



The Greater

Philadelphia Stamp & Collector's Club

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American Philatelic Society - Chapter 18 * American Air Mail Society - Chapter 18
Successor to the Philadelphia Stamp Club and The Collector's Club of Philadelphia

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Next Face-to-Face Meeting - ?

Our ZOOM Meeting

The GPS & CC will be having its next meeting through ZOOM on **Jan. 19th at 7:30**. Our treasurer, Bruce Marsden, has set this up for us and it has been enthusiastically endorsed by our Club Officers and Committee Heads. The ZOOM invitation with the address that you'll click on to join the meeting will be resent to you on the day before the meeting as a reminder.

If you need more information on how to connect to our meetings via Zoom, contact Bruce Marsden, our treasurer.

NEEDED: A NOMINEE TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT FOR THE 2021/2022 TERM

CONTACT PHIL RUSSELL, NORM SHACHAT OR ALAN WARREN

BEHIND EVERY ANGRY WOMAN, STANDS A MAN WHO HAS ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA WHAT HE DID WRONG!

January's Program Via Zoom

We will be seeing Pan Am Clippers Conquer the Pacific by Jon Krupnick, a video from The Collectors Club.

Awards & Recognition



The American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors held its annual single frame exhibit competition in November, consisting of the recent SF grand award winners at national shows. The grand-of-the-grands went to our **Mark Schwartz** for his "Boston's Use of the 1847 Issue"! Mark also exhibited his "The Postal History of Newbury and Newburyport during the Stampless Period 1755-1855." Vern Morris entered his "Philadelphia Local Posts 1843 to 1861." At the Chicagopex literature competition in November, **Bill Schultz** and **Jasmine Smith** received a large vermeil for their web site "Scarce Postal Rate of 6 1/4 Cents." **Alan Warren** won a gold for the journal Ice Cap News.

A new federation of postal history societies in the mid-Atlantic region has been established. Two of our club members are officers in the new organization. **Steve Kennedy** is president and **Bill Schultz** is the Treasurer. Check out their new web site www.mafed.org, or their Facebook site, www.facebook.com/mafedsc.

Up-Coming ZOOM Meeting Dates

Feb. 16, Mar. 16, Apr. 20, May 18, Jun. 15,
No meeting in July, Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19,
Nov. 16, Dec. 21 Holiday Dinner?

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APS Information and Programs

APS members should have received their renewal letters last month.

Online Stamp Club Meetings

APS members are also welcome to join the virtual meetings being held by other clubs. Go to the APS website, stamps.org, and with just a few clicks, you can travel to new clubs, meet new friends and take in a great presentation. At the APS website there is a list of clubs that are holding online meetings and are “opening their doors” to anyone who would like to attend.

Speakers Circuit

Do we have any club members interested in presenting to other Chapters? This is a great opportunity to share philatelic knowledge. The APS is building a database of presenters that can be accessed by clubs for clubs. If you enjoy speaking, please send your name, your email and phone number, and the topics that you are able to cover.

SAVE THE DATE!

Chicago 2021: Great American Stamp Show co-hosted by the American Philatelic Society, the American Topical Association, and the American First Day Cover Society is scheduled for August 12-15 in Chicago, Illinois. The APS will be monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2021, should any lingering impacts prevent an in-person show. Visit the GASS website for updates.

The APS will offer a new Virtual Learning class each month in 2021. Go to Stamps.org for information.

February – Pressing Issues: An Introduction to Printing Types - This three-session course will meet - February 1 & 15 and March 1 (7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Eastern Time) Instructor: Wayne Youngblood - It is vital to proper stamp identification, as well as for rooting out fakes, to know how stamps are printed. This three-session course will cover the basics of stamp printing technology. This includes the four main types of printing used for virtually all stamps, as well as some design considerations and the use of color in multicolor printing (without going into color theory). Although useful for almost any collector, material is somewhat

U.S.-centric. A liberal amount of time will be spent online engraving and lesser time on the other types of printing.


