



Philatelic Society of Lancaster County



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

Meeting Begins at 7:00, Wednesday, 13 July 2013

Bluebird Commons, Woodcrest Villa. Jim Ziogas, Host
Doors Open at 6:30. Come early to buy, sell, and/or trade

From Hal's Stamp Den

Birth of a Stamp Collector?

For the last several years I have been trying, without success, to get my granddaughter of eleven interested in stamp collecting. I've tried everything...telepathy, hypnosis, I even considered the Vulcan mind-meld, nothing seemed to spark her interest.



We have a custom of having Sunday family dinner at our house with our son, daughter-in-law and

granddaughter. So after a Sunday dinner sometime last year, I tried reverse psychology on Delainey. I know she loves cats, so I casually asked, "Delainey...do you think you might be interested in a group of cats on stamps?" To my surprise she responded, "Poppy, do they really put cats on stamps?" I responded, "Yes", and I proceeded to make the classic parental mistake, I asked her, "What other type stamps would you be interested in?" Her answer was, "I dun no." And you can guess how the conversation continued.

Hal: "You like the Harry Potter books. How about Harry Potter Stamps?"

Delainey: "I dun no."

Hal: "What about Birds or Butterflies?"

Delainey: "I dun no."

Hal: "Dancing?"

Delainey: "I dun no."

So much for the quest for "cats on stamps" and "I dun no." This should be an easy find for at least one of the topics, right? WRONG!!! I picked-up a few back issues of "Topical Time" figuring these would be an easy place to look for any topic. Easy? Nope. Finding "I dun no" was easier and less expensive, but that can be another article.

About this time Paul Petersen was talking to me at a club meeting and asked me about Delainey and collecting. I told him a little of what was going on and my endeavors. Long story short, Paul comes to my rescue. Paul pulls together a grouping of "cats on stamps" and a few other topics he thinks Delainey might like to get her started in philately. (Someone up there likes me, but boy do they have a wicked sense of humor helping me.)

Delainey, now out of school for the summer, spends every Monday at our house. (Continued on Pg.-2➔)

The Washington Franklin 5¢/2¢ Errors

Presentation by Dennis Shumaker

With the recent sale of a graded-95 Inverted Jenny, interest in errors has surfaced. This month club member Dennis Shumaker will share the error items from his recent Lancopex display of the 5¢ error of the Washington-Franklins, an interesting story in its own right.

Careful inspection of the central stamp in the image to the right will reveal that it is a 5¢ stamp surrounded by 2¢ stamps. How can this be?

The Washington-Franklins were the workhorse issues of the early 20th century. Because of this high usage, the printing plates wore out. During a routine inspection, three positions on the plate were deemed defective. These positions were ground out, and a 5¢ transfer roll was mistakenly used instead of a 2¢ image.

The printed error was not noticed, so the plate with the errors was used in the production of imperf, 10-perf, and 11-perf varieties.

Can you spot the 5¢ Stamp↓?



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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 a year. For club information call Lucy Eyster at 717-735-2586.

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THANKS FROM APS

PSLC received a thank-you letter from Scott English, Executive Director of APS for our box of U.S. and foreign stamp packets made at our last Packet Nite.

(Cont. from Pg.-1 From Hal's Stamp Den) Last Monday morning I took all the stamps, plus a Lady Di cover that Paul had pulled together for Delainey. I said "I have a present for you. This present is from Paul Petersen---I was telling him you may be interested in 'cats on stamps' plus a few other topics---he gave me these to give to you."

Delainey stopped what she was doing. She takes the stamps and began looking at them. She starts asking me questions about the names of the countries and where they were located in the world. Seeing she was interested, I took time to introduce her to the basics of handling the stamps with tongs, hinging without licking the entire back and sticking the stamps and hinges to herself and the woodwork, etc. I left her with the stamps saying I had more in a box in my den if she was interested in them and left the studio. I heard nothing from her for another hour until we went upstairs for lunch. She said nothing about stamps, and I did not ask.

After lunch, Delainey normally watches a movie with my wife. However, my wife was not feeling well. When Delainey returned downstairs shortly after lunch, I wasn't too surprised. She asked me if she could bring her stamps into the den and work on them with me. She also asked if she could look in the other box of stamps I mentioned to her. I responded "yes" to both questions, and she spent the remainder of the day on the floor going through stamps and asking me about the different countries while mounting her stamps.

