

# 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, Wed., 10 February 2016

Bluebird Commons / Woodcrest Villa. Joy Bouchard, Hostess

Doors Open at 6:30-Come Early to Buy, Sell, and/or Trade

## From the Stamp Den

Winter has finally arrived, and I am enjoying myself in the stamp den attempting to create a new stamp page with my wonderful stamp helper, "Boo," our 22 lb. black cat who has decided it's time to plop herself in the middle of what I was doing. Boo is literally on top of everything! Stamps, covers, tongs, and mount. I have black fur EVERYWHERE! My LANCOPEX exhibit will have to wait for a moment, but what about you? Are you ready for Lancopex? It's right around the corner, you know.

What does LANCOPEX 2016 mean to you? Is it a place to meet dealers or old friends? Is it a place to make acquisitions for your collection? Is it a place to put on display for your family,

friends, neighbors, club members and prospective new collectors what you have spent hours to locate and mount on pages? Is it all of the above?

I am kind of old school. My father brought me up to believe that you only join clubs that represent your values, and that you work within the club of which you're a member, in any capacity, even if only cleaning tables, to make it better. Naturally, as a kid I asked, "Why?" (I was always asking "Why.") Because you are part of an organization, and you want it to be the best., so you help in any way possible to make it the best! Or, to paraphrase what has become a famous business saying, "There is no "I" in "CLUB."

There is only one "U" in

"CLUB" - YOU are the Philatelic Society of Lancaster County. YOU Make up the CLUB. You *are* what makes this Club successful- we need **you** to make LANCOPEX successful. Please volunteer a few hours for the show. I know that everyone is pulling at you for your time, but LANCOPEX represents you and this hobby to Lancaster County. It's only once a year, and it is important. So please volunteer a few hours to man a club table, to set up and/or take down tables and frames, to be a Stamp Buddy to a first time show attendee, and/or to assist the Exhibit Team.

You are the difference! You are what makes this organization great! **Hal**

## Program: The 1981-1995 Transportation Coils

Hal Klein

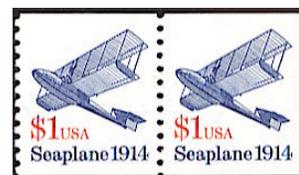
Come and join us for Hal's illustrated history of the **1981-1995 Transportation Coils** (TCs), a series that has many interesting aspects from the complexity of the Washington-Franklins to the finest line engraved intaglio of the U.S. Presidential series of '38.

These were the first coils of original design. They were not

coil versions of already existing definitives. There are many fractional values for a variety of changing rates across many classes of mail-even junk mail.

There are many new initiatives such as plate numbers on stamps, similar designs in different colors and in different denominations.

Come to enjoy and learn from this interactive program. See history in the making in a variety of beautiful but functional stamps.



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### Highlights

- Transportation Coils
- Snow at York Show
- Dick Tracy
- Calendar
- Musings: Overprints

### 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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## York Stamp Show

We all look forward to the York Show late each January and hope for good weather...

...But many will remember the '16 York Show as the *Storm of the Century* with record snow piling all up and down the East Coast with DC and the Susquehanna Valley in the crosshairs. Despite this, the first half of the first day of the show went very well, until the reports of snow started to be received on cell phones. Dealers who lived over the Mason-Dixon Line started to pack up. The show chairman said that this weather worry each enough is enough to cause the White Rose (York) Stamp Club to seek another date! Below are club members **Dick Shaefer** and **Jim Savage** chatting with **RD Noble** at the Pennsylvania Pre-Cancel Society table. ↓



## Stamp & Cover Displays at Lancopex

Members are encouraged to display their philatelic items at the show. There is no competition. Up to 16 frames are available for you; enter a few pages to a few frames.

Please sign up at the February meeting with an approximate number of pages and/or frames along with the titles of the displays. The exact number you desire will not be needed until near show time.

