

# Chattanooga Stamp Club

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## Club News

Our speaker for September, Mickey King, took us on a trip around his route as a city mail carrier. Then we had a chance to visit with fellow members while we enjoyed **Dee Heath's** unforgettably delicious pie. It was also our great pleasure to welcome **Kathy Dowbiggin** as our guest. **Kathy** submitted an application for membership which will be considered at the October meeting. **Kathy**, we look forward to getting to know you and sharing with you our fondness for the hobby.

In October we will hear from Leon Hudson with stories of how the Railway Mail Service *used to be*. In the news recently was the announcement that the contract(s) USPS has with the Rails will not be renewed. Evidence that we have truly entered a new era! You may remember that Leon is an Honorary Member of our club. And oh, yes, **Marvin Smith** will bring refreshments. Many thanks, **Marvin!**

What about that show in Marietta! Did you find the items you have been looking for? **Jim Cate** said he found a lead on a good one. And the exhibits - WOW! **Bill Caldwell!** took a Silver-Bronze for his *Hawaii Postal Cards* exhibit and a Bronze for each of *SCIOTO County, Ohio: Taxed Manuscript Money Drafts, First General Revenue Issue/Blue Grass Whoppers or Twang Tunes and Tall Tales on Country Road Radio/and Spain: Censor Markings of the 1930's-1940's*. Our hearty congratulations, **Bill**. The Chattanooga Stamp Club Award for Excellence in Philatelic Research went to Gordon Brick from Lawrenceville, Georgia with his *Parcel Post Stamps & Usages* exhibit.

**We are in that time of year that Club dues are payable. Just a tiny sum in this day and time - only \$10, but we do need some money to operate. Rebecca Gilbert will accept your payment at the meeting or mail check to Carl Anderson, 919 Dunsinane Dr, Signal Mt 37377. Don't forget!**

You are receiving this Newsletter early this month because your editor and wife are going on vacation to New England. The October meeting is the usual 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday - *October 14.*

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"He has A skeleton in the closet"

A saying meaning a deep, dark family secret. Some say to have originated from a 19<sup>th</sup> century practice of hiding a skeleton to later sell it illegally for medical research or testing - when obtaining a skeleton legally was quite difficult (Highly unlikely!). The more plausible origin: Derived from telling a joke about a family secret like a murder that has been covered up.