

Philatelic Society of Lancaster County



An Affiliate of the American Philatelic Society: James Buchanan Chapter, # 173
Chapter 118 of the American Topical Assn.

Open House: 6:30-8:30, Wednesday, 12 June 2013

Bluebird Commons / Woodcrest Villa.

Doors Open at 6:30. Refreshments, Displays, and No Business Meeting

2013 Gettysburg First Day of Issue

On 23 May, just 58 miles west-southwest down Rt. 30, was a First Day of Issue ceremony at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitors Center. This was formerly known as the Gettysburg Battlefield.

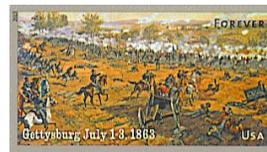


The Postal Service is producing a five year series of stamps (2011-2015) to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the U.S. Civil War. The first of the 2013 stamps represents the Battle of Vicksburg (AL) from April

through July of 1863. It began with the naval bombardment on the Mississippi, and was followed by a frontal assault and a long siege until the city surrendered on 4 July. The naval barrage is depicted on the stamp.

PSLC reporter **Lucy Eyster** attended the ceremony. She received an invitation through the East Pete postmaster where she has conducted ATA business. Lucy described the event as well-attended by both Civil War buffs and stamp collectors. There were several speeches which she described as moving and mercifully short. She was seated next to and talked with the chairman of the Gettysburg Foundation which raises money for de-

velopment and education issues for the park. The stamp was to be released earlier in the year, but it was delayed to be a little closer to the Memorial Day Holiday and the Gettysburg battle date anniversary.



The second stamp commemorates the 1-3 July Battle of Gettysburg, and it depicts Pickett's Charge, the Confederacy's "high water mark" of the war.

Gettysburg was also portrayed on a stamp in 1963 to mark the 100th Anniversary of the event. (→ Pg.2)

PSLC Open House on 12 June

This is the first time in recent memory that the monthly club meeting has been devoted to an Open House and an opportunity to actively bring in visitors.

There will be displays of all kinds along with an augmented snack program. The few short presentations will provide insight into the hobby and encourage visitors to collect or resume collecting stamps and join our club. Len Kasper and Lucy Eyster are working

diligently to create an engaging and learning atmosphere.

What can members do?

- Bring items to display and share with visitors and club members. This might include albums, stock pages, exhibit pages, and more.

- Wear your recruiting hat. Research shows that individuals will join an organization with engaging members who share their expertise and make visitors feel comfortable. Let's go for it!

1-Page Exhibits Coming in Nov.



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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. For club info, call Lucy Eyster: 717.735-2586

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One-Page Exhibits

PSLC's one-page exhibits are coming up. They will be displayed at our meeting on 13 November. So there is no better time to start preparing them than right now.

In 2012 Dick Osman, a promoter of one-page exhibits gave a presentation on the topic with many illustrations. See illustration of Dick's 1-page exhibit on Nelson's Rum on page-1.

Take some of your favorite items, put them on a page, and write something about them. Then let the page tell the story of the stamp, the topic, or some event in history.

Try to have three related elements on your page such as stamps, blocks, covers, postcards, souvenir sheet, Cinderellas, or other items.

These will be displayed for all to see at the November meeting, and there will not be judging. Members will have the option to talk about their page or pages. Your exhibit can be one page or more than one page, and you can have one or more than one exhibit.

Further details and information will be forthcoming in future communication. Get ready right now.

←Gettysburg Stamp (See Page-1)

Lucy noted that USPS had a large presence and appeared busy. Besides stamps, there were many philatelic and Civil War related products. Also present were many cachet makers applying those perfect cancels that we have come to both appreciate and expect.



Overall, Lucy found it a very stirring experience from the hobby perspective and for remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice 150 years ago.

May Minutes and Treasury

Diane Meek, Secretary *pro tem* & and Lou DiFelice

Opening: Pres. RD Noble opened the meeting at 7:05.

