

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, Wed., 9 September 2015

Bluebird Commons / Woodcrest Villa. Lou Leidig, Host
Doors Open at 6:30-Come Early to Buy, Sell, and/or Trade

From the Desk of the President

This year is certainly flying by, and soon we'll be talking about our Open House in November, the Christmas Party in December, and Lancopex for next April. But as my predecessor used to say, "Think of all this work as job security."

It was another wonderful picnic last month, and my thanks go out to everybody involved in the planning for the event. And thanks also to all the

participants who brought such great side dishes and desserts.

Soon it will be time for election of officers. With the new bylaws, we need a secretary and a treasurer, as Joy and Lou have served well beyond the call of duty by completing several terms. Lou tells me that there is a member interested in the treasurer position. How about secretary? Hal will move up to president and Doug will be 1st VP. So we'll

also need a 2nd VP who will serve as president in 2018. Please give it some thought.

Lucy and Paul are working to set a date for Packet Night later this fall, an evening when we'll converge to make stamp packets for APS and ATA. Should be fun. Keep this in mind.

Hope to see many of you at the meeting with good health and happy hearts. **Bill III**

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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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Selected Stamps of Australia. For More, See Page-4.

Programme: Britain's Line Engraved Stamps

This month PSLC member **David Hunt** will discuss the line engraved stamps of the UK. Here is how he describes this most collectible area: "The first stamps of Great Britain were produced by the line engraved method. Although these stamps were in use for 40 years, there were just four denominations. You might think these are simple to collect, but dig below the surface, and you will find many varieties of perforation gauge and watermark. The *Stanley Gibbons Catalogue*

has 53 major numbers for those four denominations of line engraved stamps. You can also get into plating, interesting constant varieties, and cancellations; which open up a new world with hundreds or even thousands of stamps to collect."

If you are in the position that you just can't wait for this presentation tonight and want to get started now, or you would like to get a little background information on the subject beforehand, the fol-

lowing two-volume reference is recommended; it is a classic in the field: Edward Denny Bacon (1920). *Line Engraved Postage Stamps of Great Britain*. London: Perkins, Bacon, and Co.





Coming Up Soon at PSLC

Free APS and ATA Membership: Tonight there will be a drawing for a free 2016 membership in either organization for those who have never been a member. Winners must agree to pay their own dues for the two years of 2017 and 2018.

Lancaster Barnstormers Baseball: Next week, Tuesday, 15 September at 7:00 in Clipper Stadium. You may still attend by calling Zach Cunningham at the Barnstormers (717.509.3002), Tell him you wish to join the Lancaster Stamp Club in Section 11 on Tuesday, the 15th.

Packet Night: Stay tuned for the date this fall to compile stamp packets for APS and ATA.

Open House and 1-Page Exhibits on 11 November: Bring your friends to the open house and show off your stuff in one or more 1-(or more) page exhibits.

Reading Stamp Show: Let's support our Reading friends on Saturday, 7 November. Carpools may be available to attend this event.

January 2016 Newsletter Article: Remember Ed's challenge to come up with your bucket list on stamps. Please send him a stamp and a story for the January edition. Feel free to use this theme for your 1-Page exhibit in November.

Postcrossing



This picture postcard exchange club has another stamp, this one from Slovenia. There are nearly a dozen countries who have issued these stamps. See www.postcrossing.com

Coverage of Our 2015 Summer Picnic

As always it was another great picnic with good food and fellowship along with fine weather. Ordering fine weather for this event is now in the job description for our new office of 2nd Vice President. Here we give our thanks to Dennis Milliken who has done this for us in only his second month on the job.

While we were prepared for forty people, we ended up with thirty-two following several cancellations as the picnic time drew near. Pastor Bob Larson started the meal for us with a blessing and thanks along with prayers for those who could not be with us tonight. Bob is pictured with his wife Dotty below↓.



Something new this year in the Games Department was French Loto conducted by Dick Colberg where twenty-one remained to play-even when the prizes ran out. He purchased this game at a market in France, and with the date of 1924, it is a 91 year old item. Pictured with Dick playing Loto below are Chuck & Donna Kilgore (L) and Dick and Carol Shaefer. ↓



Hats off to Lucy Eyster and her setup and food line supervision crew of Sarah Mylin, Daisy Detweiler, and Bettina Heffner. Daisy commented that she enjoyed writing out the name tags as, new to PSLC, this gave her a chance to meet many members.



