



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 Meeting - Tuesday, March 21, 2017

Our Featured Topic

for March

Coal Mine Scenes On Postcards

Scenes of activities being carried out by miners in and around coal mines in the Scranton, Pa area.

by Joseph Gudonis

If you would like to have our PSCC meetings held in the afternoon please let Ed Weisberg know. Also let him know what day and time would be best for you. We are trying to make it easier for members who are interested in coming to a meeting, but can't because of timing.

Future 2017 meeting dates

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

MAR. 21ST, APR. 18TH MAY 23RD,
JUN. 20TH, JULY 18TH, AUG. 22ND

If you are interested in coming to a meeting, or finding out more about Philadelphia Stamp & Collector's Club, contact our secretary, Letty Moon.

Message from the Pres.

"Out of the country. See you in a couple of months"

Richard



Minutes From February's Meeting

The President started the meeting at 7:30 with 13 members present.

Tom Geiger presented a very detailed and interesting program based on his prize winning exhibit, The Ben Franklin One cent Series of 1902.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: We have 48 paid up members and two who are renewing shortly.

We received a note of thanks for our donation to the National Postal Museum at the Smithsonian.

It was reported that long time member, **Charles Fricke**, has passed away. (See article.)

We have received a third donation of philatelic material from **James Skidmore**.

TREASURER'S REPORT: We have \$4,063.80 in our account.

NEW BUSINESS: Ed Weisberg brought up the idea of changing our evening meeting time from to day-time, to accommodate some members who may not

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Minutes From January's Meeting

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want to drive at night. Some discussion followed concerning this and it was pointed out that there are also members who work and would not be able to attend daytime meetings. Ed will put a survey for the membership in the newsletter.

The question came up as to where the Tri-State Coin, Stamp and Jewelry Show has moved to, now that Williamson's has closed. They have moved to the Sheraton-Bucks Co., 400 Oxford Valley Rd., Langhorne, PA, 19047. They will continue as before on the last Sunday of the month.

The **50-50** was won by Letty Moon, who kept her expense and donated the winnings to the Club.

SHOW & TELL:

Ed Weisberg brought in a set of FDCs of the LA Olympics from 1983.

Norm Shachat showed an eBay listing of an 1864 Philadelphia local cover franked with a Blackjack listed at \$215. Normally Blackjack covers of this type sell for ~\$20-40. The cover contained the following manuscript notation: "Crazy Girl / Margaret Deisley / Affair". This is the second "Crazy Girl" cover Norm has seen on eBay listed for more than \$200. Norm asked if anyone knows anything about the "Crazy Girl Affair". No one did.

Respectfully submitted by Letty Moon.

Awards & Recognition



At the TEXPEX show in Grapevine, Texas in February, **Mark Schwartz** received a gold for his "The First U.S. International (UPU) Postal Card and its Forerunners."

Alan



Framed Sheet of Marilyn Monroe Stamps

The wife of our former member, Ralph Heller, is downsizing and would like to sell the following item:

A beautifully framed, uncut sheet of Marilyn Monroe Legends of Hollywood stamps, with acid-free matting and specialized glass. A certificate of authenticity is included. The same sheet without the special matting and glass is on EBay with an asking price of \$225. Anyone interested should email Denah at raldean17@aol.com.



Up Coming Shows & Times

March 18 **BUXMONT STAMP SHOW AND BOURSE**,
Benjamin H. Wilson Senior Citizen Ctr.
580 Delmont Ave., Warminster Pa.

March 18-19 **SPRINGPEX**, Springfield Stamp Club,
Robert E. Lee High School,
6540 Franconia Rd., Springfield, Va.

April 13-15 **ASDA Stamp Show**, Hilton Hotel,
1335 Avenue of the Americas,
New York, N.Y.

April 22 **DELPEX** show,
Nur Shrine Center Temple,
198 S. DuPont Highway, New Castle, Del.

April 28-29 **Lancopex Show, Farm & Home Ctr.**
1382 Arcadia Rd., Lancaster, Pa.

June 9-11 **NAPEX**, Hilton at Tysons Corner,
7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, Va.

June 25-30 **APS Summer Seminar**, Bellefonte, Pa.

July 17-21 **APS Volunteer Work Week**, Bellefonte, Pa.

August 3-6 **APS StampShow**, Richmond, Va

Sept. 1-3 **BALPEX**, Hunt Valley Inn,
Hunt Valley, Md.

Sept. 8-10 **NOJEX**,
Best Western Robert Treat Hotel,
50 Park Place, Newark, N.J.

Oct. 27-28 **UNEXPO**, United Nations Exhibition,
APS Headquarters, Bellefonte, Pa.

Charles A. Fricke

1921-2017

Club member Charles Fricke died February 14, 2017, at the age of 95. He had been living in a retirement/nursing facility near Philadelphia. Fricke received the Charles J. Peterson Philatelic Literature Life Achievement Award last year.



He researched early postal cards of the United States including plating studies and published his definitive findings in several volumes. He was past president of the United Postal Stationery Society and a member of its editorial board. He was named an honorary life member of UPSS in 1969 and received the APS Luff award for distinguished philatelic research in 1981. In 1989 Fricke was elected to the Writers Hall of Fame.

Charles authored hundreds of articles, focusing primarily on postcards and postal cards. Many of these are in the hands of philatelic editors and are yet to be published. Most likely we will continue to see his byline for some years to come.



*Taken about 1981
when he was
working for the
Apfelbaum firm.*

by Alan Warren

John Hufnagel

1956-2016

Those who have attended the York Stamp Collectors Show, formerly known as Yorcopex, in York, Pa., will be saddened to know that John Hufnagel died December 19 at age 60. John was treasurer of the White Rose Philatelic Society of York and served as treasurer and the prime mover of the annual show.

He was a letter carrier for the Shrewsbury Post Office and retired in 2015 after 32 years of service. John was a founding member and chairman of the Glen Rock Historic Preservation Society. He also held leadership positions in the local and Pennsylvania State Jaycees.

He collected and exhibited the Kansas-Nebraska overprints.





United Nations Postage Stamp Issue of 1943 (Scott 907)



This stamp replaced the 2-cent National Defense stamp as "a tribute to the unity with which the liberty-loving nations of the world are marching toward victory over aggressors." The stamp was first placed on sale at Washington, D.C., on January 14, 1943.

The stamp is .75" wide by .85" high. It was printed in red by the rotary process in sheets of 400, and issued in panes of 100 with one five-digit electric eye corner margin plate number.

The stamp is symbolic of victory. Designed by Leon Helguera, its central design depicts an uplifted palm branch at the apex of a triangular-shaped procession of upright swords.

Mekeel's January 11, 1943 edition carried this exclusive:

Father of United Nations Stamp

Credit for suggesting the stamp goes to Leon J. Bamberger, sales promotion manager of RKO Pictures. Bamberger, one of the nation's outstanding promotion men, is serving as campaign director of "United Nations Week".

...The importance of the occasion and worthiness of the idea prompted Postmaster General Walker to issue the stamp. Theater managers throughout the nation have been urged to co-operate with local stamp clubs in preparing displays of United Nations stamp and first day covers during the week of Jan. 14th. Thus stamps have been put to use in a great nation-wide motion-picture-industry-sponsored campaign to gather funds for allied war relief agencies, and a stamp collector, Leon J. Bamberger of New Rochelle, N.Y., rates philately's praises for showing still another manner in which our hobby has aided the war effort.

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