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Hobby Notes

- newsletter of the
Warrenton Stamp and Coin Club



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in Old Town Warrenton

Special points of interest:

- *Door prizes donations are always appreciated*
- *Give us your ideas for future programs (our cupboard is bare)*

April 7th Show-and-Tell

We will probably have time after talking about the Show, so be sure to bring a Show-and-Tell item to share. Bring something new, maybe something that you found at the Show. I didn't make it to the last meeting, so I will bring that Burma WWII cover that I spoke of sthe last newsletter.

Bring something that you think the others will enjoy seeing and hearing about. If you don't have anything that you recently acquired, then consider bringing something that you have had for a long time, but recently noticed something new about.

Treasure, trash, new, old.....whatever you like.

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2011 Annual Show

By all accounts, the Club's Stamp and Coin Show was a great success. The attendance was strong throughout the day, customers seemed plentiful at all the tables, and we even gained a few members. I hope the dealers found the Show to their liking, and will considering returning next year.

The new location offered ample free parking on site, no stairs to climb, and a much larger space (so we had plenty of room for tables and displays). While it is still fresh in our minds, perhaps we should discuss what we liked about the Show, and what improvements we might be able to install next year. The venue was more convenient, more accessible, and provided more parking than the John Barton Payne Building. And we ought to tell the Boys and Girls Club of Warrenton that we appreciate the use of their facilities. We might even express our gratitude with a donation to them.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Guests and new members are always welcome. Drop by and join us.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month (except for the January holiday dinner) at the SunTrust Bank in Warrenton. SunTrust is located at the intersection of Routes 17 & 29, in the Warrenton Center shopping center, near Rankin's Hardware (Enter the front doors

of the bank and go downstairs to the Meeting room).

The meetings start at 7:00 pm. We conduct our business, and then begin an informal 30-minute program, which alternates between coin and stamp topics. The program is usually followed by an auction of stamps, coins, and

other hobby items. We finish around 9:00 pm.

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ABOUT THE CLUB

"If you like stamps or coin, you're welcome to join"

The Warrenton Stamp and Coin Club is a not-for-profit organization based in Warrenton Virginia, but has members from all over the region, including Casanova, Manassas, Culpeper and Fredericksburg. Meetings are held each month, and the programs are broad enough to interest both stamp and coin collectors. Annual dues are \$12 for adults (and junior members pay no dues). Visitors and guests are always welcome. All prospective members shall be able to receive two consecutive editions of the newsletter before being dropped for non-payment of dues. The Club actively supports the Boy Scouts' merit badge programs, and has raised funds for local high school scholarships. Our website address is:

<http://www.wsccl.site11.com/>

UPCOMING CLUB PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

May	5	TBA
June	2	TBA
July	7	TBA
August	4	TBA

Noted in passing...

On April 12, Spink is will hold an auction of Civil War stamps, covers, currency, coins, tokens and other items. <http://www.spinksmythe.com/>

Lee Morrison relates that the biggest show of the year at the Flint Hill Fire Department will be held in conjunction with the Relay for Life for Cancer, on May 14th and 15th (Saturday and Sunday). He will give us details at the May meeting.

Smithsonian's National Postal Museum Civil War Family Event is on Saturday April 12, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Civil War sparked many big changes in mail service. Discover how the Civil War challenged the postal system in a variety of hands-on family activities. Sort mail in a Railway Post Office train car, explore stamps commemorating President Abraham Lincoln, learn about Confederate postage, and more.

Linn's Stamp News reports that a stamp cataloguing \$175 turned up in a \$5 mail-order worldwide mixture. That's the kind of treasure hunting we all enjoy.

WEB SITE OF THE MONTH:

This month's featured site is a portion of website of The American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors - specifically, the tab for one-frame exhibits. A one-frame exhibit contains only 16 album pages, so the story to be told must be brief. There are many exhibits. It is well worth a browse, whether you are thinking of preparing an exhibit, or just looking for ideas to make your own album pages. One of my favorites is "JENNY - Printing Variations of America's First Airmail Stamp." But you might also like "Pineapples," or "Ships on Stamps," or the ever-popular "Indian One-Half Anna Envelopes of 1902-1907."

[A tip of the hat to Tony, who alerted me to this site]

Upcoming Hobby Shows

April	7 - 10	Dulles Coin and Currency Expo
April	16	Charlottesville Coin Show
April	16-17	Williamsburg Stamp Show
April 29 - May1		Shenandoah Valley Coin and Stamp Show
April 30 - May1		Vienna Quarterly Coin and Stamp Show
May	8	Richmond StampFest
May	14-15	Postmaster's Collection, Flint Hill VA fire department
May	14	ROAPEX, Roanoke VA

RAYMOND'S COLUMN

– NOTES FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

Stamp Collecting, Like War, Teaches Us Geography

After a very fruitless search about clever kinds of thievery at stamp and coin shows, I gave up and composed an article about Buriatia (also spelled Burytia). This country, one of the republics composing the Russian Federation, has a location in the south of Siberia throughout the coast of Lake Baikal, and has an area of 351,000 square kilometers. It uses stamps of Russia, and therefore does not issue its own. The ones offered on eBay are fakes, but you can buy them.

