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Hello my fellow collectors!

This month has gone fast! I hope everyone is getting used to the cooler weather. There's a line on my philatelic thermometer that declares that this is now stamp collecting weather! Luckily, we have a fast approaching meeting to jump start all our fall collecting activities. And what better way to do that but to have an auction?! So, bring your checkbook, piggy bank, gold bars and any extra Ingles coupons to load up on new fun box lots for your evenings' enjoyment. Not to mention your own contributions to the auction. Easily mailable items can be uploaded for the zoom portion of the auction and items large and small can be brought to the live in person auction. (See the upload link below)

But the real cause for a burst of trumpets is that our Anniversary Cacheted Cover will actually be there! They are in my car as we speak so there is no way they will not finally arrive. They turned out beautiful and every member in attendance gets to take one home. (limit one per member)

We will meet at Deerfield Community Center on Sunday, Oct 15 at our usual 1:30. p.m. Zoom attendees may also participate in the online portion of the auction which we do first before the 'in person auction' If you bid on any of the lots which are not online

please make sure you have made arrangements for someone to pick them up for you as we are not equipped to mail large lots.

As always we will have our famous 5 cent stamps, our free table (don't forget to bring a thing or two to donate to fellow members if they are no longer of use to you to be appreciated by a new owner) We will have our 50/50 draw, door prizes and our 2022 Scott catalogs will be there for members to use and even sign out for the month at the end of the meeting. If you take one home please remember to bring it back next month so others can use it.

In addition to the auction we will also have a Show and Tell. We'd love to hear your brief story about an interesting item if you upload the scans to:

https://stampsmarter.org/AuctionSQL/ASC_ShowTell.php?operation=insert

Speaking of online, the auction items up for bid on Zoom can be viewed at:

https://stampsmarter.org/AuctionFiles/Cat_ASC.aspx

If you are uploading items to enter in the auction you may do that at this link:

https://stampsmarter.org/AuctionSQL/Auction_ASC_Entry.php?operation=insert

And of course, don't forget to visit the club website for new and interesting items. Don Denman's fascinating history of the U.S. mail is available to view on the website. It is so good that I think every American (and Canadian) stamp collector should see it. Thanks Don for your amazing work! Here's our site link:

<http://ashevillestampclub.org>

On a personal note, I would like to end with an explanation of my fascination with Ontario split ring cancels. Our newest member David Ball (president of the American Airmail Society) asked me recently at lunch what it was I found so interesting about them. Later that day I sent him the following explanation which I reprint here as many of you (if you give it any thought at all) probably wonder about my particular philatelic obsession. Thank you David and a large welcome to the Asheville Stamp Club!

"During the course of my life, first growing up in three different towns that my dad taught in and in my adult life living in 5 other districts and counties, as life evolved I developed an interest in the history of Ontario informed by my own experiences. I am fascinated by these cancels as every new one I acquire takes me to examining the role that each played in the province's and my own history. Some municipalities have been

short lived, ending up as ghost towns, often succumbing to the vagaries of local economies, changing locations of rail lines, being amalgamated into ever expanding nearby cities that swallowed them up etc. Others from humble early beginnings have grown to sizable and influential hubs of economic and cultural activity. So in a way it's a personal journey through my own life, nostalgic and self-revelatory. Perhaps this is a common theme in the motivations of us self-inflicted stamp collectors holding tickets to our own self understanding. What a wonderful hobby we have. The world would be a much happier place if everyone were a philatelist!"

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Sunday!

Cheers

Pres Frank