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Our Featured Topic

for January

Attractive British Commonwealth Stamps

This covers 30-40 sets of recess printed and photogravure stamps, mainly pictorials, from various countries and covering all reigns from Queen Victoria to Queen Elizabeth II.

David Stevenson

Free Shelving for Your Albums!

Anyone who would like to have shelving units to store your stamp albums and philatelic books on can have up to three units for free, as long as you can pick them up in Warrington and supply your own helper. Two units are 6' tall by 2 ½' wide and one is 6' tall by 3' wide. All have a nice wood finish and movable shelves. Email: radean17@aol.com.

Our Holiday Dinner

It was another delicious Holiday Dinner this year at the Willow Inn, with plenty of leftovers to take home! We enjoyed chicken saltimbocca, flounder, chicken parmigiana, tortellini, Caesar salad, ice cream with chocolate sauce and more.

We had enough door prizes for everyone to "go home a winner"! There were philatelic items (Thank you for the donation, Alan Faden!), gift cards, baked goods and more.

Attendance was less than last year due to some of our regulars being away, being under the weather or having other conflicts. But those who were there had a good time as usual!

Message from the Pres.

In the last Newsletter, your president's Message asked members to please step up and write some copy to help make the Newsletter more inclusive and interesting: "Do you agree with me that our Newsletter, through no fault of anyone's name below [emphasis added], generally doesn't have sufficient [emphasis added] interesting ideas or content? We need to get the short (long, too) articles idea, mentioned in the summer Questionnaire, going. We need to purposefully promote better member buy-in to the club. And that you have to do on your own."

Most unfortunately, our Editor took these comments as a personal slight at his skills and creativity, and wrote a totally unexpected and scathing note in response aimed at me a few pages further on. In the above is it not clear that no fault was implied to anyone? It's simply a call for more members to write up their stamps and covers. Secretary Letty and I and Editor Ed had discussed such added content in an eMail or two the previous month. He surely must have come to realize the innocence of my comments.

Happily at our meeting on the 17th, shortly after the November Newsletter's appearance, Letty announced that she had indeed received several articles and commentaries for upcoming Newsletters. Let's trust they'll continue to come in. We've got to work together for continued success.

FYI, Newsletter contents are a surprise to officers as well as the general membership, seeing it only when it arrives. Hopefully, one or more of these latest submissions will be a part of the forthcoming current issue. Please take the submission request to heart and send

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Letty your contribution(s), and then continue to do so! A healthy backlog of articles would be a wonderful thing.

Personally, I've become very interested in Ancestry.com and my family's genealogy. I found it extends back to at least 880 AD on my father's side, wow. Likewise, our society has roots (in various incarnations) going back to the 1880's. With this in mind, I recently read my March 30, 1912, copy of the Philadelphia Stamp News. It's touted there as "Official Journal of the American Philatelic Society, the Philadelphia Stamp Club, ...".

Its 32 pages contain a two page, two plate article on the 1886 Mexico large numeral issue describing its mixed perforations. There's part one of an extensive description with several plates of 1850's Dutch stamps, many ads from the likes of Haseltine and Wolseiffer, Gibbons, the venerable Nassau and New England Stamp Companies, etc. Klein's auction results shown on the first page show results between 32% and 67% of catalog value! Are you curious to know what the \$3,073 result for September 1911 would equal in 2015 dollars? Close to seventy-seven thousand. Deep into his 1851 3c imperf plating study, Dr Carroll Chase lists a want ad for "pairs, strips, and blocks ... please send on approval with lowest net cash price". There's also coverage [so early!] of "Aeroplane Mail Service". Our ancestral body, the Philadelphia Stamp Club's, March meeting minutes appear also followed by more than a page of classifieds, whose offers would of course make all our mouth's water. Happy collecting.

Tom

for sale

Mr. Ed has for sale MNH US stamps and other US items. Please contact him with your Scott # list of what is missing from your collection. Maybe he can fill in a few holes in your collection.

**If You Want To Advertise A Philatelic Item,
Let Mr. Ed Know**

President Tom Clarke started the meeting at 7:30 with 11 members present and 3 guests invited by Ed Weisberg. Our guests, all members of the Burholme Stamp Club, were Rob and Karen Kilroy, and Robert Cohen, the president of their club.

