

Editor's Notes

Special thanks to Bob Noble and Woody Hann for their interesting and informative presentation on precancels at the February meeting.

This issue of the Newsletter features a story on one of our member-dealers—Al Schaub. Subsequent issues will include similar articles on the activities of other LCPS members, including Leslie Ann Botte and Peter Billis. Thanks to Eleanor Wheeler for her work on the Schaub article.

Do you belong to the American Philatelic Society? If not, you might consider joining. Currently, there are about 48,000 members of the APS—a number that has been relatively stable in recent years but may now be showing small annual increases. Membership is \$30 per year, with a \$3 charge for processing the membership application.

There are several advantages of membership. Part of the membership fee goes to pay for a monthly subscription to *The American Philatelist*, the monthly journal of the APS. Each issue typically runs about 95 pages, and features six or seven articles on various aspects of stamp collecting. Not all of the articles are of interest to the average collector—but each issue seems to have something of interest. A second advantage of membership is the right to participate in the APS Sales Circuit. The circuits are packages of stamps offered by APS members that circulated among members. You examine the stamps being offered, pick and choose those you want to buy, and then mail the package to the next member on the circuit. Circuits are highly specialized to meet the needs of members with specific collecting interests. In short, membership in the APS is a good buy. Consider joining today. www.stamps.org tells you how to join.

The membership rosters distributed at the February meeting inadvertently omitted three members:

Charles Kilgore
142 Summer Lane
Lancaster PA 17543
569-5439

Jerry Kurland
2550 Valley Drive
Lancaster, PA 17603
872-4684

Louis Leidig
234 Blossom Trail
Mt. Joy, PA 17552
493-0695

Please add them to your copy of the roster.

Upcoming Stamp Shows:

March 6—Harrisburg, CAPPEX 2004. Linglestown American Legion, Linglestown off Exit I-81). 717-944-2229.

March 6-7—Warminster. Bux-Mont Stamp & Postcard, 580 Delmont Ave. Warminster. 215-549-9998.

Al Schaub, Member/Dealer

A question often asked is what motivated me in 1995 to become a stamp dealer? The answer: the desire for a meaningful post-retirement activity, an opportunity to be totally in charge of a business (after years of work as a management consultant), a way to enjoy being with other people, a source of additional income, and, most important, a great enjoyment of stamps and covers. These reasons are probably common to most people who become stamp dealers.

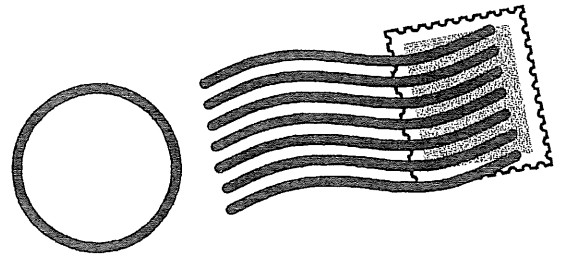
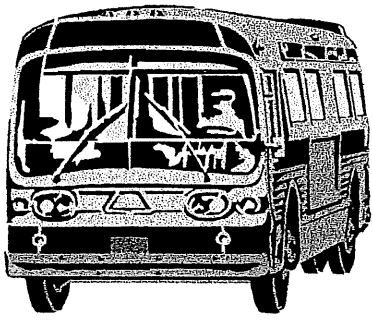
As is known to most Club members, for six years International Collectibles had a shop in Adamstown. During that time period visits by many of my fellow P.S.L.C. members were greatly enjoyed and appreciated. However, most collectors favor shows and the "net" over going to shops. Thus, the shop was closed and my wife and I moved to Manheim Township to be closer to her job. A great fringe benefit of the move is the opportunity to now regularly attend Club meetings!

A challenging decision faced by philatelic dealers is what to stock and sell. My decision was to be a generalist dealer who offers many categories of covers and both U.S. and foreign stamps. However, as most of you know, my philatelic passion lies in Bermuda, naval covers, WWII covers, and other historical material.

Although not using my home for public stamp and cover dealing, Club members are welcome to make day and evening appointments to browse at stamps and covers. Besides providing a comfortable place to look over philatelic material, offered is a 12% discount from marked prices, most of which are already discounted from Scott. If interested, members should let me know at Club meetings or by phone (560-6278). Also, if apprised of interests, I can bring selected stamps to meetings.

In concluding, like most dealers and veteran collectors, I am humbled by how little I know in contrast to the vast sea of philatelic knowledge which exists. However, if I can in any way be of help to any members, please let me know. Sharing knowledge is one of the key elements of both ethical dealerships and the L.C.P.S.

--Al Schaub



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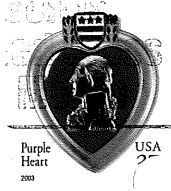
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MINUTES, FEBRUARY 11, 2004 STAMP CLUB MEETING

President Marilyn Shirley called the meeting to order at 7:p.m. There were 31 members and one guest present. Paul Petersen volunteered to be the awards chairman for the stamp show. Diane Meek agreed to serve as membership chairman. She introduced our guest, Bill Green, who later became a member. Publicity chairman duties (announcement of club meeting to local media) are to be done by the Secretary, Lucy Eyster. The \$5 drawing was won by Truyde Greiner. Updated membership lists were distributed.

After a short break a program about precancelled stamps was expertly presented by Bob Noble and Woody Hann. They included many examples from their own collections. We all received a useful and attractive handout. Look through your precancels for experimental Bureau precancels from these three cities: Springfield, MA; Augusta, ME; and New Orleans. LA. We were encouraged by Bob and Woody to bring our precancels to a meeting to learn more about these interesting g stamps.

The meeting adjourned before 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucy Eyster, Secretary