

# CHATTANOOGA STAMP CHRONICLE

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**MEETINGS FOR THIS MONTH WILL BE HELD ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> AND 23<sup>RD</sup> OF APRIL 2009 AT THE SHALLOWFORD ROAD POST OFFICE**

**APRIL IS "ONE-PAGE EXHIBIT" MONTH BE SURE TO REGISTER YOUR EXHIBIT BEFORE 9 APRIL.**



**THIS MONTH WE LOOK AT THE LAND OF EGYPT AND IT'S FIRST STAMPS.**

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### BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

There are no known members with birthdays this month. What shame! There will no celebratong, no cake and no ice cream. Well maybe next month.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!** To Great-gande father Bill White and his wife Thelma. On April 22 at 0200 in the morning at Earlanger, their grand daughter had a baby boy that weighted around 7 lds. When I talked with on Saturday afternoon, he seemed extreamly happy.

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In my many years, I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a congress. -- John Adams

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A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your money.  
-- G. Gordon Liddy

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## CLUB BUSINESS AND EVENTS

A great Big 'THANK YOU' and a tip of the ole hat, goes to Jim Houge for the wonder program on "Prixie's." As one of the newer members of the club he showed that anyone can step up and give a program about their favorite part of the philatelic hobby.

### ONE-PAGE EXHIBIT

Our program for April will be the annual 'ONE PAGE EXHIBIT.'

Please mail in your applications **\*BEFORE\*** the day of the meeting. I need to know how many will be exhibiting before the meeting begins.

At the March meeting, there was a discussion about possibly moving our meeting place to another location. The suggestion for the new meeting place is in Eastridge at the Church Of Christ on McBrien. This is two blocks from the Moore and I-75 exit. There will be a PA system with a kitchen for the ladies to cook up a great meal for the men. And I am told the the new location will be 'free' from rent. Sounds great to me.

**BUT WE NEED EVERYONE TO COME AND VOTE ON THIS ISSUE AT THE APRIL MEETING!!!!**

Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But then I repeat myself. -- Mark Twain

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER by Trish Bowers

Next month's meeting is a very important one for three reasons; first, it is our annual One-Page Exhibit in honor of Bob Davison. I think traditions are good and this is a tradition which Willis has organized since Bob's passing. It is a fun night and I trust all will participate. You do need to send your "entry form" to Willis prior to the meeting as he needs to make plans for the exhibit.

Second reason why it is an important meeting is we have the opportunity to permanently change the location of our meetings. Bill & Thelma White's church has offered to us the use of their fellowship hall. I have seen the hall and it is very nice and very large. There is a speaker system, a very nice kitchen, bathrooms close by, lots of parking spots and near the entrance door and very easy to get there, about two blocks off I-75 at Moore Road. At April's business meeting (April 9, Thursday) we will discuss and vote on the above. Everyone needs to be at this meeting to "voice" your opinions.

Third reason why it is an important meeting is the discussion and possibility of having our own Stamp Show. Robert Barger is spearheading this task. He will be presenting us with information and possible dates. This is very exciting and will be a real learning curve for most of us. Again, we **NEED** you to be at the meeting to express your thoughts.

This month's project for me is creating album pages for definitive stamps going back to 2000. For example, in 2007 there were (only) four varieties of the Forever stamp, but 13 varieties of American Flag, nondenominated and 41 cents. Another example is the 39 cent Lady Liberty & Flag of 2006. There are eight varieties which does not include the nondenominated which was issued in 2005. My goodness, what a challenge, but, fun, never the less.

Until next month.... Trish

## PHILATELIC HISTORY OF EGYPT

I have been the type of stamp collector that likes to collect everything. If I only had the money to do just that. Believe me, I have tried. I enjoy stamps that show the history of the country issuing the stamps. In this regard, Egypt is no exception. The early issues all had pictures of the Great Pyramids and Sphinx and as a child inspired me to want to travel and see these ancient artifacts for myself. The best I could with the sites of Egypt was to just collect the stamps.



**Scott #43**  
the protect-torate ended and the reigning sultan was declared king of the new mon-archy. Egypt became a republic on 18 June 1953. In 1958 it merged with Syria to form the United Arab Republic. This union broke up in 1961 and in 1971 Egypt changed it's name to Arab Republic of Egypt.

