



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 4th at 7:00 p.m.

AUCTION NIGHT !!!

Bring your duplicates, extras, un-wanted, you-name-it,
and give your fellow members a chance to bid on them all.

You can donate 10% or the entire amount to the club.

This always helps the club pay for expenses.

This is one of our most popular programs.

Way cool !

The youth and beginners satellite club that meets in Leesport (see note on back page) has decided to call themselves **The Locked In Stamp Club**. Nice name, your editor thinks.

The ever popular attendance drawing netted a lucky winner of \$20.00. We will start over again this month at \$5.00

Note: The club has a large selection of inexpensive, mostly foreign material for sale at each meeting. Much of it starts at fifty cents to a couple dollars. This could be a good source for those tough to find low value stamps most collections lack.

Don't forget!

Our local stamp show will be held Saturday, November 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Leesport Farmer's Market banquet hall.

HELP WANTED!

Stamp collectors needed to assist with youth and beginner program the third Tuesday of every month in Leesport. Benefits are the camaraderie of fellow philatelists. Pay is the rewards of sculpting new stamp collectors. Call Roy Baardsen at 610-927-3435 for more info.

APS Trip Planned

An informal trip to the headquarters of the American Philatelic Society on May 20, 2010.

The trip is being coordinated with the Lancaster Stamp Club. Travelers will car pool, four to a car. The passengers will split gas and tolls, if any. Again, call Roy for details.

ASDA Bus Trip in November!

A bus trip to the American Stamp Dealer's Association stamp show in New York is being planned for Thursday, October 21, 2010. As details become available, Roy will announce them. Keep your calendar open for this date.

Boy Scout Merit Badge Program

This year's Boy Scout Merit Badge program will be focused on the Shillington, Sinking Spring, West Lawn, Mohnton area. The dates will be October 14 and November 11, both the second Thursdays of the respective months. **Please** mark your calendars and set aside this date. It would be great to have a big turnout to show the scouts how enthusiastic stamp collectors can be. Small tasks also pop up now and then for a few "minutemen" for philately.

Oh My! What's a Poor Collector to Do?

By Stan Raugh

Every once in a while, I feel like Rip Van Winkle. I wake up and realized something got by me. Was I sleeping for years?

Well, it happened again a few weeks ago. I opened my copy of *Coin World* (the sister publication of *Linn's*) and began reading a regular column by Susan L. Maltby entitled *Preservation*.

A private conservation consultant, her articles include information on paper for currency collectors and is of value to stamp collectors.

Her February 22 column noted that there are several types of Mylar plastics and Mylar D was the only truly archival quality form, both of which I knew.

What I didn't know is that Mylar D is no longer made. She said conservators were shocked when Dupont announced it was discontinuing Mylar D. Not me, I was snoozing.

She says that Melinex types 456 and 516 are now approved by the Library of Congress, wherever you can buy those.

Ms. Maltby generally recommends that plastics should be free of plasticizers and slip agents. She suggests several forms of plastics may be safe.

She notes that cellulose acetate will corrode metal and degrade paper as it emits acid during degradation. Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) can look like safer plastics but damages materials even if it contains no plasticizers. There is a long list of safer plastics, however, and reliable suppliers should reveal what they are selling.