

Philatelic Profiles  
of  
New Life Members  
Harrison Gill & Jim Cate

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AT THE AGE OF TEN HARRISON GIL BECAME FASCINATED WITH THE THEN CURRENT US STAMPS HIS FATHER BOUGHT FROM TIME-TO-TIME. HE BEGAN TO BUILD HIS OWN COLLECTION, STOPPING FOR A WHILE DURING HIS NAVY AND COLLEGE YEARS. UPON RETURNING HOME FROM THIS HIATUS HARRISON DISCOVERED HIS CHILDHOOD COLLECTION HAD BEEN STOLEN! THAT DIDN'T STOP HIM. HE BOUGHT HIS YOUNGER SISTER'S COLLECTION AND STARTED AGAIN. BY THAT TIME THE UN HAD BEGUN ISSUING STAMPS AND HARRISON ADDED THESE TO HIS COLLECTING SCOPE. THEN, DURING THE CARTER YEARS THE CANAL ZONE WAS IN THE NEWS A LOT AND HARRISON DECIDED TO EXPAND AGAIN TO INCLUDE THOSE ISSUES. NOW HIS CANAL ZONE COLLECTION IS VIRTUALLY COMPLETE FROM 1930, POSTAL STATIONERY INCLUDED. HE ALSO PROUDLY BOASTS A COLLECTION OF US SPACE ISSUES BEGINNING WITH PROJECT MERCURY. HARRISON, A RETIRED ARCHITECT, IS A LONG-TIME CHATTANOOGAN AS WELL AS A LONG-TIME CLUB MEMBER. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE CHATTANOOGA HALF-CENTURY CLUB AND HAS SERVED THREE TERMS AS STAMP CLUB PRESIDENT. HARRISON HAS BEEN SAILING SINCE 1943 AND HAS HIS OWN SAILBOAT.

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**Jim Cate's** philatelic career began in 1975 when his father-in-law passed on to him his collection - A year later Jim joined the Chattanooga Stamp Club. While Jim's collecting interests are in general US, his focuses are on *fancy cancels (#65), plate number coils, plate blocks, and Chattanooga postmarks (1840 his earliest)*. He is an active member of a number of other philatelic organizations, including American Philatelic Society, United States Philatelic Classics Society (second term board member), Confederate Stamp Alliance, US Cancels Club, & Tennessee Postal History Society. Jim's military service was in counter intelligence and he remains in touch through the National Counter-Intelligence Association. Jim and his wife Joan live in Hixson. They have two children who are now out fending for themselves in these unpredictable times.

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the most satisfying work – helping others  
the most endangered species – dedicated leaders  
the most beautiful attire – a smile