Getting the Most Out of the Scott Catalogue - This two-session course will meet – March 8 & 15 (7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Eastern Time) Instructor: Ken Martin - Knowing how to use a stamp catalog effectively helps every collector make better informed buying and selling decisions. During this two-session virtual learning course, you will explore the differences among the Scott Standard, the Scott U.S. Specialized, and the Scott Classic Specialized catalogues and how to get the most out of the resources found in each. Attendees will also learn to decipher catalog organization, examine country entries, and interpret item listings. This course will help you to use a stamp catalog with more confidence and enhance your enjoyment of the hobby.

Club & Member News

Volunteers Needed!

After 14 years of putting together our excellent Club newsletter, our editor, Ed Weisberg, would like to pass the job onto someone else in the Club. Ed can give you lots of tips on how to do the job. Contact Ed Weisberg or Letty Moon if you could help out.

We are also looking for a volunteer to guide our Club as President for the 2021-22 term. The President generally introduces our speakers and moves us along the meeting agenda. The other officers and committee heads lend lots of support. Anyone interested in helping out? Contact Phil Russell, Norm Shachat or Alan Warren.



**I tried to re-marry my
ex-wife.
But she figured out I
was only after my
money.**

Minutes From Our Last TWO Zoom Meetings

Minutes for Nov. 17th, 2020

Vice President, **Phil Russell**, opened the virtual meeting with 19 members and visitors on Zoom.

PROGRAM: The program was given by **Rob Faux**. He presented Postal History Featuring the 24-cent 1861 Issue of the United States and he used many excellent examples of covers from that period.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: We have 49 members and tonight we welcome our newest member, Noah Beitler.

TREASURER'S REPORT: **Bruce Marsden** continues to work on trying to contact a past president who needs to sign off on our records to satisfy the requirements of Federal Gov. and the bank that we want to use to open our new account. After several failed attempts to reach him, hopefully we now have his correct address and **Steve K.** mentioned that he may have his current email address as well.

OLD BUSINESS: Everyone present reported having no problems with using Zoom for our virtual meetings so far. Bruce reviewed how he thinks last month's Zoom Bombing happened during the meeting and how to avoid it in the future. Members are urged not to pass the Zoom link which they receive onto other clubs which may post it on their club websites. Such info posted on websites leaves it available to others who can misuse the information.

NEW BUSINESS: It was noted in the APS newsletter on Nov. 16th that the APS Education Dept. is offering a virtual seasonal program by Florence Wright on Dec. 7th. Since we cannot have our Annual Holiday Dinner this year, several of us thought it would be appropriate to show this video at our Dec. 15th Zoom

meeting if it is available to us. **Bruce Marsden** is looking into this and it sounds promising for Dec.

Steve Kennedy mentioned that he would be willing to create a website for our Club if we are interested in moving in that direction in the future.

SHOW & TELL: **Alan Warren** described the cover that **Phil Russell** illustrated in the November newsletter. It was a registered cacheted cover post-marked during the National Stamp Exhibition held in New York in February 1934. The cover had the imperf pane of 6 Little America stamps (Scott 735). It was not a first day cover, but it had a cachet used on FDCs that was made by Leo August, who founded Washington Press with his brother Samuel. The pane of six 3-cent stamps correctly paid the 3-cent first class letter rate plus 15 cents for the registry fee. **Bruce Marsden** showed us a scan of a cover mailed from Doylestown to London to the American Exchange in Europe and he share the research that he had done on what the American Exchange was and what the original building houses today.

Steve Kennedy showed a scan of an old cover and talked about scanning books.

Steve Washburne discussed sales of stamps on eBay verses independent sales to repeat customers.

Noah Beidler described his progress in organizing the accumulation of stamps which he inherited from his great grandfather's brother. He showed us the albums which he is using and mentioned that he is using Ez-Stamp for identification purposes. Discussion followed with our members offering advice and encouragement to this new collector.

Respectably submitted by *Letty Moon*

Minutes for 12-15-2020

The Zoom meeting began with 8 members present.

