

# 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., 14 October 2015

Bluebird Commons / Woodcrest Villa. Al Schaub, Host

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

## From the Desk of the President

The big items at hand are the auction and packet night this month, then the Reading show on the 7<sup>th</sup> and the Open House on November 11<sup>th</sup>. This is really the stamp collecting season! Just look at the weather outside. We may have lots to do in our yards, but with the earlier graying and darkening skies, we still have evening hours for our stamps.

In follow-up to the article regarding the club's Barnstormer night (*see page-3*), the team went on to win its division and secure the top divisional seed for the first round

of the Atlantic League Play-offs. A tip of the hat to the Lancaster Barnstormers. This helps to make up for the rest of the teams around here.



Recently I acquired an interesting item for my naval cover collection. It is not exactly a naval cover, as technically these are covers with ship cancellations. (*See pg.-3 for illustration of this item.*)

This 1993 cover is a memorial to the troop transport ship, the *U.S.A.T. Dorchester* that was sunk in 1943. A stamp (955) was issued to commemorate the four chaplains who went down with the ship, having given their life jackets to others. As my collection grows, so does the number of my duplicates. If you are a naval cover enthusiast, please let me know, so we might share our collections and make a few trades. Or if you are considering the start of such a collection, I would be glad to help get you started. **Bill III**

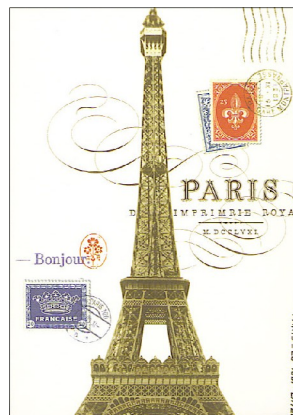
## Fall Auction: Rules & Eligibility

Our last club auction of the year is here, so let's make it a good one. Remember that items you sell go to club members, so you know they will have a good home. By statute, the auction is only open to paid-up members, but if visitors sign up for membership and pay dues, they may participate at the time. **Instructions:** 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 the auction process. •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, • Attach your sales information (lot description, catalogue value, min. bid etc.) firmly to the items in order to be correctly credited with the sale, and finally, • Keep a running total of items you have won and sold based on the prices realized.

**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 submitting 10

lots. •You may also donate items for the auction, and have the realization go to PSLC. The donated items are greatly appreciated and benefit all our club programs.



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### Highlights

- The *Dorchester*
- Barnstormers Baseball
- PSLC at Balpex
- Allied Military Govt.
- Minutes & Notes
- Musings: Coast Guard

### 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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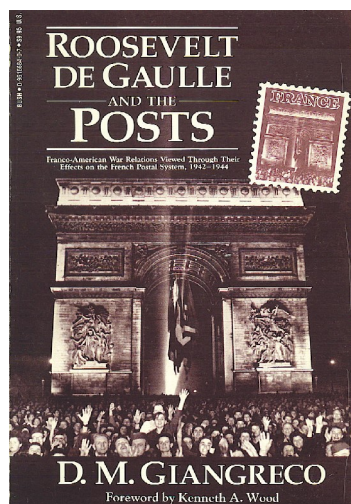
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## Book Review

*Roosevelt, DeGaulle, and the Posts*  
by DM Giangreco, (1987). Bonita,  
CA: Joseph V. Bush, Inc., publisher.



The subtitle of this book is "*Franco-American War Relations Viewed Through Their Effects on the French Postal System, 1942-1944.*"

Every once in a while collectors come across a stamp that is difficult to identify. It seems to be a "French something," but it is hard to tell. Catalogs are not always that helpful.

Here is a book that is part catalog with black and white images of stamps, locals, overprints, censorships, and interesting covers. But it is the history of the time that puts these items into perspective and narrates the story. An Allied Military Government (AMG) was suitable for Germany when the time came, as they had no choice, but France was different. After all, weren't they our allies? Who would govern France for the rest of the war?

With the invasion of North Africa and then Southern France with its accompanying Allied and Military and Civil Governments, RF was in a precarious situation. Leadership and administration were needed. Yes, France was being liberated, but who would be in charge? The leftover Vichies, the Gaullists, the Allies, the Communists, and/or the other local officials? ☐

## September Minutes and Treasury

Joy Bouchard and Lou DiFelice

**Opening:** Bill Greiner opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**Minutes:** There was no business meeting at the August Picnic. The Treasurer's Reports for July and August were approved unanimously by voice vote. (See below)\*

**Membership:** Lucy Eyster introduced visitor Glenn Leidig who accompanied his father, Lou Leidig. Jim Savage of Wyomissing joined the club. He collects used worldwide, Germany, King George VI Great Britain (on cover), and he is a member of APS, ATA, and the Germany Philatelic Society (GPS). Welcome, Jim. Attendance was 33.

