



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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## Our Featured Topic

for September



Those attending the meeting will get to choose amongst the most recently acquired DVDs in our library for the evening's program:

**The Story of the Penny Black**  
**Stamps of the Trans-Mississippi Issue 1898**  
**Czeslaw Slania: The World's Finest Stamp Engraver**

I will bring all three to the meeting. Your choice of which to view.



This will be followed by a

## SHOW and TELL

Everyone should bring one or more items for discussion that illustrate their collecting interests. Your talk should be about 5 minutes long.

## Awards & Recognition



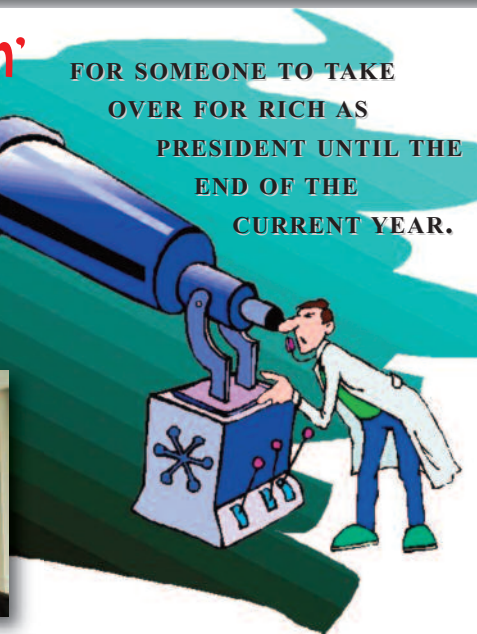
Congratulations to **Mark Schwartz** who won awards at BALPEX over the Labor Day weekend. His "The 5 cent Virginia Dare Stamp of 1937 – A Traditional First Day Exhibit" received a gold, and his "Boston's Use of the 1847 Issue" took a large gold, the AAPE Epilogue award, and the single frame Grand Award.

**Jeff Forster** exhibited at the Praga 18 show in Prague, Czech Republic from Aug. 15th – 18th. He won a gold medal for his exhibit entitled: The United States 1869 Pictorial Used in International Mails.

## Message from the Pres.

### Still Lookin'

FOR SOMEONE TO TAKE  
OVER FOR RICH AS  
PRESIDENT UNTIL THE  
END OF THE  
CURRENT YEAR.



## 2018 Meeting Dates

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

SEPT. 18TH    OCT. 16TH    NOV. 20TH

**DECEMBER 18TH - Holiday Dinner**

## Answers to "Not So Famous Quotes"

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## Stamp Club Meeting Address

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## Up Coming Shows & Times

- Oct. 19-21 **NOJEX/ASDA**, Meadowlands Hilton Hotel, East Rutherford, N.J.
- October 20 **Dover Stamp Show**, Camden-Wyoming Fire Hall, 200 East Camden-Wyoming Avenue, Camden, Del.
- October 27 **Eastern Pennsylvania Stamp Show (EPASS)**, Jordan United Church of Christ, 1837 Church Rd., Allentown, Pa.
- Nov. 1-2 **Blount Postal History Symposium**, National Postal Museum, Washington D.C.
- Nov. 2-3 **50th anniversary** celebration of the American Philatelic Research Library, Bellefonte, Pa.
- Nov. 3 **Reading Stamp Show**, Leesport Auction Pavilion, 312 Gernant's Church Rd, Leesport, Pa.

## Smile a Little

A WOMAN WENT TO THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE WHERE SHE WAS SEEN BY ONE OF THE YOUNGER DOCTORS.

AFTER ABOUT FOUR MINUTES IN THE EXAMINATION ROOM, SHE BURST OUT SCREAMING AS SHE RAN DOWN THE HALL.

AN OLDER DOCTOR STOPPED HER AND ASKED WHAT THE PROBLEM WAS, AND SHE TOLD HIM HER STORY. AFTER LISTENING, HE HAD HER SIT DOWN AND RELAX IN ANOTHER ROOM.

THE OLDER DOCTOR MARCHED DOWN THE HALLWAY BACK TO WHERE THE YOUNG DOCTOR WAS WRITING ON HIS CLIPBOARD.

"WHAT THE HELL IS THE MATTER WITH YOU?" THE OLDER DOCTOR DEMANDED. "MRS. TERRY IS 71 YEARS OLD, HAS FOUR GROWN CHILDREN AND SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN, AND YOU TOLD HER SHE WAS PREGNANT?"

THE YOUNGER DOCTOR CONTINUED WRITING AND WITHOUT LOOKING UP SAID, "DOES SHE STILL HAVE THE HICCUPS?"

## Minutes From August's Meeting

President **Rich Majerick** called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with 11 members present. The Secretary's report (minutes of the June meeting) was printed in the August newsletter.

**Vince Costello** reported \$4,238.98 in the treasury.

**Alan Warren** introduced the club's newest member, **Bruce Marsden**, who was attending his first meeting. Bruce is past president of the Collectors Club of New York and current Treasurer of the American Philatelic Society. Bruce advised that he collects and exhibits several aspects of Switzerland philately and also is working on two thematic exhibits—"The Alps" and "Tourism Development."

**Vince** showed the latest video from the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library, "*James Downing: US Naval Postal Clerk*." Jim joined the Navy as a Seaman and retired as a Chief Gunner's Mate. He was assigned to the *USS West Virginia*. He was at home in Pearl Harbor when the port was bombed and he rushed to the ship to help put out fires and rescue survivors. The ship capsized but was later raised and outfitted for service during the war.

