



Philatelic Society of Lancaster County



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

Doors Open at 6:30 PM, Wednesday, 11 January 2017
Business Meeting and Auction Begin at 7:00 PM; Vern Marten, Host

View From the West End

I thank you for your confidence in me to be your club president. The last few years have been a good learning experience, and I look forward to serving you in 2017. My hat is off to past president Hal Klein for all he did last year with several new and successful initiatives. And I know 1st VP Charles DiComo has many good ideas in mind, with the club website upgrade in the number one position.

Personally, I am a collector of many things with memberships in the coin and postcard clubs as well as PSLC. I enjoy estate sales of all kinds, and I look

forward to the local ones hosted by Len & Diamond Estate Sales.

It was rumored that I was elected president of the postcard club a few years ago because I liked short business meetings. So not to disappoint anyone, I want to keep the business meetings moving along at a good speed to facilitate more interpersonal stuff, PowerPoints, bourse sales, trades, and more. But I don't want to rush in such a way that any ideas are shortchanged, however.

There are a variety of initiatives that have been tried, tabled, or faded away. Like in so many volunteer organizations it is peo-

ple that make these happen. We now have hot coffee at meetings because Len Kasper has taken responsibility. We have prize-drawings, a club roster, and a wonderful Welcome Table at each meeting because Lucy Eyster is responsible for it. Dick, Woody, RD, Lou, and others insure our auctions 3X/year, and the same for Lancopex. It's responsibility.

A monthly silent auction was tried a few years ago, but there was no champion to keep it moving. It died. This can be a benefit to a club meeting. Is there any interest in trying again? Please let me know.

See you Wednesday, *Doug*

Inclement Weather Policy and Meeting Cancellation. Should there be a question of holding the meeting due to any variety of weather issues, the board will make a decision by or before 5:00 p.m.. If the decision is to cancel the meeting, they will let Paul know. He, in turn, will send out an email notice regarding the cancellation. Those who do not receive email notifications from the club should call Paul to see if the meeting has been cancelled. His number is (717) 299-5640, and he will give you the update. Meetings typically are not rescheduled though special presentations may be squeezed in.

Winter Auction Tonight

Three times a year many of us like to take the opportunity to turn over parts of our collection, that is sell off duplicates or old material and/or acquire new items. If this is your thing, the time is nearly at hand.



Instructions: ☐ When you arrive, you'll receive a numbered paddle. Place this number on all your items to be auctioned, and

use this paddle during the auction when you are bidding. This will insure that what you buy and what you sell are accurately credited and debited. ☐ Be sure that all your lots are accompanied by an accurate and detailed description, as this helps buyers to better understand what they are looking at. ☐ Auction lot description forms have already been emailed, and hard copies will be available. But don't wait until you're at the auction to do this. ☐ Fiscal transactions will only be made after the last lot has been sold. The Auction Committee recommends that you: ☐ Bring cash to pay for the items you won and ☐ Keep a

running total during the auction of the items and prices of the lots you sold and won. ☐ Finally, please securely attach your sales information to the lots you are entering into the auction. This will help avoid any misidentification with other sellers.

Bidding Rules: ☐ Minimum bids are \$1.00 per lot. ☐ The minimum bidding increment is 50¢. ☐ Only dues-paying members may participate in the auction. ☐ Auction participants are limited to ten (10) items. ☐ You may also donate items to the club with the realizations going to the benefit of the PSLC. Donations are welcome and greatly appreciated.

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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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Think Spring & Summer



OVERPRINT FOR THE XXV ANNIVERSARY OF FLIGHT OF AVIATOR SUNDAY ROSILLO, Part I

by Raudel Busto Galup

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Ed's Note. The author is a friend of PSLC member Hal Klein and gave him permission to reprint the article in the PSLC Newsletter. Hal translated the article for PSLC from the Spanish.



1938 saw the twenty-fifth anniversary commemoration of the 1913 inaugural flight between Key West, FL and Havana by aviator Sunday Rosillo. Aeronautical technology was in its infancy and extremely risky, being especially dangerous when flying long distances over the ocean. The flight was a most heroic milestone

of early aviation at the time.

For Rosillo's heroism the Cuban Postal Administration commemorated this event 25 years later. On May 15, 1938 an allusive overprint commemorating the event was circulated to honor Rustillo under Decree No. 1028 of the Secretary of Communications.

This overprint in black ink (left) was impressed on a newly minted stamp, a stamp printed using the same plates (Nos. S-374 and S-375) that were used in the making of a 1927 stamp, one that marked the occasion of the inauguration of the Airline between Key West and Havana. While the '27 stamp was printed in blue, the 1938 issue was printed in orange. The designer of the original stamp was Oscar Fontes and Acosta.

At the right is a block of four stamps with the overprint and sheet selvage noting plate number

S-375 for this later (orange) printing. The stamps were printed by Father Fernandez Cia taking advantage of the original 1927 plates for the original blue issue. On this occasion 50,000 orange copies were printed.

As you can see, the value of the stamp did not change and remained at five (5) centavos. These stamps were first sold exclusively in Havana from 14 May 1938 until midnight on 15 May in a special office authorized for this purpose. After

that day and time, remaining stamps were distributed to post offices throughout Cuba where postage stamps were sold.

The only variety found to date is located on the "W" of "West" which is a small type variety on the top left. This is illustrated in the stamps noted below. Check the "W" very closely to see the difference.

Part-II which will include a hand stamp and cover will be included in a future edition. Ed



Club Notes

York Show: Don't forget the York Stamp show on 20-21 January in the Horticultural Hall at the York Fair Grounds, Route 74, York.

Sign-Ups: There will be sign-ups at the January meeting for **Snacks** for 2017 and for **Presentations** in 2018. A good schedule is in place for 2017 with a variety of speakers and other activities.

Dues and PSLC Auction: Remember that due to tax laws and other regulatory restrictions, only paid-up members may participate in the club auctions. So please send in your dues or plan on paying in January if you have not al-

ready done so and wish to participate in the auction.

Leadership Meeting: President Doug will be scheduling a Board/Lancopex meeting in the coming weeks. This is an open meeting, so if you have a desire to serve the club, please attend this meeting. The date and time are to be determined.

Volunteer Vacancies: The position of 2nd Vice President is vacant and in need of filling. With 105 dues-paying members in the club... Further, picnic coordinators are needed for August. There are good records and plenty of help, but leaders are needed. See Paul



2017 Programs

11 January: Winter Auction. Vern Marten, Host

8 February: '38 Prexies, Hal Klein. Doug Milliken, Host

8 March: 1.) "Chasing Jenny-A Philatelic Mystery," Jeff Stage of APS. 2.) Lancopex preparation

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

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

14 June: Spring Auction

12 July: Postal History Classics. Dr. Charles DiComo

9 August: Picnic Coordinators needed

12 September: Fall Auction

11 October: Confederate Philately, Trish Kaufmann

8 November: Open House and One-Page Exhibits. Len Kasper & Paul Petersen. Len Kasper, Host

13 December: Dinner

2017 Shows

Lancopex: F-S, 28-29 April, Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Rd., Lancaster



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Please clip this dues notice, complete it, and turn in to Lucy Eyster at the February meeting with \$10.00. You may also send it to her at 503-B, 2001 Harrisburg Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17601-2697

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

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