PROGRAM: Our advertised program speaker was unable to make the meeting, so a DVD from our library was shown instead. We saw the *Number Ones of the World* by Svend Yort.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: 36 of our members have paid their 2016 dues as of tonight. Special thanks go to the following members who also gave extra donations to the Club: Bill Schultz, Rich Majerick, Robert Damerjian, John Frekot, Vern Morris, Michael Epstein and Bernard Newman.

We have one new member who joined tonight, our visitor Robert Cohen. (See new member article.)

Emails have been sent to members who have not been able to get to meetings for some time encouraging them to update us on their activities or to submit articles for the newsletter about their philatelic interests. Members who live at a considerable distance will likewise be contacted in Jan.

We have received thanks for donations made by our Club in the past 2 months from the National Postal Museum and from the APS/Stamp Teach Program.

The Havertown Stamp Club sent us a list of dates and philatelic classes that they will be offering in the spring. (See article.)

OLD BUSINESS: Steve Washburne updated us on the details of the Holiday Dinner on Dec. 15th and a head count was taken. A motion was made, seconded and approved to spend up to \$50 from the treasury for door prizes for the event. It was agreed that the Club would cover the difference if we did not get the minimum of 20 people for the dinner. Ed Weisberg suggested that in the future we collect deposits for reservations for the dinner.

Minutes From November's Meeting

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NEW BUSINESS: The APS has sent us their annual request for a donation. It was pointed out that we donated \$100 to the APS Stamp Teach Program in Oct., separate from our annual \$80 donation which gives us "Contributing Member" status. Donation options were actively discussed. Motions were made, seconded and approved for both making our annual donation to the APS and also making the amount \$80.

THE 50-50 was won by our visitor, Rob Kilroy, who won \$9. The Club made \$10. A second drawing was made for a book donated by Steve Washburne. *The Postman* by David Brin was won by Letty Moon. Thank you, Steve.

AUCTION: Ed Weisberg ran another lively auction,

with our guests participating and bringing in \$77 for the treasury. The lots listed in the Nov. Newsletter went for the following amounts:

Lot #1 for \$5	Lot #6 for \$17
Lot #2 for \$7	Lot #7 for \$5
Lot #3 for \$15	Lot #8 for \$3
Lot #4 for \$8	Lot #9 withdrawn
Lot #5 for \$4	Lot #10 for \$12

A mystery lot of Cinderellas went for \$1.

Ed Weisberg took a break during the middle of the auction to entertain us by reading an item from the Oct./Nov. issue of *AARP* concerning a medical use for coil stamps. For a good chuckle, check out their article entitled, *Top 50 Ways to Stay Healthy in Your 70s*, tip #45 on page 46.

Respectfully submitted by *Letty Moon*

Friends We've Heard From

TOM KENSEY

Tom, who moved to Lancaster last April, reports that he is not doing too well. He broke his hip in a fall recently. As of early Jan. he was in a rehab center recovering. He sends best wishes to the other Club members.



It is nice to be remembered. Tell Kathy [our waitress at the Willow Inn], and all the members of the GPS&CC that might remember me, that I am doing well in Florida. I did have a minor case of diverticulosis last month that put me in the hospital for three days but that is all over now.

It is sad to hear that the PNSE show is gone, at least for the present. Chapter 13 of the SCC is also dormant! I hope that GPS&CC remains strong for years to come. I did my bit by renewing my membership for another year this month.



Cheers, Jim O'Mara

Philately Classes

Havertown Stamp Club

"Interesting Topics in Philately"

4 Session Short Courses

Four classes are being offered by the Havertown Stamp Club to stimulate your interest in the hobby and to increase your knowledge in diverse areas of philately. Each one hour course will be held 6:30-7:30, just before their regular meetings, on the first Wed. of the month.

There is a nominal charge for non-members. The location is the union Methodist church, Brookline Blvd., Havertown.

Topics are:

- Mar. 2,** "Collecting Revenue Stamps" by Bob Heaton.
- Apr. 6,** "The Five-Cent Enclosed Rate (1845-18550)" by Bill Schultz.
- May 4,** "First Day Cover Exhibiting of a Single Stamp Issue" by Alan Warren.
- Jun 1,** "Trials & Tribulations of Being a Stamp Dealer" by Al Hopkinson.

For more information, contact Stanley Sandler at stanshel@msn.com.

