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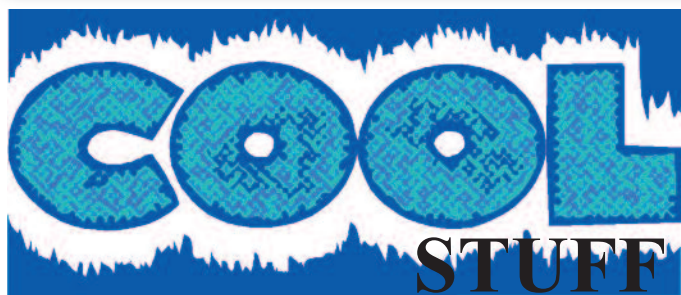
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Next Meeting - Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Our Featured Topic

for March



An album of interesting and random covers I just call "Cool Stuff". This presentation will be a showing of some of my favorites from my collection of 45 years and the stories behind them!

By Tom Geiger

Up Coming Shows & Times

- March 23-24 **SPRINGPEX**, Robert E. Lee High Sch
6540 Franconia Rd., Springfield, VA.
- April 6 **MERCHANTVILLE STAMP CLUB Bourse**,
Martin Luther Chapel Sch. gym,
4100 Terrace Ave., Pennsauken, N.J.
- April 13 **DELPEX**, Nur Shrine Center Temple,
198 S. DuPont Highway, New Castle, Del.
- April 26-27 **LANCOPEX**, 1383 Arcadia Rd,
Lancaster PA
- May 4 **MERCHANTVILLE STAMP CLUB Bourse**,
Martin Luther Chapel School gym,
4100 Terrace Ave., Pennsauken, N.J.
- May 31-June 2 **ASDA StampShow**, The Watson Hotel,
West 57th Street, New York, N.Y.
- June 7-9 **NAPEX**, McLean Hilton at Tyson's Corner,
7920 Jones Branch Dr., McLean, VA.

President's Message

Since we are flying to the UK on meeting night this month will be unable to join you for the March festivities. Will expect to join you April 16. (Apologies this was delayed through lack of a phone number contact, which has been corrected.) My only philatelic news has to be seeing the few letters I receive which bear stamps often aren't canceled -- doesn't the USPS care? Until Tax Day +1



Steve

2018-19 Meeting Dates

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

MAR.19TH **APR. 16TH** **MAY 21ST** **JUN.18TH**
July - NO MEETING **AUG. 20TH** **SEPT. 17TH**
OCT. 15TH **NOV.19TH** **DEC 19 - Holiday DINNER**

Remember...

Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers. What you do today may be a burning issue tomorrow.

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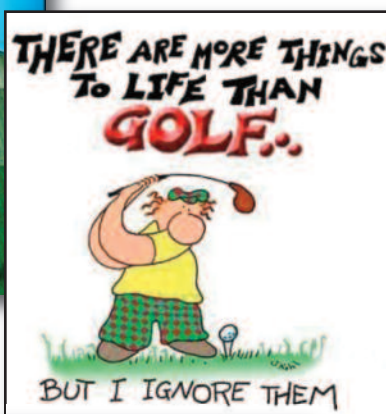
Awards & Recognition

Mark Schwartz had three exhibits in the single frame champion-of-champions competition at the Aripex/AmeriStamp Expo show in Mesa, Arizona in February, and each received a prix d'honneur: "Boston's Use of the 1847 Issue," "The Postal Markings of Newbury and Newburyport, Mass., during the Stampless Period: 1755-1855," and "The Special Arrangement between Liverpool and the U.S., 1843-1848." In the open competition he won a large gold with his "The Barr-Fyke Cancels of Washington, DC 1897-1901."



Bill Schultz judged the 95th Toledo Stamp Expo which was held on Feb. 22nd & 23rd held in Ohio.

It's That Time Of The Year



Minutes From February's Meeting

Vice President Phil Russell started the meeting and introduced our speaker, **Mike Epstein**. Mike showed us his collection of Masonic themed covers, postmarks, postal cards, cancels and other memorabilia. Questions and discussion followed about the history of Masonry and the Masonic temples that can be visited. It was suggested by several that the Masonic Temple at 1 North Broad St., Phila., was well worth visiting.

The business portion of the meeting began with eight members present and one visitor, **Jim Edwardson**. Jim was seeking advice about what to do with a stamp collection which he had inherited. Several members looked over the albums and gave him advice.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: We have 47 members and are waiting on two members for 2019 dues.

Alan Warren ran into former member, **Roman Jesse**, who sends his greetings to club members.

TREASURER'S REPORT: We have \$4046.57 in our account.

OLD BUSINESS: We received a request last month from the National Postal Museum for a donation. Vince looked up the record of our last donation to them and reported that it had been in Jan. of 2018. A motion was made and seconded to make another donation of \$100 to the Museum. The motion passed.

