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THE AUGUST 2009 MEETING WILL BE HELD AT OUR NEW LOCATION – 915 McBRIEN IN CHATTANOOGA, TN. MEETING STARTS AT 7.30 PM.

CELEBRATE THE END OF WORLD WAR II AND V-J DAY



U.S. MARINES



U.S. NAVY

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MEMBER BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY AND AUGUST -

JIM CATE	JULY 25
ERNEST SEAGLE	AUGUST 1
SUSAN MONK	AUGUST 2
REBECCA GILBERT	AUGUST 16
JOEL RIND	AUGUST 1944

Happy Birthday to each member. Hope you had/ have a great day with lots of partying!

FOOT NOTE:

In the article on the famous photo, of the “Sailor kissing nurse” the photo used on the stamp is copy righted by the photographer. The photo I am using to illustrate the article was is taken by navy photo journalist Jorgensen and is in the public domain. For a complete history of the photo please visit the following web site --

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/V%E2%80%93J_day_in_Times_Square

The stamp pictured with the article on the ‘Kissing sailor’ is blurred due to having been shrink down to fit the page. However, if you will notice, the stamp that is part of the pane issued in 1995, is also blurry. It is a painting of the photo.

CLUB NEWS AND EVENTS

AUGUST 2009 MEETING –

I have no idea as to what will be presented for the program. My original idea was cancelled due to having a lack of proper equipment to show my topic.

MINUTES OF THE JULY 2009 MEETING-

The meeting was our first at the new location of 915 McBrien. *IF* for some unknown reason, you were unable to find the new location, refer back to the directions in the July issue.

Our meeting was really a great time with a good program. It started on time at 7.30 PM with 22 people present.

A great big welcome to past member Bill Murphy for returning, Thanks for coming, we missed you. In fact we miss all our members when you do not show up at the meeting. The meetings are 'funner' when all members present.

TREASURY REPORT – Carl Anderson reports we have \$785.00 in our account, and that all bills for the picnic have been paid.

Mentioned was the fact that the Chronicle's writer, editor and publisher was asking for articles and ideas to go into the Chronicle. I have received many great ideas, such as possible articles for the Chronicle. However, what I believe would be of greater interest would be something about the individual member, perhaps something about how you became a stamp collector.

A committee was "Volunteered" to meet on the 4th Thursday of July to discuss the final details of the stamp show. The persons on the committee are Willis Monk; Jo King; Bob Barger; Joel Rind and Trish Bower.

RECAP OF THE JULY 2009 MEETING-

Several of the members did a "Show and Tell" presentation. First presentation was by Dan Chaij. He showed us his award winning exhibit, "Christmas Seals" from around the world as well as Cuba. Dan had this exhibit on a board that is the size of the standard exhibit frame at APS stamps shows. He won a silver award for this at the Denver APS show a few months ago.

Second presenter was Gene Bricker who displayed his cover collection of U645 first day covers. These are USPS issued covers with President Lincoln pictured on them.

Bob Cottington showed us his space stamps with the Challenger space shuttle and the first day issues. Very nice presentation, Bob.

Trish Bowers showed us her stamp collection with home made albums and pages. She collects 'Socked-on-the-nose' used U.S. stamps.

Susan Monk displayed her topical collection of stamps with a Bible theme.

Willis Monk got to talk about his favorite topic of collecting U.S. Navy ship cancellations, meter stamps and his newly made album for stamps from South Africa.

NOVEMBER AUCTION-

Yes, I know that November seems to be a long ways off, but it will be here before you're ready for it. This is just an early reminder. Our auctioneer Jack Case will not be at the November meeting. Ernest Seagal was chosen to be the stand-in auctioneer. Ernest was chosen due to his past experience as club auctioneer for over 15 years. As always, from past auctions, please bring your material to be auctioned off to Mr. Seagal no later than the October meeting.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER by Trish Bowers

Gosh, I really like our new place for meetings. Once we figure out how to work the equipment, we'll be in great shape. We had a very good turnout for the meeting. I really appreciate all who participated in "Show & Tell".

