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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 – Jan. 2

Dave Dreher, "Tagging on Stamps"

Second Tuesday Meeting – Jan. 16

Member's Philatelic Auction Night

NEW ISSUE STAMP NEWS

This month's HPC Newsletter e-Extra features the new *Oklahoma Statehood Centennial* stamp. The stamp features a painting by Oklahoma artist Mike Larsen showing the morning sunlight as it touches the waters of the Cimarron River.

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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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

- The APS slide show featuring the World's Early Air Mail Stamps shown at the December 5th meeting was very informative. The APS has over 150 specialty slide shows available; I'll bet there are several you would love to see. Contact Mike O'Reilly with your special topic requests.
- Membership dues are payable at the first club meeting in January. If you are unable to attend in January please send \$12.00 per individual or \$15.00 per family to the club treasurer.
- We are saddened to report the recent passing of Walter Thompson, Jr. who became a member just last year. Our best wishes to Walter's daughter and club member, Carolyn Blalock.

HUNTSPEX 2007 NEWS

- A motion was presented and approved to introduce a "Philatelic Passport" program at HUNTSPEX 2007 to bring new members into the club. This consists of a small booklet that stamp show attendees present to dealers at the bourse, get rubber stamped images in the corresponding spaces, and earn a years free membership by returning a completed booklet.
- Mike O'Reilly reports dealer tables are almost sold out for HUNTSPEX 2007, with strong leads on those remaining. This year's show is again off to a great start.
- The theme for HUNTSPEX 2007 is the 10th Anniversary of Mars Pathfinder and the landing of Sojourner.



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CLUB CALENDAR

Jan. 2, 2007	Dave Dreher, "Tagging on Stamps"
Jan. 16	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Feb. 6	Open
Feb. 20	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Mar. 6	Open
Mar. 20	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Apr. 3	Open
Apr. 17	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
May 1	HUNTSPEX Pre-show meeting
May 15	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
June 2-3	HUNTSPEX 2007 at Bevill Center
June 5	New Member Welcome
June 19	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
July 3	HUNTSPEX Wrap-up meeting
July 17	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Aug. 7	Open
Aug. 21	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Sept. 4	Business Meeting & Club Elections
Sept. 18	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Oct. 2	Open
Oct. 16	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Nov. 6	Open
Nov. 20	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Dec. 4	Open
Dec. 18	Member's Philatelic Auction Night

AREA STAMP SHOWS

February 10-11, 2007 **ALAPEX**
Birmingham Philatelic Society, Bessemer Civic Center, 1130 9th Ave., S.W. (Exit 108 on I-20/59),
Contact: Chris Oberholster, pangolin100@aol.com.

March 3-4 **KNOXPEX**
Knoxville Philatelic Society, Budget Inn of America, 323 N. Cedar Bluff Road, Knoxville
Gerald Schroedl, gschroel@utk.edu, 865-974-1861
<http://www.stampclubs.com/knoxville/index.htm>;

March 10-11 **Nashville Stamp Show**
Nashville Philatelic Society, Music Valley Event Center, 2416 Music Valley Drive, Nashville.
Contact: Bob Picirilli, repic@access4less.net;
www.nashvillephilatelic.org; 615-297-0183.

Mar 31-Apr 1 **Lexington Spring Stamp Show**
Henry Clay Philatelic Society, Inc., Springs Inn, 2020 Harrodsburg Rd., Lexington. Contact: Paul C. Hager, showchair@henryclayphilatelics.org.
www.henryclayphilatelic.org, 859-986-3414

April 14 **Stamp and Coin Show**
Montgomery Area Stamp Club, Holiday Inn, Cobbs Ford Rd, Prattville, AL. Contact: Charles Lewis
334-264-4740, clewis@stampclubs.com

June 2-3 **HUNTSPEX 2007**
Huntsville Philatelic Club, Bevill Center and Hotel, University of Alabama in Huntsville, 301 Sparkman Drive (I-565, exit 12). Contact: Heinrich Hahn, hhahn@bellsouth.net, 256-536-7785,
http://www.stampshows.com/huntsville_hpc.html
<http://www.stampclubs.com/huntsville/images/PRO SPECTUS2007.pdf>

