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Commentary and updates: I can't believe it's August and time for school to start. I remember when I was a child school began on Tuesday after Labor Day. That was a couple of years ago, of course.

You don't want to miss the next meeting on August 17th. We'll have the highly anticipated auction of the large collection that was donated to the club. Several of us took the plate blocks and made four sets of single mint, never hinged, stamps and put them into stock books.

There are over 1,000 stamps in each book with a face value of over \$200. The stamps start with some late 1930's issues and continue until 2004. The commemoratives are mostly complete from 1940 to 1999, missing some se-tenant blocks.



The 1980 to 1985 Great Americans set is complete, as is the 1986 to 1994 set which also includes the high values, the \$1 Bernard Revel, the \$2 William Jennings Bryan, and the \$5 Bret Harte. There are some other high value stamps so bring your checkbook, raid the piggy bank or bring cash. Opening bid will be \$100 and you can own one of four sets at a bargain price.



There are a couple of shows coming up: GASPEX, the Georgia stamp, postcard and ephemera show, August 22 – 23 at Mimm's Museum of Technology and Art, 5000 Commerce Parkway, Roswell, Georgia. Friday: 10 – 5; Saturday: 10 – 4.

GWINNPEX 2025 Stamp Show is Friday, Nov. 7 (10-5) and Saturday, Nov. 8 (10-5) at the Mountain Park United Methodist Church Family Life Center, 1405 Rockbridge Rd., Stone Mountain, Ga.

For you coin collectors, the S. C. Numismatic Association's convention and show is October 23 – 25 at the Greenville Convention Center, 1 Exposition Drive, Greenville.



The next meeting will be **Sunday, August 17**, 2 p.m. at the TRI-CITY LEISURE CENTER, 485 Brooks Avenue, West Columbia.



A very Happy Birthday to: D. C. Locke (7); and Bob Anderson (21).
Congratulations and many, many more.

PROGRAMS: ANOTHER STAMP MUSEUM

In last October’s newsletter, we learned about the National Stamp Museum in the nation’s capital. There’s another one much closer, only 100 miles away in Charleston, South Carolina.

On the corner of Meeting Street and Broad Street is the Exchange Building built in 1896 as a post office and courthouse. It was built on the



site of a former police station that was leveled during the earthquake of 1886. It’s also the oldest continuously operated post office in the Carolinas.

“The post office occupies the first floor of the building and it’s decorated with carved Mahogany woodwork, a marble staircase, brass and ironwork and stone columns. The second floor contains a paneled Victorian courthouse,” Jerry Emanuel described.

As you walk through the front door of the museum, this local mail carrier, dressed in period costume greets you.

This replica of a post office window shows a female clerk willing and able to sell you postal products.

“It’s a small museum inside the main post office and it’s full of historical memorabilia,” Emanuel added.



Jerry Emanuel

SHOW & TELL: “It’s July,” said Rick Miller, “and time for a review of stamps honoring events which happened this month.”



July 4 is not only Independence Day but the day we honor Charles Lutwidge Dodgen, better known as Lewis Carroll, the author of *Alice in Wonderland*.

Dodgen often told stories to children. On July 4, 1862, he told a friend’s daughter, Alice, a story of a girl falling down a rabbit hole and the adventures she had in Wonderland.

Dodgen eventually wrote the story on paper and had it published in 1865.

July 5 is National Hawaii Day which recognizes the 50th state and its heritage, beauty and achievements. Duke Kahanamoku, a native Hawaiian popularized the sport of surfing. He was also a five-time Olympic medalist in swimming, winning medals in 1912, 1920 and 1924.



July 7 is National Rock & Roll Day. Blending blues, Rhythm and blues and country music, rock & roll made its debut in the 1950’s with Bill Haley’s “Rock Around the Clock.” Disc Jockeys like Alan Freed promoted the genre on radio and with live performances. It was Alan Freed who coined the term rock & roll.

July 20 is National Moon Day honoring America’s achievements in space exploration.

