

Philatelic Society of Lancaster County



The James Buchanan Chapter (#173) of the
American Philatelic Society
Chapter 118 of the American Topical Assn.

Meeting Begins at 7:00, Wednesday, 14 May 2014

Bluebird Commons / Woodcrest Villa. Bill & Truys Greiner, Hosts

Doors Open at 6:30-Come Early to Buy, Sell, and/or Trade

From the Desk of the President

May is spring auction month. Hopefully by now everyone has identified some good material. Past auctions have been very successful and well-received due to the content of the lots. So let's keep the momentum going. Many thanks to club volunteers at Lancopex. Since Jim Boyles' passing, we struggled just slightly to maintain a continuance of his efforts. Thus far our highly dedicated club volunteers have done a remarkable job to keep our annual show in the

category of one of the best Philatelic events in the entire Northeast. Despite some nervousness early on regarding dealer commitments, it all came together, with many thanks to Dick Shaefer for his vigilance. And on behalf of the club volunteers and the dealers, I wish to thank Truys Greiner for her generosity again this year in covering our lunches.

Looking forward to the upcoming months on the PSLC calendar, we have our annual

summer picnic in August, and there is a proposed bus trip for October. We're still looking for an interest level from club members to gauge our planning. Also, we would like to have an indication from all club members who would like a ride to the Reading Stamp Show on November 1st.

Finally, are there any nominations for club Vice President for 2015? I'll see you at the May auction meeting the 14th.
Len

May Auction Event and Our Team Members

The Spring Auction is here already. It's a good time to find a new collecting interest. Instructions follow: A number will be assigned to you when you arrive and register. Please place this number on all your lots. Attach an item/lot description including catalogue number, value and condition if appropriate, and minimum bid accepted. This will speed things up a great deal. • Fiscal transactions will only take place after the last item has been sold. Further, the auction committee recommends the following: • Bring cash whenever possible to pay for the items you win and • Keep a running total of items you have won and sold based on the prices realized. • Finally, firmly attach your sales information (lot description, cat.

value, min. bid etc.) to the item, then you'll be correctly credited with the sale.

Bidding rules remain the same as previous auctions. • The minimum bid is \$1.00. • The minimum bidding increment is 50¢. • Each club member is limited to 10 lots. • You may also donate items for the auction, and the realization will go to PSLC.

Left to right: (seated around table) **Dick Shaefer**, Recorder; **Lou DiFelice**, Treasurer; (Standing) **Hal Kline**, Runner; (Semi-seated) **RD Noble**, Auctioneer; (Standing with glass) **Woody Hann**, Auctioneer, and **Zim Ziogas**, Runner. In the background are auction participants (L→R) Claire Hostetter, John Brownell, Bob Rothen, and Bill Greiner



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VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

PSLC Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month (except August) at The Bluebird Commons in Woodcrest Villa, 2001 Harrisburg Ave, Lancaster, PA 17601 at 7:00 PM. Dues are \$10.00. For club info, call Lucy Eyster: 717.735-2586

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Club Exhibits

While Lancopex-2014 is our second year of non-competitive exhibits, we filled 12 frames with club members' philatelic items. Some included the one-page exhibits prepared for the club exhibition in November, and others(*) are here for the first time..

Mike Bach: Celebrating the Penny Black*

Joy Bouchard: (1) Children on Stamps and (2) Iceland

Lou DiFelice: The Statue of Freedom Portrayed

Lucy Eyster: Nature of America*

John Ford: John Ford on Stamps-An Exhaustive Collection*

Bettina Heffner: (1) John James Audubon and (2) An 1817 Stampless Cover-Harrisburg to Philadelphia*

David Hunt: (1) First Ladies on Stamps, (2) Raphael's Sistine Madonna, (3) S.S. Great Britain, and (4) Honorary Citizens of the United States

Chuck Kilgore: (1) Honoring Football on U.S. Stamps* and (2) The United States Medal of Honor*

Hal Klein: Expositions & Worlds' Fairs' Machine Cancells-The Panama Pacific Expo of 1914-15* *****

Bob Noble: An introduction to Pre-cancel Stamps*

Dick Osman: Stamp Forgeries including two pages of the famous Sperati Forgeries* (See below↓)



Paul Petersen: (1) V-Mail, (2) Crash Mail, (3) APS, (4) The U.S. Centennial & Beyond, (5) Seeking the Ideal, (6) Stamp Show Covers*, (7) Philatelic Poster Stamps*

March Minutes and Treasury

Joy Bouchard and Lou DiFelice

Opening: Len Kasper opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. He reported that our meetings are being advertised in the news.

