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**MEETING TIME AND DATE:
AUGUST 14, 2008 AT 7.30 PM.
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THIS MONTH WE LOOK INTO COLLECTING U.S. NAVY SHIP CANCELLATIONS AND COVERS. The topic for the August program is "Pearl Harbor-7 December 1941," the bombing of Pearl Harbor and covers from the Battleships that were in port on that morning.



U.S.S. MARYLAND (BB-) The Maryland was at Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941.

CLUB BUSINESS

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MEMBER BIRTHDAYS –

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| SEAGLE, ERNEST | 01/08/-- |
| MONK, SUSAN | 02/08/-- |
| HESIER, GARY | 02/08/56 |
| GILBERT, REBECCA | 16/08/-- |
| RIND, JOEL | 08/44 |

Hope each one had a GREAT day and received lots of presents with loads of birthday cake and Blue Bell ice cream.

JULY 2008 PROGRAM RECAP –

Joel Rind gave a very good talk about "What makes a stamp?" His talk covered what makes a stamp a stamp and why we collect what we do.

He also included hunting, fishing and duck stamps.

This leads me to think about various topical stamps that people collect including Cinderella's, which are not stamps at all, but merely look like stamps.

Thanks Joel for your work and effort put into the program.

JULY 2008 BUSINESS MEETING –

Changes to the clubs bylaws, ARTICLE V, were voted upon and passed. They were as follows:

1) Changes to Section 1, now reads as follows –

Regular meetings of the club shall be held at least once a month.

The Club shall determine the date, time and place of the meetings. The business affairs of the Club shall be on the first Club meeting of the month. Additional Meetings including Workshops, may be held as determined by the approval of the membership. [The underlined sectioned has been added.]

2) Changes to Section 5.

The business affairs of the Club shall be conducted with parliamentary law and procedures of the latest version of ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER-Revised.

Both changes were voted upon and passed by the membership.

CHATTANOOGA STAMP CHRONICLE AWARD

Last January 2008, I submitted copies of the CHATTANOOGA STAMP CHRONICLE to the APS CAC 2007 NEWSLETTER competition. The CHRONICLE won silver out of nation-wide stamp clubs. I have no idea how many clubs were in the competition, but only 25 from all over the country won awards.

The editor of the Chronicle was given a very nice certificate for his efforts in producing and writing the CHRONICLE. The certificate was given by the president of the Chattanooga Stamp Club, Trish Bowers, and is from the APS, signed by APS president Nicholas Carter.

I would like to thank Trish for giving me the opportunity to do this job and to the cooperation from all members of the club. And a special thanks for the help and understanding from my wife, Susan, for spell checking and phraseology know-how. She is the one who tells me, "I wouldn't say that," or "I wouldn't print that, that way....." etc.

Personally, I think the club should be proud and honored to have won such an award. Other clubs in our area also won awards. The Knoxville newsletter, produced by Tom Broadhead, won gold. The Huntsville Alabama club won silver.

AUGUST 2008 PROGRAM --

The August meeting will be presented by Willis Monk, on his favorite topic, that of collecting naval covers and postmarks. Willis has been collecting (as his wife puts it) "Navy junk" since 1964. He started

collecting stamps in 1952 and upon entering the navy started collecting navy covers and postmarks.

For the program he will present his award winning exhibit, "PEARL HARBOR – 7 DECEMBER 1941." The exhibit covers the area of Pearl Harbor that was known as "Battleship Row" and contains covers and postmarks from the ships that were in that area on the morning of 7 December 1941. Also pictures and events that happened at that time.

CHANGES IN THE CHRONICLE APPEARANCE

Did you notice the different masthead on the cover? This was done to make it easier to transmit by e-mail. The original header was 4.9Mb, and even after zipping it, it was way to large. The present header is only 170Kb. ALSO, since we are a dues paying member of the Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs, I placed their logo on the back page along with our club logo.

