



The Greater

Philadelphia Stamp & Collector's Club

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Next Meeting - Tuesday, April 18, 2017

Our Featured Topic

for April

Video & Show and Tell

Alan W. and Vince C. will present a video from the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library followed by Show & Tell. Everyone should bring one or more items for discussion that illustrate their collecting interests.

Your talk should be about 5 minutes long.

Message from the Pres.

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

Richard



Minutes From March's Meeting

Phil Russell started the meeting with 13 people present. Our visitors were: our speaker's wife, **Loretta Gudonis**, **Stephen Toy** and **Mark Schuman**. **Mark Schuman** joined the Club. (See Meet the New Member article.) **Stephen Toy** belongs to the Brandywine Valley Stamp Club and saw the notice of our program topic thanks to our electronic newsletter exchange. He shares the same interest as our speaker: collecting postcards with scenes of miners and the coal mining industry.

PROGRAM: Due to problems again trying to connect a laptop computer to the equipment in the Giant Community rooms, we could not see the slides which **Joe Gudonis** had prepared for his program, "Coal Mine Scenes on Postcards." He did very well, however, by passing around his postcards and other Anthracite mining memorabilia while he spoke. **Joe and Stephen Toy** compared postcards which they both had, often of the same scene with slight variations in the printing.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Announcements were made about upcoming local shows: Lancopex, Delpex and exhibits being solicited for Merpex. (For dates, see the newsletter calendar.)

The Results Are In

After tabulating the few replies I had concerning the question about looking into a change of meeting time/day, the majority wants the time/date to remain the same as it is now. If you would like assistance coming to a meeting, let Letty know.

Future 2017 meeting dates

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

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.

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Minutes From March's Meeting

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TREASURER'S REPORT: We have \$3886.27 in our account.

OLD BUSINESS: Ed Weisberg reported on the results of his survey in the Mar. newsletter. He received 10 replies and the results were about 60/40 as to whether members preferred to have meetings during the day or at night. He said it appeared that we should leave things as they presently are.

THE 50-50 was won by our guest, **Stephen Toy**, who donated his winnings to our treasury. The Club made \$19.

SHOW & TELL: Tom Geiger brought in a full set of USA Zeppelin stamps on cover, as carried by the Graf Zeppelin in 1930. A bucket list achievement for him!

Letty Moon relayed a question from a member of the Reading Stamp Club. She collects stamps which are on anything other than paper, such as foil, plastic or wood. She has not found a suitable name, category or classification for such a collection and feels that "Oddities" or "Errors" is not a good description. She is asking a wide variety of philatelists what they think this area should be called. The suggestions from our members were: "paperless stamps" or "philaphemera". Other ideas out there?

Respectfully submitted by *Letty Moon*



FDC COLLECTIONS AVAILABLE

Mark Norlander wrote to the Club recently saying:

I am in the midst of sorting through the collections of my late father-in-law. He has albums of post cards with stamps

(usually matching) that are cancelled on the first day the cancellation is authorized by the post office (FDC). I am looking for someone who may be interested in buying some or all of his albums. He was meticulous and methodical in his collecting. I have enclosed photos. If interested, email mark.and.sharon.norlander@gmail.com

Below you can find a list of the albums that I have discovered:

Norman Rockwell	Comics	Trollies
Koran War	Babe Ruth	Subs
Space	Baseball	Bonsai
Lighthouses	Soccer	Battleships
Covered bridges	Wizard of Oz	Clowns
Prehistoric animals	Olympics	Circus
Hot air balloons	Louisiana Purch.	Endangered Speces
Vetrans	Louis and Clark	Masons
Carosel	Civil War	Valentines
Ballet	Gettysburg	Minerals
Hospice	Post Office	Revolutionary War
Fossils	Pony Express	Indians
Glass Art	Gardens	Dolls
Fish	Flowers	Quilts
Diabetes	Black History	Windmills
Pearl Harbor	Trains	Fire Engines



Up Coming Shows & Times

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.

Meet Our Newest Member

Mark Schuman's father had a diverse stamp collection



and as he was growing up, Mark did some work on it with him. Even his mother had a collection: Christmas Seals and Easter Seals. When his father passed on, the collection became Mark's. He wants to learn more about what he has, and to decide what he wants to

do with it. The collections consist of First and Second Bureau plate blocks, revenue stamps, Postal Notes, US Airmail stamps, US mint singles and old catalogs, like the Scot US Specialized Catalog from 1929.

Mark grew up in Jenkintown and continues to live in the area. He is a retired contract manufacturer. He also enjoys fishing, swimming, golf and gardening. He and his wife have 2 grown daughters, one of whom helps him with the stamps. At home he also enjoys several dogs, cats and an aquarium of fish.

Awards & Recognition



At the Garfield-Perry March Party show in Cleveland, Mark Schwartz earned a large gold and the Hugh Southgate memorial trophy for his "The New York Postmaster Provisional." Mark also received a large vermeil and an AAPE award of honor for "Boston's 'PAID in Grid' Cancells on the U.S. Imperforate Issues of 1847-56." At the same show Bob Rufe won a gold and the Single Frame Third award for his "'Special' Booklet Paper Printings of 1928," and Bill Schultz took a large vermeil and an AAPE award of honor with his "Domestic Rates – U.S.P.O. Acts of 1792 to 1863: Stampless Era."

