

HUNTSVILLE PHILATELIC CLUB NEWSLETTER

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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 7:00 p.m. at the Fern Bell Recreation Center, 107A Sanders Road SW. Visitors are always welcome.

THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES

First Tuesday Meeting – Apr. 1

History of the Huntsville Philatelic Club
by **Heinrich Hahn**

Third Tuesday Meeting – Apr. 15

Member's Philatelic Auction Night

NEW ISSUE STAMP NEWS

This month's HPC Newsletter e-Extra features the new 'American Journalists' stamps in honor of Martha Gellhorn, John Hersey, George Polk, Ruben Salazar and Eric Sevareid; five journalists who risked their lives reporting some of the most important events of the 20th Century.

CLUB OFFICERS

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Huntsville Philatelic Club - P O Box 4395
Huntsville, AL 35815-4395

Membership dues are payable in January. Annual dues are \$12.00 per individual or \$15.00 per family.

The HPC Newsletter may be downloaded from the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs' web site at www.stampclubs.com/news/news-huntsville.htm

STAMP CLUB NEWS

- Last month's presentation by **Kathy Campbell** was very well attended and gave everyone a great overview of Great Britain's Machines.
- Preparations are well underway for the upcoming **HUNTSPEX 2008** next June 7 & 8.
- HUNTSPEX 2008 Managers:
 - Show Chairman - Club Services
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- HUNTSPEX 2008 Dealers:

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| Heinrich Hahn | Trader's Guild | Huntsville, AL |
| Bil Di Salvatore | Vest Pocket Phil. | Cherokee Village, AR |
| Bill Muenzer | K-Town Stamps | Knoxville, KY |
| Glenn Hanle | Stamp-Tique | Shalimar, FL |
| Fred Brafford | FA Stamps | Shalimar, FL |
| Tony Roozen | Stamps Unlimited | Atlanta, GA |
| Bill Vance | B & W Stamp | Joelton, TN |
| Louise Chouinard | Queen City | LaFayette, GA |
| John Buckner | | Gainesville, FL |

-- and one more dealer to be announced later--
- Please promote HUNTSPEX 2008 to all your friends, family, associates, and acquaintances.

CLUB CALENDAR

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| Apr. 1 | History of the Huntsville Philatelic Club by Heinrich Hahn |
| Apr. 15 | Member's Philatelic Auction Night |
| May 6 | Bring Something to Share Night |
| May 20 | Member's Philatelic Auction Night |
| Jun. 3 | Pre-HUNTSPEX Meeting |
| Jun. 7 - 8 | HUNTSPEX 2008 |
| Jun.17 | Member's Philatelic Auction Night |
| Jul. 1 | Post-HUNTSPEX 2008 Meeting |
| Jul. 15 | Member's Philatelic Auction Night |
| Aug. 5 | Open |
| Aug. 19 | Member's Philatelic Auction Night |
| Sep. 2 | Open |
| Sep. 16 | Member's Philatelic Auction Night |
| Oct. 7 | Open |
| Oct. 21 | Member's Philatelic Auction Night |
| Nov. 4 | Open |
| Nov. 18 | Member's Philatelic Auction Night |
| Dec. 2 | Open |
| Dec. 16 | Member's Philatelic Auction Night |

2008 USPS NEW ISSUES

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| January - | Year of the Rat, Charles Chesnutt |
| February - | Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings |
| March - | American Scientists, Tiffany Lamp |
| April - | American Flags, Purple Heart, American Journalists, Tropical Fruit, Mount St. Mary's University |
| May - | Elk, James A. Michener, Edward Trudeau, Frank Sinatra, New Hampshire River, St. John: US Virgin Islands, Minnesota Statehood, Dragonfly |
| June - | Liberty Bell, Flags of our Nation, Charles & Ray Eames, Bette Davis, Vintage Black Cinema, Celebrate, Wedding Stamps, All Heart |
| July - | Summer Olympics, Tail Fins and Chrome |
| August - | Disney: Imagination, Albert Bierstadt, Sunflower, Liberty Bell, Take me out to the Ballgame, Latin Jazz |
| September - | Flags of our Nation, Alzheimer's Awareness, Eid |
| October - | Great Lakes Dunes, Christmas Nutcrackers, Madonna & Child, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa |

MEMBERSHIP DUES NOTICE

- Please take a moment to ensure you have paid your **2008 membership dues**. Club records still show a large number of members haven't paid their dues for 2008. Please bring your club dues to the next meeting or drop a check in the mail.
- Please note that all free club memberships from the **Philatelic Passport** program will expire in June 2008. We hope your association with the club has been enjoyable and we ask that you consider continuing your membership with the Huntsville Philatelic Club. You may extend your membership at the club services table at HUNTSPEX 2008 or drop a check in the mail.

