



The Philately Fun Times

The Columbia Philatelic Society
April 2019

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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Columbia Philatelic Society will be **Tuesday, April 16th** at our usual place (now called Solstice), at 109 Keene St. in Columbia.

6:00 Buying, selling, and socializing
6:30 Business meeting starts

TWO PROGRAMS!!!

The first part of our evening will be:

Removing Self-Adhesive Stamps

John Marquardt will show a quick and easy way to remove new adhesive stamps from paper.

Our main program this month will be:

Underated First Day Covers

This APS slide program looks at the possibilities of first day cover collecting. You'll see interesting material, such as illegal, irregular, and unusual usages on first day covers; errors in stamp designs and first day cancellations; creative stamp combinations; reused covers; and imaginative cachets. Should be fun!

Last Time

We had a great Spring Auction! A super turnout by members and lots of bidding action. I think most people ended up with something they were pleased with. And door prizes for everybody!

Upcoming 2019 Programs

Apr. 16: Underated First Day Covers (APS)
May 21: Postmaster Experiences (Mark Rask)
Jun. 18: Ice Cream Social & Stamp Bingo
Jul. 16: Album Night (Club Members)
Aug. 20: Club Fundraising & Col. \$ Auctions
Sep. 17: "Clothesline" (1-Page) Exhibits
Oct. 15: Fall Auction/Elections
Nov. 19: Philatelic Craft Night
Dec. 10: Christmas Party

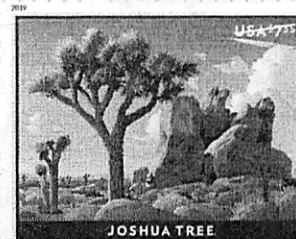
2019 Officers

President: **Scott Ward**
V.P./Librarian/APS: **David Durbin**
Treasurer: **John Marquardt**
Newsletter: **Dave Benish**
Webmaster: **Rebecca DeCourley**

This Month's Winner

Congrats to **Jon Hargrove** for being this month's winner of \$30 C with his newsletter!

Stamp of the Month: U.S. #5347



This \$7.35 stamp featuring a Joshua Tree in the desert is part of the extended American Landmark series of Priority Mail issues. It was issued Jan. 27, 2019. This series is highly collectible and beautiful, with wholesale values for used copies often meeting or exceeding the face value!

Special Member Recognitions

As you may know, **Dan French**, a long-time member and active participant in the club, moved to Texas last year. He is currently living in Beaumont, as serves as the Dean of the College of Business at Lamar University. He has renewed his club membership for 2019. Thanks, Dan!

We also wanted to give a mention of appreciation to **Al Anderson**, who owns and operates Columbia Stamp and Coin. Al has been a member of the club for decades!

Stamp Bourse

There's a stamp bourse in St. Louis that is held every month on the 2nd Saturday. It's located at the Holiday Inn South County on the northeast corner of I-55 and Lindbergh, behind the Mattress Firm.

APS & St. Louis Stamp Expo

Although it's a ways off, in 2021 the APS winter stamp show will be held in conjunction with the St. Louis Stamp Expo, according to the Mound City Stamp Club.



Stamp Collecting Terms: Overprint

An overprint is additional printing on a stamp that was not part of the original design -- such as additional words or symbols or even a new value.

Typically overprints occur when there is not enough time to design and print a whole new stamp needed for some special reason or when rates increase. Precancels and surcharges are the most common types of overprints.



Registered Mail

At our recent auction, there was a beautiful cover from Germany that was a "registered mail" cover. In 1882, the Universal Postal Union (UPU) required all international registered mail have label or impression with an image that included a capital "R" in Roman text. Adhesive labels were used in the U.S.



A registration stamp (Scott F1) was issued in the United States in 1911 (see below). These were used to pay the registration fee but not the postage for the item. They had a short life, however, and the use of them was discontinued in 1913.



Smallest and Largest Stamps

The smallest stamps in the world were issued by the Columbian Department of Bolivar in 1863. The 10 centavos stamp measured 8 X 9.5 mm (about 0.3" X 0.4").

The largest stamps in the world were issued by China for use on express letters. The first issues in 1905 measured 201 X 65 mm (8" X 2.5").

The largest stamps to be issued in an orthodox sheet format and recognized by all catalogs, were the first U.S. newspaper stamps, measuring 51 X 95 mm (2" X 3.75").

Dave's Corner

Early club records indicate that 2019 is indeed the 50th anniversary of the founding of the club by **Denny Donnell**. The first meeting was held September 10, 1969.