### EGYPT FIRST STAMP

Egypt began 1866 with reforms in the postal system. The change to use of postage stamps was announced in a December 21, 1865, decree as follows:  
Payments of the postage on letters sent to foreign countries must be effected by means of Egyptian stamps for the internal journey to Alexandria; foreign postage must be paid in the stamps of the country that is charged with the forwarding. Although essays had been produced by a number of artists in both Paris and London, the Italian firm of Fratelli Pellas of

The Post Offices alone are authorized to sell postage stamps. The postage stamps are of seven different kinds which are distinctive by reason of their color and value, that is to say:

5, 10, and 20 paras . . .

1, 2, 5, and 10 piastres . . .

Correspondence to foreign countries must not be thrown into the (letter) box, but taken to the dispatch window . . .

Although essays had been produced by a number of artists in both Paris and London, the Italian firm of Fratelli Pellas of Genoa was given the printing contract. The frame design of the 5 piastres value was based on a rejected essay for the first Italian stamps submitted by the firm. With the exception of the 1 piastre all the stamps were lithographed in sheets of 200, arranged in rows of twenty. The 1 piastre is typographed in two panes of one hundred. The colored backgrounds were overprinted in Turkish in black with 'Egyptian postage stamp' at the top, 'Egypt' in the center, and the value in paras or grouch (piastres) at the bottom. The overprint was typographed on the 1 and 2 piastres but lithographed on the others.



Scott # 54 with the Sphix

A thin grayish wove paper water-marked with a pyramid surmounted by stars intended for each stamp was used for all values except the 1 piastre. The 1 piastre is printed on thicker white, unwatermarked paper with a glazed surface. It may have been that this paper was intended to be used on the Italian contract which Fratelli Pellas bought in anticipation.

If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed. -- Mark Twain

It is believed that the stamps were perforated and gummed in Egypt. There is some evidence that the printer did some perforation although it may have only been for tests.

A variety of perforations exist with most stamps being off center. The stamps remained in use until withdrawn from sale August 1, 1867. The stamps were demonitized on September 1 but were exchangeable for stamps of the second issue through October 31, 1867.

Below is a stamp from the period of time when Egypt was a part of the United Arab Republic, this Scott #615. The picture on the stamp is that of Ramses II



Do you see how much fun you can have in collecting world-wide stamps?

Egypt is a great example of a country that leans heavy on their past for their revenue and their stamps.

## STAMP(S) OF THE MONTH



### ANGELS ON STAMPS

Among topical collectors, this is a favorite topic. Looking over the history of angels, we find them mentioned in almost every culture and religion through out the world. The most popular mentions of angels are from the Christian Bible.

It was an angel that saved Daniel from the lions (Daniel 6.22). It

was an angel that came to Mary, the mother of Jesus, to explain to her who the child she was caring was (Luke 1.26). And it was an angel that barred Adam and Eve from reentering the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3.14).

Angels are messengers for God. We read in the book of Revelation chapter one, that it is was an angel who delivered the message found in the book Revelation, to the prophet John.

**AS CREATED MESSENGERS OF GOD**  
The angels are represented throughout the Bible as a body of spiritual beings intermediate between God and men: "You have made him (man) a little less than the angels..." (Psalms 8:4,5). They are created beings; "praise ye Him, all

His angels: praise ye Him, all His hosts... for He spoke and they were made. He commanded and they were created..." (Psalms 148:2-5; Colossians 1:16). All stamps are from the collection of Susan Monk.





### **The Chattanooga Stamp Club**

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

#### **-- CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2009 --**

**President: Trish Bowers      Vice-President: Open**  
**Secretary: Rebecca Gilbert      Treasurer: Carl Anderson**  
**Librarian: Ken Burnham**

**MEETINGS:** Meetings are held the second and fourth Thursday during the months of January to May. One meeting a month on the second Thursday during months of June to December. Meetings are held at the Main Post Office Mail Facility located at 6050 Shallowford Road in Chattanooga, TN. PLEASE be prompt - to maintain building security, the Post Office opens the doors at the entrance to the office area at 7.00 P.M. and locks them at 7.30 PM.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Chattanooga Stamp Club memberships are on a calendar year basis. Yearly dues are \$20.00. Send all monetary donations and membership dues to the club's Treasurer, Mr. Carl Anderson, 919 Dunsinane Rd., Signal Mountain, TN 37377 For a printed copy of any issue of the Chronicle, send \$1.42 cents in stamps to 380 White Rd. Old Fort, TN, 37362.

#### **----- PLEASE NOTE -----**

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