

HUNTSVILLE PHILATELIC CLUB NEWSLETTER

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This newsletter is published monthly by the Huntsville Philatelic Club. Meetings are held on the First and Third Tuesdays of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fern Bell Recreation Center, 107A Sanders Road SW. Visitors are always welcome.

THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES

First Tuesday Meeting – Feb. 6

- Board Meeting at 6:45, then at 7:30 an interactive workshop for all new and experienced exhibitors, "How to Put Together a Philatelic Exhibit"

Second Tuesday Meeting – Feb. 20

- Member's Philatelic Auction Night at 7:00

NEW ISSUE STAMP NEWS

This month's HPC Newsletter e-Extra features the new *International Polar Year* souvenir sheet of two 84-cent international letter rate stamps issued to commemorate International Polar Year 2007-2008. Another feature of the e-Extra is the 2007 new issue first day city and date listing for all new stamps.

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Huntsville Philatelic Club - P O Box 4395
Huntsville, AL 35815-4395

Membership dues are payable in January. Annual dues are \$12.00 per individual or \$15.00 per family.

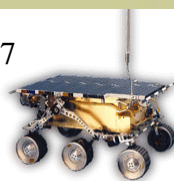
The HPC Newsletter may be downloaded from the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs' web site at www.stampclubs.com/news/news-huntsville.htm

STAMP CLUB NEWS

- We are saddened to announce John Hellerstedt, the club's first president in 1964, passed away recently in Atlanta. John's obituary appeared in The Atlanta Journal-Constitution Jan. 12th.
- A Board Meeting has been called for Feb. 6th at 6:45. The night's program will begin at 7:30, "How to Put Together a Philatelic Exhibit".
- A suggestion has been made to wear name tags at club meetings to enable our newer members to associate names and faces a little better. Why not.
- All membership dues are payable in January. If you were unable to attend a meeting in January please send your dues to the club treasurer.

HUNTSPEX 2007 NEWS

- The theme for HUNTSPEX 2007 is the 10th Anniversary of Mars Pathfinder and the landing of Sojourner.



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CLUB CALENDAR

Feb. 6	Board Meeting - 6:45 and "How to Put Together a Philatelic Exhibit" - 7:30
Feb. 20	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Mar. 6	Open
Mar. 20	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Apr. 3	Open
Apr. 17	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
May 1	HUNTSPEX Pre-show meeting
May 15	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
June 2-3	HUNTSPEX 2007 at Bevill Center
June 5	Open
June 19	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
July 3	HUNTSPEX Wrap-up meeting
July 17	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Aug. 7	Open
Aug. 21	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Sept. 4	Business Meeting & Club Elections
Sept. 18	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Oct. 2	Open
Oct. 16	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Nov. 6	Open
Nov. 20	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Dec. 4	Open
Dec. 18	Member's Philatelic Auction Night

AREA STAMP SHOWS

January 21-21 **Louisville**
Stamp Collectors Marketplace, Executive Inn,
Freedom Way at the Fairgrounds, Exit 11 off I-264,
Hours: Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-3, Steve Schinbeckler,
800-841-1245, sesatpands@aol.com

February 10-11 **ALAPEX**
Birmingham Philatelic Society, Bessemer Civic
Center, 1130 9th Ave., S.W. (Exit 108 on I-20/59),
Bessemer, Chris Oberholster, pangolin100@aol.com.

February 24-25 **Marietta**
Stamp Dealers Association of Georgia, The Center
for Family Resources, 995 Roswell St., Bourse Hrs:
Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4. Kim Conti, 770-425-6504

March 3-4 **KNOXPEX**
Knoxville Philatelic Society, Budget Inn of America,
323 N. Cedar Bluff Road, Knoxville. Contact Gerald
Schroedl, gschroe1@utk.edu; 865-974-1861
<http://www.stampclubs.com/knoxville/index.htm>

March 10-11 **Nashville Stamp Show**
Nashville Philatelic Society, Music Valley Event
Center, 2416 Music Valley Drive, Nashville. Contact

Bob Picirilli, repic@access4less.net;
www.nashvillephilatelic.org; 615-297-0183.