Meet Our Newest Member

Our newest member is Robert Cohen who recently became the president of the Burholme Stamp Club. Robert collects commemoratives, US mint, FDCs and Stamps for Education. He is interested in FDCs with stamps concerning presidents, politics or anything relating to education.

When Robert was 8 yrs. old and growing up in Philadelphia, he looked at his father's stamp collection and decided he wanted to collect also. At first he attempted to collect Worldwide, but eventually narrowed down his interests to just US.

As an adult, he taught the 3rd and 4th grades in Philadelphia for 28 years and retired in 2013. He ran an after-school stamp club for 3rd-6th graders for several years while he was teaching. Now retired, Robert goes back to his school and teaches 6th graders using the APS Stamps Teach program.

Robert doesn't just collect stamps, he also collects unique neckties. Wherever he travels, he brings home a tie with something very different on it, like stamps or politically related images. In addition he enjoys reading, watching sports on TV, and participating in a summer bowling league.



He was happy to join our club and hopes to see how other stamp clubs operate and how they can work together.

Robert and his wife Ellen are volunteers for Peaceful Paws Animal Rescue and Red Paws. Peaceful Paws rescues large dogs like Great Danes and English Mastiffs. Red Paws is an organization started by a Philadelphia firefighter that rescues pets that have been involved in house fires. They help supply the animals and their owners with everything they need until they get back on their feet. Red Paws works in cooperation with the American Red Cross. Robert and Ellen participate in fundraising events for both organizations.

Awards & Recognition



Mark Schwartz won a gold and the U.S. Cancellation Club award at Chicagopex in Itasca, Illinois in November for his "Boston's 'Paid in Grid' Cancels: U.S. Imperforate Issues 1847-1856."

Mark showed some of these items in his article in the November newsletter (page 7). At the same show, Alan Warren served on the philatelic literature jury.

Alan also won a gold at Filatelic Fiesta in San Jose, Cal., in November with his "Denmark Birth Certificates: Commemorative First Day Covers 1920-1949." He received a vermeil for the same exhibit at the NORDIA 2015 show held in Sweden in October. December 3-5 was the MonacoPhil 2015 exhibition



held in the principality of Monaco. In the gallery of 100 world rarities, Mark Schwartz showed his cover with a block of six New York Postmaster Provisionals. The rarities were on display in the Monaco Stamps and Coins Museum. At the same show Alan Warren served on the jury of the polar exhibition and had his 1933 Byrd Antarctic (Scott 733) exhibit in the Court of Honor.



Join Us For Dinner

Join us every month for dinner at the Willow Inn before the meeting! A group of us gather around the bar at 5:30 to socialize and then move on to the dining room at 6:00. There is a nice selection of American and Italian food, and Early Bird specials are offered. The Willow Inn is at 210 York Rd., where York Rd. and Easton Rd. merge, and is just a few hundred feet from the Giant Super Market.

For Your Information

Sudan's Camel Train Telegraph Stamps

By Paul Schumacher

During the British campaign to retake control of Sudan the military telegraphs were vital to communications in the huge and backward country. Even before re-conquest was completed in 1898, plans were made to produce distinctive stamps for payment of telegraph service.

The essay of the central design features nine telegraph wires, as specified by Herbert Kitchener, head of the Anglo-Egyptian forces in Sudan. Earlier versions had seven wires.

The stamps were typographed by Thomas de la Rue & Co. in sheets of 60 (10 rows of 6), in two colors, and on paper water-marked with a rosette.

The stamps measured 41 by 24.5 millimeters and were perforated vertically down the middle, the intention being that they would be affixed to telegraph forms so that one half would remain on the form while the other half would remain on the receipt given to the customer. Thus, used examples are generally separated halves.



Original colors of the 5m design



Original colors of the 5p design

Though catalogs usually give the issue date as March

1, 1898, the printer's records indicate that the first shipment was made later in the month. The four original values were 5 milliemes, 1 piaster, 2p, and 5p. About six months later a 10p value was added, but on crescent and star water-marked paper. Between 1899 and 1901 the original values were reissued on the revised paper, and a 25p value was also added in 1900. Because the 5m and 5p values were similar in color, a new 5m was issued in July, 1901, with the colors being described as buff and Cambridge blue.



New 5m in buff, framed in Cambridge blue.

The lovely Kerma cancel on an unseparated pair below is a well-known fake cancel.



Fake Kerma cancel of 2p.

