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## Merry Christmas!!!

A Philatelist's Psalm  
by Herman Herst, Jr.

Stamp collecting is my hobby, I shall not be bored.  
 It maketh me to do research on far places.  
 It causeth me to correspond with odd people.  
 It keepeth me alert.  
 It leadeth me into areas of understanding for curiosity's sake.  
 Yea, though I live through a winter of inclement weather.  
 I will feel no boredom, for my stamps are with me.  
 They provideth me a means of escaping from the tensions of my  
responsibilities.  
 They filleth my house with books.  
 My cash runneth lower.  
 Sureth interest and knowledge shall follow me all the days of my life and  
 I will be listed in the ranks of Philatelists forever.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Merry Christmas!!!!!!!!!!!!

Here we are again with another year coming to a close. The holidays are just around corner with the new year soon to follow! We look back on the old year passing and forward to the promise of the new year to come. The new year brings challenges to be overcome. Our annual stamp show will soon be just around the corner (which is always a challenge :>) There will be new stamps issued by the Post Office and old ones to be found from our favorite dealers. So have a great holiday season and look forward to better new year!

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Matt Benward, President NPS

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\* STAMP CLUB NEWS \*  
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Nashville Stamp Show 2016  
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Our annual stamp show will be held next year at 50 Forward Madison Station and is located at 301 Madison Street in Madison Tennessee. It is located behind Madison Square shopping Center. It will be held on March 19 - 20, 2016. Lastly, as always we can't have our annual stamp shown without member volunteers. So if you help out please let us know so we can make our 2016 stamps show a great success! Have fun and make the dealers happy.

Our club's Webpage: [www.nashvillephilatelic.org](http://www.nashvillephilatelic.org)  
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The club's webpage was hosted by Comcast until they decided not to host personal web pages any longer. Kevin Baker has been donating this to the club. He has moved it to his server and it is now back up! Thank you Kevin!!! Ya'll come and visit!!!

AmeriStamp/Southeastern Stamp Expo  
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This stamps show is the second largest show put on by the APS. This show will be held on Jan. 29-31 in Atlanta, GA at the Hilton Atlanta 255 Courtland St. Hours: Friday & Saturday 10-6 and Sunday 10-4.

Nick Munn needs "Cool Postage" items  
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Nick needs some "Cool Postage" items for exhibits at our show. "Cool Postage" items are envelopes with lots of old stamps. Bring them to the club.

Articles for the newsletter  
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I need articles for this newsletter on any aspect of stamp collecting. They can be hand written, typed, or by computer in any format. I would be willing to help write them too. I have been getting some articles during the last few months, but I still need some more. If you see interesting articles in the philatelic press, please let me know. You may contact me at the club meetings or at [m benward@aol.com](mailto:m benward@aol.com). Thanks.

Stamp Exhibits  
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I know most of the members have never exhibited their stamps at our annual stamp show. If anyone is interested to try please see Nick Munn or email him at [npssexchr01@gmail.com](mailto:npssexchr01@gmail.com).

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Meetings: Second and Fourth Mondays of each month. Buy and swap at 5:30 p.m., Business meeting at 6:30 p.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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# **Nashville Philatelic Society**

## **Minutes Review for September 2015 – November 2015**

The NPS held its 9/14/15 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Sixteen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 8/24/15 meeting were read and approved. An Application for NPS Membership from Johnnie Carr received second reading and he was approved and welcomed to NPS membership. Marie Farmer won the door prize. Janice Erbach won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. A report was presented from the Phone and Stamps Committees. It was mentioned that the voting on the 2016 Show theme would be held during our next meeting. The business session was then adjourned for an excellent presentation and computer program by Ray McIntire on "The 1-cent Blue Franklin Printings."

The NPS had its 9/28/15 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Seventeen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 9/14/15 meeting were read and approved. Richard Smith won the door prize. Clay Morgan won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Al Bollmeier and Larry Pacl donated stamps to the Stamps Committee. Thank you! Also, a card was sent from the NPS membership to Mrs. Harriet Dunn Sewell to thank her for the donation of stamps and materials to the club. Voting on the 2016 Show theme was held. The results were to be announced at our next meeting. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS held its 10/12/15 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Seventeen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 9/28/15 meeting were read and approved. Bill Bowman won the door prize. Marie Farmer won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamps committees. A report was given on our social media websites with 640+ "followers" on Twitter and 111 "likes" on Facebook. The 2016 Show theme vote results were announced and the "Tennessee History: People, Places, Things, Events, etc." was the winning theme selection. The business session then adjourned for an excellent talk on "Winning Stamp Show Exhibits Preparation" by Matt.

The NPS held its 10/26/15 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Sixteen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 10/12/15 meeting were read and approved. Marie Farmer won the door prize. Chuck Hiehle won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Matt and Al Bollmeier reported on the Evansville Show. News from our members included that Rudy Caduff was doing well with his lung transplant and that Randy Coble had been promoted to the rank of Lt. Colonel. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. One of our guests, Virginia Melton, donated stamps to the Stamps Committee. Thank you! Social media reports that our sites had 113 "likes" on Facebook and 652+ "followers" on Tweeter. Richard Smith provided a handout about our 2016 Show theme and NPS website changes. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS held its 11/9/15 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Nineteen members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 10/2/15 meeting was read and approved. Richard Smith won the door prize. Julian Hosnedl won the Participation Award. Forthcoming Center new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. The family of Nancy Robinson donated stamps to the Stamps Committee. Thank you! Social media reports that our sites had 115 "likes" on Facebook and 680+ "followers" on Tweeter. Ray McIntire presented a partial Treasurer's report. Matt mentioned that help would be needed for setup and takedown of the 2016 Stamp Show. The business session then adjourned for an interesting presentation on "Protecting Your Stamp Collection" by Al Bollmeier, Ora Eads, Tom, Matt and the NPS members.

