



The Philately Fun Times

The Columbia Philatelic Society September 2016

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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Columbia Philatelic Society will be Tuesday, **September 20th** 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.

This month's activity is:

“Clothesline” (1-2 Page) Exhibits

Like previously, there will be two “tracks”:

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

Philatelic Theme: A presentation that focuses on a philatelic area and would be educational.

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 extremely well-attended meeting featuring our annual Columbian \$ Auction as well as the Club Fundraising Auction.

Everyone who came received a door prize. And the auctions had the most material that I can recall, thanks to the generosity of our members. The Club Fundraising Auction brought in an excellent \$246, and the bidding was spirited and widespread. Thanks to everyone who bought items! Also, thanks to **Denny Donnell** for his great assortment of “Show and Tell” items.

Welcome New Members

The club has 2 new members! **Bob Zimmer** is a seasoned philatelist who collects, among other items, Great Britain, France and their colonies. **Sheryl Mehrhoff** is a brand new collector, and I know the members will help her get a good start in this exciting hobby. Welcome **Bob and Sheryl!**

Upcoming 2016 Programs

Our programs for the rest of the year are:

Sep.: “Clothesline” (1-2 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 **Bill Hodges**. Congrats!

Slice of Club History

The first regularly scheduled meeting of the club (Sept. 10th, 1969) was at the 1st Bank of Commerce. Before settling into our current location at Boone Landing, the club met at the 1st Presbyterian Church, the Columbia Library, the Columbia Mall, and at the Boone Electric Community Room.

Member Spotlight

One of our most active members in the stamp collecting hobby is **Scott Ward**. In addition to his collecting, he attends numerous stamp shows and has even exhibited stamps (winning several awards). He is recognized nationally as one of the strongest promoters of the hobby among our youth and also as an expert in Parcel Post philately.

Scott got started collecting when he was in grade school by an adult who gave him stamps. Professionally, he has been a heavy equipment operator who normally works up in Minnesota and Wisconsin during the summers. He is semi-retired now, but does miss hard work (go figure!). He specializes in U.S. Parcel Post but also collects used U.S. stamps plus fun & interesting items.

Pointless Stamp Department

Remember this stamp from the last newsletter?



Alert member **Charles Peterson**, who specializes in Scandanavian stamps, informed me of the background for the stamp. Apparently, it is part of a set that touts several original Norwegian inventions (who knew?!). Also, paperclips were used by the Resistance in Norway during WWII as a sign of recognition. Stamps can be very educational.

Detecting Regummed Stamps

Stamps that are "regummed" have no cancellation on the front, and have had a new coating of gum applied by an individual to replace lost gum. This is not desirable since it modifies the stamps and they are sometimes passed off as "never hinged" (which can make them worth substantially more).

So how can *you* detect regummed stamps? There are various means, (and for valuable stamps getting them "expertized" may be worthwhile). Here are two approaches:

- Get an unused stamp from that set or time period and compare the backs of the stamps. The gum on any specific issue has a certain consistency and color to it that is rarely duplicated with regumming.
- Be wary of stamps with stiff or sharp perfs. What you should feel is some "feathering" of the perfs.

Those Lettered Stamps

It's easy to forget what values go with the various non-denominated U.S. stamps that have letters. Here's a quick reference you can clip and save, if desired:

A	15 cents
B	18
C	20
D	22
E	25
F	29
G	32
H	33



Dave's Corner



I went to the library last week and noticed that the new 2017 Scott stamp catalogs are starting to filter into the reference section there. They have some 2016 catalogs on the regular shelves (at 769.56), along with several books related to stamp collecting. This also includes a philatelic novel or two!