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Successor to the Philadelphia Stamp Club and The Collector's Club of Philadelphia

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Next Meeting - Tuesday, February 19, 2016

Our Featured Topic

for February

A program on "Amelia Earhart"

by
Richard Martorelli



Join Us For Dinner

Join us every month for dinner at the Willow Inn before the meeting! A group of us gather around the bar at 5:30 to socialize and then move on to the dining room at 6:00. There is a nice selection of American and Italian food, and Early Bird specials are offered. The Willow Inn is at 210 York Rd., where York Rd. and Easton Rd. merge, and is just a few hundred feet from the Giant Super Market.

If You Want To Advertise A Philatelic Item, Let Mr. Ed Know

Message from the Pres.

Editor Ed, Secretary Letty, kids-and-stamps advocate Member Rich Majerick, and I met for an ad hoc meeting for two hours a few Fridays ago to iron out the procedures for handling and dispersing donated stamp material. We were prompted by (overwhelmed by) three donations that came our way since Christmas. It was an enjoyable session.

The specified goal of one donor's group of cartons was to 'get the stamps to kids', a way of paying back those in the past who had inspired the donor to collect. Another loaded carton was awaiting us, sitting atop a Giant Supermarket countertop, as we entered for January's meeting! The anonymous note simply read 'the stamp club'! The third bequest was several cartons representing the remainder of late member Ralph Heller's collection--after the APS Representative had removed his choices.

At the meeting we solidified a two-step process for handling such donations. Volunteer club members would evaluate it, following the donor's request, otherwise by dividing it into collectible vs. 'kid material'. The common material for kids would be made into 'kiloware' packets for giveaway at shows, or given outright to members who work with kids and even Rest Home folks. They would write down descriptions of the auction-grade material, which would accompany it to our auctioneer.

These descriptions would eventually go into the Newsletter for club members to bid on as lots, hopefully monthly or in larger periodic club auctions until gone. By utilizing the Newsletter, not just attendees but the rest of the membership could bid from home by eMailing or snail-mailing Letty.

Club Auction leftovers and material judged not amenable to Club members would accumulate then go

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the eBay or Dutch Country Auctions route for the Club's benefit. Anyone care to donate? 😊

Serendipity: While cataloging some Philly folded letters, at first I identified the letter shown here as a run of the mill early trans-Atlantic. It's inscribed "Packet Ship for / Liverpool" with SHIP LETTER / LIVERPOOL, headed for London. I recalled a brief article by Richard Frajola <http://www.rfrajola.com/mercury/mercury.htm>, titled "The Cope Line of Liverpool-Philadelphia Packets," August 31, 2006. It highlighted this



early, obscure, but important local enterprise. (And I'd known a great, great ... Cope granddaughter once.) A very close, hand lens look revealed a faint reddish, smudgy something, hard to make out but, son of a gun, it resolved into a faint straightline marking. Checking a list of Cope Line ships, it guessed it might read Tuscarora. And it did! Super rare, only 2-3 known of each of four of the dozen Cope Line ships to bear the purser's handstamp! Moral of the story: Prepare to squint real hard when examining your collectibles!



Tom

The meeting started with 12 members present and one visitor. We introduced ourselves for those who were new, and then met our guest, Tom Geiger, a friend of Vince Costello's. He said he collects early 20th c. issued stamps.

PROGRAM: David Stevenson talked about British Commonwealth and passed around many examples of stamps issued from the reign of Queen Victoria to Queen Elizabeth II.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Almost all of our 49 members are current with their dues. Two members, Michael Bravo and Tom Kensey have dropped out. Updated membership lists will be sent out in Feb.

The Havertown Stamp Club is offering 4 one hour courses on various topics this spring. See the Nov. newsletter for a complete description.

World Stamp Show-NY 2016 is looking for volunteers in many areas to assist with the show from May 28th to June 4th. See their webpage at www.ny2016.org.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Vince reported that he had completed moving our account to Fox Chase Bank. He also mentioned that the Club now has a fictitious name.

THE 50-50 was won by Alan Warren. He won \$9 and the Club made \$10. Alan also gave each of us a handout entitled: How to Remove Adhesive from Self-adhesive Stamps.

OLD BUSINESS: After a short report on the Holiday Dinner, it was agreed that next year we should adopt a policy of having members pay in advance for the dinner rather than having to make up for the shortfall from the treasury.

