

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 – May 6
Bring Something to Share Night

Third Tuesday Meeting – May 20
Member's Philatelic Auction Night

NEW ISSUE STAMP NEWS

This month's HPC Newsletter e-Extra features the Frank Sinatra commemorative to be issued later this month. The image is based on a 1950s photograph of the entertainment icon that depicts Sinatra's charismatic smile, trademark fedora and cobalt blue eyes that earned him the nickname "Ol' Blue Eyes."

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Huntsville Philatelic Club - P O Box 4395
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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

- Please continue to promote **HUNTSPEX 2008** with the enclosed business cards to all your friends, family, associates, and acquaintances.
- **Dinner at the Soldatenstube** is Saturday, June 7th at 6:00 pm. Enclosed you will find their menu; please choose a meal for each person attending, mark your selections on the enclosed card, and return to the club by May 20th. In exchange for the limited menu we will receive a one dollar discount on each meal.
- The **HUNTSPEX 2008 Award's Breakfast** is Sunday, June 8th at 8:00 am. Please contact Mike O'Reilly for tickets; they are available until Friday, May 30th for \$7.00 each.
- **HUNTSPEX 2008 Dealer Listing:**

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
Dwayne Selix		Prattville, AL
- The club's annual show, exhibit, and related events are a great time to become involved, renew old friendships, and make new ones. Please consider this **your invitation** to join with your fellow club members and guests for a great German dinner at the Soldatenstube on Redstone Arsenal, a special breakfast at the Beville Center, and time on the show floor to find those philatelic items or supplies you've been looking for. Hope to see you there!

CLUB CALENDAR

May 6	Bring Something to Share Night
May 20	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Jun. 3	Pre-HUNTSPEX Meeting

HUNTSPEX 2008 Schedule of Events

June 7	8:00 am	Set up Exhibits
	10:00 am	Show Opens
	12:30 am	Door Prize Drawing
	2:00 pm	Judge's Critique
	2:30 pm	Door Prize Drawing
	5:00 pm	Show Closes
6:00 pm	Dinner at the Soldatenstube	
June 8	8:00 am	Award's Breakfast
	10:00 am	Show Opens
	12:30 am	Door Prize Drawing
	2:30 pm	Door Prize Drawing
	4:00 pm	Show Closes

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

AREA STAMP SHOWS

June 7-8 HUNTSPEX 2008
Huntsville Philatelic Club, Bevill Center and Hotel,
University of Alabama in Huntsville, 301 Sparkman
DR (I-565, exit 12). Heinrich Hahn 256-536-7785
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*
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HPC HISTORY PROJECT

The April meeting featured a great presentation about our club's history by **Heinrich Hahn**. As a continuation of this Heinrich would like to assemble a permanent collection of items from the club's past. He asks that anyone with old pictures, newsletters, show programs, etc. consider donating them to the club for this purpose. Please bring any items to the next few meetings.

HUNTSPEX 2008 MANAGERS

HUNTSPEX 2008 Managers:

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

Frank Sinatra

Nancy, Frank Jr. and Tina Sinatra joined the U.S. Postal Service on December 12th, 2007 in unveiling a larger than life-sized image of the stamp that will honor their father when issued this spring. "Our father loved this country," said the Sinatra family, "This would have been one of his happiest days."



"The Postal Service is proud to honor the achievements of this popular entertainer whose talents extended beyond song to performances on the silver screen," said Postal Service Vice President, Pacific Area Operations, Michael Daley. "We plan to

print 120 million First-Class stamps to commemorate his legacy."

Art director Richard Sheaff of Scottsdale, AZ, worked with stamp artist Kazuhiko Sano of Mill Valley, CA, to create the image based on a 1950s photograph of the entertainment icon. The stamp depicts Sinatra's charismatic smile, trademark fedora and cobalt blue eyes that earned him the nickname "Ol' Blue Eyes." Sinatra's autograph also appears on the stamp.

An Oscar-winning actor who appeared in more than 60 motion pictures, Frank Sinatra was even more celebrated as a singer, admired the world over as a supreme interpreter of American popular song. Sinatra made his breakthrough appearance as a solo performer on Dec. 30, 1942, when he debuted in New York at the Paramount Theater. The hysteria set off by his fans made headlines, and within weeks he had signed recording, movie and radio contracts.

Sinatra formed his own recording company, Reprise, in late 1960, and around this time became known as the "Chairman of the Board." Now in his late '40s, Sinatra was famous not only for his musical talent and acting ability, but as the central figure in the so-called "rat pack," a professional and personal circle that included Dean Martin, Peter Lawford, Sammy Davis Jr. and Joey Bishop. During this period, Sinatra became closely identified with Las Vegas, which he helped to popularize as an entertainment center.

Sinatra worked in almost every conceivable setting, from the great jazz orchestras of Count Basie (*It Might as Well Be Swing*, 1964) and Duke Ellington (*Francis A. & Edward K.*, 1967) to the semi-symphonic settings of *Sinatra & Strings* (1962) and *The Concert Sinatra* (1963) to the gentle bossa nova of *Francis Albert Sinatra & Antonio Carlos Jobim* (1967) and the jukebox pop of *Strangers in the Night* (1966) and *My Way* (1969).

Later in his career, Sinatra became an elder statesman on the music scene, and was known by the nickname "Ol' Blue Eyes." In 1985, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Ronald Reagan. He had a number-one selling hit with *Duets* (1993), a collection of 13 standards pairing him with singers such as Tony Bennett, Gloria Estefan and Bono of U2.