Membership: Lucy Eyster announced visitor George Stiles who is a worldwide collector. She also introduced new member Deb Ehleiter. New to collecting, Deb is approaching the subject with an inquiring mind.

Minutes: The March minutes and treasury reports were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Drawings: Clair Smith won a set of the 1939 World's Fair poster stamps, and Fred Sargent received a Conestoga Wagon First Day Cover.

Lancopex: Lou DiFelice announced that the dealer's bourse is full with 21 dealers, and he thanked bourse manager, Dick Schaefer. He also thanked Diane Meek for networking with USPS to have a presence at the show this year. Paul Petersen discussed open

slots for volunteers and circulated the sign-up sheets. Coverage is good for set-up and take down. Folks are needed at the registration and the cachet sales tables. Paul added that there should be about 12 frames of members' exhibit material. Members may sign up with him until 23 April. Tryde Greiner said that she will cover lunch for dealers and show volunteers on both days.

Bylaws: Paul asked membership to provide feedback by the May meeting.

Reading Show: Len and Paul will be driving. Len is seeking additional drivers for a caravan for the 1 November show.

Club Trip: One suggestion is the ASDA Show on 24 October at the New York Hilton Hotel in Manhattan. Additional recommendations will be considered.

Miscellaneous: Paul passed around the spreadsheet/catalogue of Bob Tindall's extensive Lancaster County cover collection. There are an additional 250 Lancaster city covers. Contact Bob

by 18 April if interested.

Announcements: •Len encouraged members to prepare their items for the club auction next month. •He is also seeking a volunteer for VP for 2015. •Greg Macaluso stated that this is the 149th anniversary of the surrender at Appomattox. •Hal said that \$2 Jenny Inverts are available at the Lebanon PO. •Paul announced that Confederate postal historian, Patricia Kauffman will be speaking to the club in April of 2015.

Program: John Brownell gave an enlightening Power-Point presentation on the Patriots' Postal Cards of the 1970s-1980s.

Treasury Report

Opening: \$4,579.68 (1 Mar)

Income: \$1,217.00

Expenses: \$403.62

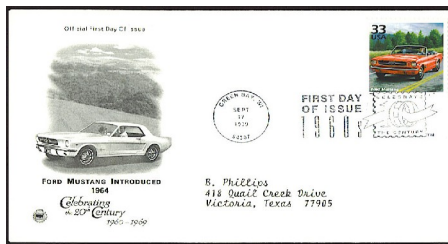
Closing: \$5,366.06 (31 Mar)

3-CDs valued at \$6,862.36

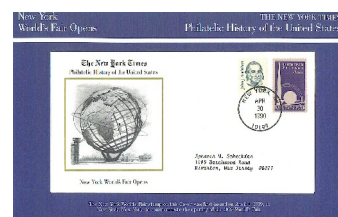
The Ford Mustang @ Fifty

The first model of the Mustang was the 1964½, not the 1964, as it was released for the World's Fair in April of 1964. Typically new cars are on sale in

the fall of the previous year. While this model was being released, Ford engineers were busily completing the redesign for the '65 Mustang model which was due to come out in the Fall. The '65 displayed many improvements in both design and performance such as retooling from a generator to an alternator and improving the securing mechanism for better stabilization of the lap seatbelts.



What's Wrong with this Cover?



The New York Times
PRESIDENT OPENS FAIR AS A SYMBOL OF PEACE

In the 1990s the *New York Times* produced a series of covers with newspaper headlines entitled the **Philatelic History of the U.S.** This page (cropped) is from 1 May 1939 and covers the NY World's Fair. See Pg.-4 for clues.



