



The Overprint

Newsletter of the Reading Stamp Collectors' Club

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Most meetings held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting site is Berkshire Commons, 5485 Perkiomen Avenue (Route 422)

Turn north on Lincoln opposite the Dairy Queen.

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

Tuesday, November 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

**Puerto Rican Philately AND Locals--
A Double Program from Kent Weaver**

A "two-fer" special, updating members on a pair of areas of collecting—one of them the small specialty area of a U. S. Territory, the other the expansive area of private mails. Bound to be informative.



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Saturday, November 7th 10:00 to 4:00 p.m.
15th Annual Reading Stamp Collector's Club
Stamp Show at the Leesport Farmer's Market

Free Parking * Free Admission * Great Kitchen

Let's see 100% of our members there!

“Locals” alone can be a lifetime of study...

A Glossary of Terms for the Collector of United States Stamps, published by the United States Stamp Society, roughly defines “locals” as “stamps issued by private companies operating in limited service areas.”

It continues, “most of these stamps were issued by companies operating in a single city...” often as a sort of personal delivery and pick up of mail service.

The definition adds that “local stamps were also issued by independent mail routes and express companies.” An example of this was Wells Fargo. Beginning in 1845, express companies were required to pay regular postage in addition to the express company’s charge.

The *Scott Catalog* designates locals by an “L” with a number before it according to the glossary.

A very active specialized society centers on this area of philately and it is called the Carriers and Locals Society. Dues are \$35 annually—more expensive than many but the club has a great output of materials.

In addition to the quarterly publication, *Penny Post*, the organization has a greatly informative website. Just for fun, visit it and look around.



Four CDs are available for purchase, two of them on D. O. Blood’s Co. of Philadelphia, a highly collected local post of the middle of the 1800’s.

There is a good reference set, *Identifier for Carriers, Locals, Fakes, Forgeries and Bogus Posts of the United States*. This is a three-volume work of 1569 pages and 3,340 photographs that cost about \$255.00 total. This book is more important than you might think. Early publications were so poor that the worst have been called erroneous and mythological. Some pioneer authorities seemed to allegedly promote fraudulent issues, according to some modern collectors.

Current collectors and the locals club appear to be working very hard to present a correct history of this area of mail handling.

The organization’s 2016 meeting, by the way, will be held in New York, probably at the international show our club may be visiting.

Note: There will be no regular December meeting as there will be a Christmas banquet. Therefore, there will be no regular newsletter. **NOTE**—tickets for the banquet must be purchased well in advance. Please pay Roy Baardsen by the October 3rd meeting. If you cannot be there, call Roy at 610-927-3435. You can also mail him a check at 379 Sioux Court, Sinking Spring, PA 19608. Tickets will be \$11.00 this year, after a club subsidy to encourage attendance. The banquet will be held at 6:00 p.m. December 1st.

Terry Francis won the attendance drawing for \$5.00 and Pete Baney won the 50/50 for \$15.00 in October. Good show!

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OTHER AREA MEETINGS:

Wednesday, November 11th PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF LANCASTER COUNTY
"ONE-PAGE (or maybe 2 or 3 Page) EXHIBITS"

THE MARKET PAGE WILL RETURN NEXT MONTH IF WE HAVE ITEMS TO OFFER
..... LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SELL.....
mbach1@comcast.net

WANTED

BJ's COUPONS FOR MEATBALLS ONLY

Need to bring them to meeting on November 3rd - Help reduce our show kitchen costs

Your club owns the following equipment

12 Cut Coffee Pot

12-30 Cut Pot

Hot Dog Roller

Small Microwave Oven

Color Reader

Projector

Projector Screen

If you want to use one or more of these you can "at no charge". If you know someone who has need of these for a function there is a nominal rental fee

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE OF LIFE

If stamps could talk
(courtesy of Linn's)

My choice this month



David Hunt won the Five Bucks last month ..

YOU COULD BE A WINNER THIS MONTH

\$ 5.00 to the member who sends me the funniest response.