



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, January 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

The Stamps of Andorra

...presented by Carlson Chambliss

Do you know where Andorra is? Do you know about the interesting status of this area? Have you ever seen the beautiful stamps? This is an under-collected country—you may well be a collector by the time you leave!

How Can We Ever Say Thanks

...enough to the all our helpers at the 2016 stamp show. From those who scheduled dealers and the show room to advertising to manning the front desk, and, your editor especially thanks the kitchen crew. I am stunned by the amount of work it takes to provide an impressive menu year after year. To me, it is gourmet all the way! Thank you!

Break out the Show Shovels!!!

No, it's not that your editor is going to expound on the virtues of life!

The problem can be deeper—it is snow. And if we get enough of it, any winter meeting would have to be cancelled. Generally, if the Reading or Exeter schools close for the day or dismiss early, the meeting is automatically cancelled. If that does not happen but the conditions are worsening, contact an officer before venturing out.

Club Member pens article on Paper Fold Errors for 2 journals



Preprinting Paper Creases (PPC), as shown in the example above, were the topic of an article written by club member Dave Hunt that appeared in two specialty stamp club journals.

The article centered on examples of PPCs from the First Issue U. S. Revenues, unlike the illustration of the definitive stamp above which was chosen because it would more clearly present a PPC in our printed newsletter copies.

Dave really likes revenues as many are larger stamps and the PPCs are more dramatic.

The article he wrote first appeared in The EFO Collector, the publication of the Errors, Freaks and Oddities Collectors Club.

It was then picked up by Topical Time, the publication of the American Topical Association. Congratulations to our celebrity celebrity stamp journalist!

Dues Are Due

Dues are now due for 2017. Send or hand your family membership of \$10.00 to Mike Matus, 157 Lucinda Lane, Wyomissing, PA 19610. Thanks for your prompt support of our club.

YIPPEE!!!

Mike Bach won the 50/50 drawing at the November meeting for a whopping \$22.00! Way to Go! That means the club took in \$22.00—and it's worth it just to see the smile on our Treasurer's face!

Under-Rated Areas of Collecting:

O. K.—this will be a group project. After reading about Andorra on the front page and commenting on it being an over looked area of collecting your editor decided it would be fun to develop a club list of philatelic collecting areas that should have more attention than usually received. I will start the list and readers can offer their nominations at any meeting .

1. Andorra—due to it's split nature (you will learn more about this fascinating area in January). I would also nominate older Iran and more recent Thailand stamps.
2. State Revenues—as local rather than national history they will always be of interest beyond regular philatelic circles.
3. Engraved Stamps—are art, pure and simple and deserve to be collected as such even if there was no philatelic hobby, much as circus posters are collectibles to many folks who do not dabble in any other related materials.

Forward your nominations to me and we can print them in The Overprint for all to enjoy. Happy Collecting!

MIKE'S PAGES

FUTURE MEETINGS: 2017

Reading Stamp Collectors Club

January 3rd :

Stamps of Andorra

Presented by Prof. Carlson Chambliss

February 7th:

19th Century Postally Used Valentines

DVD plus members to bring Valentine stamps on

March 7th:

Spring Auction

Philatelic Society of Lancaster County:

January 11th:

Winter Auction

February 15th:

1938 PREXIES

Presented by Hal Klein

March 15th:

Chasing Jenny – A Philatelic Mystery

Presented by Jeff Stage of APS

ANDORRA

A small principality stuck high up in the Pyrenees (mountains) between France and Spain. It is 181 sq. miles in area (Rhode Island is almost 7 times the size) and it has a population of approximately 85,000.

The scenery is breath taking being high up in the mountains. Back in 1990 Lee and I stayed in the capital, Andorra Town, for a couple days.

The highest capital in Europe at 3,356 feet.



A great place to visit and it is fun driving there too !!

THE MARKET PLACE IS OPEN AGAIN IN 2017

If you have something to sell, let me know.

Remember that this newsletter goes to Lancaster and then is shared with several other clubs, so it is not just our membership who gets to see what you have to offer

I NEED VOLUNTEERS TO PROVIDE GOODIES AND DRINKS FOR OUR MEETINGS.

PLEASE EMAIL ME IF YOU CAN DO THIS.

THANKS, MIKE