



Columbia Philatelic Society

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Commentary and updates: September is here and isn't the cooler weather a nice change? Don't forget our September meeting **next** Sunday.

We still have two stock books left with over \$200 of face value U. S. mint never hinged stamps. The price is \$100. If you missed the sale last month, this is your second chance to have almost a complete set of stamps from the late 1930's to 2004 with some high values included. We also have a few lots of other stamps from the donated collection.



Don't forget about our stamp show coming up Friday and Saturday, October 10 – 11. **We need volunteers beginning at 8 a.m. Friday to assist vendors and to set up the gymnasium. We'll also need volunteers Saturday afternoon to break down the tables and help vendors wrap things up.**

Our 90th anniversary as a stamp club is going to be celebrated at our regular meeting, October 19. We've reserved a larger room for the occasion. Treasurer Bob Anderson is putting together a historical PowerPoint presentation. If you have anything of historical value that can be used by Bob, bring it with you this Sunday or get it to Bob later.

Home bound member Bruce LaFleur has a world-wide collection that was in two Scott International Albums. He decided to put the countries in alphabetical order in three-ring binders. All the pages have been transferred so if anyone needs some free international binders, let me or Bruce know.

Bob Wilson has donated a set of 2002 Scott catalogs. They include all six volumes. They're available to borrow. The Irmo Public Library and the Lexington County Library also have a set as does the Richland County Library, downtown.

Fred McGary

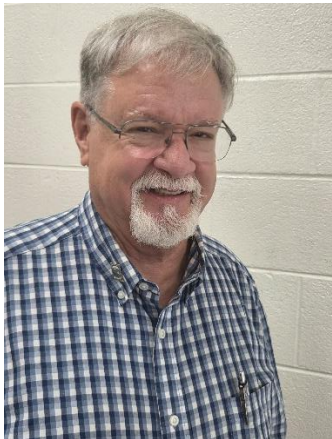


The next meeting will be **Sunday, September 21**, 2 p.m. at the TRI-CITY LEISURE CENTER, 485 Brooks Avenue, West Columbia.



A very Happy September Birthday to: Andy Banco (5); Phil Shepard (9); Jim Richardson (17); Wayne Peelman (18). Congratulations and many, many more.

SHOW & TELL:



“My wife and I just returned from a road trip across the country,” said Bob Anderson. “There was one place I knew I was going to visit, a place known to me from my childhood because I’m a stamp collector,” he added.

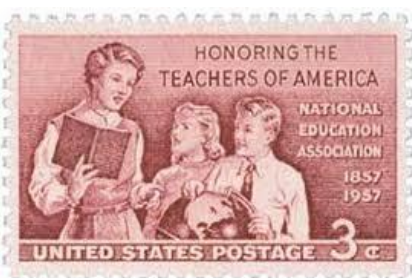
He’s always wanted to visit the Palace of the Governors in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The Spanish built it starting in 1610. It’s the oldest remaining government building in the



United States. “Today, it’s a museum,” he said. “The stamp was issued June 17, 1960 when first class postage was four cents. In January 1963 the rate was increased to five cents so a block of four neatly paid the first-class postage using this stamp,” Anderson added.

Bob Anderson

“We don’t have many holidays in August,” said Rick Miller, “However, there are these special days.”



In 1957, a Stamp honoring teachers and the National Education Association was issued in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania





commemorating the 100th anniversary of the NEA. The PTA stamp was issued in 1972, the 75th year of the Parent-Teacher Association and the iconic yellow school bus was issued in 2023. If you look at the clock on the school, it's set for 7:50 a.m. which is generally the time children get to school.

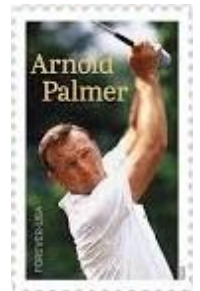
“This is also Motor Sport Awareness Month,” said Miller. This stamp was issued in 2011, because on May 30, 1911, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway held its first 200 lap, 500-mile race. Forty drivers were entered, including Ray Harroun, a retired race car driver and engineer.



Harroun came out of retirement, tuned up his #32 Marmon Wasp racer, and wound up on row seven, in the 28th starting position, far behind the pole position. His car was unique because it had the engine under the hood. After jockeying for the lead, challenging Ralph Mulford in a more powerful car, Harroun pulled ahead when Mulford had to change tires. He won the race in six hours, 42 minutes at an average speed of 74 miles per hour.

