



The Greater

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

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Next Meeting - Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Our Featured Topic

for October

"1928 Special Booklet Paper Varieties"

There are eleven newly listed paper varieties for well-known US stamps in the 2020 Scott Specialized Catalogue: Fourth Bureau 563b, 564b, 566a, 567b, 568a and 569a; Airmail C11b; Special Delivery E13a; and Special Handling QE1b, QE2b and QE3b. This program will explain the rationale, identification and market aspects.



by Bob Rufe

President's Message

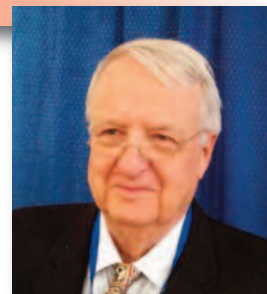
President's Message

I'm looking forward to this month's meeting because the speaker is both a member and an old friend. And he's going to talk about U.S. STAMPS . . . none of that boring foreign postal history stuff. Specifically about a discovery he made which resulted in new Scott catalog listings.

It would go against the grain to spoil his story, but in reality it's all about the grain. And he'll demonstrate a simple test to tell if you have one of these newly discovered varieties. I was privileged to hear his talk last month at the West Chester philatelic gathering, and it's a real good one.

I'll hope to see many of you at our pre-meeting dinner at the Willow Inn. Until the meeting on the 19th,

I'm Steve Washburne and I approve this message.



Awards & Recognition

At the Civil War Exhibition and Symposium in Bellefonte in October, Ron Majors won a gold for his "Canada/British North America – Union and Confederate Postal Correspondence in U.S. Civil War Era, 1859-1867."



Alan

2019-2020 Meeting Dates

All Tuesdays - All start at 7:30 pm - All at the Giant
Nov. 19th DEC 19 - Holiday Dinner

For 2020

JAN. 21st FEB. 18th MAR. 17th
APR. 21st MAY 19th JUN. 16th



"DUES ARE NOW DUE"

Dues are \$12 for 2020 if paid by the end of Dec., but are discounted to \$10 if paid by the end of Nov! Best deal of the year: Attend the Holiday Dinner in December and your \$10 dues will be refunded at the party!!

Dues can be paid at a meeting or sent to the Club P.O. Box.

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Minutes From October's Meeting

President **Steve Washburne** introduced our speaker, **Ron Hill**. He gave a presentation of his research and articles on Dr. Carlos Finlay (1833-1915) who was a Cuban epidemiologist who determined that a particular species of mosquito carried yellow fever. His talk went on to cover Clara Maass (1876-1901), a nurse who was honored on a US stamp in 1976. She was from Newark, NJ, and gave her life while in the Philippines as a result of medical experiments done there to study yellow fever.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Announcements were made about dues being collected and about the Reading Stamp Show on Nov. 2nd.

TREASURER'S REPORT: There was no change since last month.

NEW BUSINESS: **Vince** volunteered to work with the Willow Inn on the Holiday Dinner to be held on Dec. 17th.

SHOW & TELL: **Ed Weisberg** informed us that there were a lot of other things for sale at the post office besides stamps. As an example he brought in a large counter mat advertizing Phone Cards in the shape of stamps for sale by the Post Office. That was in 1998.

Steve Washburne showed us a hand painted post card from the French Shipping Lines with "Algerian Scenes" on it.

Tom Geiger brought in an small, old Schermack mechanical stamp dispensing machine and demonstrated how a dime was fed in and out would come three 3¢ stamps. It came with a key. He also had with him his album of post offices of NJ which begin with the letter M, and his album of 1935-39 US stamps in which he combines singles, blocks and covers.