The NPS meeting for 11/23/15 was held at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Eighteen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 10/26/15 meeting was read and approved. Rudy Caduff won the door prize. Ora Eads won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. The Erbachs donated stamps to the Stamps Committee. Thank you! Social media reports that our sites had 117 "likes" on Facebook and 690 "followers" on Tweeter. Matt mentioned that help would be needed for setup and takedown of the 2016 Stamp Show. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

# **Nashville Philatelic Society**

## **Minutes Review for June 2015 – August 2015**

The NPS had its 6/8/2015 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Eight members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 5/26/15 meeting were read and approved. Larry Pacl won the door prize. Bill Bowman won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. The change in US postal rates was briefly discussed. NPS members were saddened to learn about the death of new member Jason Bennett's mother. A card was sent from the membership. Reports were presented from the Phone, Social Media and Stamp committees. Matt advised that our Twitter site had 580 "followers" and Facebook had 106 "likes". Richard Smith presented a paper on determining the 2016 Show theme at an earlier time to allow theme exhibit preparation. The business session then adjourned for an interesting computer assisted talk on "Stamp Mounting" by Larry Pacl.

The NPS held its 6/22/2015 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty members and five guests were present. Minutes of the 6/8/15 meeting were read and approved. Janice Erbach won the door prize. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Social Media and Stamp committees. Matt advised that our Twitter site had 601 "followers" and Facebook had 107 "likes". Richard Smith made a motion that the 2016 Stamp Show theme be determined by our first meeting in September. The motion was seconded by Larry Pacl and approved by the NPS membership. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS had its 7/13/15 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fifteen members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 6/21/15 meeting were read and approved. Richard Smith won the door prize. Pam Steakley won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. A donation of stamps was received from Bill Bowman for the Stamps Committee. Thank you! A report was given on our social media websites with 610+ "followers" on Twitter and 108 "likes" on Facebook. Richard Smith suggested that our 2016 Stamp Show theme be selected by September in order to allow exhibits to be prepared. He committed to preparing a worksheet to submit theme suggestions to the membership. The business session was then adjourned for an "Ice Cream Social" and a general discussion on "what we collect?"

The NPS had its 7/27/15 meeting at the Madison Square Shoney's Restaurant with Matt Benward presiding. Fifteen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 7/13/15 meeting were read and approved. Dave Bodkin won the door prize. Marie Farmer won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. A report was given on our social media websites with 618 "followers" on Twitter and 109 "likes" on Facebook. Richard Smith provided to the membership a worksheet to submit 2016 Show theme suggestions. Dave Bodkin showed an autographed 2 volume set of Brookman catalogues from 1947. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS held its 8/10/15 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Seventeen members and five guests were present. Minutes of the 7/27/15 meeting were read and approved. Marie Farmer won the door prize. Bill Bowman won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. A large stamp donation was received from Annette Paine. Thank you! A report was given on our social media websites with 618+ "followers" on Twitter and 109 "likes" on Facebook. Matt and Richard Smith again asked for theme recommendations for the 2016 Stamp Show. The business session was then adjourned for an excellent talk and computer presentation on "Chattanooga Straight-line Cancells" by Jim Cate.

The NPS held its 8/24/15 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 8/10/15 meeting were read and approved. An application for NPS Membership from Johnnie Carr received first reading. Ellie Eads won the door prize. Steve Meyer won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Bill Bowman reported on the APS Show in Grand Rapids. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Matt gave a report on our social media websites with 630 "followers" on Twitter and 110 "likes" on Facebook. Nick Munn presented Steve Meyer the "Public Interest" Award from our 2015 Stamp Show. Suggestions for our 2016 Show theme were again requested. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

# Pioneer Rocket Mail Overview

With selected “Gerhard Zucker” items presented  
by Scott Simon



**II: “Night Rocket Start” Rocket Mail 3M + 4pg., flown cover 6 November 1933**

**4th printing, 3M in red on dark blue “2.RAKETENSTART”, Printed by Duvel Co., in Hamburg, dark-blue used on flown covers**



**III: “Night Rocket Start” Rocket Mail 3M cover, 6 November 1933**

**4th printing, 3M wine red over print error on imperforated wine-red stamp  
“2.RAKETENSTART” (40 copies) used on night starts of 6 Nov 1933.  
2 of 40 shown here. Printed by Meisenbach, Riffahrt and Co., in Berlin.**

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III: "Night Rocket Start" Rocket Mail 1M + 3M cover, 10 November 1933

4th printing, 1M black overprint on wine-red "2.RAKETENSTART" (500 copies) and, 3M wine-red overprint on light- blue "2.RAKETENSTART" (500 copies) used on night starts of 6 & 10 Nov 1933. printed by Meisenbach, Riffahrt and Co., in Berlin.



Rocket Mail 1/2m, 1m, 3m Winter Help issue 28 Jan 1934

Sold at the "Hexenplatz" in the Hartz Mountains, Thale-Hartz, Germany.  
Card not flown. Last printings by Meisenbach, Riffahrt and Co., in Berlin.

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