



The Greater

# Philadelphia Stamp & Collector's Club

Founded 1935

American Philatelic Society - Chapter 18 American Air Mail Society - Chapter 18

Successor to the Philadelphia Stamp Club and The Collector's Club of Philadelphia

Nov. 2020 Newsletter - Volume 8, Issue 11

Next Face-to-Face Meeting - ?

## Our ZOOM Meeting

The GPS & CC will be having its next meeting through ZOOM on **Nov. 17th at 7:30**. Our treasurer, Bruce Marsden, has set this up for us and it has been enthusiastically endorsed by our Club Officers and Committee Heads. On the next page is the ZOOM invitation with the address that you'll click

on to join the meeting. I'll resend this to you on the day before the meeting as a reminder. Also, there are Bruce's very helpful directions for getting and using ZOOM which you can use on your computer. Or you can at least listen to the audio portion, by mobile phone.

## November's Program Via Zoom

The program will be an APS video of **Rob Faux** speaking on postal history featuring the 24-cent 1861 Issue of the United States.

**NEEDED: A NOMINEE TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT FOR THE 2021/2022 TERM**

**AND TO FINISH OUT THE REMAINING MONTHS OF 2020**

**CONTACT PHIL RUSSELL, NORM SHACHAT OR ALAN WARREN**

## Vice President's Message

I saw Phil Cane last Sunday (11/8) and bought the stamped cover shown below from the 1934 National Stamp Exhibition in New York City with the sheet of six Byrd Antarctic Expedition II 3c stamps. Normally, I don't buy stamped covers, but this one seemed interesting. I hope someone can explain more about it at the next Zoom meeting.



## APS Stamp Chats Videos Available

Since late March the APS has hosted "Stamp Chats" which are philatelic-related presentations showcasing the scope and breadth of the hobby. We have over 70 hours of Stamp Chats on the APS YouTube Channel. These are excellent videos to share. Like and subscribe to the channel to be notified of the newest uploads.

Have an idea or want to present? Send us an email.

## Save The Date

The Dec. 15th 2020 Holiday Dinner, as it was done in the past, is **cancelled**, but we can still enjoy a Zoom meeting.

**2021 - Meeting Dates - Jan. 19th, Feb. 16th, Apr. 20th, May 18th, Jun 15th**

### OFFICERS

*President*

?

*Vice President & Programs*  
Phil Russell  
russell516@comcast.net

*Treasurer*

Bruce Marsden  
bmarsden@verizon.net

*Secretary*  
Letty Moon  
lettymoon@comcast.net

*Newsletter*

Ed Weisberg  
edweisberg10@gmail.com

*Show & Events*  
Alan Warren  
alanwar@comcast.net

### Stamp Club Meeting Address

*GPS and CC*  
Giant Supermarket  
Community Rm,  
315 York Rd.  
Willow Grove, PA

### Stamp Club Address

*GPS and CC*  
PO Box 446,  
Willow Grove, PA  
19090-0446

## Zoom Connection Instructions

**Bruce Marsden**, our treasurer, is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Greater Philadelphia Stamp & CC

Time: Oct 20, 2020 07:30 PM Eastern Time

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86524347655?pwd=bzVUQjNldE1EQWtFTytM0JIamE4Zz09>

**Meeting ID: 865 2434 7655**

**Passcode: 063496**

This brief note is a guide for stamp club members invited to participate in a Zoom meeting for their stamp club for the first time.

First off, if you do not have a computer connected to the internet, you can still attend a Zoom meeting by telephone as if it were a conference call. You will be able to hear all the meeting participants but you will (obviously) miss out on being able to see their pictures on a computer screen.

If you do have a recent computer with a built-in camera and microphone you should be able to fully participate in the meeting as Zoom will transmit your voice and your camera image to the meeting participants. (If you have audio difficulties on your computer, you can always dial in by telephone.

**Or you can watch this brief YouTube video:**

[https://www.youtube.com/embed/hIkCmbvAHQQ?rel=0&autoplay=1&cc\\_load\\_policy=1](https://www.youtube.com/embed/hIkCmbvAHQQ?rel=0&autoplay=1&cc_load_policy=1)

**or, if you are adventurous, you can go directly to a test meeting at:**

<http://zoom.us/test>

This is probably enough to get you started.

**What to expect:**

Your stamp club meeting will display your own image from your computer's camera as well as images of the other attendees. Zoom automatically arranges the images into a variety of formats as large as a 5x5 box of 25 attendees with the person speaking highlighted by a yellow border. Meetings with more than 25 attendees will have multiple windows of participants that can be

scrolled through. People who are shy about exposing their messy bookshelves or unmade beds can set a virtual background in Zoom by selecting their image of choice.

As you could expect, if everyone speaks at once chaos will follow, so even. More so than in an in person meeting it is important to politely wait for a break in conversation to introduce yourself to express your thoughts. If someone is chairing the meeting, you can get their attention by raising your hand on the screen, or for some meetings by clicking on a raised hand at the bar that appears at the bottom of the Zoom window if you move your mouse there. And when you are not speaking, it is polite to mute your microphone to eliminate background noise and interference. Your mute button will appear when you move your mouse to your own image.

Sidebar "conversations" are facilitated through a text-based chat window that can be opened by clicking on the chat icon at the bottom of the Zoom window. Your chat message can be shared with everyone or just a selected participant.

**What are the benefits to attending a stamp club Zoom meeting?**

While the Zoom meeting is not the same as face to face meetings, there is still an opportunity for fellowship with our club members and collectors.

Presenters can give talks about their collecting interests using the screen sharing feature of Zoom to display their Powerpoint or other presentation forms.

Clubs can even watch videos together for joint discussion afterwards, for example the Exploring Stamps series on YouTube.