SHOW & TELL: **Vince** brought in a page of his own collection of interesting cancels which related to the topic of tonight's program. Each cancel was a masonic symbol.

Tom Geiger brought in two albums. One was of US ship cancellations on Ben Franklin from 1908 from many different US Navy ships. He also brought in one of his NJ town postmark albums, this time towns beginning with N to O. He has often spoken of his goal of collecting postmarks from every post office in NJ.

Respectfully submitted by *Letty Moon*.

The Philatelic Gathering...

a New Study Group

In January, 2019, seventeen stamp and postal history collectors, researchers and historians convened at Bill and Patricia Schultz' home in West Chester, PA to discuss how "To Share our Love of Philately with Others". Also in attendance was Ellen E. Endslow, the Director of Collections/Curator from the Chester County Historical Society (CCHS).

From this initial meeting, "The Philatelic Gathering" was formed to explore and share a myriad of topics. Meetings to be held on Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the CCHS, 225 N. High St., West Chester.

On Sat. March 23rd noted philatelist Kean Spencer will be the host/leader of the inaugural meeting. The agenda will include three diverse speakers: Mark Schwartz on "Special Arrangement between the U.S. & Liverpool from 1843-1848"; Bill Schultz on "Dining Car Postcards"; and Vince Costello on "Fancy Cancels" along with 3 displays.

There will also be a post meeting luncheon. For more info and how to participate, contact Bill Schultz at bill@patriciaschultz.com.

DELPEX 2019

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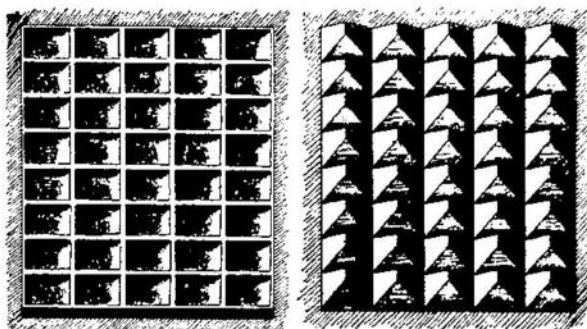


I hope you all enjoyed this part of our newsletter. We now continue with PART 3

The Classic Collector

By Peter Mosiondz, Jr.

Grills — Learning to Know Them, Part 3



Female (left) and male grilling patterns. As illustrated in Brookman.

The A, B, and C grills all show the biscuit units and these are all Points Up. The D, E, F and Z grills all show the Cross grill units. The first group originating from the one female cylinder. The second coming from the male cylinders.

The first cylinder, a female type, was covered with small pyramidal pits running in rows directly around the cylinder and directly lengthwise. This cylinder was used in the production of essays and in the A Grill as issued in 1867. It was also used in the production of the B and C grills. The size of the grill was steadily reduced from the A to the B and finally to the C, as can be seen if you refer to the table in our previous installment.

Except for these first three families, all issued grills apparently come from male cylinders, that is from cylinders with units of embossing in relief. These male units were pressed directly into the paper and variously strain, stretch, cut or puncture it.

In all reasonably well made specimens, the impressions in the paper show the characteristics of the units from which they were derived. It is important to note and understand that it was impossible for a unit of one shape to produce the identical footprint of a unit of quite different shape.

All of the male cylinders were undoubtedly produced by cutting tiny grooves each way, down and around the cylinder. In general this cutting of grooves did not cut the slanting sides of the units at exactly the same angle. The result is a pyramid that has a ridge instead of a point as the apex. Pointed

pyramids are the exception, not the rule.

In the D, E and F Grills, the ridges run lengthwise down the stamps and the rectangles of the grill. The Z Grill has the same characteristics, but the rectangles run in odd sizes and the ridges of the units run the other way, that is, across both the stamp and the rectangles of the grill. The Z Grill is of a different type cylinder from that which produced the D, E and F Grills. It is generally found more in the essays than among the issued stamps.

Although the patent was granted on October 22, 1867 it was applied for some time prior. In his report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1867 and dated November 1, 1867 (and written anytime between these dates) the Postmaster General, in referring to this process, said that "Experiments are in progress".

The contract under which the stamps were produced did not call for grilling the stamps, nor for remuneration for this extra work. The contract was later changed and separate counts were made of stamps issued with and without embossing so that the work could be paid for at two different rates. The E and the F Grilled stamps were paid for at the rate of 8¢ per thousand above the regular price.

The grills were continuously reduced in size (see table in Part 2 of this series) as the paper was made thinner and weaker in an effort to promote better penetration of the embossing and to save costs.

Look For Part Four Of Ten In
April's Newsletter