

# The Chattanooga Stamp Chronicle

## September, 2018



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Of Stamp Clubs

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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

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## September Meeting only: Meeting to start at 7:15 due to length of program!

September 13 ..... Monthly Meeting  
Program ..... John Burnett: "Canada: The  
1937-42 Issue Used Domestically and to the USA"  
October 11 ..... Monthly Meeting  
Program ..... Mike Ezell, "Railroad Mail Service"

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### CLUB OFFICERS

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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

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### 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.

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### 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](http://www.sefsc.org/federation-clubs.html)

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### AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

American Philatelic Society (APS) is the largest nonprofit stamp collecting Foundation of philately in the world., With about 30,000 members as of 2017 worldwide. Visit at: [www.Stamps.org](http://www.Stamps.org).

### August Meeting Minutes

We opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Carl Gave the treasurer's report. I read through my notes on the minutes for July since I forgot to send the minutes to Gene for the newsletter.

Mike is still looking into the shirts with our club logo.

It was mentioned about a stamp show Guinn Pex 2018 Fall Show. Saturday August 25, 2018, at the Mount Park Methodist Church in Stone Mountain, Georgia.

Some have expressed disappointment in the circuit books. Cards were passed out so people could list what they would be interested in seeing in the circuit books.

John Burnett will be speaking next month. His presentation is expected to take about an hour so we plan to start at 7:15 instead of 7:30 so there will be no rush. Mike Ezell will be speaking in October.

Rebecca Gilbert, Secretary

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### SOUTHEAST REGION STAMP SHOWS

#### September 29-30, 2018 MEMPHEX 2018

Memphis Stamp Collector's Society, Agricenter International; Wing "C" Banquet Room, 7777 Walnut Grove Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38120, Contact: Andrew J. Burkman, [andburk@usit.net](mailto:andburk@usit.net), 901-382-1772  
<http://www.memphisstampcollectorsociety.org>

#### January 25-27, 2019 Southeastern Stamp Expo

Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs, An APS World Series of Philately Show, Hilton Hotel Atlanta Northeast, 5993 Peachtree Industrial Blvd., Norcross, Georgia 30092, Scott Mark, [sestampexpo@gmail.com](mailto:sestampexpo@gmail.com),  
<http://www.sefsc.org>

## President's Message

Greetings Fellow Collectors

It is hard to believe that we are now getting into the Fall months of the year. Before you know it, Christmas will be here.

But, we do have some interesting programs coming up before we get that far. In the September meeting, we will have the pleasure of hearing from John Burnett and he always has some interesting information from the hobby of stamp collecting.

In October I will be presenting a program profiling railroad mail service in the United States.

November will be our second auction of the year so get your stuff ready to bring to the meeting and there will be auction cards available starting at this next meeting. As always, anyone can come and bid on the items, but members are the only ones who can sell items.

We will close the year out with our club Christmas party. This the most exciting time of the year for me so I am looking forward to all the great things that are happening.

I certainly hope all of you will attend these next few months and bring a friend. They are always welcomed and who knows, they may be struck by the stamp collecting bug. As always, I am honored to be your club president!

See you at the next meeting!

Mike

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### AUGUST U.S. STAMP ISSUES

The Art of Magic  
August 7



Dragons  
August 9

United States Airmail (Red)  
August 11



Poinsettia  
August 26



## Stamp Stories

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### Lee Stamp Also Rankled Southerners

In the January–February 2007 Stamp Insider I recounted the southern clamor over the U.S. Post Office Department's 1937 release of the three-cent stamp featuring William Tecumseh Sherman, who had ravaged Georgia during his 1864 March to the Sea. (Scott No. 787) The Deputy Third Assistant Postmaster General's office promised that all hurt feelings would be soothed by issuance of a four-cent stamp featuring Confederate Generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson. However, appearance of Scott No. 788 — some press reports described its color as Confederate gray but the USPOD referred to it only as army or steel gray — on March 23, 1937 may have ruffled more feathers than it smoothed.

Some northerners protested that Lee and Jackson, having taken up arms against the Union, were traitors and unworthy of appearing on a U.S. stamp. The Illinois Department of the Grand Army of the Republic wrote to Postmaster General James A. Farley that the stamp was "unprecedented, un-American, unpatriotic, unwise, and an abject surrender to pernicious Southern propaganda." The New York encampment of the same organization, meeting at Syracuse, adopted a resolution: "There must be no glorification of those who sought destruction of the Union, particularly those who were given instruction at West Point, where they pledged allegiance to the (U.S.) flag."

