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The Chattanooga Stamp Chronicle

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**THE APRIL 8 MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE
NORMAL LOCATION, THE EAST RIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST
FELLOWSHIP HALL, 915 McBRIEN ROAD, EAST RIDGE, TN
DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 P.M. MEETING BEGINS AT 7:30 P.M.**

**THE SECOND MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 22
AT THE SAME LOCATION, SAME TIME. COME AND ENJOY
A TIME OF EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND PLANS.**

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DID YOU KNOW -

Merriam-Webster dictionary defines postage stamp as "a government adhesive stamp or imprinted stamp for use on mail as evidence of prepayment of postage." Stamps are basically a form of currency traded for the services of delivering pieces of mail or packages. They are affixed to letters and other types of mail before posting.

CLUB NEWS AND EVENTS

Upcoming Area Shows:

April 10-11 Stamp & Postcard Show, Asheville, NC
May 22-23 Spring Stamp Show, Marietta, GA

Chattanooga Stamp Club:

April 8Regular Meeting & One-Page Exhibit Competition
April 22Second Monthly Meeting
May 13Regular Meeting

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

There's a lot going on!!! Remember the one page exhibit for the April meeting. Please be there to enjoy looking at all the work that others have done and who knows, you might learn something! We also need to discuss the October Club Show, having an auction in July and whatever else you might have on your mind.

We had a fun second monthly meeting. If you haven't attended these meetings, you should come to trade stamps and stories. Richard Barr brought up the question of who has a program to print their own album pages and what they liked and did not like about a particular program. If you have input on this, please make your opinion known for all of us.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 8th!

REFERENCES

For those with internet access, these are more web sites of interest:

<http://www.alphabetilately.com/> Alphabetilately
<http://www.askphil.org/> Ask Phil (Reference)
<http://www.usps.com/cpim/ftp/bulletin/pb2010.htm> 2010 USPS Bulletins

ONE-PAGE EXHIBIT RULES NOTICE!

This year we are only doing, as the name indicates, 1 page in 1 exhibit. It was announced at the club meeting we are going back to the original rules. Please pick which exhibit you want to enter.

Stamp Collecting and Philately.

(Source: Wikipedia, the online encyclopedia)

Stamp Collecting

Stamp collecting is the collecting of postage stamps and related objects. It is one of the world's most popular hobbies, with estimates of the number of collectors ranging up to 20 million in the United States alone.

Collecting

Stamp collecting is not the same as philately, which is the study of stamps. A philatelist may, but does not have to, collect stamps. Many casual stamp collectors accumulate stamps for sheer enjoyment and relaxation without worrying about the tiny details. The creation of a large or comprehensive collection, however, may require some philatelic knowledge.

Stamp collectors are an important source of income for some countries who create limited runs of elaborate stamps designed mainly to be bought by stamp collectors. The stamps produced by these countries may exceed the postal needs of the countries, but may also feature attractive topical designs that many collectors would like to have in their stamp album.

Queen Victoria's profile was a staple on 19th century stamps of the British Empire; here on a half-penny of the Falkland Islands, 1891

History of stamp collecting

The first postage stamp, the Penny Black, was issued by Britain in 1840 and pictured a young Queen Victoria. It was produced without perforations (imperforate) and consequently had to be cut from the sheet with scissors in order to be used. While unused examples of the "Penny Black" are quite scarce, used examples are quite common, and may be purchased for \$20 to \$200, depending upon condition.

People started to collect stamps almost straight away, most notably John Edward Gray who bought penny black stamps on their first day of issue in order to keep them. Children and teenagers were early collectors of stamps in the 1860s and 1870s. Many adults dismissed it as a childish pursuit but later many of those same collectors, as adults, began to systematically study the available postage stamps and publish books about them. Some stamps such as the triangular issues of the Cape of Good Hope have become legendary. (See Stamps of the Cape of Good Hope).

Today, stamp collecting is one of the world's most popular indoor hobbies.

Philately

Philately is the study of stamps and related items. Philately is distinct from stamp collecting which does not

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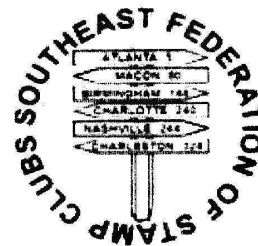
usually involve the study of stamps. It is possible to be a philatelist without owning any stamps. For instance, the stamps being studied may be very rare or exist only in museums.

Origin of the word

The word "philately" is the English version of the French word "philatélie", coined by Georges Herpin in 1864.

Herpin stated that stamps had been collected and studied for the last six or seven years and a better name was required for the new hobby than timbromanie which was disliked. He took the Greek root word phil or philo, meaning an attraction or affinity for something, and ateleia, meaning "exempt from duties and taxes" to form "philatelie". The introduction of postage stamps meant that the receipt of letters was now free of charge, whereas before stamps it was normal for postal charges to be paid by the recipient of a letter.

The alternative terms "timbromania", "timbrophily" and "timbrology" gradually fell out of use as philately gained acceptance during the 1860s.



The Chattanooga Stamp Club

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

- CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2010 -

President; Robert Barger

Vice-President: Jim Hogue

Secretary: Willis Monk

Treasurer: Carl Anderson

MEETINGS: Club meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at EASTRIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST located at 915 McBrien Rd in Eastridge, TN. Meetings begin at 7.30 PM. Come early and enjoy meeting the members as well as talking about stamps.

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.