



## *The Philately Fun Times*

### The Columbia Philatelic Society July 2017

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#### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Columbia Philatelic Society will be Tuesday, **July 18<sup>th</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.

The activity this month is:

#### **Perfins**

Our member **Lester Perkins** will enlighten us on what those little holes are in some stamps, and I'm sure provide some insight into their history, purpose and variety.



#### Last Time

There were a few topical collections in addition to some yummy ice cream and cookies. For example, new member **Dr. Russell Baughman** brought some nice “socked on the nose” stamps, **John** had some Thanksgiving postcards and he also brought **Dave's** Missouri items.

The decision was made to purchase a new set of catalogs, which should last us for several years. The catalogs will arrive this fall.

#### Columbian \$

All club members will (hopefully) find \$15 Columbian along with this newsletter—the usual \$5 C. + \$10 C. to make up for me forgetting to supply John with a supply for last month's meeting attendees.

Note that the Columbia \$ Auction is next month!

#### Upcoming 2017 Programs

**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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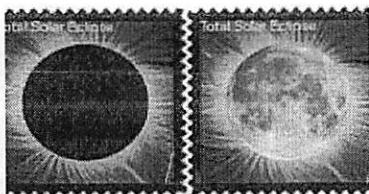
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## Solar Eclipse 2017

From USPS: "On August 21, 2017, tens of millions of people in the United States will have an opportunity to view a total eclipse of the Sun. A total solar eclipse was last seen on the U.S. mainland in 1979, but only in the Northwest. The eclipse this summer will sweep a narrow path across the entire country—the first time this has happened since 1918. The U.S. Postal Service® anticipates this rare event with a stamp celebrating the majesty of solar eclipses.

The Total Eclipse of the Sun stamp is the first U.S. stamp to use thermochromic ink, which reacts to the heat of your touch. Placing your finger over the black disc on the stamp causes the ink to change from black to clear to reveal an underlying image of the moon. The image reverts back to the black disc once it cools. The back of the stamp pane shows a map of the eclipse path. You can preserve the integrity of your Total Eclipse of the Sun Forever® stamp pane with our protective sleeve specifically designed for stamp preservation."

The Fulton club is developing event covers to commemorate the eclipse. **At the July meeting we will have our final chance to discuss any activity by our club, maybe even in conjunction with Fulton club.**



## This Month's Winner

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



## Kingdom of Callaway

I don't know how many of our members get the excellent publication *American Stamp Dealer and Collector* (believe me, all collectors would enjoy it). But they had a great article on the "Kingdom of Callaway" in their February issue. That name, incidentally, came from when a group of local volunteers stared down Union soldiers and created a non-invasion "treaty."

The article showed many of the event covers produced by the Fulton club. I'll bring a copy of that issue to the July meeting.

## Stamp Collecting Terms: Selvage

Selvage is the margin of a pane (sheet) of stamps that usually includes the plate number and other markings such as copyright notices.



## Dave's Corner

I must confess that I really like the new Eclipse stamp—I think it's the first stamp a person can really interact with. It's bound to be a success for the USPS in terms of sales.

I had to chuckle at a recent article that humorously suggested that the USPS should have more "ways to win" like with the non-inverted Jenny. Maybe a free trip to Disneyland with some of their Disney issues—You're a winner! on the back of the pane. Lots of ways to add fun and excitement!