



The Philately Fun Times

The Columbia Philatelic Society September 2018

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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Columbia Philatelic Society will be Tuesday, **September 18th** at our usual place (now called Solstice), at 109 Keene St. in Columbia.

- 6:00 Pre-meeting buying, selling, and socializing**
- 6:30 Business meeting starts**

The activity this month is our annual:

Clothesline Exhibits

Like previously, there will be two “tracks”:

Philatelic Theme: Page(s) that focuses on a philatelic area and would be educational.

Topicals: Basically a presentation of stamps with a similar topic/subject.

Although voluntary, of course, this is supposed to be a fun event, so try to bring something. Exhibits (for either or both tracks) can be 1-2 pages and can have as many stamps and/or covers as desired plus possible text. Multiple entries are possible.

There will be substantial prizes!

Last Time

We had an outstanding turnout of members present for our annual Columbian \$ and Club Fundraising Auctions. Bidding was spirited, and thousands of Columbian \$ redeemed. We also raised a record \$292 for the club. Thanks to everyone who donated items and bid on them! Thanks also goes to **John Marquardt**, our auctioneer.

Upcoming 2018 Programs

- Sep.:** “Clothesline” (1 or 2-Page) Exhibits
- Oct.:** Kids and Stamps (Scott Ward)
- Nov.:** Fall Auction/Elections
- Dec.:** Christmas Party



Booklet of 6 Cent Roosevelt Stamps

2018 Officers

President: **Jean Walker**

V.P./Librarian/APS: **David Durbin** assisted by **Bruce Taylor**

Treasurer: **John Marquardt**

Newsletter: **Dave Benish**

Webmaster: **Rebecca DeCourley**

This Month's Winner

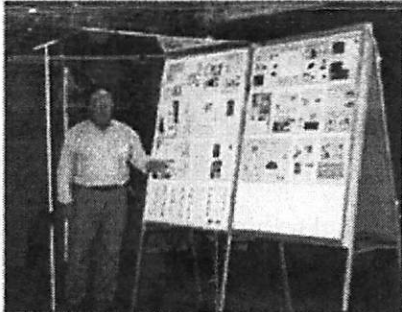
The random winner this month for an extra \$30 Columbian in his newsletter is **Steve Cooper**. Congratulations!

Exhibiting Stamps

We haven't talked too much about exhibiting stamps in our club, but it's an important part of the overall hobby (multiple ribbon-winner **Scott Ward** did tell us about it in one program). If you go to a major stamp show, there will always be dealers of course, but also frames with several stamp exhibits.

An exhibit is basically a way of telling a story using stamps, covers, and other related items. It may be the story of a single stamp, a set of stamps, some aspect of a country's postal service, or even your favorite subject completely unrelated to stamp collecting illustrated using philatelic material. The range of topics is broad.

There is also the area of topical stamps, which are stamps that tie into a single topic, as the name implies. It can be a certain animal, sport, profession, famous person, etc.



Advanced collectors can put their exhibits into frames and compete for ribbons and other prizes. Whatever level a collector aspires to, it's fun to try to put together an interesting small collection of stamps that can be easily displayed.

Stamp Terms: Booklet Pane

Booklet panes are essentially "pages" from a booklet of stamps, such as shown on the first page of this newsletter. Most have at least 6 stamps, but they can have fewer. Early booklet panes can be quite valuable.

"Soaking" Unsoakable Stamps

A few years ago, the USPS stopped requiring the makers of U.S. postage to have the glue on the back be water soluble. Prior to that, of course, almost all U.S. stamps on paper could be soaked off using water.

John Marquardt has mentioned using lighter fluid to remove modern stamps from paper. In the parking lot after the meeting, **Rich Grant** was telling me about a product called Bestine (available online from Blick Art Supplies--you can get 4 oz for under \$4) that also works well. You apply it to the back of the paper, and it soaks through to the stamp, which can then be removed.

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Stamp Identification

The APS has a nice publication on identifying the origin country of stamps, no matter how weird.

Some common foreign countries:

Eire: Ireland
Helvetia: Switzerland
Magyar: Hungary
Osterreich: Austria
Norge: Norway
Espana: Spain



Dave's Corner

I think we had about 30 members at our last meeting, which may be a record. It's always more fun when we have lots of our collecting friends show up. We can take pride in the fact that our club is one of the strongest in the State of Missouri!