

The Postscript



Tallahassee Stamp & Cover Club

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“All Aboard!” For These Famous Trains

By Larry Benson

Whether you are a “train buff” or a stamp collector, you will want to include the latest USPS issue of famous trains among your railroad memorabilia or in your stamp collection. Named the “All Aboard!” stamps, they are reproduced from paintings by the renowned watercolor artist Ted Rose and are available in panes of 20 stamps.

Each storied passenger train is depicted against a background typical of its run. The five streamliners are: *Daylight*, *Congressional*, *20th Century Limited*, *Hiawatha* and *Super-Chief*.

Daylight

The “Daylight” with a 4-8-4 Class J Baldwin was operated between Los Angeles and San Francisco by the Southern Pacific and once reached a speed of 105 mph towing a 15-car, 915 ton load. Many claimed the “Daylight” with its external styling was one of the most aesthetically pleasing of all US steam locomotives.

Congressional

Actually, the full name of this famous train was the “Congressional Express” which saw service between New York and Washington D.C. in the 1950s with

the Pennsylvania Railroad. It was pulled by a celebrated Class GG1 2C-C2 electric locomotive sporting a stainless steel outer shell.



The Five “All Aboard!” Stamps Shown Top to Bottom in the Same Order as the Text

20th Century Limited

The “20th Century Limited” operated by New York Central Railroad between New York and Chicago was hauled by two different Hudson locomotives: a stock 4-6-4 and the one pictured in the stamp all dressed up with a streamlined outer body designed by Henry Dreyfuss.

Hiawatha

The “Hiawatha” was originally pulled by an Atlantic 4-4-2 running between Chicago and the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Owned by the Milwaukee Road, the Atlantics were later replaced by Class F7 locomotives.

Super Chief

In the spring of 1937 Santa Fe unveiled the nation’s first all-Pullman streamliner powered by two Electro-Motive 1,800 hp diesels. The “Super-Chief” soon became one of the most celebrated transcontinental trains of all times carrying passengers from Chicago to Los Angeles. Built by Budd Co., it was designed by a group of eminent architects and stylists and consisted of a dining car, observation lounge, bar and a wide choice of overnight accommodations each with richly paneled wood veneer interiors.

In the **POSTRoad** Ahead

Oct. 12 Newfoundland Caribou Stamps - Rene Manes

Nov. 9 - Machin Heads - David Wike. Nominations for Y2K Officers & Exhibits

Dec. 14 - Christmas Party and Election of Officers

Welcome...

New Members!

TS&CC welcomes the following new members who joined since the last issue of *Postscript* was published: Charlie Goble #38 (whose dad, John, is also a member), Alan Johnson #86, Kathy Lindsay #41, Todd Salisbury #46 and Thomas Shields #42. We also welcome Wesley Johnson #78 who joined in June but we missed naming him. Membership is now at an all time high with 82 paid up collectors. (Member numbers aren't sequential because they are being reassigned.)

Editor Wins Vermeil Award At OKPEX '99

Editor Larry Benson won another Vermeil award at OKPEX '99 held in May in Oklahoma City. He exhibited his 1897 Tonga One Penny stamp.

He and his wife, Shirley, were in Oklahoma City just five days after a tornado destroyed the community of Moore located on I-35 a few miles south of the Capital City.

Correction: The issue number of this *Postscript* is correct. The prior issue should have read Vol. 9, No. 2 for April-June, 1999.

Finding Stamps In All The Right Places

There are at least nine good sources (and maybe more) for finding stamps for your collection. Some are obvious, but others will take a bit of looking around.

Your Daily Mail

The first, cheapest and most obvious is to watch for stamps on mail that arrives at your house. If you don't see all the mail, ask other family members to save stamped covers for you. Remember, these stamps are free, too!

Offices and Businesses

Other free sources are offices and businesses owned by relatives and friends. Perhaps if you approach these owners with a request to save all incoming mail - on cover - they will be happy to do so. When asking, be sure to offer to pick up regularly what they hold for you and don't forget to do it!

Trade With Members

Yet one more free source is to trade with members of our stamp club. Telephone a member who has similar collecting interests and set up a time to trade either at one of our monthly meetings or at one of your homes.

Club "Silent Auctions"

You also have opportunities to buy stamps in our monthly "silent auctions" held during each club meeting. But, this source isn't free and you'll have to lay out a few coins - probably well below catalog - to acquire stamps at auction. Usually, there are 30 to 35 lots of stamps, covers, used albums and philatelic supplies displayed on the auction tables. Feel free to browse and bid.

The Post Office

Many collectors seem to forget that the U.S. Post Office sells stamps and most branches carry a fairly good range of new issues. One positive thing about buying stamps at the post office is you don't have to pay a "premium" or dealers' marked-up costs because you always buy at "face" value.

Stamp Shops

This source, especially for those of us who live in or around Tallahassee, is a bit sticky because there isn't a shop devoted strictly to philately in our neighborhood. The closest shops are probably in Panama City and Valdosta, GA. (Check the local phone books in these cities for numbers and addresses.) You'll pay full catalog or some portion thereof when you buy stamps at a dealer's shop. The smaller the store, the less likely you'll find a wide variety of stamps.

