



The Overprint

Newsletter of the Reading Stamp Collectors' Club

Editor: Stan Rough, 4217 8th Avenue, Temple, PA 19560-1805
Tele: 610-921-5822

Issue: June 2017

**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 6, at 7:00 p.m.

"The Providence, RI, Control Mark on the U. S. 3-Cent 1851-1857 Stamp"

Presented by Dr. Charles DiComo

Dr. DiComo is a recognized authority on the imperforate three-cent stamp issued during this time period (a.k.a. Scott 10, 10A, 11, 11A). He is a member of the U. S. Philatelic Classics Society, Inc., and serves as the Editorial Proofreader for the club's journal.

The organization produces a first-rate, scholarly publication on a quarterly schedule for a mere \$35 annually. If you collect early U. S. stamps you cannot help but find this organization useful.

**Dr. DiComo can "plate"—that is determine the original printing Plate and location—of the three-cent issue, a very rare skill.
This will be a world class presentation, well worthy of the
New York or Chicago collectors' clubs.**

Don't miss it!!!

The Chronicle of the Classics Society honors Dr. O. C. Marsh

The May 2017 publication of the U. S. Philatelic Classics Society included an article that cheered your editor. The article was entitled: *Official Covers of the O. C. Marsh Correspondence*.

Whenever a group of covers (envelopes) exist addressed to a particular individual or family, they are referred to as the such-and-such correspondence or such-and-such family correspondence. This article spoke about mail sent to Othniel Charles Marsh using "official" or governmental franking. In this case, the "franking" was stamps printed only for official mail. There was some general information for the post-Civil War period official stamps and service, but it was the subject of the story that was surprising.

Your editor has in his collection a domestic (that is, not official) example of mail sent to O. C. Marsh and would love to dig it up and sent a photocopy to the authors of the article. My copy was discovered in an American Philatelic Society sales circuit. Tucked into a pocket, I saw only the Chicago postmark and the O. C. of the name in the address.

Immediately I thought, "this has to be a Marsh!" and it was.

I even told this story and showed around this cover at a meeting sometime back.

So, who was O. C. Marsh?

He was an important paleontologist from the 1800's. Marsh was associated with Harvard University and he got his rich uncle, George Peabody, to finance the Peabody Museum and much of the expensive excavations in the badlands that resulted in Marsh naming many of the major dinosaurs we know today.

The professor sent teams of fossils collectors west, usually provisioned in Chicago, one of the major jumping off points to northern plains fossil sites. That is what helped to identify the Marsh cover—it was probably a report mailed to him by a contracted fossil hunter.

One of the benefits of stamp collecting is learning and despite heaving read somewhat about these early paleontologists, the article claimed that Marsh thought birds evolved from (or are just plain) dinosaurs—new information to me.

Marsh and Philadelphian Edward Drinker Cope were rivals in their day. In my opinion Cope was very weak. On one case, he mounted the skull of a Plesiosaur at the end of the tail!

The winner of the May 50/50 drawing for \$17 was Holly Springer. Congratulations!

The Attendance Drawing winner, Stan Raugh (your editor) was not present.

Hopefully, he will learn his lesson and never miss another meeting! (chuckle, chuckle!)

MIKE'S PAGES

RSCC IS NOW ON FACEBOOK

Apologies! My e-mail instructions were not what you need to do.

They appear to work on a cell phone but not on a PC.

I am doing more research

FUTURE MEETINGS: 2017

Reading Stamp Collectors Club

June 6th

**Dr. Charles DiComo (Lancaster)
The Providence, RI, Control Mark on
the U. S. 3-Cent 1851-1857 Stamp**

July 3rd (MONDAY)

Picnic / Auction in Boyertown

Philatelic Society of Lancaster County

June 14th

SPRING AUCTION !!

It is technically still Spring!!!

July 12th

Postal History Classics

Presenter: Dr. Charles DiComo

COMING EVENT

In the path of totality: where and when the Total Solar Eclipse stamp will debut



A total solar eclipse will be visible within a 70-mile-wide path across the United States Aug. 21, and the U.S. Postal Service is issuing an innovative new stamp in advance of the event.

Part of the new non-denominated (49¢) Total Solar Eclipse forever stamp is printed with a thermos-chromic material that will normally appear as a black disk on the stamp, representing the moon blocking the sun, as viewed from Earth.

When the thermos-chromic element is warmed slightly, by a human hand lightly rubbing the design, for example, an image of the moon will appear. It will revert to blackness once the stamp cools.

Courtesy of Linns website: <http://www.linns.com/news/us-stamps-postal-history/2017/may/total-solar-eclipse-stamp-issued-june-20.html> The link to read more !!

