

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 – Oct. 2
Stamp Collecting Definitions Quiz
presented by Jon Burger

Second Tuesday Meeting – Oct. 16
Member's Philatelic Auction Night

NEW ISSUE STAMP NEWS

This month's HPC Newsletter e-Extra features the new *Vintage Mahogany Speedboats* stamps. These four stamps, featuring vintage watercraft still in use today, showcase the polished mahogany, gleaming chrome hardware, and powerful engines that characterize America's historic wooden motorboats.

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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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

- Think you know stamps? Jon Berger will present a written terminology quiz at the October 2nd meeting. The member with the best score will win a valuable prize. It will be fun, educational, and perhaps profitable as well.
- The Southeastern Stamp Show will be held in Marietta, GA on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 28 & 29. This is our region's only national level, World Series of Philately accredited show. For more information and directions please see: <http://www.stampclubs.com/sestampshow.htm>
- The newly elected officers for the 2007-09 term are listed to the left, thanks for agreeing to serve the club in this important way. Also thanks to all our previous club officers and directors for their time and effort given in service to our club. Thanks to Kathy Campbell, Michael O'Reilly, Heinrich Hahn, Bob Adams, Ed Kazmierczak, Dave Nicolas, Fred Muhl, Wesley Swift, and Mary Shaw.
- Issues of the Postal Bulletin, the official source of updates to Postal Service policies and procedures, can be found at the web site: <http://www.usps.com/cpim/ftp/bulletin/pb.htm> This biweekly bulletin, published since March 4, 1880, includes new issue information, pictorial postmark announcements, and many other things a good postal clerk, and stamp collector, should know. You will gain a new found respect from your neighborhood postal clerk with just the mere mention of this little-known internal postal publication.

CLUB CALENDAR

Oct. 2	Stamp Collecting Definitions Quiz presented by Jon Burger
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
Jan. 1	Open
Jan. 15	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Feb. 5	Open
Feb. 19	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Mar. 4	Open
Mar. 18	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Apr. 1	Open
Apr. 15	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
May 6	Pre-HUNTSPEX 2008 Meeting
May 20	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Jun. 3	Open
Jun. 7 - 8	HUNTSPEX 2008

AREA STAMP SHOWS

September 28-29 Southeastern Stamp Show
Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs, Cobb County Civic Ctr., 548 S. Marietta Pkwy, Marietta. Contact Scott Mark, mark_s@bellsouth.net; www.stampclubs.com; 770-619-2917. **Please note: Show is Friday and Saturday only this year.**

October 13-14 MEMPHEX 2007
Memphis Stamp Collectors Society, Memphis Marriott East, 2625 Thousand Oaks Boulevard, Memphis, Contact William R. Bartlett, rbart1124@comcast.net; 901-753-9266.

October 27 GAPEX 2007
31th Annual CSRA Stamp Show, Greater Augusta Stamp Club, Americas Best Value Inn, 3023 Washington Road (at I-20 Exit), Augusta. Contact Peter Igel, igelsp@bellsouth.net; 706-868-6769.

February 9-10, 2008 ALAPEX
Birmingham Philatelic Society, Bessemer Civic Center, 1130 9th Ave., S.W. (Exit 108 on I-20/59) Bessemer. Contact Robert Hamill, 303-880-0986.

March 1-2 KNOXPEX 2008
Knoxville Philatelic Society, Budget Inn, Cedar Bluff Road at I-40 (Exit 378), West Knoxville, TN Contact: Jim Pettway, jbpettway@comcast.net

