



The Overprint

Newsletter of the Reading Stamp Collectors' Club
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Most meetings held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting site is Berkshire Commons, 5485 Perkiomen Avenue (Route 422)
Turn north on Lincoln opposite the Dairy Queen.
Proceed 300 feet, turn left on Washington and look right of center at the stop sign.

Tuesday, March 6th at 7:00 p.m.



"Ring in the Spring" Auction

Soon the birds will be winging North. The daffodil buds will be blushing yellow. And philatelists will be staring at the empty holes in their album, yearning for our Spring stamp auction. Bring your "doubles" to enter into the auction--and your cash to buy the new stamps you know you need!!!

Winter Alert...

If the Reading or Exeter schools close early or for the full day, our meeting is automatically cancelled.

Treasurer Report

Since the last meeting we have transferred all our funds, \$ 4,585.27 to a new account at VIST Bank.

Wells Fargo wanted us to get documentation from the IRS at a cost to us of at least \$ 270 just to change signatures!!! We transferred all but \$2.00. Eventually Wells Fargo will close the old account.

Many Pennsylvania Post Offices have Indian Names

Cities, towns, counties, geographical features, etc., are named by many methods.

Dr. George P. Donehoo, an early 1920's authority on the subject wrote: "No state in the entire nation is richer in Indian names or Indian history than Pennsylvania."

Steve Kochersperger, a Julian, PA, Postmaster, collected the names of our state's post offices that are believed to have Native American origins. He used numerous sources, including Dr. Donehoo's 1928 book on the subject as well as other books and internet sources.

He published a list in the February 2007 edition of the Pennsylvania Postal Historian.

The accuracy of these attributions runs from rock-solid to dubious, but that is the fun of historical research—it is just as exciting as uncovering how a rare stamp variety was created or unraveling a curious postal rate.

An example is your editor's home city of Altoona. There are competing theories, one is that the city's name is derived from the Cherokee word *alatoona*. I know from living there that it was borrowed from the name of a town (in Georgia, I believe) that was in the range of that tribe. Another thought is that the German city of Altona was the source of the name. Again, having lived in Altoona there was a fair number of German settlers (including my ancestors) but I would say the predominant ethnic group was Scots-Irish.



Altoona



Punxatawny not Maxatawny



Lahaska

This is an example how sticky this research can be. However, in many cases it is much clearer.

For example, the Lenape word *machk* means "bear." Thus, Maxatawny is derived from *machk-sit-hanne* which means "the stream where bears made a footpath."

Macungie, nearby in Lehigh County came from *machk-kawunshi*, "the feeding place of bears. Before Jim Thorpe became Jim Thorpe in 1954, it was Mauch Chunk, from *machk-wachung* or "the hill where bears sleep."

Conestoga, in Lehigh County, was named for the Susquehanna Indians there—*kanestoge* or "people of the immersed pole." (Perhaps this was a reference to their stockade towns?). Oley, it is believed, derived its name from *olink*, which has been translated to mean "a hole" or "a cove."

A small town in Luzerne County was named Wyoming from the Indian word *m'cheuwaming* meaning "at the great flats. It is also the origin of the State of Wyoming. A corruption of *m'cheuwaming* may also be behind our local Wyomissing, but it is unclear according to the article in the Pennsylvania Postal Historian.

Lahaska in Bucks County is based on a Lenape word meaning "source of much writing" or "the place of the treaty." This is a possible reference to the 1683 "Walking Purchase Treaty." When the researcher for the above article asked the local Postmaster if he knew the origin, he replied "place with the handsome postmaster!"

MIKE'S PAGES

FUTURE MEETINGS: 2018

Reading Stamp Collectors Club

April 3rd : Presenter: Bob Witkosky
"Censorship of Mail during WWII"

May 1st : APS DVD "History and Scope
Of Aerophilately" Sponsored by the AAMS
Members to share their own Aerophilatic
Item(s).

Philatelic Society of Lancaster County

April 11th : Presenter: Bill Schultz
How we judge Exhibits with points in North America

May 8th : Presenter: Vera Felts
State Symbols of PA on Stamps

CLUB DUES - FINAL REQUEST – LAST CHANCE

Club Dues for 2018 were due on December 31st 2017.

IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID BY MARCH 31st

YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE MEMBERSHIP LIST

Make check payable to the Reading Stamp Collectors Club and send to
Roy Baardsen, 370 Sioux Court, Sinking Spring PA 19608

"IN THE NEWS"

THE YEAR OF THE DOG or LUNAR NEW YEAR (Commenced Feb 16th 2018)

In keeping with newsworthy topics, here are a selection of stamps issued for the Year of the Dog (China) or Lunar New Year (Other Asian Countries)



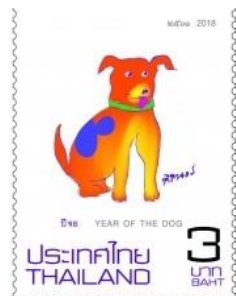
China (Hong Kong)



China



Singapore



Thailand



Korea



Slovenia

THE OVERPTINT MARKET PLACE

The following have been submitted by Jon Escott. You can contact him via email jjisipoo@ptd.net or phone is 610-779-8702 (home) or 610-406-8787 (cell).

Germany Scott #B23 - B27, MiNr 425Y - 429Y, 5 unused stamps Charity Coat of Arms – Price \$20 (CV \$55.75)



* German Empire - Scott #366-384 set of 19 unused stamps 1928 -1932 Ebert /Hindenberg Issue - Price \$50 (CV \$ 104)



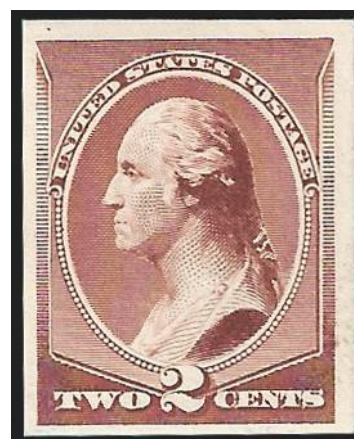
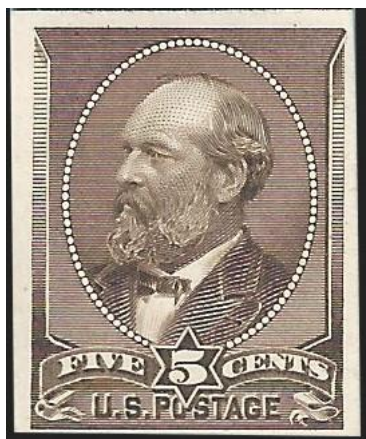
* German Empire - Scott #366-384 set of 19 used stamps 1928 -1932 Ebert / Hindenberg Issue – Price: \$16 (CV \$ 32)



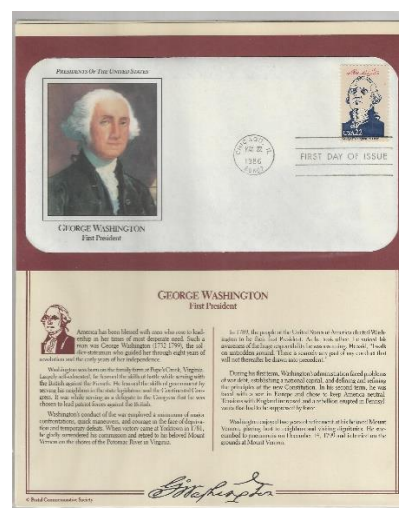
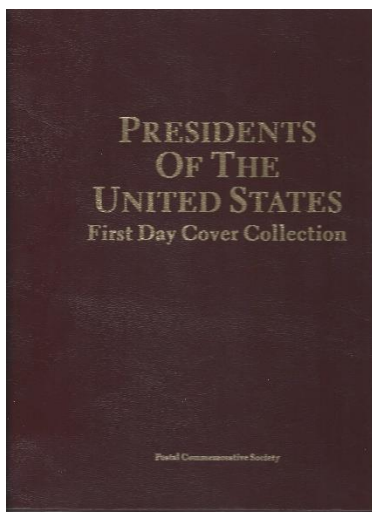
Also from Jon:

U. S. Proofs on card (see scans)

- * 205P4 5c Garfield gray brown - **Price: \$8** * 207P4 3c Washington blue green - **Price: \$12**
- * 210P4 2c Washington red brown - **Price: \$12** * 213P4 2c Washington green - **Price: \$28**
- * 219P4 1c Franklin blue - **Price: \$24. Take all five for a Price of \$75**



U. S. Presidents First Day Cover Collection 3-ring binder includes 36 covers, George Washington through Lyndon Johnson and the White House with descriptions in protective sleeves. **Price to Sell at \$18 - (50 cents per cover plus you get a free binder)**



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