Our usual suspects, Mike Shirley and Paul Petersen cooked as Bill Greiner (above↑) supervised. Bill said that his goal was to keep everybody alive. At closure Dennis & Lucy Shumaker, Diane Meek, and several others remained behind to help clean up. Diane Meek (L) and Roy K. Baardsen (R) are below↓.



One of the highlights of the picnic each year and one that is becoming a tradition is the cake brought by Dennis and Lucy Shumaker. They have a special bakery that is able to place the image of a postage stamp on the cake. This year their cake contained two

stamps, a U.S. Zeppelin, and the Buffalo Balloon Stamp (CL1a). This is a semi-official air mail stamp for the world's first air mail, a balloon flight on 18 June 1877 from Nashville to Gallatin, TN. Dennis reports that few of these *tete-beche* pairs were printed, and they now catalogue from \$22.5K to \$27.5K in the *Scott Catalogue*. (See below)



Other happy picnickers include Al and Twila Schaub below↓.



And waiting for the game of RF Loto to begin are Linda Sadler and David Hunt pictured below↓.





Miscellaneous Club Notes: Programs/Hosts and Shows

2015 Programs

9 September: Great Britain's Line Engraved Stamps. David Hunt; Lou Leidig, Host

14 October: Fall Auction. Al Schaub, Host

11 November: Club Member 1-Page Exhibits and Open House. Len Kasper & Paul Petersen; Len Kasper, Host

9 December: Dinner

2016 Programs

13 January: Winter Auction; Hal Klein, Host

10 February: Jamaica in World War II. An APS DVD video

9 March: The 5-Cent Enclosed Rate. Bill Schultz

13 April: History and Culture of Germany on Stamps. David Hunt

11 May: Coins on Stamps & Stamps on Coins. John Brownell

8 June: Spring Auction

13 July: (Tentative) Civil War Covers. Dennis Shumaker

10 August: Summer Picnic, Millersville Memorial Park

14 September: Fall Auction

12 October: The U.S. International Stamp Shows: Part 1. Paul Petersen

9 November: '15 Open House

14 December: Dinner and gift exchange.

2017 Programs

11 January: Winter Auction. Doug Milliken, Host

8 February: APS Video

8 March: TBA

12 April: 1.) Al Schaub; 2.) Lancopex preparation

10 May: Collectibles and Your Estate. Patti Spencer, Esq.

2015 Shows

Reading: (S) 7 Nov., Leesport Farmer's Market, Rt. 61. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Some Sundays Stamp Bourse: 20 Dec. Farm & Home Center, Kevin Kellman (K²), Manager, 301-371-4558.

The Bermuda Post Office Perot Stamps

As a collector I often see the Perot Cancel Stamp in the philatelic literature. As seen below, it is a well known image, and this one is a strike from one of my faux cancels that I use from time to time on my philatelic covers (↓).



They're known officially as the Bermuda Post Office Perots. In a recent edition of *Gibbons Stamp Monthly* (May-2015, Pps. 102-105) the story of this interesting item came to light. The Hamilton Bermuda PO was located in Perot's home,

now the Bermuda Historical Society Museum, and many of his items are displayed there. It is depicted on a 1962 6d stamp from *GSM Magazine*↓.



Perot produced his first stamp around 1848 using his canceling device. He worked a lot in his garden behind his house, and his chemist neighbor would often call him when there was a customer. They would hand him a penny and that would cover the local postage. To save labor and time, he put out a box where postal patrons would put in a penny and leave their letter. Later on, Perot would collect the pennies and send the letter.

Unfortunately, there were often more letters than pennies left in the box! His chemist friend came up with an idea.

Using his canceling device, Perot removed the date plugs leaving only the year date. He then struck twelve on a page, signed each strike, and applied the gum to the back of the page as developed by the chemist. He sold the pages of 12 pre-paid 1d stamps. He used black ink in 1848 and then switched to red in 1849.



There are eleven known Perots, and three of these are in the Royal collection. Catalogue values range from \$100-200K if you are lucky to find one for sale.

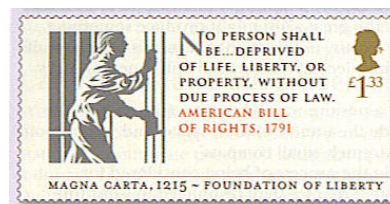
What's in a Stamp Nickname?