Mar 31-Apr 1 **Lexington Spring Stamp Show**
Henry Clay Philatelic Society, Inc., Springs Inn, 2020
Harrodsburg Rd., Lexington. Contact Paul C. Hager,
showchair@henryclayphilatelics.org.
www.henryclayphilatelic.org, 859-986-3414

April 14 **Stamp and Coin Show**
Montgomery Area Stamp Club, Holiday Inn, Cobbs
Ford Rd, Prattville, AL. Contact: Charles Lewis 334-
264-4740, clewis@stampclubs.com

June 2-3 **HUNTSPEX 2007**
Huntsville Philatelic Club, Bevill Center and Hotel,
University of Alabama in Huntsville, 301 Sparkman
Drive (I-565, exit 12). Contact Heinrich Hahn,
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http://www.stampshows.com/huntsville_hpc.html
<http://www.stampclubs.com/huntsville/images/PROSPECTUS2007.pdf>

2007 USPS NEW ISSUES

Jan 10 - Ella Fitzgerald - (1) 39c comm.
Jan 11 - Oklahoma Centennial - (1) 39c comm.
Jan 13 - Hershey's Kisses - (1) 39c comm.
Feb 21 - International Polar Year - (2) 84c stamp SS
Mar 15 - Henry W. Longfellow - (1) 39c comm.
Apr - Forever Stamp - (1) definitive, first class
Apr - Tiffany Lamp - (1) 1c definitive stamp
May - Silver Coffeepot - (1) 3c definitive stamp
May 5 - Jamestown settlement - (1) 42c comm. SS
May - Wedding Hearts - (1) 42c & (1) 62c special
May - James Stewart - (1) 42c comm.
May - Pollination - (4) 42c commemoratives
June - Alpine Tundra - (10) 42c commemoratives
June - Pacific Coast Lighthouses - (5) 42c comm.
July 26 - Marvel Comics - (10) 42c comm.
Aug 9 - Tiffany stained glass - (1) 42c comm.
Aug - Mahogany Speedboats - (4) 42c comm.
Aug - Disney Magic - (4) 42c comm. stamps
Sept - Jury Duty - (1) 42c comm. stamp
Oct 1 - Polar Lights - (2) 42c comm. stamps
Oct - Mendez v. Westminster - (1) 42c comm.
Oct 25 - Holiday Knits - (4) 42c special stamps
Oct 25 - Madonna and Child, Luini - (1) 42c stamp
Oct 26 - Eid - (1) 42c special stamp
Oct 26 - Kwanzaa - (1) 42c special stamp
Oct 26 - Hanukkah - (1) 42c special stamp

International Polar Year 2007-2008

In 2007, the U.S. Postal Service will issue a souvenir sheet of two 84-cent international letter rate stamps to commemorate International Polar Year 2007-2008.

Continuing the tradition of international cooperation that began with the first International Polar Year in 1882-1883, scientists from around the world will initiate a new era in polar research by participating in International Polar Year 2007-2008. Scientists will conduct field observations, research and analysis to build upon current knowledge and increase our understanding of the roles that both polar regions play in global processes.

Twelve countries participated in the first International Polar Year. Between 1881 and 1884, they sent several expeditions to the polar regions, established research stations and collected data. Their work, which involved some 700 men working under dangerous Arctic conditions, set a precedent for international scientific cooperation.

Approximately 40 countries participated in the second International Polar Year in 1932-1933. They established numerous permanent research stations in the Arctic and, according to the National Academy of Sciences, prompted "advances in meteorology, atmospheric sciences, geomagnetism and the 'mapping' of ionospheric phenomena that advanced radiosience and technology."

In 1957-1958, 67 nations were involved in the International Geophysical Year, which continued the legacy of international scientific cooperation while commemorating the 75th anniversary of the first International Polar Year.

At least 35 countries will take part in International Polar Year 2007-2008. This international effort will involve automatic observatories, satellite-based remote sensing, autonomous vehicles and the Internet. Various projects will incorporate biological, ecological and social science elements, offering researchers a better understanding of the causes and implications of changing ecosystems, coastal erosion and other phenomena. The International Polar Year will run from March 2007 through March 2009 to ensure that researchers can work in both polar regions during two full seasons.

This International Polar Year 2007-2008 souvenir sheet will be issued as part of a booklet of similar sheets jointly issued by eight countries: the United States, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. The U.S. sheet will also be available separately through U.S. Postal Service Stamp Fulfillment Services, and the two stamps on the sheet will also be issued as a pane of 20 under the title Polar Lights.

In 1958, the United States issued a three-cent stamp to commemorate the International Geophysical Year 1957-58. This souvenir sheet is the first U.S. issue to commemorate an International Polar Year.

The photograph of the aurora borealis, or northern lights, was made by Fred Hirschmann of Wasilla, AK. The photograph of the aurora australis, a phenomenon of the southern polar region, was made by Per-Andre Hoffmann of Stuttgart, Germany. The selvage photograph depicts a portion of the aurora borealis over Mt. McKinley in Denali National Park in Alaska and was made by Colin Tyler Bogucki of Minneapolis, MN.



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