



## *The Philately Fun Times*

The Columbia Philatelic Society  
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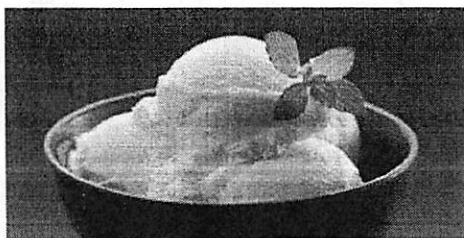
### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Columbia Philatelic Society will be Tuesday, **June 21<sup>st</sup>** at our usual place, Boone Landing Activity Room, 109 Keene St. in Columbia. The meeting will start at 7 PM. The club meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at this location.

The activity this month is:

### **Ice Cream Social and Show & Tell**

Our club Treasurer, **John Marquardt**, will be bringing the goodies to eat. Members are encouraged to bring something fun to show to the club. This is always a relaxing, enjoyable way to spend a summer evening, and an excellent chance to get to know the other members better.



### Last Time

We had a great Stamp Trivia Night contest put together by **Al White**. The "Perfins" shot holes in the competition, winning by 3 more correct answers. Tied for second were the "Unhinged" and "Perforated Colon" teams, followed closely by the longshot "Cinderella" team.

Regardless of how they finished, though, I think all the members had an enjoyable time and perhaps even learned something new about philately. Thanks, **Al**, for the fun evening.

### Upcoming 2016 Programs

Our programs for the rest of the year are:

- Jun.:** Ice Cream Social + S&T (**John M.**)
- Jul.:** Columbia Postmaster (**Mark Rask**)
- Aug.:** Club Fundraising & Col. \$ Auctions
- Sep.:** "Clothesline" (1-Page) Exhibits
- Oct.:** APS Program: Violating the Rules!
- Nov.:** Fall Auction/Elections
- Dec.:** Christmas Party



### 2016 Officers

President: **Charlie Brown**  
Vice President: **Dick Robinson**  
Treasurer: **John Marquardt**  
Lib./APS: **Dan French**  
Newsletter: **Dave Benish**  
Webmaster: **Rebecca DeCourley**

### This Month's Winner

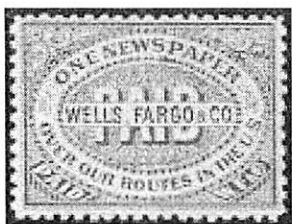
We're starting a new fun tradition. Every month, I'll draw a member mailing label out of a hat (at random), and they'll get an extra \$30 Columbian with their newsletter. This month's winner is **Gary Blake**. Congrats!

## Wells, Fargo and Co.

Although today the firm of Wells Fargo and Co. is known almost exclusively for banking, it played a major role in mail delivery in the western United States in the mid-1800s.

Although the U.S. government had a national monopoly on the delivery of mail (in theory), private firms were actively involved during the Gold Rush in California. Two individuals, Henry Wells and William Fargo started their company in 1852 to provide various delivery services, which included mail, to mining camps that were springing up.

Their stamps and covers are highly collectible and provide an interesting view into this time period.



## Member Spotlight

This month the spotlight shines on **Al White**, who did our most recent program. As most of you know, Al is a very active member of the Fulton club and from time-to-time comes to our meetings as well.

Like many of our members, he started collecting when he was young. He did take a break for awhile, but came back to the hobby later in life. Professionally, before retiring, Al was a mathematics teacher both at the high school and college level, doing a stint at Lincoln University. He collects U.S., fancy cancels, triangles, stamps on stamps, and Confederate issues.



## What About BOB?

Back of the Book (BOB) items are airmails, postage dues, postal stationery, revenues, etc. which are listed after the regular issues by the Scott Catalogue.



## Dave's Corner

What do YOU think of the “~~10~~-Inverted Biplane” \$12 souvenir sheet issue that commemorated the original airmail error?

I personally think the issue was a good idea, except I wish the denomination had been less than \$2 per stamp with a minimum purchase of 6 of them. Many of the people I know who are not collectors are familiar with the original error on the 24 cent stamp. So this issue (which many heard about through publicity) stirred some interest in them about stamp collecting in general.

Combine that with the lottery-like possibility of a big win for anyone finding those upright planes on this issue, and I think that it was overall good for the hobby. There was even a story on “CBS Sunday Morning” that talked about the issue!

Some might call it just crass marketing on the part of the USPS, but I call it good for the hobby.

