



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, August 20th** at our usual place (now called Solstice), at 109 Keene St. in Columbia.

6:00 Buying, selling, and socializing
6:30 Business meeting starts

The activity this month is:

Club Fundraising and Columbian Dollar Auctions

The Club Fundraising Auction uses "real money" with all proceeds going to the club.

The Columbian \$ Auction uses the Columbian \$ that members receive with the newsletter, for meeting attendance, door prizes, etc.

Donations of philatelic items for the Club Fundraising Auction and Columbian \$ Auction are always greatly appreciated! It's a great use for those better duplicates. Please note that these are both live, verbal auctions. Although no formal bidsheets are needed for your donated items, it would be helpful to have an attached piece of paper with the Scott # and catalog value.

In Memoriam

For those members who were unable to receive the emails that were sent, we're very sad to report that our Club President, Scott Ward (57), passed away on July 23. Earlier in July, he suffered a stroke, which was followed by a growth in his heart which needed surgery. This was followed by a coma.

Scott was, of course, a member of our club for many years and was also active in other clubs (such as Fulton's and Mound City's). He was a member of APS and several other philatelic organizations. He was a very active collector and exhibitor, and his "1912 Parcel Post" exhibit won several awards, and was at the big APS Omaha show earlier this month.

He was a generous man with his time, and helped countless young people on the stamp collecting path. He organized the Youth Room activities for several years and the St. Louis Stamp Expo, mailed stamps to kids, and was even involved in the children's exhibits at the National Postal Museum.

Scott leaves a very big hole in the stamp collecting world and our club, and I'm sure that he will be greatly missed by the many people who knew him.

A "Celebration of Life" will be held at the Rec. Center of William Woods University in Fulton on Sept. 8 from 1-4 PM. APS has set up the "Scott Ward Memorial for Youth Stamp Collecting" for any donations (100 Match Factory Place, Bellefonte, PA 16823).

For long-time members of the club, we also note the passing of Charles O'Dell, who was an active member for many years.

Last Time

We had a really nice turnout of members for "Album Night." We saw albums with classic U.S. stamps, Missouri defunct P.O. covers, foreign stamps (such as Estonia and Luxembourg), Apollo covers, counterfeit Swedish stamps, and a wide variety of other accumulations. The stories behind the collections were also very interesting. Thanks to everyone who brought something.

"B" Is For Bisects

Continuing our journey into the website

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we are covering bisects this month. Quoting from the article,

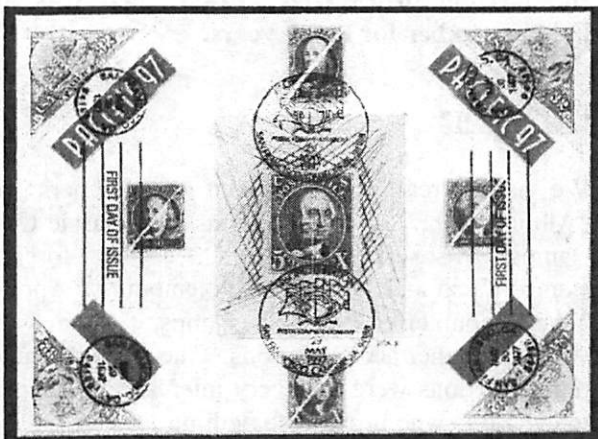
"A Bisect is a postage stamp cut in half (usually diagonally), and used to pay half its face value, e.g. half a ten cent stamp to pay five. "

"The practice has been permitted (in the US at least) only for special situations (e.g. a shortage of stamps). The most recent of them was over 60 years ago, so genuine bisects are usually rare and valuable. There are even trisects! Note that a bisect "off cover" (or not "tied" to the cover by its cancellation) is usually worthless, since it is the proof of actual usage that makes it desirable - anyone can cut a stamp in half, but if it survives the mails that way, it becomes something special. Don't try it today - it's illegal to cut, deface or even overlap stamps on your mail."



Although not on a cover, this early stamp "on piece" is still extremely valuable.

Here is an example of an ultimate bisect creation, which took some doing to get cancelled at a show:



Upcoming 2019 Programs

- Aug. 20:** Club Fundraising & Col. \$ Auctions
- Sep. 17:** "Clothesline" (1-Page) Exhibits
- Oct. 15:** Fall Auction/Elections
- Nov. 19:** Philatelic Craft Night
- Dec. 10:** Christmas Party

The September meeting marks our 50th Anniversary as a club, and all attendees will receive an anniversary gift! Be sure to come!

Stamp of the Month:

U.S. 296



4 Cent Pan-American Expo.

You might think that electric cars are a recent invention, but this 1901 stamp features exactly that—a very, very early electric car! Keep your eyes open for an inverted car. Those copies of the stamp are worth \$85,000, unless it's the 2001 version, in which case it's worth 75 cents (mint)! Highly shifted car images are also sought after.

This Month's Winner

Al White is this month's winner of an additional \$30 Columbian with his newsletter. Congrats!

Member Buy/Sell

From time-to-time, and as space permits, I can list specific items that members are looking for. This month, **Steve Cooper** told me he is looking for **covers** that feature any of the following Presidents: Van Buren, W. Harrison, Tyler, Taylor, Fillmore, Buchanan, Grant, Hayes, Arthur, Cleveland, B. Harrison, McKinley, T. Roosevelt, or Gerald Ford.

Leslie Reinbach is moving to Wisconsin and selling her collections of stamps and coins. Call her at 777-4484 if you'd like to see what items she has for sale.

Dave's Corner

Silver lining: The heat wave in late July gave me an opportunity to work on my stamps and not feel the least bit guilty about not doing yard work.