

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION TO
THE TALLAHASSEE STAMP AND
COVER CLUB (TS&CC)**

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Dues are \$5.00 per year and are during January of each year. The quarterly issues of the *Postscript* are included in the dues.

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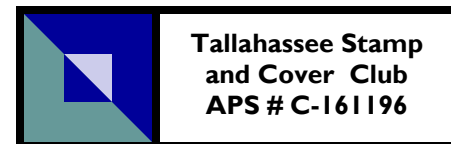
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Club Information and Membership Application



TS&CC meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the downstairs dining room of the Tallahassee Senior Center, 1400 North Monroe ST, Tallahassee, FL 32303

About TS&CC

The Tallahassee Stamp and Cover Club has been in existence since the mid-1980s. Today there are 40 members who attend the various meetings and events throughout the year. Many members attend the monthly meeting on the second Tuesday night of each month at the Tallahassee Senior Center on North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL. Club members come from Thomasville and Bainbridge, Georgia, as well as Tallahassee and surrounding communities.

Members start gathering for the monthly meeting around 7pm to discuss stamp collecting, and buy, sell or trade their stamps. At 7:30pm a very short business meeting is held followed by a feature presentation from a member relating to philately. These presentations are highly educational and members learn about the politics and history behind stamp issues along with learning various collecting techniques. They also learn how to identify fraudulent stamps, and how to build, manage, and dispose of collections.

The club offers families of deceased collectors support in dealing with estate issues, disposing of a collection of any size, and profiles of current market conditions for philatelic items. Club members deal with 15 to 20 collections per year. Some of these collections are small and some involve dozens of boxes of philatelic material.

TS&CC attempts to publish, depending on article submissions, a quarterly newsletter known as the *Postscript* which is a four page (or more) publica-

tion that provides members with featured articles, help in identifying hard-to-identify stamps, discussions about various tools used to identify stamp watermarks, phosphorescent tagging of stamps, and determination of various varieties of stamps issued by different governments. Below is the front page sample from the *Postscript*.

 THE <i>Postscript</i> Tallahassee Stamp & Cover Club		American Philatelic Society Member #1414 Volume 16, No. 2 April-June, 2006
<p>RPOs in New Zealand by Larry Benson</p> <p><small>The following are excerpts from Larry's talk on June 13. He would like to thank Pat Skinner, a New Zealand stamp buddy, for his assistance in supplying information and stamp items for his presentation.</small></p> <p>New Zealand Railway Post Offices (RPO) are also called Traveling P. O. (TPO) and Railway Traveling P. O. (RTPO). Over the years, a great deal of mail was handled by the RTPOs but, with a few exceptions, it isn't easy to acquire covers or even stamps showing the cancel date. Some of these items are considered rarities.</p> <p>The first railway in NZ was built starting in 1860 between Christchurch and Lyttelton on the South Island which is a distance of about 50 miles. Some have claimed that mails were carried on this section but evidence is to the contrary. The postmaster-general's report for 1865-1866 describes the method of mail transport from Christchurch to Lyttelton as "by coach".</p> <p>Many of the earliest rails were made of wood, so very light engines were pulling trains including those carrying mail. Early mail vans (railway cars) were also made of wood, one in particular which burned with only two or three bags of mail saved.</p> <p>Rail lines were opened north and south on both islands and short-line (feeder) track-ages to smaller villages was completed almost every year. A major milestone was completion of the Christchurch to Dunedin South Island main trunk in the fall of 1878. Regular TPO service was initiated a month after completion.</p>		<p>The main trunk on the North Island was between Wellington and Auckland which wasn't completed until the 1890's. The slower construction was due to two factors: rugged nature of the country and opposition by the native Maoris.</p> <p>As in the early RPO days in the USA, mail was tossed from passing trains and picked up only at flag stations. Later, mail hooks snagged bags of mail "on the fly" without the train having to stop. The practice of grabbing bags "on the fly" in NZ was discontinued after it was determined to be hazardous to those standing on the depot platform.</p> <p>All trains with railway mail (as well as trucks and cars) had to cross the straights by ferry from Picton at the top of South Island to Wellington at the very bottom of North Island. Rail freight was shunted into the ferries at Picton then taken off on the other side by northern trains. There were about 8 sailings daily on 3 ferries.</p> <p>As an economy measure, several Railway Traveling POs were discontinued at the beginning of 1932. Mails previously carried in postal vans (RPO Cars) were dispatched in guard's vans or in special wagons (trucks) if their bulk required it.</p> <p>The peak of using railways to carry mail came soon after WWII ended followed by the introduction of airmail. Some railways, including privately owned ones, were still carrying mail as late as 1965.</p> <p>One might think that "Otaki Railway" was</p>
<p>Meeting Dates & Presentations</p> <p>This is a list of upcoming meetings for the remainder of 2006:</p> <p>August 8 — Mickey Dwyer September 12 — Mike Francis October 10 — Member Bourse</p>		<p>Inside this issue:</p> <p>New Zealand RPOs 2 (cont.) Identify Uncovered 3 Identify This Stamp 3 Dr. Vasanthaiah in Washington, D.C. 3 President's Message 4 INSERT: The Hell Michigan Post Office INSERT: First in a new series — Tracking country names in the Scott catalogs</p> <p>TIDBITS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have 3 new members: William Dunn, Sam Cook and John Mathews. As far as we can tell, the Senior Center misplaced our grab box of stamps. We are now looking for donations from members to build a new grab box. Any on and on paper stamps will suffice. The <i>Postscript</i> is looking for philatelic articles for publication. Don't be bashful and know that your efforts are appreciated by all members.

One mission of the club is to introduce younger generations to the world of philately. The hobby provides children an excellent opportunity to enhance their knowledge of history and geography. Children learn the location of most of the existing and defunct countries of the world. They also learn a valuable economic lesson: the concept of supply and demand which drives the price and availability of stamps. The following photo shows one of the potential new members to the club. The child in the photo, Hub Chason III, is interested in



creating a topical stamp collection. His theme is "animals on stamps" in particular the African animals.

The club accepts donations for tax purposes. Since we do not solicit donations or any other form of support, we do not need to be a 501(c)3 non-profit.

Club members also support the United States Postal Service by providing stamp cancellation services during stamp issuing ceremonies in and around the Tallahassee area.

Complete the application on the reverse side and mail it, along with you membership dues to the club Treasurer. If you are undecided about joining, you are welcome to attend one of the club meetings at your leisure. We have people stopping by all the time. The only closed meeting is the annual December Christmas Party for members and their families and friends.

If you have any questions or require additional information, contact one of the club officers listed on the back page of this brochure.

TS&CC meets on the second Tuesday

Come visit us on the second Tuesday of each month at the Tallahassee Senior Center, downstairs dining room, 7:30p—9:00p. Beginners, experienced and the renewed collectors are all welcome!