

Philatelic Society of Lancaster County



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

Club Picnic: Millersville Freedom Park

6:00 PM (Please note earlier starting time.)

From the Desk of the President

August is picnic month, and I'm sure that everyone is looking forward to the tasty treats that await us at Millersville Freedom Park Pavilion! First, I need to apologize to Dick Colberg. He presented me with a very impressive collection of Great Britain overprints featuring the company and organization notations that I mentioned in the July PSLC Newsletter. I told him I would devote several minutes of the meeting to this unique and well-defined collection that he put together, and somehow I forgot. So after the meeting I asked him if he could bring it to another meeting in the

very near future, and he said he would do so when he returns from France in the fall. It is well worth looking over, and is again, an example of collecting another theme from within our rich diverse hobby.

For those of you who were unable to attend our July meeting, we agreed to establish a nominating process utilizing a private ballot for nominating club officers. I am sure that everyone knows that we are still in need of a Vice President for 2015 when Bill Greiner moves up to President. The present club officers believe that such a process will success-

fully elevate to the President and Vice President positions those individuals that the club members themselves feel will best serve the club within the positions. I will have a ballot ready for distribution at our September meeting. So please caucus amongst yourselves as to who the best candidates may be. Just a reminder, our November meeting is our second annual open house. We hope to draw some new guests interested in joining our club, so we need some interesting exhibits to make the event a success. See you all at the picnic. *Len*

Annual Picnic Information

Wednesday, 13 August 2014

6:00 p.m. Millersville Freedom Park

Remember your appetizer, side dish, or dessert.

Burgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided

There will be Prexie Bingo & Prizes

If you missed the sign-up and would like to attend, please contact Paul Petersen immediately.

717-299-5640



Directions to the Park: Driving west into Millersville from Lancaster on 999, the Park is on the north side of 999 (Manor Ave.) just west of the intersection of George Street with 999. (See map) Also, across the street from the park is the Barn Door Restaurant, and to the east is Herr's Market. We'll be meeting in Pavilion-A, the big one just down the hill and on the left. Park right behind the pavilion in the large adjacent lot. Wonderful cool evening weather has been ordered, so bring your appetites!

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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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NTSS-2014

By Lucy Eyster

Another summer philatelic highlight has come and gone-another splendid vacation is now a satisfying memory. The American Topical Association held its 65th annual National Topical Stamp Show in St. Louis, Missouri, 27-29 June 2014. Those three days were jam-packed with activities (too many to get to all of them)-society meetings, 33 dealers, a First Day Ceremony for this year's Duck Stamp, and 153 frames of exhibits including 11 one-frame exhibits. The Grand Award went to a five-frame exhibit entitled "The Olive-Loea Europaea" and the most popular exhibit was a ten-framer, "Hitler Youth-The Generation of Lost Innocence." Perhaps the most rewarding activity was communicating with folks with similar interests. "What do you collect?" started many an educational conversation at meals and in the hospitality room.



There are always tours of the show's city with NTSS. On the day before the show, we had a ride inside the famous Arch, the Gateway to the West. Then there was the trip to Hannibal, MO, Mark Twain's home on Monday after the show. We were immersed in all things Mark Twain. There were several reminders in the city of the 1904 World's Fair, a.k.a. the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

All too soon, it was time to wander back home to Lancaster. We're already looking forward to NTSS in Portland next summer.

June Minutes and Treasury

Joy Bouchard and Lou DiFelice

Opening: President Len Kasper opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Program: Paul Petersen introduced speaker Rob Rufe who gave a great PowerPoint presentation on the Special Handling Stamps of 1925-1959.

Membership: Lucy Eyster presented PSLC's newest member, Dennis Bouchard who collects U.S stamps. She then introduced Peggie Miller who was visiting the club.

Drawing: Door Prizes were won by Chuck Kilgore, Roy K. Baardsen, & Paul Petersen.

June Minutes and Treasury Report: These were approved unanimously by voice vote. Paul added a correction to the July newsletter. In his article on Perfins, the website should read Perfins.org, not ".com."