A LARGE THANK YOU TO JOHN COLE

I owe John Cole, president of the Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs, a great big **THANK YOU** for his patience and help in getting me through this time of learning how to get the CHRONICLE onto his site. Thanks John. I have noticed that as I become older, my learning curve becomes more flattened out and slower.

UPDATE ON THE DIGITAL FORMAT--

Please forgive me as I haven't been able to get all my ducks in a row and make it possible to not print and mail out the Chronicle. It is my plans to have this issue **THE VERY LAST ONE PRINTED AND MAILED!!**

Watch your e-mail. About 5 days before the meeting, you will receive a post telling you that the CHATTANOOGA STAMP CHRONICLE is up and on the Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs website.

There will be an address highlighted in blue for you to click on. This will open up a link to the CHRONICLE. Give it enough time to download to your computer, as the CHRONICLE will be around 3.9 Mb of data, it may take a few moments to download 'IF' you are using dial up service.

IF for whatever reason, it does not open, do the following.....

1. Copy and paste the web link into the address bar of into your web browser, and click on GO. The web browser is the software you use to “syrf” the web. The address bar is that little white strip at the top of your home page where the addresses are put in. If this does not work, OR you can not understand how to do it, try number 2 below.

2. Go to the Southeastern Federation web site located at <http://www.stampclubs.com/index.htm> scroll down till you find newsletter update. The CHATTANOOGA STAMP CLUB and click on the HERE that is highlited.

So, you now have three (3) ways to get to the newletter. How can a person go wrong?

PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Hopefully as you read this, it will be the results of Willis and Dan’s persistent efforts to save our club some money by posting our newsletter through the Internet. Please, if you have an e-mail address, let Willis, Dan or myself know as it is needed.

At the time being I have completed my lighthouse album project. I still have several from Michigan to enter, but at another day and time. So far, I have 26 lighthouses which I have photographed. I must say, I was pleasantly surprised at that number.

Having said this, I am now working on stamps. Gosh, it feels good to find "homes" for each little piece of artwork. Although, I do believe that I will be one of those folks who is complaining about stamps not soaking off. I guess I don't have a problem with the non-soakers, but how do you determine the gauge? I must say, it is fun to have the older stamps slide off the envelope.

Welcome to our newly returned member, Robert Barger. It will be great having you back. Until next month.... Trish

In 1908, Congress authorized post offices aboard ships and stations of the U.S. Navy. The post office aboard ship offers the same services as post offices on land, and have their own postmark from the ship or station where the letter was mailed. Around 1930, collectors began sending their own covers to U.S. Navy ships to be cancelled and returned. These covers and postcards are commonly referred to as naval covers. Also around this time, printed, stamped or hand-drawn designs, called cachets, began to appear on letters. The cachet may be specific to a ship, an event, or may be generic in design. Collectors today continue to send covers to ships for servicing. Covers commemorating keel layings, launchings or ship commissioning are popular.

For the most part, naval covers are modestly priced and large collections can be formed with a relatively small monetary investment. Collectors who send envelopes to Navy ships for cancellation add to their collection for little more than the cost of a stamp for the cover and a stamp to mail it to the ship. Naval covers can be found for sale by some, though very few, stamp dealers. The best source is from the Universal Ship Cancellation Society. Some postmarks are more difficult to find, resulting in moderately to high prices.

Collectors often specialize in order to narrow their collecting range. One popular way is to collect only covers with specific cachets, often specializing in those of a specific designer. Among the popular designers is Walter Crosby who serviced covers in the 1930s and 1940s. His covers usually include a small photograph glued to the cover and a thermograph, raised design as the cachet. Most often the covers commemorate launchings or a commissioning but they also include space-related events such as spacecraft recoveries. Today, cover cachets are often prepared using a home PC with an ink jet printer and are designed by numerous collectors.

Collectors often look for covers from a specific ship or a group of ships, called a task force. Many become interested in collecting covers from the group of ships that were at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. (1) Pre-1941 covers from most of these ships are plentiful and

relatively low priced; however, covers from any of the ships postmarked near December 7, primarily the Battleships and early carriers, can be very expensive and are quite rare.

