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**Houston Philatelic Web Site:**  
**<http://www.houstonstampclub.org/>**

## Upcoming Philatelic Shows & Bourses ....

### July 27, 2019

**Ark-La-Tex Annual Coin, Stamp & Card Expo.** Bossier Civic Center, 620 Benton Road., Bossier, LA, 71111. The annual show is one of the largest coin shows in the South with over 50 dealers from surrounding states. There is a \$3 admission fee. Free parking. A smaller contingent of stamp and sports card dealers round out the bourse. Hours are 9-6 on Saturday and 9-3 on Sunday.

### August 1-4, 2019

**APS StampShow/NTSS 2019.** Location: CHI Health Center, Omaha, 455 North 10th St., Omaha, NE, 68102. This is the American Philatelic Society's annual national 4-day show and the largest stamp show in the country this year. The host hotel is the Hilton Hotel, 1001 Cass St. Phone (402) 998-3400. The room rate is \$138/night, plus taxes and fees. Hours are Thursday through Saturday, 10-6, and Sunday 10-4. Admission is free.

### September 19, 2019

**Greater Houston Stamp Show 2019 Set-Up Day.** We encourage as many of our members as possible to attend and help during show set-up. Hours are 1-6 pm at the Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Parkway, Humble, TX 77338. We will need help setting up the exhibit frames, mounting exhibits, setting up the Beginners' Booth, etc.

### September 20-22, 2019

**Greater Houston Stamp Show 2019.** Our version of the Greatest Show of Earth. Venue is the Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Parkway, Humble, TX 77338. Admission and parking are free. Hours are 10 to 6 on Friday and Saturday and 10 to 4 on Sunday. We will feature the nationally famous single frame exhibit competition (ORANGE this year) and a 32 dealer bourse.

### November 1-2, 2019

**Houston TSDA Bourse.** Crowne Plaza Hotel, 7611 Katy Freeway (I-10 West, south side feeder road.) Bourse hours are 10-5 on Friday and 9-4 on Saturday. Web site: [www.tsdastamps.com](http://www.tsdastamps.com).

## Upcoming Meetings ....

### July 1 ...

#### Annual Ice Cream Social

To celebrate the summer season, this night is a pot luck desert bar where each member is encouraged to bring a snack, desert, etc., but the star of the night is the ice cream bar with all the toppings.

### July 15 ...

#### Stamps of Ecuador

Ictor Salinas will share his expertise on the wide range of stamps issued by Ecuador.

### August 5 ...

#### Summer Called Auction

This is your opportunity to dispose of some of your duplicates at our Summer floor auction. You may bring up to two lots for sale. You may also want put together an additional lot or two to donate to the HPS club or for the GHSS for it's benefit. Plan on bringing cash and purchasing a lot to enhance your own collection.

### August 19 ...

#### For only a Penny

Larry Ballantyne will present this talk on one of his areas of expertise.

### September 2 ...

#### New York City

Ardy Callender, our resident specialist on the New York City post office in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries will talk on one of the city's postal aspects.

### September 16 ...

#### Greater Houston Stamp Show Prep Meeting

GHSS Chairman Ron Strawser will lead this discussion along with his Committee Chairs on all aspects of the show including where we need volunteer help.

### October 7 ...

#### GHSS Wrap-up Meeting

Bring your comments, compliments and criticisms regarding the show as well as any special purchases you made at the show for Show & Tell.

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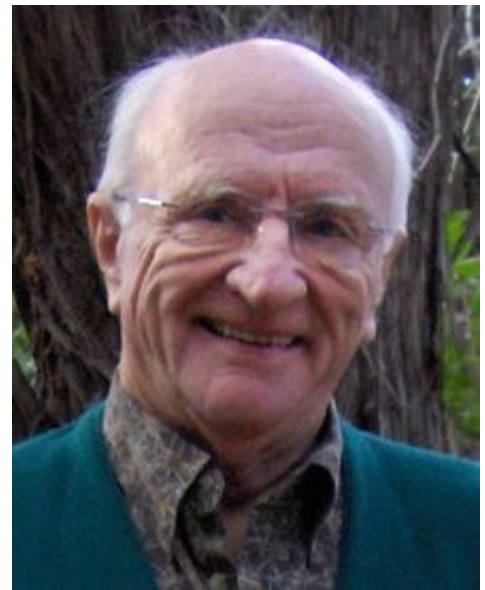
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**Dealer Bourse:** GHSS is scheduled to have 32 of the nation's best dealers in attendance selling everything from worldwide stamps and covers to philatelic supplies and country and cover collections. We hope you have plenty of great finds from our dealers and please take a moment to thank them for attending GHSS when you shop with them. Look for a list of show dealers on the web site as we approach show time.

**Food Concession:** We firmly believe that having an on-site food concession is a key to supporting both our dealers and show attendees. The show is an all day experience and staying on the premises for lunch al-



### Closed Album: George Kubal (1929 - 1919)

George Kubal of Waco passed away at age 89 on May 10.