NEW BUSINESS: Over the last month three donations of philatelic material have been made to the Club:

1. The wife of our former member, Ralph Heller, donated part of his collection consisting of 40-50

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albums, 50 philatelic books and electronic equipment for detecting watermarks and gauging perforations.

2. An anonymous donation was dropped off at our meeting site tonight. It was a big carton containing a large selection of worldwide stamps, supplies and 2 black lights.

3. We received the offer of 10 albums of worldwide stamps and other material from a former collector who wanted them to be used by a youth group, to give young collectors a better start in the hobby than he had as a kid. This offer was passed onto Robert Cohen who runs a youth stamp club and will be working with Boy Scouts on stamp collecting merit badges.

Discussion followed as to how to best evaluate what is coming in and what to do with it. The suggestions covered appraisals, Club auctions, stamp auction houses, youth groups, and Club library. It was generally agreed upon by those present to follow a 2-step process: appraisal/ cherry picking for the Club first, followed by distribution (by auction, donation to others, etc.) To this end we decided to:

A. Have Rich Majerick go over the books from the Heller donation, adding new volumes to our library and auctioning off duplicates at Club mini-auctions. [Rich took home the books.]

B. Have volunteer members help Robert Cohen evalu-

ate the 10 volume WW collection, so that any valuable stamps might be retained before given to his youth groups. [Robert will pick up the volumes from the donor.]

C. Have Ed Weisberg appraise the Heller donation, separating out lesser material for youth groups. [The material has been delivered to Ed.]

D. Have Rich Majerick appraise the anonymously received donation, separating out the lesser material for youth groups. [Rich took home the material.]

E. The less valuable material will be divided between both Robert Cohen and Rich Majerick for the benefit of the work that both do with getting kids, Scouts and retirement home residents interested in stamp collecting.

F. Use the best material for Club auctions rather than sending it out to auction houses to be sold. David Stevenson pointed out the requirement that material must be properly sorted before being considered by auction houses, such as Stamp Center.

G. What doesn't sell at our auctions could then be prepared and sent to auction houses to sell.

H. Discussion will continue to refine the 2-step process.

Respectfully submitted by *Letty Moon*



Awards & Recognition

Two of our exhibiting members did very well at the AmeriStamp Expo held in January in Atlanta, Georgia. Mark Schwartz had two entries competing for the single frame champion-of-champions. Although he did not win the top honor he received a Prix d'Honneur for each: "The Special Arrangement between Liverpool and the U.S. 1843-1848" and "The Postal Markings of Newbury & Newburyport, Mass., during the Stampless Period." However, in the single frame open competition he won a gold and the show single frame Reserve Grand Award for his "Boston's 'Paid in Grid' Cancels on the U.S. Imperforate Issues." Bill Schultz took a vermeil for his "Attached Rates, 1830s and Early 1840s." In

the multiframe competition Bill won a gold, the APS research award, and the Best Postcard Award for his "Toll Gates and Toll Houses – Their Progression on Postcards." Mark and Bill then went on to the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition in February where Bill won a gold and the American Philatelic Congress award for his "Domestic Rates – U.S.P.O. Acts of 1792 to 1863." Mark also won a gold along with the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society medal, the American Philatelic Society pre-1900 medal of excellence, and he nailed the show's Reserve Grand award to boot, with his "The Postal History of Salem, Mass.: Domestic Mail through Sept 1883 (Act of 1883), Foreign Mail up to UPU."

Alan Warren

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As Of 2-1-2016

Stamp Catalogs

Billig's Philatelic Handbook Vol 1, 1963

Billig's Philatelic Handbook Vol 33 (19th Century US Fancy Cancellations), 1972

Bookman:

Europe, 2005

USA/Canada/UN, 2009

USA/Canada/UN, 2013

Canada & Newfoundland Postal Stationery Catalogue

Domfil post Europe, 2005

Domfil Thematic Stamp Catalogue Disney, 2000

Facit Scandinavia Area, 2014

Falkland Islands and Dependencies 1800-2000

Hawthorn, the Australian Commonwealth Specialist's Catalogue, 1978

Hibernian Postage Stamps of Ireland 1922-1972

Kolar (Israel), 1970

Michel Spain/Portugal (Andorra and Gibraltar), 1982

Michel Western Europe M-Z, 1991/92

Minkus New American Stamp Catalog, 1958

Minkus New American Stamp Catalog, 1959

Sieger, Zeppelin Post Catalogue, 1981

Scott's:

Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue, 1901 World Vol 1, 1968

Specialized US, 1932 World Vol 1 A-B, 2001

Specialized US, 2008 World Vol 2 C-F, 2001

Specialized US, 2010 World Vol 3 G-I, 2001

Specialized US, 2011 World Vol 5 P-Si, 2001

Specialized US, 2013 World Vol 4 J-O, 2010

World Vol 4 J-M, 2013

World Vol 6 San-Z, 2013

Small Queens of Canada, 1989

Specialized Philatelic Catalogue of Canada and British North America, 1954

Stamps of Mexico 1856-1900

Miscellaneous References:

Stanley Gibbons Catalogs:

British Empire, 1920

Commonwealth & British Stamps 1840-1970,, 2014

Vol III Queen Elizabeth II Pre-Decimal issues, 1980

Vol III Queen Elizabeth II Decimal issues, 1976

Queen Victoria Vol 1, 2011

General Issue of United States Stamps, 1909

Italy, 1971

Scandinavia, 1971

3 cent stamp of the United States 1851-1857 Issue, 1975

300 years of Postmarks of the Netherlands

Airships of the United States Program 5 DVD

Album Weeds, or How to detect Forged Stamps, 1892

American issue (the US Postage stamp 1842-1869, 1984

American Revolution: A Glorious Undertaking, 47 Min DVD

British Empire Review 1961-1968

Canal Zone Gems, 33 Min DVD

Cancellations & Killers of the Bank Note Era 1870-1894, 1995

Care and Preservation of Philatelic Materials

Classic United States Stamps 1845-1869

Comprehensive & Specialized Catalogue of the Exporta Issues of Mexico

Confederate Postal History: the Harry Mueller Collection, 35 Min DVD

Doctoring of Postage Stamps, Philatelist Beware, 26 Min DVD

Early Forged Stamp Detector, 1979

Fancy Cancellations On Us Postal Cards, 27 Min DVD

Fundamentals of Philately, 1990

Guide to Collecting Mexico, 1981

Handbook of Cuba, 1982

Historical Reference List of the Revenue Stamps of the United States, 1990

History and Scope of Aerophilately Program 4 DVD

History of the United States Postal Service 1775-1993

How to Detect Damaged, Altered, & repaired Stamps, 1979

Introduction to the stamps of Mexico, 1992

Men Who Made the Stamps of The 1920's, 24 Min DVD

Mexicana:

Vol 46 #4, 1997

Vol 47 #1-4, 1998 through 2015

Vol 65 #1, 2016

Nassau Street by Herman Herst Jr, 1988
New York Stock Transfer Tax – the Bulls and the Bears, 26 Min DVD
Number Ones of the World, 28 Min DVD
Out-Foxing the Fakers, 1993
Outline of Philately Stamps by Kent B Stilles, 5th printing, 1919
PA Postal Historian (PaPHS) Vol 31-37, Nos. 1-4, 2003-2009
Penny Postal: Gone But Still Collectible, 25 Min DVD
Philatelic literature review, 1991 thru present
Postal History of Spain
Postmarked Alaska, 1957
Prexies, 1994
Revenue stamps of Mexico
Revenue Stamps of the United States, 1979
Sanabria, World Airmail Catalogue, 1963
Serrane Guide - Stamp Forgeries of the World, 1998
Stamp Collector's Encyclopedia, 1954
Stamps of the Mexican Revolution 1913-1916, 1996
United States Match & Medicine Stamps, 1980
US 1851-1857 Issues, 38 Min DVD
Yule Log Vol 41, Issue 1, Jan-Feb-Mar 2009
Stamp Specialist, 1941
Stamps that Glow (Linn's), 1990
Study of the Stamp of Greece, 1978
United States Commemoratives, Stamps of the 20th Century Vol 1 1901-1935, 1947
United States Commemoratives, Stamps of the 20th Century Vol 2 1935-1947, 1947
United States Major Errors 1937-1972
United States Stamps of the 19th Century Vol II, 1966
US Commemorative Stamp Envelopes 1879-1965, 1966
Worldwide Water-Marks & Perforations 1840-1966

