



(Postal Museum)

Philatelic Society of Lancaster County



The James Buchanan Chapter (#173) of the American Philatelic Society
American Topical Assn., Chapter 118
Member, NY Federation of Stamp Clubs

Doors open at 6:30 pm, Wednesday, 11 October 2017

Come Early to Browse the Bourse

CSA Postal History Presentation at 7:00, Short Business Meeting at 7:45

From the West End

Everyone knows how much I enjoy the club's stamp and cover auctions, and the latest was no different. Though I was saddened to hear that Bob Noble will be retiring as auctioneer after September's event, I realize that this is an opportunity for membership to give him a large note of thanks from the club for his

many years of service to PSLC. I also enjoy data, perhaps through a lifelong engineering career with lots of numbers. Treasurer, Lou DiFelice, provided data from our last auction. He indicated that there were 147 lots on the block. Of this number, 96 sold and 51 lots had no

bids. The amount of all the material sold was \$592. The club earned \$49 from the philatelic materials that were donated. Donated items are always appreciated.

Like many of you, I am looking forward to Trish Kaufmann's presentation on The Madison Postmaster Provisionals. *Doug-*



DECEMBER PRESENTS for APS and ATA: PSLC is a member of both philatelic organizations, and each is in need of stamp packets for education purposes. And while they appreciate the stamp gifts, if they are presorted, labeled, and ready to hand out, they are even happier. Why can't each of us make a packet or two for APS and ATA? APS needs packets of 25 stamps: either U.S. or foreign (no duplications please, and commemoratives when possible). ATA needs packets of 35 presorted into individual topicals. The suggestion is that if each of our topical collectors made a packet or two of the doubles from our specific topical collections, it would go a long way. Label each. Why wait, do this now! Prepare those packets for APS & ATA. There will be two months to do this, and they will be collected at our 6 December Dinner in the new Vista Center at Woodcrest Villa. Dinner coordinator Deb Ehleiter is reporting that this will be an event to remember. And with our gifts, APS and ATA will remember it too.

The 1861 PM Provisionals of Madison, FL Presented by Trish Kaufmann

It was Trish's Kaufmann's definitive research on the 3-cent 1861 Postmaster Provisionals, published jointly in both the 1984 and 2000 *American Philatelist* and *The Confederate Philatelist*, that resulted in an entirely new Confederate section in the 2000 *Scott Specialized Catalogue*, as well as the CSA catalog. Her research on the Madison provisionals was a 16-year project, which ultimately disproved the misconceptions of over a century of prior catalog listings - both U.S. and Confederate. Her 2000 article, dedicated solely to the Madison C.H., Florida,

3-cent postmaster provisionals was a watershed moment for Confederate philately. This program will trace her efforts from 1984, when the Madison provisionals were not accepted as genuine by the philatelic community, to their ultimate acceptance in 2000. The only recorded use of a 3-cent 1861 Mad-



ison provisional was sold at auction this year for \$118,000. Many at PSLC know of Trish Kaufmann and her expertise in CSA philately from her presentation to PSLC in Lancaster and through her international reputation and service to the hobby. Her awards are legion.

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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 a year. For club information call Paul Petersen at 717-299-5640

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Save the Dates:

11 Oct. Trish Kaufmann & CSA
21-23 Oct. Diamond Stamp Sale
4 Nov. Reading Stamp Show
8 Nov. Open House; 1-Pg Exhibits

Fall Auction RD Noble to Retire

It was another great auction. We did not have 41 bidders as in June, but we had the next best at 39. RD Noble announced his retirement, that this would be his last stint as auctioneer, but he will continue to help with the club auctions.



Auctions remain a popular component of our many club functions. According to auction treasurer, Lou DiFelice, and recorder, Dick Shaefer, there were 147 lots for sale in September.



The next auction will be on 10 January 2018. Start getting your lots ready for sale.

Specialist Philatelic Societies

Appearing in the 2018 newsletters will be short monthly articles by members and club friends about the philatelic specialist societies of which they are members. Articles will contain information about their societies including their purpose, benefits, literature, meeting opportunities, online resources, auctions, membership, and more.

Following are just a few: Germany Philatelic Society, U.S. Philatelic Classics, Christmas Philatelic Club, APS, Royal Phil Soc. of Canada, ATA, PA Postal History, Eastern PA Pre-Cancels, Errors, Freaks, & Oddities, and many more.

Favor Cancels Part-II: Have some fun; make your own

Last month I wrote about the basics of **favor cancels** including their origins and how and where they are commonly used. This month I want to discuss some of the favor cancels I have requested and the fun I had with them. I am hoping that you may try the same and compile many keepsakes and souvenirs.