2007 USPS NEW ISSUES

Jan 10 - Ella Fitzgerald - (1) 39c comm.
Jan 11 - Oklahoma Centennial - (1) 39c comm.
Jan 13 - Hershey's Kiss - (1) 39c comm.
Feb 20 - International Polar Year - (2) 84c stamp SS
Mar 15 - Henry W. Longfellow - (1) 39c comm.
May 5 - Jamestown settlement - (1) 42c comm. SS
May - Silver Coffeepot - (1) 3c definitive stamp
May - Tiffany Lamp - (1) 1c definitive stamp
May - Forever Stamp - (1) definitive, first class
May - Silver Hearts - (1) 42c & (1) 62c special
May - James Stewart - (1) 42c comm.
May - Pollination - (4) 42c commemoratives
June - Alpine Tundra - (10) 42c commemoratives
June - Pacific Coast Lighthouses - (5) 42c comm.
July 26 - Marvel Comics - (10) 42c comm.
Aug 9 - Tiffany stained glass - (1) 42c comm.
Aug - Mahogany Speedboats - (4) 42c comm.
Aug - Disney Magic - (4) 42c comm. stamps
Sept - Jury Duty - (1) 42c comm. stamp
Sept - Polar Lights - (2) 42c comm. stamps
Sept - Mendez v. Westminster - (1) 42c comm.
Oct 25 - Holiday Knits - (4) 42c special stamps
Oct 25 - Madonna and Child, Luini - (1) 42c stamp
Oct 26 - Eid - (1) 42c special stamp
Oct 26 - Kwanzaa - (1) 42c special stamp
Oct 26 - Hanukkah - (1) 42c special stamp

Oklahoma Statehood

Oh, what a beautiful stamp! In January, the Postal Service will celebrate the 100th birthday of Oklahoma's statehood with the issuance of the Oklahoma Statehood stamp in Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma became the 46th state on Nov. 16, 1907. The stamp is a painting by Oklahoma artist Mike Larsen. In the painting, morning sunlight touches the waters of the Cimarron, one of several rivers that meander through the state. Featured in the right corner of the stamp design are the words, "Oh, what a beautiful mornin'...", a popular song from the musical *Oklahoma!*, by Rodgers and Hammerstein.

For many people, the name "Cimarron" conjures up images of the Old West. Along the banks of this storied river ran the southern branch of the Santa Fe Trail — one of the most heavily traveled wagon roads to the West (1821-1880). In the years following the Civil War, Texas cowboys drove millions of cattle across the Cimarron as they made their way north to Kansas along the Chisholm Trail. And in 1889, would-be settlers poured across the river in the first of several government-sponsored "land runs." Renowned author Edna Ferber featured this land run in her acclaimed novel *Cimarron* (1929), which was later made into an Oscar-winning film.

When President Theodore Roosevelt signed a proclamation to admit Oklahoma to the Union, the action merged two entities: the Indian Territory, which included members of more than 60 indigenous and relocated Native American groups, and the Oklahoma Territory, home to numerous non-Indian settlers, many of whom had taken part in several land runs sponsored by the federal government in the late 19th century.

Today, descendants of those early residents, along with more recent arrivals, make up a population of about 3.5 million. More than half a million people live in Oklahoma City, which is the state capital and the largest city. The next largest city, Tulsa, is home to almost 400,000 residents. Located on the Arkansas River, Tulsa is also the site of one of the busiest river ports in the nation.

Through the years, the people of Oklahoma have made many contributions to our nation's heritage. "From the Native Americans who first settled this land to the Boomers and Sooners who hoped to sow better lives in the tallgrass prairie," wrote Governor Brad Henry in October 2004, "Oklahomans have always been pioneers, overcoming obstacles through talent, ingenuity and determination."

Famous citizens of the past include humorist Will Rogers, of Cherokee descent; Olympic champion Jim Thorpe, of Sauk and Fox descent; folksinger/songwriter Woody Guthrie; baseball great Mickey Mantle; writer Ralph Ellison, and astronaut Gordon Cooper. Among today's Oklahoma-born notables are country music stars Garth Brooks, Vince Gill, and Reba McEntire; actors Chuck Norris and Brad Pitt; and journalist Bill Moyers. Oklahomans continue to excel in many other fields as well, including education, business, finance, science, medicine, aviation, and aerospace.

Oklahomans enjoy a thriving economy based largely on agriculture, service industries, and oil and gas. Tourism is also important, with visitors drawn to a wealth of natural wonders, historic sites and cultural offerings. These include the Wichita Mountains in the southwest; the Ouachita National Forest in the southeast; the Cherokee Heritage Center south of Tahlequah; Sequoyah's Home Site near Sallisaw; the Oklahoma History Center and the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, both in Oklahoma City, and the Gilcrease Museum and Philbrook Museum of Art in Tulsa.



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