Another way to arrange a collection of naval covers is to collect by manufacturers or shipyards, such as Mare Island Shipyard, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, or Electric Boat.

Collecting a group of ships sometimes leads to specialized collecting of only a specific ship or a small number of specific ships. Popular topics for naval collectors include all battleships, aircraft carriers or submarines. USS Arizona covers is a popular topic. Collecting covers from "less glamorous" ships, such as transports, auxiliary ships or Coast Guard ships can be interesting. These ships are not as popular as warships and with less demand, prices are moderate. Collections of covers from these ships often result from some personal attachment with the ship or service. [Personally, I have a collection from the U.S.S. OZARK (MCS-2) starting from her WWII service to shortly before she was decommissioned in 1972. The reason for this special collection is that I was stationed on her for four years. I also have a collection from the U.S.S. TEXAS (BB-36) named after my home state. *EDITOR*]

U.S.S. CONSTITUTION (IX-21) Cover is dated 2 October 1933

Many collectors search for "real mail" or covers mailed to or from sailors on ships. Although this subject usually appeals more to military historians, other collectors also find these covers fascinating. These covers also tend to be interesting from a human-interest point of view.

The Universal Ship Cancellation Society (USCS) can help a collector learn about the hobby, learn how and where to send for ship cancellations, provide reference materials for learning about the hobby and provides a well written monthly magazine (the USCS Log), devoted to the hobby. Included in the magazine are monthly cover auctions, articles about the current fleet, and historical articles.

NOTES:

(1) The center piece of my collection is a cover dated 6 December 1941 from the U.S.S. NEVADA (BB-) -*Editor*.

DO YOU JUST BELONG

Are you an active member,
The kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock,
Or do you simply stay away
And criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part
To help the Club along,
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind that "Just Belong"?

Do you ever go to visit
Or call a member who is sick,
Or leave the work to just a few
And then call them the "Clique"?

Think it over, Club members,
You can judge what's right or wrong:
Try to be an active member –
Not one of those who "just belong."

"If you have ten thousand regulations you destroy all respect for the law." –Sir Winston Churchill

STAMP OF THE MONTH

SIXTY YEARS OF SUPERSONIC FLIGHT



Special cancellation for the 60th anniversary of supersonic flight.

On 14 October 1947, just under a month after the United States Air Force had been created as a separate service, the tests culminated in the first manned supersonic flight, piloted by Air Force Captain Charles "Chuck" Yeager in aircraft #46-062, which he had christened 'Glamorous Glennis', after his wife. The rocket-powered aircraft was launched from the bomb bay of a specially modified B-29 and glided to a landing on a runway. XS-1 flight number 50 is the first one where the X-1 recorded supersonic flight, at Mach 1.06 (361 m/s, 1,299 km/h, 807.2 mph) peak speed.

The above cancel was received by 'ye ole editor' after waiting 9 months, from the time I sent in a request for the cancel, to Edwards Air Force base in California. I had forgotten about it, when it suddenly appeared in the mail.



The Chattanooga Stamp Club

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

-- CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2008 --

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| President: Trish Bowers | Vice-President: Jim Cate |
| Secretary: Rebecca Gilbert | Treasurer: Carl Anderson |
| Librarian: Ken Burnham | Chronicle Editor: Willis Monk |

MEETINGS: Club meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at the Post Office Main Mail Facility located at 6050 Shallowford Road in Chattanooga, TN. PLEASE be prompt - to maintain building security, the Post Office opens the doors at the entrance to the office area at 7.00 P.M. and locks them at 7.30 PM.

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

CONTACT INFORMATION: For directions to the meetings, information pertaining to club membership and stamp collecting in general please contact our club president, Ms. Trish Bowers, at 423-899-0981.

COMMENTS: When writing articles and personal comments to the Chronicle please send them in writing, by e-mail to k4ape@core.com. All comments and submissions are welcome.