I'm looking forward to our October 10 stamp show. Much more information will be forthcoming. Each of us needs to be thinking about what we want to put in the sale. We need to remember that the club will have a table with all proceeds going to the club. Joel Rind, Jo King, I and Robert Barger (who is spearheading the show) and I are committee members to organize the show. If you have thoughts to help us along, please speak up. In order for this to be successful, we need everyone to help out. So, do as our great state is known for....Volunteer!!!!

Last weekend I attended the Lionel Operating Train Society (LOTS) show at the Chattanooga Choo -Choo. While there I picked up some magazines regarding the hobby of trains. So many of the articles, I could have substituted "stamp" in place of trains. It was interesting to read how you can learn about history, share with your children/grandchildren and the hours of fun which can be had by all. I really enjoyed the show and appreciated the dedicated "railroaders" time and imagination in putting the tracks and scenery together. It was very impressive and no, I am not starting a new hobby.

By the time you are reading this, I will have returned from a road trip of 1367 miles to Chadron, NE (NW corner of the state). I and family members are going to visit other family members. Mom has two sisters there. Once we drop Mom off and after family reunion, we are heading north to SD to visit Mt. Rushmore, Black Hill National Park, Crazy Horse Memorial, the famous Reptile Garden in Rapid City and much more. My brothers and I have seen all these places as children; so, I'm looking forward to appreciate them with adult eyes and my camera. Until next month.... Trish

V-J DAY

The 14th of August, the day after our August meeting on the 13th, is a day that few, if any, Americans remember as being important to our history. There are no states that celebrate this historic day. SO, I decided to change this by writing an article for the Chronicle.



Scott #2981h – Truman announces Japan's surrender. Scott #2981h

noon of August 15, 1945 (August 14 for those of us in the U.S.A.) There are those who say that September 2, 1945 should be called VJ day as this is the date that the formal surrender ceremony was performed in Tokyo Bay, aboard the battleship U.S.S. Missouri on September 2, 1945.

Surrender

A little after noon Japan standard time on August 15, 1945, Emperor Hirohito's announcement of Japan's acceptance of the terms of the Potsdam Declaration was broadcast to the Japanese people over the radio. Earlier the same day, the Japanese government had broadcast an announcement over Radio Tokyo that "acceptance of the Potsdam Proclamation [would be] coming soon," and had advised the Allies of the surrender by sending a cable to U.S. President Harry S Truman via the Swiss diplomatic mission in Washington, D.C. On

Victory over Japan Day (V-J Day) is a name chosen for the day on which the Surrender of Japan occurred, effectively ending World War II, and subsequent anniversaries of that event. The term has been applied to both the day on which the initial announcement of Japan's surrender was made in the after-

August 15 & 16 some Japanese soldiers, devastated by the surrender, committed suicide; over 100 American prisoners of war were also executed. In addition, many Australian and British prisoners of war were illegally executed in Borneo, by the Imperial Japanese Army.

Since the European Axis Powers had surrendered three months earlier (V-E Day), V-J Day would be the official end of World War II. In his announcement of Japan's surrender on August 14, President Truman said that "the proclamation of V-J Day must wait upon the formal signing of the surrender terms by Japan".



The formal Japanese signing of the surrender terms took place on board the battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945, and at that time Truman actually declared September 2 to be V-J Day.

TIMELINE FOR LAST YEAR OF WORLD WAR II –

March 18-June 23, 1945: Battle of Okinawa. 85,000+ US military casualties and losses, and 140,000+ to the Japanese.

Approximately one-fourth of the Japanese civilian population died resisting the invasion, often in mass suicides organized by the Imperial Japanese Army.

July 26: Potsdam Declaration is issued. Truman tells Japan, "Surrender or suffer prompt and utter destruction."

