



The Philately Fun Times

The Columbia Philatelic Society
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Next Meetings

Important Notice!

We hope all members are doing well in this most difficult of times.

Because of the Coronavirus pandemic, there will be no meetings in either April or May. This newsletter covers both of those months (no May newsletter).

We hope to be “back in business” in June! We'll keep members posted through the newsletter that month.

Our St. Louis member, **Nathan Esbeck**, has plans (tentative, of course, at this point) to give a presentation on the Byrd Expedition philatelic items and background in June. We may need to meet at **John Marquardt's**, if conditions permit.

Stamp Bingo will be a part of the Ice Cream Social in July, again at John's. Save your Spring Auction items for the Fall Auction in August.

Of course, all plans are tentative right now and depend upon the course of events. Our highest priority will be member safety.

2020 Officers

President/Librarian/APS: **David Durbin**
Vice President: **Bruce Taylor**
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2020 Tentative Programs

Jun 16: The Byrd Expedition (Esbeck)
Jul 21: Ice Cream Social/Bingo (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

This Month's Winner

Congratulations to this month's winner, **Dick Robinson**, for being this month's random winner of \$30 Columbian in his newsletter!

Stamp of the Month: U.S. 299

What was the fastest (and only) way to get to mail from the U.S. to Europe in 1901, when this stamp came out? That's right, only by steamship. Airplanes had not even been invented yet!



Dave's Corner

Wow, at the beginning of the year, I don't think hardly anyone saw these events coming to the U.S. We're certainly fortunate to have a hobby that can allow us plenty of “social distancing”! Still, many shows have been cancelled, and even the APS offices in Pennsylvania are closed.

For me, this has been a good chance to go through old shoeboxes and cigar boxes filled with unsorted stamps. Also, I've had time to just sit back, relax, and take time to look through my various stamp albums. I've done that too rarely!

Stay safe, everyone, and we hope to get together this summer if we're fortunate.

Only a one-sided newsletter this month.

