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Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln was the 16th President of the United States. He successfully led the country through its greatest internal crisis, the American Civil War, preserving the Union and ending slavery. As the war was drawing to a close, Lincoln became the first American president to be assassinated. Before his election in 1860 as the first Republican president, Lincoln had been a lawyer, an Illinois state legislator, a member of the United States House of Representatives, and twice an unsuccessful candidate for election to the U.S. Senate.

As an outspoken opponent of the expansion of slavery in the United States, Lincoln won the Republican Party nomination in 1860 and was elected president later that year. His tenure in office was occupied primarily with the defeat of the secessionist Confederate States of America in the American Civil War. He introduced measures that resulted in the abolition of slavery, issuing his Emancipation Proclamation in 1863 and promoting the passage of the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution, which passed Congress before Lincoln's death and was ratified by the states later in 1865.

Lincoln closely supervised the victorious war effort, especially the selection of top generals, including Ulysses S. Grant. Historians have concluded that he handled the factions of the Republican Party well, bringing leaders of each faction into his cabinet and forcing them to cooperate. Lincoln successfully defused the Trent Affair, a war scare with Britain in 1861. Under his leadership, the Union took control of the border slave states at the start of the war. Additionally, he managed his own reelection in the 1864 presidential election.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to the Nashville Stamp Show 2009. Our theme for our show is the 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. This year we have 22 stamp and 1 cachet dealers from all over the country. They have varied stocks of stamps and post cards from the US and the rest of the world. Please stop by for a visit and have a look at their stocks. The dealers are always ready to help and answer your questions. Our stamp club maintain tables at the entrance to help our fellow stamp collectors with any questions, problems or just stop by and chat. But first and foremost have a lot of fun at our stamp show!

Matt Benward, President NPS

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* STAMP CLUB NEWS *

Nashville Stamp Show 2009

Our annual stamp show is being held this year at The Music Valley Event Center located at 2416 Music Valley Drive, suite #144 near Opryland Hotel. This is the same location as last it was last year. I must thank all who have helped make this year's show a success. You have done a great job! Second, I must thank the staff of the Valley Expo for working so hard to get the venue ready. Lastly, to all the collectors attending our show - have fun !!!

Our Annual Christmas Party

The party was held on December 8th and was well attended by member and guest alike. Music of the season played, Marie brought her now famous warm apple cider, and everyone else brought eats and drinks. People sat, ate, talked, and just enjoyed each others company. Once the food was eaten and everyone content the party reluctantly broke up. The room was quickly put back into shape with everyone's help. Goodbyes were said and everyone made their ways home.

Officers Election held

The club officers' election was held during the February 23rd regular club meeting. All current officers retained from the previous term. The list of officers is on the right hand of this page. Please congratulate them all.

Nancy Roberson

During the regular calls by the phone committee in February it was found that Nancy Roberson's phone had been disconnected. If anyone knows anything about Nancy please let the club know. Thanks.

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

Meetings are held at the Madison Branch Library, 610 South 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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Minutes Review for September 2008 – November 2008

The NPS had its 9/8/08 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Nine members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 8/25/08 meeting were read and approved. Mark Block's application for NPS membership received second reading and approval and he was welcomed into the NPS membership. Mark Block won the door prize. Randal Coble's name was drawn for the Participation Award, but he wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Nick Munn suggested that exhibitors at nearby stamp shows be contacted to encourage them to also exhibit at our NPS show. This will be considered to expand exhibits at our 2009 show. Matt asked again for theme recommendations for the 2009 Nashville Stamp Show. The business session was then adjourned for a presentation by Tom Tribke on the "Concorde on Stamps".

The NPS had its 9/22/08 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twelve members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 9/8/08 meeting were read and approved. Marie Farmer won the door prize. Ricky Wright's name was drawn for the Participation Award, but he wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Bill Vance reviewed the recent Lexington, KY Stamp Show. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. A stamp donation was received from Mark Block for the Stamp Committee. Thank you! Matt asked again for theme recommendations for the 2009 Nashville Stamp Show. Matt reported that our October meetings would both be held at the Piccadilly Cafeteria due to the holiday and early voting. Concern was expressed about the inability to contact and the continuing absence of Bob Picirilli. The business session was then adjourned for a limited monthly auction by Col. Gregory using lots brought in this night.

The NPS held its 10/13/08 meeting at the Piccadilly Cafeteria with Matt Benward presiding. Eight members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 9/22/08 meeting were read and approved. Tom Tribke won the door prize. Scott Bastoky's name was drawn for the participation award, but he wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Mark Block donated stamps. Thank you! Bob Picirilli provided the Treasurer's report for the third quarter 2008 that was approved by the NPS membership. Matt announced that five dealers had committed for the 2009 Stamp Show. Members were asked to suggest themes for the 2009 Show. The business session then adjourned for an excellent presentation by Matt on "the Basis of Stamp Exhibit Preparation".

The NPS had its 10/27/08 meeting at the Piccadilly Cafeteria with Matt Benward presiding. Seven members and two guests were present. Previous meeting minutes were not reading due the absence of the NPS Secretary. Bob Picirilli substituted to record this meeting's minutes. Thank you! There were no door or participation prizes. Greg Adkins' application for NPS membership received first reading. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Matt announced that NPS elections would be held next month. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Tom Grimes donated stamps. Thank you! Matt announced that eight dealers had committed for the 2009 Stamp Show. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS held its 11/10/08 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twelve members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 10/13/08 and 10/27/08 meetings were read and approved. Nick Munn won the door prize. Ricky Wright's name was drawn for the Participation Award, but he wasn't present to win. Greg Adkins' application was approved after second reading and he was welcomed into NPS membership. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Nick Munn suggested contacting region stamp clubs to solicit exhibits for our 2009 Show. Bill Vance suggested including dealer business card images on a subscription basis in our 2009 Show program. The business session then adjourned for an APS slide program on "the Basics of Stamp Exhibit Preparation".

