



The Philately Fun Times

The Columbia Philatelic Society
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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Columbia Philatelic Society will be Tuesday, **August 15th** at our usual place, Boone Landing Activity Room, 109 Keene St. in Columbia. The meeting will start at 7 PM.

The activity this month is:

Club Fundraising and Columbian Dollar Auctions

The Club Fundraising Auction uses “real money” with all proceeds going to the club. We'll have the club's old Scott catalogs and mixtures up for auction at the meeting.

The Columbian \$ Auction will use the Columbian \$ that members receive with the newsletter, for meeting attendance, etc.

Donations of philatelic items for the Club Fundraising Auction and Columbian \$ Auction are always greatly appreciated! It's a great use for those better duplicates. Please note that these are both live, verbal auctions so **NO BID SHEETS** are needed for your donated items.

Last Time

There were a few topical collections in addition to some yummy ice cream and cookies. For example, new member **Dr. Russell Baughman** brought some nice “socked on the nose” stamps, **John** had some Thanksgiving postcards and he also brought **Dave's** Missouri items.



The decision was made to purchase a new set of catalogs, which should last us for several years. The catalogs will arrive this fall.

Stampfest 2017

The Greater Mound City Stamp Club in St. Louis is having their annual summer Stampfest on **August 19-20** (Sat. & Sun.). It starts at 10 AM each day and goes to 5 on Saturday and 4 on Sunday.

It will be held at the Parkway Central High School, 329 N. Woodsmill Rd. There will be 20 dealers, free parking, an auction, snack bar and stamps galore. For more info:

<http://stampfest.greatermoundcity.org/>

Upcoming 2017 Programs

Aug.: Club Fundraising & Col. \$ Auctions

Sep.: “Clothesline” (1-Page) Exhibits

Oct.: Violating the Rules #2 (APS Prog.)

Nov.: Fall Auction/Elections

Dec.: Christmas Party

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Solar Eclipse News

I spoke recently with **Scott Ward** regarding the solar eclipse event covers. The Fulton club has done a great job printing up envelopes with different solar eclipse cachets. The covers will also have special event cancellations.

If you're interested in purchasing one or more of these (who wouldn't be?!?), Scott will be taking orders at the meeting. The way it will work is that you would use a #10 envelope (your own, or Scott's), put your \$ in it, name/address on the outside, and your cover selections on the back, and they will ultimately be mailed to you. The cost is a very nominal \$2 each. I plan to get several for Christmas presents! The American Topical Association will have event covers as well. **David Durbin** will be getting Jeff City Cancellation covers for eclipse day.

Underground Mail

There was an interesting story recently on the "NBC Nightly News" about how mail was moved underground in London. This was particularly important during World War II with the bombings in that city.

There were several mail sorting stations along its 6.5 mile length. Driverless trains operated on a narrow 2 foot wide gauge track. The system operated from 1927 until 2003. Part of the railway is now open to visitors who can ride in the cars.

This London system was inspired by a similar system which operated underground in Chicago in the early 1900s.



This Month's Winner

Congrats go to this month's random winner **Rich Grant** for an extra \$30 Columbian in his newsletter!

Overprinted Vs. Surcharged

Overprinted stamps have wording or designs applied to a stamp that changes the place of use, adapts them for a special purpose or for use on a special occasion.



Surcharged stamps are also overprints, but they change the value of a stamp, as below



Dave's Corner

I had the opportunity recently to get three of my grand-nephews started on the wonderful hobby of stamp collecting. I had purchased 3 U.S. Scott Minuteman albums at a reasonable cost on Ebay (including some stamps in each) and gave them to Chris, Josh, and Nate, along with some other stamps and philatelic material.

I hope that they'll enjoy the hobby during their lifetime as much as I have.

At the minimum, they have the chance to learn a lot about the world, its history, famous people, and also the opportunity to make exciting discoveries.