George was a fixture at our Greater Houston Stamp Show as a stamp dealer for many years and was a regular at TSDA bourses held in Houston. He operated his business under the trade name Castle Stamp & Coin. George last held a dealer booth at GHSS in 2016 before announcing his retirement.

George reached the rank of colonel in the U.S. Air Force and was a 1952 graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. During his 23 year career in the USAF he was a fighter pilot in Korea. After flying, George went on to earn his Masters Degree in Nuclear Engineering from North Carolina State.

George is survived by his son Keith Kubal.

# A 1:00 p.m. Display of Liberia at the Royal Philatelic Society London, 25 April 2019

By Bryant Korn

The Royal Philatelic Society London has an afternoon Philatelic Display on some topic one Thursday of every month, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. It is an afternoon where members can view a Philatelic Display at their leisure and discuss any aspects of the topic with the presenter. In April, 2016 I was invited to display Liberian Philately at the RPSL, thus I have been working on this project for three years. I consider it an honor being invited to display a collection for the fellows and members of the Royal Philatelic Society London.

In preparation for the event, I decided to exhibit various aspects of Liberian Philately at the regional Greater Houston Stamp Show, and then nationally. Exhibiting parts of the collection was an excellent way for me to organize thoughts regarding Liberian Philately, as well as learning how to create philatelic exhibits. Assembling an exhibit involves sorting through one's material on a topic and putting pen to paper! But, a 1 p.m. Display at the RPSL does not have to be in the format of a competitive philatelic exhibition. A 1 p.m. Display is just the display of a topic from a collection in any type of format preferred by the presenter. I just chose to use an "exhibit format" for my Display.

It was a bit daunting of a project, though. The number of pages required for a 1 p.m. Display is between 320 and 588 pages. I chose to display 588 pages, which is the equivalent of 36¾ frames of material at a Philatelic Exposition. I didn't realize at the time how heavy this material would be to carry on an airplane; it was almost 35 lbs.! But I endured.

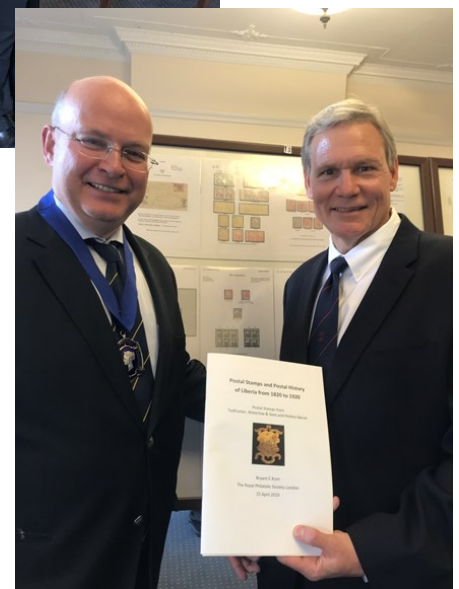
My 1 p.m. Display was titled "Postal Stamps and Postal History of Liberia from 1820 to 1920". After an initial Stampless section, it featured sections on the Postal Stamps produced by Todhunter, Waterlow & Sons, and then Perkins Bacon, with associated usage. A handout must also be produced as a guide for the visitors to the 1 p.m. Display, which for Liberia became a 40-page booklet summarizing all important aspects of the first 100 years of Liberian Phi-

lately with examples of key material. Both the Display and the booklet were enthusiastically received.

I had a marvelous day. It took two hours setting up the display in the morning, after which I was invited to lunch by the Honorary Secretary. About 90 members reviewed or studied the Display that afternoon, followed by nibbles and drinks at 5 p.m. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting Royal Philatelic Society London fellows and members and discussing Liberia. A common comment was amazement at the nature and depth of Liberian Philately. Afterwards, I was invited to dinner by the President. A truly wonderful day.



**Members reviewing and discussing the Display.**



**RPSL President Patrick Maselis and Bryant Korn, with a copy of the Liberian booklet.**

## *Houston Philatelic Society Auction Rules*

by Jonathan Topper

Please see below our official auction rules for our periodic stamp club auctions. These have been approved by the officers and members of the board.

The formalized rules listed at the right are not meant to complicate things, but are intended to keep our auctions FUN, and also fast and efficient.

The only major change from previous auctions are the restrictions on the denominations of dollar bills for payment. (please see rule #12). This was added so that our auction recorders, who keep track of transactions, can take in money and pay it out to the winners quickly after the auction.

We are also encouraging members to use the official HPS Auction Sheet for each lot entered. You can access a copy of the auction form on our website [www.houstonstampclub.org](http://www.houstonstampclub.org)

### **Rick Barrett to Provide Talks**

HPS member Rick Barrett has been invited to speak while on a spring driving trip to New England. He will present on topics pertaining to his book Buffalo Cinderellas at the following:

May 23 - Lancaster, Pa., the Philatelic Society of Lancaster County.

June 6 - Hubbardston, Mass., Historical Society  
(Hubbardston is where the "huckster" in Rick's book was born, lived and is buried.

