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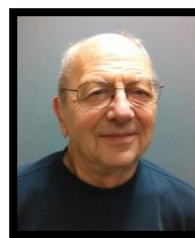
Successor to the Philadelphia Stamp Club and The Collectors Club of Philadelphia

Founded 1885

***Meeting: October 18th, 7:00
In the Community Rooms of the Willow Grove Giant***

Dinner: For those who would like to join us for dinner beforehand, we will meet at the nearby **Willow Tavern** (formerly the Willow Inn) at 5:00 for cocktails followed by dinner at 5:30. The Willow Tavern is located at 210 York Rd, Willow Grove, about a block from the Giant Supermarket.

October Program: Sydney Harbour Bridge



Presented by Ronald Hill

The history of the Sydney Harbor Bridge opened in 1932 and was featured in numerous stamps from Australia and around the world since. A program on this topic will be presented on Oct. 18th by our member, Ronald Hill. Besides numerous stamps and postal history items in the projected program, a few other related historical items will be shown and passed around during Show & Tell.

Newsletter Editor Wanted!

Could you help the Club by assembling the short articles sent in monthly for our electronic newsletter? Our current newsletter editor, Steve Kennedy, needs to curtail some of his outside commitments due to changes in his work schedule. We could use the help of someone to replace Steve. At this point Letty distributes the newsletter almost completely by email attachment once it is done. Could you help?



Free Dues Offered for New Members!

An anonymous Club member came up with a "Pay It Forward" concept to attract new members to join us in the coming year and the idea was approved at the May meeting and further refined at the Aug. meeting. Membership for several more new members for the remainder of 2022 will be free and the donation will cover their dues for all of 2023. Several of these membership slots are still available if you know of interested individuals who love stamps. And many thanks go to our donor!

Meet Our Newest Member: Larry Volovski

Larry Volovski has been a stamp dealer from about the time he was 16 years old. When he grew up in Connecticut, his father tried to get each of his nine children interested in stamps. Larry was the last child, and the only one who turned out to be interested. There was also a stamp store nearby where he stopped every day after school. When he was 14 the owner of the store finally permitted him to push stamps and philatelic material for him at stamp shows, while working on commission. He did so well that after while the owner put him on salary, which was less to Larry's advantage, so he quit and started his own business. Larry has been a stamp dealer for 45 years now and doesn't plan to stop. His business is Volovski Rarities and he goes to show about every other weekend. Much of the material which he sells now (US material,) comes from the collections of people who bought from him over the years.

Larry travels a lot for the shows, always with his dog, Gracie Grace, a Newfie. When he is home, he enjoys his daughter (who married a stamp collector,) and his three grandchildren.



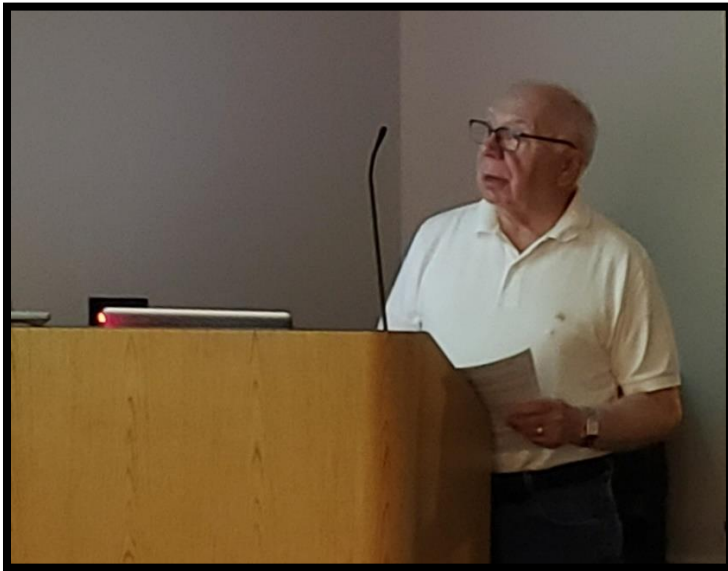
Larry Volovski with Gracie Grace

APS Membership Special

Join the APS now for \$45 and you will get all of 2023 and the remaining weeks of 2022 free!