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.
Mar 16 - Silver Coffeepot - (1) 3c definitive
Mar 16 - Tiffany Lamp - (1) 1c definitive stamp
Apr 12 - Liberty Bell - (1) Forever 1st class stamp
Apr 12 - American Flag - (1) non-demon. 41c def.
May 6 - Air Force One - (1) Priority Env. \$4.60
May 6 - Marine One - (3) Express Mail Env \$16.25
May 11 - Jamestown settlement - (1) 39c comm. SS
May 12 - Florida Panther - (1) 26c definitive stamp
May 12 - Horses Stamped Env - (6) 41c envelope
May 12 - Pineapple - (1) 25c and (1) 52c postal card
May 12 - Great Seal - (1) 41c Official Mail Env.
May 12 - Navajo Necklace - (1) 2c definitive stamp
May 14 - Bighorn Sheet - (1) 17 c definitive stamp
May 25 - Star Wars Souv. Sheet - (15) 41c comm.
June 1 - Hagatna Bay - (1) 90c airmail definitive
June 1 - Okefenokee Swamp - (1) 69c airmail def.
June 13 - Air Force One - (1) \$4.60 Priority Mail
June 13 - Marine One - (1) \$16.25 Express Mail
June 13 - Harriet Beecher Stowe - (1) 75c def.
June 13 - Margaret Chase Smith - (1) 58c def.
June 21 - Pacific Coast Lighthouses - (5) 41c comm.
June 25 - Great Seal - (1) 41c official stamp
June 27 - Silver Hearts - (1) 41c & (1) 58c special
June 29 - Pollination - (4) 41c commemoratives
July 4 - Patriotic Banner - (1) 10c non-den. def.
July 19 - Chippendale Chair - (1) 4c def. stamp
July 26 - Marvel Comics - (20) 41c comm.
Aug 4 - Mahogany Speedboats - (4) 41c comm.
Aug 9 - Louis Comfort Tiffany - (1) 41c comm.
Aug 10 - Flower Blossoms - (10) 41c comm..
Aug 15 - American Flag - (1) 41c def. stamp
Aug 16 - Disney Magic - (4) 41c comm. stamps
Aug 17 - Celebrate - (1) 41c special stamp
Aug 17 - James Stewart - (1) 41c comm.
Aug 28 - Alpine Tundra - (10) 41c commemoratives
Aug 31 - Gerald Ford - (1) 41c commemorative
Sept 12 - Jury Duty - (1) 41c comm. stamp
Sept 14 - Mendez v. Westminster - (1) 41c comm.
Sept 28 - Eid - (1) 41c special holiday stamp
Oct 1 - Polar Lights - (2) 41c comm. stamps
Oct 25 - Yoda - (1) 41c commemorative
Oct 25 - Holiday Knits - (4) 41c special stamps
Oct 25 - Madonna and Child, Luini - (1) 41c stamp
Oct 26 - Kwanzaa - Hanukkah (2) 41c stamps

Vintage Mahogany Speedboats

This August the Postal Service is celebrating vintage mahogany speedboats. These four stamps showcase the polished mahogany and gleaming chrome hardware that characterize the nation's historic wooden motorboats. These vintage watercraft, still in use today, were built by four manufacturers. The stamps depict these boats: *Frolic*, a 1915 Hutchinson Brothers launch, *Dispatch*, a 1931 Gar Wood triple cockpit runabout, *Thunderbird*, a 1939 Hacker-Craft commuter boat, and *Duckers*, a 1954 Chris-Craft Racing Runabout.

The selvaige features a recent photograph of *Miss Columbia* by Benjamin Mendlowitz. The boat is a modern re-creation of the original *Miss Columbia*, designed by George F. Crouch and built in 1924. Robert Devens of Green Cove Springs, FL, owns the replica and berths her for the summer on the Muskoka Lakes of Ontario, Canada.

1915 Hutchinson Brothers Launch

A popular style for touring and commuting, the long-deck launch was offered with a four- or six-cylinder marine engine capable of reaching 30 mph.

Powered by a 110-horsepower, six-cylinder Chrysler Crown engine, the attractive 30-foot craft on the stamp was custom-built in 1915 by Hutchinson Brothers Boat Co., Alexandria Bay, NY. *Frolic* owners Bill and Tish Kartoizian of Danville, CA, dock her on Lake Tahoe.

1931 Gar Wood Triple Cockpit Runabout

Gar Wood 33-foot triple cockpit runabouts are considered some of the finest runabouts produced by the famous boatbuilding firm in Marysville, MI. Elegant and powerful, these craft were offered with either a Scripps V-12 or a Gar Wood Liberty V-12 engine and were capable of exceeding 50 mph.