Up Coming Shows & Times

February 27-28	Springpex Show , Robert E. Lee High School, 6540 Franconia Rd., Springfield, Va.
March 5	Westfield (NJ) Stamp Show , Westfield Municipal Bldg., 425 East Broad St., Westfield, N.J.
March 10-12	Garfield-Perry March Party , La Villa Conference Center, 115000 Brookpark Rd., Cleveland Oh
April 23	Delpex Show , Nur Shrine Center Temple, 198 S. Du Pont Highway, New Castle, Del.
April 29-30	Lancopex , Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Rd., Lancaster Pa.
May 28-June 4 2016,	World Stamp Show New York Jacob Javits Center, New York, N.Y.
June 19-24	APS Summer Seminar , Bellefonte, Pa.
July 18-22	APS Volunteer Week , Bellefonte,

Future 2016 meeting dates

All Tuesdays - All start at 7:30 pm - All at the Giant

MAR. 15TH, April 19TH, May 17TH, JUNE 21ST, July 19TH, Aug. 16TH

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR STAMP COLLECTORS

1. Thou shalt not at any time criticize what thy fellow collector collects.
2. Thou shalt be ready at all times to help any collector who seeks aid of thee.
3. Thou shalt study thy stamps, for full enjoyment comes only with knowing them thoroughly.
4. Thou shalt at every opportunity boost the advantage of stamp collecting, never missing a chance to bring a new collector into the fold.
5. Thou shalt seek the companionship of other collectors for thine own as well as their benefit.
6. Thou shalt work with other collectors for the advancement of the hobby.
7. Thou shalt at all times do all within thy power to keep the hobby clean and free of anything that may reflect badly on it.
8. In thy dealing with other collectors thou shalt act so as to be free of all disparagement at all times.
9. Thou shalt not be ashamed of thy hobby.
10. Thou shalt be ready at any time to ask any questions that may puzzle thee, not hiding behind a mask of assumed knowledge.

[These were first written by Al Burns and appeared in 1929 in the Weekly Philatelic Gossip magazine.]



We are having our third auction of donated philatelic items for the benefit of our stamp club. The auction will be held at the end of the regular meeting. Suggested Starting Bid for each item is listed next to the items for auction. There will be a minimum accepted dollar amount. So bid what you think the item is worth to you. If, in the mind of our appraisers, the amount is not reached, there will be NO-SALE and the item will be withdrawn. Increases will be a minimum of \$1.00. Remember, all proceeds will go to the club. Why not auction off your duplicates, or items you no longer collect. They are wanted by the club members.

Lot	Description
1	Album - Italy - New Davo w/clear mounts attached & slipcases, vol 1-3. SSB - \$150.00
2	Album -US - New White Ace w/slipcase, Vol 1-3 - SSB - \$100
3	Album - Israel - Complete w/mint stamps to 1979. ECV \$1470 - SSB- \$75.00
4	Album - Portugal - 1000's M&U Stamps & souv. sheets from 1853. ECV \$2000. SSB-\$500
5	Standard WW Album-1000's Mint & Used stamps. ECV - \$2000. SSB - \$200 Must Be Seen
6	German Stock Book. ECV \$50 - SSB \$25
7	Album w/100's WW mint & used stamps on album pages & stock pages. ECV \$200, SSB \$50
8	New speciality albums:Baseball, Mexico, Royal Wedding, Japanese, German, British Africa, Canadian Rev,s (vol 1&2), France & Colonies, Switzerland, Scandinavia, Spain & Colonies, Peoples Rep of China, China, US Classic, All American,US Rev & Private Proprietary (bad binder, good pages.), US Corner Square. SSB at auction.
9	Album - Greek -New Davo - vol 1-3 ECV - \$150, SSB - \$75
10	Album - Scott International Postage Vol 1-5, 3 have slip covers. ECV \$1000. SSB - \$200
11	SAFE Perfotronic electronic perforation gauge w/ power cord. ECV - \$295, SSP- \$150
12	SAFE Signoscope w/AC adapter. For detection of watermarks, thins, fixes, etc. ECV - \$445. w/o adapter SSP - \$225.

PLUS OTHER ITEMS