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The Chattanooga Stamp Chronicle



The Official Journal of the Chattanooga Stamp Club

THE AUGUST 11 MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE USUAL 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.

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President's Corner

We had a very good meeting last month despite the heavy rains that came just prior to our gathering time. We had 17 people present, two were guests from Knoxville. Bruce Anderson of the Knoxville Club gave us an excellent program on Tennessee Postmaster Provisional's of the Civil Ware era, thank you Bruce.

I am starting to work on Club Member name badges (I have been and still am hampered by computer problems). If anyone wants anything other than the Club Name and Member name on the badge, they need to let me know. Some members are putting Society Membership logos and main collecting interests below their names.

The APS has given me an idea that if we implement would help Gene with the newsletter and give members an opportunity to share their collecting stories with the club. The idea is to hold a contest that runs for a year and rewards the best member written article for the newsletter for that year. Members would vote on the articles at year end and the winner and runner-up would receive some sort of prize. The prize could be "club bucks" to be used at our auctions, cash or stamps. We will discuss this more at the next meeting. See you there,

Jim Hogue,

CLUB NEWS AND EVENTS

Upcoming Area Shows:

August 13-14 Nashville Summer Stamp Show
August 20-21 Knoxville Summer Stamp Show
September 25-27 Southeastern Stamp Show, Marietta, GA
October 1-2 MEMPHEX 2011 Stamp Show

Chattanooga Stamp Club:

August 11 Meeting Regular time and place
September 8 Meeting Dan Chaij Program
October 13 Meeting John Burnett Program

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance: \$1373.04
Paid Up Active Members: 27

August Meeting Refreshments:

Snacks No Volunteer
Drinks Mike Ezell

AN IDEA

Why not have STAMPS at each meeting for club members to purchase? The Knoxville stamp club does and it has encouraged members to attend.

For the last 2 years the club has purchased at auction a lot or two and then re-lotted them in small sets or groups of stamps to sell to club members with a goal of recouping the money but not making a profit.

Is this an idea that we could use at the Chattanooga Stamp Club?

ATTENTION MEMBERS!

The following is a list of members who are **paid up** on their dues for 2011. If your name is not on the list, contact the Treasurer, Carl Anderson.

Carl Anderson, Richard Barr, Wallace Bell, Gene Bricker, Richard Burhman, Ken Burnham, Bill Caldwell, Jack Case, Jim Cate, Dan Chajj, Robert Collier, Mike Ezell, Rebecca Gilbert, Harrison Gill, Howard Higgins, Larry Hines, Jim Hogue, Thomas Matuszak, Ed Meeks, Billy Murphy, Roger Paul, Joe Pratt, Joel Rind, Bill Sartain, Bill Schwall, Ernest Seagle, Bill White.

Missing Member!

Bill Schwall has moved and we don't know his address to send him this newsletter! If you know his address, please contact one of the club officers.

The Early Days of Stamp Collecting (and The First Stamp Album!)



From the early 1850s, there was enough interest in stamps to cause various dealers in antiques, curios or coins to see an opportunity in making a living from catering for these new collectors. Among the earliest stamp dealers were: the Brussel's antiques dealer J.B. Moens, who became a dealer in 1852; William S. Lincoln of London, who became a schoolboy collector/dealer in 1853; and Stanley Gibbons of Plymouth, who in 1856 took a portion of his father's pharmacy, to become a dealer at the ripe old age of sixteen.

The first stamp list was created in 1861 by Berger-Levrault of Strasberg. Other price lists followed in 1861, but the stamp-collecting world had to wait until the following year, for its first stamp album. Amongst the earliest of the pioneer Stamp Dealers stands Justin Lallier (1823-1873), a Parisian dealer, noted French archaeologist and creator of one of the most important early albums in 1862. First published in French in

August 1862, with spaces for 1,200 stamps, and later that same year was published in English, as the first English language album.

In the drab world of the 1840s and 1850s, stamps stood out for their colour. The coal-tar aniline dyes that gave richness to the colours of the 'gilded age' were discovered only in 1856. They did not affect the public until a decade or more later. Lithographs became popular in the late 1830s, but did not move into mass production hand colouring until the 1860s.

At the same time, stamps also represented romance and adventure. The Californian gold rush of the late 1840s, was followed by another - a world away in distant Australia. Explorers and Missionaries began to fill in the blanks, on continent after continent. Now collectors could fill in blanks for themselves!

Few collections exist in these early albums, but those that do almost always have the stamps glued to the page. Hinges had not been invented, or the actual requirement for them! Such collections often contain what are now elusive and valuable stamps, but in those early days came to buyers much more readily.

