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MEET THE CHITTENDEN COUNTY STAMP CLUB

In addition to individual members, the Vermont Philatelic Society is the umbrella organization for Vermont stamp clubs. There are seven stamp clubs in Vermont. Over the next few issues, we will spotlight each club.

The Chittenden County Stamp Club has about 60 members mostly from the north-western part of the state. The current club began in 1971, although there was a previous club which existed from the 1930s through the mid 1960s.

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at the GE Health Care Building off Shelburne Road in South Burlington beginning at 6:30 p.m. and lasting about 90 minutes. Programs are usually presented by club members. Auctions are held in May and October, although small mini-auctions are held at each meeting.

The club has held its annual *CHAMPEX* (Champlain Exhibition) bourse and/or exhibit since 1981 and sponsored a pictorial cancel for each show. Currently, *CHAMPEX* is honoring Vermont and its participation in the Civil War.

The club plans on a Civil War pictorial cancel each year through 2015. In 2011 the cancel honored Governor Eratus Fairbanks and his quote "Vermont Will Do Its Full Duty." In 2012 it commemorated Vermont's participation in the Battle of Antietam. All *CHAMPEX* covers are pictured on the web at WWW.VERMONTPS.ORG/CLUBS/CACHETEDCOVERS/INDEX.HTML.

CHAMPEX 2013 is being planned in October. Show dates will be posted in a later issue of the *Stamp Insider*.

Dues are currently \$10 a year which includes a newsletter sent from a different Vermont post office each month. Each newsletter cover has a picture of the sending post office, similar to the example at the above right. The plans are to eventually have a complete set of post office cancels and cachets. January 2013 will see the 145th cover in the series.

Club information is on the web at WWW.VERMONTPS.ORG/CLUBS/CHITTENDEN.HTML. ■