

# HUNTSVILLE PHILATELIC CLUB NEWSLETTER

## December 2005



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This newsletter is published monthly by the Huntsville Philatelic Club. Meetings are held on the First and Third Tuesdays of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Patio Room of First Baptist Church, 600 Governors DR SW. Visitors are always welcome.

### THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES

#### First Tuesday Meeting – Dec. 6

Michael O'Reilly will give the evenings presentation on Huntsville Postal History

#### Third Tuesday Meeting – Dec. 20

Member's Philatelic Auction Night, bring your stamps, covers, etc. to auction

### CLUB OFFICERS

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### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Huntsville Philatelic Club  
P O Box 4395  
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#### Membership Dues:

Membership dues are payable to the club treasurer at or before the first meeting in January. Annual dues are \$12.00 per individual or \$15.00 per family.

#### Newsletter Information:

The Huntsville Philatelic Club Newsletter is available to download from the club's page at the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs web site, <http://www.stampclubs.com/news/news-huntsville.htm>

### STAMP CLUB NEWS

- Don Hill's scheduled presentation about The Post Service will not be the topic of the December 6 meeting as scheduled. Don will be able to present this topic at a later date.

### FIRST UNITED STATES CHRISTMAS STAMP

The United States issued its first Christmas stamp in 1962 with the four-cent *Wreath and Candles* stamp, an annual tradition the U.S. post office has not broken since. Today, the USPS issues several types of Christmas and holiday stamps each season.

There is a Christmas Philatelic Club, a Christmas Stamps of the World handbook published by the American Topical Association, and many other efforts to promote the sale and collection of stamps that relate to the biggest celebration of the year.



Issued in Pittsburgh, PA - Nov. 1, 1962  
Giori Press - Perf 11 - 400 Subject  
861,970,000 total stamps issued

## CLUB CALENDAR

(Calendar last updated November 27, 2005)

Dec. 6, 2005	Michael O'Reilly Huntsville Postal History
Dec. 20	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Jan. 3, 2006	Open
Jan. 17	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Feb. 7	Open
Feb. 21	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Mar. 7	Open
Mar. 21	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Apr. 4	Open
Apr. 18	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
May 2	HUNTSPEX Pre-show meeting
May 16	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
June 6	Open
June 10-11	HUNTSPEX 2006 Stamp Show
June 20	Open
July 4	HUNTSPEX Post-show meeting
July 18	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Aug. 1	Open
Aug. 15	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Sept. 5	Open
Sept. 19	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Oct. 3	Open
Oct. 17	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Nov. 7	Open
Nov. 21	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Dec. 5	Open
Dec. 19	Member's Philatelic Auction Night

Members may bring philatelic items for the benefit of the club to any member's philatelic auction night.

## AREA STAMP SHOWS

**March 11-12, 2006**      **Nashville Stamp Show**  
Nashville Philatelic Society, Music Valley Event Center, 2416 Music Valley DR, Bourse hours: Sat. 10 am to 6 pm, Sun. 10 am to 4 pm. Contact: Bob Picirilli, 615-297-0183, [www.nashvillephilatelic.org](http://www.nashvillephilatelic.org)

**May 27 to June 3, 2006**      **Washington 2006**  
APS & FIP Patronage, Washington DC Convention Center, Contact: Washington 2006, P.O. Box 2006, Ashburn, VA 20146, [www.washington-2006.org](http://www.washington-2006.org)

**June 10-11, 2006**      **HUNTSPEX 2006**  
Huntsville Philatelic Club, Tom Bevill Center, 550 Sparkman Drive (on the campus of University of Alabama – Huntsville) Huntsville, Alabama. Contact: Heinrich Hahn, [hhahn@bellsouth.net](mailto:hhahn@bellsouth.net).

## USPS NEW ISSUES

(New Issues last updated November 27, 2005)

Jan 6, 2005 - Lunar New Year - (12) 37c on SS  
Jan 27 - Marian Anderson - (1) 37c commemorative  
January - Acadia National Park - (1) 37c reissue  
Feb 9 - Ronald Regan - (1) 37c commemorative  
Feb 18 - Love Bouquet - (1) 37c commemorative  
Mar 3 - Garden Blossoms - (4) 37c commem.  
Mar 3 - NE Deciduous Forest - (10) 37c on SS  
Mar 15 - Spring Flowers - (4) 37c special stamps  
Apr 22 - Robert Penn Warren - (1) 37c commem.  
Apr 28 - Yip Harburg - (1) 37c commemorative  
May 4 - American Scientists - (4) 37c commem.  
May 19 - American Architecture- (12) 37c on SS  
May 20 - Henry Fonda - (1) 37c commemorative  
June 30- Art of Disney:Celebration - (4) 37c comm.  
June - Flag Stamp - (1) definitive coil stamp  
July 29 - American Aviation - (10) 37c commem.  
July 30- Rio Grande Blankets - (4) 37c commem.  
Aug 4 - Presidential Libraries - (1) 37c commem.  
Aug 5 - American Eagle - (10) nd (25c) definitives  
Aug 20 - 50s: Sporty Cars - (5) 37c commemorative  
Aug 27 - Arthur Ashe - (1) 37c commemorative  
Aug 30 - More Perfect Union - (10) 37c commem.  
Sept 7 - Child Health - (1) 37c commemorative  
Sept 16 - Silver Coffeepot - (1) 3c definitive  
Sept 17 - Let's Dance - (4) 37c commem.  
Sept 23 - Greta Garbo - (1) 37c commemorative  
Sept 28 - Jim Henson & Muppets - (11) 37c on SS  
Oct 3 - Constellations - (4) 37c commemorative  
Oct 20 - Christmas Cookies - (4) 37c special stamp  
Nov 10 - Distinguished Marines - (4) 37c commem



**Holiday Cookies**