

Chattanooga Stamp Club

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Club News

It's that time again! The *big* Annual Auction is coming up at our meeting Thursday evening, November 11. It has been suggested that it would really add to the variety and fun of the auction if *everyone would enter at least one lot!* But there is nothing wrong with entering ten lots - or as many as you wish - but do bring at least one. Auction cards will be available at the meeting. Remember; use the auction cards to sell your lots. In addition to the obvious description, e.g., Scott #, & catalogue value, etc., use the blank area to say something nice about the lot (extremely fine centering, only four known, found in my grandmother's attic forty years ago...). This will tell the prospective buyer why he/she should bid on the lot. And good luck to buyers and sellers!

There will also be a short kick-off feature at the November meeting - *Our Secret Language* led by **Bob Davidson**. Think you know what this will be about? You might be surprised!

Have you visited the two most important web sites on the Internet? You got it. Our Club site at <http://chattsc.tripod.com> (not www...), and the Southeast Federation site at www.stampclubs.com. These are a MUST for your *favorite places, bookmark...* Club webmaster **Don Bush** and Federation webmaster **John Coles** have both done superb jobs, with philatelic links to virtually everything you might fancy. The Federation site has a Chat Room that is open all the time, but with scheduled chat hours Monday & Saturday at 9:00pm. Try it, and check out all the other features of both sites.

Some of you offered to pay your annual dues at the last meeting but Secretary, **Rebecca Gilbert** was not quite ready. She is now! So bring your \$10 payment to the November meeting and receive your membership card for 2005.

It is not the critic who counts, nor the one who points out where the strong man stumbled, nor where the doer of good deeds could have done better. ON the contrary the credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena. If he fails, if he falls, at least he fails while daring greatly so his place shall never be with the cold and timid souls who know neither Victory nor defeat.

Teddy Roosevelt