

Philatelic Society of Lancaster County



The James Buchanan Chapter (#173) of the American Philatelic Society Chapter 118 of the American Topical Assn.

Club Picnic: Millersville Freedom Park*

Wednesday, 12 August 2015

6:00 pm (Please note earlier starting time.)

From the Vice President

On 12 July 2015 the Philatelic Society of Lancaster County launched its Facebook page, where interested persons, young and old, can learn about the Society and its members! If they wish, they may post philatelic stamps, covers, or articles of general philatelic interest targeted to attract new members to our organization. Currently I'll be our Facebook site monitor.

How important is a presence on Facebook for the club? In the 15 July issue of *Numbers, facts, and trends shaping your world* by the Pew Research Center it states: "Social media networks have become vital channels for Americans' daily interactions. Users rely on these platforms to keep in touch with family and friends, gather information, and share what is important to them...Three quarters of

online parents use Facebook, as do 70% of non-parents." In the article Facebook outpaced its rivals, Instagram and Twitter, nearly 2:1 (Pew Research Center, 15 July 2015).

Paul sent you the link a few weeks ago, but it is reproduced below this article should you need it. Hoping to see many of you at the picnic.

Hal

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VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

PSLC Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month (except August) at The Bluebird Commons in Woodcrest Villa, 2001 Harrisburg Ave, Lancaster, PA 17601 at 7:00 PM. Dues are \$10.00. For club info, call Lucy Eyster: 717.735-2586

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*It's Picnic Time-Map on Pg.-3

Wednesday, 12 August 2015

6:00 p.m. Millersville Freedom Park

Remember your appetizer, side dish, or dessert.

Burgers, hot dogs, drinks, and condiments will be provided

Games: French Loto with Prizes

Hostess: Lucy Eyster & Committee

Chefs: Mike Shirley & Paul Petersen

(Bill Greiner, III, Supervising)

Gamester: Dick Colberg

If you missed the sign-up and would like to attend, please contact Paul Petersen immediately.

717-299-5640



Collector Type?

The writers of *The Collector* (No. 3, 2015, pg. 14-15), the philatelic magazine of *An Post*, the Irish Post Office, identified eight collector types and challenge us to determine with which type we, the readers and collectors, most closely identify.



The Loner: These collectors work privately and rarely talk to other collectors of their interests. When they post on bulletin boards and forums, it is often anonymously.

The Clubber: These collectors enjoy the fraternization with collectors and join a club to meet new friends and gain opportunities to learn about the hobby while buying, selling, and trading. They give back to the hobby by volunteering.

The Worldwider: They collect everything worldwide and will take almost any stamp that comes along for their albums. These collectors are also known as "The Grabbers."

The Pastimer: These collectors catch an hour here or there to work on their hobby. Many collectors start like this, but eventually they will be reading the catalogs, attending auctions, surfing the internet, and dreaming of collecting a country.

The Specialist: Specialist collectors will do as the name says with a country, region, time, individual stamp, or a special topic.

The Scatterer: They collect what ever catches their fancy without a real method to their approach. Collections may be eccentric, organized, or disorganized, but they enjoy them as these reflect their personalities.

The Heavyweight: The serious collectors who compile important collection of stamps, covers, and/or other specialties.

The Junquer: They buy anything regardless of quality, condition, or rarity, often referred to as philatelic junk that rarely increases in price.

July Minutes and Treasury

Joy Bouchard and Lou DiFelice

Opening: Bill Greiner opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes: The June Minutes and Treasurer's Report as presented in the July 2015 Newsletter were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Membership: Lucy Eyster announced two visitors. The first sold a collection to Al Schaub and left, and the second is Tom Kensey of Lancaster (near Mountville). He collects U.S. singles, airmails, and plate number coils. He joined after receiving the club newsletter via the Philadelphia club. There were 40 at tonight's meeting. Lucy asked, with almost 90 dues paying members on the books, that any unused nametags should be returned to her.

Drawing: The Drawing was won by Dennis Bouchard. The second prize was split be-

tween Dick Shaefer and Lou DiFelice.

