

Philatelic Society of Lancaster County



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

Meeting Begins at 7:00, Wednesday, 11 June 2014

Bluebird Commons / Woodcrest Villa. Robert Rothen, Host
Doors Open at 6:30-Come Early to Buy, Sell, and/or Trade

From the Desk of the President

I want to thank everyone for their participation in the May Club Auction. Many great lots were offered, and they were well-appreciated by the winning bidders. Our next auction is on 10 September, and hopefully we can keep the momentum going with interesting lots and aggressive bidding.

With the summer heat ahead, most stamp collectors focus on outdoor activities. There is always time to enjoy our hobby with auction prep.

Roy is urging everyone who is interested in joining us on our 23 October bus trip to please commit as soon as possible. This way we can determine if we fill enough seats to book the bus. Also,

payment of \$60 per person must be paid by our 13 August annual picnic at Millersville Park. It will surely be an entertaining trip, providing all participants an opportunity to attend another great New York stamp mega show. (See pg. 3 for details.)

Relative to our 2014 Lancopex event, I would like everyone to know that we have some concerns about overall attendance. As such we are implementing new ideas and some operative changes relating to publicity and promotion to insure improvement in 2015 and future shows. Despite the attendance, it was by far our most successful show financially. All club participants

who participated in the planning and execution of the event as well as all the customers are the reasons that our success reached new levels. I can't say enough and praise the officers and committee members enough for the overall job and dedication to bring us to the present level considering that we had to pick up Jim's labors somewhat blindly after his passing. But due to our dedication and talents, we as a club have collectively done this. So to everyone involved, JOB WELL DONE! Our next meeting is 11 June, and the program will be on the Rogue River Mailboat. I hope to see you all there.
Len

Rogue River Mailboat

Bob and Barb Brown

Welcome aboard the Rogue River Mailboat as it takes passengers, letters, and parcels to the rural areas of Gold Beach on the rugged Oregon Pacific coast.

This service was started in 1895 by Elijah Price who desired mail to his own isolated area of Big Bend. The USPOD allowed a one year trial at Price's expense. It made a profit, so the USPOD received sealed bids for contractors desiring to make the weekly mail run that took

several days. By 1897 a Post Office was established at Agness, Oregon.

Over time the boats evolved to accommodate the varieties of marine terrain of the Rogue. They became sturdier, faster, and more versatile. As a result, they were able to carry construction materials and passengers. Today's jet boats at Gold Beach are commercial and popular tourist attractions that still deliver mail daily to Agness. Join the Browns for this multimedia presentation.

Who is This Couple?

They caused a stir, though they did not wish to do so. While many trace the problems to Sunday, 28 June 1914, others go back to as far as Trafalgar in 1805.



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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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Biography: Mark Hollister

Mark started collecting stamps as a young child and continued for several years adding numismatics to the mix. While his stamp collecting waned in the early teens, he continued with his coins into his twenties when work, the service, and family took his attention. While philately was dormant, he continued to accumulate U.S plate blocks. His daughter became interested in these, and she collected them for several years. Then about two years ago Mark pulled them out and has been an eager collector ever since. Through the APS website, he learned of PSLC and joined a year ago.

One of Mark's other passions is genealogy where he devotes many hours a day in the winter months. Stamp collecting, he feels, provides a bit of a balance for him. He now collects U.S. and some worldwide.



In the worldwide arena, Mark maintains a topical collection of art on stamps, most specifically paintings on stamps. He uses a computer program to make his own album pages. With his U.S. holdings, his goal is to form a fairly complete collection of stamps from the 1930s to the present. He has many of them, and as availability and finances allow, he will fill in a used stamp with a mint one. He is also working backwards from the '30s to add some of the older and pricier stamps as available.

Following the service and school, Mark had a career in computer science, working for RCA and GE for a total of 38 years, most specifically, Corporate Information Systems.

Mark and his wife Alma live in Mount Joy. They have two grown daughters and four grandchildren.

May Minutes and Treasury Joy Bouchard and Lou DiFelice

Opening: Len Kasper opened the meeting at 7:05. Regarding Lancopex, Len said that there was quite good dealer feedback. They were positive on both the venue and the club volunteers. On 19 May there will be a post-show meeting at Lucy Eyster's at 7:00 PM, and all are invited. Send in feedback to Len if you cannot attend this meeting.

Membership: Lucy named new members from Lancopex to include Irwin Hirsh and Robert Larson. George Stiles is a new member, while Jeff Levan, Steve Wander, and Patsey Harsh have renewed their memberships. There were a few guests with items for appraisal, and Lucy directed them to dealers Al Schaub and Lesley Botte.

Approval of the Minutes: Approved unanimously.

Drawing: Mike Matus won a 75th Anniversary Pen and Pad set. Mark Hollister won an Icelandic souvenir sheet.

Lancopex: Show treasurer

Lou DiFelice said that on the preliminary round, the club made a gross profit of \$1,627.03. If we include our storage facility fee for the exhibit frames (\$509.40), the profit becomes \$1,117.63. This compared to just breaking even the last two years. Len reimbursed the club for the rental of the kitchen at the Farm & Home Center. Lou gave a note of thanks to Mike Bach and his company for preparing the advert cards and both Lou and Len thanked Tryde Greiner for her generosity in meals for the dealers and club volunteers and turning over the residual to go toward the Christmas Dinner.

