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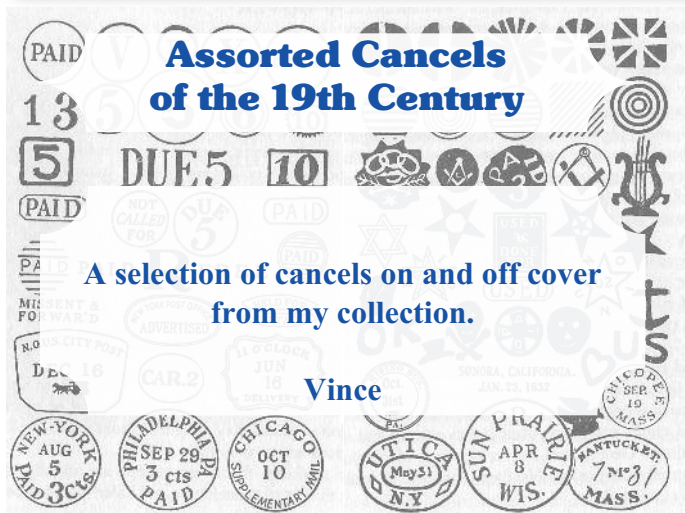
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Next Meeting - Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Our Featured Topic

for June



Assorted Cancellations of the 19th Century

A selection of cancellations on and off cover
from my collection.

Vince

President's Message

June 8. In the midst of a river cruise from Bucharest to Budapest can send a message now from Belgrade. The internet in these former Communist countries is still in the 1980s or worse. I've been essentially blind for four days. But I look forward to seeing everyone on the 18th back in civilization.



Steve

Up Coming Shows & Times

- June 15 **The Philatelic Gathering**, 10am – Noon, Chester County Historical Society, 225 N. High St., West Chester, Pa.
- June 22 **Eastern PA Stamp Show (EPASS)**, Jordan United Church of Christ, 1837 Church St., Allentown Pa.
- June 22-23 **SCOPEX**, American Philatelic Center, Bellefonte Pa.
- June 24-27 **APS Summer Seminar**, American Philatelic Center, Bellefonte Pa.
- July 6 **Merchantville Stamp Club** monthly bourse, Martin Luther Chapel School gym, 4100 Terrace Ave., Pennsauken, N.J.
- July 15-19 **APS Volunteer Work Week**, American Philatelic Center, Bellefonte Pa.
- Aug. 1-4 **APS StampShow**, CHI Health Center, Omaha, Nebraska
- Aug.30- Sept. 1 **BALPEX**, Hunt Valley Inn, 245 Shawan Rd., Hunt Valley, Md.

Remember: No Meeting in July

There will also be no July newsletter.

Welcome Back

Former member **Ned Case** rejoined the Club in May. His collecting interests are QE II sterling issues, Canada and US to the 1950s, and breaking up old collections. Welcome back, Ned.

2018-19 Meeting Dates

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

JUN. 18th July - No Meeting AUG. 20th SEPT. 17th
OCT. 15th NOV. 19th DEC 19 - Holiday Dinner

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Awards & Recognition

Alan Warren
Of Exton PA...
**Being signed in as a
Royal Fellow of Philately
on May 31st.**



Only 13 U. S.. citizens are currently Royal Philatelists!

At the NAPEX show in Virginia earlier this month, Mark Schwartz won a large gold, the United States Stamp Society statue of freedom award, and the show reserve grand award with his "The New York Post-master Provisional." He received another large gold and the single frame grand award for "The Postal History of Newbury and Newburyport during 1755-

1855."

Jeff Forster also won a large gold with his "The United States 1869 Issue used in International Mails." Bill Schultz received a gold and the AAPE Epilogue award with his "'Attached Rates' of 1830s and 1840s."

Minutes From May's Meeting

Steve Washburne welcomed back our former member, **Ned Case**, who rejoined tonight. Aside from our speaker, we also had two visitors, our speaker's wife, **Kendra English**, and **Steve Solomon**, an MBA student from the Fox School of Business at Temple. **Steve Solomon** was visiting because the APS is working with the Business School on a study of its expertizing service.

