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CHATTANOOGA STAMP CHRONICLE

THE OFFICAL JOURNAL OF THE CHATTANOOGA STAMP CLUB

THE OCTOBER 8th MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE EASTRIDGE
CHURCH OF CHRIST. THE DOORS OPEN AT 7 PM AND THE MEETING
BEGINS AT 7.30 PM

CHATTAPEX 2009
SEE DETAILS INSIDE.

THIS MONTH WE LOOK INTO MAKING YOUR OWN
SPECIALTY ALBUM FOR STAMPS ISSUED IN THE
YEAR YOU WERE BORN.



Transcontinental Railroad Issue
San Francisco - May 10, 1944

CLUB NEWS AND EVENTS

Don't forget about the upcoming CHATTAPEX stamp show, on October 10 from 9 am to 4 pm with an auction after the show. All the fun takes place at our meeting hall located at 915 McBrien Rd.

At the last meeting we watched a movie about how the post office goes about selecting the topics we see on our stamps. The movie was produced by the U.S.P.S. and was very informative.

A small reminder: After the December 2009 issue is published and mailed, there will be an opening for a newsletter editor. Just a thought to the club, as there are many persons within the club who could and are able to do a much better job than I. So please step up and take over the job.

An early reminder: the November meeting will be our annual auction. Get your items to be auctioned to Earnest Seagle before the November meeting.

Q. What is the difference between Bird Flu and Swine Flu?

A. For bird flu you need tweetment and for swine flu you need oinkment.

"Dissent is the highest form of patriotism." - Thomas Jefferson

PRESIDENT'S CORNER with Trish Bowers

The really big news for this newsletter is our upcoming stamp show on Saturday, October 10. Robert has done a great deal of work in organizing the event and he is to be commended for those efforts.

I'm looking forward to the show. This will be a first time that I have participated in a show. I hope each of you plan to attend and help out for as many hours as you possibly can. Certainly, the more of us who are there, the less work each has to do. I see our show as a learning curve for all of us and a time to spend with fellow club members and quite possibly learning a thing or two.

Also, there will be an auction following the show. This will start around 4:30 P. M.

At our next meeting on October 8, we will organize the tables and set things up as much as possible. Please, if you plan to have a table, be there so you know what's what!!!

Just in case you don't know, the show will be at our new meeting place which is East Ridge Church of Christ at 915 McBrien Road. You need to take Moore Road exit off I-24.

Until next month.... Trish

**"The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people."
— The Ninth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution**

CHATTAPEX 2009

Lights.....Camera.....ACTION!!! It's time for the Stamp Show!!! Chattapex 2009 is coming on Saturday, October 10, from 9:00am to 4:00pm with the auction to follow. Don't have enough stuff for a table? Then you can either put your goodies on the Club Table and sell them at a set price or put them into the Auction. Either way you can sell some of the things that you no longer need and help the club at the same time since the club will get a 10% commission on the sell price.

We still need club members to help with the Club Table to welcome people and make sure that they sign up for the door prize - a very nice Penny Black. We will also need every member to do their part in letting everyone know about the show! And, don't forget to bring stamps to donate for the youth tables. We will need on and off paper stamps to give to kids of every age that are new collectors or collectors that may be looking for another area to enjoy.

The regular meeting is scheduled for the Thursday before the show, so the church is kindly allowing us to set up the tables on that night. So, Thursday, October 8th, will be a great meeting since we will enjoy our time together remembering the fantastic shows of the past while we dream about how each of us can make the future shows even better! There will also be supplies for the Club Tables and the Auction available at that meeting.

Our Show will be listed in Linn's Stamp News and there will be copies to be given away at the show. Local newspapers, radio stations and television stations have all been notified. The word is getting out, but we still need everyone to talk about the show with friends, groups, anyone you meet! Let others know about a hobby that has been enjoyed by kings, presidents, everyday citizens and school kids alike.

POSTAGE STAMPS OF 1944

Have you ever thought about making a small collection of the stamps that were issued by the United States of America in the year you were born? Some years ago, I thought that it might make an interesting topic, to see what was issued, to make a small album, and try and understand why the various topics were chosen.

I visited the website below to gain information for this article:

<http://www.1847usa.com/identify/YearSets/1944.htm>.

This is a very nice website for all stamps issued for the U.S. as well as very good info for the processes that are used to print stamps.

Please remember that this is the year I was born, and that the year will differ if and when you decide to take this challenge. It might be a problem for some of the members, as it will reveal how old you really are!

In 1944, Franklin D. Roosevelt was the democratic president and the New Dealers' War was still in full swing. FDR was also a very sick man by the middle of 1944. I have just finished reading the book, THE NEW DEALERS WAR by Thomas Fleming (@ 2001) It describes what FDR was going through at this time. His muscles were giving away to the point where he could not stand by himself or with help from someone or by his use of his braces. His blood vessels were deteriorating badly and he knew he was dying.

In March the following year, 1945, he meet with Stalin and Churchill at Yalta in the Soviet Union on how they were to divide up the world after the end of the war. Stalin playing on the illness of FDR, pushed FDR into conceding more territory than FDR wanted to give away and thereby receiving much more than his share. Can anyone remember who the Vice-President was in 1944?

POSTAGE RATES FOR 1944:

There were no new Regular Issue stamps issued in 1944!