Auction Sales: After a lively discussion it was decided that only members can participate in buying and/or selling in the club auctions. Visitors are free to sign-up for membership on-the-spot in order to participate.

Bylaws: Paul Petersen encouraged members to send in their feedback to Len Kasper. Once in hand, the committee will

compile a first draft.

Club Picnic: This will be held on 13 August at Millersville Park. Paul sent around sign-up sheets for both attendance and food needed for the meal.

Dinner with the Speakers: Paul circulated a sign-up for those interested in dinner with Bob and Barb Brown prior to their presentation at the 11 June meeting. This will be at 4:15 at Olive Garden. Contact him if interested.

23 October Bus Trip: Roy Baardsen presented the details of the fall trip for the ASDA Stamp Show. (See sidebar on page-3 for information.) Roy circulated the sign-up roster and apologized for the increase in price, adding that this cost has risen sharply due to the new bus tax by the new mayor of the City of New York.

Treasury Report

Opening: \$5,366.06 (1 April)

Income: \$1,550.00

Expenses: \$2,030.03

Closing: \$4,686.03 (30 April)

3-CDs valued at \$6,862.67

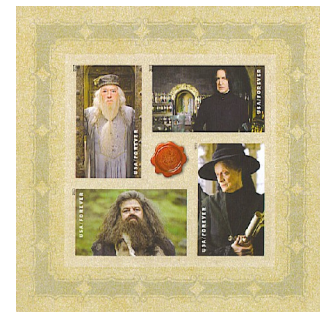
More on the Harry Potter Stamp

It might be interesting to revisit the Harry Potter stamps in light of the results of the *Linn's Stamp Poll* in the 19 May 2014 issue (pg. 1). Readers may recall our club's opinions in the January 2014 newsletter on this topic. Few of us stood in no-man's land with these stamps. We either loved or hated them. In *Linn's Stamp News*, too, Harry scored all over the board. Let's look.

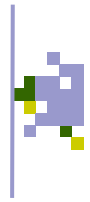
Of the 43 stamps, Harry was ranked 7th with 5.3% of the

votes in the "Overall Favorite" category. That's roughly the top 15%. In "Best Design," Harry was 7th of 19 stamps with 7.0% of the votes. In "Most Important," he was 13th of 19 with 0.7% of the votes. In the "Least Necessary" category, Harry ranked 1st of 19 stamps with 39.4% of the votes! Right behind him were the Jenny Inverts, Muscle Cars, and Lydia Mendoza.

But hold on a minute, and let's consider some error



variance here. There were very few young collectors voting, and in their poll, they liked "Harry." With more kids overall, this could be a new poll.



Miscellaneous Club Notes: Programs/Hosts and Shows

2014 Programs

11 June: Rogue River Mailboat. Bob Brown. Bob Rothen, Host

9 July: The U.S. Special Handling Stamps of 1925-1955. Bob Rufe. James Ziogas, Host

13 August: Club Picnic (6:00)

10 September: Fall Auction. Lucy Eyster, Host

8 October: Great Britain Inland Airmail Service: 1935-1937. Mike Bach. Fred Sargent and Fred Mackey, Hosts

12 November: Open House, One-Page Exhibits, and Your Best Stuff Extravaganza. Len Kasper. Bob Paire, Host

10 December: Dinner

2015 Programs

14 January: Winter Auction. Bill Greiner, Host

11 February: APS Video-*The doctoring of postage stamps: Philatelists beware.* GS Joseph

11 March: Lancopex Advert Card Prep. All hands

8 April: A survey of Confederate Postal History. Patricia Kaufman

13 May: PSLC Spring Auction

10 June: The U.S. International Shows: Stamps, Covers, Labels, and More. Paul Petersen

2014 Related Shows

Some Sundays Stamp Bourse: Farm & Home Center, Lancaster. 22 June, 17 Aug., 5 Oct., 7 December. Kevin Kellman (K²), Manager, 301-371-4558

SCOPEX: 14-15 June, American Philatelic Center, Bellefonte, PA

Am. Topical Association: National Topical Stamp Show, St. Louis, 27-29 June. See www.americantopicalassn.org for further information.

American Philatelic Society: APS Stamp Show, Hartford, CT, 21-24 August

Club Trip-2014

What: National Postage Stamp Show.

When: Thursday, 23 October 2014.

Where: Hilton Hotel, NYC, NY.

Cost: \$60.00 (Snacks, tip, drinks, snacks, prizes, and entertainment)

Depart: (1) 7:00 a.m., Garden Café, Woodcrest Villa, Lancaster.

(2) 7:30 a.m., Lowe's, Shillington.

Return: Depart NYC at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at Cracker Barrel at Exit 15, I-78 in New Jersey.

Default: Forty (40) riders are needed to secure the bus. Spouses and friends are welcome.

Sign-up: As soon as possible. Make checks payable to Reading Stamp Collector's Club.