“Several people accused Harroun of recklessness as the only driver in the race without a spotter riding alongside him,” Miller advised. “He had a new contraption on the car, called the rear-view mirror,” Miller added.

This is also National Golf Month. **Bobby Jones**, an icon in the game of golf won his first tournament at age six. At age 21 he was the U. S. Open Champion. He founded the Augusta National Golf Course, the site of the Master's Classic each year.



Babe Zaharias excelled in basketball, baseball, track & field and golf. In 1938 she became the first woman to compete in a men's golf event. She won the U. S. Woman's Amateur tournament in 1946. The following year she won 17 straight golf championships and in 1948 she won the U. S. Women's Open title. She also helped found the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA). **Francis Ouimet** was an amateur golfer who popularized the sport in the United States. At age 21 he entered the U. S. Open at The Country Club in Brookline, Massachusetts. Asking a 10-year old friend to be his caddie, he wound up in a three-way tie for the lead with two British golfers. The following day he beat them for the title. **Arnold Palmer** was the first to win the Master's Tournament four times and the first to win \$1 million on the tour. During his career he won 92 tournaments and attracted a fan base known as “Arnie's Army.” He was one of the most liked and approachable golfers on the tour.

Rick Miller

BOSTON 2026 WORLD EXPO

In an effort to facilitate the seamless entry of philatelic material carried by international commissioners and dealers into the United States, the Boston 2026 Organizing Committee has appointed Dr. Mitchell Zais as the exhibition's Government Relations Chairman.



“Mick,” a member of the Columbia, S. C. stamp club, is best known in the philatelic world as an accomplished specialist and exhibitor of first day covers of the Army stamps of the U. S. Army-Navy Series of 1936-1937. He's been an American Philatelic Society member for nearly 50 years, serving as an APS vice president and later, APS president.

In his role as Government Relations Chair, Mick will be planning and coordinating interactions between the federal government and the Boston 2026 team.

Mick is a U. S. Army West Point graduate, eventually reaching the rank of Brigadier General. He also holds a doctoral degree from the University of Washington. Among his assignments over 31 years was as the commanding general of U. S. and Allied forces in Kuwait, and the Pentagon's chief of war plans. On retirement from the Army, he became president of Newberry College. This was followed by his election as South Carolina Superintendent of Education. In 2018, Mick became the U. S. Deputy Secretary of Education, assuming the position of Acting Secretary of Education in 2021.

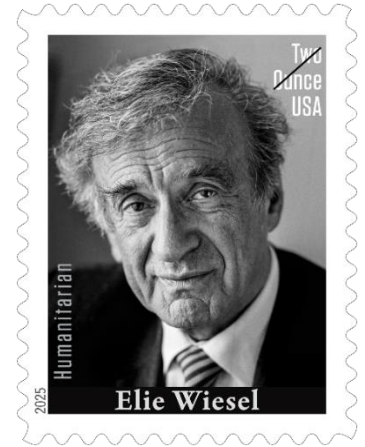
Boston 2026 World Expo takes place May 23 – 30, 2026, at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. Full details can be found at www.Boston2026.org and on “x” and Facebook. *(submitted by the Boston 2026 committee)*

COLUMBIA'S WINTER STAMP SHOW

The Winter Stamp Show will be held FRIDAY, October 11 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on SATURDAY, October 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please notice the change in days.

“We expect to have our full complement of dealers on hand,” said Fred McGary, club president, “and they will be available to evaluate and estimate the value of collections brought by the general public.” The event will take place at our usual meeting place, the Tri-City Leisure Center, 485 Brooks Avenue, West Columbia. Club members will be exhibiting their collections, which range from topicals to variations on individual stamps to autographs on first day covers and everything in between. There will be a special “kid's table” for youngsters interested in the hobby. Admission and parking are free and there are door prizes every hour.

NEW STAMP ISSUES FOR SEPTEMBER:



William F. Buckley, Jr.	Sept. 9	New Haven, Ct. 06511
Holiday Cheer	Sept. 13	Washington, D. C. 20066
Elie Wiesel	Sept. 17	New York City, N. Y. 10199
Winter Landscapes	Sept. 19	Danville, Indiana 46122