



# 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, May 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**

## ***“Valentines in May”***

**Subtitled: April Showers Bring May Valentines**

**“May” we invite you to attend our rescheduled meeting from February, “19<sup>th</sup> Century Postally Used Valentines”?  
We know you will “love” it. So gather up your “sweetheart” and join us for this program from  
The American Philatelic Society.  
And bring along a postally used valentine to share!**

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**The April 50/50 Drawing of \$17.00 was won by Aaron Heckler. Aaron has been a willing worker at our meetings since joining and we were glad to see him win—congratulations!**

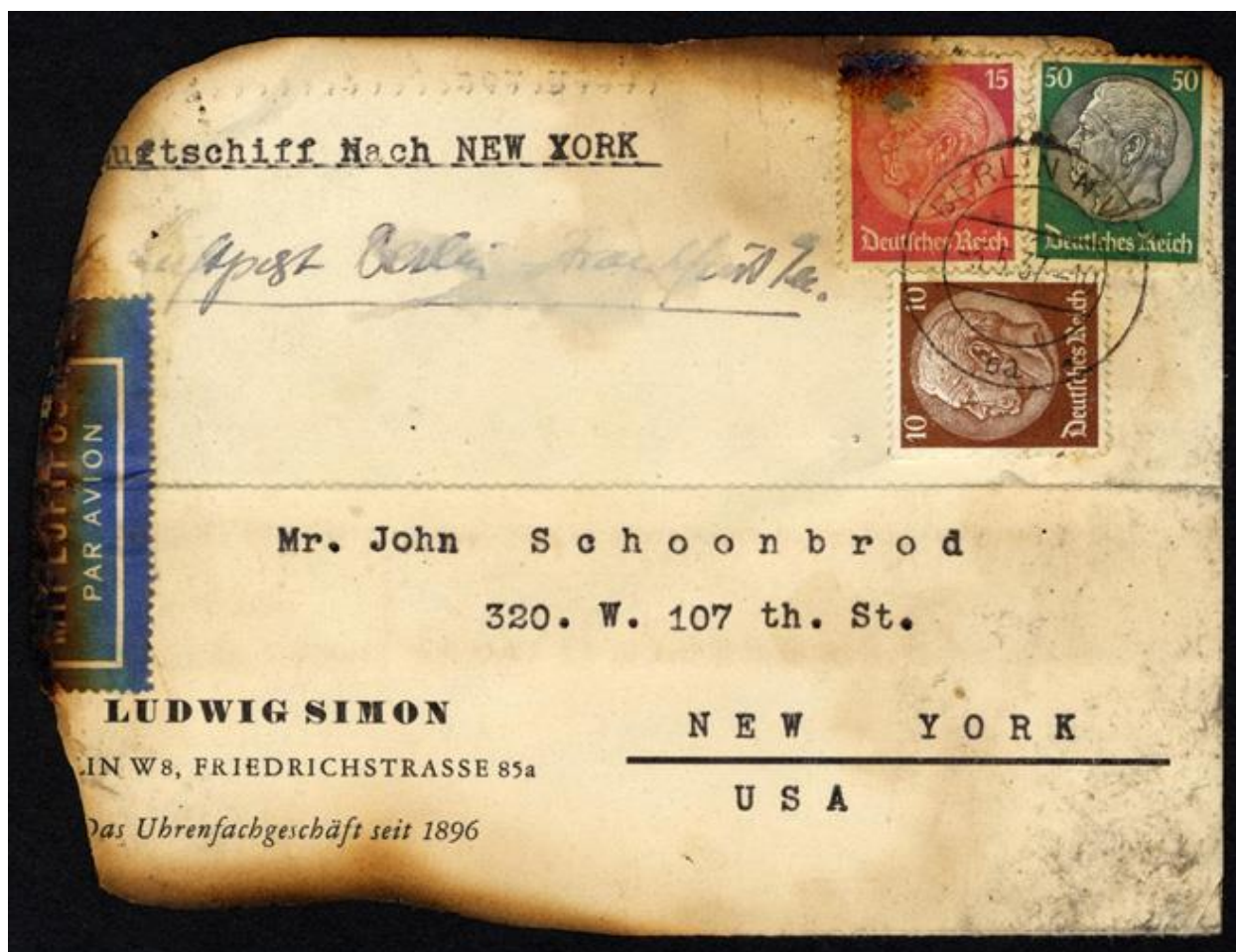
**The Attendance Drawing of \$5.00 would have been won by Diana Lawrence, but she was AWOL. The good news is that the pay out will be TEN DOLLARS in May. So be sure to show up!**