One variety of favor cancel commemorates people, places, or events. The importance is on the slogan's content in the cancel (See squirrel to the right→). There may be a corresponding cachet. The date is of less importance.

In another favor cancel variety, the date stamp is of great importance. These validate the date/time of an event (see eclipse below) or the anniversary of an event. It has as much importance as the event, person, or place.

It is easy to find the availability of these cancels through the regular "Postmark Pursuit" listing in *Linn's Stamp News*.

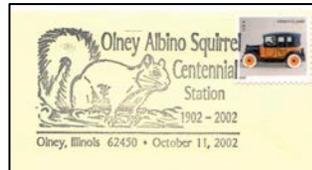
For example, in the 4 September issue at the time of the eclipse, about 75 post offices are listed as offering a 21 August date-time cancel, many with a total eclipse image. Most of these POs were in the swath of totality during the transcontinental event. Many have been granted 30+ day extensions. If you would like a date strike on the specially created thermographic eclipse stamp, these cancels may still be available.



While the eclipse was not as sexy in Lancaster, weighing in at a whopping 78% of totality, it was still a major eclipse that everyone could view. It was worth a commemoration, especially with a specialty eclipse stamp by the USPOD. The image above contains a locally made cachet on a PPC of an Amish barn raising with a 21 August '17 favor cancel

from the Lancaster PO.

Through *Linn's* I learned about a special cancel featuring an albino squirrel living in Olney, IL. Since we had a regular customer on our patio, a white (non-albino) squirrel that my wife named **Buddy**, I sent a picture of him along with my request for a cancel. It was returned with a personal note from the PM and a few extra goodies. The cropped cancel is below (↓).



In 1978 I spent some time with the First Medical Battalion of the Third Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, CA. Through *Linn's*, I learned of an available favor cancel from this camp celebrating the 230th anniversary of the USMC in 2005. (See cropped cancel ↓)



I have also had some fun with favor cancels for special dates. When my cousin's son was married a few years ago in Latrobe, PA, I was out early and located the post office. That afternoon I got the date cancel on a card to my cousin for that night's party that is formerly known as the rehearsal dinner. And since it was an afternoon wedding the next day, I was able to get a wedding date cancel on a wedding stamp on my card to the bride & groom. These were treasured keepsakes.

And in another USMC related cancel, my story goes back to 12 June 1967, Day-1 for me in the 'Green Machine.' Here a drill instructor told the platoon, in no uncertain terms, that we would remember 12 June 1967 for the rest of our lives. Perhaps if he hadn't said it quite like that, I might not have remembered it (every year!), but he did say it, and he was right! Maybe it was the blood shooting out his eyes. Nevertheless, he made his point. So every year on 12 June, a slight chill goes up my spine. And fifty (50) years later, the Bausman, PA USPOD cooperated with me and

applied hand-back favor cancels of 12 June 2017 to PPCs that I sent my Marine friends who probably underwent similar experiences. Let's help them to remember their pleasant moments too.

2016 was a leap year, so I created a few PPCs and covers for this 29 February hand-back cancel.

On 11 April 2016, Bausman cancelled some postcards to which I attached computer-generated cachets. These indicated that this was the first effective date of the first 1st class postage decrease (49¢→47¢) since 1 July 1919. In WWI first class rates were raised a penny (covers and postcards) on 2 November 1917 to help support the war. After Versailles, the rate was reduced back to what it had been before the war. Some collectors enjoy first days and last days of an effective postal rate, so 11 April 2016 is just another permutation of the above rate change commemorations. The official date of the reduction, 10 April 2016 was a Sunday, so cancelling did not begin until Monday, the 11th. And perhaps if I had contacts, a postal friend could have gone to work and cancelled it for me that Sunday the 10th (↓).



Rate decreases are very uncommon. Without the explanation in the label/cachet, very few would realize the significance of the cancellation date.

A much sought after favor cancel date is 25 December. The history is interesting as reported in her article in *Yule Log* (Christmas Philatelic Club) article (pg.-9 Vol. 49, No. 3), Christine Sanders stated that Christmas was not a federal holiday until 1870, and many functions were performed on Christmas before this date. It was a busy mailing day. Christmas cancels from 1792 are available.

Ms. Sanders notes that a good source for 25 December cancels is the U.S. Navy where the larger ships have post offices with active duty postal clerks. These and others on U.S. military bases may be happy to apply a Christmas day postmark for collectors. Ed. ☒

September Minutes and Treasury

Diane Meek and Lou DiFelice

Opening: President **Doug Milliken** opened the meeting at 7:05 pm. He introduced Ginny DiBerardino, president of the Optimist Club who discussed their activities in local fundraising for disadvantaged children and more. The hat was passed, and members contributed \$65.