Before she left at the end of the day I said, "Delainey, now that you have taken the time to examine some stamps closely and put them in your book, what do you think about stamp collecting?" Delainey, 11 going on 30, responds, "Poppy, stamp collecting reminds me of 'Pinterest' and scrapbooking." I sat straight up in my chair --- I wasn't prepared for her response. I responded, "I never looked at stamp collecting as scrapbooking, but you are absolutely correct -- that is a fantastic analogy!" I asked, "Do you think you like stamps and stamp collecting?" She responded, "I think I do."

After Delainey went home, my wife and I were talking over dinner about

June 2016 Minutes & Treasury

Joy Bouchard, Acting Secretary & Lou DiFelice, Interim Treasurer

Opening: President Hal Klein opened the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Minutes: The May Minutes and Treasurer's Reports as contained in the June Newsletter were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Drawing: Door prizes of covers from the NY-2016 World Stamp Show were won by Fred Sargent and Hal Klein. These were made by Lucy Eyster and Paul Petersen. Joy Bouchard won a cover related to the theme of Thaddeus Stevens.

Membership: Lucy Eyster introduced three guests: George Robinson from Brethren Village and Paul and Linda Troutman from Woodcrest Villa. Attendance tonight was 46.

OLD BUSINESS: Club History Project: Hal reported that he has been getting assistance on this research from the APRL. Further, Truys Greiner has loaned him the 1936-9 minutes from the Lancaster Stamp Club.

Summer Picnic: Paul discussed the picnic briefly and passed around the sign-up sheets for attendance and for dishes to bring. These sign-ups will also be available at the July meeting. If you wish to attend but will not be at the July meeting, please call him. The event will be at 6:00 pm at Millersville Memorial Park on Wednesday, 10 August. Note early time.

NY-2016 Trip: Roy Baardsen gave a very brief report on the

success of this show and thanked the usual suspects, Mike Bach, Mike Matus, Pete Baney, and others who helped to make this trip possible.

NEW BUSINESS: Binders: RD Noble identified a box of pre-owned 3-ring binders that are free to club members and visitors.

June Program: The monthly program was the Spring Auction.

Treasurer's Report

Opening: \$3,494.51 (1May)

Income: \$1,698.72

Expenses: \$302.88

Balance: \$4890.35 (31 May)

3 DCs valued \$6,966.31

Dave Hunt Replies... The PRR in London



Continuing the Spirit of NY-2016 Worldwide Stamp Show

THE CALL: With NY-16 already a month gone by, we are still talking about it, each with her or his unique experience.

I would like to hear your story of the show, something you will remember for a long time. Did you meet up with friends, find that elusive item, make the deal of your philatelic life, see some treasures that you never thought possible, spend too much? ...

Please write to me about it or email. Or feel free to call and tell me to share. It can be a paragraph or a few hundred words. There will be room in this newsletter over the next year to compile your thoughts. Thanx, Ed ♣

her, as we always do. I told her of Delaney's analogy of scrapbooking to stamp collecting. My wife then told me the rest of the story. While Delainey was watching TV with her that afternoon, she said, "MeMe, would you mind if I went downstairs and worked on my stamps with Poppy?" We both looked at each other. Was a new stamp collector

Paul: In answer to your question: "Why was there an office of the Pennsylvania Railroad in London in 1937?" in the March Newsletter, this is my thinking.

In the early days of railroads in the U.S. (nineteenth century), much of the capital came from Great Britain. London was perhaps a bigger financial hub then than it is today, and it is a huge one today (though after Brexit??). It was probably a bigger financial market than Wall Street at the time. The Confederacy also sold a lot of their bonds in London (Well, they couldn't sell them in NY, could they?). In fact, financial institutions in London held on to CSA bonds after the Civil War hoping the US would redeem them until they finally gave up, and in 1987 Christie's sold 80,000 of them into the collectors' market. For a while you could get CSA bonds really cheap.

So, it makes sense to me that U.S. railroads would have an agent in Britain to take care of dividends and stock sales for British investors, and that other large railroads might have an office there.