A request for a new value was made in December of 1902 but canceled two months later. Usage of the camel train stamps was generally discontinued in 1902, as regular postage stamps were once again used to pay for telegrams.

The camel train stamps were officially demonetized on December 31, 1914.

*This article previously appeared in the *Merchantville Stamp Club's Bulletin*.

WE NEED STUFF TO AUCTION

Why not auction off your duplicates, or items you no longer collect. They are wanted by the club members. You can make money for the club. If you have a philatelic item that you would like to **donate** to the club, bring it to a meeting. If you can't make it, or it's too big, or too heavy, let Ed Weisberg know. He might be able to help.

Humor from others

Q. How do they put out fires at the post office?
A. They stamp them out.

Q. Which two words in the English language have the most letters?
A. Post Office.

WHO WAS SVEND YORT (1908-1981)?

At the November meeting we viewed an APS slide program about Number 1's of the World, where we saw the first stamps issued by many countries around the globe. The program was compiled some years ago by Svend Yort. But, just who was this guy?

Svend Yort was born in Copenhagen and moved to the United States when he was five years old. After obtaining a degree in chemical engineering he joined the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company in 1934 where he spent his career, retiring in 1972.



Yort joined the Scandinavian Collectors Club in 1944 and wrote his first article in SCC's journal The Posthorn that same year on the parcel stamps of Greenland. He continued to write extensively over the years on subjects like the Danish post office in Hamburg, classic Denmark, Danish booklets with advertising labels, Danish West Indies postage dues, and even the popular Norwegian Posthorn stamps. He also authored a column on Scandinavian philately for the newspaper Stamp Collector. He was a generous supporter of the Scandinavian Collectors Club library, and when the 1982 Library Index was published as a supplement to the club's journal, it was dedicated to Svend Yort. He served as president of SCC from 1966 to 1970. Svend was an APS as well as FIP judge and served on several international exhibition panels including INTERPHIL 76 in Philadelphia. He helped organize the NAXEX exhibition near Washington and chaired the show in 1964. In 1966 he chaired the Sixth International Philatelic Exhibition SIPEX in Washington DC. Yort served the American Philatelic Congress as editor, president, and council member. In 1982 he was elected to the APS Hall of Fame.

Alan Warren

Future 2016 meeting dates

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

JAN. 19th, FEB. 16th, MAR. 15th, APRIL 19th
MAY 17th, JUNE 21st, JULY 19th, AUG. 16th

Up Coming Shows & Times

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| January 22-23 | York County Stamp Show,
York Expo Center,
334 Carlisle Ave., York Pa |
| January 29-31 | APS AmeriStamp Expo,
Hilton Atlanta Hotel,
255 Courtland St. NE, Atlanta, Ga. |
| February 27-28 | Springpex Show, Robert E. Lee
High School, 6540 Franconia Rd.,
Springfield, Va. |
| March 5 | Westfield (NJ) Stamp Show,
Westfield Municipal Bldg.,
425 East Broad St., Westfield, N.J. |
| March 10-12 | Garfield-Perry March Party,
La Villa Conference Center,
115000 Brookpark Rd., Cleveland Oh |
| April 23 | Delpex Show, Nur Shrine Center
Temple, 198 S. Du Pont Highway,
New Castle, Del. |

Humor by Mr Ed

Please join me in remembering a great icon of the entertainment community. The Pillsbury Doughboy died yesterday of a yeast infection and trauma complications from repeated pokes in the belly. He was 71. Doughboy was buried in a lightly greased coffin. Dozens of celebrities turned out to pay their respects, including Mrs. Butterworth, Hungry Jack, the California Raisins, Betty Crocker, the Hostess Twinkies, and Captain Crunch. The gravesite was piled high with flours.

Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy and lovingly described Doughboy as a man who never knew how much he was kneaded. Born and bread in Minnesota, Doughboy rose quickly in show business, but his later life was filled with turnovers. He was not considered a very smart cookie, wasting much of his dough on half-baked schemes.

Despite being a little flaky at times, he still was a crusty old man and was considered a positive roll model for millions. Doughboy is survived by his wife Play Dough, three children: John Dough, Jane Dough and Dosey Dough, plus they had one in the oven. He is also survived by his elderly father, Pop Tart.

The funeral was held at 3:50 for about 20 minutes.

If you smiled while reading this, remember it was sent to you in case your having a crumby day and kneading a lift.