Membership: **Lucy Eyster** announced new members **Dale Shaub** and **Tom Nichols**. Tonight's visitors included **Lee** and **Barbara Buchanan** of Conestoga. We now have 100 dues-paying members. Attendance was 45.

Monthly Drawing: **Lucy** conducted the drawings. Winners were **Mike Shirley**, **Sarah Mylin**, and

Dale Shaub.

21 September NPM Bus Trip: **Mike Bach** said that the trip is on. Bus will meet us at 7:30 am at the Garden Café. Seats are available for members and their guests. Contact **Roy K. Baardsen** with queries at 610-927-3435.

Dinner with the Speaker: **Paul Petersen** passed around the sign-up sheet for dinner with **Trish Kaufmann**, the October speaker. This will be at Olive Garden starting at 4:15 pm.

1-Page Exhibits and Open House: This will be at the 8 November meeting. Paul passed

around sign-ups to determine an approximate number of pages and title(s). He explained the process for preparation and exhibition with opportunity for a short discussion.

50-50 Drawing: **Mark Jardel** held this drawing that totaled \$64 with half going to the winner, **Al Schaub**.

Program: Tonight's program was the Fall Auction.

Treasury: 1-31 Aug. 2017

Opening:	\$3,410.06
Income:	\$82.00
Expenses:	\$158.82
Closing:	\$3,333.24
3-DCs:	\$7,023.20

PSLC Members in Action



It has been a busy several months. On 21 September Lancaster and Reading toured the Nat'l Postal Museum and were invited to the 14th Sundman Lecture by James Barron on his book, *The One-Cent Magenta*. (Details and snaps will appear in November.)



Dick Colberg recently published a catalog: *WWII Patriotic Labels*, eighty-two pages of color illustrations. This augmented his four 2017 articles for the Canadian Philatelic journal *L'Écho* on the following: Cancels of the Canadian Railroad Post Office, Plate numbers on Victorian Great Britain stamps, Security overprints on GB stamps, and U.S. revenue stamps.

Since making another find, **Dr. Charles DiComo** continues working to update his database on the extremely rare Waterbury roulettes on the 3-cent 1851-1857. Only thirteen of this rarity are known, and recently two of his were award-

ed Philatelic Foundation certificates of authenticity.

In September **Mike Marino** was hired by the *Cordier Auctions and Appraisal Company* of Harrisburg to assist them in valuating stamp collections that they acquire for auction. He notes that a lot of philatelic material is surfacing, and many heirs have little idea of what to do with it other than turn it over to an auction company.

Continuing with his studies of the Overrun Countries, **Hal Klein** made a significant find of the Belgian variety, resulting in a new section in Keith Litchman's *The Overrun Countries: Book 6, Belgium and its Varieties*. Hal will be discussing this series at the PSLC meeting in February.



On 8 September the club gathered at Five Guys for a quick burger and then to Clipper Stadium to see the Lancaster Barnstormers minor league team play baseball. Attending among the members and guests were the following (connect the heads above from left to right): **Dick Colberg**, **Dennis Bouchard**, **Joy Bouchard**, **Bill Greiner**, **James Ziogas**, **Mike Shirley**, **Diane Sullivan**, **John Hostetter**, and **Joe Sullivan**. Not

pictured are **Dennis Shumaker**, **Paul Petersen**, & **Tuyde Greiner**.



The first weekend in September brings Balpex in Hunt Valley, MD, about an hour away. This is the unofficial start of the stamp season for many clubs, and our caravans made their way south on I-83. Caught at lunch below from left to right are **Al Schaub**, **Joy Bouchard**, **Bill Griener**, **Dave Silcox**, and **James Savage**.



Retired stamp dealer and PSLC member, **Al Schaub** continues with price reductions to liquidate his remaining stock of stamps and covers. Contact him with your queries and want lists. 569-6278.

Len Kasper at Diamond Estate Sales has just prepared a large philatelic estate for sale at the store on Rt. 896 just north of Sight and Sound Theater. This goes on sale on 20 October, and for the first three days, members of PSLC will be given a 50% discount.

