



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.**

Tuesday, February 5th at 7:00 p.m.

Art on Stamps

**This will be a DVD presentation from the American Philatelic Society.
Members are invited to bring along examples from their collections to
share with the group.**

**This is a broad area of topical collecting and we encourage full
attendance—let's face it, stamps are an Art in of themselves!**

**Note: our March 5th program will be a club auction.
This early notice will give you time to comb through your
inventory to find items to offer up for bidding.**

**While we are talking "Art," Dave Hunt will be presenting "The Engraving
work of Czeslaw Slania" at our April 2nd meeting!**

Not All Certificates of Authenticity Are the Same



Above: An example of a Scott 64b stamp

Your olde editor has been going through some magazines and came across a super article from the March/April 2008 Stamp Insider.

Written by Dr. Robbin Dick, a Rochester, NY, emergency physician at the time, his essay evolved from discussions at a local stamp store (must be nice to have one of those) about the worth of opinions from the "Big Three" expertizers.

The discussion was: Just how good are the certificates they issue? A three cent Washington from the 1860's (not the above stamp, but similar to it) was submitted to all three for their professional opinion.

The American Philatelic Society Expertizing Service identified the stamp as a Scott 64b, used, genuine, cleaned, with a removed pen cancel which affected the color.

The Profession Stamp Experts ruled it Scott 65, rose, Grade XF 90, Mint no gum, used and genuine.

The Philatelic Foundation declared the stamp to be a Scott 64b, pink rose, unused, no gum, genuine and with a tiny toned black spot at the back of the head.

The editor of the magazine in which the article appeared suggested he submit it to Sergio Sismondo, a private expertizer who regularly advertises in the philatelic press.

Sismondo said that the stamp was genuine but that a chemical process removed a stain or a cancel and in so doing compromised the color so it was impossible to say if the stamp were of the pink group (Scott 64 or 64b) or of the rose group (Scott 65).

He added that the stamp could have been mint with a stain or used with a cancel. In addition, unlike the others, Sismondo did not charge for the opinion because he felt it was so incomplete. The author agreed.

Remember Our Snow Policy.

If the Reading or Exeter schools are closed for the day, or close early, our meeting is automatically cancelled. If the weather seems questionable, call an officer as other factors such as extreme cold may call for a cancellation. Check your e-mails or call an officer. Thank you!

MIKE'S PAGES

TREASURER'S REPORT: 2018: A Year in Review

Income:

Dues	\$ 390.00
Show	\$ 1,976.85
Luncheon	\$ 640.00
Other	<u>\$ 745.69</u>

TOTAL **\$ 3,752.54**

Expenses:

Presenters	\$ 183.00
Show	\$ 1,329.92
Luncheon	\$ 1,395.96
Other	<u>\$ 380.50</u>

TOTAL **\$ 3,289.18**

Current Balances:

Bank Account: \$ 2,170.39 CD: \$3,035.14 Cash: \$ 50.00 Attendance: \$ 30.00

THE OVERPRINT MARKET PLACE

No items sent in to be displayed.

Email what you want sold to mbach1@comcast.net and I will put them in next OVERPRINT

ALSO

RSCC offers a service if you want to downsize you collection.

WE have a relationship with Dutch Country Auction and our executive members can assist in getting your collect to them for Auction

Email or Call Roy for assistance: Roykb@comcast.net or 610-927-3435

WANTED DEAD (USED) OR ALIVE (MINT)

If you are desperately seeking a particular stamp send the details to me and I will display it for you and who knows a member of another club might just have it.

Mike Bach is looking for: Central African Republic: Scott 972
Issued July 27 1990 - 130F



Email Mike at mbach1@comcast.net

THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY



In 2019, the Royal Philatelic Society London, the oldest philatelic Society in the world, established in 1869 as The Philatelic Society, London, celebrates its sesquicentenary.

The Royal Mail has issued the following “Stamp Classics” Mini Sheet



In addition, Buckingham Covers has issued covers that are actually rather nice (however they hit “stamp on stamp” collector’s bank account) covering the sheet on one cover and then one for each reign an example (Queen Victoria) is below.



2019 PROGRAMS AND SNACKS

I stepped down as the organizer of Programs and Snacks around October last year. However I had most of 2019 set up. Mike Matus has graciously agreed to take this on. If you want to do a program in the future contact him via email at

Michael.matus@verizon.net

READING STAMP COLLECTORS CLUB 2019 MONTHLY PROGRAM			
MONTH	1st TUESDAY	PROGRAM	PRESENTER
FEBRUARY	5th	ART on Stamps - APS DVD Members bring examples from your collection	Mike Bach
MARCH	5th	SPRING AUCTION	MEMBERS
APRIL	2nd	The Engraving work of Czeslaw Slania	DAVID HUNT
MAY	7th	<i>From the U.S. to Farther India & Back Again A Five Month Journey in 1856-57 The Challenge: Determining the Rates & Routes</i>	Dr. Charles DiComo PSLC
JUNE	4th	Stamps of Israel	Prof. Carlson Chamblis
JULY	2nd	Jubilee Of Penny Postage - 1890	MICHAEL BACH
AUGUST	6th	OPEN	
SEPTEMBER	3rd	FALL AUCTION	MEMBERS
OCTOBER	1st	GB Postal Stationary - Royal Covers	DAVID HUNT
NOVEMBER	5th	The Development of Perforations on United States Postage Stamps, 1855-1858	Dr. Charles DiComo PSLC
DECEMBER	7th or 14th	CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON	MEMBERS