



The Overprint

Newsletter of the Reading Stamp Collectors' Club

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Most meetings held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting site is Berkshire Commons, 5485 Perkiomen Avenue (Route 422)
Turn north on Lincoln opposite the Dairy Queen.
Proceed 300 feet, turn left on Washington and look right of center at the stop sign.

Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

The Auction of the Century!

O. K.—maybe not quite the auction of the century, but we did get your attention! Anyway, as far as we are concerned, it will be a pretty special event if we have you participate as a buyer, seller, or onlooker!

Weather or Not!

Remember, if either the Reading or Exeter schools close all day or dismiss early on the day of our meeting, it is an automatic cancellation. We cannot cover every situation, so if the weather is questionable, please call an officer of the club before risking travel in bad conditions. This is a change and the last issue for 2015 that will carry this notice. Thank you.

Drum Roll...

The attendance drawing was won by no other than the venerable Dr. Kent Weaver. The 50/50 drawing was won by Roy Baardsen. Both won \$15.00. Roy was not able to be there...but he sent along cash to buy tickets and support the club. Congratulations to two faithful members. The 50/50 tickets help our club run many programs and is a lot of fun.

Manuscript Society

can be useful

to Stamp Collectors

Not every organization you join must be a stamp organization to power your collecting efforts.

Depending on your interests, The Manuscript Society can be very helpful. Indeed, I would guess that some philatelists competing in exhibitions might have beat out the competition had they joined this club.

The dues are steep, \$75 annually at a minimum, but if you can afford the type of material written about in the society's publication, the dues will be a cinch. Their address is 14003 Rampart Court, LA, 70810.

A former President of the club and significant member is Barton Smith, a retired Reading area physician.

By joining, you can make contacts with autograph dealers specializing in higher end material, including Presidential letters as well as other important pieces.

Many autographic letters will come with the envelope—tying them into a philatelic exhibit.

A recent article in their publication illustrated handwritten "short notes" written by Arthur Conan Doyle for his first novel about detectives Sherrinford Holmes and Ormand Sacker. Of course, you know them now as Holmes and Watson.

Bee Thankful

Did you know that a honeybee would on average have to travel about 5,000 miles to collect enough nectar so you can add a teaspoon of honey to your tea (or anything else).

However, since worker bees only spend about two weeks of their life collecting honey (the rest is mostly spent on household duties including taking care of young), it actually takes about 12 bees on average to collect a teaspoon of honey, plus all the bees needed to build and cap comb, care for the queen, etc.

It has been estimated that if bees got minimum wage, a pound of honey would cost about half a million dollars.

Now let's take that a bit further. Let's assume a stamp collector got minimum wage. Think of the time it takes to attend shows, search the internet, peruse through approvals, mount stamps, etc.

Now think about the gasoline and depreciation on the car, stamp club dues, books and such as part of continuing education.

Now, one more step. Imagine if you sold your collection for what you paid for it with reimbursement for all costs and minimum wage for your time. A small, ten-thousand dollar collection might handily bring half a million. Have empathy for those bees!

...And thanks to Mike Bach who is piloting a new program to send out our newsletter by e-mail. If you would like to receive this publication and we do not have your e-mail address, call Mike at 610-670-0620. Thanks, Mike for this service.

REFRESHMENT SIGN UP

Thanks to the following who have signed up to provide refreshments for our meetings. A big Thanks to all who have signed up. It will be interesting to see what our treats will be each month.

MARCH	DAVE HUNT
APRIL	KENT WEAVER
MAY	CARL MADIERA
JUNE	PICNIC
JULY	DAVE SILCOX
AUGUST	HOLLY SPRINGER
SEPTEMBER	MIKE MATUS
OCTOBER	STAN RAUGH
NOVEMBER	BOB STEINIGER
DECEMBER	PARTY !!

GET READY FOR APRIL'S MEETING

OUR PROGRAM WILL BE A VIDEO
FROM THE APS ON
WORLD NUMBER 1's

But the meeting has a twist

**IF YOU HAVE A COUNTRY #1
(or maybe a 2 or 3)
WE WANT YOU TO BRING IT ALONG
AND SHARE WITH OTHER MEMBERS**

**A LOT OF US HAVE SEEN OR OWN A
PENNY BLACK**

BUT

**DO YOU HAVE A #1 FROM ANOTHER
COUNTRY**

DON'T BE SHY

**SHARE WITH YOUR FELLOW
COLLECTORS WHO MAY NEVER
HAVE SEEN THESE!!**