Questions/Concerns: Contact Roy K. Baardsgen at (610) 927-3435 or email at roykb@comcast.net.

And while we're talking about our fall trip, let's jump ahead to 2016!



It is the **World Stamp Show-NY 2016** scheduled from 28 May through 4 June 2016. It'll be the biggest stamp show in the world, and it will be held in the Jacob Javits Convention Center. There will be over 200 dealers, 4000 frames (that's 64K pages!) of exhibits, postal administrations of 65 countries, hundreds of seminars, and much more-all at no cost. An itinerary of tour & shopping activities is being planned with hotel discounts. Make it your NY City spring vacation in 2016!

So, who is that couple?

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Meet the Arch Duke Ferdinand and his wife Sophie of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. They were assassinated at 11 a.m. on Sunday 28 June 1914 in Sarajevo by a Bosnian-Serb, Gavrilo Princip.

Much of Europe and the surrounding regions were like a

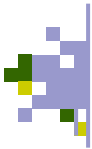
tinderbox, anticipating that first spark to get things moving. For centuries there was an atmosphere of distrust, ethnic and economic envy, tyranny, and many other ingredients for some future explosive action. In 1914 there were alliances, serious alliances, with Germany and the Austrian empire on one side, and France, the UK, and Russia on the other. This assassination was the event that lit the fuse for the outbreak of the Great War that followed on 2 August.

Great War historians see the murders as merely the spark. In the personal diaries of several world leaders, the comments were minimal. As an

assassination, this was seen as little loss. No one liked the guy; he was unengaging, a little arrogant, and his wife was not of royal blood. What was there to like? He was the heir to the Austrian throne of his aging uncle, Emperor Franz Josef. It was said that even he disliked Ferdinand. But since Franz Josef's son committed suicide over his mistress more than 25 years earlier, Austria was stuck with Ferdinand.

Serbia was getting uppity. Austria was concerned about its crumbling Empire. They did not wish to lose Serbia; the assassination was just the reason to make an example of them! Austria asked Germany to cover their back, and they did so with a blank check. They were not sure if this was a big deal, but why waste a crisis? This might let Germany flex their muscles with Russia and France. They had their own plan.





Guest Musings: Return to the '64 Fair

Carol Petersen

The New York World's Fair opened in April 1964. It ran from April 22 through October 18, 1964 and from April 22 through October 17, 1965. Living on Long Island, my friends and family had the opportunity of a lifetime! With the opening of Shea Stadium and the World's Fair, a rail spur was added so that the Fair was a relatively short train ride away.



I was 15 years old, and managed to talk my parents into allowing me to go to the Fair with groups of my friends, and these outings are some of the fondest memories of my life.

As the daughter of a starving artist, money was always tight, if not non-existent, so I earned every penny for those trips by babysitting or doing yard work for the neighborhood.



In last month's editorial, Ed struggled to find a good word to say

about the Fair, so I thought I had better add a bit of balance and relay to you that there was not a single pavilion, exhibit, demonstration, or performance that did not take my breath away. I couldn't cover the ground fast enough, never minded a single line, didn't notice the prices of food we purchased, and spent every moment of every visit simply wide-eyed.

One of my most unforgettable experiences was seeing the Michelangelo sculpture, The Pieta, in person. It was displayed in a large area in the Vatican



Pavilion, set in front of a beautiful blue-draped background, and it was lit in such a way to fully reveal the beautiful marble and every intricate detail of the carving. But it was viewed from a moving conveyor belt, the first I had ever encountered.

Thankfully it was not crowded, and I simply kept walking backward on the belt as it kept moving forward, keeping myself

right in front of the glorious masterpiece...until a security guard finally yelled at me to move along and get back on the line again. Here I promptly repeated that maneuver with the same result from the guard. In his defense, he let me get away with it for a long time, so he must have noticed and appreciated my awe.

The Parker Pen Exhibit offered the opportunity to be matched up with a penpal. Parker used a computer to match people from around the world by age and interests. I walked away with the name and address of a young man from Lagos, Nigeria. This was my introduction to letter-writing, stationary, postcards, writing implements, and postage stamp collecting, and I've been hooked and head-over-heels in love with all of them ever since.

Living during an era of president's heads on stamps, my Nigerian penpal introduced me to the joys of gorgeous, colorful commemoratives, my favorites being the birds, butterflies, and exotic tropical flowers.



His letters were always written on plain blue aerograms, but oh, those beautiful stamps! We corresponded for three years. The summer after I graduated from high school his letters stopped. I continued to send letters to him on a regular schedule, until I received a letter from his family saying that he had been killed in the Nigerian Civil War.



Sadly, I tied his letters up with a ribbon and put them away, thinking that one day I would be able to read them or enjoy those stamps without crying. But when I graduated from college and they still broke my heart every time I looked at them, I burned them. I did not return to stamp collecting until my firstborn arrived on Christmas Day 1973, and I began collecting Christmas stamps, ostensibly for him. But in all honesty, my dear Nigerian penpal is the reason that I am a topical collector and collect just for the sheer beauty of these little works of art. CJ



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