Some attractive items on eBay include a Buriatian sheet of 5 stamps for under \$ 1.00, a sheet showing dogs and puppies for under \$ 2.00, a 7 dog sheet for under \$ 6.00 and a shark-dolphin stamp for \$ 5.00. The country does issue postcards, some showing its coat of arms, Tengri and Sarlyk, Buriatia's flag and combined Russian / Buriatia motifs.

Considering all of the hard work which went into the recent show, I felt that this jocular article would put all of the readers on the cutting edge regarding this relatively unknown countries.

Views of the Show, courtesy of Mark Grant



At Last Month's Meeting...

[Thanks to President Bill for providing Your Editor with notes of last month's activities]

At the March meeting, we discussed final arrangements for the Show, and the various outstanding bills to be submitted. President Bill suggested that members come to the Show as roaming Ambassadors to answer questions and direct visitors to appropriate booths. We need everyone's assistance for a successful Show.

There was a motion placed on the table by Doug Harms that the club nominate Bill Ellis for the Board position with the ANA and Tony seconded the motion. Some discussion followed as to Mr. Ellis' past relation to our Club (having presented a coin-grading talk). The motion was passed by 100% of the membership votes. Tony and Bill signed the Ellis nomination documents. Doug will copy (for our files) and submit the documents.

We had time for a Show-and-Tell, and concluded with our usual auction.

-BCS

FROM THE EDITOR...

For those of you missed it, here is the photo that ran in the Fauquier Democrat on March 30. We could not have asked for better publicity. The picture shows a father and son, intent on our hobby, with a full house in the background. The text includes our Club name, and they got the name right.

I was able to attend only for a few minutes, near the end of the Show, but even then it was well-attended. Every table had visitors, and I hope that all dealers had a profitable visit. Even the Kids Corner was surrounded (thanks to Rachel and Ben for showing their collections).

This year was by far the best-attended Show we have ever had. It was also the best organized and probably the most profitable Show for the Club. Much of the praise goes to Tony, but nearly everyone had a hand in its success. It was a tribute to Emilio Castelar, who was the moving force behind the Show from its inception. He would be pleased and proud to see how his idea has blossomed.

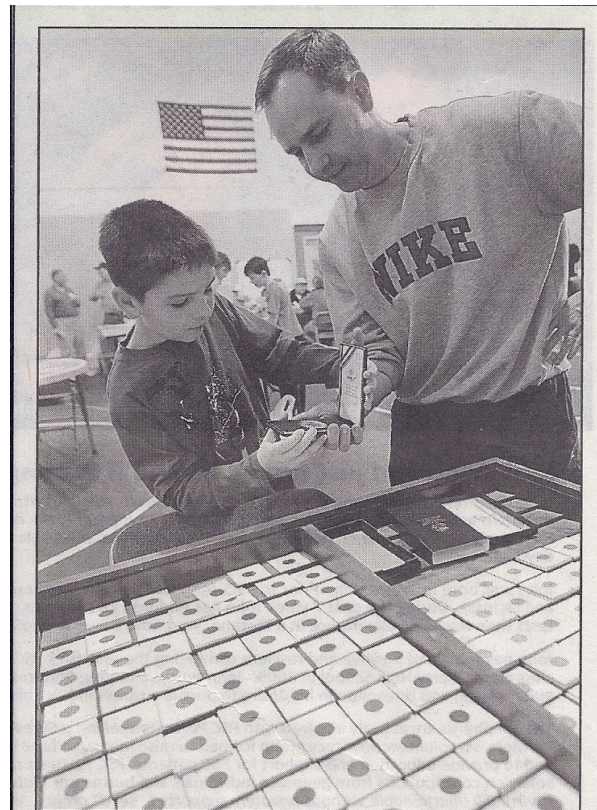


Photo by Adam Goings

Show me the money

Ten-year-old Matthew Lawn and Dan Lawn, of Northern Virginia, take a closer look at an Eisenhower centennial silver dollar during Saturday's Stamp and Coin Show at the Warrenton Boys and Girls Club. The show was hosted by the Warrenton Stamp and Coin Club.

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This month's featured stamp

This month we feature a stamp honoring jazz. It was issued on March 26 in New Orleans, and was designed by Howard Paine of Delaplane, VA. The pressure-sensitive adhesive was issued in panes of twenty, blocks of ten and strips of four. [I do not recall blocks of ten and strips of four being offered before].

“With this stamp, the USPS is proud to pay tribute to jazz, America’s musical gift to the world, and to the musicians who play it in studios, clubs, or concert halls, and on festival stages,” New Orleans is, of course, the birthplace of the music.

The USPS has honored New Orleanians Louis Armstrong, Jelly Roll Morton and Mahalia Jackson with postage stamps in the past. Now, it has honored the music born in their hometown – jazz.