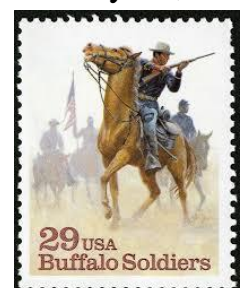


July 27 is National Korean War Veterans Day, a day set aside to honor those who fought in the Korean War. The Korean conflict, which started on June 25, 1950 was the first time American troops fought under the flag of the United Nations. The truce was declared July 27,

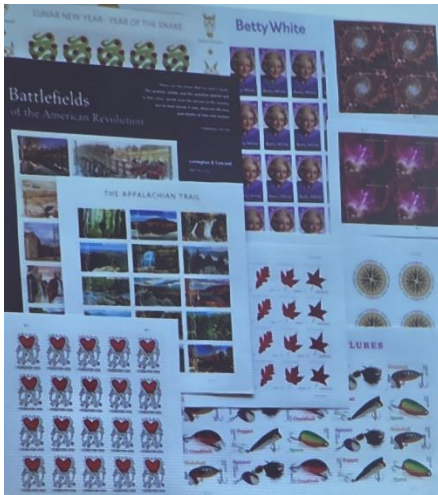


1953. The Korean War never ended with a peace treaty.

July 28 is Buffalo Soldiers Day honoring African-American soldiers who patrolled the west after the civil war. Native Americans gave them their name.

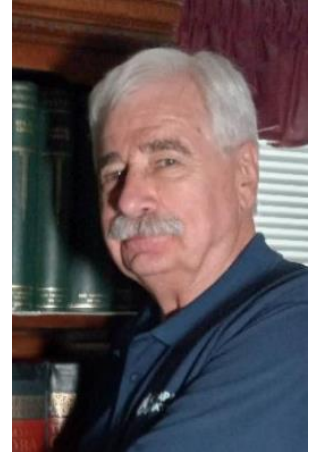


Rick Miller



“This is a compilation of about ten issues from 2025,” said David Crone, “and as far as I know, every single issue has a counterfeit, including SpongeBob Square-Pants and it’s just been issued by the USPS.”

David and a fellow collector in Amsterdam have been following the counterfeit stamp trade for years.



“In the U. S., if the postal service determines you have a counterfeit they will probably send it to you postage due and they have been especially doing it on packages and parcels,” he warned. David said some of these counterfeits are available, not only online, but also at places like “Mailbox are us” and at the corner store. “There are also unscrupulous postal employees who may come into work with counterfeits and sell them during the day and pocket the money. If you don’t get a receipt, you may have just bought a counterfeit,” he added.



Put on your eyeglasses, take out the magnifying glass. One of these Compass Rose stamps is a phony.

“The postal service cannot sell anything for less than face value so, if you’re offered stamps at half-price they’re probably counterfeit,” David mentioned.

If you plan to collect counterfeits, David has some suggestions. “Make sure they’re in a separate collection far from anything else you collect because you **will** get them confused,” he cautioned. He also advised if you’re selling counterfeits to clearly mark them as such.

“The U. S. Postal Inspection Service has a counterfeit reporting hotline (1-877-876-2455) so if you suspect someone is selling counterfeits, notify the post office. The USPS is losing around \$150 million a year because of counterfeiting. It’s one reason postage rates keep increasing,” he said.

By the way, the stamp on the left is the counterfeit.

(For more on counterfeits, see the February 2024 and August 2024 issues of this newsletter.)

David Crone

“I don’t collect stamps,” said Hannah Tveden, “but I do collect letters.”

“I have this one from 1946,” she said, “where it originally went to someone in Georgia.” She said the letter is from a lady in China. It then went to Atlanta and finally found its home here in Columbia.

She read the letter and considered what to do with it. The chances are slim the original occupants of the house still live there, but

“I’m sending it to the local Columbia address which gives me a chance to use my stamps,” she advised. “I’m including a postcard with my name and address on it, so they can comment on receiving it seventy-nine years later.”



Hannah Tveden



Alex Haimann receives an APS award

Columbia Philatelic Society honorary member, Alex Haimann has been selected to receive an American Philatelic Society’s 2025 Ernest A. Kehr award for lasting contributions that help secure the future of stamp collecting.

A stamp collector since he was 7 he has inspired younger generations to embrace the hobby he loves so well.

Starting this year, he’s writing a regular column for the American Philatelist, the magazine of the APS.

NEW STAMP ISSUES:



Postage rates have
Increased:
First Class:
78 cents
Postcards:
61 cents

Aug. 1 – SpongeBob SquarePants – New York, NY 10199

Aug. 14 – Boston 2026 – Schaumburg, Illinois 60194

Aug. 16 – Luna Moth – Schaumburg, Illinois 60194