**Norm Shachat** won the 50/50 and donated the proceeds to the club after retrieving the dollar he invested.

Several show-and-tell items were passed around, brought by **Joe Gudonis**, **Tom Geiger**, **Phil Russell**, and **Mark Schwartz**. Material included cigarette cards, early U.S. stamps and covers including FDCs, New Jersey postmarks, an early Pennsylvania Militia letter and cover, and a cover thought to have been sent during WW II from the U.S. to Senegal via India, which turned out to be Srinagar instead, a city in India.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Alan Warren  
Secretary pro tem

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

If You Want To Advertise An Item For Sale or  
Donate a Philatelic Item To Our Club, Let Mr. Ed Know

## Publicizing Philately

The following excerpts were taken from two emails from our member, Carl Barna, referring to the problem that the German Philatelic Society has in keeping and finding new members. Carl was hoping he, "Might provoke discussion about how our club can bring things to the attention of the public," and encourage us to set up public displays of stamp exhibits. He said:

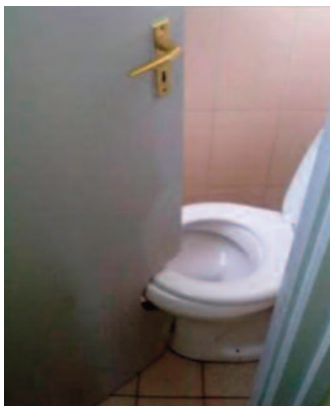
"That kind of thing is what got me back in the hobby. When I lived in Denver, I was in a shopping mall when I spied what I later learned was called a bourse. Nearby where exhibits of covers (airmails) that I thought looked so beautiful, especially the wonderful penmanship of those days. I wanted to learn more about this stuff. So, I went to the next club meeting, and the rest, as they say, was history.

"I recall stamp packets, etc, at the town Woolworth store. My town also had a nice stamp shop that I would walk past everyday going to school. It's easy to become interested in something if you see it every day. That is no longer the case for [the] hobby...

"In terms of the German Philatelic Society (the GPS), the general public likely does not know about the GPS, and seldom thinks about the stamp hobby, if at all, in any aspect. You can't attract members if you are invisible. The GPS should encourage its chapters... to put the many exhibits its members have created in public display places. Libraries would be a good example. Another possibility would be local museums. I am sure there are other venues for getting public exposure with little effort.

"In short, if you are only trolling among current stamp collectors in general for new GPS members, you are only preaching to the choir.

AND THE PLUMBER OF THE  
YEAR AWARD  
GOES TO:



## Not So Famous Quotes by ???

- 1 ***I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalogue: - 'No good in a bed, but fine against a wall.'***
- 2 ***Last week, I stated this woman was the ugliest woman I had ever seen. I have since been visited by her sister, and now wish to withdraw that statement.***
- 3 ***The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending;  
And to have the two as close together as possible.***
- 4 ***Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year.***
- 5 ***I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury.***
- 6 ***I never drink water because of the disgusting things that fish do in it.***
- 7 ***My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe.***
- 8 ***By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, You'll become a philosopher.***

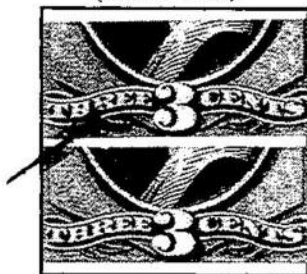
Answers in the newsletter



# The Classic Collector

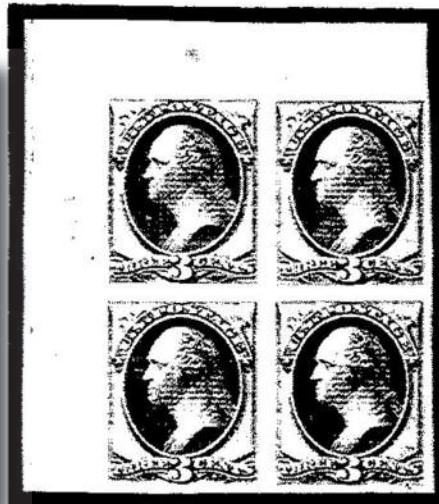
By Peter Mosiondz, Jr.

The National Bank Note  
Company Stamps  
The 3¢ Cent Stamp  
(Scott 136)



The test for the 3¢ National is the lower edge in the upper tail of the lower left ribbon which has no shadow as it does on the Continental and American printings.

*Two very collectible examples of Scott 136: Left, a well centered bottom sheet margin example; Right, an exceptional imperforate upper left corner sheet margin copy with H grill.*



Again, the Nationals are printed on hard paper.

The date of issue, as stated by Scott is April 12, 1870 with an estimated 50,000,000 stamps produced from a multitude of plates.

Shades include green, pale green, yellow green, and deep green.

Collectible varieties are a double transfer, double grill, split grill, quadruple split grill, end roller grill, cracked plate, and printed on both sides.

Cancellations, in ascending order of scarcity, are black, blue, brown, purple, magenta, red, orange, and green. Cancellation varieties include Town, Paid, Numeral, Railroad, Paid All, Steamship, and Free.

Since the first class rate was three cents per half ounce at the time, the 3¢ National is the most common of the grilled Bank Note stamps.