

Chattanooga Stamp Club

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Club News

Now we know what Bluegrass Whoppers are – at least those of us who were at the April meeting do. A very nice change of pace, **Bill Caldwell**. We thoroughly enjoyed the show!

Jim Cate will be up front again in May so you can be certain you want to be there. Jim will tell us about *and show us* his award-winning exhibit on the 10.9 cent Hansom Cab. Remember back in 1982 Chattanooga was the first day city for this stamp. Why the 10.9 cent rate? Why was Chattanooga chosen? What is a Hansom Cab? How does it fit in the Transportation series? What are some special things that took place as a part of the first day ceremony and accompanying cancellations? Jim will tell us about all of these things and more. Don't miss it!

Our library is ready to roll. Have you used it yet? Just let **Ken Burnham** know your needs. The *2005 Scott Specialized* is destined to be a popular item. Get you call in early.

Think back about three months and you may remember our Stamp of the Month was the one dollar Trans-Mississippi – once considered by many to be the most beautiful US stamp. And along with it we featured the *50 cent Canada Bluenose Schooner* actually voted at one time the *most beautiful stamp in the world*. This month's Stamp of the Month is sort of the other side of the coin. Perhaps it might be

considered the **ugliest** stamp in the world. Take a look at the SOTM to see if you don't agree. You might also wonder why it is even listed in Scott.

It was decided: our picnic this year will be traditional! That is, outside with all the beauty of nature. We have the RiverPark Pavilion picnic shelter again (same place as last year) **beginning 5:00 PM, Thursday, August 18**, so mark your calendar right now!

Our experiment in emailing the newsletter said 'no, let's continue to receive it by mail', so that is what we shall do.

We just received word from John Coles, President of the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs that the Huntsville club has joined the Federation. We welcome Huntsville as a fellow member club.

Editor's Note

This newsletter is arriving a little early this month – and is a little shorter. That because your editor and wife are beginning our vacation. See you in June!!

When strawberries go begging, and the sleek
Blue plums lie open to the blackbird's beak,
We shall live well –
We shall live very well.
From *Wild Peaches* by Elinor Wylie