



The Philately Fun Times

The Columbia Philatelic Society
March 2020

Dave Benish, Ed. 696-2597
www.columbiaphilatelicsociety.org

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Columbia Philatelic Society will be **Tuesday, March 17th** at our usual place (Solstice), at 109 Keene St. in Columbia.

6:00 Pre-meeting buying, selling, and socializing

6:30 Business meeting and program start

The program this month is:

Stamp Bingo

This is always an enjoyable evening with multiple winners. Great prizes are guaranteed! No prior experience needed—some philatelic knowledge, but mainly just a little bit of luck. Come have some fun at this popular game!



Last Time

President **David Durbin** gave an excellent program on Exhibiting, which led into his exhibit of Modern U.S. Officials (which had won some awards and deservedly so). I think we all learned something about the wonderful world of exhibiting philatelic items as well as the Modern U.S. Officials. Great job, David!



Mabel Green's Locket with C3a

2020 Officers

President/Librarian/APS: **David Durbin**
Vice President: **Bruce Taylor**
Treasurer: **John Marquardt**
Newsletter: **Dave Benish**
Webmaster: **Rebecca DeCourley**

2020 Programs

Mar 17: Stamp Bingo (**Dave Benish**)
Apr 21: Spring Auction
May 19: Detecting Doctored Stamps (APS)
Jun 16: Member Program (TBA)
Jul 21: Ice Cream Social/Triva (**John M.**)
Aug 18: Fall Auction
Sep 15: Clothesline Exhibits
Oct 20: Columbian \$/Club Benefit Auctions
Nov 17: TBA Program/Elections
Dec 8: Christmas Party

Club Dues

At this point, if you haven't paid yet, the best thing to do is to mail the \$10 to **John Marquardt** at 609 Woodridge, Columbia, MO 65201. My goodness, it's springtime already! We will be developing the mailing list from those members who are current on their dues.

"I" Is For Inverts

Continuing our trip into the website

alphabetilately.org

we'll take a look at Inverts this month.

Quoting from the article,

“An Invert Error is a production **error** in which one part of a stamp's design is printed upside-down. Such blunders should be caught and destroyed during printing, but occasionally they slip out, and become highly sought-after rarities.

The most famous and valuable example is the Inverted Jenny, which occurred on the first US airmail stamp in 1918. The central image - of a Curtiss Jenny biplane - is upside-down!

Other well-known (or notorious) examples in the US include the Hammarskjöld Invert (which, once discovered, was reprinted intentionally by the Post Office, in order to destroy the value of the true errors that had slipped out), the CIA invert (so-called because it was a group of CIA employees who discovered it, and subsequently lost their jobs for having appropriated the stamps for their private profit), and most recently the Nixon Invert (which turned out to be printers waste smuggled out of the printing facility by an employee, hence contraband – all copies have been tracked down and confiscated by Postal Inspectors). “



St. Louis Stamp Expo

Just a reminder that the show will be from March 27-29 at the Renaissance Hotel near the airport.

Stamps of the Month:

U.S. 647-8



These “Hawaii” overprinted stamps were issued in 1928 to honor the sesquicentennial (150th) anniversary of the discovery of the Hawaiian Island by James Cook. They were available for purchase only in Hawaii and at the Washington, D.C. post office. However, they could be used for postage nationwide.

These stamps together retail for about \$15 in previously hinged, mint condition. They are actually a bit **more** in postally used condition, suggesting a somewhat limited usage on letters and postcards.

This Month's Winner

Congratulations to this month's winners, **Sheryl and Arthur Mehrhoff** for being this month's random winners of \$30 Columbian with their newsletter!

Dave's Corner

The February program highlighted an interesting aspect of philatelic exhibiting—the “depth” of the collection. That is, color varieties of issues, different kinds of envelopes, various usages, etc.

The same concept can apply to a basic album collection of stamps. If there are color variations for a stamp, an interesting cover with that stamps, etc., it can be worthwhile to find a place in the album for it. That can add interest and value to your collection!