



The Greater

Philadelphia Stamp & Collector's Club

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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 **April 20 th 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.*

April's Program Via Zoom

Join APS member, historian and author, Leon Reed for a fascinating presentation on Civil War covers. In this talk, Reed examines the broader cultural messages found on these covers; what were the attitudes of the populations, what sort of ideas did they hold for North or South? Using covers from this era, Reed seeks to decode what life was like for Americans during the Civil War.

NEEDED: A NOMINEE TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT FOR THE 2021/m2022 TERM

CONTACT PHIL RUSSELL, NORM SHACHAT OR ALAN WARREN

Minutes From Our March Zoom Meetings

VP **Phil Russell** opened the Zoom meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: We have 51 members. Our newest member, Phil Baumgarten was introduced.

TREASURER'S REPORT: There has been no activity and our balance remains the same as last month.

There was no Old or New Business.

PROGRAM: We watched an APS Stamp Chat video recommended by **Vince Costello:** Patriotic Covers and History – Part I: Fort Sumter and Its Long Shadow; Secession in the Border States, by Leon Reed. Part II will be seen at a future meeting.

SHOW & TELL AND DISCUSSION: Relating to tonight's program, **Kenneth Miller** mentioned a good article on Civil War philately by **Scott English** in the Jan. issue of The American Philatelist on page 18.

He also talked about his experience on a trip to Saint Croix in the Virgin Islands. While there he found that for the most part the postal clerks refused to cancel your stamps! The Virgin Islands are a territory of the US, but the postal clerks are told not to cancel our postage. Instead mail gets sent to Puerto Rico where it goes through a machine.

Tom Geiger showed us some of his ship cancels and told us that the US Navy first used ship cancellations in 1908. Since this coincided with the issuance period of his Ben Franklin Issue of 1902 (1903-09), he wanted to obtain a few examples of ship cancellations

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Minutes From Our March Zoom Meeting

for his collection. Over the past few years he has managed to collect eight different ships and learned a bit about their history. The ships in the navy at the time varied in time period from having served in the US Civil War, all the way to those that provided service during World War I. Many of the ships met untimely ends, while others were scrapped in the 1930 period due to the London Accord Treaty to limit global naval might. He feels that it would be very easy to become interested enough in US naval history to start collecting this area in earnest!

He has included a link to this whole story that he wrote for the Stamporama site:

https://stamporama.com/discboard/disc_main.php?action=20&id=27098#189567

Phil Baumgarten, our new members, spoke to us a bit about his collecting interests. (See the New Member article in last month's newsletter.)

Ideas for future meetings were suggested. **Bruce Marsden** mentioned a program on Puerto Rican stamps and another, Part II of Secession series which we saw tonight, which we could have in May. **Tom Geiger** will do a presentation in June about the 1903 Ben Franklin 1¢ stamp. **Alan Warren** also has a program that we could use for a future meeting.

Respectfully submitted by *Letty Moon*.

APS News and Other Events

APS Sales: Circuits & StampStore

Circuit Sales is the oldest APS service and remains relevant and popular today. Customized inventory is shipped to you, you're able to investigate the material and then choose what you like. It's almost like having a mini stamp dealer visit your mailbox! Clearance Circuits are super for building your collection; you must buy the book but choose what you like and then sell the rest on StampStore if you wish. Members can both buy and sell on StampStore, making it a great way to both grow your collection and make money too. The APS Sales Department makes it easy to sell your items. Go to stamps.org and [circuit sales](https://circuit-sales.com) for more information or stampstore.org.



APS Virtual Seminar:

Adding Errors, Freaks and Oddities to Your Collection
May 4th, 11th & 18th

Errors, freaks, and oddities (EFO) refers to what can go wrong when producing postage stamps including major design errors to stamps that are just poorly printed. During this introductory course, you will learn the reasons for including Errors, Freaks, and Oddities (EFOs) in your collection, explore different types of EFOs, identify where to get additional information, and acquire tips for obtaining these production miscues.

Session 1 (May 4, 2021) – What are Errors, Freaks and Oddities (EFOs)? Why should you add EFOs to your collection? Overview of major types of EFOs.

Session 2 (May 11, 2021) – An overview of errors, freaks & oddities by category

Session 3 (May 18, 2021) – Where to find EFO-related information. Tips for acquiring EFOs.

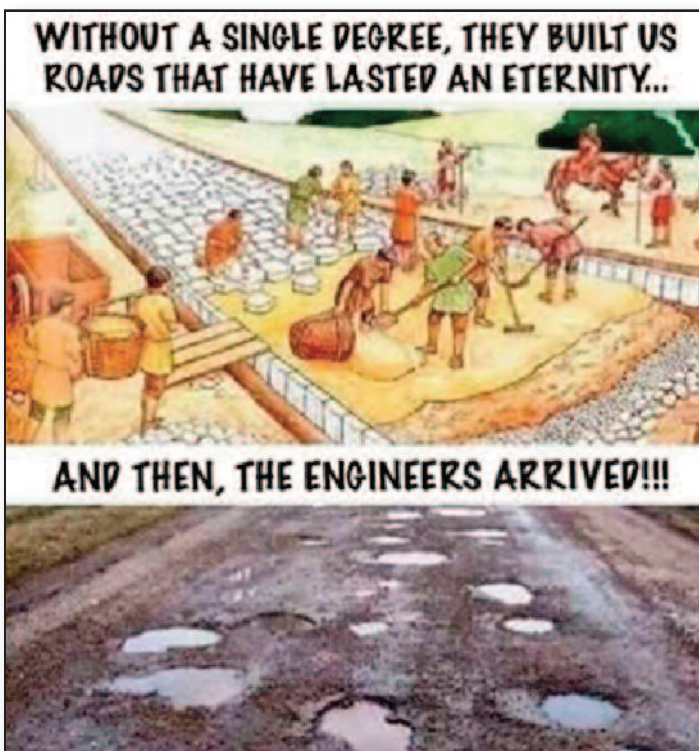
To register, go to the APS website: stamps.org

May 4, 11, 18, 2021 (7:30 – 8:45 p.m. Eastern Time)

Cost: \$25 APS Members/\$50 for Non-Members

Instructor: Cemil Betanov

For more Virtual Philately go to stamps.org and find lists of vlogs, podcasts, virtual museums, online exhibits and more.



