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WASHINGTON, DC "C" DUPLEX CANCELLATION



An 1889 envelope to George Dewey when he was only a Captain in the Navy and stationed in Washington.
Note: "DEC" in the circular date stamp is inverted.

President's message ...



You've Made it Fun !

Every once in a while, I believe in the old adage that "it doesn't get any better than this". At the Holiday's Party in December, I sat in my chair and, with some introspection, looked around and saw something that brought a smile from inside and out -- everyone seemed to be really "happy" (perhaps an antiquated, but really appropriate term). The auctioneers, the bidders, the jokesters -- led to uncountable conversations and enough laughter, I am sure we were heard across I Street. Congratulations to everyone for making this year so enjoyable and fun.

Don

Editor's Corner

As we start a new year, your newsletter editor has that perennial problem of all editors, where do I get the needed material to fill the pages of the newsletter. If you have an idea you would like to try out or a favorite cover or stamp, I would like to hear from you. As you can see from the first page of this edition, it really does not take much to fill a page. If your article is already typed up and images scanned into an electronic format, that's wonderful; but I can just as easily take handwritten notes and photocopies and put them into the newsletter. Hope to hear from you soon.

C. A. Stillions, Editor

Executive Secretary's Report

We would like to take this opportunity to remind those members who have not yet sent in their dues to do so at their earliest convenience. Failing an increase in dues revenue, we will have to consider slimming down our mailing list. Members should send their dues to our Executive Secretary or handed to him in check rather than cash. Using checks diminishes the possibility for errors. We also would like to congratulate our life members and note that as life members they are exempt from paying the annual dues.

Gerry Marandino, Executive Secretary

WSCC MEETING PROGRAMS JANUARY -- FEBRUARY 2007

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| 3 January | Herbert Cover Contest, See following for entry rules and categories. |
| 17 January | Election of 2007 Club Officers |
| 7 February | Washington DC related show and tell, philatelic or otherwise, Bring you favorite Washington, DC item and tell (brag) about it. |
| 21 February | Member's Auction, Auction sale of member's philatelic material for the benefit of the member or club. |

2007 HERBERT COVER CONTEST RULES AND CATEGORIES

TO BE DECIDED BY VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT:

1. The most Unusual Advertising Cover.
2. The First Day Cover with the most Attractive Cachet.
3. The cover with the Sexiest Stamp.
4. The most interesting Inauguration Day cover.
5. The Most Unusual Shape for a Cover.

TO BE DECIDED BY A PANEL OF JUDGES:

6. The cover with most different hand-stamp postal markings. (Manuscript markings do not count)
7. The Smallest Cover.
8. The cover with most number of different stamps of the same denomination.
9. The earliest use of an Aerogramme with imprinted stamp.
10. Most recent Washington, DC cancellation with 2006 U.S. Christmas stamps.

All items submitted must have been used (cancelled with a postmark or other device). Unless otherwise specified a cover can be an envelope, post card, or postal card, folded letter, postal stationery, or document that shows payment of postage and/or postal fees.

A cash prize of \$25.00 is awarded to the overall winner.

A reminder to individual category winners, your newsletter editor would like a photocopy or scan of your winning entry to be published in the next edition of the newsletter.

COMING EVENTS

Upcoming area and regional club sponsored stamp shows

January 26-27

York County Stamp Show, **White Rose Phil. Soc. Of York**, York Fairgrounds, Horticulture Hall, 334 Carlisle Ave., York. Contact John Hufnagel, glenrockotts@adelphia.net; 717-235-1528.

February 11

Eastern Shore Stamp Club 43rd Annual Stamp Show, **Eastern Shore Stamp Club**, Wicomico Youth & Civic Center, 500 Glen Ave., Salisbury. Contact Kye Parsons, kyeparsons@hotmail.com; 410-749-8221.

March 10 25th Annual Stamp Show, **Tidewater Stamp Club**, Easton Volunteer Fire Department Auditorium, Aurora Street & Creamery Lane, Easton. Contact Hope Messick, phalarope@dmv.com; 410-822-6471.

March 17-18 Springpex 07, **Springfield Virginia Stamp Club**, Robert E. Lee High School, 6540 Franconia Rd., Springfield. Contact Springfield Stamp Club, www.springfieldstampclub.org.

March 24 Tripex Spring 2007, **Tri State Stamp Club**, Lavale Volunteer Fire Dept., Station 1, 421 National Hwy., Lavale (Cumberland). Contact J. Jeffrey Hutter, Sr., jjhsr@hereintown.net; 301-777-0379 evenings and weekends.

April 21 DELPEX 2007 Stamp Show and Bourse, **Brandywine Valley Stamp Club & Scandanavian Collector's Club**, Nur Temple, 198 S. Du Pont Hwy (US Routes 13 & 40), New Castle. Contact John Graper, jcgraper@aol.com; 302-994-5222.

June 1-3 NAPEX, **National Phil. Exhibitions of Washington D.C.**, McLean Hilton at Tyson's Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Dr., McLean. Contact John Warren, warren.john@epa.gov; www.napex.org; 202-564-6876.

August 31-September 2 BALPEX, **Baltimore Philatelic Society**, Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn, 245 Shawan Rd., I-83 Exit 20 E., Hunt Valley. Contact Robert E. Gibson, Sr., balpex@aol.com; www.balpex.org; 410-332-4741.

September 7-9 Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition, **Associated Stamp Clubs of Southeastern Pennsylvania & Delaware, Inc.**, Valley Forge Convention Center, 1160 First Ave., King of Prussia. Contact Chip Blumberg, pnse@earthlink.net; http://pnse.home.att.net; 610-828-8631.

November 9-11 VAPEX, **Virginia Philatelic Federation, Inc.**, Holiday Inn - Patriot, 3032 Richmond Road, Williamsburg. Contact David B. Collins, rainbowx2@cox.net; http://members.aol.com/vashow/; 757-872-6264.

ACCOUNTS OF MEETINGS

By Tadas Osmoiskis

1 November

We had a show and tell of members' non-philatelic "Other" collecting interests. Items included classic cameras and a cane collection.

15 November

A meeting of the "swap 'n' talk" kind.

6 December

C. A. Stillions presented the exhibits from the Digital Stamp Show at the October ASDA Mega Event in New York City.

20 December



The club had its annual holiday party and benefit auction. Attendance was high, and the food was delicious. Lorraine and Tadas acted as auctioneers, and over \$300 was raised for the club.

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Membership Information may be obtained from the Executive Secretary. Dues are due June 30th and are \$16.00 a year for resident members, \$8.00 a year for non-resident members, and \$8.00 a year for junior members.

Meetings are held the First and Third Wednesdays of the month at Christ United Methodist Church, 900 Fourth Street, S. W., Washington, DC starting at 7:00 PM.

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