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Club News

In the past month we have had the opportunity to gather information on the age-old (fun) question: What is the best part of our hobby? Is it going to a stamp show with arrays of dealer tables, exhibits, and fellow collectors; or is it a stamp club meeting to learn more about our hobby, acquire some new stamps for our collection, and enjoy fellow collectors; or is it organizing a corner of our collection, soaking some new acquisitions, doing some research on the Panama Canal [Harrison & Wallace?], and helping a new collector get started; or is it something else like putting together a new exhibit [Jim?]; or winning an exhibit award [Bill?]; or even something else entirely. There is so much to our hobby. Did you reach any conclusions? Or is the jury still out? Maybe we will never answer the question but we can still enjoy trying.

At the March meeting we will once again have the opportunity to experience an assortment of philatelic treats: **Bill LaGanke's** second installment on the Liberty Series [and this editor knows Bill has done additional research], and for extras, Boxes O' Stamps will return AND a mid-year auction. You just cannot afford to miss March. Turn to Pg 2 right now to see the full lineup.

How about **Bill Caldwell's** exhibits at the Atlanta show! His revenue exhibit: United States Money Draft Taxation brought home a **SILVER** and His Illustrated Mail: Florida Goes to War earned the **SILVER-BRONZE**. Neither award comes easy, but a silver! That's really worthy of our hearty congratulations, Bill.

Jim Cate advises that he will enter a two-frame exhibit in the Nashville show (March 12-13): First Day of Issue - 10.9 Cent Hansom Cab. What will Jim surprise us with next! Best wishes, Jim.

Even though **Bill White** made a report of his Membership Committee activities at the February meeting we can't pass up to chance to review some of those here. First Bill's committee includes **Howard Higgins** and **Marvin Smith** so this is a team effort. The Membership Committee has managed to get Stamp Club meeting notices in post offices throughout the area - a tremendous out-reach step. They have acquired a list of area collectors and plan to issue personal letters of invitation for visits to our meetings. They keep eyes and ears open for new area APS members who will know of our club, and in Atlanta, the Federation table had our club brochures (did you see them?). Great work Bill, Howard and Marvin.

At the March meeting we will be honored to consider the membership applications of **Trish Bowers** and **Mike Norris**. We look forward to having you with us, Trish & Mike.

I refuse to have a battle of wits with an unnamed person. Pogo