Vol.1/No. 1 of a new philatelic magazine, a house organ for Daniel F. Keller Auctions, is out. In his article on nicknames, monikers, and initials (pg-27), M.X. Zelenak lists those below. Many are household philatelic terms used in this newsletter and others. How many do you know by name?

□ Persian Rugs, □ Prexies, □ Black Jacks, □ Post Horns, □ Cotton Reels, □ Seebecks, □ Baby Zeps, □ Broken Hats, □ Blue Noses, □ Machins, □ Tyrian Plum, □ Admirals, □ Indian Reds, □ Penny Blacks, □ Farleys, □ Shermacks, □ Zemstvos, □ Sea-Horses, □ Ducks, □ Beavers, □ Kiwis, □ Swans, □ Kangaroos, □ Kicking Mules, □ Hermes Heads, □ Pan Ams, □ Waterburys, and □ Wembley Lions.

American Bill of Rights on a British Stamp

In June, 2015 Great Britain celebrated the 800th Anniversary of the Magna Carta with an issue of six (6) stamps.



Described and portrayed in *Gibbons Stamp Monthly* (June, 2015, pg. 33), the set of stamps starts with the first class issue depicting the Magna Carta itself, written in 1215 with grievances against King John. It established that all people, including the king, are subject to the law. Among the 63 clauses, is the assurance for all men for the right to justice and a fair trial.

The £1.33 stamp (pictured above↑) portrays the 1791 American Bill of Rights whose publication was influenced by the Magna Carta. Also influenced was the £1.57 stamp of the 1947 UN Universal Declaration of Human rights, and the UK's 2013 Charter of the Commonwealth (£1.52).



Musings: September 2015

Stamps Teach at APS and Some Australian Beauties

Sometimes it is just enjoyable to handle and examine nice stamps whether expensive or not.

I had such an experience over the summer while playing with over 70 Australian stamp designs, each neatly tied in bundles of 100. My treks to APS are now limited to one day, and this can put a crimp in any serious volunteer work. But APS has many tasks that can be accomplished from home. One on which I hope to soon get started is writing short lesson plans for the schools and teachers in the relatively new APS program called **Stamps Teach**. This is quite successful, as it reaches hundreds of schools and teachers. Rather than learning about stamps in the classroom, **Stamps Teach** is a program that uses stamps to illustrate the subject matter being taught. One intended consequence is that kids will like working with stamps and form a stamp club in their school.

For the older students, historical topics like the American Revolution or space exploration are nicely portrayed on stamps. There are dozens of other historical, geographical, and literary possibilities. Anthropologically, one could come up with an interesting research project of the emergence of women on U.S. stamps since Queen Isabella's first appearance

in the Columbians in 1893. Here the progress of women in America can be tracked and examined on stamps. For younger children stamps can be used in different ways. They can sort stamps by shapes, colors, sizes and more. Those with enquiring minds might sort stamps of one color based on hue from very light red, for example, to dark red. Hopefully they won't be burdened with carmine rose, carmine lake, dark carmine, and rose...

But for now, I am in a packet making frenzy. I have done U.S. and Australian packs and am working on Canada. APS supplied all the materials I needed, and when ready, I can return them by mail or on my next day trip to Bellefonte.

What I realized immediately was the diversity and eye appeal of the Australian stamps. The latter is now referred to as the "Wow factor" in philately. My bundles dated from the 1950s to the 1990s. Let's look at a few.



The previous stamp is part of the Down Under series and includes music legends, this one being "Men at Work."



The above 1955 stamp marks the 50th Anniversary of Rotary Int'l in Australia (#278).



Uluru Rock ↑ (1311) of the World Heritage series is a popular tourist destination.



←Australia is proud of its sports teams from hosting the '56 Olympics (282) to the 100th of the Australian Football League (1506) in 1996.



What's not to like about (#1771↑) the 1981 celebration of Australia Day with map!



One hundred years of autonomy in Queensland (R) was celebrated in 1955 (333), while the 1998 Red Lacewing (R) (1690) is the first of a five stamp set on butterflies.

Australia Post has a very friendly website titled auspost.com.au. Beyond selling stamps, the site has information for stamp collectors such as a philatelic glossary, tools of the trade, basics of collecting, and others. Ed



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