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### **HELP NEEDED:**

**DUE TO A CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT STATUS ON APRIL 28<sup>th</sup>, I WILL NO LONGER HAVE ACCESS TO A LAPTOP OR PROJECTOR TO SHOW THE APS DVD FOR THE ABOVE PROGRAM.**

**CAN ANYONE FILL THE VOID? EMAIL ME AT - [mbach1@comcast.net](mailto:mbach1@comcast.net)**



Above is a “crash cover” postal inspectors retrieved from the German Airship Hindenburg on May 6, 1937. It is on display at the National Postal Museum in Washington, D.C.

It has been announced that the Reading and other local stamp clubs are organizing a bus trip to the National Postal Museum for Thursday, September 21, later this year.

The Hindenburg cover above is just one of millions of items conserved at this premiere institution.

The Hindenburg was an 803-plus foot hydrogen-lifted airship. To give perspective, not counting the end-zones, that is almost three football fields in length. On that fateful day in 1937, the ship caught fire and was destroyed in 32 seconds. Video of the disaster can be seen on the Postal Museum’s website.

The ship carried an estimated 17,609 pieces of mail. Officially, 358 pieces were salvaged. Some were fine or slightly singed. Covers like the one above were forwarded in glassine bags. Forgeries exist.

Some mail was dropped off on the way, but documented by markings as to be on this, the ship’s 63<sup>rd</sup> flight. John P. V. Heinmuller donated this and over 2,000 other Zeppelin covers.

# MIKE'S PAGES

## RSCC TO BE ON FACEBOOK

Following a discussion at the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting it was decided that we should have a Facebook page. I have committed to the club to work on this and aim to have it up before May 1<sup>st</sup>

**COMING EVENT!!**

**LANCOPEX 2017 SHOW**

**April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Mark it in your Calendar**

## FUTURE MEETINGS: 2017

### Reading Stamp Collectors Club

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Valentines in May – APS DVD and  
Your own covers / stamps

**June 6<sup>th</sup>**

Dr. Charles DiComo (Lancaster)  
Providence Rhode Island Silent  
Pre-Cancel ???

**July 3rd (MONDAY)**

Picnic / Auction in Boyertown

### Philatelic Society of Lancaster County

**May 10<sup>th</sup>**

Collectibles and Your Estate  
Presenter: Patti S. Spencer, Esq.

**June 14<sup>th</sup>**

SPRING AUCTION !!  
I guess June 14<sup>th</sup> is technically still Spring!

**July 12<sup>th</sup>**

Postal History Classics  
Presenter: Dr. Charles DiComo

## THE MARKET PLACE IS OPEN AGAIN IN 2017

The following are offered by Mike Matus (michael.matus@verizon.net)

- #1. Spain- Scott #418 to 432 (missing E-8) with hinge remnants on some but generally no hinge.  
Cat. Value = \$96.60 **Selling Price = \$30.00**
  - #2. U.S Album sheets - NO BINDER – NO STAMPS –just sheets, Beginning with #1 thru 1973. **Selling Price = \$3.00**
  - #3 POPES VISIT TO AUSTRIA – AUGUST 1983. Maxi Sheet – maxi cards – coins. **Selling Price = \$8.00**
  - #4. U.S.NATIONAL PARKS ISSUE Full set, both perf and imperf – Perf set w/ very lite hinge marks.....Imperf set has no gum (normal) and no hinge marks. Cat. Value \$9.45 Perf. And imperf. Set Cat. Value \$14.50  
**Selling Price \$8.00**
  - #5. U.S.PARCEL POST – Q10 Mint. Cat.Value is \$280.00 Key Stamp to the set. **Selling Price \$70.00**
  - #6. U.S.DUCK STAMP – 1935 RW2 Mint.- Slight Gum Disturbance. Cat. Value \$700.00. Key to the set. **Selling Price \$150**
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**THE MARKET PLACE needs more items:**

**Remember the Overprint goes to Reading and then Lancaster and then Greater Phila. and Brandywine. A lot of collectors will see it.**

**I sent out an email and received zero response**