FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

In my last epistle, I promised I would get the next issue out in more timely fashion. Well, I think I have done that, but we have fewer contributions than usual, lacking fungi and marine invertebrates. The fungi are easily explained, as Paul said there were just not enough new issues to fill a page. Ornithology is a different matter with 19 pages of corrections and new bird issues. Only a couple of pages from Chuck Braun this time. Not having much to talk about, as Fran states below, I have combined the editor and president's messages into a single page. The 'left over' page has a cover from Malaysia with some recent new issues, unfortunately not all wildlife stamps. However, it does have an interesting attachment at top right for registration and a signature of receipt form. In order to use the cover in an exhibit, one would have to use a double width page. Talking of exhibits, I am just putting the finishing touches on the prospectus and entry form for the American Topical Association show NTSS-2009 in Dayton, Ohio, June 12 to 14. It would be really nice to have some more exhibits in our subjects of interest. In fact, I cannot remember seeing exhibits on botanical or ornithological subjects in some time. Maybe some of our members might take advantage of the "Novice" category that we have introduced to the annual show. Anyone needing an entry form can e-mail me.

Until next time - Alan J. Hanks

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

September 2008 - Fran Hammond

Dear Fellow Collectors,

How time has flown!! I feel that I just wrote a letter to you so I have little to say. We always send out our dues notices with the 3rd issue of Biophilately so you will find the notice along with the issue. I know you feel that you just paid dues. Remember that there was a change - Mailed issues for U.S. and Canada are \$20.00, foreign mailed \$25.00, Everyone can save money by using the web site which is \$15.00.

As always you will notice there is a donation line please feel free to use it., the number of life members that we have, most from 25 or so years ago, do make it difficult to balance the budget. I do thank those members who have given in the past.

Health and weather report from south west Colorado: Health is great just feeling my age as time goes by. It is cooling off somewhat, having some rain with great night time thunder storms, no frost yet but could come any time. Oh I don't remember if I have mentioned I am going to be a great grand mother for the first time for twins arriving next month a boy and a girl so from now on there will have to be a twin report.

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