Old Business:

Baseball Game & Picnic: Paul Petersen passed around the sign-up sheet for group seating at a Barnstormers game later in the season. He then discussed the picnic list for attendance and food contribution. There are 37 signed up so far. Additional information will be in the August Newsletter including directions.

APS & ATA Membership Drawing: Paul announced that there will be a September drawing for a free year's membership paid by the club for any members who have never been part of APS and/or ATA. Winners will agree to pay their own dues for the following two years.

Election: Lou DiFelice moved

and Dick Shaefer seconded the nomination of Doug Milliken for the office of 2nd Vice President. The subsequent vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Congratulations and thank you, Doug.

Education and Recruitment: Hal Klein followed up on his previous editorial and presentation. See "Recruitment..." below.

New Business: None

Presentation: A very interesting and enlightening presentation entitled *The Express Companies of Mexico* was given by Dick Colberg.

Treasury Report

Opening: \$5,436.50 (1 June)

Income: \$0.00

Expenses: \$213.95

Closing: \$5,222.55 (30 June)

3-CDs valued at \$6,932.35

Marketplace

Dick Colberg is looking for the following items: 1.) A corner card/advertising cover and/or a piece of their letterhead stationary for the **Trojan Yacht Co.** of Lancaster, PA. 2.) A used U.S. postal card, UX-224 "Bringing up Father" of 1995. picantiques@aol.com to contact Dick.

Lou DiFelice has **U.S. postage sheets** for sale, 1950s-1990s, large selection at 80% of face value. Contact: loudfelice@gmail.com.

Club Members: Are you looking for some hard to find items and/or do you have some good stuff to sell or trade with club members or others reading this newsletter? This column is for you. Send your queries to the Editor .

Recruitment, Stamps 101 & Facebook

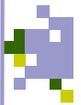
Hal Klein followed up on a previous presentation and editorial regarding Stamp Collecting 101. He opines that this and membership recruitment are two sides of a coin. As new members join PSLC, there should be short classes and demonstrations available to them in a variety of topics of stamp collecting. Conversely, the club can recruit members by offering classes and information sessions to the public. This only makes sense.

Hal discussed starting a Facebook page for PSLC, and Dennis Bouchard offered to help. About six to ten members indicated that they are on Facebook, and Hal rein-

forced the impact of this social media to promote the hobby. The information goes from one person's page to another and another as in a chain reaction.

Regarding the Boy Scout Merit Badge, Tom Kensey has had experience with the badge requirements and the BSA, while Daisy Detweiler can contact the local BSA Council once there are dates to offer them.

Hal will be seeking club members willing to share their philatelic knowledge and skills with the scouts and both potential and new members of PSLC. This will include watermarks, perfring, album selection, love and care of collections, basic exhibiting, auctions, buying and selling, and much more.



Miscellaneous Club Notes: Programs/Hosts and Shows

2015 Programs

12 August: Summer Picnic

9 September: Great Britain's Line Engraved Stamps. David Hunt; Lou Leidig, Host

14 October: Fall Auction. Al Schaub, Host

11 November: Club Member 1-Page Exhibits and Open House. Len Kasper & Paul Petersen; Len Kasper, Host

9 December: Dinner

2016 Programs

13 January: Winter Auction; Hal Klein, Host

10 February: Jamaica in World War II. An APS DVD video

9 March: The 5-Cent Enclosed Rate. Bill Schultz

13 April: History and Culture of Germany on Stamps. David Hunt

11 May: Coins on Stamps & Stamps on Coins. John Brownell

8 June: Spring Auction

13 July: (Tentative) Civil War Covers. Dennis Shumaker

10 August: Summer Picnic, Millersville Memorial Park

14 September: Fall Auction

12 October: The U.S. International Stamp Shows: Part-1. Paul Petersen

9 November: '15 Open House

14 December: Dinner

2015 Shows

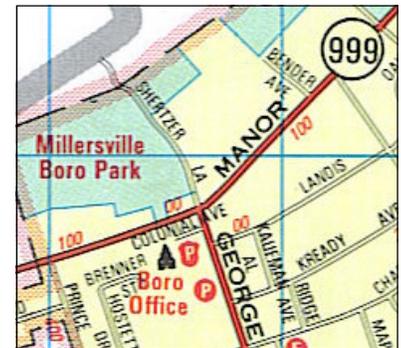
Some Sundays Stamp Bourse: 16 August, 20 Dec. Farm & Home Center, Kevin Kellman (K²), Manager, 301-371-4558.

