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MEMBER WILSON HULME DIES UNEXPECTEDLY



National Postal Museum's Curator of Philately and Washington Stamp Collectors Club member, W. Wilson Hulme, died suddenly while on a business trip to Florida in January.

In August 2002, Wilson Hulme began his work as Curator of Philately at the Smithsonian's National Postal Museum with a clear vision--the museum would be the center of the philatelic universe. From that day forward, Hulme worked with unwavering determination toward realizing that vision.

Hulme wanted the National Postal Museum to be a place where philatelists could "access the inaccessible". Under Hulme's leadership the NPM offered collectors unprecedented opportunities to see extraordinary philatelic rarities. Hulme was instrumental in bringing exhibits like "The Queen's Own: Stamps That Changed the World," an exhibition of materials from Queen Elizabeth's own Royal Philatelic Collection; "Stamps Take Flight," featuring materials from the USPS's Postmaster General's Collection; and "Rarity Revealed: The Benjamin K. Miller Collection," featuring materials from the Benjamin K. Miller Collection on loan from the New York Public Library.

"Wilson Hulme was a world-class philatelist who loved stamps, the hobby, the National Postal Museum and the people involved with the hobby. When Wilson was named curator, he said it was his dream job. Wilson lived his dream, and it shows in the great things he accomplished at the museum." -- *Don Sundman*,

Chairman, National Postal Museum Council of Philatelists.

Cheryl R. Ganz, one of our newest members, has been named Acting Curator of Philately at the National Postal Museum.

WSCC MEMBER PROFILE

By Phil Uhlmann

SEYMOUR B. STISS ("Sy") From the former WPS, where he was their Newsletter editor for 25 years "B. CA" (Before C. A. Stillions), comes Sy Stiss to our newly-formed WSCC. He brings with him a history that will bowl you over! Hailing from his hometown Chicago, IL, Sy came to the DC Metro area in 1953. Before that, Sy had seen action as a soldier in the Italian Campaign of WWII. Stateside again after the war, civilian Stiss with the assistance of the G. I. Bill, attended the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, where he earned a B.S. in History, thence "se-tenanting" to a Master's in Education. There was followed by a three year stint of teaching in Bloomington, IL, 50 miles to the west of his alma mater. After his move East in 1953, Sy eventually became a teacher, as well as the Supervisor of the Social Studies Division of the Arlington County Schools.

Sy's initial interest in philately was sparked by a album he received as a Christmas gift at about the age of 10, but he really "got-the-bug" about 1950, focusing in on Chicago and Illinois postal history. His ongoing collecting interests include Cameo Advertising Covers of the 1850's-1860's era, covers with two or more countries' stamps on them, and envelopes showing unusual supplementary markings.

Additionally, Sy loves classical music! You may chance to meet him at the Kennedy Center (as I did) preceding an NSO concert, or perhaps at the site of an Alexandria Symphony Orchestra concert, at a Friday Morning Music Club (FMMC) event.

Welcome aboard, Sy!

Editor's Corner

As the last newsletter went to print, gremlins struck. The color copier just would not function. Faced with the need to get the newsletter out, the optimum time for posting having already passed, black-and-white copies were made and mailed. The black-and-white copies were not very good either, especially the photos. So if any of you would like your newsletter number 7 replaced with a color copy, please send your editor a note requesting a replacement copy. Hopefully this one will come out better.

Lorraine Bailey Wins Second Annual Cover Contest

Lorraine edged out C. A. Stillions to win WSCC's Second Annual Cover Contest. Clifford Alexander, John Hardies, and Phil Uhlmann also scored points. Lorraine won \$25.00 and the right to create next year's contest categories. Many thanks to Bill Sandrik for coming up with this year's contest categories. The winning entries were:

1. The Most Unusual Advertising Cover. Won by John Hardies.

No photo of cover available.

2. The First Day Cover with the most Attractive Cachet. Won by Lorraine Bailey.



3. The cover with the Sexiest Stamp. Won by C. A. Stillions.



4. The most interesting Inauguration Day Cover. Won by John Hardies.

No photo of cover available.

5. The Most Unusual Shape for a Cover.
Won by Lorraine Bailey.



6. The cover with the most different hand-stamped postal markings. Won by Lorraine Bailey.



7. The smallest cover. Won by Lorraine Bailey.



8. The cover with most number of different stamps of the same denomination. Won by Phil Uhlmann.



9. The earliest use of an Aerogramme with imprinted stamp. Won by Lorraine Bailey.



10. Most recent Washington, DC cancellation with a 2006 U. S. Christmas Stamps. Won by Phil Uhlmann.



Please note, covers are not shown actual size. -- Editor

PHILATELIC DISPLAY UPDATED

by Phil Uhlmann

The stamp display in the Visitor Center lobby at the Arlington National Cemetery has been completely revamped from its former deteriorated condition. I had described the condition of the earlier display in a previous CCW Newsletter several years ago, I believe. The stamps shown commemorate the military history of the USA; all the armed services, specific battles and wars. It is a "not-to-be-missed" highlight of a visit to the Arlington Cemetery, and is of interest to the seasoned philatelists as well as the general public.

CLASSIFIEDS

Members may place classified ads in the newsletter for free on a space available basis. The submission date for ads is the same as for other submissions, the last meeting of even numbered months. Send you copy to the Editor, C. A. Stillions at the address in the panel on the last page. Hand written or typed, mailed or hand delivered, faxed or emailed, any way is acceptable, but email is preferred.