Membership: Lucy Eyster introduced four visitors. •Former PSLC member, Marshall Anderson is here for the auction. •Betty Lentz is from Woodcrest Villa. U.S. collector •Claire Hostetter is visiting again. •Bettina Heffner, Bob Epler's wife is considering joining PSLC. Lucy read Bettina's letter thanking us for our support upon Bob's death in February. **New Members** who signed up at Lancopex included 1.) Tom Pantano of Strasburg and 2.) John Tufano, Sr. of Columbia. Welcome aboard. Thirty-eight attended tonight's meeting.

Minutes: The April Minutes and Treasury Report as contained in the May Newsletter were approved by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS: Bob opened with comments on **Lancopex**. Treasurer Lou DiFelice thanked all the club committee members and volunteers for their help for the show, and he provided **financial data:** •Income-\$3482; Expenses-\$2445; Profit-\$1036.14. Additional show related expenses included the 75th Celebration (\$316.21) and Storage facility for frames (\$509.40) thus reducing the profit to \$526.64. •The 75th Anniversary **Show Covers** were well received and \$106 was made. PA State Sales Tax will be paid. •Dick Shaefer recommended a better distribution of **manpower**, and •Paul Petersen reviewed some of the **dealer's comments**. Especially noted was the food service and the first time the club reached an overall score 9/10. •Dianne Meek will follow up with the Postmaster/staff about why

no postal clerk showed up to work the show. •Lou and Dick mentioned that there was good support for the **non-competitive exhibits**. •Lucy Eyster announced that there were 109 patrons on Friday and 89 on Saturday in **attendance**. •Regarding the question of **advertising**, Lou and Lucy noted all the contacts that Len Kasper made to promote the show this year. •Lou added that the Farm & Home Center has been reserved for the 25-26 April for the **2014 show**. •Mike Matus said that the **door prizes** went well but the committee is considering cash door prizes that can only be spent at the show for 2014. He is following up to thank the dealers for their contributions. •Dick and Lucy recommended procuring the upcoming Gettysburg Stamps to use on next year's show covers to produce a series of covers for the five Civil War issues.

75th Anniversary: There was good attendance at APS's presentation of the club certificate on the Saturday of the show. The celebration will continue at the 12 June Open House and again during the year through the 11 December dinner. Truyde Greiner discussed some of her research regarding the early days of the club, and she found documents of a stamp club in Lancaster starting in 1923, well ahead of our affiliation date with APS in May of 1938.

Club Trip: Roy Baardsen stated that Mike Bach scheduled the trip to the Postal Museum in DC for 26 September. Roy will leave a sign-up sheet on the back table. Family and friends are invited, and they may tour the city on their own. We have to have a final count

by the 12 June club meeting.

12 June Open House: See separate article for this on front page.

NEW BUSINESS: APS Election- APS Rep. Paul Petersen discussed the upcoming election as presented in the latest issue of *AP*. He will return the club ballot based on the recommendations of membership. He encouraged all APS members to return their individual ballots as received in the mail in this month's *AP*.

New PSLC Website: RD shared about the new website he created. Check <http://lcpss-stamps.net>. It will include the monthly meeting topic, recent newsletters, club contact information, and other pertinent news. All are encouraged to visit this site. Paul will submit the website info to related organizations where we are listed as a stamp club such as APS, ATS, and *Linn's*, etc.

Drawing: Paul Martin and Greg Macaluso won prizes. These were donated items from member/dealer Al Schaub.

Stamp Identification: Paul Marten raised questions regarding identification of difficult stamps. RD and other members provided feedback and encouraged members to reach out to one another with queries and answers.

Program: Tonight's program was a club auction which included several donated items with the money earned to go to the benefit of the club.

