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Club News

From all reports the May meeting was not one to have missed. **Jim Cate's** presentation of his award-winning Hansom Cab exhibit was a highlight, with a spirited auction for a topping off. Some of the items sold in the auction were a US #11 VF used, \$6.25; US air mail stamped envelopes, 5 diff mint entires \$5.25; and a US #209 VF used \$5.25. The old 'secret signs' were used to bid.

But if you were not there in May just look what's coming up in June! First, the main feature: **Bill Caldwell** will treat us again to another corner of his amazing collecting interests with *US Taxed Money Drafts*. What are they? Do they involve revenues? Other stamps? Glass? Come and hear Bill and you shall see.

And the June auction will boast *forty-one lots*. Just some of the special ones include: US #264; US #286 F/VF used; US #C7-9 VF used; US #F1 VF/XF used; CZ #31-2 VF used; US #J85 mint, nh; US #756-65 In prs w/arrows mint; US #699 mint, nh; US #C4 XF/S mint; and US #E4 VF mint, nh pl # sgl. Now that should whet your appetite! Bring your wallet and check book.

Don't forget. Bring your lots for future mid-year auctions. We will continue to have them as long as we have interesting material and interested buyers.

There are still some program spots open for this year, for both short programs and those a little longer. What might you offer either presented yourself or by someone you know? Talk to Program Chairman **Bill Caldwell** or a member of Bill's Committee (any Bill will do!!) and let him line something up for you. Keep in mind that a program can be almost any length – 10 minutes, 20, 30 – you make it fit your subject and let (any) Bill know.

What is the oldest man-made material? The answer is somewhere in this newsletter.

You have heard the expression 'due to circumstances beyond our control' haven't you? Well, due to those kinds of circumstances we didn't have the *Boxes O' Stamps* feature last month – but it'll be back in June, with lots of new stamps, strong in Australia, Canada and France, but not just those. Bring your loose change and plan on a renewed search.

One of the most gratifying outings for a stamp collector is attending a stamp show. Your editor had such an opportunity at vacation's end with the NAPEX show outside Washington, DC. The exhibits were outstanding and the dealer bourse tables both tempting and rewarding. And of course there was the occasion to meet those of common ilk, share stamp stories, and other things. While we don't now have a show in Chattanooga we do jointly sponsor a show through the Federation. Let's don't loose sight of the fact that the *Southeastern Stamp Show* in Marietta this September is **our** show to attend and enjoy. Make your plans now – you will be ever so glad you did!

EDITOR'S NOTE

Once again my apology for a shorter than usual newsletter. Vacation simply did not allow a 'Stamp of the Month' and some other features and still enable getting this in your hands before the June stamp club meeting on Thursday the 9th.

There was a young fellow from Trinity
Who took the square root of infinity,
But the number of digits
Gave him the fidgets;
So he dropped math and took up divinity.

George Gamow