APS Stamp Show: 20-23 August, DeVos Convention Center., Grand Rapids, MI

Balpex: 4-6 September, Marriott, Hunt Valley, MD

PICNIC Information

***Directions to the Park:** Driving west into Millersville from Lancaster on 999, the Park is on the north side of 999 (Manor Ave.) just west of the intersection of George Street with 999. (See map) Also, across the street from the park is the Barn Door Restaurant, and to the east is Herr's Market. We'll be meeting in Pavilion-A, the big one just down the hill and on the left. Park right behind the pavilion in the large adjacent lot. Our new 2nd VP, **Doug Milliken** ordered wonderfully seasonal weather for our enjoyment.



Rates Make Postal History Fun (Pt-2) Hal Klein

As in my article last month on postal history, this next group of covers also focuses on the U.S. definitive Presidential Issue with three covers addressed to Brazil. These include two air mail covers and one surface letter rate in the period of 1944-1949.

Cover-1: This is a combo usage of a 10¢ John Tyler (Scott #815) and a 30¢ T. Roosevelt (#830) tied by a New York N.Y. CHURCH STREET ANNEX, Int'l Postal Supply Co. (Now Pitney-Bowes) machine cancel on SEP 25, 1944. The F.A.M. (foreign air mail) contract rate for airmail letters to Brazil was 40¢-per-½oz. from Dec. 1, 1937 thru March 31, 1945. Foreign Air Mail contract rates varied by country until the end of WWII when rates became standardized.

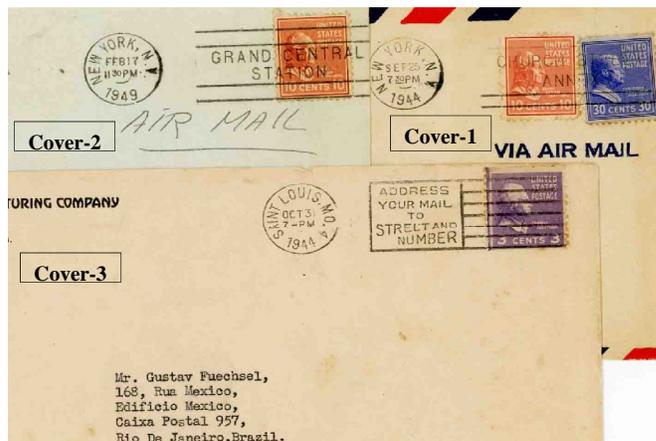
Cover 2: This demonstrates a solo usage of a 10¢ John Tyler (#815) tied by a New York, N.Y., GRAND CENTRAL STATION, Int'l Postal Supply Co. (Now Pitney-Bowes)

machine cancel on FEB 17, 1949. The South American rate (SOA) was now applied to all countries in Central and South America, dropping the cost to 10¢-per-½oz. starting November 1, 1946 through June 30, 1961.

Cover 3: This shows a solo usage of a 3¢ Thomas Jefferson (#842) horizontal coil tied by a St. Louis, MO., Int'l Postal Supply Co. (now Pitney-Bowes) machine slogan cancel on OCT 31, 1944. The first class rate to PUAS* member countries was

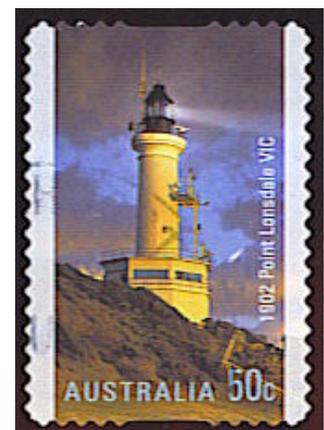
3¢-per-½oz. from April 1, 1932 until November 1, 1953.