AREA STAMP SHOWS

April 12 **MONTAPEX**
Montgomery Area Stamp Club, Holiday Inn, I-65 at Exit 179, Montgomery. Contact Betty Murray, eamurray1@bellsouth.net; 334-279-8018.

June 7-8 **HUNTSPEX 2008**
Huntsville Philatelic Club, Bevill Center and Hotel, University of Alabama in Huntsville, 301 Sparkman Drive (I-565, exit 12).
http://www.stampshows.com/huntsville_hpc.html

August 14-17 **APS STAMPSHOW**
American Philatelic Society, Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford. Contact Dana Guyer, stampshow@stamps.org; www.stamps.org; 814-933-3803 ext. 217; Fax 814-933-6128.

September 26-28 **Southeastern Stamp Show**
Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs, Cobb County Civic Ctr., 548 S. Marietta Pkwy., Marietta. Scott Mark, 770-619-2917. *WSP*
mark_s@bellsouth.net; www.stampclubs.com

February 20-22, 2009 **APS AmeriStamp Expo**
American Philatelic Society, Arlington Convention Center, Arlington. Contact Dana Guyer, stampshow@stamps.org; www.stamps.org; 814-933-3803 ext 217; Fax 814-933-6128.

August 6-9, 2009 **APS STAMPSHOW**
American Philatelic Society, Pittsburgh Convention Center, Pittsburgh. Contact Dana Guyer, stampshow@stamps.org; www.stamps.org; 814-933-3803 ext 217; Fax 814-933-6128.

‘American Journalists’ stamps

“These distinguished journalists risked their lives to record the events that shaped the modern world,” said Postmaster General John E. Potter as he previewed images of the stamps. “Their body of work stands as a towering monument to the importance of a free press. It is our hope that Americans will use these stamps to honor these outstanding individuals who have served the cause of journalism so well.”

Working in radio, television or print, these distinguished journalists filed stories from hot spots at home and abroad, bringing back reports of conflicts and issues that helped Americans better understand some of the world’s most tumultuous events.



Martha Gellhorn (1908–1998) covered the Spanish Civil War, World War II and the Vietnam War in a long career that broke new ground for women. With

her constant focus on harm to civilians, her reporting was considered a morally courageous model. During World War II, she stowed away on a hospital ship in the D-Day fleet and went ashore as a stretcher bearer. In addition to writing numerous novels, her work appeared in Collier’s, Atlantic Monthly and the Guardian. She was married to Ernest Hemingway.



John Hersey (1914–1993) was a versatile writer whose most famous work, Hiroshima, describes what happened when the U.S. dropped an atomic bomb on

the Japanese city. It has been acclaimed as the greatest work of journalism of the 20th century. His work has also appeared in Time, Life and The New Yorker.



George Polk (1913–1948) was a talented young CBS radio correspondent who filed hard-hitting radio bulletins from Greece describing the strife that

erupted there after World War II. He was working on reports of corruption involving U.S. aid when he disappeared. His body was found a week later. The exact circumstances of his death remain a mystery.



Ruben Salazar, from the Los Angeles Times Photographic Archive (Collection 1429), Department of Special Collections, Charles E. Young Research Library, UCLA

Ruben Salazar (1928–1970) was the first Mexican-American

journalist to have a major voice in mainstream news media. His writings in the Los Angeles Times and segments at KMEX-TV on the Chicano movement of the 1960s added richly to the historical record. While in Los Angeles covering a Vietnam War protest Salazar was shot in the head and killed by a tear gas projectile fired by a deputy sheriff.



Eric Sevareid (1912–1992) was a writer for the New York Herald Tribune and later a broadcast journalist for CBS radio recruited by Edward R. Murrow. He covered World

War II, reporting on the approach of the Germans to Paris, the exodus from the city and on life in London during wartime. In 1943, en route to China, Sevareid parachuted from a disabled plane and emerged from the jungle on foot some time later. His later television commentaries in the 1960s and 1970s on the CBS Evening News were widely admired.

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