**Drawing:** Door prizes this month were multiple and winners included: Bob Kramer, Pete Baney, Vern Marten, Mark Hollister, Paul Petersen, Tryde Greiner, Lou Leidig, Hiltrud Lu, Sarah Mylin, Len Kasper, Fred Mackey, Greg Macaluso, Lucy Eyster, Fred Sargent, and Mike Bach.

**Old Business:**

**Packet Preparation Night:**  
An optional meeting will be

held at 7:00 pm on 21 October to make stamp packets for APS & ATA. Snacks provided.

**Baseball:** Paul Petersen passed out baseball tickets for the 15 September Lancaster Barnstormers game.

**Reading Stamp Show Rides:** Paul announced that Len Kasper, Dennis Shumaker, and he will be driving to the show on Saturday, 7 November. Sign-ups will be at the October meeting and/or via email.

**2016 Club Officers:** Bill Snyder has offered to serve a term as treasurer. A secretary and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP are needed.

**1-Page Exhibits and Open House:** The meeting date is 11 November. Exhibits are needed, and club members are encouraged to bring potential members to the meeting.

**January Newsletter:** Paul requested that members send him their "Bucket List on Stamps," that is their bucket list desires as portrayed on stamps along with the stamp or an image of the stamp. This input will be compiled into a feature article in January. All

stamps will be returned.

**New Business:**

**APS/ATA Drawing:** There were no takers for a free year in either organization as paid for by PSLC.

**Future Program Speaker:** Paul announced that attorney Patti S. Spencer, Esq. author of the recent book, *Your Estate Matters*, has agreed to speak at a future meeting with the topic "Collectibles and Your Estate." (See schedule)

**Presentation:** Dave Hunt gave an informative and well researched PowerPoint presentation on the line engraved stamps of Great Britain.

### Treasury Reports\*

Opening: \$5,230.28 (1 July)

Income: \$0.00

Expenses: \$12.76

Closing: \$5,217.52 (31 July)

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Income: \$0.00

Expenses: \$263.28

Closing: \$4,954.24 (31 Aug)

3-CDs valued at \$6,948.93

## Reading Show

It should not be news that the Reading show will be held on Saturday, 7 November in the Leesport Farm Market on Route 61 north of Reading.

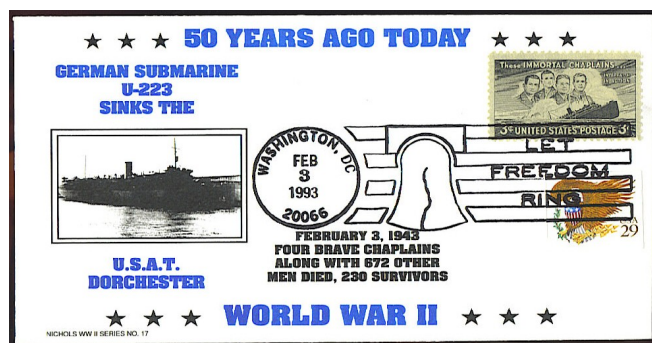
Rides will be available. Please contact drivers for logistics.

**Len Kasper: 717-898-0092**

**Dennis Shumaker: 462-3870**

Lou and Paul will be leaving early (0730) to help with set-up, but there is always room for more. Call Paul at 717-299-5640 for information.

## Dorchester Memorial Cover



This cover (from a set of WWII-related commemoratives sold by the Nicholas Co.) is for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the sinking of the *Dorchester* in 1943. There were only 230 survivors of 902 on board.





## Miscellaneous Club Notes: Programs/Hosts and Shows

### 2015 Programs

**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:** 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 S. Spencer, Esq.

### 2015 Shows

**Reading:** (S) 7 Nov., Leesport Farmer's Market, Rt. 61. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Rides from Lancaster will be available.)

**Some Sundays Stamp Bourse:** 20 Dec. Farm & Home Center, Kevin Kellman (K<sup>2</sup>), Manager, 301-371-4558.



## Barnstormers Baseball for the Lancaster Club



15 September was the first club trip to a Lancaster Barnstormers game. The weather was perfect. We had eighteen in attendance with club members, family, and friends including Bill Greiner and five past presidents. Attendees were Bill & Truys Greiner, Joy & Dennis Bouchard, Dennis Shumaker, Bob Larson, Paul Petersen, Len Kasper and fam-

ily, Al & Twila Schaub, Lucy Eyster, Lou DiFelice, and Jim Ziogas. PSLC was given a shout out on the big screen, and the Barnstormer announcer pronounced "Philatelic" correctly!