Donation: The club voted to

donate \$150 to APC designated for the philatelic library.

Club T-Shirts: Paul raised the issue of designing and procuring club t-shirts. There was no interest among members.

Picnic: Paul circulated the sign-ups for the club picnic for both attendance and selection of what snacks, sides, and desserts to bring. Club will provide drinks, burgers, dogs, all condiments, and games.

By-Laws: Len mentioned that there will be a Monday 15 September meeting of officers at Lucy's to formulate the first draft of the revision of the by-laws. Please submit your recommendations.

Club Trip: Roy gave an update of the 23 October club trip to the ASDA Show in NYC. Cost is \$60 and due at the picnic if not before. Pick-

up will be at 7:00 a.m. at the Garden Café at Woodcrest Villa. Some seats are left. To reserve a seat, call Roy at 610-927-3435.

Open House Exhibits: Paul reminded/encouraged club members to be preparing some one (or more) page exhibits for display at the November Open House.

Farewell: Brian Wagner shared with the club that he and his family are returning to the mission field in Kenya at the end of the month. He enjoyed being part of PSLC this past year and will look forward to seeing us again in five (5) years when back in the States.

Treasury Report

Opening: \$4,535.63 (1 June)
 Income: \$0.00
 Expenses: \$79.01
 Closing: \$4,456.62 (30 June)
 3-CDs valued at \$6,889.02

Lancaster Airport Dedication Cover of 1935

17 August marks the 79th Anniversary of the opening of the Lancaster Airport in 1935, located at Kissel Hill on the Lititz Pike.

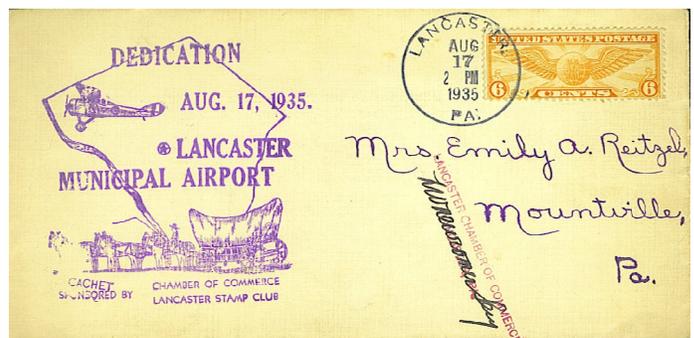
In celebration of this enterprise, the Chamber of Commerce and the Lancaster Stamp Club co-sponsored a cachet cover. PSLC member Dennis Shumaker shared this item with the club. Pictured at the right, it displays a rubber-stamped cachet with a county outline, an era monoplane, and a Conestoga wagon. In addition is a rubber stamp impression of the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce over the signature of LW Newcomer, Secretary. It is franked by #C19 with a round date-time stamp can-

cel of 17 August 1935. While the cover was not sealed, there is a 19 August back stamp from the Mountville, PA post office.

The airport was formulated in 1933 during the depression by a group of men who desired a larger and municipally owned airport. They raised partial funds from the

city and county to attract the lion's share of additional state and federal grants. At its time, it was one of the finest on the east coast, and today, in its reduced capacity, it still remains the fourth busiest airport in PA.

Ironically, a Conestoga wagon as pictured on the cachet was critical to the expansion of service in 1953. (See page 3 →)





Miscellaneous Club Notes: Programs/Hosts & Shows

2014 Programs

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 (6:30)

2015 Programs

14 January: Winter Auction. Bill Greiner, Host

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

11 March: 1.) Local Stamps of Rattlesnake Island, Bill Schultz. 2.) Lancopex Advert Card Prep. All hands

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

13 May: The U.S. International Shows: Stamps, Covers, Labels, and History. Paul Petersen

10 June: PSLC Spring Auction

8 July: Express Companies of Mexico between 1855-1907. Dick Colberg

12 August: Club Picnic

9 September: PSLC Auction

14 Oct or 11 Nov: Great Britain's Line Engraved Stamps. David Hunt

9 December: Dinner

2014 Related Shows

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

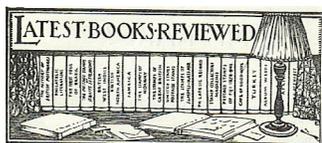
Balpex: (F-N) 29-31 Aug., Hunt Valley Wyndham Hotel

