



The Greater Philadelphia Stamp & Collectors Club



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American Philatelic Society – Chapter 18

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Successor to the Philadelphia Stamp Club and The Collectors Club of Philadelphia Founded 1885

Live Meeting for September! Zoom Alternative Available!

Meeting: We are planning on meeting face-to-face once again in the Community Room of the Giant Supermarket in Willow Grove at 7:00 for our Sept. meeting. Members must **bring proof of their vaccinations** for Covid and also wear a **mask**. We will also try to have the meeting on Zoom for those who cannot attend. The Zoom link will be sent out the day before. We will return to meeting at **7:00** to accommodate the Giant's available hours and finish up by 8:30.

Dinner: For those who would like to join us for dinner beforehand, we will meet at the nearby Bonefish Grill at 5:00 for cocktails followed by dinner at 5:30. Our previous favorite spot, the Willow Inn, is undergoing renovations right now. The Bonefish Grill is at 1015 Easton Rd., in the Regency Tower Shopping Center near Staples.

September Program

The GPSCC received a very generous donation of a bankers box with a world wide collection inherited from the international businessman father of the elderly donor. A second donated collection has been added to this material.

At our next live meeting on September 21st at the Willow Grove Giant, in addition to our regular show and tell activity, we will have an opportunity to review the material to determine its highest and best use. Part may be packeted and donated to youth programs and part may be lotted for a club auction to be held at our next Zoom meeting. (We are not allowed to conduct sales in the Giant meeting rooms.). It should be fun evening of hands-on stamping and service to the Club.

Honors and Awards

At the Great American Stamp Show in Rosemont, Ill., in August, Mark Schwartz had two entries in the Champion of Champions competition: "The Postal History of Salem Massachusetts – Domestic Mail to 1883, Foreign to UPU," and "The First U.S.

International Postal Card and its Forerunners.” Both exhibits received a Prix d’Honneur. In the literature section of the same show, Alan Warren won a vermeil for the journal *Ice Cap News*.

Mark received a large gold at Balpex in Hunt Valley, Md. in September, along with the Universal Ship Cancellation Society’s Jesse Burgess Thomas Memorial award with his “Packet Mail Sent from Essex County, Mass.: 1840 up to UPU.” He also won a gold and the United States Stamp Society’s Statue of Freedom award for “The 5 Cent Virginia Dare Stamp of 1937.”



Bill Schultz giving his acceptance speech for the Ernest Kehr Award at GASS in Aug.



Minutes for Aug. 17th, 2021

The business portion of tonight’s Zoom meeting was held first.

Secretary’s Report: We have no changes and remain at 52 members.

Treasurer’s Report: There has been no activity in our account.

Old Business: Last month we considered having a face-to-face meeting in Sept., once again using the Giant Supermarket Community Rooms. Bruce Marsden suggested that we could also include others attending through Zoom. Steve Kennedy and Bruce will coordinate to work out the details and equipment needed. For those joining us by Zoom, the procedure will be the same as it has been in the past. The meeting needs to begin at 7:00 rather than 7:30, since the Community Rooms are now closed at 8:30.

Those who liked gathering for dinner before the meeting will try to resume this activity as well. It was reported that the Willow Inn may not be open for dinner right now.

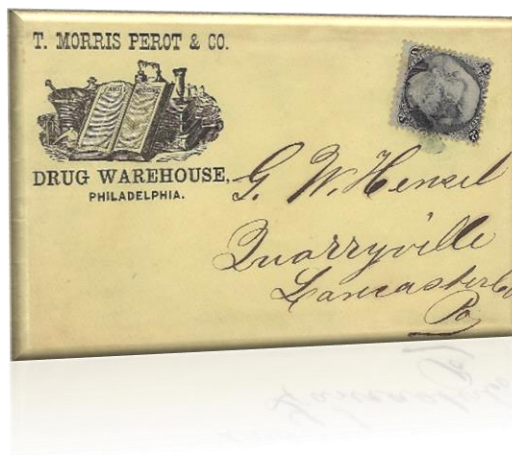
New Business: Ed Weisberg suggested that we consider other places to hold Club meetings where we could have our own stamp auctions, which we are prohibited from doing at the Giant. Others mentioned public libraries and museums which may have a spare room with technology equipment. Ed will look into Ann's Choice and Letty will look into Upper Moreland Library. We are open to suggestions of places that would let a group use a room for a small fee and are available in the evenings. Our low attendance also was discussed.

Program: We saw an APS video intitled, "The Prexies Go to War, A Tribute to the 75th Anniversary of V-J Day" by Jeff Shapiro.

Future Programs: As suggested last month, Bruce will organize a donated stamp collection for a preview. It is a collection of WW stamps from the 1940s to the 1960s or 70s. Tom Geiger reminded us to let everyone know what you collect so that when old collections are being disposed of, people will remember to send them your way. If the Community Rooms are not available to us, we will see a video: Conversations with Philatelists: Don Denman.

Show & Tell and Discussion: Steve Kennedy told us of a Zoom presentation – PaPHS – Oct. 7th at 7 pm: America 250PA and "The True Story of Civil War Medicine". Email Steve at skennedy@paphs.org for an invite.

Steve also showed us a cover and pricelist from T. Morris Perot & Co. Steve is working with Gus Spector on a presentation of covers, pricelists, letterheads, and billheads from this company and its successors for the Pennsylvania Postal History Society.



National Postal Museum News

The Smithsonian National Postal Museum has reopened! At this time, it will be open Friday through Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Timed-entry passes are not required to visit the museum. The public is invited to explore the vast portfolio of online resources available on their website.

NPM Upcoming Programs:

“Errors,” “Freaks,” and “Oddities” Thursday, September 23, 7:00 pm EDT
Stamp Collecting Fundamentals – Four sessions starting Oct 5 from 7-9 pm

Reminder about the new USPS Postal Rate Increases

Domestic Letter (not greater than one ounce). Increase from \$0.55 to \$0.58

Domestic Postcard. Increase from \$0.36 to \$0.40

The Extra Ounce: Remains the same at \$0.20

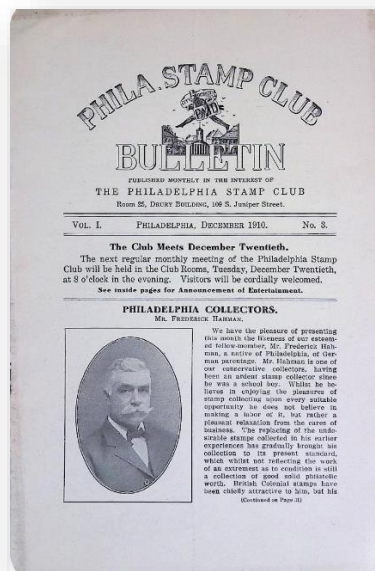
International letters and postcards. Both remain the same at \$1.20

Next meeting: September 21st. Respectfully submitted by *Letty Moon*

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

PLEASE CONTACT PHIL RUSSELL, NORM SHACHAT OR ALAN WARREN

I have acquired a large collection of these Philadelphia Stamp Club Bulletins from Phil Bansner. If you are interested in any in particular, I would be happy to send you a scan. Please email me at skennedy@paphs.org.



Upcoming Stamp Shows

Philatelic Show – Sept 24-26, Boxborough, MA
Reading Stamp Club - Oct.17– Leesport, PA
NOJEX – Oct 15-17, East Rutherford, NJ
NAPEX – Oct 22-24, McLean, VA
EPASS – October 30, Allentown, PA

Upcoming Meetings

Sept 21- Live meeting and Zoom
Oct 19
Nov 16
Dec 21

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