THE MARKET PLACE

Roy Baardsen is offering:

Marshall Islands: WW II - Complete 100 sheets - Face value \$527.14, Scott CV \$1423.50
100 sheets in MNH pristine Post Office condition. Housed in two mint sheet files.

EXAMPLE:



Asking price \$400.00

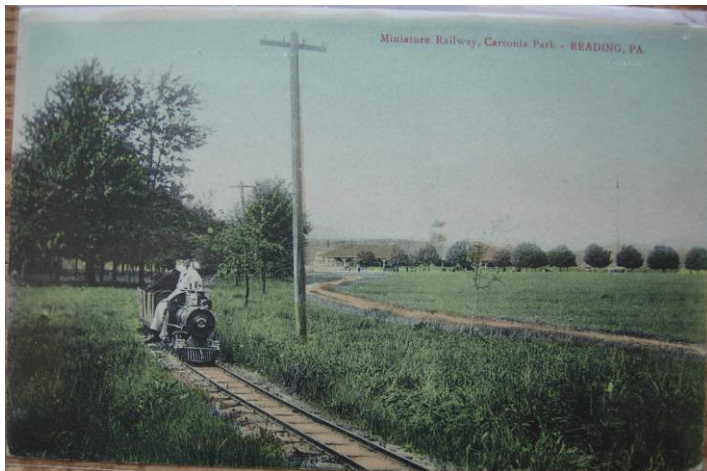
Call Roy K. Baardsen 610-927-3435 or e-mail roykb@comcast.net

Aaron Heckler is offering:

+c1910 postcard: Miniature railway, Carsonia Park, Reading, PA. series NN1505/16. Not posted. Light wear. **Asking Price \$15**

+Lot of 10 Christmas/New Years postcards. Embossed, published by John Winsch. All postally used with messages, c1910-15. **Asking Price: \$20 the lot or would sell singly \$3 each.**

+thousands of other postcards available: holidays, greetings, topics, town views, etc. Inquire with specific subject/topics of interest.



Contact: Aaron Heckler: pegpens@gmail.com

Bob Steiniger is offering:

USA 1873: 30 Cent Used Grey/Black Alexander Hamilton Scott # 165 CV \$ 140.00

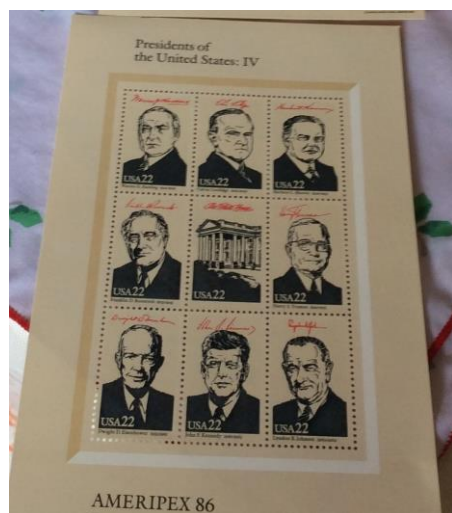
Asking price \$ 75.00

Great Britain 1919: Seahorses 2sh 6p and 5sh Wmk 34 Scott # 179 & 180 CV \$200.00

Asking price \$ 110.00

Call Bob at 610-689-4431

Mary Anne Albert is offering:



MAKE AN OFFER:

Contact Mary Anne via email at persides2@aol.com

BUS TRIP

Destination:

National Postal Museum

Where?

Washington, D.C.

When?

Thursday September 21, 2017

Cost:

\$65.00 -- (includes driver's tip)

snacks and prizes

(Dinner stop is NOT included)

ONLY 50 seats available - Payment Insures a seat

Leaving:

1st Pick Up

7:00 a.m. From Lowe's - 2625 Shillington Rd

Rt 222 to Sinking Spring, Route 724 Exit
Parking rear of lot under the LOWES sign

2nd Pick Up

7:30 a.m. From Woodcrest Villa

2001 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601
Parking in dining room parking lot

Leaving D.C.

6:00 p.m.

A Dinner Stop Will Be Made at Cracker Barrel
13600 Wolfe Road, New Freedom, PA 17349
Shrewsbury exit on Rt. 83 717-235-4040

Call:

Roy K. Baardsen

Checks Payable to:

610)-927-3435

Reading Stamp Collectors' Club

Send Payments to:

379 Sioux Ct

Sinking Spring, PA 19608-8913

Email Reservation:

roykb@comcast.net

OR

**Bring your spouse and a friend. Spend a day in Washington, D.C. for
sightseeing and lunch while we are at the museum**

MONEY IS DUE BY - August 15, 2017