

# HUNTSVILLE PHILATELIC CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

### January 2008



American Philatelic  
Society Chapter 597  
www.stamps.org



Germany Philatelic  
Society Chapter 15  
www.gps.nu



Southeast Federation  
of Stamp Clubs  
www.stampclubs.com



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. 1**  
New Years Day – NO MEETING

**Third Tuesday Meeting – Jan. 15**  
Member's Philatelic Auction Night

#### NEW ISSUE STAMP NEWS

This month's HPC Newsletter e-Extra features the 'Flags of Our Nation' Stamps. This 60 stamp series will show the flag of every state in the union, its five territories, and the District of Columbia. The first 10 coil stamps will be released next spring.

#### CLUB OFFICERS

President	Dave Nicolas
Vice Pres	Ray Pietruszka <a href="mailto:pietrij@mindspring.com">pietrij@mindspring.com</a>
Treasurer	Michael O'Reilly <a href="mailto:mcoreilly@yahoo.com">mcoreilly@yahoo.com</a>
Secretary	Arthur Cole <a href="mailto:hpc-editor@att.net">hpc-editor@att.net</a>
Past Pres.	Kathy Campbell <a href="mailto:mcampbell7@juno.com">mcampbell7@juno.com</a>
Directors	Horace Bibb, Bion Duncan, Don Hill, and Heinrich Hahn

#### 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](http://www.stampclubs.com/news/news-huntsville.htm)

#### STAMP CLUB NEWS

- We are sorry to announce the loss of long-time club member **John Cave** who passed away Oct. 12, 2007. John held membership number 17 from the very early years of the club. Although he did not attend meetings in recent years, his was one of the first membership renewals received each year. His long support of the club has been greatly appreciated. John's obituary appeared in the Oct. 16th Huntsville Times.
- There will be no club meeting the first Tuesday of January due to the New Years Day holiday.
- The February meeting topic promises to be a very interesting APS slide show entitled, "In Violation of the Rules" by Stephen L. Suffet. The show runs 37 min. and was created in 1993.

For as long as the Post Office has had rules and regulations, people have violated them, intentionally or not. These violations have included various forms of nonpayment, intentional underpayment, and improper usage of stamps. Some violations were caught by postal employees; others were not.

Based on the award-winning exhibit of the same name, this enjoyable program provides a rich, creative view of postal history. Interesting examples include a German Hitler-head stamp successfully used to carry a U.S. cover; a North Korean forgery of a U.S. meter impression produced as part of a propaganda campaign; and a hand-drawn parody of the U.S. 6-cent Navy Jack commemorative, accepted for postage.

## CLUB CALENDAR

Jan. 1	New Years Day - NO MEETING
Jan. 15	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Feb. 5	APS Slide Show
Feb. 19	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Mar. 4	Open
Mar. 18	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Apr. 1	Open
Apr. 15	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
<b>May 6</b>	<b>Pre-HUNTSPEX 2008 Meeting</b>
May 20	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Jun. 3	Open
<b>Jun. 7 - 8</b>	<b>HUNTSPEX 2008</b>
Jun.17	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
<b>Jul. 1</b>	<b>Post-HUNTSPEX 2008 Meeting</b>
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

Jan 9	- Year of the Rat (Lunar New Year)
Jan 31	- Charles Chesnutt (Black Heritage Series) Bette Davis (Legends of Hollywood)
Feb 21	- Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings (Literary Arts)
June	Summer Olympic Games (Beijing) Great Lakes Dunes (Nature of America) American Scientists
Apr 26	- Mount St. Mary's (Postal Card)
May	- Wedding Stamps (1 ounce & 2 ounce rates)
May	Charles & Ray Eames
Jun	- All Heart (Love series)
Jun 14	- State/Territory flags (10 coil stamps)
May 11	- Minnesota Statehood
Apr	Baseball
Apr	American Journalists
Apr	Vintage Black Cinema
Sep	Latin Jazz The Art of Disney: Imagination
Jul	- Tail Fins and Chrome
May	Alzheimer's Awareness
Aug 14	- Albert Bierstadt (American Treasurers)

## AREA STAMP SHOWS

**January 11-13**                      **APS AmeriStamp Expo**  
American Philatelic Society, Charlotte Convention Center, Charlotte. Contact Dana Guyer, stampshow@stamps.org; www.stamps.org; 814-933-3803 ext 217; Fax 814-933-6128.