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The NPS had its 11/24/08 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Seventeen members and four guests were present. Minutes of the 11/10/08 meeting were read and approved. Tom Tribke won the door prize. Nick Munn won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Bill Vance reported on his recent "My Stock Only" Show. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Mark Block donated stamps. Thank you! Matt reported that eleven stamp dealers had committed to the 2009 Show. Nick Munn suggested that an "un-judged exhibits area" be established for exhibitors who wanted to show their exhibits on an informal basis. This was voted on and approved. NPS members were encouraged to bring family and friends to the 12/8/08 Christmas Party. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

NPS held its annual Christmas party on 12/8/08 at the Madison Branch Library. A brief business session was held for the second reading of Kean Daverao's application for NPS membership. His application was approved and he was welcomed to NPS membership. The business session was then adjourned and approximately eighteen members and guests joined together for fellowship and plenty of good food!!!

The NPS held its 1/12/09 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 11/24/08 meeting were read and approved. An informal report was also given on our Christmas meeting held on December 8, 2008. Virginia Smith won the door prize. Doug Flatter's name was drawn for the Participation Award, but he was not present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows and the new postage rates were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Matt reported that eighteen stamp dealers were committed for the NPS 2009 Stamp Show. The membership voted and selected "the 200th Anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth" for the 2009 Stamp Show theme. Also show flyers and posters were distributed to the membership for posting. The business session was then adjourned for an excellent talk by Al Bollmeier on the "1923 German Hyper-Inflation Stamps".

The NPS had its 1/26/09 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twelve members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 1/12/08 meeting were read and approved. Tom Tribke won the door prize. Karl Schwabe won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Mark Block donated stamps to the Stamp Committee. Thank you! Bob Picirilli gave the Treasurer's Report for the 4th Quarter and 2008 Annual Report. Matt reported that twenty stamp dealers and one postcard dealer had committed for the show. Posters and flyers were handed out for advertising the show. Tom Tribke reported a delay in the 2009 Show cacheted cover preparation due to computer problems. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS had its 2/9/09 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Eleven members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 1/26/09 meeting were read and approved. Len Goodin won the door prize. Virginia Smith won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Show committees. Matt advised that Nancy Robinson was reported to have died. Additional show posters and flyers were provided for distribution. Bob Picirilli advised that twenty-four frames of exhibits had been committed for the show. Matt asked for help for show setup and takedown. The business session was then adjourned for an APS slide presentation on "Detecting Forgeries".

The NPS held its 2/23/09 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Eleven members and three guests were present. Reading of the Minutes of the 2/9/09 meeting was postponed till the next meeting. Marie Farmer won the door prize. Ellen Willis' name was drawn for the Participation Award, but she wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Mark Block donated stamps to the Stamp Committee. Thank you! Matt asked for help with the setup and takedown of the 2009 Stamp Show. Matt also reported that Emmett Sullivan had replaced the tires on the NPS trailer. Thank you! The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

EXHIBITING HELPS ORGANIZATION

By Norman Elrod

An exciting way to organize your collection or accumulation of covers is to develop them into an exhibit. Many collectors can talk with you about their favorite collection in such vivid detail that you can follow the story being told with ease. The same can be done with an exhibit. Whether it is a single frame or multiple frames, an exhibit is the organization of philatelic material in such a way that a story is told by the covers.

First Day Covers in an exhibit do not necessarily have to be expensive. A part of the challenge when building an exhibit is to find the best possible cover that will tell a segment of the total story, as you want it told. Some good covers may be found in dealers' boxes at shows you attend or on their web sites.

If you have the covers, and an idea of the story you want to tell with your collection, you have the beginning of an exhibit. As a novice, you can improve your ideas about presenting your collection by viewing similar exhibits and attending the Judges critique at shows.

Helpful reference information is readily available from the American Philatelic Society and the American Philatelic Research Library when you have questions about mounting your collection, layout, the title page and synopsis, what an award winning exhibit looks like, and answers to many other questions you may have. Additional information may be found through other club members or on the internet.

After determining you have enough material to build an exhibit it is good to learn some of the judging criteria and terminology. This can be done by purchasing the *Manual of Philatelic Judging* provided by the APS.

Next, contact the show where you would like to exhibit and request a prospectus and exhibit entry form. This will give you information about the club's requirements to enter the show.

By first exhibiting at your local club, you can develop experience and build confidence through comments from friends, the Judges comments at the critique, and other exhibitors. Sharing your collection and knowledge through an exhibit will encourage others to talk with you about your philatelic interests.

After exhibiting you will have the satisfaction of having your collection organized, learning more about your collection, and telling your story in a way that others can learn more about your collection and our hobby.

Abraham Lincoln
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Opponents of the war (also known as Copperheads) criticized Lincoln for refusing to compromise on the slavery issue. Conversely, the Radical Republicans, an abolitionist faction of the Republican Party, criticized him for moving too slowly in abolishing slavery. Even with these road blocks, Lincoln successfully rallied public opinion through his rhetoric and speeches; his Gettysburg Address is but one example of this.

At the close of the war, Lincoln held a moderate view of Reconstruction, seeking to speedily reunite the nation through a policy of generous reconciliation. His successor in the White House, Andrew Johnson, also wanted reconciliation among white Americans, but failed to protect the rights of newly freed slaves. Lincoln's assassination in 1865 was the first presidential assassination in U.S. history. He has since consistently been ranked by scholars as one of the greatest U.S. Presidents.



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