



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, **February 21st** 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.

Our activity this month is:

Stamp Bingo

We'll have great prizes! No prior experience is needed—some philatelic knowledge but mainly just a little bit of luck.

We're usually able to get in 3-4 games in the evening. Come have some fun at this popular game!



Last Time

What do small boxes for stamps, Ecuador #316, and U.S.S. Akron covers have in common? They were all part of an even more extensive and eclectic group of items brought out of well, who knows where, to present to the group for our annual "Show and Tell" program last month. It was great. A big "Thank You!" to everyone who brought something.



2017 Programs

Feb.: Stamp Bingo (**Dave Benish**)
Mar: Roosevelt as a Collector (**Al White**)
Apr.: Spring Auction
May: Joint Issues (**Alan Barasch**)
Jun.: Ice Cream Social + (**John M.**)
Jul.: Perfins (**Lester Perkins**)
Aug.: Club Fundraising & Col. \$ Auctions
Sep.: "Clothesline" (1-Page) Exhibits
Oct.: Violating the Rules #2 (**APS Prog.**)
Nov.: Fall Auction/Elections
Dec.: Christmas Party

2017 Officers

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

Final Notice on Club Dues

John Marquardt will be accepting dues payments at our meeting or you can mail them to him at 609 Woodridge, Columbia, MO 65201. Dues are \$10 for the year for an individual or a family. If you want to keep receiving the newsletter, make sure the dues are paid.

Winner

The winner of an extra \$30 Columbian in the newsletter is **Scott Ward**. Congrats, Scott!

Member Spotlight

This month our Member Spotlight beams on **two** of our members, who happen to be closely related, **Jean Walker** and **Ed Walker**. This couple lives way out in the country north of Columbia and not too far from Finger Lakes State Park.

Jean is our first female club officer (high time!), serving as Vice President this year. She got started collecting when she and Ed bought a file cabinet full of stamps and then some albums. Jean is the primary stamp collector (she has a fine collection of first day covers among other items), while Ed has collected mostly coins (and land!).

Welcome

A hearty CPS club welcome to **George Donovan**, who has actually been a dues paying member for quite a while, but who finally retired and was able to make it to one of our meetings. Good to see you, George!

Slice of Club History

We enjoyed meeting for several years at the Boone Electric community room (adjacent to their offices).

However, at one point in time, they began restricting the room so that clubs could no longer meet there. We then moved (back) to the library for awhile.



Important Shows

The **Saint Louis Stamp Expo** is a 3 day event being held from March 31 to April 2 at the Renaissance Hotel in St Louis. It's a great show.

This year's **APS StampShow** is being held August 3-6 in Richmond, Virginia.

New Postal Rates

As of January 22, postal rates have changed. The most important change is that regular first class mail up to an ounce goes back to 49 cents from 47 cents. "Forever" stamps are now worth more. Each additional ounce for first class remains at 21 cents.

Metered mail (boo!) now gets a 3 cent advantage over stamped mail, going to just 46 cents. Postcards remain at 34 cents.

Blind Perforations

Well, I guess all perforations are blind in a way, since they can't see, but in philately a "blind perforation" is when the perforating pins fail to puncture the paper. You can see this on stamps where there is extra paper present between a pair of perforations, as on midway on the left side of the stamp below.



Dave's Corner

I had a good time recently sitting down with **John Marquardt** recently, looking through some German, Icelandic, and Luxembourg stamps that he had acquired during his recent trip to Europe.

That's one of the nicest parts about the hobby—visiting with fellow collectors and talking about and looking at stamps!