Club Notes

Programs, Hosts & Shows

2017 Programs

11 October: The Madison, FL:1861 3-cent Postmaster's Provisional, **Trish Kaufmann**, **Dennis Shumaker**, Host

8 November: Open House and One-Page Exhibits. **Len Kasper** & **Paul Petersen**. **Fred Mackey** and **Fred Sargent**, Hosts

13 December: December Dinner. **Deb Ehleiter** & Committee

2018 Programs

10 January: Winter Auction. **Dr. DiComo**, Host

14 February: The Overrun Countries Series Under a Printer's Loupe. **Hal Klein**

14 March: A Philatelic Journey, **Scott English**

11 April: How We Now Judge Exhibits with Points in North America. **Bill Schultz**

9 May: State Symbols of PA on Stamps, **Vera Felts**

13 June: Spring Auction

11 July: TBA

8 August: Summer Picnic

13 September: Fall Auction

10 October: Stampless Mail from U.S. to Europe. **Dr. Chas DiComo**

14 November: Open House and One-Page Exhibits

12 December: December Dinner

2017 Shows/Events

Some Sundays Stamp Bourse: Sunday, 15 October and 17 December. Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Rd, Lanc., PA

Gettysburg: Sat., 21 October, Gettysburg Fire Company, 235 S. 3rd St.

Allentown: Sat., 28 Oct., Jordan UCC Church. 35 N. Stratton St.

Reading Stamp Show: Sat. 4 Nov., Leesport Farm Market, Route 61 just north of Leesport. 312 Gernants Church Road.

Happy Halloween



Musings: October is National Stamp Collecting Month

In all honesty, I missed it. **Nat'l Stamp Collecting Month**, that is. It's every October! And with this lapse of the little grey cells, promotional opportunities for PSLC and the stamp hobby went down into the depth of the philatelic black hole...again! It wasn't until I saw the September edition of *The American Philatelist* and APS President Mick Zais's column on the topic (pgs. 820-821), that I realized that we missed the boat. He made many good suggestions for clubs to meet their outreach challenges. Ordinarily this would not have affected me so strongly, but it took me back to a stamp club report I recently read in the July/August 2017 issue of *The Stamp Insider*. This is the online publication of the NY Federation of Stamp Clubs of which PSLC is a relatively new member (see: stampinsider.org). The Fort Stanwix Stamp Club of Rome, NY closed its doors on 22 June due to "low membership, poor attendance, health problems, and old age (Pg.-67)." *SI's* editor then added a footnote to this club's page noting that *in the last few years, eight other NY Federation stamp clubs have closed down.* Having reached 100 members last month at PSLC, with prospects of two more this month, it is easy to get complacent; won't PSLC go on forever? I am sure that members of these now retired NY clubs said the same thing a few years ago. The key for PSLC is to not get into critical danger of disbanding. As a club, we must be proactive, and this means that we have a club that works hard. We must keep the members we have and make every effort to reach out to the community to educate the citizenry and bring some of them into our ranks. Doing this will take some time and work, but it doesn't have to be a lot of either. An hour or two a month to work with Philately 101 will do wonders for the retention of our new collectors or those seeking to review. Then there is the secondary effect, that these members will reach out to others. The more one knows about the hobby, the more enjoyable and challenging it becomes. Many philosophers believe

that without a challenge, humans will wither on the vine. And given the caliber of PSLC membership, many desire the challenge. Challenges are what get us out of bed in the morning and keep us going during the day until we drop into our beds at night. Dr. Zais suggested many outreach activities for stamp clubs, and I'll highlight some below. APS and PSLC may be able to help with the resources for these. And which of these can PSLC implement in 2018...2019? The **methods** themselves fall into three categories: ♦Setting up displays that will remain for a given period of time. ♦Putting up posters, signs, meeting notices, and placing literature (i.e. *Linn's*, *AP*, club newsletters, and others). And ♦Making presentations, telling stories, and teaching about stamps. The **places** include but are not limited to ♦Post Offices ♦doctor's and veterinarian's offices (i.e. dogs 'n cats on stamps), ♦museums, ♦art galleries, ♦flea markets, ♦schools, ♦local businesses (i.e. banks, grocery stores, markets), ♦libraries, ♦scouts, ♦retirement and nursing homes, ♦elevators, ♦hospitals, ♦service organizations (i.e. Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions), and ♦many others. **How:** The key is to mix and match the appropriate ♦method with its ♦place. You won't be doing a PowerPoint in an elevator but you may have permission to put up a poster or meeting notice. Save the displays and presentations for the school or library. Depending on the group, topical collecting may be a good approach such as animal stamps for the veterinary offices or country collections for civic groups such as the Rotarians. Many options exist. There are several ways to reach the community. But we need a plan; we need volunteers. We don't have to reach for the moon right now. Even if we do just one activi-

ty in '18 and perhaps two in '19, we can move the philatelic world by one event at a time. Ed

Please clip this dues notice, complete it, and turn in to Lucy Eyster at the October meeting with \$10.00. You may also send it to her at 503-B, 2001 Harrisburg Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17601-2641

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