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The Chattanooga Stamp Chronicle



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THE MAY 12 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.

THE LAST SECOND MONTHLY MEETING OF THE YEAR FOR A TIME OF EXCHANGE OF IDEAS,
PLANS, TRADING AND GENERAL FELLOWSHIP IS MAY 26, SAME TIME, SAME PLACE!

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CLUB NEWS AND EVENTS

Upcoming Area Shows:

- May 7 HOLPEX 2011, Kingsport, TN
- June 4-5 HUNTSPEX, Huntsville, AL

Chattanooga Stamp Club:

- May 12 Meeting Single Page Exhibit Competition
- May 26 Second May Meeting
- June 9 Meeting Picnic

* George Herpin of Paris was the first to use the term /philately/. Herpin didn't like the term "timbromanie," which means stamp madness, which had been popular in the 1860s.

President's Corner

The April Auction went very well. 73 lots were submitted and all but six or seven sold. Thanks to everyone who brought, bid, or bought lots. It's good to have a lot of people participating, that's what it takes to make our activities successful.

For the May program, we will have a competition of single page exhibits. For this program to be successful, we need everyone to participate. Each person can submit a total of 3 entries. Members will then vote for the winners and prizes will be awarded. It should be a fun night.

I will begin working on name badges, each member will have the opportunity to customize his name badge by submitting to me how he wants his name on the badge, organizations he belongs to, and main collecting interests.

In June, we will have our club picnic and no other meeting that month.

See you in May with your single page exhibits.

Jim Hogue,
President

May Meeting Refreshments:

- Snacks Joel Rind
- Drinks Ken Burnham

DID YOU KNOW?

About \$140.00 worth of stamps were sold at our April auction!



What did this stamp accomplish?

Single Page Exhibit Rules

1. Exhibits must be entered in one of three categories
 - a.) Postal History - Entire envelopes with postage and postal markings. Includes FDC's, advertising covers, commemorative covers, ship covers, etc.
 - b.) United States - Any US issue including BOB items, singles, multiples, EFO's etc.
 - c.) Foreign - Any non US items including BOB items etc.
2. Limit 3 entries per person. Can be all in one Category or in multiple categories.
3. Must be on 8-1/2 x 11 sheets of white card stock in a plastic page protector.
4. Contents can include anything that fits on a page, i.e. pictures, graphics, photo copies, etc. However a real stamp or cover must be included in the exhibit.
5. Description can be typed or hand written.
6. Judging will be by popular vote of members present.
7. Exhibitors name must not be part of the exhibit.

Neatness counts, members are drawn to exhibits that have good eye appeal

Prizes will be awarded in each category

Keys to a Good Stamp Program

by Henry Fisher with Kim Kowalczyk

(Abridged from APS Chapter Activities Committee Newsletter)

- Choose a topic that will appeal to most of your audience.
- Organization is key. The program should tell a Story, with an introduction, a main body and a short conclusion.
- Stick to timing. A good length is thirty or forty minutes for the presentation followed by five minutes or so for follow up Q & A's....A related display of material for viewing after the program is a nice addition.
- If visual aids are used, picture them from the point of view of the audience. Make them clear and related to the verbal presentation. Large images work better than small ones.
- Less is more. Keep the visual aids simple.
- Collateral material adds interest....This might be documents, maps, people, events....
- Develop a script to go along with visual aids to remind yourself of points to make. Above all, avoid reading pre-prepared text.

(Reprinted from April-May, 2002 Chattanooga Stamp Club Newsletter.)

May New Issues



May 4: Project Mercury and Messenger Mission

May 5: Purple Heart

May 20: Indianapolis 500 Race

May 23: Garden of Love



The Stamp with All the Right Intentions, and All the Wrong Music

In 1956, East Germany decided to honor the death of native composer Robert Schumann by featuring him on a stamp. The design included a commemorative portrait of the artist against the backdrop of one of his musical scores. All well and good, except the musical manuscript they used was that of fellow composer Franz Schubert. Close, but no cigar. The stamps were recalled and replaced with ones showing music actually written by Schumann.

STAMP OF THE MONTH

USPS Issues Statue of Liberty Stamp...But Uses Wrong Statue



Las Vegas is full of secrets. And what happens there is supposed to stay there. Unless you're the United States Postal Services. See, the USPS recently issued a Statue of Liberty stamp. But instead of using the real Lady Liberty in New York, the stamp features the replica located outside Vegas's New York-New York Casino. Oops.

The New York Times explains the mix-up:

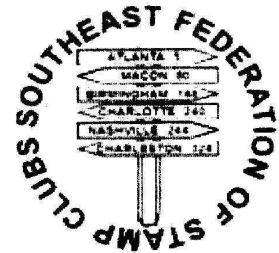
The post office, which had thought the Lady Liberty "forever" stamp featured the real thing, found out otherwise when a clever stamp collector who is also what one might call a superfan of the Statue of Liberty got suspicious and contacted Linn's Stamp News, the essential read among philatelists.

The service selected the image from a photography service, and issued rolls of the stamp bearing the image in December. In April, it issued a sheet of 18 Lady Liberty and flag stamps. Information accompanying the original release of the stamp included a bit of history on the real Statue of Liberty. Las Vegas was never mentioned. The whole mess was exposed by the stamp magazine, which ran photographs of both statues.

The postal service is using the old "we would have done this all along" line. Spokesman Roy Betts told the Times: "We still love the stamp design and would have selected this photograph anyway." Right.

So what exactly is the difference between the two statues? At first, they seem trivial. But, as the Times points out, they're there:

To the average tourist, there are obvious differences. The Las Vegas statue is half the size of the real Statue of Liberty. And of course, they are in different cities. But it takes a real student of Lady Liberty to notice the contrasts in a stamp-size photo of her head. The hair is different. The replica's eyes are much more sharply defined. A rectangular patch — a plaque, maybe? — is on the replica's center spike.



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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

Vice-President: Jo King

Secretary: Open

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.