This is largely supposition on my part, based on just a little knowledge. Readers might try searching "railroad scripophily" or "railroad stocks", and maybe add "UK". Another source to check is scripophily.org. Best wishes, Dave

And for enquiring minds regarding U.S. railroad documents, Dave recommends doing a computer search for Terry Cox; he is the guru of U.S. railroad stocks. He might have a website, and you might even email him as a last resort. (aka TCox & Associates). And on the same line, Ed ♣ recommends the following website: www.glabarre.com for a variety of historical ephemera, Americana, stock & bond certificates, and other neat items.

July Bio

Tony Coccio

Because his dad collected coins, Tony decided to collect stamps, his way in junior high to show his independence. He started with a Scott's U.S. album aiming for mint never-hinged. He has a thorough collection except for some of the earlier expensive rarities. Pat Reinert of the local stamp shop on N. Queen Street was an early mentor, and Tony became a good customer. Except for a few lulls in his collecting, he has been at it ever since. Joining PSLC in 2015 was just what he needed to "regain some of the fire." Club member Gene Duncan is a friend of Tony's.

He has a complete collection of Mr. Zip© blocks and Mail Early blocks, along with many singles of these. The latter items augment his collection of MNH U.S. definitive and singles. He admits that he may never own the \$5.00 Columbian (#245), though with some prices on the decline, he hopes to soon own a set of U.S. Zeppelins. He reports one of his best finds was a set of U.S. Commemorative Panels from #1 to #424 for \$80 in an estate auction in Mountville. He is still adding up just the face value alone, and he is over \$400. His goal is to secure these in display albums.



Tony started working for PP&L Gas in 1979. He has changed companies within the energy industry and held a variety of positions in service and management over the years in a variety of locations.

Tony has three grown children, two local, and one in Maryland, so beyond family, work, and stamp collecting, his other avocation is as a pyro-technician; yes, he loves to safely set off fireworks-and get paid for it! And he has been doing this for many years. He adds that he has participated in fireworks shows at Long's Park, Wildwood, NJ, Nottingham, and many other venues. Given the recent issue of a definitive stamp with fireworks and a U.S. flag, perhaps Tony will have a new topical collecting area.

PSLC Newsletter Has a New Look



About halfway into completing the July Newsletter, the old scanner breathed its last and passed over to scanner purgatory; she was a good scanner. Since my scanner, computer, and software were over 13 years old, Plan-B was called into action. This necessitated a bold plan. Last year I got a new computer for back-up, an iMac with all the accouterments to go with it including a new desktop publishing program. I have been using

this for all but the PSLC Newsletter and PowerPoint. So for this issue, I have been learning the new desktop publisher as I go, and fun it ain't! But it is rewarding to learn new things, and I am doing a lot of learning by both luck and trial and error. When I started with the newsletter in 2008, it took me many months to figure it out, but after all these years, I want it just right, and I want it now! Patience is a virtue. Though I am afraid there will be a learning curve for me, I hope it is steep. So bear with me with this "Quasi" new Newsletter appearance. I say quasi, as I am trying to get it close to the previous look. This publishing program does much more than the last one, and though I don't need all this, it is fun to play with. There are features on this for the digital editions, which can be voiced over. You, the reader merely hit the link as you read the e-Newsletter, and Ed or someone with a good voice will read parts of it to you! Ed ♣

Flag Stamps at Holiday Time



For the last several years during the warm patriotic holidays of Memorial Day, Flag Day, and the Fourth of July, a neighborhood about a mile from me decorates the road on both sides with flags (about 30" apart) for over a quarter of a mile, several long blocks. Each season there are more, and this past holiday some residents along the cross streets have entered the celebration. I enjoy flags, so I look forward to the new flag stamps, though I favor the older issues.

My wife and I were out of the country for the terrorist attack on 11 September 2001. The *United We Stand* is special to us. (Scott 3519 and varieties)



I visited Alaska in 1961 with the Boy Scouts, two years after the issue of Scott 1132 with the 49-Star flag of 4 July 1959.



A long-time favorite is 1354 of the '68 issue of ten flags.