Treasury Report

Opening: \$4,986.88 (1 Apr)
Income: \$1,339.00
Expenses: \$2,146.80
Closing: \$4,179.08 (30 Apr)
3-CDs valued at \$6,733.20



Miscellaneous Club/Local Notes: Programs/Hosts, Shows, Trips, & More

2013 Programs and Hosts

12 June: Open House Display, Len Kasper & Lucy Eyster

10 July: Civil War Covers, Dennis Shumaker or Gunboat Philately, Al Schaub. James Ziogas, Host

14 August: Club Picnic

11 September: Club Auction. John Brownell, Host

9 October: Topical Study: Stained Glass on Stamps. Dave Hunt. Dennis Shumaker, Host

13 November: One Page-Exhibits. All PSLC members are invited to participate with one or more exhibit pages. Bill Snyder, Host

11 December: 75th Anniversary Celebration-6 pm

2014 Programs

8 January: Club Auction. Len Kasper, Host

12 February: APS Video: Canal Zone Gems. Clair Smith, host.

12 March: The Westtown Locals. Bill Schultz

9 April: Lancopex preparation

14 May: Club Auction

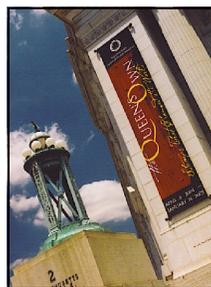
9 July: U.S. International Stamp Expo Labels, Stamps, and Covers, Paul Petersen

13 August: Club Picnic

10 September: Club Auction

08 October: Great Britain Inland Airmail Service: 1935-1937, Mike Bach

2013 Local Shows/Trip



DCTrip: 26 September to Nat'l Postal Museum in DC. Must sign up by 12 June. See Roy or Mike and get on the list.

Some Sundays Stamp Bourse: Farm & Home Center. 30 June, 18 Aug, 27 Oct, 1 Dec. Kevin Kellman (K²), Manager; 301-371-4558.

SCOPEX: 15-16 June at APS Headquarters in Bellefonte.

Charles Demuth Stamp: Lou DiFelice reports that Deb, the

postmaster at the Rohrerstown PO (where PSLC has its mailbox) has plenty of the modern art sheets with the Demuth stamp. This has been a very popular issue, so they are becoming a little hard to find.

APS Trip: On 28 May PSLC members Jim Ziogas, Joy Bouchard, & Paul Petersen visited APS in Bellefonte for the library (APRL) and stamp sales. This trip included a tour of the new library (a work in progress) by Exec. Director, Ken Martin. This two story library and atrium will almost double the open stacks. An architect's rendering of this library will be displayed at the open house on 12 June.

Ave et Vale

Long-time PSLC member and WWII vet Dave Strayer passed away on Thursday, 16 May 2013. Through the Boy Scout merit badges at age 12 he became a lifelong stamp and coin collector and a career Boy Scout, managing Camp Mack until his second retirement in 1985. He had a worldwide collection with a specialty of Scouts on Stamps and was a volunteer at Lancopex.

The \$1.05 Lancaster Co. Airmail Stamp

The 2012 Lancaster Int'l Airmail Stamp was a "Top-10" winner in definitive stamps in the *Linn's* Stamp Poll as published in the 20 May 2013 issue (pgs. 78-79). It was #7 in the Most Important category and #10 in the Best Design category. It received no votes in either the Worst Design or the Least Necessary categories.

The Lancaster stamp came in 30th place in the Overall Favorite U.S. Stamp of 2012 Poll. In this, the Cherry Blossom Centennial was first, and the Civil War-1862 was second.



A few related notes: • Lancaster Country Day School was listed as one of five schools/youth clubs to vote (Thank you John & Caroline Ford). • Youth votes were computed separately, and they chose the Pixar: Send a Smile stamps as #1. On the other hand the adults voted the Pixar stamps as #1 in Least Necessary and #2 in Worst Design categories. No wonder there is somewhat of a one-to two-generation gap in the stamp hobby between adults and kids. • The Lancaster stamp is now listed as "Last Chance" in the latest issue of *USA Philatelic* that arrived in mid-May. This means that the Lancaster stamp will soon be going off sale. So if you want some more, you had better order them right away.

What About Roland Hill's Brother?

Many collectors are familiar with Sir Rowland Hill, the one responsible for the UK's 1840 postal reform, universal penny post, and the 1d stamp.



While Rowland altered the

future of the mails, his older brother Edwin was similarly talented and contributed to stamp production as an engineer and inventor.

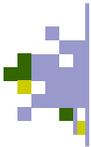
In a short article in *Stamp Magazine*, (April-2013, Pg. 33), Louisa Eastern discusses Edwin's role as England's first Controller of Stamps. He oversaw the production of the Penny Black and other stamps for the next 32 years.