The surprise was that numerous southerners also attacked the stamp! Its denomination rankled those who believed it was chosen to minimize the stamp's usage; four cents did not pay any common rate. Others noticed that Lee's portrait depicted only two stars on his coat collar where there should have been three; some charged that Lee intentionally had been demoted from general to lieutenant colonel on the stamp. At first postal officials blamed the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, later arguing that the third star was not visible because the Lee was shown in three-quarters profile. Finally Robert E. Fellers of the USPOD Philatelic Division could only splutter, "We put out all kinds of pictures of Gen. George Washington including one of him as a boy and it has no bearing on his rank. All this uproar is foolishness."

Richard McP. Cabeen, longtime Chicago Daily Tribune philatelic columnist, observed that "fanning the dead coals of a long extinct conflagration is a habit in some sections (of the country)." The best suggestion ran as a letter to the editor of the Washington Post on February 23, 1937. A writer calling himself "A Gray-Haired Northerner with Many Southern Friends" suggested that the post office sell the Sherman stamp exclusively in the south and the Lee stamp exclusively in the north, then encourage residents to register their protests by canceling the stamps "vigorously and completely."

*(Reprinted from from Stamp Insider, May-June, 2007)*  
*("There's nothing new under the sun" See current news.)*

# United States 1896 Indian Maiden Newspaper Stamp

The highest face-value stamps issued by the United States to pay a postage fee are the 1895 and 1896 \$100 purple Indian Maiden newspaper stamps (Scott PR113 and PR125).

The stamp designs are identical, but the stamp issued in 1895 is on unwatermarked paper, while the stamp issued Jan. 23, 1896, is on paper watermarked with a double-line "USPS." Both stamps are perforated gauge 12.

The 2016 Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps and Covers values the 1895 stamp at \$3,500 in unused original gum condition and at \$7,000 in used condition, with the later value in italics.

However, the stamp on watermarked paper (Scott PR125) is valued at only \$65 in unused original gum condition and at \$275 in used condition (listed in italics in the catalog).

The stamp is a good buy at those prices, in whichever condition that you prefer. However, it is thought to be an even better buy in mint never-hinged condition at the Scott catalog value of \$150.

The complete set is really worth buying. Some think these newspaper stamps are America's most beautiful stamps, on par with the 1898 \$1 Trans-Mississippi Cattle in Storm stamp (Scott 292).

If you already have this \$100 Indian Maiden newspaper stamp, double check your example for the watermark. If it is misidentified, you will be handsomely rewarded.



PR113



PR125

*(The online site, Hipstamp.com lists PR113 for sale at \$1800, PR125 at \$28.95)*

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### Donation Request

A letter in the latest Linn's requests donations for a youth stamp club. If you have supplies you would like to donate, stamps, albums, recent catalogs, hinges, and mounts, you can send your donation to:

Flagler County Stamp and Coin Club  
Box 351355  
Palm Coast, FL 32135

This is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and will provide tax receipts on request.

Website: [www.stampandcoinclub.com](http://www.stampandcoinclub.com)

## Stamp Collector

My worldly wealth I hoard in albums three,  
My life collection of rare postage stamps;  
My room is cold and bare as you can see,  
My coat is old and shabby as a tramp's;  
Yet more to me than balances in banks,  
My albums three are worth a million francs.

I keep them in that box beside my bed,  
For who would dream such treasures it could hold;  
But every day I take them out and spread  
Each page, to gloat like miser o'er his gold:  
Dearer to me than could be child or wife,  
I would defend them with my very life.

They are my very life, for every night  
over my catalogues I pore and pore;  
I recognize rare items with delight,  
Nothing I read but philatelic lore;  
And when some specimen of choice I buy,  
In all the world there's none more glad than I.

Behold my gem, my British penny black;  
To pay its price I starved myself a year;  
And many a night my dinner I would lack,  
But when I bought it, oh, what radiant cheer!  
Hitler made war that day — I did not care,  
So long as my collection he would spare.

Look — my triangular Cape of Good Hope.  
To purchase it I had to sell my car.  
Now in my pocket for some sous I grope  
To pay my omnibus when home is far,  
And I am cold and hungry and footsore,  
In haste to add some beauty to my store.

This very day, ah, what a joy was mine,  
When in a dingy dealer's shop I found  
This franc vermilion, eighteen forty-nine ...  
How painfully my heart began to pound!  
(It's weak they say), I paid the modest price  
And tremblingly I vanished in a trice.

But oh, my dream is that some day of days,  
I might discover a Mauritius blue,  
poking among the stamp-bins of the quais;  
Who knows! They say there are but two;  
Yet if a third one I should spy,  
I think — God help me! I should faint and die. ...

Poor Monsieur Pns, he's cold and dead,  
One of those stamp-collecting cranks.  
His garret held no crust of bread,  
But albums worth a million francs.  
on them his income he would spend,  
By philatelic frenzy driven:  
What did it profit in the end ...  
You can't take stamps to Heaven.  
— Robert William Service (1874–1958)  
*(Stamp Insider • March/April 2017, p.66)*