STAMPS FOR SALE

37 + 39 cents Hi-Ends	\$17.00 a pound
34 cents and under Low-Ends	\$ 9.00 a pound
Christmas	\$ 1.00 a pound
Bulk Stamps	\$ 1.00 a pound
Appraised value 38 cents and over	5 or 10 cents a piece
Plate # stamps	5 cents a piece
Foreign Stamps	\$15.00 a pound

Order from Stamps for a Living Business, FO18/JHP/OT Dept., 2700 M L King Avenue, S. E., Washington, DC 20032-2601.

WANTED: Military or civilian used air letter sheets from Newfoundland. Top prices paid especially for sheets used in 1942 and 1943. Send scan or photocopy first to C. A. Stillions, 1435 Fourth Street, S. W., #B212, Washington, DC 20024-2227 or castillions@hotmail.com.

WANTED

Articles for the newsletter especially articles on District of Columbia Postal History.

ACCOUNTS OF MEETINGS

by Martin Fleischer, Recording Secretary

3 January Annual cover contest, see full report elsewhere in this issue. Call for nomination of officers for 2007 was issued. The following nominations were made:
For President: Matthew Cassetta, C. A. Stillions
For Vice President: John Hardies
For Executive Secretary: Gerald Marandino
For Recording Secretary: Martin Fleischer
For Treasurer: Joel Fassler

17 January The President passed around a condolence card for the family of Wilson Hulme. All members present signed.

Bruce Kellogg announced that this year's "Afghan Dinner" will be accommodated on two evenings. Cost and details are available from Bruce.

The President presented the various slates for APS officers. WSCC as an APS Chapter, has the right to cast a chapter vote. Members present voted and the results shall be forwarded to the APS.

According to the WSCC By-laws, voting for 2007 club officers continued. The nominees were reviewed whereupon C. A. Stillions withdrew as candidate for President and moved nominations be closed and the nominees to be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded and the slate was unanimously approved by the members present.

Newly arrived APS / United Stamp Society Circuits books occupied much of the memberships time during the rest of the meeting.

Bruce Kellogg shared letters from a Pastor in Sri Lanka and a school teacher in Florida requesting the gifting of excess, duplicate stamps for stamp programs. See Matt Cassetta for address and details.

A Call for Washington related material brought to light many interesting items: picture post cards, photographs (some club related), and Indian archaic projectile point, a section of wooden electric cable conduit removed during renovations to the dome of the U. S. Capitol, a William J. Clinton Inaugural Party invite, a large collection of D.C. cancelled entires including many departmental government meeters, etc.

7 February The new club president started the business portion of the meeting by asking the membership for suggestions on meeting programs for the months of March-April-May.

The Jamestown Celebration has officially begun and the commemorative First Day of Issue is set for 5 May 2007. The creation of a WSCC cachet is desired by many club members. Lorraine Bailey reports a run of 500 - one - color would cost the club about \$150.00. For two color cachet, add about \$20 - 30.00 more. Lorraine would need ideas and any possible design help.

WSSC will have a circuit table at SPRINGPEX07. Volunteers are needed to staff the table (March 17-18). Contact Virginia Randolph to volunteer.

21 February President Matt Cassetta announced that the programs for the next two months has been established and will appear in the next newsletter. Ideas for meeting programs are always welcome.

Don Peterson brought before the club a communication from Richard Pariser in which Mr. Pariser notes his intent to disperse a very large collection of Canada, pre-1960. Richard Pariser can be reached at:

dpariser@citywidehomeloans.com. Don also provided hand-outs of the NAPEX 2007 Prospectus & Entry Form for those members interested in exhibiting.

Susan Hulme, Mrs Wilson Hulme, has written to the club expressing her thanks for the WSCC condolence card sent after the death of her husband. As Curator of Philately at the National Postal Museum, Wilson Hulme will be much missed.

Consumately gaveled by Tadas Osmolskis, a large array of philatelic items were put up for auctions. Some highlights:

- a very usable Scott Junior Album
- numerous cover lots, a censored mail lot was most interesting being knocked down at \$17.
- a nice classic Mexico lot
- a good Dansig lot
- numerous collections an album pages such as Yugoslavia, Hungary, Guina, Netherlands
- The ubiquitous EXPORTA cover lot appeared, so too appeared Gerry Merandino's bid

This auction realized \$242.00.

WSCC MEETING PROGRAMS MARCH -- APRIL 2007

- March 7** **The Floor Is Yours**, Members have 3 to 8 minutes to speak on any subject they believe maybe of interest to the others in attendance.
- March 21** **Memorable Experiences I have had at the Post Office**, Members are invited to tell story of a memorable experience they have had at a post office.
- April 4** **Scavenger Stamp Hunt**, A list of topics will be circulated at the 21 March meeting A prize will go to the person with the most stamps found for the topics announced.
- April 18** **Donation Auction**, Auction sale of donated philatelic material for the benefit of the Club

COMING EVENTS

Upcoming area and regional club sponsored stamp shows and other philatelic events

- March 3** **Welcome to Washington Lecture**, National Postal Museum, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Washington, DC. Local philatelist, May Day Taylor, will discuss familiar and unfamiliar Washington, DC sites via their connection to U. S. Postage Stamps.
- 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.

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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.

Meeting 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. (Enter Church Education wing from I Street, S.W.)

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