July 29: Japan rejects the Potsdam Declaration.

August 2: Potsdam conference ends.

August 6: An atomic bomb, "Little Boy" is dropped on Hiroshima.

August 8: USSR declares war on Japan, operation of August Storm (*Isn't this amazing- the communist soviets were sided with Japan in Asia, and were our allies in Europe. Now with the atomic bomb, the Soviets change sides to be our friends!-ed.*)

August 9: Another atomic bomb, "Fat Man" is dropped on Nagasaki.

August 15: Japan surrenders. Date is remembered as "V-J Day" and described as such in newspapers in the United States, United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and Canada.

September 2: Official surrender ceremony; President Truman declares September 2 officially "V-J Day".

CONCLUSION-With the coming of August 14, lets all remember to honor our veterans. Those who gave the ultimate sacrifice as well as those who served for the debt that we owe them.

Some things you might consider doing to honor V-J day:

1. Why not buy a small flag and place it on a grave of a person you knew died in the service for our country.
2. Place a flag on a grave at any Veterans Cemetery in Chattanooga. Maybe you didn't know the person you are placing the flag on, **HOWEVER**, you will be showing the world you care about the sacrifice that person made for our freedoms.

"Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in the world. But, the Marines don't have that problem." - Ronald Reagan

SOMTHING TO THINK ABOUT.....**TWO VICE-PRESIDENTS**

At the May 2009 meeting, the club president asked about who we would like to lead us into the year 2010. It won't be long before 2010 will be here and we will be choosing new officers. I have been thinking about things along that line. In the past the person chosen for Vice-President has been in charge of producing a program 12 times a year as well as finding new members and any other dirty job that seems to come along.

How about if we change things up just a bit. Why not have two vice-presidents. One in charge of programming and one in charge of finding new members. This would, hopefully, take such a load of responsibility off one person and spread it around.

This is merely a thought. If you would like to respond with your own ideas please send them to me and I will place them in the Chronicle unedited.

Also, what would be bad about having the members pick the new officers, instead of a committee? We did it years ago, why not bring it back?

***IT IS NOT WHAT YOU GATHER, BUT WHAT YOU
SCATTER THAT TELLS THE KIND OF LIFE YOU
HAVE LIVED. -UNKNOWN***

CHATTANOOGA STAMP CLUB SHOW**OCTOBER 10, 2009....PASS IT ON!!! By Robert Barger**

As most of you know we are having a stamp show! The vote was taken at the picnic in July and discussed at the last meeting. A committee was selected and we are gearing up for the first club show ever in anticipation of having a real bourse next year. This show is for club members only and will give each one a chance to participate in every arena that a show has. Members will not only be staffing the club table to welcome and sign up new members, but they will also be involved in selling as well. There will be at least six "dealer" tables for club members to sell their duplicates and unwanted treasures to those of us that can't live without them. Members will also need to help with refreshments, staffing a kid's table that will have free stamps for the young collectors as well as helping in other ways.

October 10 may seem a long time away, but it will be here before you know it! Everyone needs to start getting ready - NOW. There will be an area for exhibits, so get out the open page exhibits that you brought to the club meeting and get ready to show it off. Start thinking about when you would like to staff the club table. Start getting out the duplicates that you would like to donate to the kid's table or for a door prize, or to sell. As mentioned, there will be at least six tables for those that have a lot of stuff to sell. These tables will cost \$30.00 each and the money will go to pay for the cost of the show. If you don't have enough for a table, then you can sell at the auction.....Oh, yeah, I forgot to mention the auction! There will be an auction right after the show! We are opening up the auction to other clubs in the area. Wouldn't it be great to have members from Knoxville, Nashville, Huntsville, etc. to send their interesting items for everyone to bid on!

Please be at the August meeting to discuss the show, ask your questions and sign up for helping make this a fantastic event. ps - The Grand Door Prize at the show is a Penny Black that someone has been donated!!!

WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE, ANYHOW?

By Bill Caldwell

Ever look at a cover or document closely? Once you've completed the usual philatelic work on the postage or revenue stamps, and on the cancels, rates, routes, and such, have you ever been curious about the actual people involved--who sent or received or used the paper, or were mentioned in it? You can satisfy that curiosity, and get into a rewarding new area, by combining stamp-collecting and genealogy.

Most past Americans, and many people in other parts of the world, have left their marks for us to find. Although sometimes it takes a little effort to find them, and sometimes it costs a little, too (but cost is nothing new to most collectors, is it?), the end result can range anywhere from satisfaction to astonishment.

All sorts of resources are available for people-hunting, and many can be enjoyed in the comfort of your own home--sitting at your computer at midnight, with a beverage of choice and a bowl of popcorn. Zillions of records are yours for the browsing: census, military, immigration, vital, just about anything you could want.

If you're more energetic, you can always check out your local library or courthouse, or even take a road trip (amazing concept, right?) to another county or state. Who knows what (or who) you may turn up--butchers, bakers, candlestick-makers. The journey, though, is as great a pleasure as the destination. Give it a try--maybe you'll find a new passion and learn a little history along the way.

STAMP OF THE MONTH

V-J DAY IN TIMES SQUARE



Starting in 1991, to honor the World War II heroes and to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the end of the war, the U.S.P.S. issued a series of panes showing the events of each year during the war. The series began in 1991 and showed the events of 1941. The final

pane was issued in 1995 with the stamps showing the events of 1945 and the end of the war.

The 1995 pane contained a stamp showing the famous photo of a sailor kissing a nurse. In remembrance of V-J day I have chosen this stamp for the 'stamp of the month.' [Please note: the photo is of a sailor, not a soldier or a marine. I am told that sailors make better lovers. -ed.]

HISTORY OF THE FAMOUS PHOTOGRAPH

The famous Life magazine photograph taken by Alfred Eisenstaedt. One of the most famous photographs ever published was shot in Times Square on August 14, 1945. Eisenstaedt was in the square taking candid photos when he spotted a sailor "running along the street grabbing any and every girl in sight . . . Then suddenly, in a flash, I saw something white being grabbed. I turned around and clicked the moment the sailor kissed the nurse." Eisenstaedt was very gratified and pleased with this enduring image, saying: "People tell me that when I am in heaven they will remember this picture."

The participants in the kiss were never confirmed by Eisenstaedt. Life, however, accepted nurse Edith Shain's claim

WHO IS THE KISSING SAILOR?

Since the identity of the nurse had been revealed, in its August 1980 issue, the editors of Life Magazine asked that the kissing sailor come forward. In the October 1980 issue, the editors reported that eleven men and three women had come forward claiming to be the subjects of the photograph.



In 2007, Glenn McDuffie laid claim to being the kissing sailor and was supported by Houston Police Department forensic artist Lois Gibson. Excited that his brother, who was being held by the Japanese as a prisoner of war, would be released, McDuffie began hollering and jumping up and down. A nurse saw him, and opened her arms to him. He ran over to her and kissed her, kissing her for a long time so that Eisenstadt could take the photo.

On August 3, 2008, Glenn McDuffie was recognized for his 81st birthday as the "Kissing Sailor" during the seventh-inning stretch of the Houston Astros and New York Mets game at Minute Maid Park. [See page 2 for explanation of the above photo.]



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:

The club meetings are held the second Thursday of each month. Meetings are held at 915 McBrien Rd. in the fellowship hall at the EASTRIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST in Eastridge, TN. Meetings begin at 7.30 PM. Come early and meet everyone as well as have a great time 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.

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DEADLINES: The deadline for anything to be published in the Chattanooga Stamp Chronicle is the 20th of each month. E-mail is preferred, however snail mail is OK. E-mail to: texas4421@core.com