



The Overprint

Newsletter of the Reading Stamp Collectors' Club

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**Most Meetings Held the first Tuesday of Every Month at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Site: Berkshire Commons, 5485 Perkiomen Avenue (Route 422)
Turn North on Lincoln opposite of the Dairy Queen.
Proceed 300 feet, turn left on Washington and look right of center at the stop sign.**

March 7th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

The Liberty Auction !!!

**We are taking the "Liberty" of scheduling our Spring Auction!
Bring us your tired, your old, your weak perf stamps as well as
your post office fresh, graded 100 stamps to enter into our auction.
Also bring your George Washingtons, Thomas Jeffersons,
Alexander Hamiltons and Andrew Jacksons and liberate them
to buy new stamps (you know you want them!).**

Do You Believe in Miracles?

**Well, it seems that is what your editor must be doing by including a snow warning in the newsletter! We have had big March storms, but this year???
Last notice this season, but if the Reading or Exeter schools close early or for the day, the meeting is cancelled.**

Heads Up for April Meeting

**Our scheduled April meeting will be centered on "bring your favorite cover."
Keep your eye open as you work with your collection and lay aside any interesting
piece you come across—we want to see what you have acquired.**

Book Review:

A chronology of important dates in postal history

Post Dates by Kenneth A. Wood was published by Van Dahl Publications in Albany, Oregon, in 1985.

This book is a very complete listing by year of important dates and events in worldwide postal history written by an English philatelist with many years of editing philatelic publications and writing other compendium-type books.

Your editor picked up a copy of the book (I think it was \$5) at the last stamp show at a table manned by Dave Silcox, club member. What a bargain.

The first entry is 4,000 years B. C. I wasn't even born then! The author mentions that there are reports that a form of message delivery service existed in that time in the Indus Valley, located in parts of modern day Pakistan and India.

A thousand years later, clay tablet letters were placed inside clay envelopes. Imagine how hefty a cover collection could be in those days!

About 2,000 years ago, an Egyptian is said to have warned his son that if he wanted to be a government mail carrier he would do well to make out his will, as the young fellow would be traveling through dangerous areas with nasty beasts and threatening locals.

All this is on one half of the first page of the book! If you see a copy for sale, pick it up.

E-mail Newsletter offers Members more features

Those who receive the e-mail version of the newsletter automatically get enhancements not available in the print edition and save the club about \$7 annually in postage and printing.

The electronic edition includes Mike's page—extra stamp news, thoughts and reminders. Mike Bach, of Mike's Page, often lists the Lancaster meeting dates and other South East Pennsylvania philatelic events.

A special December issue sent out by e-mail had great photos of the stamp show (very clear and in color) and a contest.

In fact, all of the e-newsletter is in color.

Mike also trades our newsletter with other clubs, so if you list material to sell, it reaches potential buyers in more than just our club and our club members get the benefit of reading other newsletters.

Not everyone has internet access and we are happy to provide paper copies to all members to keep you informed, but if you have the option, you may want to switch to electronic.

MIKE'S PAGES

PROPOSAL FOR RSCC TO CONSIDER

It seems that it will be sometime before RSCC will have a website of its own based on discussion at the January meeting.

HOWEVER

Some of you may use Facebook
I am willing to set up and administer a Facebook page for RSCC which will give us some Internet / Social Media presence.
I will speak more about this at our meeting
On March 7th

FUTURE MEETINGS: 2017

Reading Stamp Collectors Club

March 7th: Spring Auction

April 4th:
Members share your favorite covers

May 2nd
Valentines in May

Philatelic Society of Lancaster County:

March 8th:
Chasing Jenny – A Philatelic Mystery
Presented by Jeff Stage of APS

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

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

A TASTE OF VALENTINES

Well, our February Valentines Theme Program did not happen due to our meeting location being quarantined.

BUT it does solve our May program problem!

So we will have "Valentines in MAY"

THE MARKET PLACE IS OPEN AGAIN IN 2017

The following are offered by Mike Matus
(michael.matus@verizon.net)

MIKE is in Florida until the end of March. He did not let me know if he sold any of these items so I have left them in.

#1. Spain- Scott #418 to 432 (missing E-8) with hinge remnants on some but generally no hinge.

Cat. Value = \$96.60 **Selling Price = \$30.00**

#2. U.S Album sheets - NO BINDER – NO STAMPS –just sheets, Beginning with #1 thru 1973.

Selling Price = \$3.00

#3 POPES VISIT TO AUSTRIA – AUGUST 1983.

Maxi Sheet – maxi cards – coins. **Selling Price = \$8.00**

#4. U.S.NATIONAL PARKS ISSUE Full set, both perf and imperf – Perf set w/ very lite hinge marks.....Imperf set has no gum (normal) and no hinge marks. Cat. Value \$9.45 Perf. And imperf. Set Cat. Value \$14.50

Selling Price \$8.00

#5. U.S.PARCEL POST – Q10 Mint. Cat.Value is \$280.00 Key Stamp to the set. **Selling Price \$70.00**

#6. U.S.DUCK STAMP – 1935 RW2 Mint.- Slight Gum Disturbance. Cat. Value \$700.00. Key to the set.

Selling Price \$150

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KUDOS TO THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF LANCASTER COUNTY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

2017-Feb-10...After many months of waiting with baited breath, the Philatelic Society of Lancaster County's website has been revamped and completely updated by Society webmaster and Board Vice President, Dr. Charles J. DiComo.

He has worked with the original architecture created by Robert Noble (thanks Bob) to update the text, images, and format of the Home page, as well as Officers & Board, LANCOPEX 2017 Details & Dealers, Philatelic Links, etc.

Charles has also updated the *PSLC Newsletter* section with not only current issues, but the past 10 years as PDF for easy reading. Over the next months he will work to add older issues. A new feature he created is a "Presentations & Exhibits" section, which already houses a few exhibits and over 10 presentations given at Club Meetings over the years.

In the near future, he also plans on adding more sections on the Society's history and mission, its Award winners over the years, Current Events and a even Photo Journal. A footer has also been added to the bottom of each page with versioning and his contact info - to track updates and reach out to Charles with questions, suggestions, additions.

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at <http://lcps-stamps.org>**

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SOME SCREEN SHOTS OF THE WEBSITE GREAT JOB GUYS (CHARLIE)

