



The Philately Fun Times

**The Columbia Philatelic Society
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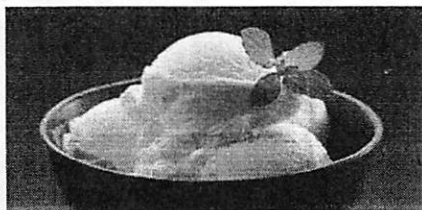
Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Columbia Philatelic Society will be Tuesday, **June 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.

The activity this month is:

Ice Cream Social and Topicals

Our club Treasurer, **John Marquardt**, will be bringing the goodies to eat. Members are encouraged to bring a topical collection they may have to share with 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.



Some Discussion Topics

We have a couple of possible things we can talk about at our June meeting while we're enjoying our ice cream:

- The member's topical collection that he or she brought, and what was the inspiration for it?
- What does the club want to use some of its funds for? Catalogs—if so, which one(s)? What do club members actually use? Equipment? Mixtures? Advertising? Other thoughts?
- With the total solar eclipse coming August 21, does our club want to create any covers to commemorate the event? Do we want to try to sell anything? As you probably know, the USPS is creating a unique and intriguing stamp for the eclipse.

Last Time

Alan Barasch and his traveling sidekick, **TG Rekohp** visited our club and gave a nice presentation on the topic of Joint Issues. It was interesting to see the vast array of countries that have produced joint issues, and this was just a fraction of issues. Some pairs of countries were very unlikely. Thanks Alan and TG!



Upcoming 2017 Programs

- 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**
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Newsletter: **Dave Benish**
Webmaster: **Rebecca DeCourley**

Welcome New Members!

We added two new members to our club last month, and (against all odds!) both are named Russell. **Dr. Russell Baughman** is a professor (of Chemistry, if I recall) at Truman State in Kirksville and **Russell Smith** of Marion, OH also joined (he is strongly considering retiring to Columbia). A hearty "Welcome!" to both.

Omnibus Issues

The question of joint issues vs. omnibus issues came up during our last meeting. According to Wikipedia, an omnibus issue is a stamp issued by several countries (vs. usually just two for joint issues) with a common subject and which may have the same design.

Omnibus issues have often been made by countries under common political control or groups of colonies due to the close cooperation required to produce the issue.

The British Commonwealth has had several omnibus issues that were produced for several countries. Some of the most notable:

- 1935 - Silver Jubilee
- 1937 - Coronation
- 1949 - Universal Postal Union
- 1953 - QEII Coronation



This Month's Winner

Congrats go to this month's random winner **Bob Zimmer** for an extra \$30 Columbian in his newsletter!

Early Days of Airmail

When the Post Office Department took over all aspects of airmail operations in May of 1918, they had six Jenny training biplanes and a small corps of ex-Army pilots. Congress decided on a 24 cent airmail rate, which did not go over well with the general public. Many of the mail bags on the planes, in fact, contained quite a bit of regular first class mail.



The rate was reduced to 12 cents in July of 1918, and then down to 6 cents in December of that year. So Scott #C3 was actually issued first in that set, then #C2, and #C1 was issued last! The 1923 set (#C4-6) increased the rate for night flying and between the coasts.

Dave's Corner

I've found that stamp hinges can potentially be problematic. Some adhere too tightly to a stamp and can actually cause a "thin" if removed by the fingers. I've found that (for cancelled stamps,) soaking and drying them may be the best approach for hinge removal. I heard a tip from a dealer at the Stamp Expo that the key, if one uses hinges, is to just barely moisten the part that is attached to the stamp. Naturally, the manufacturer of the hinge can make a big difference in how easily peelable hinges can be.

Of course, stamp mounts get around the issue altogether, but they can get expensive. For never-hinged stamps, they are essential. "Hingeless albums" already have mounts on the pages, and they can be a good way to go.