Respectfully submitted by Letty Moon

Up Coming Shows & Times

- Nov 15-17, **NOJEX**, Meadowlands Hilton Hotel, 2 Meadowlands Plaza, E. Rutherford, N.J.
- Nov 16, **The Philatelic Gathering**, 10 am-Noon, Chester County Historical Society, 225 N. High St., West Chester, Pa. Richard Colberg on "Valuations & Appraisals," and Gene Fricks on "Direct Mail Promotion."
- Dec 7, **Merchantville Stamp Club Monthly Bourse**, Martin Luther Chapel School Gym, 4100 Terrace Ave., Pennsauken, N.J.
- March 21-22 **SPRINGPEX** show, Robert E. Lee High School Cafeteria, 6540 Franconia Rd., Springfield, Va.
- April 18, **DELPEX** show, Nur Shrine Temple, 198 South DuPont Highway (U.S. Routes 13 & 40), New Castle, Del.

APS Corner

Collecting & Connecting Central

Collecting and Connecting Central, is an on-demand, online learning tool containing videos, learning modules, and resources that cover a wide variety of topics and interest areas. APS members have special access to courses and videos as part of their membership. If you are a member, be sure to log in to access these benefits.

**Since we are having our
Holiday dinner in December,
there will be no regular meeting.
Also, there will be
no Newsletter for December.**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Celebrate the Transcontinental Railroad at NOJEX-ASDA 2019

For more show information,
visit https://www.americanstampdealer.com/SubMenu/NOJEX_ASDA_2019.aspx?id=506

November 15–17, 2019

Hilton Meadowlands

2 Meadowlands Plaza • East Rutherford, NJ 07073

Friday & Saturday • 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sunday • 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

• FREE ADMISSION •



The First Transcontinental Railroad was built crossing the western half of America and it was pieced together between 1863 and 1869. It was 1,776 miles long and served for the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of the United States to be connected by rail for the first time in history. The Transcontinental Railroad was also known as the Pacific Railroad for a while and later on as the Overland Route — after the main passenger transport service that operated the line.

The idea of building such a line was present in America for decades before the construction was authorized by the Pacific Railroad Acts of 1862 and 1864. President Abraham Lincoln promoted the railroad during the Civil War as a way of binding the nation.

They chose two independent companies, the Union Pacific Railroad and Central Pacific Railroad and supported the project by issuing US government bonds.

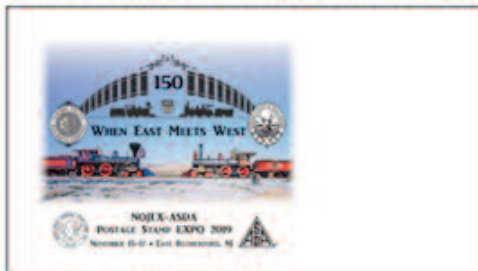
The land through which the railroad was supposed to pass was mainly worthless desert, although some portions of good farming land had to be crossed as well. The workers involved in the building operations were mainly army veterans from the Civil War and immigrants from Ireland and China. Engineers and supervisors were mostly Union Army veterans, experienced in operating and maintaining trains during the Civil War.



The Transcontinental Railroad was finished and opened for traffic on May 10, 1869. The transcontinental transportation network revolutionized the American economy because the transport of goods was made much faster, cheaper and more flexible.

The U.S. Postal Service marked the 150th anniversary of the

completion of the Transcontinental Railroad with three distinct Forever stamps. A first-day-of-issue ceremony was held May 10, 2019, at the Golden Spike National Historic Site at Promontory Summit, Utah. You may purchase these stamps and others at the USPS® Booth.



APS Show Renamed

By popular vote the APS annual stamp show has been renamed the Great American Stamp Show. The APS event will take place in Hartford, Connecticut from August 20-23 and be held jointly with the American Topical Association and the American First Day Cover Society.

From APS Executive Director Scott English: "A new era brings a new name. We're looking forward to bringing together the American Philatelic Society, American Topical Association, and American First Day Cover Society under the Great American Stamp Show umbrella. Thank you to all the creative minds who contributed to name suggestions and those people who voted in the poll. Over the last two years, we've worked and succeeded at making this annual show one of the best reasons to be a collector. Start making plans to join us in Hartford in August 2020 to see the next evolution in this live event!"

It's Party Time



Let's Party Together!
Annual Holiday Dinner

Come out and enjoy the good food and good company. **This year** you will have your choice of items at a Buffet. **And once again** the club will pick up your gratuities. **And once again** all members who have paid their 2020 dues by November 30th AND attend the Holiday Dinner will have their 2020 dues refunded to them at the party. Family members are welcome.