This has been a popular part of the show. All you need is some plastic stock sheets at the minimum with a few descriptors of what you are displaying. **Please, only new material this year-no repeats.**

## January Minutes & Treasury

Joy Bouchard & Lou DiFelice

**Opening:** President Hal Klein started the meeting at 7:05. He began by thanking the retiring officers, Bill Greiner, III, Joy Bouchard, and Lou DiFelice. He then welcomed incoming Treasurer Bill Snyder, Sect'y Diane Meek, and Rising 1st VP Doug Milliken. Finally Hal thanked the December Dinner Committee members of Lucy Eyster, chairman, Sarah Mylin, Bettina Heffner, and Paul Petersen.

**Membership:** Lucy Eyster introduced visitor Doug Schmeckel who is selling his brother's collection. There are two new members. **David Silcox** is from Shillington and is also a member of the Reading Club. Dave collects cachets, space, local revenues, and World Wars I & II. **Jiang Jin** of Berwin, collects Asian countries and offered to help club members in this area. Lucy then read a letter from Joy Bouchard thanking the club for the certificate and gift card she received for her service as Secretary for many years. Attendance at this meeting was 48.

**Drawing:** Donated stamp sheets were won by Roy Baardsen and Len Kasper.

**Approval of the Minutes:** The Minutes and Treasurer's Report from the November newsletter were approved unanimously by voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Interim Treasurer Lou DiFelice updated club on treasury matters. A motion was made and approved to make a donation of \$250 to Woodcrest Villa in lieu of a monthly fee for PSLC to rent the facility.

**Linn's Stamp Poll:** Lucy Eyster made copies of the stamp images and ballots (of

our favorite 2016 U.S. stamps) for members to complete and return to her. PSLC will get a shout-out in a future *Linn's* when results are announced.

**Boy Scouts:** Hal discussed the progress made to date with the official paperwork and the stamp collecting content in hand from APS (CD ROM, hard copy, & website) and the BSA Merit Badge book. He sought interested club members. A motion was made and passed that the club will cover expenses for all required background checks. John Ahlfeld, Gareth Diem, Paul Petersen, and John Ehleiter are willing to help. This BSA program is part of the club's upcoming Stamps-101 education initiative for young and old, and new and intermediate collectors alike. Hal's optimistic goal is to have this in place by Lancopex, 29-30 April 2016.

**Club Treasurer on Leave:** Hal announced that the wife of new treasurer, Bill Snyder is extremely ill. As such Bill requested an indefinite leave of absence from the position. Immediate Past-Treasurer, Lou DiFelice has agreed to cover this office until Bill's return. A motion was made to approve this change. A get-well card was circulated for PSLC signatures to be sent to the Snyders. (*Ed's Note: Sadly, Mrs. Snyder passed away the night following the 13 January club meeting, the evening of the 14<sup>th</sup>.*)

**2nd Vice President:** Hal announced that nominations are still open for this unfilled office in PSLC.

**2016 Lancopex Planning Meeting:** Our annual show will be held on 29-30 April. There will be a planning meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday,

20 January at Lucy Eyster's home. PSLC officers, board members, show section-leaders, and all other interested club members are invited to participate. If you would like to get more involved with the show, this is the opportunity to do so. Please let Lucy know if you intend to attend this session.

**Lancopex Related:** 1.) At the February meeting, Paul and Bill will have the sign-up sheets for show volunteers. Please consider helping out for a few hours at the show. 2.) Mike Bach prepared a small supply of Lancopex advertising cards for immediate use by our members and dealers to take to stamp shows over the next month or two. He will have the full supply at the March meeting when we address and frank these advertising cards as part of our meeting program.

**Auction Sheets:** Hal pointed out that the new auction lot description sheets prepared for tonight are just the starting point to help upgrade the auction. Please give any feedback to him or Paul regarding the forms or the auction.

**2016 Snack Schedule:** Paul passed around the sign-ups for meeting hosts for February through November, 2016.

**World Stamp Show NY-2016:** Roy Baardsen confirmed the date of the bus trip for Thursday, 2 June for the Int'l Stamp Show in Manhattan. Please sign up tonight or contact Roy as soon as possible. (Contact information made available). Estimated cost for the round-trip will be \$60 inclusive. A dinner stop will be made during the return trip on route I-78.