Miscellaneous Club Notes: Programs/Hosts, Shows, & People

2014 Programs

14 May: Spring Auction. Bill and Truys Greiner, Hosts

11 June: Rogue River Mailboat. Bob Brown. Bob Rothen, Host

9 July: The U.S. Special Handling Stamps of 1925-1955. Bob Rufe. James Ziogas, Host

13 August: Club Picnic (6:00)

10 September: Fall Auction. Lucy Eyster, Host

8 October: Great Britain Inland Airmail Service: 1935-1937. Mike Bach. Fred Sargent and Fred Mackey, Hosts

12 November: Open House, One-Page Exhibits, and Your Best Stuff Extravaganza. Len Kasper. Bob Paire, Host

10 December: Dinner

2015 Programs

14 January: Winter Auction. Bill Greiner, Host

11 February: APS Video-*The doctoring of postage stamps: Philatelists beware.* GS Joseph

11 March: Lancopex Advert Card Prep. All hands

8 April: A survey of Confederate Postal History. Patricia Kaufman

13 May: PSLC Spring Auction

10 June: The U.S. International Shows: Stamps, Covers, Labels, and More. Paul Petersen

Fall Club Trip: TBA-Please submit your suggestions to Roy/Len.

2014 Related Shows

Some Sundays Stamp Bourse: Farm & Home Center, Lancaster. 22 June, 17 Aug., 5 Oct., 7 December. Kevin Kellman (K²), Manager; 301-371-4558

Am. Topical Association: National Topical Stamp Show, St. Louis, 27-29 June. See www.american-topical-assn.org for further information.

American Philatelic Society: APS Stamp Show, Hartford, CT, 21-24 August

Publication: The April, 2014 issue of the French philatelic journal, *L'Echo la Timbrologie* printed Dick Colberg's article on the full set of seven (7) Baltimore Carrier Stamps.

The Topical Corner

It is not unusual for someone to bring me some stamps that "belonged to my father, father-in-law, husband (take your choice), and I don't want them or know what to do with them." So I look through the "collection" and learn something about the person who collected the stamps. Recently, I came into the possession of a handful of pages labeled *NATURE*.



It was immediately obvious this collector knew something about the care of his stamps. All were in perfect condition, carefully mounted with hinges on heavy grade paper. Each stamp had its own frame which I originally thought was computer generated but on careful examination realized that it was done with pen and ink. The stamps were U.S. and foreign, mint and used, mainly flowers and birds. The pages of birds have been passed to Bettina Heffner for any she might want and a few pages of flowers were displayed on the ATA table at Lancopex. It is so easy to pull together stamps on any topic of interest to you that it is...well, embarrassing...but so much fun!

Lucy Eyster, ATA Rep

Ave Et Vale

The club learned with sadness that Carmen Spadaro passed away on 21 April after a short and tough battle with cancer. A member of the Lancaster and Reading clubs, he was always a regular in staffing and maintaining the stamp shows for both groups. A lifelong collector of an eclectic nature, one favorite was Precancels where he was involved with that organization. Showing both his love and seriousness of purpose for collecting, he owned the ABC Stamp & Coin Company for many years. We send our prayers to Barb.

Stamp Dealer's Survey of Lan-

As always, dealers responded most positively to the post-show surveys. We had 21 dealers (four new dealers in '14) plus USPS and the food concession. Eighteen of 23 answered the questionnaire (78.3%). Seventeen of 18 dealers achieved their financial goals for the show-the best ever! Years at the show for returning dealers ranged from 2 to 20+ years with an average of 7.3 years. Some remembered holding the show at the Park City Mall in the 1990s. On a score of 1 to 10 as to how Lancopex compares to shows of a similar venue, dealers rated our show as 8.86, a solid number. Our best was 9.0 last year.

Dealers remained pleased with the facility in general, that it is a strength of the show. One said that he was

moved this year to a new location on the floor, and this hurt business. He was the only one to not meet his goals. Another dealer noted being crowded by his neighboring dealer. The bourse floor was relatively comfortable and well lit. The Farm & Home Center is easily accessible, though a few recommended some young helpers to assist loading and unloading for tips in years to come. Two mentioned that there were a few too many dealers. The Friday/Saturday format continues to rule.