Membership in the APS comes with benefits designed to help you better enjoy the hobby.

These include a subscription to the APS monthly magazine, *The American Philatelist*, buying and selling opportunities, access to the American Philatelic Research Library, discounts on services and more. **For more information, go to: stamps.org.**



Barry Elkins speaking at the September meeting

Minutes of the September 20th, 2022, GPS & CC Meeting

VP Phil Russell brought the meeting to order after several people worked on the electronic equipment that was to be used.

Secretary's Report: We currently have 53 members.

Mark Schwartz wrote us an email telling us the story about how he broke a bone in his foot while traveling to the GASS in Sacramento in Aug. He made it through the show but had to use a surgical boot for some weeks afterward and missed BALPEX.

One of our members, Jeff Forster or Monte Sereno, CA, has passed away. An article about him appeared in the Sept. newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: There has been no activity in the past month. Letty mentioned that she will soon be submitting bills for the purchase of supplies for the mailing of our 2023 dues invoices.

Old Business: Paul Miller reported on the printing and distribution of our Club flyer at BALPEX. The flyers were picked up very quickly and had to be replenished over the weekend. He will follow the same distribution method for NOJEX: sending a batch to the show chairman, carrying plenty of extra with him when he attends and being prepared if more are needed. One dealer whom he knows, Larry Volovski, joined our Club on the spot! See the Newest Member article.

Our elections will be at the November meeting. Paul Miller has accepted a nomination for President.

New Business: Letty reminded us that she usually sends out the invoices for renewing Club membership just before the Oct. meeting so that members can pay at the October meeting getting the “Early Bird” discount. However, this year neither the Treasurer nor the Secretary will be able to attend the October meeting, so invoices will go out before the November meeting and payments can be made at that meeting or by mail. All info on the invoices will stay the same as in previous years and members will have the opportunity to update their info on file. Our five new members will receive letters explaining that they are getting their 2023 dues free thanks to a generous donation by one of our members.

Ron Hill will probably be our speaker for October and he is addressing the problem of his emails not working. Richard Brent is a possible speaker for November.

Program: Barry Elkins was our speaker presenting a program on the Independent Post Offices of Philadelphia County, Part III, covering many familiar place names in Phila. County which had independent post offices before they became part of the postal system of the City of Philadelphia.

Show & Tell & Discuss: Richard Brent passed around a collection of the Falkland stamps from 1947, which came from the 12th Congress for Universal Postage in Paris. Anne Gibby showed us more items from the collection that she inherited from her Uncle Lenny. It included a variety of mourning covers and a number of unused, pre-addressed 19th Century postal stationery envelopes as well as used ones from 1894.

Respectfully submitted by *Letty Moon*

Upcoming Stamp Shows

October 14-16 – NOJEX, Hilton Meadowlands Hotel,
2 Meadowlands Plaza, East Rutherford NJ

October 15 – Gettypex (bourse only, no exhibits),
Gettysburg Fire Company, 35 North Stratton St.,
Gettysburg PA

October 29 – Eastern PA Stamp Show (EPASS) (bourse
only, no exhibits), 4550 Old Packhouse Rd.,
Schnecksville PA

November 4-6 – AEROPHILATELY 2022,
APS Building, Bellefonte PA

November 5 – Reading Stamp Collectors Club Show
(bourse only), Leesport Farmers Market, 312
Gernant’s Church Rd., Leesport PA

Upcoming Meetings

2022

Oct 18 – Nov 15 – Dec 20

2023

Jan 17 – Feb 21 – Mar 21 – Apr 18 – May 16 – Jun 20

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November 5 – MSC Saturday Bourse, Martin Luther
Chapel-School Gym, 4100 Terrace Ave., Pennsauken
NJ, 9 am-3 pm

December 8-9 – Blount Postal History Symposium,
National Postal Museum (live and via Zoom), “Political
Systems, Postal Administrations, and the Mail”

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