**Coffee at Meetings:** Paul led a discussion on this topic, and several options may be viable. He said that volunteers would be needed and that they should see him as soon as possible. → Pg.3



## The Pennsylvania Philatelist

### Hal Klein: Zip Codes-1963 and 1964

The year was 1963. Gas was 29 cents per gallon. A loaf of bread was 22 cents. The nation was shocked by the assassination of President Kennedy. A stamp was a nickel, and the Post Office launched its promotional campaign to "USE ZIP CODES."

Looking back on those days, I think every postal clerk in the **Lebanon Post Office** wanted to go "on break" when they saw me coming in the door. I was the kid who pestered postal clerks to pull plate blocks from their full sheets of stamps. I collected stamps, plate blocks, zip blocks, and full sheets. I admit it; I collected ANYTHING postal or postal related from anywhere.



For months the Post Office lobby was plastered with promotional material announcing the use of ZIP CODES. Fortunately for the Post Office, this poster ↓ was under glass.



I went to my favorite clerk and asked if the Poster was available. His answer was a disappointing, "No, they are never given out. They are destroyed after use as required by Regulations."

It was January, 1964, a few days into the New Year. I

walked into the Post Office lobby, and the poster was gone. I was heartbroken. I went to my favorite clerk to get a few new issues. I think he knew I wasn't happy. He sandwiched my purchase between a few pieces of "new issue" cardboard (as was the practice of the day), and I noticed he placed what looked like an additional piece of paper underneath the last sheet of stamps and the bottom piece of cardboard. After I paid for my purchase he said, "I have something for your collection-you're not to say anything to anyone-don't look until you get outside." I nodded and said. "OK."

My heart raced with excitement. Was it possible? I got outside and peaked inside. It was! I got it! I got my Dick Tracy Poster."



## Club Calendar

### Programs/Hosts/Shows

#### 2016 Programs

**10 February:** The 1981-1995 U.S. Transportation Series, Hal Klein. Joy Bouchard, Hostess

**9 March:** 1.) History and Culture of Germany on Stamps, David Hunt. 2.) Lancopex Prep. Dick Shaefer, Host

**13 April:** The 5-Cent Enclosed Rate. Bill Schultz. John & Deb Ehleiter, Hosts

**11 May:** Coins on Stamps & Stamps on Coins. John Brownell. Host-TBA

**8 June:** Spring Auction. Dennis Shumaker, Host

**13 July:** Civil War Covers. Dennis Shumaker. Jim Ziogas, Host

**10 August:** Summer Picnic, Millersville Memorial Park

**14 September:** Fall Auction. Fred Mackey and Fred Sargent, Hosts

**12 October:** Pawling Postal History: Past and Present. Charles Di Como. Lucy Eyster, Hostess

**9 November:** '16 Open House. Vern Marten, Host

**14 December:** Dinner

#### 2017 Programs

**11 January:** Winter Auction. Doug Milliken, Host

**8 February:** U.S. International Stamp Shows, Part-I. Paul Petersen

**8 March:** 1.) Lancopex Preparation

**12 April:** U.S. Postal Rates: 1792-1869, Bill Schultz

**10 May:** Collectibles and Your Estate. Patti S. Spencer, Esq.

**14 June:** Spring Auction

#### 2016 Shows

**Some Sundays Stamp Bourse:** 21 February 2016, 26 June, 21 August, and 18 December. Farm & Home Center, Kevin Kellman (K<sup>2</sup>), Manager, 301-371-4558.

**Lancopex:** 29-30 April 2016, Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road.

### Minutes continued...

**Program:** The program was the Winter Auction using the new bid sheets. It seemed that fewer items went unsold due to better lot descriptions. The Auctioneers were pleased.

#### Treasury Report

Immediate Past-Treasurer, Lou DiFelice is covering for Bill Snyder who is temporarily away on family leave.

Opening: \$5,966.30 (1 Dec)

Income: \$1,125.00

Expenses: \$2,373.86

Closing: \$4,717.44 (31 Dec)

3-CDs valued at \$6,949.25

## Other February Club Notes

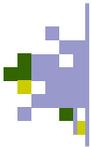
**Remembrance:** PSLC extends its thoughts & prayers to Bill Snyder and his family on the very sudden passing of Bill's wife Elouie on Thursday, 14 January 2016.