June 11 - Lewiston, NY, Historical Association of Lewiston, which is located 25 miles from Buffalo.

### **Australia Study Circle Meeting**

The HPS' Australia Study Circle met on Saturday, June 8, with six members attending. The group went around the table to update one another on collection updates. Bryant Korn showed a selection of new kookaburra material including picture post cards, postal stationery, cacheted envelopes, etc.

Ron Strawser showed new acquisitions of North West Pacific Islands material. John Germann showed covers featuring the half penny issues of South Australia and Victoria. Jay Stotts showed the cracked plate marginal markings of the one shilling lyre bird issue caused by issues securing the printing plate to the printing cylinder.

John administered a five question quiz about Australian philately and awarded a mint set of the first Australian Antarctic Territory definitive issue to the winner.

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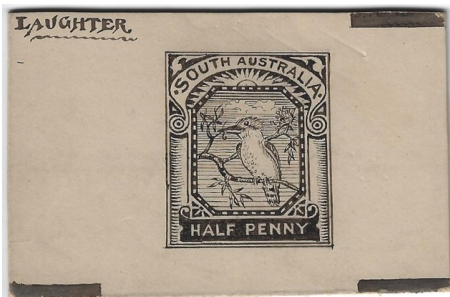
1. Only paid up members may bring lots to auction off and bid on the lots of their choice.
2. Limit 2 lots per member per auction.
3. Lots will be described on a standardized auction sheet which is available on the club website.
4. Material to be auctioned can consist of any philatelic related item or items, including supplies.
5. Members may enter lots to be sold for the benefit of the Houston Philatelic Society or the GHSS Foundation, Inc. These are usually referred to as "Club Lots".
6. Members must list a minimum bid for each of their lots.
7. Bidding will be in whole dollar amounts only.
8. When a lot is won, the winner must call out their name so the recorders can accurately keep track of the auction results.
9. The auctioneer's decision on the identity of the winner and bid amount is final.
10. All lots must be paid for that night before the winner can pick up the lots.
11. At the end of the auction, buyers pay for their purchases first. When all buyers have paid, the sellers may then collect their money.
12. Payments:
  - a) Cash only accepted, with \$1's, \$5's, \$10's preferred. \$20's bills will be accepted if necessary.
  - b) Exception: If a single lot is purchased for \$50 or more, a \$50 bill will be accepted. If a single lot is purchased for \$100 or more, a \$100 bill will be accepted.
  - c) No checks or credit cards accepted.
13. Unsold lots must be picked up by the owner by the end of the meeting.

## Recent Australian “Kookaburra” Discoveries

by Bryant Korn

I collect Kookaburras on Australian stamps and I recently came across these two interesting Kookaburras. First is a South Australian half penny essay of a Kookaburra on a eucalyptus branch, in pen and ink on a very thick card. It is appropriately titled “Laughter”. The design measures 38 x 45 mm. A beautiful piece of artwork that was submitted to the South Australia stamp design competition of 1896.

Secondly, is a pair of 1928 3d Kookaburras where one stamp has a previously undocumented variety of a very large and dramatic “splotch” to the left of the Kookaburra’s head. I assume something got on the printing plate, and maybe this variety only exists from a few sheets. This pair is from the regular 1928 issued printing, and not from the 4 x 4 blocks printed at the 1928 Philatelic Exhibition.



### *Classified Ads:*

*Members may place philatelically related Buy, Sell, or Trade ads in The Perforator free of charge. HPS Dealer-Members may place free classified or feature ads in The Perforator at no charge as well. Member ads will run indefinitely until the advertiser requests a change or cancellation. Send copy to the editor.*

**Wanted:** Mint and used stamps and post-cards from China (years 1878-1985). David Wu, Houston, TX. 832-276-2956.  
[freefoodwater@yahoo.com](mailto:freefoodwater@yahoo.com)

**Wanted:** U.S. unusual postal history material; 1887 large banknote issue, 10¢ through 15¢ Washington/Franklin issues. Also, U.S. 19th century green cancels. David Willig, Houston, TX. 713-201-2042. [cbhz3@hotmail.com](mailto:cbhz3@hotmail.com)

**Buy/Sell/Trade:** Texas Postal History. Email John Germann or phone him at 281-493-3938.  
[jghist@comcast.net](mailto:jghist@comcast.net)

**U.S. FACE VALUE POSTAGE** - Offered at 50% of face. Order any amount from \$25 to \$300 Face Value and receive a mixture of 5¢ to 30¢ values. Clean and fresh material. Send order with payment to: Jonathan Topper, 10480 Grant Road, Suite 117, Houston, TX 77070. Stamps can be mailed to you or delivered at the next stamp club meeting.

### A Word About The Houston Philatelic Society....

Enjoy the fun of stamp collecting by sharing your interests with fellow collectors at an upcoming HOUSTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY meeting.

When : **First and third Monday of each month at 7:30 PM**

Where : **West University United Methodist Church, 3611 University Blvd., Houston, TX**

Visitors and new stamp collectors are always welcome.

Officers: President: Paula Pedrick  
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