The Postmaster General was Frank C. Walker and the domestic postal rate was only three cents. I still believe that the post office was a better

run organization when the rate was only three cents. The post card rate was still a penny. What a bargain!! But, 1944 was the year that air mail postage rose about 20% - from six cents during the first three months of the year to eight cents for the first ounce after March 25th. This is due to the rising cost of fuel, as the military was still using the major portion of all fuel the U.S. was refining. Special delivery rate at the start of 1944 was ten cents for the first ounce but rising to thirteen cents by yearend.

COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMPS OF 1944

All commemorative stamps issued during 1944 were printed using the rotary press process, sheets of 200 with electric eye plates. The stamps were Perferated 11 x 10½.



Transcontinental Railroad Issue
San Francisco - May 10, 1944
61,303,000 issued



The Steamship Savannah
Kings Point, N.Y. - May 22, 1944
61,001,450 issued



Centenary of the Telegraph
Baltimore, MD - May 24, 1944
60,605,000 issued



The Corregidor Issue
 Washington, D.C. - Sept. 27, 1944
 50,129,350 issued



The 50th Anniversary of Motion Pictures
 Hollywood, CA - New York, N.Y.
 Oct. 31, 1944 - 53,479,400 issued



The Korea Overrun Countries
 Washington, D.C. - Nov. 2, 1944
 15,000,000 issued - Perf 12

COMMEMORATIVES OF 1944, PER SCOTT NUMBER:

Scott 921 - The 5¢ Flag Stamp - Korea

Scott 922 - The 3¢ First Transcontinental Railroad Issue - Designer: William Roach - Engraver: C. T. Arlt

Scott 923 - The 3¢ S.S. Savannah, the first steamship to cross the Atlantic - Designer: V. S. McCloskey, Jr. - Engraver: C. A. Brooks

Scott 924 - The 3¢ Centenary of the Telegraph - Designer: V. S. McCloskey, Jr. - Engraver: C. T. Arlt

Scott 925 - The 3¢ The Corregidor - Philippines Commemorative - Designer: William Roach - Engraver: C. A. Brooks

Scott 926 - The 3¢ The 50th Anniversary of Motion Pictures - Designer: William Roach - Engraver: C. T. Arlt

AIR MAIL STAMP OF 1944:**The 8¢ Twin-Motored (DC-3) Transport Plane****Rotary Press - Perf 11 x 10½ - 200 Subject Electric Eye Plates****C26 - 8¢ Issue - March 21, 1944
1,744,878,650 issued****SPECIAL DELIVERY STAMPS OF 1944:****Rotary Press - Perf 11 x 10½ - 200 Subject Electric Eye Plates****E17 - The 13¢ Messenger on Motorcycle
October 30, 1944****E18 - The 17¢ Messenger on Motorcycle
October 30, 1944****MAKING YOUR ALBUM FOR THE YEAR STAMPS**

After you have collected and gathered together all the stamps that were issued in the year you were born, make an album to hold them. Go onto the internet and find out about the topic on each stamp.

Write a short article about the topic on the stamp, and place a copy of the stamp on the page. Place your pages in a nice home made binder. That's all there is to it!

STAMP OF THE MONTH

'BATTLE OF CORREGIDOR' STAMP ISSUE OF 1944

Issued in commemoration of the final resistance of the U. S. and Filipino forces on Corregidor. The stamp is 0.84 by 1.44 inches in dimension, arranged horizontally, printed in purple by the rotary process, and issued in sheets of 200 and cut into panes of 50 each. This stamp was first placed on sale September 27, 1944, at Washington, D.C.



The Battle for Corregidor was the culmination of the Japanese campaign for the conquest of the Philippines. The fall of Bataan on April 9, 1942 ended all organized opposition by the U.S. Army Forces Far East to the invading Japanese

forces. The island bastion of Corregidor, with its network of tunnels and formidable array of defensive armament, along with the fortifications across the entrance to Manila Bay, was the remaining obstacle to the 14th Japanese Imperial Army. The Japanese had to take Corregidor; as long as the island remained in American hands, they would be denied the use of the Manila Bay, the finest natural harbor in the Far East. The U.S. and Filipino army recaptured the island in 1945.

The central subject is a view of Corregidor, with the connecting Islands in the background on which were located Fort Drum, Fort Frank and Fort Hughes.

Why is it that if you cross the North Korean border illegally you get thrown into prison and get 12 years of hard labor... if you cross the Iranian border while out supposedly leisurely hiking in the hills you get arrested and imprisoned... but if you cross the U.S. border illegally you get a drivers license, a Social Security card and free health care. Who's bright idea was this?



The Chattanooga Stamp Club

The Chattanooga Stamp Club is affiliated with the American Philatelic Society and the Southeasten Federation of Stamp Clubs The club has been dedicated to the study, preservation, and promotion of the philatelic hobby since 1932.

-- CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2009 --

President: Trish Bowers Vice-President: OPEN
Secretary: Rebecca Gilbert Treasurer: Carl Anderson
Librarian: Ken Burnham

MEETINGS: Club meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at **EASTRIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST** located at **915 McBrien Rd** in Eastridge, TN. Meetings begin at **7.30 PM**. Come early and enjoy meeting the members as well as talking about stamps.

MEMBERSHIP: Chattanooga Stamp Club memberships are on a calendar year basis. Yearly dues are \$20.00. Send all monetary donations and membership dues to the club's Treasurer, Mr. Carl Anderson, 919 Dunsinane Rd., Signal Mountain, TN 37377.

CONTACT INFORMATION: For directions to the meetings, information pertaining to club membership and stamp collecting in general please contact our club president, Ms. Trish Bowers, at 423-899-0981.