read and approved. Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$858.23, this was

also approved. Sign up Sheet for the Upcoming Picnic was passed around.

Contact Mike Ezell to add your name to the list if you were not at the meeting. IT is not too late too do so. Mike Ezell 423- 314-3016.

Chicken will arrive at 4:30 PM at Space No 4, behind the Naval Reserve, off Amnicola Hwy.

Marietta will have a Stamp Show this coming weekend, May 20th.

Break was taken to enjoy the Drinks and Snacks and also to look at the Stamp Lots that have been laid out.

Auction held with over 60 Lots going home with New Owners.

Tom Matuszak

Don't forget the club picnic on June 8. See page 4 of this newsletter for details!



(Drinks, Plates and utensils will be provided. Bring a side dish of vegetables and/or dessert!)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good Afternoon Fellow Club Members,

Something exciting is about to happen! June 8th we are having our annual club picnic! We have about 23 or 24 people signed up already to come.

This is going to be a fun time. I have attached a poster in pdf format [*Page 4*] for your pleasure but if you cannot open it, here are the details:

It will be at the River Front Park Pavilion located off of Amnicola Hwy. It Is the pavilion that is right behind and near the Naval Recruiting Center. There will be some signs to show you where.

We will be starting 4:30 PM for those who can come early and fellowship with other members. We will start eating at 6:00 PM. There is no end time so you can stay as long as you like.

We would like for each member to bring at least 1 side dish if you can. The club will provide fried chicken. I have heard that it is very tasty.

Please, please, please, come out an join us on June 8th. This is going to be so much fun!!!

Just as a side note, there will not be any circuit books available at the picnic. As always I will get permission from the APS to hold them over until the July meeting.

Thank you to all of you for your support of the club and I hope to see all of you there

Mike Ezell Club President

U.S. May New Issues

May 2 Boutonnière, Corsage







May 5 Strawberries

May 23 Henry David Thoreau



CLUB BENEFITED FROM AUCTION

Treasurer Carl Anderson reports that the club realized \$201 from the Auction. This includes the commission charged each seller and the sale of club lots.

Shipping children by postal mail: illegal since 1913

From the Smithsonian's Flickr stream of historic, public domain photos, a shot commemorating the end of being able to ship your children by postal mail:

This city letter carrier posed for a humorous photograph with a young boy in his mailbag. After parcel post service was introduced in 1913, at least two children were sent by the service. With stamps attached to their clothing, the children rode with



railway and city carriers to their destination. The Postmaster General quickly issued a regulation forbidding the sending of children in the mail after hearing of those examples.

Marine Corps Reserve Stamp Scott #1315

The Marine Corps Reserve Anniversary stamp was issued on August 29, 1966 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the US Marine Corps Reserve in 1916.



The Marine Corps Reserve augments the active Marines during times of war or during national emergencies. There are different types of Marine Corps Reserves. Selected Marine Corps Reserve members drill two weeks a year and one weekend

a month. Individual Ready Reserve members are Marines who have completed their active duty, but have agreed to be called up to active duty during wars or emergencies.

The stamp design displays different marines that have protected the country over its history from the colonial marines to a 1960s frogman.



Chattanooga no longer has a stamp dealer since Joel retired. This is a trend that is not unique. See the following article from 2012:

WHEN DEALERS WERE JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Stamp dealers appeared not long after stamps themselves. By the 1860s several dealers were scattered around the US to service the growing number of collectors. These numbers continued to grow and by the 1880s-1890s stamp collecting was a popular hobby.

In the 1940s-1950s there were hundreds of dealers, some having shops and others operating primarily by mail. As a youth I remember there being multiple dealers in almost every goodsized community. I grew up in western Massachusetts and visited dealers in Northampton, Springfield, Holyoke, Greenfield, and Pittsfield. In Boston one could visit 10-15 dealers on Bromfield Street alone. By far the largest concentration of dealers was on Nassau Street in New York City. Legendary stamp dealer Herman "Pat" Herst wrote an excellent book, *Nassau Street*, about its numerous dealers. It is an excellent read!

Since about 1960 the number of stamp dealers has diminished and the mode of selling has changed dramatically. Operating costs have increased to the point where few dealers can afford a storefront operation. Nassau and Bromfield streets are now nearly devoid of dealers. Most dealers started to operate almost exclusively by mail or at shows.

In recent years the Internet has become the central focus of many dealers. Hundreds of dealers use eBay or have their own websites. A computer search will locate material for almost any collector's interest, regardless of specialty.

Anne and I utilize a variety of these means of selling. We attend 10-12 shows each year,

have our own website, and sell on eBay. We also sell directly to a number of collectors using scans, photocopies, or approvals. We have an advantage in that the two divide the responsibilities. Most smaller dealers operate on their own.

This article appeared in Stamp Insider magazine, April, 2012 by: POSTAL HISTORY SKETCHES Elwyn Doubleday PO Box 119 Alton, NH 03809-0119 603-875-1808; <u>doub@worldpath.net</u>

CLUBS FOR U.S. COLLECTORS Continued from May (Part of list in May was duplicated from April)

Florida Postal History Society, \$10 dues. Deane R. Briggs, 160 East Lake Howard Drive, Winter Haven, FL 33881.

Georgia Postal History Sociey, \$15 dues. GPHS, c/o Steve Swain, 5 Meeting St., Roswell, GA 30075.

Hawaii Philatelic Society. \$16/year dues. Hawaii Philatelic Society, PO Box 10115, Honolulu, HI 96816.

Illinois Postal History Society, \$10-15 dues. Andrew Oleksiuk, 5336 W. Belle Plaine, Chicago, IL 60641, mailart@earthlink.net

Indiana Postal History Society, \$10 dues. IPHS, PO Box 1875, Bloomington, IN 47402 faber@bluemarble.net

Iowa Postal History Society. \$12 dues. Barb Good, 2804 East 40th St., Des Moines, IA 50317.

Isthmian Collectors Club. \$8 dues. Robert Karrer, 17 Wentworth St., Charleston, SC 29401. Bkarrer@comcast.net,

Local Post Collectors Society. \$10 dues U.S., Robert Fritz, 17406 North Calico Drive, Sun City, AZ 85573, www.lopocollectors.com

Machine Cancel Society. \$15 dues. Gary Carlson, 3097 Frobisher Avenue, Dublin, OH 43017.

Mailer's Postmark Permit Club. \$7 dues. MPPC, PO Box 3, Portland, TN 37148-0003.

Maine Philatelic Society. Dues \$5/year,(\$10family). Dr.Everett L. Parker, 719 Moosehead Lake Road, Greenville, ME 04441-9727.

Maritime Postmark Society. \$10 dues. Tom Hirschinger, P.O. Box 497, Wadsworth OH 44282.

Maryland Postal History Soc. \$10 dues. Patricia S. Walker, Briarwood, Lisbon MD 21765.

Masonic Study Unit of ATA-APS. \$10dues.RobertDomingue,59Greenwood Road, Andover, MA 01810.

Maximum Card Unit. \$12 dues. Terry Watson, 1825 Jenny Ln, Lithia Springs, GA 30122, terryw7633@comcast.net

(To Be Continued)





It is time for the annual CHATTANOOGA STAMP CLUB PICNIC!



WHEN: June 8, 2017 WHAT TIME: 4:30—Until WHERE: River Front Park Pavilion (Pavilion closest to Navel Reserve Center) WHAT TO BRING: Bring a Side Dish

Club will provide chicken. We will start eating at 6:00 PM

Come early and enjoy the fellowship with club members!





