



The Greater

Philadelphia Stamp & Collector's Club

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American Philatelic Society - Chapter 18 ■ American Air Mail Society - Chapter 18
Successor to the Philadelphia Stamp Club and The Collector's Club of Philadelphia

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Next Meeting - Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Our Featured Topic

for April

PHILATELIC CURIOSITIES

A SHOWING OF SOME VARIETIES AND ERRORS

My intent is to show mostly inexpensive items which I have found unidentified in dealers' stocks, have purchased from the post office or bought as good deals in auctions. They will be shown by country and will include examples of photogravure and recess printed flaws and re-touches, design errors and overprinting mistakes. All should be visible without magnification.

Presented by David Stevenson

Message from the Pres.

Worth Repeating Interim President Needed



I'm very sorry to tell our membership that I need to step down for the remaining nine months of my term as president of the GPS & CC. My health problems have become overwhelming and I don't feel comfortable being in the position where I can't be sure that I can make any meetings. It would be helpful if someone would take over the position until the end of the year. In the summer a committee will be appointed to search for new candidates for the office for the 2019-2020 term of office and elections will be held in the fall.

Rich

"The above statement was dictated to me by Rich so I could inform the members via our newsletter."

Letty



Awards & Recognition

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By Letty Moon

2018 Meeting Dates

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

APR. 17TH MAY 15TH JUN. 19TH

JULY 17TH AUG. 21ST SEPT. 18TH OCT. 16TH

If you are interested in coming to a meeting, or finding out more about Philadelphia Stamp & Collector's Club, contact our secretary, Letty Moon.

Minutes From March's Meeting

NONE

Meeting was cancelled because of snow

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Philatelic News and Views

Bill Schultz has an article in the April issue of The United States Specialist, published by the United States Stamp Society. He shows and describes a 1905 cover sent from Philipsburg, Pa., and addressed to someone in West Chester. The letter was paid with a 2-cent Washington shield stamp.



However, the addressee did not claim the letter and so it was advertised. The cover bears a previously unreported handstamp marking "Advertised W.C.P.O." The advertisement cost one cent which is indicated with a postage due stamp, and had

to be paid by the recipient who turned out to be in Elverson, Pa.

Bill is winding down the exhibit "You've Got Mail!" at the Chester County Historical Society. The exhibit, for which he was guest Curator, opened in November and closes April 14. However, our active philatelist will be busier than ever as he gives two 2-day courses at the APS Summer Seminar in June. He will present a course for intermediate exhibitors and another for advanced exhibitors.

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"You've Got Mail" Exhibit

CCHS

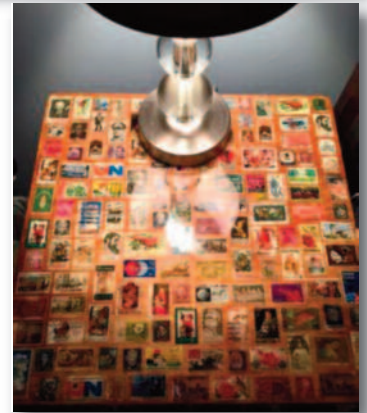
Posted Mar 26, 18 9:19 by Bob Rufe

Chester County Historical Society Presentations
The "You've Got Mail!" 19th century postal history lectures presented at the CCHS are being posted as available on the website of the Lancaster Co. (PA) Stamp Club by Charles DiComo. The first-of-its-kind exhibition is curated by Bill Schultz and museum staff. I had the honor and pleasure of speaking first last December, and John Barwis will conclude the series on April 14 in West Chester, PA. Six other speakers are well-known to many on this board - Bob Rose, Tim O'Connor, Alan Warren, Mark Schwartz, Ron Majors, and Bob Swed.

<http://www.lcps-stamps.org/presentations/>

Stamp Table

"Stamp table" which Janice Earley had made with stamps that her grandmother had saved for her.



THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

*Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat,
nor gloom of night stays these
couriers from the swift completion
of their appointed rounds.*

These words, adapted from the Greek historian Herodotus (484-425 B. C.) have long been the pledge of the U. S. government's 740,000 Post Office Department employees.

With the inauguration of a new postal service, however, the pledge was transferred to a brand-new corporation. On July 1, 1971 the old Post Office became the United States Postal Service, a quasi-independent public utility.

The position of postmaster general is no longer a presidential cabinet post. He and his deputy will be appointed by a nine-member Board of Governors, who will manage the postal service much as a board of directors manages a modern corporation. Under the Postal Reorganization Act it is hoped that the postal system will become a modern, efficient operation that can use new ideas, new methods, and new machines to handle the great load of mail that passes through the world's largest post office. No longer subject to political patronage, the directors of the Service plan to serve their 204 million customers on the basis of sound business practice.

