



The Philately Fun Times

The Columbia Philatelic Society July 2016

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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Columbia Philatelic Society will be Tuesday, **July 19th** at our usual place, Boone Landing Activity Room, 109 Keene St. in Columbia. The meeting will start at 7 PM. The club meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at this location.

Our originally scheduled guest speaker, Postmaster Mark Rask will unfortunately not be able to attend. His mother fairly recently passed away and he is dealing with his elderly father in Wisconsin.

So “filling in” will be yours truly, and the program for the evening will be:

Moving the Mail

This has been a side interest of mine for some time, and I like forward to sharing my investigations of the subject and some examples of the wide variety of ways mail gets moved from Point A to Point B.



Last Time

Member **John Marquardt** treated the club to the annual Ice Cream Social event. Cookies were also included.

Several members brought “show and tell” items that they talked about. Thanks to everyone who brought something.

Upcoming 2016 Programs

Our programs for the rest of the year are:

Jul.: Moving the Mail (**Dave Benish**)

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

This month's winner of an extra \$30 Columbian with their newsletter is **John Hoffman**. Congrats!

Donations Needed!

Next month is our annual "Club Fundraising and Columbian Dollar Auctions."

We need items for the former auction (find those duplicates!) and, of course, be sure to bring your Columbian Dollars for the latter auction.

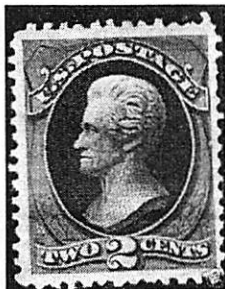
We can also always use donations for our free mixtures (U.S. and Foreign) that **Dan French** brings each time. New stamps helps keep them fresh and interesting.

Large Banknote Paper Types

The APS publication "U.S. Large Banknotes Identification Guide" is an inexpensive and highly recommended reference for these early issues of the United States.

A critical aspect of identifying most of these is correctly determining the paper type, namely Hard White Wove Paper or the Soft Porous Paper type. Here is a thumbnail sketch of ways to tell them apart:

1. Train your eyes to see the difference. Wove Paper is more translucent and even in texture (e.g., Scott #114). Soft Porous is more mottled when magnified (for example, the Columbians).
2. The flicking test. Hold the stamp close to your ear and flick it. The Wove paper has a more crisp, sharp sound.
3. Under magnification (15X or more), the soft porous paper has more fibers at the tip.



Stamp Collecting Terms: Selvage

The selvage is the outside margin of a pane (sheet) of stamps that usually includes the plate number and other markings such as copyright notices. If you save sheets, be sure to save the selvage too.



Stamp Insurance

If you have a very valuable collection or accumulation of philatelic items, you may want to consider stamp insurance. Most homeowner policies have very small limits, so insurance specifically for your philatelic property may be warranted.

If you're interested in insuring your items, APS does have a recommended firm, Hugh Wood. To find out more, check out the APS website (stamps.org) or hughwood.com.

Member Spotlight

Since I didn't have the opportunity to talk with anyone at the last meeting (since I wasn't there), **Dave Benish** will be in the member spotlight this month.

Dave started collecting when he was 9, encouraged by both his mother and father (who was a collector). He and his dad built a nice relationship around the stamp collecting hobby,

Professionally, Dave was a petroleum engineer in Texas, and later a business consultant here in Columbia. He joined the club in 1986. His interests are primarily stamps of the United States and certain European countries.