The game started out a little precariously, as Maryland scored two runs in the first inning, but then when up to bat, Lancaster scored seven runs on

seven hits, also in the first. In fact in that inning Jerry Owens made two hits at two times at bat, and he was five for five for the game! It was Lancaster's game to lose, but they stayed firm, eventually winning 9-5. This win puts them one game away from making the post-season playoffs. They have five games remaining when their regular season ends on Sunday, 20 September. ☐

## 2016 is Coming



**SAVE THE DATE.** It's only once every ten years. Let's not miss this opportunity.

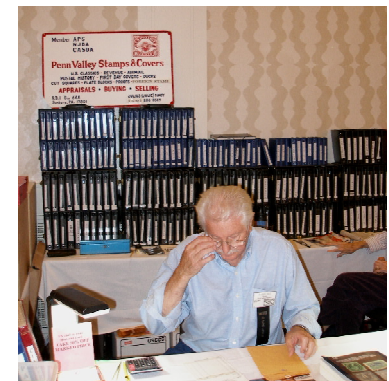
## PSLC at Balpex

Balpex is an annual pilgrimage for many PSLC club members, as it is only an hour away at Hunt Valley just north of Baltimore. It is a large show with hundreds of exhibit frames which compete to be in the 2015-16 APS Champion of Champions to be awarded next year. There are dealers from all across the nation. The American Topical Association has an information table at Balpex that is staffed with volunteers.

ATA Ambassadors Paul Petersen (L) and Lucy Eyster (center) are joined by show-goers Al Hunt and Joy Bouchard. (Digital photo taken by Jim Savage). Adjacent to ATA was a table of APS material, as the intent is to make show attendees aware of the benefits of both the ATA and APS. These organizations work hand in hand to promote the hobby and recruit members. (↓)



As one club member noted about Balpex: "When it comes to the Baltimore show, we don't have any meetings, planning, long days, and certainly there are no exhibit frames! All we have to do is show up and enjoy philately and one another's company."



Above is long-time club supporter and dealer Julie Nagy at his table. He specializes in United States material. ☐



## Guest Musings: October 2015

*Len Kasper: The 225th Anniversary of the U.S.C.G.*

In the late 1960s, the Viet Nam War was at its height, and like most American teenagers, I accepted the reality that if called to duty, I would serve and hope for a safe return. Then in 1968 my best friend, George Fischer, Jr. was killed in Viet Nam. He stepped on a landmine while on patrol, lost both his legs, and died a few days later on a hospital ship. George's death ended a very promising racing career. I was devastated, so I began to re-evaluate my service obligation options. Re-thinking the situation, I decided to join the U.S. Coast Guard and signed up at my local recruiter's office just before my 18th birthday; I never got to see a draft card with my name on it! The week after high school graduation I was on a plane for Coast Guard Boot Camp in Cape May, NJ. I earned a rating in diesel mechanics and was subsequently assigned to a 311 foot Coast Guard Cutter that was originally a WWII U.S. Navy seaplane tender. On that vessel, I graduated to the position of main boiler technician with control of all the potable water and steam power for the entire ship. Together with my 200+ shipmates we survived Hurricane Gerda in September of 1969. We were in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean

and could not escape the eye of the storm.

Later I was assigned to a lifeboat station in Sodus Point, NY, the USCGC *Summerville* of Rochester, NY, and I participated in several rescue missions. In June of 1975 I earned my honorable discharge as a 3rd Class Petty Officer. I considered my service in the USCG very rewarding & richly memorable.

The United States Coast Guard is one of the nation's seven uniformed armed services in peacetime and war. It is presently under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. In time of war, however, it is transferred to the U.S. Department of the Navy. It was created as the U.S. Revenue Marine Service by Congress on 4 August 1790 at the request of the Secretary of State, Alexander Hamilton. This function was needed as the Navy had been disestablished in 1785. The USCG is the oldest continuous seagoing service in the U.S.

Initially the USCG was headed by Hamilton whose original purpose was as col-

lector of customs duty in the nation's seaports. In the era of the 1860s and the Civil War, it was renamed the U.S. Revenue Cutter Service. On 28 January 1915 the modern Coast Guard was formed under the Department of the Treasury and given a wider grouping of responsibilities.

The U.S. Coast Guard has been involved in every war and major military exercise from 1790 to the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. There are presently 42K active men and women, 7.9K reservists, 30K auxiliaries, and 8K full-time civilian employees in today's Coast Guard. In terms of size the U.S.C.G. is the 12th largest seagoing naval force in the world.



On 4 August 2015 the Coast Guard celebrated its 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and USPS issued a "Forever" stamp to

commemorate this milestone.

On this stamp are two important icons of the USCG, the *USCGC Eagle* and a MH-65 Dolphin helicopter.

The *Eagle* was built in 1936 along with five identical sister ships in Hamburg, Germany, christened the *Horst Wessel*. After the war it became a designated training ship for the USCG. In 1946 a USCG crew with the German crew on board sailed the ship across the Atlantic to New London, CT where it has been used at the USCG Academy for the education of the officer candidates. They honed their skills in seamanship, navigation, and leadership on this three-masted square rigger sailing ship which can do 17 knots at full wind. In 2005 the *Eagle* made its first return to Germany at Bremerhaven to great applause and acclaim.

The MH-65 Dolphin helicopter is the latest in a three decade evolution of choppers. One hundred and two were built at \$9M each, and they are used for homeland security details, drug interdiction, and search and rescue. **Len**



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