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**THE MAY 13 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 MAY 27
AT THE SAME LOCATION, SAME TIME. COME AND ENJOY
A TIME OF EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND PLANS.**

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DID YOU KNOW -

In the Central American countries of Bolivia and Paraguay, stamps actually provoked a war! The conflict began when Bolivia issued a stamp claiming an undefined and long-disputed area of wilderness. This stamp was simply a map with this territory's possession clearly labeled. Enraged by this bold claim, Paraguay countered by issuing a larger stamp, which even more clearly showed the territory and labeled-in Paraguay's name. Also on the stamp were the words, "Has been, is, and will be." Soon afterwards a vicious war over the territory began. The war raged for many years with Paraguay eventually proving to be the victor. Several stamps were then issued proudly proclaiming the territory as Paraguay's.

CLUB NEWS AND EVENTS

Upcoming Area Shows:

May 22-23 Spring Stamp Show, Marietta, GA

Chattanooga Stamp Club:

May 13..... Regular Meeting
May 27 Second Monthly Meeting
June 10 Annual Picnic
July 8 Summer Club Auction

Refreshments For May Meeting:

Snacks: Richard Barr
Drinks: Mike Ezell

WANTED!

Anyone with information on the whereabouts
of my unsold lots from the November auction,
please contact me at: 706-935-6859.

Gene Bricker

“FOREVER” COMMEMORATIVES?

From the Virtual Stamp Club web site:

Commemoration Forever

The Stamp Collecting Report, I'm Lloyd de Vries.

The U-S Postal Service has filed for permission to issue new designs for Forever stamps. Those are the stamps that pay the first-class letter rate whenever you use them, no matter how high rates go after you buy them.

So far, there's been only one Forever Stamp design -- the Liberty Bell. But these stamps are far and away the best sellers at your post office -- so much so that first-class rate commemorative stamps are getting squeezed out. The public doesn't buy them, and many postal clerks don't stock them.

Commemoratives are issued to note historic events, important people, causes and programs. Now, when rates change, those stamps don't get used.

The word that there could be other Forever designs has stamp collectors excited. They hope it means Forever COMMEMORATIVES, which would see more use on the mail. Other major countries have been doing that for years.

But it might only result in more GENERIC patriotic designs, like the Statue of Liberty or the flag.

I'm Lloyd de Vries of The Virtual Stamp Club. For more on stamps and stamps collecting, visit virtual-stamp-club-dot-com.

REFERENCES

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

Universal Postal Union [http://www.upu.int/links other web sites/en/index.html](http://www.upu.int/links_other_web_sites/en/index.html)
Zillions of Stamps (Marketplace) <http://www.zillionsofstamps.com/>
The Global Post Office <http://www.filbert.com/GlobalPO/page5.htm>

This year there will a APS class show in Atlanta on September 24 through the 26. The show is sponsored by the Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs and they are asking exhibitors to come and exhibit at the show. *IF* you would like to put together an exhibit of one(1) frame or multi frames (2 frames or more) contact:

Bruce Roberts
6645 Sterchi Village Rd
Knoxville, TN 37918

OR: Scott Mark
mark@stampclubs.com

Both are really great people to work with. Ask for an application and a prospectus. This is VERY important that you do it NOW!!! Do not wait for the last minute, as there is just so much space and that is it. I would like see the Chattanooga Stamp Club have good representation at the show

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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.

(Our thanks to Bill Caldwell for this article! - Editor)

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SURVEY RESULTS

Some results from the survey made by the vice-president, Jim Hogue: (23 members responded)

18 members collect US, 5 do not.

17 members collect foreign, 6 do not.

12 members collect topicals, 11 do not.

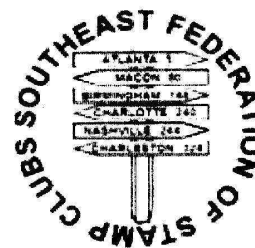
11 members collect postal history, 12 do not.

7 members collect cancellations, 12 do not.

These were program suggestions from the survey: *(Would also make good articles for this newsletter)*

Collecting tips; Buying on eBay; Selling on eBay; National Postal Service; Ship topicals; Detecting Forgeries; How to interest kids; How to dispose of collections; APS; Youth collecting; Fancy cancels; Meter stamps; Navy covers; How to make album pages; How to make FDCs; Grading stamps.

More suggestions from the survey in a later newsletter.



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. A second meeting for information exchange, stamp swapping, and a good time is the fourth Thursday, May 27. (These meeting will be suspended for the summer after the May meeting.)

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.