Reading: (S) 2 Nov., Leesport Farmer's Market, Rt. 61

More on the Lancaster Airport(s)

(Continued from page-2) Commercial air services became available in the late 1940s for flights in an east-west direction. However the authority worked for four years to qualify to offer north-south services. Finally in 1953, perhaps out of frustration, they sent a Conestoga wagon led by teams of horses on the 120 mile drive to Washington, DC. It parked outside of the Civil Aeronautics Board building to dramatize the need for added service. Lancaster attorneys argued the case, and they were successful in securing north-south services. But what of the original airport?

Many of us are familiar with the 1930's style airport hanger that remains at the intersection of Manheim Pike and Dillersville Road.



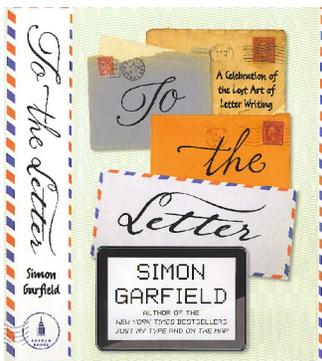
Garfield, Simon, (2013). *To the letter: A celebration of the lost art of letter writing.* NY: Gotham.

It is no secret that the "letter" as PSLC members remember from growing up is on the wane. As noted in the introduction, best-selling non-fiction writer, Simon Garfield has written a "delightful ode to a dwindling art."

The content is delivered from several perspectives, though the key seam is a chronological one from early letter writing in Greek and Roman times, through Rowland Hill's penny post (with images of two stamps with R.H), to beyond the military post of the big wars. It is rife with illustrations of documents, covers, original letters, portraits, and others. While there is too little space

to do this book much justice in this column, let me bullet a few of my favorites.

- Development of ciphers to thwart government snooping ones letters in the Renaissance.
- History of the penny post and the subsequent revolution in letter writing and world wide communication in general.
- Letters as autobiog-



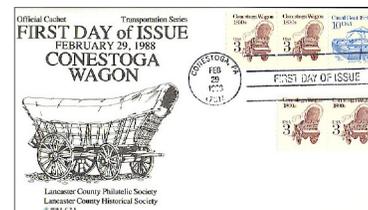
raphy, history, and current events. •Letter writing guides through the ages. •Spying and the letter. •Returned letters of those missing in action. •The orientation and placement of the stamp on the cover to send a secret message. •The letters

of Roman soldiers giving household instructions in their absence. •Modern communication methods that change our language. These are just a few.

Means of digital communication (*et al*) are not just changing our language, but our modes of interpersonal interaction. How long has it been since we awaited a letter in the mail followed by the enjoyment of its arrival?

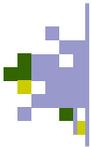
Ave et Vale

Club Member Joseph Crawford passed away on Thursday, 24 July following a brief illness. He joined PSLC in 1996, and in addition to his U.S and foreign holdings, he collected Hummel figurines and held membership in the local Hummel societies. Joseph was quite active in the American Legion and the Moose and Elks service organizations. He retired from M&M Mars in 1992.



This "original" or first airport in Lancaster Co. was a privately owned operation, the only real airport in the county in the early 1930s. It remained busy, though they experienced some competition from the "new" airport south of Lititz. Business slowed during WWII as with many of the smaller airports. In the 1945 aeronautical chart, the airport remained depicted as a commercial/municipal field, and that year's AFF Airfield Directory listed it as an 85 acre irregular field with three sod runways (the longest at 2300 feet) along with three hangers. It was still privately owned and operated.