And just as auction houses are now conducting their auctions with online bidding, club auctions could conduct their auctions with live "face to face" bidding in a Zoom meeting.

**The main thing is, let's have fun and learn!**

-Bruce Marsden

## Members In The News

Club member Ron Majors was elected President of the British North American Philatelic Society (BNAPS) in September. For several years he was co-editor of the society's quarterly journal *BNA Topics* and also served on the board of directors.



The Collectors Club of New York held its annual one-frame exhibition/competition in November. For the first time the displays were not shown in the club's frames but as virtual exhibits on the club's web site. Three club members exhibited. The grand award went to **Vern Morris** for his "Local Posts of Philadelphia 1843 to 1861."



An award of merit went to **Bob Rufe** for his "The 'Special' Booklet Paper Printings of 1928."



**Mark Schwartz** also exhibited his "The Use of Boston's 'PAID in Grid' Cancels 1851-1859."



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE

Today, every person in the whole world is the same age!

There's only one chance every 1,000 years.

Your age now (on your birthday this year) + your year of birth, will total 2020. It is the same for everyone.

It's a thousand-year wait!

I KNOW YOU ARE ALL GOING TO TRY THIS.

## Bellefonte Material Wanted

### *A Letter from Bill Schultz and Mark Schwartz*

*"Dear Folks:*

*Mark Schwartz and I have volunteered to pull together a display exhibit most likely in exhibit frames, utilizing the donated "small stack of material" at the APRL/APS, of Bellefonte PA's postal/philatelic history. We fully expect the display exhibit to be on view for all to enjoy for many years to come.*

*By copy of this email I am asking you to consider donating either a cover/postcard/revenue/ etc. related to the subject: Bellefonte Pennsylvania. Your kindness will provide us with material to help tell the story in the frames. If you do not have a philatelic item to donate to the project, possibly a nice \$\$ donation payable to the APS/APRL would be truly appreciated. Mark and I of course are providing gratis our time/supplies to the exhibit production/completion. We expect completion (during COVID) in the 1st half of 2021.*

*Please send covers and other philatelic items to Scott Tiffany at the APRL for his processing onto Mark and I for the inclusion in the display exhibit.*

*We thank you in advance.*

*Best wishes, stay safe and well,  
Bill S. and Mark S."*





## Minutes From Our Last Zoom Meeting

The Oct. GPS & CC meeting took place virtually by Zoom. Twelve members joined.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** We have 49 members. I spoke to **Rich Majerick** recently and he sends his regards.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** **Bruce** is still working on being able to open a new account for the Club at Santander Bank. The State has firm security regulations which banks must follow in these matters. He has been able to complete most required paper and is waiting for a past president who is no longer a member of the Club to sign off.

**OLD BUSINESS:** **Phil** announced to those present that dues will not be collected at the end of the year for 2021 membership.

**Phil** also spoke again about needing a president for the 2021-22 term. Nominations have not been forthcoming. The President would keep meetings and activities flowing in an orderly way. The possibility again came up of having a committee or the Board run the Club if no one volunteers to be the Club president.

**NEW BUSINESS:** We discussed why more members did not join us tonight. Was it the level of difficulty or the level of interest?

Tonight's meeting was interrupted by a Zoom-bomb prankster forcing our host, **Bruce Marsden**, to shut

down the meeting and then to reopen it. Most were able to rejoin the meeting, but we lost some others. Discussion followed as to what had happened, and how to prevent this happening in the future.

**Bruce** was asked how he arranged for our license to hold Zoom meetings for an unrestricted length of time. He told us that he paid for the license as his donation to the Club, and it is being shared by two other stamp clubs to which he belongs. Thank you, Bruce!

### SHOW & TELL:

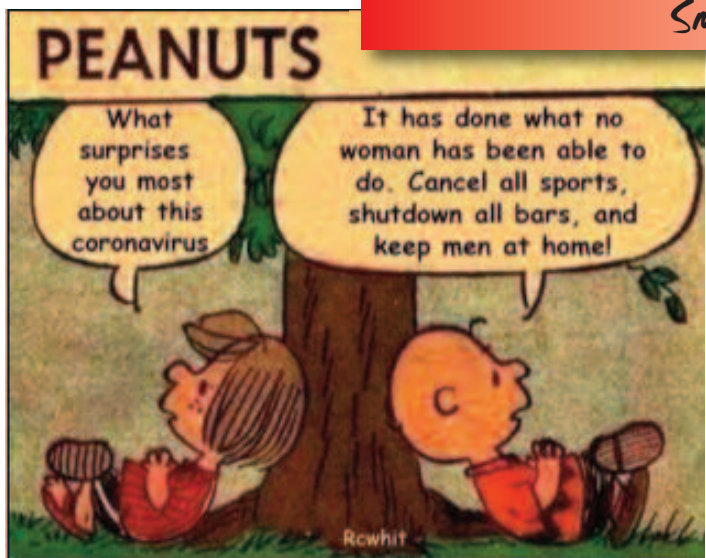
**Bruce Marsden** shared a 1952 souvenir cover from Switzerland which commemorated telegraph communication in Switzerland. He also showed a variety of Swiss novelty items which featured vignettes of super-sized Swiss stamps of the early 20th century.

**Bob Rufe** showed us examples of the 1938, 6½¢ Air Mail stamp, C23c. He is doing research on some which may have a color error in the ultramarine ink. He is looking for examples which others may have which have not been back stamped for testing the "Error in color".

**Steve Kennedy** offered to help others who need help with technology for their presentations or videos.

Our next Zoom meeting will be on Nov. 17th and we will have a speaker.

Respectfully submitted by *Letty Moon*.



Smile