**February 9-10**                      **ALAPEX**  
Birmingham Philatelic Society, Bessemer Civic Center, 1130 9th Ave., S.W. (Exit 108 on I-20/59) Bessemer. Contact Robert Hamill, 303-880-0986.

**March 1-2**                              **KNOXPEX 2008**  
Knoxville Philatelic Society, Budget Inn, Cedar Bluff Road at I-40 (Exit 378), West Knoxville, TN Contact: Jim Pettway, jbpettway@comcast.net

**March 8-9**                              **Nashville Stamp Show**  
Nashville Philatelic Society, Music Valley Event Center, 2416 Music Valley Drive, Contact Bob Picirilli, picirillir@bellsouth.net; 615-297-0183.

**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](http://www.stampshows.com/huntsville_hpc.html)

**August 14-17**                      **APS STAMPSHOW**  
American Philatelic Society, Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford. 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

## 2008 USPS NEW ISSUES

(continued)

Sep	- State/Territory flags (2nd set of 10)
Oct	Christmas Nutcrackers
Oct	Madonna and Child by Botticelli

## 'Flags of Our Nation' Stamps

The U.S. Postal Service starts saluting flags of every state in the union, its five territories and the District of Columbia next spring when it introduces the first 10 of the 60 Flags of Our Nation First-Class coiled stamps. "These beautiful symbols of democracy are educational treasures that make for a great introduction to stamp collecting," said Postmaster General John Potter.

The unfurling begins in alphabetical order next spring with the debut of stamps honoring flags of Alabama through Delaware — including the Stars and Stripes — followed by 10 more in the fall — District of Columbia through Kansas. The waving continues in 2009 and 2010 to complete the 60 stamp designs. Four of the six groups of 10 will include a Stars and Stripes stamp. The definitive stamps will be arranged alphabetically in strips of 10 and sold in coils of 100, with 10 strips of 10 designs in each coil.

Artist Tom Engeman of Brunswick, MD, created the highly detailed flag portraits to include state seals and coats of arms. In addition to the flag art, each stamp design includes artwork that provides a "snapshot view" of the state or other area represented by a particular flag. In most cases, an everyday scene or activity is shown, but occasionally the view is of something less commonplace — rare wildlife, perhaps, or a stunning vista. Unlike some previous multi-stamp issuances, this series is not limited to official animals, flowers, or products, nor is it meant to showcase well-known buildings, landmarks, or monuments.



1. Stars and Stripes stamp - The 13 horizontal stripes represent the 13 original colonies; the 50 stars represent the 50 states. Snapshot art depicts the "spacious skies" of "America the Beautiful," by Katharine Lee Bates.



2. Alabama flag stamp - The flag has a white field with a crimson St. Andrew's cross. Snapshot art shows a shrimp boat trailed by birds.



3. Alaska flag stamp - The flag's blue field displays the Big Dipper, or Great Bear (for strength), and the North Star (for northernmost state). Snapshot art features a humpback whale.



4. American Samoa flag stamp - The flag is blue with a red-edged white triangle. Inside the white triangle is an American bald eagle clutching traditional Samoan symbols: a war club and a staff. Snapshot art depicts palm trees and mountains.



5. Arizona flag stamp - The copper star on the flag symbolizes mineral riches; red and yellow rays recall the beauty of Arizona sunsets. Snapshot art shows the saguaro cactus, whose blossom is the state flower.

Reprinted from USPS Community Relations, Stamp Release No. 07-031, August 10, 2007.