**Lancopex:** Please consider a few hours to help at Lancopex. A sign-up sheet will be passed at the February meeting along with a Patron List. This will cost \$5 per person or couple. Names will be listed in the show program.

**Lancopex Stamp & Cover Displays:** Sign up this month

for your display. Please list the title(s) and the number of frames and/or pages. All members are encouraged.

**Coffee:** Len Kasper has agreed to head the Coffee Committee with back-up from Lou DiFelice, Paul Petersen, and Dennis Bouchard. A Keurig with regular, decaf, and condiments will soon be available at club meetings, and members may bring their own select brew of Keurig cups or other flavors as desired.



# Musings: February 2016

## *Irish History and her 1922-1923...1935 Overprints-I*

Ireland has had a tumultuous history despite being a people who just wanted to be left alone. The Vikings worked the land from 794 to 1014 AD, and when finally defeated, those who remained made lasting contributions to Ireland. The love of seafaring and fishing were at the top of the list.

After some peace, the “troubles” began anew (1166) when Dermot MacMurrough asked Henry II of England to help him with a troublesome neighbor; could he have some soldiers? “Never waste a good crisis,” thought the King, and once ensconced by 1177, he made his son the Lord of Ireland.

The Irish claim that the English had not left them alone since 1166 until 1948 when they voted to secede from the Commonwealth.

Following the failed 1916 “Easter Rising,” the populace were greatly angered by the British reprisal, hence the 1920-21 Anglo-Irish War. After a successful series of guerrilla operations, the Irish met the English at the bargaining table. A treaty was resolved making them a “Free State” while allowing six counties in Ulster (Northern Ireland) to remain with the UK. The “Treaty” people or “Free Staters” were led by Michael Collins, a major player in the war.

Power-wise, Ireland was not in a great bargaining position at the table. They accepted the “treaty,” but this fell short of a republic and full independence. It was a start, the best deal they could get.

The treaty opponents or Republicans in Ireland accused the Free Staters or Nationalists of treason. One thing led to another, and the Irish Civil War of 1922-3 followed. Victory went to the Free Staters, but the divide remained. The philosophies and bitterness of these groups remain the basis of the two major political parties in Ireland to this day.

So what does this have to do with the overprints? Like many newly independent (or quasi-independent for Ireland) but financially poor entities, the new Irish Free State needed stamps immediately. Rather than start from scratch, they overprinted existing British stamps that were already in good supply.



The stamps of Great Britain used for overprinting included fifteen of the face-same definitives of the 1912-22 set that underwent some retooling over these years. It included the low values from ½d to 1/- (12d) King George V heads in portrait format. These came in two panes of 120 forming sheets of 240 stamps each.

The high value stamps of the set included 3 of the 4 Britannia Rules the Waves hi-value stamps of 2/6 (30d), 5/- (60d), and 10/- (120d) in large landscape printing format in sheets of 40 stamps. The set is nicknamed the “Seahorses.” The Scott numbers for this British set start at 159 through 200 plus some other uses.↓



The British set has its challenges with errors and printing varieties among others though not nearly to the degree of the machinations with U.S. Washington-Franklins or the British Machins.

Concurrent with the issuance of the first overprints in 2/22 was a national contest for stamp designs for the first Irish home-spun definitive stamps that would be issued in 12/22 and used through the late 1960s with the last two issued in 1967. ↓



The fun of the hunt and the study is in the many varieties of these British stamps. They used two distinct texts. The first issue (starting in 2/1922) translates as “**Provisional Government of Ireland 1922**” which took five lines of type on the low value stamps. The second text translates as “**Irish Free State 1922,**” and this took just three lines of type and started in 12/1922 with the rest of the changes in 1923. This is only the beginning of the fun. More next month with a good history of the overprinting and the many varieties. Ed



World Stamp Show: NY-  
2016: Javits Convention Ctr.,  
NY, NY, 28 May-4 June 2016



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