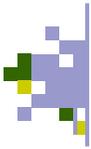
*(PUAS=Postal Union of the Americas and Spain which included Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, El Salvador, Spain, Uruguay, and Venezuela. (The U.S. usually has special postal treaties with Canada and Mexico.)



Coming Next Month

While making stamp packets of Australia for APS, I was amazed with the beauty of some of these issues and thought about sharing some of them with the readership of the newsletter in the next issue or two. Till then mate! ☺





Musings: August 2015

The Penny Black, War, the New York World's Fair

Many postal entities around the world have produced stamps and souvenir sheets in 2015 to celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the world's first adhesive stamp, UK's Penny Black of 6 May 1840. As I read two of the UK's stamp journals, *Gibbons Stamp Monthly* and *Stamp Magazine*, I am learning a lot about the history of the stamp while viewing many of the latest commemorative issues.

Celebrating the Penny Black and its creator, Roland Hill, is nothing new this year. It has been promoted in anniversary years and non-anniversary years alike over time. On their own, these commemorative stamps make a wonderful thematic collecting area. And it is not just the stamp, but the Mulready letter sheet, and the burst of activity brought on by the 1839 postal reform and its accompanying penny post.

If we go back seventy-five years, 1940 was the 100th Anniversary of the Penny Black. And it was also the second year of WWII. Planning for the Penny Black celebration started early, in the mid-1930s for the 100th Anniversary. There was also a tie to the 1939-1940 New York World's Fair. There would be a grand exhibit of philatelic treasures from the Royal Collection at the British Pavilion

at the World's Fair.

While there had been winds of war in Europe, this was abated somewhat following UK's Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's meeting with Herr Hitler and the signing of the Munich Agreement (30 September 1938) allowing Chamberlain to proclaim "Peace in Our Time" upon arriving back in the UK at Heston Aerodrome. So the celebration planning continued. However, in April of 1939 the agreement was broken when Hitler invaded Denmark and Norway followed by the Benelux countries and France on 10 May. Mr. Chamberlain resigned.

In the UK, celebrations of all sorts (philatelic and others) were more subdued with the war. There was a six day exhibition in London (6-11 May 40) accompanied by a six stamp "Centenary" set ranging from 1/2d thru 3d (Scott 252-257; 6 May 1940).

The centenary set is a collecting area. Making it interesting were the postage rate changes of 1 May just before the issuance! The challenge is to find covers with stamps paying the appropriate rate for the ser-

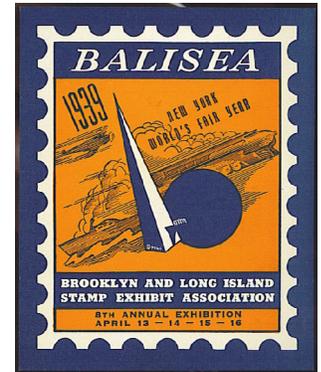
vice rendered (*Stamp Magazine*, 6/15, pgs 54-58).



While reviewing some documents at APRL in June, I came across an interesting expo brochure with stiff cover regarding the special stamp and cover exhibition at the 1940 NY World's Fair. A highlight was to be the Royal Collection, but with the war and its accompanying hazards, the collection could not be sent. Instead, photographs of many of the "Crown Jewels" of the Royal Collection were substituted. This included album pages, proofs, essays, & documents.

The show brochure listed the participants and their material for exhibition, enough to fill >265 frames. There were many sponsors including the USPOD, the American Banknote Corporation, the City of NY, and many others. There were 100K covers with Brit-

ish Centenary commemorative stamps produced. (*Unfortunately I can't locate the cover I had planned to include in this article!*)



The above Cinderella is from Mike Bach. While not related to the Fair's '40 stamp show, this stamp club issue is a tie of their own '39 stamp expo with a promotion of the Fair.

From 2 thru 6 May 1940 the Washington Philatelic Society held one of the largest stamp shows in the U.S. It was located in the building which is now the natural history museum of the Smithsonian. USPOD planned to issue a stamp honoring the PB, but FDR did not approve the design (Herb Trenchard, 2005). Otherwise the Penny Black was duly honored here. Ed



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