Manufactured in 1931, the runabout appearing on the stamp has a 650-horsepower, 12-cylinder Rolls Royce engine. Named *Dispatch*, she is owned by Tom and Maurine Turner of Carnelian Bay, CA. Her Lake Tahoe berth is next to Turner's Gar Woods Grill and Pier Restaurant.

1939 Hacker-Craft

Based on the streamlined designs of John Hacker,

Thunderbird is a 55-foot commuter boat featuring a distinctive stainless-steel cabin top that was built for millionaire George Whittell, who was fascinated with the latest aircraft, automobile and boat technology. Enamored with the lines of his personal DC-2 airplane, Whittell requested *Thunderbird's* hull and cockpit be built to resemble the fuselage of his twin-engine aircraft. Built in 1939 by the Huskins Boat Co. of Bay City, MI, *Thunderbird's* original twin 550-horsepower Kermath engines were replaced in the 1960s with twin 1000-horsepower Allison V-12 aircraft engines. The Hacker-Craft is owned by Joan Gibb of Incline Village, NV, and is berthed in the original boathouse built and designed by George Whittell in 1940 for the *Thunderbird*. The boathouse is connected to the main house by a 600-foot tunnel that was blasted through granite at the Thunderbird Lodge Historic Site on LakeTahoe.

1954 Chris-Craft Racing Runabout

A steady seller since 1936, the Racing Runabout exemplified Chris-Craft speed and design through 1954. Updated after World War II, the 19-foot model features a split cockpit and gleaming deck hardware. With its 158-horsepower MBL engine, this craft can exceed 40 mph. Chris-Craft runabouts remain a popular model among classic boaters who enjoy their sporty performance.

Duckers, built in 1954 in Cadillac, MI, has a 158-horsepower, six-cylinder Chris-Craft Hercules engine. She is owned by William and Nancy Kehoe of Loomis CA, who boat with her on Lake Tahoe and the Sacramento Delta.