Treasurer, **Bruce Marsden**, introduced our video program since the Vice President was having technical

problems. We watched an APS video: Celebrate the Season with Christmas Stamps by Florence Wright. She covered US Christmas and holiday stamps as well as International examples of the same themes.

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Pennsylvania Postal History Society Information

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Letty repeated that no dues need to be paid for 2021 and that new membership lists will be going out by the end of Jan.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bruce has finally gotten the signature that we needed from a past president to sign off as one of our Club officers. Now the problem seems to be that State offices are closed due to Covid-19, so changing our organization's registration with the State will not be easy, but has to be done before we can open up a Club checking account.

OLD BUSINESS: We are still looking for a volunteer to take over as President for the 2021-22 term.

NEW BUSINESS: We are looking for a volunteer who would like to take over creating our Club newsletter. Ed Weisberg has been doing it since 2013 and would like to step down sometime in the future. Contact Ed for information on how he does it.

SHOW & TELL: Vince Costello showed a Santa Claus postcard from the 1920's which had on it the message, "A Merry Christmas to Ding Bat." Vince has more Holiday themed postcards in his collection and also some posted on a site called Stamp-O-Rama, which calls itself "A stamp club for people who love stamps".

TOM GEIGER showed us a Ben Franklin stamp from the early 1900's which he found on a piece of junk mail. He also told us about his project to scan much of what is in his binders and to cross reference much of his collection.

Bruce Marsden told us that he enjoys learning the social history of those whose names he finds on covers and postcards. He said it is very easy these days to research these names from the past.

Respectfully submitted by *Letty Moon*

The PAPHS has as its primary purpose the cultivation and promotion of the study of the postal history of Pennsylvania, generally through the preservation of covers, folded letters and other material that has passed through Pennsylvania. PAPHS supports the publication of original research in respect of such knowledge for the benefit of its members and the general public.

We have study groups that are currently working on adding to our list of published monographs on postal marking of stampless mail for Erie, Lancaster, Lebanon, and Warren counties. We would also like to offer our support and expertise to your organization for your research projects. If you are currently working on something with which we can assist, please feel free to contact us.

We also publish an excellent quarterly bulletin, The Pennsylvania Postal History Historian. We are currently offering a discounted membership along with a sample copy of the bulletin. Email a request for the sample and information about membership to skennedy@paphs.org. Our website is located at <http://paphs.org>.



(Source: Reddit) **Rural mailman transfers letters and packages to another postman's saddlebags — he will ride further up the side road and creek beds where no wagon or car can go. In the mountain section near Morehead, Kentucky, 1940.**

Show Calendar

(subject to change)

- April 9-11 **Garfield Perry March Party**, Holiday Inn, Strongsville, Ohio
- April 23-24 **Lancopex, Farm and Home Center**, 1383 Arcadia Rd., Lancaster, Pa.

Gone, But Not Forgotten...

Two “local” postal historians died recently. Although they were not members of our club, they were major contributors to the field of postal history.

Chester M. Smith

Chester M. Smith, Jr. died December 4 at age 85 in Pine Grove Mills, Pa. He wrote about the postal history not only of Pennsylvania but also New Jersey, New Hampshire, Vermont, Illinois, Maryland, and New York. He compiled the list of subject headings used by the American Philatelic Research Library.

As a computer scientist he compiled indexes of postal history journals. Smith coauthored with John Kay the definitive work on Pennsylvania postal history on the post offices and first postmasters 1775 to 1994.

Born in Vermont, Smith obtained degrees in geology, mineralogy, and petrology and taught at Penn State University for 37 years.

Sidney Fingerhood

Sidney Fingerhood of Bryn Mawr died December 20 at age 94. He was a clerk on the New York & Washington Railroad and contributed articles on railway post offices, especially in the journal of the Mobile Post Office Society. He also served as mail-bid director for MPOS. Sid was a life member of the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society and received the local merit award of the Pennsylvania National Stamp Exhibition in 1999.

He was a founding member of the Pennsylvania Postal History Society. In addition to RPOs he collected naval covers and Judaica.