Stamp Publications

If you don't already subscribe to one or more stamp publications, you might consider doing so. These publications are designed especially for collectors and you'll find they are chuck full of advertisements for stamps and supplies. Members bring copies of the major philatelic journals to each club meeting to give away. You may take copies and subscribe to any of them you find interesting and helpful.

"Borse" and Stamp Shows

A "borse" (stamp sale without exhibits) and stamp shows are usually attended by dealers who carry a wide range of stamps and supplies.

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Stamp Sources

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Naturally, larger shows attract more large dealers who rent tables. Local shows, like PANPEX in Panama City, usually have around six to eight dealers while the big national exhibits can accommodate 30 to 50 dealers depending upon the facilities and space available. Your selection of stamps, covers and supplies will, of course, be much broader at the bigger shows and sometimes competition holds prices down.

The Internet

It may not be fair to even mention using the Internet as a source for stamps because not all collectors have a computer, and some who do are not necessarily connected to a "server." If you are on the "net," you can find dealers located around the world from whom you can buy stamps at auction and/or through their net price sale offerings. Stamp publications, mentioned above, contain dealers' advertisements and those who are on the "web" have their addresses listed. You can also "surf the net" looking under the headings of stamps, hobbies and collectibles for possible leads to stamps sources.

BE A CANDIDATE... Y2K Nominations, Elections Just Ahead

Nominations for Tallahassee Stamp and Cover Club Officers who will lead us into the 21st Century are to be held during our November meeting. Officers are limited by our constitution to two consecutive one year terms so current officers are ineligible to continue in their present capacities.

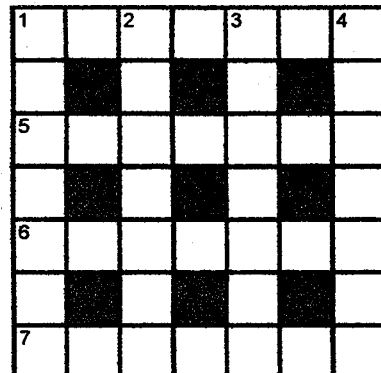
Because our club constitution in Article VI: Elections, Section 1. states "elections will be held during the December regular meeting," it has become custom for us to open the floor for nominations during our November meeting. This sensible practice gives members a chance to think about the candidates, chat with them, offer ideas and get feed-back before elections are held.

President Ed Walters will soon be appointing a Nominating Committee and if he follows precedence, the committee will consist of one or more past club presidents.

But in the meantime, members are encouraged and urged to consider becoming a candidate for office. If you are willing to serve, let one of the current officers know before November rolls around.

STAMP CROSSWORD

By Rene Manes



Crossword Clues

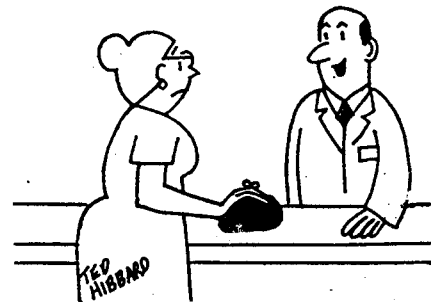
Across

1. Pickett and Light Brigade (7)
5. N.C. Island or Virginia City (7)
6. Gospel (7)
7. This condition makes stamps more valuable (2 words) (7)

Down

1. Mail or postage, in Portuguese (7)
2. Language of Jesus (7)
3. Subject of British Empire Silver Jubilee stamps (7)
4. Outstanding (7)

Solution on Page 4



"We're sold out of Elvis stamps, but I hear one was sighted last week in a shopping mall in Enid, Oklahoma."

Courtesy "Beaver's Tail" Vancouver, OR

BE SURE TO

SAVE...

...the Member Roster Insert!

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The President's Corner By Ed Walters - - - - -

We got pushed around by hurricane Floyd causing our September meeting to be canceled because the Senior Center was being utilized as a shelter for people who evacuated along the east coast of Florida. We didn't mind being canceled and I'm glad the Senior Center was available to the Red Cross for that purpose.

We will reschedule our one page exhibits for our meeting on November 9. We will keep Dave Wike on the program as well.

Terms for the current officers are over at the end of this year. We have had a lot of activity during the past 2-year period and I believe it has been a healthy time for our club. To mention a few activities: the Youth Nights, the Robertson's Donation, the mini-exhibits, interesting programs, increased interest in our auctions, all have contributed to a busy schedule and our membership has also increased.

Election of a new slate of officers is coming up with nominations in November and elections in December. If you feel you would like to serve in the position of President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer, I see nothing wrong with letting us know about your desire and willingness to assume a leadership role. In fact, it will be greatly appreciated.

It's wonderful to have several new youth in our club. They are always a joy to have at our meetings. Sometimes, however, I feel they would enjoy more having a youth club of their own. If anyone is interested in helping to establish a satellite youth club, make your interests known.

If anyone has a catalog from the Club Library, please return it as soon as possible so others may utilize it. If you can't make the meetings, just call me to make arrange-

ments for returning Library materials. My phone number is 385-8379.

Time certainly passes quickly and that has been the case with my tenure as President. The best thing about the position was the chance to better know members and also our visitors each month. I appreciate and love each one in a special way.

Happy collecting!

Crossword Solution

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