PROGRAM: **Scott English**, Executive Director of the APS presented a program on the recently-adopted Strategic Plan of the APS. He elaborated on membership, education, uniting the philatelic community and a plan of sustainable management. He pointed out that most of our members are over 60 and that it is important to put a focus on recruiting other age groups. He

discussed new member services available through the APS website, retaining present members and the delivery of existing APS services. He also spoke of the new Ambassador position that each club should have to report news of the APS. Questions came up about the length of time that it takes for the expertizing service and why it turns out to be unworkable for many collectors.

Due to the late start of the meeting, technology problems, and the length of the program followed by questions or discussion, our business meeting was postponed until next month.

Respectfully submitted by *Letty Moon*

Did You Know...

Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks or it will digest itself.

A raisin dropped in a glass of fresh champagne will bounce up and down continuously from the bottom of the glass to the top.

A duck's quack doesn't echo. No one knows why.

Donald Duck comics were banned from Finland because he doesn't wear pants.

The first product Motorola started to develop was a record player for automobiles. At that time, the most known player on the market was Victrola, so they called themselves Motorola.

Charlie Chaplin once won third prize in a Charlie Chaplin look-alike contest.

Astronauts are not allowed to eat beans before they go into space because passing wind in a spacesuit damages them.



I hope you all enjoyed this part of our newsletter. We now continue with PART 6

The Classic Collector

By Peter Mosiondz, Jr.

Grilled Stamps of 1867 and 1868

Two Cent Stamp With "D" Grill Scott 84

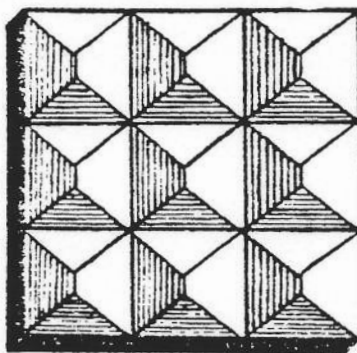
This is the first time that the "Black Jack" made its appearance as a grilled stamp.

It is genuinely scarce in very fine unused condition, with only a handful of blocks in existence. Even though an estimated 200,000 were issued, the centering is notoriously poor, thus accounting for the stamp's extra value in top-notch condition.

Collectible varieties include a split grill, and double transfer. Cancellations are seen in the usual black, as well as red, the latter carrying a modest premium.

Three Cent Stamp With D Grill Scott 85

Once again, we have the ordinary Three Cent rose of 1861



To create greater cancellation ink penetration, the "D" and subsequent points-down grills were pressed into the face of the stamp, rather than the back. Reproduced here, from a Philatelic Foundation series on the Grills by C. W. Bert Christian, is an enlarged illustration that shows the shape of these pyramid-like points. (On the "Z" Grill the ridge at the top would be on the horizontal.)

with a grill. This is the only denomination found with all seven grill types used in this issue, this one being the "D", points down, 12 x 14mm.

It is estimated that 500,000 were printed. Cancellations, in ascending order of scarcity, are black, blue, and green. The split grill and double grill varieties are highly collectible, the former seemingly undervalued.

One Cent Stamp With "Z" Grill Scott 85A

The One Cent "Z" grill is an extremely rare stamp, just one example known outside the Miller collection. It is generally accept-

ed that as many as 1,000 of this stamp were originally issued. The possibility of a "find" is still there for the student of the classics.

The "Z" grills are points down and the grill area measures about 11 x 14mm.

Two Cent Stamp With "Z" Grill Scott 85B

The second "Black Jack" to be grilled, the "Z" grill was issued in the amount of 500,000.

Cancellations, in ascending order of scarcity, are black, blue, and red. The black "Carrier" and "Paid All" cancellations are the collectible varieties.

The unique used block of four, with a natural straight edge at right and target cancels, sold for \$5,000 at the 1989 Siegel Rarities of the World auction.

Three Cent Stamp With Z Grill Scott 85C

Some 100,000 of this stamp, were thought to have been issued. Despite this amount, it is quite scarce.

Cancellations, in ascending order of scarcity, are black, blue, red, and green. One collectible cancellation variety is the "Paid" type.

The shade is rose, once again being the ordinary Three Cent of 1861 with a grill.