Alan Warren was the key speaker at a regional meeting of the Royal Philatelic Society London held at the Collectors Club in New York in April. He spoke about the "U.S. 1926 John Ericsson Issue: Production, First Day and Other Uses."



MR. Ed's BUMPER STICKERS

I asked my wife if old men wear boxers or briefs?
She said Depends.

I'm so old...
I don't buy green bananas

Robert Joseph Stets, Sr.

1916-2016

Former Philadelphia collector and author Bob Stets died December 5, 2016 in Walterboro, S.C., at age 100. He was a member of the old Philadelphia Stamp Club, APS Chapter 18, predecessor of the Greater Philadelphia Stamp & Collectors Club. He was heavily involved with SEPAD, where he served many years on the board of directors and on the publicity and publications committees. He received the SEPAD local merit award in 1966 and the national merit award in 1977.

Many SEPAD show committee members also served on the organizing committee of INTERPHIL 76, the international exhibition held in Philadelphia. Bob Stets was executive director of the show.

Bob was born in Philadelphia and obtained his degree in chemistry at LaSalle College. He worked as a chemist for a while but after WW II he obtained a master's degree in industrial engineering at Temple. For a while he also worked for the Apfelbaum stamp firm.

In 1982 Bob retired and he and his wife moved to Walterboro, South Carolina. He immediately immersed himself in local postal history and continued with his general interests in United States postal history. He authored many articles and several books on the postal history of Philadelphia, North and South Carolina, and the United States in general.

He was a longtime member of the United States Philatelic Classics Society and received their Stanley Ashbrook Cup and Elliot Perry Cup for his writings. In 1992 he was named Distinguished Philatelist of the Classics Society.



John M. Frekot, Sr.

1932-2017

John M. Frekot Sr., of Doylestown, was a member of our club since 2014. He passed away on Apr. 3rd. John was unable to attend our Club meetings due to his physical limitations, but he enjoyed getting the newsletter and made several donations to the Club. An APS member, he loved stamp collecting and was most interested in US and Worldwide cancelled stamps, US Airmail and Civil War.



John was originally from Chicago and moved to PA. He served in the Korean War and worked as an engineer at Honeywell. During his life he played an active role in many community organizations, including Fairview Gardens Civic Association, Knights of Columbus, American Legion, Lions Club, St. Joseph's Society, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Choir and the State Street Players.



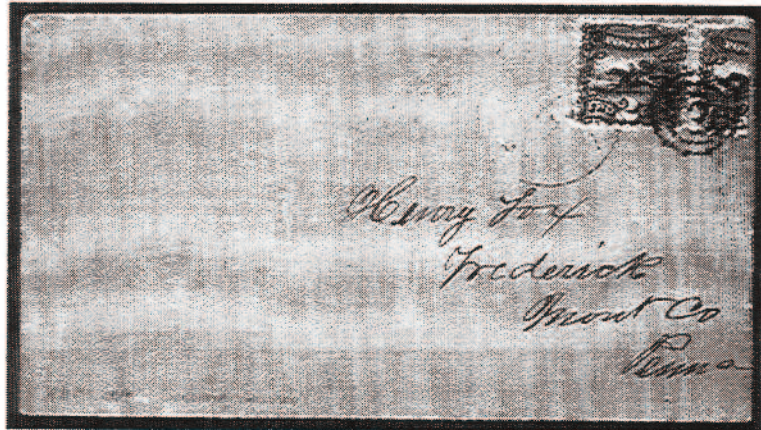
The Classic Collector

By Peter Mosiondz, Jr.

The 1869 Issue The Two-Cent Stamp (Scott 113)



Even though the 1869 issue as a whole drew rave reviews when released, the two-cent denomination received its share of criticism. Horsemen were the most vocal as they ridiculed the positioning of the horse's legs, as if the horse were about ready to leap from one side of the mountain to the other. It is impossible for any horse to gallop in the manner in which it is depicted on the stamp. So much for artistic license.



A rare use of the 2¢ 1869: one 2¢ single and vertical half of a second, used as 1¢, to pay the 3¢ domestic rate.

Christian Rost gets the credit for engraving the vignette while George W. Thurber receives the plaudits for the framework.

The primary use of this stamp was on carrier-delivered letters. The 2¢ Pictorial was also placed on drop letters in cities, and on unsealed circulars. In multiples it paid other rates to other destinations.

The two-cent Post Horse and Rider stamp is found in brown, pale brown, yellow brown, and dark brown, all being valued equally. Scott places the earliest use as March 27, 1869.

Six plates, numbers 3, 4, 5, 6, 27 and 28 printed the stamp and, when the presses stopped, the final count was 57,387,500. They were delivered to the Stamp Agent in panes of 150.

Collectible varieties include

a split grill, double grill, quadruple split grill, double transfer, printed on both sides and without grill, original gum. In addition, there are some rare bisects known on cover.

Cancellations, in ascending order of scarcity, are black, blue, ultramarine, red, magenta, purple, orange and green.

Cancellation varieties are the "Paid", "Paid All", steamship, blue town, black carrier, blue carrier, China, Japan and precancelled "Jefferson, Ohio".

Happy Holidays