2021 Summer Seminar is Online

Online June 7-25, 2021

Registration Opens May 1st

This year's Summer Seminar Online will offer eight 3-session courses exclusively for APS members. Six different "Free Friday" sessions will be open to both members and non-members. To learn more about each course, call: 814-933-3810, Email: education@stamps.org

Monday Courses:

Building Blocks of Stamp Production
Introduction to U.S. Postal History

Tuesday Courses:

The British Machins-Their Origins, Technical Aspects & Varieties U.S. Stamp Design, Engraving and Printing: 1894-1950

Wednesday Courses:

Precancels Series of 1917 Documentary Stamps and Their Overprints

Thursday Courses:

Introduction to Competitive Philatelic Exhibiting
Washington/Franklin

PARAPROSDOKIANS are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence is unexpected.

A clear conscience is the sign of a bad memory.

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be. Nor is there any future in it.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in your garage makes you a car.

Finally: I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

And my personal favorite:

I am not arguing with you, I am explaining why you are wrong.

Free Fridays:

APS – Discover Circuit Sales & StampStore with Carol Hoffman, Director of Sales

APS – How to Write Philatelic Articles That Get Published with Gary Loew, Editor in Chief and Susanna Mills, Associate Editor

APS – Linking Past, Present & Future with Scott English, Executive Director and Directors

APS – Membership in a Nutshell! With Wendy Masorti, Director of Membership

APS – Remotely Speaking: Getting the Most Out of the APRL's New Online Catalog and Digital Collection Database with Scott Tiffney, Director of Information Services

Smithsonian National Postal Museum – Researching Postal History in Washington, DC with Susan Smith, Winton M. Blount Research Chair

Up-Coming ZOOM Meeting Dates

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

Upcoming Stamp Show

Great American Stamp Show, Aug 12th-15th, 2021
Held at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center
Rosemont, Illinois
Co-hosted by the American Philatelic Society, the American Topical Association and the American First Day Cover Society



Upcoming Stamp Chats

The APS hosts series of live Stamp Chats exploring a variety of aspects of the hobby. They offer a platform for experts and enthusiasts alike to share their expertise & to build community among members and friends around the world. Go to the APS website at stamps.org, and find StampChats under the Learn tab to find out how to register for these Zoom chats.

Thursday, April 15, 6:30-7:30 EDT

Stamp Chat: April 15th-The Historical Context of Taxation through Revenue Stamps"- Ronald Leshner

Tuesday, April 20, 3:00-4:00 EDT

Stamp Chat: "Philatelic Research and Libraries" - Richard Hindle

Thursday, April 22, 6:30-7:30 EDT

Stamp Chat: Adventures in Philatelic Publishing - Rick Barrett

Tuesday, May 4, 6:30-7:30 EDT

Stamp Chat: Mail and the GI in WW II - Leon Reed

Thursday, May 6, 6:30-7:30 EDT

Stamp Chat: Ways to Collect Zeppelin and Airship Mail - Cheryl Ganz

Thursday, May 13, 6:30-6:30 EDT

Stamp Chat: Judaism on the Ice-A Philatelic Perspective - Irv Osterer, SIP,

Thursday, May 13, 6:30-6:30 EDT

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Tuesday, May 25, 3:00-4:00 EDT

Stamp Chat: Postmarked West Point: A U.S. Postal History of USMA and its Graduates - Martin "Jay" H. Joyce, III

Thursday, May 27, 6:30-7:30 EDT

Stamp Chat: "How to Organize Your Hockey Topical Collection" - Pavel Nikiforovitch

Logos of Interest

The FedEx logo consists of the word "FedEx" in a bold, sans-serif font. The "Fed" is in blue and the "Ex" is in orange. A white arrow is hidden between the "E" and the "x".

Do you see the arrow between the "E" and "x" (in white)? I had never noticed it before.

The logo for the Tour de France features the words "Le Tour de France" in a stylized, handwritten font. The "R" in "Tour" is a cyclist, and a yellow circle is positioned between the "R" and the "O" in "France".

The world's most famous bike race. The "R" in "Tour" is a cyclist. The yellow circle is the front wheel of a bicycle, the "O" is the back wheel.

The Amazon.com logo features the word "amazon.com" in a bold, sans-serif font. A yellow arrow curves under the "a" and points to the "z".

The arrow means Amazon has everything from A to Z

The Goodwill logo features a stylized smiley face (:) above the word "goodwill" in a bold, sans-serif font.

The smiley half face is also a 'g'

There is a dancing bear above the "ble". Toblerone chocolate bars originated in Berne, Switzerland, whose symbol is the bear.

The Toblerone logo features a stylized mountain range above the word "TOBLERONE" in a bold, sans-serif font.The Baskin-Robbins logo features the letters "BR" in a bold, sans-serif font, with "baskin" and "robbins" in a smaller font below it.

See the "31" embedded in the "BR"? Thirty-one-derful flavors!