Philately, in those early days, with its focus on 'one of each' collecting, did not closely resemble the modern day hobby. Despite a growth in specialised literature, Philatelic Societies and exhibitions over the following decades, a great leap was to take place in the world of technical collecting. We can lay much of the plaudits for this at the door of Ludovic Lindsay, 26th Earl of Crawford, who was by all accounts a charming polymath. His boyhood interest in stamp collecting had vanished, and having built his own observatory and led astronomical expeditions to Spain and Mauritius, he was elected to the Royal Society at the age of thirty.

Attending a Sotheby's sale in 1899, he chanced upon a fat stamp album, which he immediately decided to purchase (the album had belonged to Col. John Chard VC, hero of the Zulu attacks on Rorke's Drift). He turned his fine mind to stamp collecting, and only eleven years later became the President of the Philatelic Society in London.

His technical approach to collecting differed from the prevailing trends, as he put together everything connected with the production of a stamp; from the earliest drawings, essays, proofs, trials, as well as the changes in printing methods, papers, perforations and inks, amongst much else. When such a distinguished bibliophile and Fellow of the Royal Society (as well as the current Prince of Wales), took such a keen interest in stamp collecting, philately could no longer be disregarded and sniffed-at as a childish pastime!

Courtesy of Sandafayre

A GREETING FROM OVERSEAS

Dan Chaij got a postcard from Nick from deep in Asia. This is the greeting he sent:

Apa Kabar (How are you?):

I hope this finds you doing well. Just wanted to let you know that I miss you and look forward to seeing all of you next year when I return home. Please give my greetings to everyone in the Stamp Club. May God bless you,

Nick Thornton

From June, 2011 Knoxville Philatelic Society News:

WEB SITES YOU MAY WANT TO VISIT

www.specimenstamps.com/index.php

- this site deals with "specimen" stamps of British colonies. Those were issued stamps that had an overprint or perforated design that said "Specimen" and were distributed to member countries of the Universal Postal Union as reference material.

<http://webpmt.usps.gov/pmt010.cfm>

- this site allows you to select a state and get an alphabetical listing of its post offices, including those no longer in operation. For some, it gives the opening and closing dates. Under Tennessee, it gives the opening date 1794.

<http://www.postalhistory.com/Military/APO/index.htm>

- the of the Knoxville post office as August 21, is a part of Jim Forte's www.postalhistory.com web site, but it is useful in providing a detailed explanation of Army Post Office system, including APO numbering, during World War II.

http://downloads.sturmpanzer.net/WWMF/Numerical_Listing_of_APOs_January_1942_November-1947.pdf

- is a useful companion to the Jim Forte site. It was produced by the US military and is a numerical guide by date and place.

<http://www.imagesoftheworld.org/stamps/stamps.htm>

- is a great, beautifully illustrated site showing details of early British stamps, including plate and position information.

<http://hps.gr/fipliterature/boip.PDF>

- is the 694-page pdf of philatelic literature, mentioned in this month's article about the early KPS circuit sales book. Alas, the site does not include our more recent newsletters, but it is a treasure trove of information about early philatelic publications, worldwide.

AUGUST NEW ISSUES



August 11 - Flags of Our Nation

August 12 - Eid

August 19 - Pixar Films: Send a Hello

August 24 - Edward Hopper

Helpful Hint!

The Kneadable Eraser

(Ref: APS May 2010 *Special E-Delivery Newsletter*)

Do you have a cover that has a price written on it in pencil? Do you have stamps where someone has written a catalog number or value on the back?

The best tool for eliminating these unwanted pencil markings is a "kneadable eraser," found in art supplies stores or online. These inexpensive items (less than \$2) can be kneaded and shaped into a point. Use the point you have formed to gently rub the pencil markings. It will be gone quickly and won't leave any eraser crumbs.

It has also been found that the inexpensive metal "erasing shield," also available in art supply stores, is very useful when you want to concentrate in one specific spot or remove a specific marking and not touch the surrounding area.

Ascension Island

STAMP OF THE MONTH

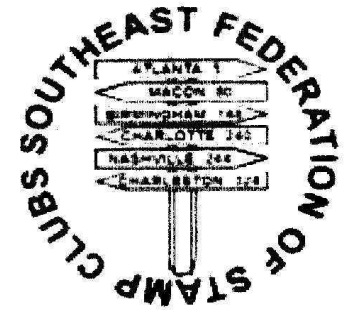


As the Space Shuttle program has come to an end, we note that there are several stamps issued to honor the Shuttle program. This Challenger Priority Mail stamp, Scott #2544, was first issued on June 22,

1995. It was issued again in 1996 with minor color changes. There were a total of 135 orbital flights by the five shuttles. The stamp was designed by Phil Jordan.



A remote and rocky island in the South Atlantic Ocean, that remained uninhabited until 1815. It was garrisoned as a safeguard by British troops, in order to prevent any attempt of rescuing Napoleon from St. Helena (690 miles to the South East).



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The Chattanooga Stamp Club

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

- CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2011 -

President; Jim Hogue
Secretary: Open

Vice-President: Jo King
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. Doors open at 7:00. 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.