



Columbia Philatelic Society

APS chapter #043067

June 2023 Newsletter

Editor: Jerry Emanuel

Commentary and updates: June greetings to everyone! Happy Father's Day (18th), birthdays and anniversaries to those who are celebrating.

Welcome to our newest member, Rev. Fred Davis of Florence. He's a collector of mainly U.S. but he has 'broad interest' in U.S. philately. Thanks for joining us.

Thanks to everyone who had input in our by-law's discussion. At Sunday's meeting we'll vote on the final draft (no discussion) so join us to have your say.

We'll have another philatelic sale of items brought by members. Exhibit space has been expanded. Please limit your items to no more than 10 to accommodate everyone. This will be a buy/sell so use the forms provided. You have the option to keep the proceeds or donate them to the club. Indicate on the form your intentions and add your name as seller.

We welcomed and honored two members, Annette Metz and Harold Kline, as Honorary Members for their long service. Harold is expected to attend Sunday's meeting. Thanks to both for your service.

The primary business on the 18th will be voting on the revised by-laws.

The Great American Stamp Show (GASS) is in Cleveland, Ohio August 11 – 13. I'll be attending along with a friend from Hendersonville, N.C. There's room for one more person. See me if you're interested in going. CHARPEX is July 29 – 30 in Charlotte.

Our summer stamp show is August 19 – 20 at Spring Valley High School. Plan to volunteer to set up, tear down, put out signs and work the registration table during the two-day event. We need a theme so put your thinking caps on. Let Mark Postmus (mapostmus@yahoo.com) or me know (johnwowensr@gmail.com).

If no one else has the program this month, I'll present a quick overview of a longer program on Special Handling U. S. Postage of the 1912 – 1955 era. Sunday's program will include Parcel Post, Parcel Post Due, and special handling as a preview for a later program.

Refreshments at the 18th meeting are being provided by Dale Carruth, Annette Metz and Louise Moeller. I plan to make a proposal for a special July meeting social and refreshments. A sign-up list will be available to volunteer to bring watermelon, ice cream, lemonade, cupcakes, sodas and water. Partial reimbursement will be available.

John Owen



The next meeting will be Sunday, June 18, 2 p.m. at the TRI-CITY LEISURE CENTER, 485 Brooks Avenue, West Columbia.



A very Happy Birthday to these members: Fred Monk (4th) and Becky Ferguson (19th)
Congratulations and many, many more.

PROGRAMS: COMIC STRIPS ON STAMPS

The Yellow Kid is considered to be the first comic strip. In 1895, Richard Outcault drew a series of panels where the action of his characters took place. His other contribution was placing dialog in balloons pointing to each character. The strip appeared in the *New York World* newspaper.

In 1912, the *New York Evening Journal* was the first newspaper to dedicate a whole page to comic strips.

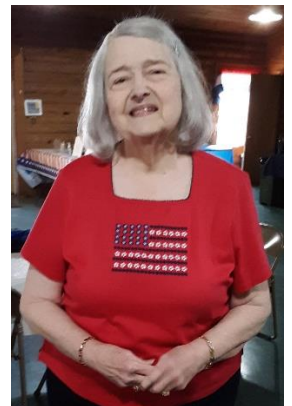
In 1995 the Postal Service recognized these first comic strips celebrating the first 50 years with a sheet of 20 stamps, including the Yellow Kid, Gasoline Alley, Kit Kat, Prince Valient, Nancy and Dick Tracy, among others. Remember, Dick Tracy had a wrist-radio to keep in touch with headquarters? Al Gross actually created one in the 1940's and gave the idea to cartoonist Chester Gould.

“In 1997, the USPS, created the first Bugs Bunny stamp,” Dale Carruth said. “It was the first of five booklets featuring Looney Tunes from Warner Bros.”

One year later Sylvester and Tweety Bird graced a postage stamp. “If you’ll look at the mailboxes,” Carruth said, “it’s always the same mailboxes on every one of the stamps in the series.”

Daffy Duck made his appearance in 1999. “The Daffy Duck stamp had a second day cancellation at all the Wal-Mart stores in the

country,” Carruth added, “I went to the one in Columbia and got a first day cover. I sent one to my sister in Conway and she went to a Wal-Mart there and sent me one cancelled in Conway. The Conway cancellation had all three issues affixed; Bugs Bunny, Sylvester and Tweety and Daffy Duck.”



Wiley Coyote was chasing the Road Runner in 2000. “I always felt sorry for Wiley Coyote. No matter what he did, no matter what he bought, he never caught the Road Runner,” Carruth lamented.

The fifth and final stamp in the Looney Tunes series pictured Porky Pig as a mail carrier wearing a leather U.S. mailbag and standing near ‘that’ wooden mailbox. It was issued on October 1, 2001. His famous saying, “That’s all Folks,” is a fitting tribute to the final issue in this series.



