

# The Overprint

## **Newsletter of the Reading Stamp Collectors' Club**

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## **Issue: April 2016**

**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, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

*Fancy Cancels on U. S. Postcards*

**Part 1 will be a DVD presentation!**

**Part 2, ALL members are encouraged to bring along  
and share an example of a fancy cancel from their collection.**

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### **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. For details, call Roy at 610-927-3435, but do not delay—seats are filling up. For most collectors the easiest way to get there is by bus and the cost is low.

### **Dues Are Due!**

**We still have a few members who have not paid their dues for 2016. Friends, we don't want to lose a single member—everyone is important. Please send in your \$10 today to Mike Matus, 157 Lucinda Lane, Wyomissing, PA 19610. Thank you!**



## The "Waterbury (CT) Running Chicken" Headlines All U. S. Fancy Cancels

Of all the U. S. Fancy Cancels, the late 1800's "Waterbury Running Chicken" reigns supreme.

Only about five are known to exist and their value can be estimated to be between, say \$60,000 and a cool quarter million.

The Waterbury CT post office began carving a series of cork cancels about the time of the Civil War and went forward for decades.

There are scarcer cancels than the above--in some cases only two are known—but this one is the holy grail of postmark collecting.

It is argued that the running fowl is actually a turkey (note the Thanksgiving time date) but you are no Turkey if you own one.

Other favorites include an Elephant, Civil War soldiers and Maple Leafs.

Fancy cancels in the late 1800s and beyond from hundreds of post offices across the country include almost any topic: Man Smoking Pipe, Tree Leafs, Thick Letters and Numbers, Geometric Designs, Masonic Symbols, Tomb-stones—you name it! However, a huge number (as many as 50% in some collections) are fakes.

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**Terry Schlegel won the 50/50  
Drawing in March for \$16.00.**

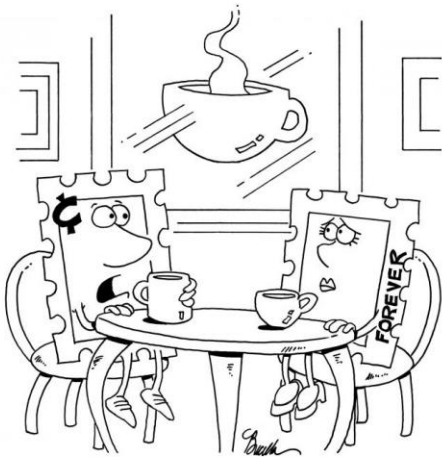
**Al Schwartz won the Attendance  
Drawing for \$5.00.**

# MIKE'S PAGE:

## BUS TRIP UPDATE

The bus is filling up fast  
(approx. 80% full already)  
seats reserved on a first paid basis.  
**Get your money into Roy ASAP**  
**or you may lose your slot!**

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



I'm not afraid of commitment, but forever  
is a really long time."

## **ON A SERIOUS NOTE:**

### **WE NEED NEW MEMBERS !**

FLYERS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE NEXT  
MEETING TO ADVERTISE OUR CLUB  
WE NEED YOUR HELP TO GET THESE  
DISTRIBUTED AROUND THE READING AREA

**RESTAURANTS, GROCERY STORES**  
**ANYWHERE THERE IS A NOTICE BOARD**

**WITHOUT NEW MEMBERS WE WILL DIE!**

**LANCASTER HAS OVER 30 MEMBERS**  
**ATTENDING REGULARLY AND WE**  
**HAVE 15 ON A GOOD NIGHT.**

## PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF LANCASTER

Wednesday April 13<sup>th</sup>

Bill Schultz

presenting

"5 cent enclosed rate"

Also Mark Your Calendar  
LANCOPEX 2016 April 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>

## THE MARKET PLACE IS BACK NO ONE TOLD ME TO REMOVE SO..

**Scott Catalogues 2013 – 6 Volumes \$ 90.00**  
Call: Dave Crossland 610-223-7266 or  
Email [STAMPMAN@UZW.BLACKBERRY.NEC](mailto:STAMPMAN@UZW.BLACKBERRY.NEC)

Two (2) White Ace Plate Block Albums (never  
used) 1984 to 1991 and 1992 to 1996: \$15.00  
each.

Call: Carl Madeira: 610-777-8894

(1) - GRAND OPENING OF THE NATIONAL  
POSTAL MUSEUM ( Inverted Jenny issue - no  
stamps but two unused covers) Price of \$2.50.  
Only ONE left.

(2) – Show Covers - Reading Stamp Collectors  
Club . Lincoln , Gettysburg dated 11-2-2013.  
Priced at \$0.75 each.

(3) – Show Covers Reading Stamp Collectors  
Club , TWO TYPES - Battle of the Crater or Lt.  
Henry Pleasance – Show Cancel dated  
11-1-2014,

Priced at \$ 0.75 each.

(4) – Show Covers Reading Stamp Collectors  
Club - TWO TYPES - ULYSSES GRANT (2  
available) or ROBERT E. LEE (3 available) Show  
cancel dated 11-7-2015, Priced at \$ 0.75.

Call: Mike Matus 610-927-3838 or  
Email: [Michael.Matus@verizon.net](mailto:Michael.Matus@verizon.net)

Montenegro stamps at 50% off catalog for  
individual items to your need. Call Bob  
Steiniger at 610-689-4431. Stamps can be  
brought to a stamp meeting if requested