To the right is B-2, a semi-postal depicting the firemen atop the rubble of the World Trade Center following the terrorist attack on 9/11/01. Ed ♣

Club Notes

Programs, Hosts & Shows

2016 Programs

13 July: The 2¢/5¢ Washington Franklin Errors. Dennis Shumaker. Jim Ziogas, Host

10 August: Mid-Summer Picnic, Millersville Memorial Park

14 September: Fall Auction. Fred Mackey and Fred Sargent, Hosts

12 October: The 5¢ Enclosed Rate. Bill Schultz. Lucy Eyster, Hostess

9 November: '16 Open House. Vern Marten, Host

14 December: Dinner

2017 Programs

11 January: Winter Auction. Doug Milliken, Host

8 February: TBA

8 March: 1.) Lancopex prep

12 April: U.S. Postal Rates: 1792-1869, Bill Schultz

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

14 June: Spring Auction

2016 Shows

Some Sundays Stamp Bourse: 21 August, and 18 December. Farm & Home Center, Kevin Kellman (K²), Manager, 301-371-4558.

Barnstormers Baseball

Our game is coming up, Thursday, 8 September for a 7:00 pm game at Clipper Stadium. Like last year, dinner will be on your own. Ticket prices are again \$9.00 this year. You may pay by check (Made out to Philatelic Society of Lancaster County) or cash payable at the July meeting or at the picnic. Give checks or \$\$\$ to Paul. The absolute deadline is Wednesday, 17 August. Paul will be at the main gate on game night with your tickets. Or, if you wish, let him know, and he can mail them to you ahead of time.



Musings: *A good day at the show: Re-enjoying NY-2016*

After years of planning, the NY-2016 World Stamp Show has come and gone, and already members of a dedicated committee are planning for the 2026 World Stamp Show in Boston; just enter 23-30 May '26 on your e-Day-Timer! So what was all the excitement about? ...

As I wrote in May, my dire caution was that most of us would have one day there, seven (7) hours to be exact. So what did we get done? I want your stories, but more of this later. (See Page-2 for **The Call**.)

After returning home, I read the "Official" show program and the Linn's publications just to see what I missed. It was heart-breaking. Yet what I did see and experience was excellent-never to be forgotten.

The bus trip went well, as reported last month, and we can't thank RoyK & Co. enough for all they did to get this going. Several from PSLC contributed in the show. Charles DiComo was on the planning committee for many years, right from the start. Mike Matus staffed the Ukrainian Philatelic Society for most of the day. From what he said, after paying for his lunch, he had neither the time nor the money left for any philatelic purchases. Dick Colberg spent six four-hour days volunteering including duty at the Registration Desk and assembling, disassembling, and double-checking the competitive exhibits. I got away the easiest with a PowerPoint on the U.S. Int'l Expos. From set-up through close-down it was only 95 minutes.

When the planets stamps were announced, I quickly checked to see if Pluto was included. In the sheet of sixteen stamps, there were two sets of eight stamps, no Pluto. Then lo and behold, there was a companion souvenir sheet of four stamps, two of Pluto, and two of a spacecraft. I was glad to see this. When Pluto was drummed from the corps of planets in 2005 it reminded me of St. Christopher who experienced a similar fate in 1969 when he was

removed from the liturgical calendar. My dad had a St. Christopher medal on his car visor, sort of a good luck charm for him. He wasn't even Catholic, and regarding his Lutheranism, he said he wasn't a good Protestant either. So just to show "them," he went and got a second St. Christopher medal for the other visor in his car while all of "them" were removing their medals. He went accident free until his death years later. Since both St. Christopher and Pluto were popular icons, public demand has returned them both near to the forefront. How great it is to see Pluto with its own sheet!



We all agree to the enormity of our day with travel and all. But I talked to a few dealers I knew to see how they were holding up. They all were having a good show as of Day-6, but some wondered how they would make it to Saturday (Day-8) and then pack-up and go home. We owe them all a debt of gratitude for their staying power and making the show what it was. One commented a few days after the show that there was some crud going around the venue that turned up upon getting home. Several other dealers caught it. Let's hope that they have all recovered.

Regarding U.S. Int'l Stamp Show ephemera, in NY there was plenty of it along with the literature. There were USPS items, souvenirs for kids and adults, passports, and dealer freebies, more ephemera than from the first 10 shows. Ed✚



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