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Next Meeting - Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Our Featured Topic

for May

A Strategic Plan of the American Philatelic Society

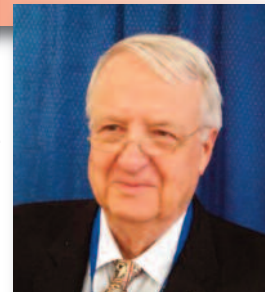
Scott English, Executive Director of the American Philatelic Society, will present the recently-adopted Strategic Plan. The plan touches on four areas: Membership, Education, Uniting the Philatelic community, and Sustainable Management. English will discuss the new member services available through the APS website, increasing efforts to recruit and retain members, and improve service delivery for existing APS services. He will also outline future efforts to grow interest in the hobby and other efforts to increase service to members."

Up Coming Shows & Times

- May 31-June 2 **ASDA StampShow**, The Watson Hotel, West 57th Street, New York, N.Y.
- June 1 **Merchantville Stamp Club** monthly bourse, Martin Luther Chapel School gym, 4100 Terrace Ave., Pennsauken, N.J.
- June 7-9 **NAPEX**, McLean Hilton at Tyson's Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Dr., McLean, VA.
- June 22 **Eastern Pa Stamp Show (EPASS)**, Jordan United Church of Christ, 1837 Church St., Allentown Pa.
- June 22-23 **SCOPEX**, American Philatelic Center, Bellefonte Pa.
- June 24-27 **APS Summer Seminar**, American Philatelic Center, Bellefonte Pa.
- July 15-19 **APOS Volunteer Work Week**, American Philatelic Ctr, Bellefonte Pa.
- Aug.30-Sept 1 **BALPEX**, Hunt Valley Inn, 245 Shawan Rd., Hunt Valley, Md.

President's Message

It's good to be back for a few months, and looking forward to seeing many of you at our meetings and dinners.



The last weekend of April is always Westpex in San Francisco, IMHO the best show in the country, and 2019 was no exception. The 80 dealer bourse is always jammed with world class dealers, the meetings are always worthy, and the exhibits top shelf. This year's grand award winning exhibit of Delaware Postal History even had sort of a Pennsylvania theme, as our three local counties, while independent from 1702, were administered from Philadelphia until early 1776.

I saw Alan Warren and Bob Rufe there; apologies to any other members attending.

There wasn't time last month to show the Pan-Am round-the-world cover I acquired, so here are the scans. (See Last Page) Of course it's philatelic, but showing (what we've always known) that the first passengers on FAM-18 were five weeks after the first flights; also proving that Pan-Am intended to offer a regular scheduled 19 day round the world passenger service.

See you on the 21st,

Steve

2018-19 Meeting Dates

All Tuesdays - All start at 7:30 pm - All at the Giant
May 21st Jun. 18th July - No MEETING Aug. 20th
Sept. 17th Oct. 15th Nov. 19th
Dec 19 - Holiday DINNER

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Awards & Recognition

At the Westpex show in San Francisco in April, **Bob Rufe** received a gold for his "The 'Special' Booklet Paper Printings of 1928."



Exhibit Paper Recommended By Bill Schultz

I have recently done business with GLODAN located in Pennsylvania as a source of reasonably priced philatelic exhibit high archival quality paper (all sizes). I provide you his web address for your utilization. <https://glodan.com/>

The owner is Dan -- The Paper Man! I personally recommend Classic Crest Solar White-100 lb Card Stock.

Minutes From April's Meeting

President **Steve Washburne** started the meeting with twelve members present and two visitors. Our visitors were Phil Anders, who has visited before from the Chester Co. area, and Jim Edwardson who visited in Feb. Jim brought along his mother's stamp collection to donate to the Club.

Our program was presented by **Roger Coleman** who spoke about the postal history and stamps of Malta through the Victorian era. The history was reflected in a variety of postal markings, such as lazaretto marks, accountancy marks, maritime marks and postmen's handstamps. The collection that he passed around dated from 1690 to pre-World War I.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Recognition was given to **Alan Warren** for being elected as a new signatory to the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists at the annual meeting of the Board of Elections in March.

