



The

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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, June 7th, at 7:00 p.m.

“Hobby Shop Covers”

(Tracking the Coming War thru Philately)

Hear the story of Hobby Shop Cacheted Covers and how
the murmurs of war impacted a subscription program...
and the strange outcome of “how do you know it really is not real!”
Curious? Stan Raugh will explain it all.

Food, Stamps—Food, Stamps!

Yes, what is more appealing to a member of the Reading Stamp Collectors' Club than food and stamps! Well, mark your calendar for MONDAY, July 11th as we will have our annual picnic at St. John's Lutheran Church in Boyertown at 6:00 p.m. NOTE the change of day and time! If you don't attend the June meeting call Roy for sign-up. There is no meeting on Tuesday July 5th

Fabulous Moolah...

...used to be a lady wrestler—but now it is money you can win at stamp club. In May, Dave Silcox won the 50/50 drawing of \$24.00. Warren Shaeffer would have won the attendance drawing but was not there. Not only do we miss absent members but they miss the...*Fabulous Moolah!*



The above U.S.S. Arizona cover is very special. A typical cover of this quality would probably sell in the low twenty dollars. Yet your editor once bid on and lost one for a sixty-some dollar bid. The mail auctioneer said I needed to bid almost 90.00 to have won one of these. Find out why at the June meeting!

Naval Covers document U. S. Sea Power history

What is a 'Naval Cover.'

Generally, a Naval Cover is usually an envelope mailed from a United States naval ship.

Except for World War II, the cancellation usually would show the name of the ship as does the one in the picture above.

It all began when Congress in 1908 authorized post offices aboard larger war ships. In other words, if you were a sailor aboard the U.S.S. Oregon and mailed a letter, the postmark would read the name of your ship, just as if you sent a letter from Reading, PA, the name of the city would appear in the cancel.

The postal handling was done by sailors, not federal postal workers.

Originally, a service for our navy personnel, it gradually became a hugely popular collecting area. Individuals would send one, five or fifty stamped covers at a time to mail clerks. Commercial cachet makers could send hundreds.

At the June meeting, you will learn about one of these cachet makers who rented space in the Sibley's Department Store in Rochester, NY, and his personal confrontation with the coming of World War II.

MIKE'S PAGE:

NEW YORK: JUNE 2ND 2016

**How to make the best of your day?
PLAN, PLAN AND PLAN**

**First: Go to the website and register
<http://www.ny2016.org/>**

Then decide what you want to see:

- 1. What exhibits**
- 2. Which dealers**
- 3. Which Country Postal Admin.**

The website gives you a wealth of information

FOR EXAMPLE:

If you are not sure which dealer sells what you are looking for.

**Click on Bourse – Attending dealers
Then choose a specialty on the right dropdown**

The web site will then give you a list of dealers who are selling that item

It is so easy - you can do the same for exhibits.

OUR BUS TRIP

We are trying to make it a fun experience again. Everyone gets a “goodie bag” and a drawing ticket for a prize...everyone comes home a winner!

Competitions and Quizes....

Not 1 ...Not 2... but 3 ways to win

- 1. Guess the time the bus doors will open in front of the Javitz Center
A pool for those who want to enter for a \$1.00... Winner take all.**
- 2. Guess the year of issue of 10 USA stamps (harder than you think)**
- 3. A General Knowledge Quiz**

Remember on the return we will be stopping at Cracker Barrel for dinner (at your own expense)

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Wednesday JUNE 11th

SPRING AUCTION

THE MARKET PLACE IS BACK

Scott Catalogues 2013 – Includes US Scott specialized. Seven catalogs for \$100.00.

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100 sheets, MNH, PO fresh, in 2 mint file sheets.

Face value \$ 527.28 Cat value 1117.30

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less than 80% of face value. \$400.00.

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(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. enry 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.

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