Sinatra is widely regarded by singers, musicians, critics and fans as the single most important and influential performer of the American popular song. In a 50-year career studded with accolades, he won several Grammys, received the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award in 1971, and was recognized at the Kennedy Center Honors in 1983. President Reagan awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1985. Sinatra gave generously to many charities and was noted for his philanthropy. Sinatra was born in Hoboken, NJ, in 1915; he died May 14, 1998, at 82. In 2002 the Hoboken Post Office was renamed in his honor.

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2008 NEW ISSUE DATES AND FIRST DAY CITY INFORMATION

Date	Stamp Issue	\$	Type	Format	p/c	First Day City
Jan 9	Year of the Rat	41c	Commemorative	Pane of 12	c	San Francisco, CA 94188
Jan 31	Charles Chesnutt	41c	Commemorative	Pane of 20	p	Cleveland, OH 44101
Feb 21	Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings	41c	Commemorative	Pane of 20	p	Hawthorne, FL 32640
Mar 6	American Scientists	41c	4 Commemoratives	Pane	p	New York, NY 10199
Mar 7	Tiffany Lamp	1c	Definitive	Pane of 20		New York, NY 10199
Apr 18	American Flags	42c	4 Definitive	Pane of 20		Washington, DC 20066
Apr 22	American Journalists	42c	5 Commemoratives			Washington, DC 20066
Apr 25	Tropical Fruit	27c	5 Definitives	Pane & coil		Burlingame, CA
Apr 26	Mount St. Mary's Univ.	27c	Postal Card	single		Emmitsburg, MD 21727
Apr 30	Purple Heart	42c	Definitive	Pane of 20		Washington, DC 20066
May 2	Elk	42c	Stamped Envelopes	6 types		Washington, DC 20066
May 12	Corinthian Column	27c	2 Postal Cards	single & dbl.		Washington, DC 20066
May 12	Mt. Rushmore	4.80	Stamped Envelopes	Pack of 5		Kansas City, MO 64144
May 12	James A. Michener	59c	Definitive	Pane of 20		Washington, DC 20066
May 12	Edward Trudeau	76c	Definitive	Pane of 20		Washington, DC 20066
May 13	Frank Sinatra	42c	Commemorative	Pane of 20		Las Vegas, NV 89199 and New York, NY 10199
May 16	New Hampshire River	72c	Definitive	Pane of 20		Rochester, NY
May 16	St. John, US Virgin Islands	94c	Definitive	Pane of 20		Rochester, NY
May 17	Minnesota Statehood	42c	Commemorative	Pane of 20		St. Paul, MN 55101
May 18	Dragonfly	62c	Definitive	Pane of 20		New York, NY 10199
Jun 6	Liberty Bell (forever stamp)	42c	Definitive	Book of 20		McLean, VA
Jun 10	All Heart	42c	Special (love series)	Pane of 20		
Jun 10	Wedding Stamp	42c	Special	Pane of 20		
Jun 10	Wedding Stamp	59c	Special	Pane of 20		
Jun 12	Mt. Rushmore	4.80	Priority Mail stamp	Pane of 20		Rapid City, SD
Jun 12	Hoover Dam	16.50	Express Mail stamp	Pane of 20		
Jun 14	Flags of our Nation	42c	10 Commemoratives	Roll of 50		Washington, DC 20066
Jun 17	Charles and Ray Eames	42c	16 Commemorative	Pane of 16		Santa Monica, CA
Jun 19	Summer Olympics	42c	Commemorative	Pane of 20		Philadelphia, PA
Jun 20	Great Seal	42c	Official stamp	Coil of 100		Washington, DC 20066
Jun 20	Great Seal	42c	Official envelope	Individual		Washington, DC 20066
Jun	Vintage Black Cinema	42c	5 Commemoratives	Pane of 20		Newark, NJ
Jul 10	Celebrate	42c	Definitive	Pane of 20		Washington, DC 20066
Aug 7	Disney: Imagination	42c	4 Commemoratives	Pane of 20		Anaheim, CA
Aug 7	Disney: Imagination	27c	Picture Postal Cards	Book of 20		Anaheim, CA
Aug 14	Albert Bierstadt	42c	Commemorative	Book of 20		Hartford, CT 06101
Aug 15	Sunflower	42c	Definitive	Book of 20		Hartford, CT 06101
Aug 22	Liberty Bell (forever stamp)	42c	Definitive	Book of 20		Falls Church, VA
Aug	Take me out to Ballgame	42c	Commemorative	Pane of 20		Williamsport, PA
Aug 30	Latin Jazz	42c	Commemorative	Pane of 20		Chicago, IL 60607
Sep 2	Flags of our Nation	42c	10 Commemoratives	Roll of 50		Washington DC, 20066
Sep 10	Bette Davis	42c	Commemorative	Pane of 20		Boston, MA
Sep 21	Alzheimer's Awareness	42c	Commemorative	Pane of 20		Washington DC, 20066
Sep 23	Eid	42c	Special (holiday)	Pane of 20		
Oct 2	Great Lakes Dunes	42c	10 Commemorative	Pane of 10		Empire, MI 49630
Oct 2	Great Lakes Dunes	27c	10 Postal Cards	Book of 10		Empire, MI 49630
Oct	Tail Fins and Chrome	42c	5 Commemoratives	Pane of 20		Carlisle, PA
Oct	Tail Fins and Chrome	27c	Picture Postal Cards	Book of 20		Carlisle, PA
Oct 30	Christmas Nutcrackers	42c	4 Special (holiday)	Multiple		New York, NY 10199
Oct 30	Madonna & Child, Botticelli	42c	Special (holiday)	Book of 20		New York, NY 10199
Oct 31	Hanukkah	42c	Special (holiday)	Pane of 20		New York, NY 10199
Oct 31	Kwanzaa	42c	Special (holiday)	Pane of 20		New York, NY 10199

p = Pictorial first day postmark c = Digital color postmark

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