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2007 NEW ISSUE DATES AND FIRST DAY CITY INFORMATION

Date	Stamp Issue	Denom	Type	Format	p/c	First Day City
Jan 10	Ella Fitzgerald	1-39c	Commemorative	Pane of 20	p	New York, NY 10199
Jan 11	Oklahoma Centennial	1-39c	Commemorative	Pane of 20		Oklahoma City, OK 73125
Jan 13	Hershey's Kiss	1-39c	Special (love series)	Pane of 20	c	Hershey, PA 17033
Feb 21	International Polar Year	2-84c	Commemoratives	SS of 2		Fairbanks, AK 99709
Mar 15	Henry W. Longfellow	1-39c	Commemorative	Pane of 20	p	New York, NY 10199
Mar 16	Silver Coffeepot	1-3c	Definitive	Pane of 20		New York, NY 10199
Mar 16	Tiffany Lamp	1-1c	Definitive	2 varieties		New York, NY 10199
Apr 12	Liberty Bell Forever Stamp	1-41c	Definitive	5 varieties		Philadelphia, PA 19104
Apr 12	American Flag NonDenom	1-41c	Definitive	7 varieties		Washington, DC 20066
May 6	Air Force One	1-\$4.60	Priority Mail Env.	Envelope		Kansas City, MO 64108
May 6	Marine One / Star Wars	3-16.25	Express Mail Env.	Set of 3		Kansas City, MO 64108
May 11	Jamestown Settlement	1-39c	Commemorative	Pane of 20	c	Jamestown, VA 23081
May 12	Florida Panther	1-26c	Definitive			Washington, DC 20066
May 12	Horses Stamped Env.	1-41c	Stamped Envelope	6 varieties		Washington, DC 20066
May 12	Pineapple	1-26/52	Postal Cards	2 types		Washington, DC 20066
May 12	Great Seal	1-41c	Official Mail Env.	No. 10 size		Washington, DC 20066
May 12	Navajo Necklace	1-2c	Definitive	Pane of 20		Washington, DC 20066
May 14	Bighorn Sheet	1-17c	Definitive	Pane & coil		Washington, DC 20066
May 25	Star Wars Souv. Sheet	15-41c	Souvenir Sheet	Pane of 15		Los Angeles, CA 90052
May 25	Star Wars Postal Cards	15-26c	Postal Cards	Set of 15		Los Angeles, CA 90052
June 1	Hagatna Bay	1-90c	Airmail Definitive	Pane of 20		Barrigada, Guam 96913
June 1	Okefenokee Swamp	1-69c	Airmail Definitive	Pane of 20		McLean, VA 22101
June 13	Air Force One	1-4.60	Priority Mail Stamp	Pane of 20		Washington, DC 20066
June 13	Marine One	1-16.25	Express Mail Stamp	Pane of 20		Washington, DC 20066
June 13	Harriet Beecher Stowe	1-75c	Definitive	Pane of 20		Washington, DC 20066
June 13	Margaret Chase Smith	1-58c	Definitive	Pane of 20		Washington, DC 20066
June 21	Pacific Coast Lighthouses	5-41c	Commemoratives	Pane of 20	c	Westport, WA 98595
June 21	Pacific Coast Lighthouses	5-26c	Picture Postal Cards	Book of 20	c	Westport, WA 98595
June 25	Great Seal	1-41c	Official Stamp	Coil		Kansas City, MO 64108
June 27	Silver Wedding Hearts	1-41c	Special (wedding)	Pane of 20	c	Washington, DC 20066
June 27	Silver Wedding Hearts	1-58c	Special (wedding)	Pane of 20	c	Washington, DC 20066
June 29	Pollination	4-41c	Commemoratives	2 varieties	c	Washington, DC 20066
July 4	Patriotic Banner	1-10c	Non-denominated	Coil		Washington, DC 20066
July 19	Chippendale Chair	1-4c	Definitive	Coil		Washington, DC 20066
July 26	Marvel Comics	20-41c	Commemoratives	Pane of 20	p/c	San Diego, CA 92199
July 26	Marvel Comics	20-26c	Picture Postal Cards	Book of 20		San Diego, CA 92199
Aug 4	Mahogany Speedboats	4-41c	Commemoratives	Pane of 20		Clayton, NY 13624
Aug 9	Tiffany stained glass	1-41c	Commemorative	Pane of 20		Portland, OR 97208
Aug 10	Flower Blossoms	10-41c	Commemorative	Pane & coil		Portland, OR 97208
Aug 15	American Flag	1-41c	Definitive	Various		Washington, DC 20066
Aug 16	Disney Magic	4-41c	Commemoratives	Pane of 20	p/c	Orlando, FL 32862
Aug 16	Disney Magic	4-24c	Picture Postal Cards	Book of 20		Orlando, FL 32862
Aug 17	Celebrate	1-41c	Special Stamp	Pane of 20		Stamford, CT 06907
Aug 17	Jimmy Stewart	1-41c	Commemorative	Pane of 20	c	Los Angeles, CA 90052
Aug 28	Alpine Tundra	10-41c	Commemoratives	SS of 10		Estes Park, CO 80517
Aug 31	Gerald Ford	1-41c	Commemorative	Pane of 20		Grand Rapids, MI Rancho Mirage, CA
Sept 12	Jury Duty	1-41c	Commemorative	Pane of 20		New York, NY 10199
Sept 14	Mendez v. Westminster	1-41c	Commemorative	Pane of 20		Santa Ana, CA 92711
Sept 28	Eid	1-41c	Special (holiday)	Pane of 20		Washington, DC 20066
Oct 1	Polar Lights	2-41c	Commemoratives	Pane of 20	c	Washington, DC 20066
Oct 25	Yoda	1-41c	Commemorative	Pane of 20		New York, NY 10199
Oct 25	Christmas Knits	4-41c	Special (holiday)	Pane of 20	c	New York, NY 10199
Oct 25	Madonna and Child, Luini	1-41c	Special (holiday)	Pane of 20		New York, NY 10199
Oct 26	Kwanzaa	1-41c	Special (holiday)	Pane of 20		New York, NY 10199
Oct 26	Hanukkah	1-41c	Special (holiday)	Pane of 20		New York, NY 10199

p = Pictorial first day postmark c = Digital color postmark

New information printed in **bold**

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