The last chart on which the property was depicted as an airport was in 1950, now with a 3000 foot unpaved runway. Continued competition and financial losses caused the old airport to cease operation in 1953.



Musings: July-2014

Some of us may just be souvenir hunters...

The role of the stamp collector can be viewed from many vantages. 'Historian' first comes to mind, while 'traveler/geographer' comes in a close second. There are others, but perhaps some of us are **souvenir hunters!** Look at the stuff we accumulate, especially our treasurers.

How does the dictionary define **souvenir**? "*Something to serve as a token of remembrance, as of a place, occasion, experience, a memento.*"

Let's break this into some categories, realizing, however, that these are not mutually exclusive groups.

I was there-Movie ticket stub, team roster, Playbill, Phillies ticket

Guess who I met-Autograph, poster, snap, letter, campaign button

Look where I've been-Map, travel brochure, postcard, ocean liner menu, flight itinerary, rail pass

Look at all this history-Document, letter, roster, docket, newspaper

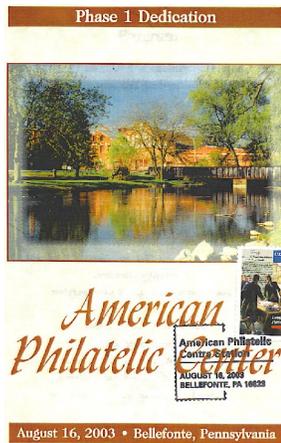
Wish I could have been there-Columbian Exposition map, dedications, inaugural invitation

Others...?

On the return bus trip from the Postal Museum last September, I recall the collective souvenirs that many of us obtained that day. Some were purchased while others were free. Many had First Day Covers of the just recently issued \$2 Inverted Jenny. There were contemporary DC

postcards and a few nick-knacks from the museum shop. Staffers demonstrated an original flat plate spider press to print an intaglio image of the museum edifice-a souvenir for the onlookers. There were postcards from their Fire & Ice exhibit (the Hindenburg and Titanic), and for this were rubber stamp cancel-like devices to use as needed. There were others-many mementos of the museum, a wonderful trip, and our club fellowship.

A trip to the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte, PA is a boon to souvenir hunters. Many of their events are accompanied by some form of souvenir/memento, often with a stamp and special cancel as seen below.



USPOD/USPS cancels on a souvenir give a provenance to the

item, a date/time/place authentication. While forged postmarks are a problem in postal history, a bogus cancel on a souvenir is rare. For inexpensive souvenirs, people will not risk the penalty resulting from using a fake governmental canceling device.



One legend in the field of postal souvenirs is Herbert Trenchard. He co-taught the APS summer course that I took in 2008 on "Collecting the Expos." When asked, he said that he collected everything but stamps. He has written extensively on many of these subjects, and one of his specialties is the U.S International Stamp Expositions. Herb's collection is legion.

Over the years I have accumulated some of this Int'l Expo material to include programs, catalogs, postage stamps, postal stationery, postmarks, slogan cancels, souvenir sheets, commercial covers, Cinderellas and seals, First Day Covers, and notices. Other items I seek include bourse maps, banquet menus, and entrance tickets. Using these, I am working on a

PowerPoint presentation covering these ten expos from 1913 through 2006. And these are just the U.S. philatelic expos!

There have been international shows in many countries starting in the late nineteenth century. Souvenirs abound from these colorful expos, and prices are reasonable. These events were not just stamp exhibits and awards, as there were society meetings, classes of instruction, and social events. The banquets were big affairs, more so than today.



The 19-26 May 1890 London Philatelic Exhibition was just such an event. Its moniker was **The Penny Post Golden Jubilee**, as it commemorated the first adhesive stamp that was issued in 1840. This event was thoroughly described in the May edition of *Gibbons Stamp Monthly* (pages 52-57). Speaking of souvenirs, notice the article's inclusion of the show cover above which contains a variety of special commemorative cancels. **Ed.**



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World Philatelic Exhibition
May 27-June 3, 2006
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