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ATTENDANCE NEEDS TO IMPROVE

For a variety of reasons our attendance was poor for the first meeting of the year. Maybe we will all be "settled-in" by the time of our October meeting. Please make every effort to attend the meeting announced below:

CHAPTER 23
SUNDAY 14 OCTOBER 2007
2:00 PM
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
LAKELAND, FLORIDA

Remember the Chapter meets the second Sunday of every month unless there is a special reason for changing the date. We usually meet at Grace Lutheran Church in Lakeland. Attendance is important; mark your calendars.

THREE THINGS TO HIGHLIGHT ABOUT THE OCTOBER MEETING

ONE. Remember to arrive early. Some members arrive as early as 1:30 PM. This allows time to examine the APS Circuit Books usually filled with bargains and "goodies." Last month there were seventeen (17) books available. Also there is time for chatting, dealing and just catching up.

TWO. We are going to try a new procedure for our floor auction. Members are encouraged to bring items, philatelic and non-philatelic, expensive and not expensive, sets, individual stamps, bags of stamps, stuff that has been lingering in those old glassines for years, covers, entires, literature, anything you would like to get rid of or it no longer interests you. See if someone isn't interested. Don't be embarrassed, it's O.K. not to have powerful material. All items will be placed on a table(s) and displayed. Members will be given stickers to place on the items they have interest in. At auction time only those items with stickers will be up for bidding. This will cut down on the time and the seller does not have to spend time writing descriptions of lots, checking catalogues, and displaying lots. Let's juice-up our auction.

THREE. Prit Rebane will present part II of his program and collection on Nazi use of religion in propaganda. This program was rescheduled from the last meeting. Do not miss this important presentation. With religious fanaticism being so rampant in our time this program is indeed relevant

THE 9 SEPTEMBER 2007. MEETING

Members present: Chuck Deeg, Leonard Hawkins, John Hayner, Frank Hills, George Kuhn, Dick Laux, Jim Pullin, Prit Rebane, and David Smith. Guest: Susan Deeg. The meeting began at 2:37 PM with Vice president Dick Laux presiding. George Kuhn presented \$135.00 he has collected on the sale of the Salon 2007 cacheted covers, since April. Most of these receipts resulted from a full page ad in *Astrophile*. Jim Pullin volunteered to take 50 of the cacheted covers to an AERO philatelic show in Bellefonte, PA which he will be attending. George Kuhn deserves the Chapter's fervent gratitude for managing the sale of these covers, but now it is the responsibility of every member to seek opportunities and venues where they may be sold. We need to dispose of the remainders.

The decision was made that the Chapter's December meeting will be held in Orlando at the annual FLOREX show on Saturday 1 December 2007. Jim Pullin agreed to provide the program dealing with the German Laborers stamp issue of 1948. There was a general discussion about the affect of the proposed postage increase in 2008, the "Forever" stamp, and how large companies are charging customer for billing through the mailstream rather than electronically. It was noted that the GPS *Specialist* now utilizes color and members were urged to join or "keep-up" their membership in our Society.

Jim Pullin announced that both GPS and APS have found it necessary to increase annual dues by \$10.00 to meet rising costs. Jim also announced that a new picture postcard category has been adopted by APS for exhibiting.

Five members, Prit Rebane, George Kuhn, Frank Hills, John Hayner and Dick Laux, plan to carpool and attend the two-day Southeast Federation Stamp Show in Marietta, GA. on September 28-29. (We all eagerly await a report on this safari and car ride.) The meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Please attend the October meeting. This is the best GPS Chapter and let's keep it that way.

Your secretary wishes to thank George Kuhn and Prit Rebane for providing information for this newsletter.

