



## *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, **October 17th** at our usual place, Boone Landing Activity Room, 109 Keene St. in Columbia. The meeting will start at 7 PM.

This month's activity will be the APS program:

### **“Violating the Rules”**

This is the second one in this hit series. We'll see some new and different ways people confound the U.S. Postal Service.

### November/December Activities

There's fun and important activities coming up later this year. In November, we'll be having our annual Fall Auction as well as election of officers for the upcoming year.

December features our annual Christmas Party. Sign-ups will start at our meeting this month.

### Last Time

We had our 2017 Clothesline Exhibit event competition. Over \$150 worth of prizes were distributed. Thanks to everyone who brought an entry and made it interesting, and congrats to the winners!

### Topicals:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	<b>J. Marquardt</b> Space Stamps
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	<b>Charles Peterson</b> Rlwy. Parcel Post
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	<b>Dave Benish</b> Cats

### Philatelic Theme:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	<b>Al White</b> Roosevelt
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	<b>Dave Benish</b> Changelings
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	<b>Bruce Taylor</b> Precancels

And a special “thank you!” to **Scott Ward** who donated a valuable mint “Baby Zepp” as part of the philatelic first place prize.



### Upcoming 2017 Programs

**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**  
Librarian/APS: **Charlie Brown**  
Newsletter: **Dave Benish**  
Webmaster: **Rebecca DeCourley**

## This Month's Winner

Congrats go to this month's winner for an extra \$30 Columbian in her newsletter, our very own VP, **Jean Walker!**

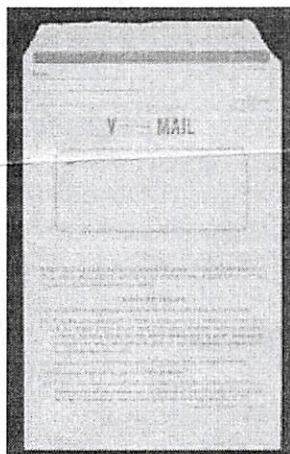
## V-Mail



People who have been members of our club for awhile may remember when **Don Barnett** brought examples of V-Mail forms to show us. The concept of V-Mail is interesting and worth sharing.

The time was World War II and the Post Office Department was trying to come up with a way to convey large numbers of letters to soldiers overseas. In conjunction with the British, they came up with the idea of having families wanting to correspond with soldiers to write the letter on a V-Mail form. This was then placed in a capsule and shipped to a facility where it was scanned onto microfilm.

The hundred-foot rolls of film, which could hold 1,700 letters, were then carried overseas and unsealed. Then the letters were individually printed and delivered to GI recipients. The method was a major success.



## APO

Short for "Army Post Office".

## "Tagging" of Stamps

Author **Wayne Youngblood** (who came to one of our meetings) had an interesting article on "tagging" in a recent issue of *The American Philatelist*. Here's an excerpt:

"The tagging of postage stamps refers to stamps that are either printed on luminescent paper or have luminescent ink added to help in automated mail processing. Tagging the stamps with phosphorescent coating allows mail to be easily seen under shortwave UV [ultraviolet] light"

"The same stamp may have been printed with and without these luminescent features, the two varieties would then be referred to as tagged and untagged, respectively." Scott #1213 and #1239 are examples.



Scott US #1213  
(Untagged)



Scott US #1229  
(Overall Tagging,  
shown under UV)

## Dave's Corner

**Al White's** exhibit (and earlier program) featured avid Collector-in-Chief President Franklin Roosevelt.

Other famous people have collected as well, such as financial gurus Bill Gross and Warren Buffet; astronaut Henry Hartsfield; actors Gary Burghoff ("Radar O'Reilly" on *M\*A\*S\*H*), Charlie Chaplin, James Earl Jones and Patrick Dempsey; author James Michener, explorer Jacques Cousteau; Aviatrix Amelia Earhart; former Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova; musicians John Lennon, Freddy Mercury and Ron Wood; and cartoonist Gary Trudeau (*Doonesbury*), and Royals King George V and Elizabeth II.

So you're in good company if you're a stamp collector!