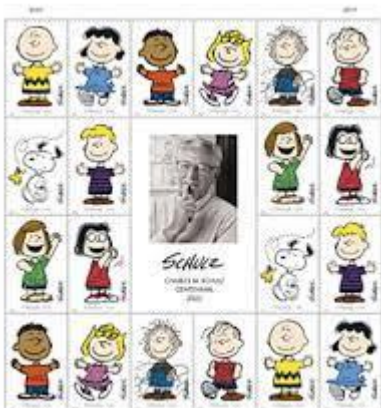
“There’s another thing about these booklets,” Carruth said. “There were two different ones; one they sold to the public and one they sold as a kit. They had 10 on a page and the 10th stamp was an imperforate on some of them,” she added.

In 2001 it was Snoopy on his doghouse from the *Peanuts* comic strip. The Beagle, dressed in his WWI flying ace uniform was still looking for the Red Baron.

In 2009 the Simpson’s were featured. “I don’t know if they were in the funny papers or not, but it is a comic, so I added it,” Carruth said. “There were five different booklet covers, one for each of the stamps. I have booklets with Bart, Marge and Lisa on them,” she said.

In 2010 the USPS issued the “Sunday Funnies” including Beetle Bailey, Calvin & Hobbes, Archie, Garfield and Dennis the Menace. Five years later Charlie Brown and his friends took center stage. Scooby Doo was featured in 2018. Bugs came back with 10 issues in a booklet and, this year Charles Schultz got the nod along with his cast of wonderful characters.

“As Porky would say, ‘That’s all Folks’,” concluded Carruth.



Dale Carruth

HE FINANCED THE REVOLUTION:

Haym Salomon was born April 7, 1740 in Leszno, Poland. As a young man, he traveled throughout Western Europe and learned a great deal about finance and other languages.

He returned to Poland in 1770, and spent some time in England before emigrating to the United States in 1775.

In New York City, Salomon found great success as a financial broker for merchants conducting overseas trade. He sympathized with the revolutionary cause in America and joined the Sons of Liberty, a clandestine political organization active in the 13 American colonies founded to advance the rights of the colonists and to fight taxation.

In September 1776, he was arrested by the British for being a spy. They pardoned him, but forced him to stay on a British ship for 18 months interpreting for the Hessian (German) soldiers. Salomon complied, but also used this time to free some of the American prisoners on the ship and encouraged the Hessians to abandon their support of the British.

Salomon was finally released but arrested again in 1778. He was sentenced to death, but was able to escape by bribing a jailer. He made his way to Philadelphia and resumed work as a broker.

In 1781, George Washington had trapped British Lt. Gen. Charles Cornwallis at Yorktown. He was unable to launch the battle because he and Congress didn't have enough money to provide food, uniforms or supplies for the troops. He estimated he would need \$20,000 to cover the costs. When told the country didn't have the funds, Washington replied, "Send for Haym Salomon." Salomon raised the money by selling bills of exchange enabling Washington to lead the successful Battle of Yorktown.

He also offered low-interest loans to members of Congress and never asked for their reimbursement.

Between 1781 and 1784, Salomon contributed much of his own fortune to the American cause. He also raised more than \$650,000 (\$338,000,000 in today's dollars) to the American war effort.

He successfully pushed for the Pennsylvania Council of Censors to remove the religious oath which was required when running for office.

Salomon died on January 8, 1785 from tuberculosis he contracted in prison. He died in poverty, having given all his fortune to the American war effort.



NEW STAMP ISSUE:

Twelve issues of waterfalls around the country.
Issued June 13 in Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming.

On the first row: Deer Creek Falls, Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona; Nevada Fall, Yosemite National Park, California; Harrison Wright Falls, Ricketts Glen State Park, Pennsylvania and Lower Falls of the Yellowstone River, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming.

On the second row: Waimoku Falls, Haleakala National Park, Hawaii; Stewart Falls, Mount Timpanogos Wilderness, Utah; Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls State Park, New York; and Dark Hollow Falls, Shenandoah National Park, Virginia.

The bottom row: Grotto Falls, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Tennessee; Sunbeam Falls, Mount Rainier National Park, Washington; LaSalle Canyon Waterfall, Starved Rock State Park, Oglesby, Illinois and Upper Falls, Blue Ridge Parkway, North Carolina.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION:



Annette Metz and Harold Kline were awarded Life Membership at the May meeting. Both have been members for decades. Their dedication, support and service to the CPS was highlighted by President John Owen.



MEMBERSHIP:

We welcome our newest members:



Midge Mirabella, a member of APS from Eastover, South Carolina

Fred Davis, an APS member from Florence, South Carolina. His interests lie in early United States and patriotic covers.

Jaime Knudson, of Columbia.