Food received several positive comments as to quality, and Truys Greiner got a shout out from many for her generosity again this year. One dealer mentioned that he would buy breakfast if it was available. A few were pleased with the new format for door prizes this



Club Treasurer Lou Difelice (left) with U.S. classics dealer, Bob Swed of Wilmington, Delaware.

year with the voucher for any dealer. Noted by almost every dealer was the hospitality of the club volunteers at the show, that it made Lancopex special.

Operations People, Bill Greiner and Paul Petersen reported that there were 35 club volunteers at the show.



Musings: May-2014

How did I forget the 1964 New York World's Fair?

Just as I put the April edition of this newsletter to bed last month with one of the features being the 75th Anniversary of the 1939 New York World's Fair, I realized that I overlooked the fact that April was also the 50th Anniversary of the 1964 NY World's Fair. And with that event came the advent of the rushed 1964½ Ford Mustang at the Fair.



As young as I look today, it may be hard to believe that I was at the '64 ('65) World's Fair! And I remember it clearly through the eyes of a 16 year old with a crowd of friends.



A little known factoid is that the Bureau of Int'l Expositions (BIE) did not regard the '64-'65 NY Fair as an official World's Fair! This was like finding out that your grandparents were never married. Just learn-

ing about this now, I hope to do some research into the background and politics of how this came about (The fair, that is, not my grandparents)! This "slight" did not influence the outcome of the fair, as it kept pace financially with many of the other great world fairs, this one losing only \$21M over the two years.

There were 68 countries participating in the fair, but only 30 issued commemoratives. On the obverse, Afghanistan (1), Bhutan (6), Dubai (7), Paraguay (2), and Yemen (10) did not participate in NY, but they issued commemoratives, as seen in the number following their country name.



In addition, The Congo Democrat Republic (7) and Sierra Leone (27) contributed multiple stamps among others. The range of stamp issue dates ranged from 2/64 through 11/66-over a year after the closing of the fair!

The chart that follows shows that in 1964 there were 33% fewer countries that issued fair related stamps than in 1939. But through stamp proliferation, these 30 countries issued 27% more

stamps than in 1939!

| | 1939-40 | 1964-5 |
|---------------|---------|--------|
| n Countries | 45 | 30 |
| n Phil. Items | 177 | 225 |

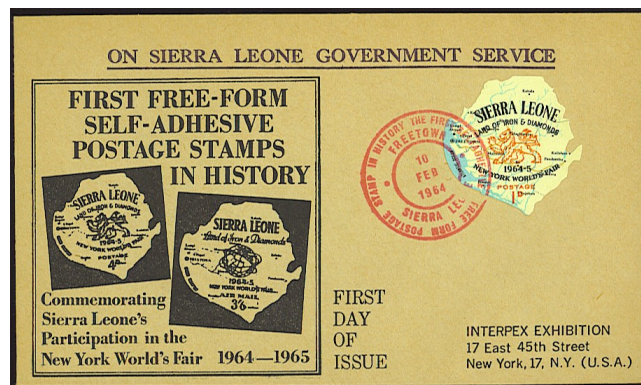


In 1964 there were many multiple issues of stamps having the same Scott illustration number. It was common for one image to be used throughout the set and then used again in an airmail set (i.e. Sierra Leone with 27!) as seen in the Sand Dunes and Third World issuing entities.

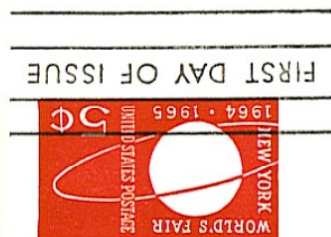
As our Fair group left the train,

we were awestruck with a view of the relatively new Shea Stadium, home of MLB's National League Mets. Then we saw Oz, the Fair itself. It was a sight to behold. The venue was huge, and the girls all sought to visit the Lady Clairol exhibit to see what they looked like with different color hair. Fortunately Clairol had a shorter line than those of the Ford and GM pavilions where we guys wanted to see and ride the new cars and get a look at the new 1964½ Mustang.

Whatever money I saved by using my fancy train pass for my summer job into Manhattan was more than made up for by the prices of food and drink at the Fair. "Extraordinary" says it all. Years on the wrestling team taught me to go hungry, but a date's a date. I think we split a hot dog & Coke. Ed. ☐



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