Only \$19.⁰⁰ PP

So Join Us At The Willow Inn

Meet Our Newest Member...

Our newest member is Steve Kennedy who is the webmaster for the Pennsylvania Postal History Society and is now on its Board of Directors.

Although he lives in Florida now, Steve was born in Atlantic City and grew up in Philadelphia where his father managed a hotel on Rittenhouse Square. Unlike many other philatelists, Steve did not get into stamp collecting as a child. When he was an adult, he and his children became intrigued by how many other states had towns with the same name as theirs in Maryland: Middletown. They tried to collect cancels from each of them. This led to him collecting cancels from Philadelphia. He especially enjoyed reading the contents inside older covers and discovering if the original buildings still existed at the old addresses. He now has an extensive collection of Philadelphia cancellations.

He also collects individual stamps, Worldwide stamps 1840-1940, US 1847-1997, US Air Mail, Revenues, Federal Ducks, World Fairs and Expositions, PA stampless covers, advertising covers and he has an extensive reference library. He recently bought 25 albums of US plate blocks.

Steve is retired from being in air traffic control for the FAA and now does private contracting. His other interests are poker tournaments, working on computers and building websites.

You never
appreciate what
you have till it's
gone.
Toilet paper is a
good example.

Thematic Exhibit Wins Grand Award in Canada

CANPEX 2019: For the first time a thematic exhibit has won the Grand Award at a national stamp show in Canada. Congratulations to Jean Wang, a Toronto medical doctor, with her exhibit Blood: a modern medicine. She also won several other awards on the show: Award for Excellence – Treatment; Creativity in Philatelic Exhibit Award; American Topical Association Award First Place. This is not her first large gold medal of the exhibit – she already received a large gold on the National Topical Stamp Show 2017 in Milwaukee (USA).

Who could foresee this fantastic result 5 years ago, when Jean Wang started her blog thread on her thematic exhibit. This is a long story of her process since she started her exhibit. There you can see many examples of pages and how they evolve during the years. Only three thematic exhibits and also a one frame were shown on the National Stamp Show of Canada in London.

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Some More Funnies...

Try to remember,
the greener grass
across the fence
may be due to a
septic tank issue.

You drop something
when you were younger,
you just pick it up.

When you're older and
you drop something, you
stare at it for a bit
contemplating if you
actually need it
anymore.



IF YOUR EYES HURT
AFTER YOU DRINK COFFEE,



YOU HAVE TO TAKE THE
SPOON OUT OF THE CUP.



Where Did That Phrase Come From?...

A SHOT OF WHISKEY

- In the old west a .45 cartridge for a six-gun cost 12 cents, so did a glass of whiskey. If a cowhand was low on cash he would often give the bartender a cartridge in exchange for a drink. This became known as a "shot" of whiskey.

BUYING THE FARM

- This is synonymous with dying. During WW1 soldiers were given life insurance policies worth \$5,000. This was about the price of an average farm so if you died you "bought the farm" for your survivors.

IRON CLAD CONTRACT

- This came about from the ironclad ships of the Civil War. It meant something so strong it could not be broken.

RIFF RAFF

- The Mississippi River was the main way of traveling from north to south. Riverboats carried passengers and freight but they were expensive so most people used rafts. Everything had the right of way over rafts which were considered cheap. The steering oar on the rafts was called a "riff" and this transposed into riff-raff, meaning low class.

COBWEB

- The Old English word for "spider" was "cob".

SHIP STATE ROOMS

- Travelling by steamboat was considered the height of comfort. Passenger cabins on the boats were not numbered. Instead they were named after states. To this day cabins on ships are called staterooms.

SLEEP TIGHT

- Early beds were made with a wooden frame. Ropes were tied across the frame in a crisscross pattern. A straw mattress was then put on top of the ropes. Over time the ropes stretched, causing the bed to sag. The owner would then tighten the ropes to get a better night's sleep.

