

"NEW BLOOD" IN THE CLUB
by Edward Saunders, Jr.

(Inspired from an article by David U. Groves
in Global Stamp News, October 1995)

One problem that has concerned me is the lack of young people in the club. Now one may say why does this concern me? Well, should you or I ever get to the point in our lives where we would like to sell our collections, who would purchase it? At the rate the hobby is going, in 15 to 25 years, possibly nobody will be out there to buy it. The answer is to begin aggressively promoting our hobby to others.

How many of us will give any of the USPS' nice stamp folios as gifts? I bet that would get some family members interested! We (NPS) have a great resource in Glenn Moss, who chairs over SOSSI (Scouts on Stamps Society International). Maybe we can donate duplicates to his cause.

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The President's Corner

Merry Christmas !!! Welcome to the 35th issue our newsletter. For this issue I shall also be the editor. For the past ten years, it has been a rocky road for the newsletter, and this will be the first and last issue for this year. We've had five editors so far: Terry Chaney, Helen Bodiford, Chris Freeze, Forrest Wise, and myself. Each of these people have done an excellent job (I'm not tooting my own horn!).

So now we have reached the end of another year of fun at the stamp club and have gathered to celebrate. We've lost a few members this year and regret their passing. The new year bring new challenges, and we shall meet them and move forward. The 1996 Bicentennial Stamp show shall be held with the new frames we've been saving for for the last 5 years! Starting in January, the second meeting of each month shall be an auction! I look for 1996 at the NPS to be better than ever. I invite you to come and see twice a month.

Matt Benward, President NPS

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NEW FRAMES

New stamp frames will be used to display exhibits at our next stamp show. The club has saved for them for the last five years. Each frame holds 32 standard 8 1/2 X 11 pages, and costs approximately \$75.00. We still have the old frames and want to sell them. If any member knows of anyone that would be interested in glass windows, sheets of plywood, or aluminum stands, please let Bob Picirilli know.

Nashville Stamp Show '96

On June 1 and 2, 1996 at the Day's Inn located on Briley Parkway, the club shall hold its annual stamp show. This year we shall commemorate Tennessee's Bicentennial. A special stamps shall be issued on June 1 for this occasion. The club shall have approximately 20 dealers in attendance. We will need members to help setup and take down.

S T A M P F A C T

As of last year, the most popular people on stamps are:

George Washington	283
Benjamin Franklin	122
Abraham Lincoln	45
Thomas Jefferson	40
Andrew Jackson	28

NEW MEMBERS

Linda Ramirez John Hall
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Meetings: Second and Fourth Mondays of each month. Buy and swap at 5:30 p.m., Business meeting a 6:45 p.m., and Program at 7:00 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Inglewood Branch Library, 4312 Gallatin Road, Nashville, Tennessee 37216.

Kids under 17 get a FREE stamp packet at their first attendance. Ages 6 and up are WELCOME!

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The October Project is currently a one man show. Help, stamps from other countries, hinges, ect. are always welcome! Incidentally, the October Project is NPS' contribution to the Davidson County Library system. Throughout the month of October, pages of stamps depicting different topics are displayed in the main and branch libraries.

Marie Farmer, Betsy Dawson, and Woodrow Dawson put together stamp packets that the NPS hands out to children at our annual stamp show. They always need commemorative stamps for more packets. Has anyone heard of a local school, whose teacher is trying to use stamps as an education tool? How about young collectors clubs in the Nashville area? If there are any teachers or clubs - we (NPS and you) can help!

Stamp Dealers! I won't leave you out either. How about free or very low cost packets of stamps for interested children? What about making binders and pages, which children can use to collect their stamps? One thing that I haven't seen: affix your business cards on the packet so kids won't forget the dealer. Parents won't either! Also, at the stamp shows, PLEASE pay more attention to children! They are YOUR FUTURE as well as philately's.

Let's all show a little more leniency in judging childrens exhibits during our stamp show. Maybe some more one-page exhibits from children is in order. In closing, I will give you some more to remember from David U. Groves.

From his survey at Global Stamp News:

45% of current collectors were attracted by relatives or friends.

37% were brought into the hobby by the artistic or educational factors.

11% started collecting because 'it sounded like a fun thing to do'.

10% were influenced by youth activities at stamp shows, investment potential, or nationality or ethnic interest.

I think we are in the 45% and 10% sections, but I hope you understand my point. If each of us can interest one or two (or more) children in the great hobby, Philately will never die. Don't stand on the sidelines any longer, be a part of the solution!

C L O S E D A L B U M S

IN MEMORIUM: RUTH KIMBALL KENT

By Edward Saunders

This year has had its joys and sorrows for the club, another member has passed away. Ruth Kimball Kent who collected United States and joint issues, passed away several months ago. She brought a lot of joy and effervescence whenever she attended and in her conversations. She will be greatly missed.

She was one of my biggest fans, she called me at home in addition to seeking me out for conversation at the club meetings. Why, my first talk I gave on Black History on U.S. stamps, I was very nervous, but she calmed me and transferred her strength to me that day to 'go ahead and talk'. I truly feel that one of my anchor cables broke loose upon hearing of her passing.

She was a poet, and I treasure her work and will seek it out. Once again, our club is made up of great people, each in their own way. I am glad God allowed me the chance to get to know Ruth and each and everyone of you.

IN MEMORIUM: ROBERT SIMMONS

by Matt Benward

A few months ago I was shocked to hear that Mr. Simmons had passed away. I remember when he set up his table, he would always have a kind word and a smile. He was a retired stamp dealer and lived in Portland. I shall miss him.

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