See Scott Stamp No. 1396



Here's A Tip

Recommended Mounting Corners

From Bill Schultz

While working on a few Postal History exhibits at the Chester County Historical Society in West Chester PA, I was introduced by one of their curators to a "new to me" product which I now highly recommend to my fellow exhibitors for mounting those covers we so dearly enjoy.

The product is Item #545-2337 or 545-2335 "See Thru Mounting Corners" by Lineco. They are easy to use, not too expensive, and archival safe. 7/8" size which works well. I have noticed them on-line for @\$19.00 for 100 corners.

Note from Mr. Ed...

Mounting corners come in several sizes and are also available at Staples, Walmart and other stores. Look for them in their photo or label dept. Just make sure they are self stick so you don't have to mess with licking them.

They are great for holding covers, envelopes, cards, and even heavy paper. They are available in colors or clear, on a sheet or roll.



Stamp Collection

A stamp collector from Bethlehem would like to sell his collections to other collectors. Collections include:

**Canadian Stamps
First Day Covers of Israel
Stamps of Ireland
Colonial Hong Kong**

**US Stamps & First Day/Commemorative covers
United Nations**

For more complete descriptions, email Brian Block at 19wolverine73@gmail.com or call (610) 390-0388.

Up Coming Shows & Times

April 21 **DELPEX**, Nur Shrine Center Temple, Newcastle, Delaware

April 27-28 **LANCOPEX**, Farm & Home Center of Co., Lancaster, PA
 May 4-6 **Philatelic Show**, Regency Hotel and Conference Center, Boxborough, Mass.
 May 18-19 **ROPEX**, Civic Center, Canandaigua, New York
 June 8-10 **NAPEX**, McLean Hilton Hote, Tyson's Corner, Virginia
 June 23-24 **SCOPEX**, American Philatelic Center, Bellefonte, Pa.
 June 24-29 **APS Summer Seminar**, American Philatelic Center, Bellefonte, Pa.
 June 30 **EPASS**, Eastern PA Stamp Show, Jordan United Church of Christ, 1837 Church Rd., Allentown, Pa.
 August 9-12 **StampShow**, Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, Oh.

FIRST AIRPLANE MAIL CARRIER IN AMERICA LANDS AT BUSTLETON



Lieutenant Torrey Webb, Uncle Sam's first "flying postman," leaped from his plane at Bustleton at 1 o'clock this afternoon, thereby signifying the successful beginning of the new airmail service. Lieutenant Webb brought mail from New York.

Friends of Northeast Philadelphia History

Present the
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
OF THE
NATION'S 1st REGULARLY SCHEDULED

AIR MAIL DELIVERY

Saturday, May 19, 2018
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Red Lion Rd & Haldeman Ave

Near 9999 Roosevelt Blvd, **Phila 19115**

With American forces still fighting in World War I, the famous US Army Air Service Curtiss "Jenny" trainer planes were assigned to a new mission: Deliver the mail on a regular schedule between New York, Philadelphia, and Washington. Army pilots made history when the very first airmail was delivered from New York to Philadelphia and the Washington-bound airmail took off in front of throngs of officials and excited citizens who came in Model T's, farm wagons, and on horseback to Bustleton Airfield, located at today's Red Lion Rd and Haldeman Ave. Air mail instantly became an integral part of communications. Commercial aviation was born. Delivered – in BUSTLETON!

A Learning Experience



The 1869 10 Cent - Scott 116

As with the other light colored stamps of the 1869 Issue, the ten-cent denomination is difficult to find lightly cancelled. In fact, a very fine or better stamp with an attractive, light cancel is worth



considerably more than the Scott valuation. Keep in mind that the printed catalogue price is for a stamp in fine to very fine condition with moderate cancel.

There is little variation in the color of this stamp, as it is found only in yellow and yellowish orange.

The stamp was issued to pay the single letter rate to certain overseas countries by specific routes. It was also used on letters to Alaska, Cuba, St. Thomas,

Mexico, Panama, Nicaragua, and the British West Indies.

Douglas S. Ronaldson gets the credit for engraving this stamp. Its earliest recorded use is April 1, 1869.

Plates 15 and 16 ran off 3,299,700 examples for delivery to the Stamp Agent.

Collectible varieties include a double grill, split grill and end roller grill.

Cancellations, in ascending order of scarcity, are black, blue, magenta, purple, red, ultramarine and green.

Cancellation varieties include "Paid", "Paid All", "Insufficiently Paid", Supplementary Type A, Express Company, black Town, Steamship, Railroad, St. Thomas, Hawaii, China and Japan.

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