Among his credits are the dies for the first embossed postal stationery following the Mulreadys which were shunned into oblivion. There were others, but the greatest was his envelope-making (and folding) machine which was demonstrated at the 1851 Expo at the Crystal Palace. It could produce and fold 2700 per hour compared to just the folding of 300 envelopes per hour by hand.

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Musings: June-2013

A view to disasters...Are you ready?

The devastating tornados in Oklahoma last month revealed carnage of the highest order in both lives and property. The following day on talk radio the topic was "Are we ready for a disaster?" This is really something to think about. There is a lot that has to be done, and pre-planning is conducted at the state (PEMA) and national (FEMA) levels. Many of the smaller municipalities also have plans. There is dedicated planning by agencies to impact our lives following the disaster. The Red Cross and other local agencies attend to this. For the survivors, the coordination is made to get us medical attention, shelter and food, and connection with relatives, friends, and sometimes our missing pets.

But a disaster does not have to be an EF-5 tornado with a two mile swath along a 20 mile course as seen in OK. Most disasters are much smaller. Just a summer or two ago we had a microburst in our neighborhood that came out of nowhere during a rain storm. It greatly damaged three roofs and multiple trees in a four block vicinity of us. Fortunately, we had barely any downed leaves and twigs. But for those with the damaged integrity of their roofs, it was the loss of many varied items in the attic, and in two cases, severe water damage to the top floors. There were work crews at each for several months.

Yes, there is a point. What if one's stamps and/or other collectibles

were in those attics? I have written several articles over the last five years about storage and care of our stamps, and this included a several-part series about stamp mounts and their chemical makeup. I even wrote about the steps to take when traveling with a collection! There is lots of planning to do when it comes to our collections. Philatelic (or numismatic...) insurance must be a strong consideration.



Disasters can come without warning such as a fire, theft, or lightning strike. But on other occasions there is some planning time. Those in Moore, OK had 16 minutes before the tornado! We all remember last fall's huge Hurricane Sandy that had Lancaster in the cross-hairs. There was a week to prepare. Fortunately it passed over Lancaster before settling on western PA and upstate NY after devastating much of the NJ shore and metropolitan NYC and surrounding areas. We were truly blessed.

When the Petersens moved to PA in 1984, the topic of the nuclear accident at Three Mile Island remained on many lips. A friend suggested having an emergency kit, a knapsack that is ready to go once kids, pets, and the husband are all accounted for. This allows the family to vacate the area without the necessity and time to gather up sundry belongings.

The question is "What goes into the emergency kit?" For the ultimate kit, think of what you would do if you lost everything as so many did last month in OK. Some need it all! One lady who was interviewed on television said that her home and car were gone and her cell phone did not work. She literally had her family, the clothes on her back, and a strong faith.

My wife and I do the occasional mental exercise about what we would take that could fit in the car (or cars) if we suddenly had to vacate. What if our car(s) went into the vortex? We realized that the bare minimum is to have a prioritized list. If we have only a few minutes to hunt and gather we would take the first items on the list, and if we had a half hour we would take more. But wouldn't it be easier if we had much of it ready to go-just in case there was little time. What about that ready-to-

go backpack that a friend mentioned in 1985.

Obviously one can't have everything in the pack, but with a few minutes before fleeing, it can be made complete as possible. Consider medications, health and other insurance policy info, passport and ID, medical history, banking and financial info (the spare credit card, perhaps), contact information and the address book, safety deposit box key, spare glasses, an electronic gizmo...

Remember, too, that many documents can be scanned and/or copied onto a small portable computer drive. Others scan and download to an online service that keeps records. But the disk will only take care of the papers, though these are very important.

By your backpack, keep a list of other items within easy reach for an emergency such as one's better jewelry, collectibles (take your C3a's, the gold coins, but leave the Indian Head pennies behind), and a small photo album. This discussion could go on forever, and this is without mentioning the survival gear which is for another kind of club.

For now, and if you need to, get insurance, a backpack, and a safety deposit box. Ed. ☐



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