



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.**

Tuesday, February 2 at 7:00 p.m.

“The Stamps of French Antarctica”

...presented by Carlson Chambliss

This collection of real estate ranges from islands in the Indian Ocean to a narrow slice of the continent of Antarctica that ranges from the coastline along the continent all the way to the South Pole. There is a lot of history and science to this little known area of our planet. Everyone can learn from this presentation.

The Iceman Cometh

It's that time of the year!

If the Reading or Exeter schools are closed or close early due to snow, sleet, ice, etc., our meeting is cancelled. If that does not happen and weather seems risky, call an officer just to be sure. Hopefully we will get in every meeting!

The Paymaster Cometh

At the January meeting, Richard Jay Ross won the 50/50 drawing of \$16.00. Unfortunately, James Johnson was not present for the attendance award of \$10.00. Next month, the award will jump to \$15.00. It PAYS to show up for our meetings and buy a ticket. AND you will leave knowing more than when you arrived!



French Antarctica #21 in the format of an upper block of four including control number. Offered for sale for \$60.00 in F-VF mint. A single copy was available for \$21.00. This is an example of the stamps you will learn about at our February meeting.

Dues Are Due

Dues are due for 2016 if you have not paid them. You can mail the \$10 family membership fee to Mike Matus at 157 Lucinda Lane, Wyomissing, PA 19610, or hand them in next month.

Brushing Your Gum

...in the 1850's could be your job at the printers. In the early years of stamp production gum was brushed on the back of the sheets of stamps and is one reason why "original gum" stamps could have only a sparse amount of the adhesive on the back of a mint stamp. It was so poorly applied at times that customers ended up using their own glue to affix stamps.

Bus Trip – Bus Trip – Bus Trip

Roy Baardsen and company are planning a bus trip to the New York International Stamp Show on June 2.

This event is held only once every ten years in the United States. Last time the show was in Washington, D.C.

You do not want to miss this show of shows! Just the electricity in the building is exciting. A quick, convenient way of getting there is by Roymobile! Set aside the date.

And by the way, plan some time to see the world-class exhibits. Material never or rarely seen by the public has a way of showing up at these high-powered shows.

CALL ROY on 610-927-3435 to reserve your seat. First come first served. So call NOW or you might miss out!!!

NEW INFO: Price is just \$ 60.00 per person We stop at Cracker Barrel for dinner on return trip. Dinner at your own expense.

MIKE'S PAGE

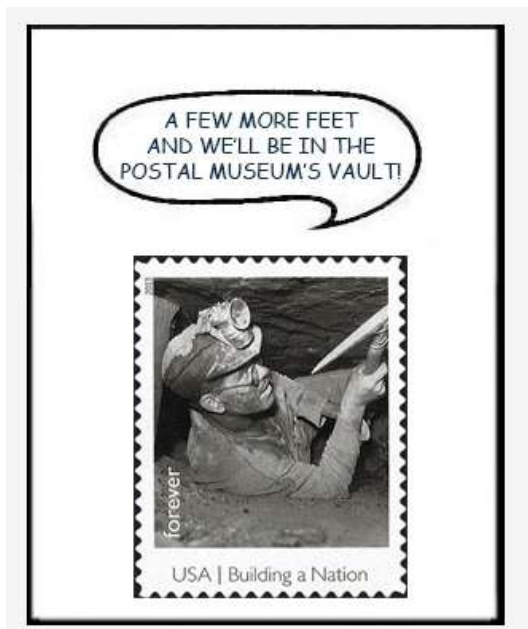
Well we waited a long time for the first snow of the season and boy was it a good one. Hope all are safe and dug out!

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

IF STAMPS COULD TALK: My choice this month (courtesy of Linn's)



ON A SERIOUS NOTE:

WE NEED NEW MEMBERS!

Our club membership is slowly shrinking. Look at the number who attend each meeting! Some of us are members at Lancaster and they are getting new members at each meeting.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Your Committee has decided to embark on a flyer campaign in the Spring to get our Club known to the community.

We will need your assistance to take some flyers and visit local stores, restaurants where you live and have these flyers posted.

WE FEEL that there are collectors out there who may not know of our existence.

I stumbled on the club only because my wife happened to know Roy through a job she had a number of years ago, otherwise I would not have known and would not be a member today.

This is not the way to grow this club.

SO WHEN THE TIME COMES THIS SPRING, PLEASE HELP SO THAT THIS CLUB CAN SURVIVE.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF LANCASTER
Wednesday February 10th
1981-85 US Transportation Series

Also Mark Your Calendar
LANCOPEX 2016 April 29th & 30th

THE MARKET PAGE

WILL RETURN NEXT MONTH IF WE HAVE ITEMS TO OFFER

..... LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SELL

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