An announcement was made about the Philatelic Gathering to be held on April 27th at the Chester Co. Historical Society in West Chester.

TREASURER'S REPORT: We have \$3,981.57 in our account.

NEW BUSINESS: Steve Washburne discussed an

idea that he learned of while attending the Annual General Meeting of a specialty philatelic society in the UK. They have an unusual way of running an auction of philatelic items donated to them. Notices are sent to members of what donated items will be posted on eBay. Since everyone's interests are different, those interested in the items can bid online. A volunteer within the club keeps the records and does the posting. He gets 4% of the sales for his efforts.

Ed Weisberg brought up a question of what to do with donations which we receive of low quality material. Discussion followed. It was decided that **Vince** would take this material to the APS when he is visiting Bellefonte, since they can use the material for their free programs.

THE 50-50 has not been run for several months and a volunteer is needed to carry on this traditional fund raiser for us each month.

SHOW & TELL: Steve was giving away envelopes with a variety of stamps and markings on them, some uncanceled. We ran out of time for more Show & Tell.

Respectfully submitted by Letty Moon.

CHANUKAH STAMPS

A woman goes to the post office to buy stamps for her Chanukah cards. She says to the clerk "May I have 50 Chanukah stamps please." "What denomination?" says the clerk. The woman says "Oy vey...my god, has it come to this? Okay, give me 6 orthodox, 12 conservative and 32 reformed!"





I hope you all enjoyed this part of our newsletter. We now continue with PART 5

The Classic Collector

By Peter Mosiondz, Jr.
The "Points Up" Grills



No. 1

Sketch of "A" Grill roller, showing the shape of the pyramidal pits that appear all over "A" Grill stamps.

**Three Cent Stamp With
"A" Grill (Scott 79)**



This is the first of the grilled stamps of 1867 and is known used

as early as August 13th of that year. Basically, it is the Three Cent rose stamp of 1861 (Scott 65) with the "A" grill, all of which are grilled all over and have the points up. (Photo)

Some 50,000 were thought to have been issued from Plates 11 and 52. Cancellations are black, and blue. The stamp is a recognized rarity printed on both sides.

**Five Cent Stamp With
"A" Grill (Scott 80)**

Just 2,000 of the Five Cent brown Jefferson are thought to have been issued with the all-over "A" grill. It is extremely rare, with just six examples known outside the Miller collection. Plate 17 did all of the work on this stamp and the cancellations are in black. There are no cancellation varieties or collectible varieties.

**Thirty Cent Stamp With
"A" Grill (Scott 81)**

Another rare stamp, only 2,000 printed from one plate, number 7. Just six examples are known outside the Miller collection. Cancellations are black, with no collectible varieties.

**Three Cent Stamp With
"C" Grill (Scott 83)**

This is the only denomination that comes with the "C" grill, which is 13 x 16mm, and 16 to 17 by 18 to 21 points. (Measurements given are horizontal by vertical.) This grill is the third and last of the "points up" variety.



It is very rare in blocks of four, one of which, with natural printing smear on the bottom right stamp (photo), sold for just \$3,000 in Robert A. Siegel's 1991 Rarities of the World sale. In my opinion, this was a tremendous bargain for an astute buyer.

The color is rose, as in the Three Cent of 1861. I remember finding several nice used examples of this stamp in an accumulation of the common Scott 65 sent to me by an overseas dealer. He received an extra dividend when I pointed out our good fortune.

It is estimated that 300,000 of the Three Cent "C" grill were issued from one plate, Plate 14. Cancellations are encountered in black, and the slightly higher valued blue. The double grill is a collectible variety as are the examples with "points down".

Earliest known use is November 25, 1867.

Look For Part Six Of Ten In
June's Newsletter

Pan-Am round-the-world cover

From Steve Washburne

