



The Overprint

Newsletter of the Reading Stamp Collectors' Club

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Most Meetings Held the first Tuesday of Every Month at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Site: Berkshire Commons, 5485 Perkiomen Avenue (Route 422)

Turn North on Lincoln opposite of the Dairy Queen.

Proceed 300 feet, turn left on Washington and look right of center at the stop sign.

Monday, July 7th, at 6:00 p.m.

(Note, there will be no meeting on our regular date!!!)

**Instead, we will have our annual picnic and auction.
This is a Monday and an hour early to allow for the meal.
Contact Barbara Brown to sign up for your contribution.
Her phone number is: (619) 469-2758.**

**Location: St. John's Lutheran Church, in the center
of Boyertown**

**There will be an auction following the picnic—bring lots
of goodies for the auction as this helps both our club
and the Pottstown stamp club.**

Socketed on the Nose, What does that mean?

Well, "socketed on the nose" is the same as "bullseye". It is a cancellation that is nearly or totally centered on a stamp.

There are many collectors of such cancellations and there are many ways to collect them. Of course, trying to collect one for each day of the year (referred to as a "calendar") is one way of doing it.

Collecting by country, stamp issue, city of postmarking, etc., are other ways.

There is a Bullseye Cancel Collectors Club that issues a quarterly bulletin and offers a directory, sales book circuit and auction all for \$15 annually.

The contact address is in Spain, but you may be able to contact them through their website.

An interesting link of the site refers to an older article in Linn's that helps to translate dates in postmarks.

For example, the Bishop's postmarks in the mid 1700's is shown in the article. The postmark shows a circle with a horizontal line. Above the line is the number 13 for the date. Below it shows a IV.

It is easy to mistake the IV for April, but it is really for June, as the symbols are capital Roman letters JU. This would be a good article for any postal historian to read.

Important Notices !!!

...Once again, please note that there will be no regular July meeting at Berkshire Commons. Instead we will have our annual picnic and auction a month earlier than normal.

...Also, as part of my switch to a new computer I have had to redo the mailing list. Several times. Yep, a lot of time and it is still not what I want but it is acceptable. However, PLEASE check your mailing label and let your editor know of any errors so we can correct them. Thanks.

Advance Notice:

The club is planning a bus trip to the National Postage Stamp Show in New York City. The date is Thursday, October 23 and will cost \$60 including the bus driver's tip. Call Roy at 610-927-3435. You do not have to attend the show to ride the bus. You can mail a check payable to the club to Roy at 379 Sioux Court, Sinking Spring, PA 19608-8913. The World Trade Center Museum is open and you can ride the bus to see that, but you must buy tickets in advance!

At the June Meeting... Mike Matus won \$21 in the 50/50 drawing and Pete Baney won the \$30 attendance drawing. It pays to come to the meetings and buy tickets!