OVER A BARREL

- In the days before CPR a drowning victim would be placed face down over a barrel and the barrel would be rolled back and forth in an effort to empty the lungs of water. It was rarely effective. If you are over a barrel you are in deep trouble.

Ask Yourself This...

Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?

What if my dog only brings back my ball because he thinks I like throwing it?

If poison expires, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?

Which letter is silent in the word "Scent," the S or the C?

Why is the letter W, in English, called double U? Shouldn't it be called double V?

Maybe oxygen is slowly killing you and it just takes 75-100 years to fully work.

Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.

The word "swims" upside-down is still "swims".

Intentionally losing a game of rock, paper, and scissors is just as hard as trying to win.

100 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.

If you replace "W" with "T" in "What, Where and When", you get the answer to each of them.

If you rip a hole in a net, there are actually fewer holes in it than there were before.

If 2/2/22 falls on a Tuesday, we'll just call it "2's Day".
(It does fall on a Tuesday!)



Instead of a sign
that says 'do not disturb'
I need one that says
'already disturbed
proceed with caution'



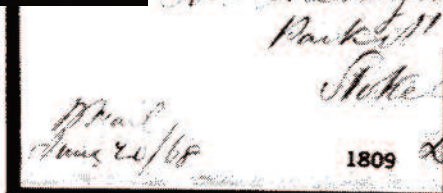
I hope you all enjoyed this part of our newsletter. We now finalize with PART 10



Two "F" Grill usages:

Left, a 12¢ Black tied by a circle of "V"s cancel on a June 1868 cover to London.

Bottom, the 24¢ gray lilac (placed upside down on the cover), and the 1¢ Blue "F" Grill, on an August 1869 usage to Argentina. Shows the short-lived (2 1/2 years) 25¢ rate via American packet boat to Rio de Janeiro and French packet to Buenos Aires.



The Classic Collector

By Peter Mosiondz, Jr.

Grilled Stamps of 1867 and 1868

Twelve Cent Stamp With "F" Grill, Scott 97

An estimated 2,600,000 black and gray black stamps were issued in this denomination, Plate 16 doing all the work.

The specialist can pursue split grills, double grills, triple grills, and roller grills, double transfer of top frame line, double transfer of bottom frame line, and the double transfer of top and bottom frame line variety.

Cancellations, in ascending order of scarcity, are black, blue, red, brown, magenta, and green. There are several cancellation varieties as well.

Fifteen Cent Stamp With "F" Grill, Scott 98

This stamp is the highest denomination of this series that is printed on very thin paper.

An estimated 2,000,000 stamps

were printed in the shades of black and gray black.

Cancellation varieties abound, the "Japan" being the most desirable. Other varieties include a split grill, double grill, quadruple split grill, and double transfer of upper right corner.

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

Twenty Four Cent Stamp With "F" Grill, Scott 99

Of the 200,000 issued, perhaps four or five thousand exist in truly top-notch condition, especially as it relates to the centering. If you are offered an example with four wide margins and rich color, buy it and then ask the price.

Shades are gray and gray lilac. Cancellations, in ascending order of scarcity, are black, blue, and red.

A double grill and split grill are the main varieties as is a rare "scratch under 'a' of Postage".

Thirty Cent Stamp With "F" Grill, Scott 100

An estimated 280,000 of this stamp

were issued in shades of orange and deep orange, all from Plate 7.

The cancellations are usually seen in a cork variety and, due to the color of the stamp, don't really enhance the appearance. If you collect used stamps, don't hesitate to buy this with a light cancel and decent centering.

Cancellations, in ascending order of scarcity, are black, blue, red, and magenta. A double and a split grill comprise the collectible varieties. Several cancellation varieties are there as well.

Ninety Cent Stamp With "F" Grill, Scott 101

This, the last of the 1867 and 1868 issue of grills, was printed by Plate 18 in an estimated quantity of 30,000. The shades are blue and dark blue.

Cancellations, in ascending order of scarcity, are black, blue, and red. The "Paid" and "Japan" are the two collectible varieties of cancels. In addition, specialists pursue the split grill and double grill examples.

End Of Grilled Stamp Info