



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, November 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Cindarellas

...presented by Bob Brown

If it looks like a stamp, but it's not a stamp—it's a cinderella.
A cindarella can be a savings stamp, Christmas seal, advertising stamp
or a whole host of other stamp-like items.

This is a large collecting area and Bob is sure to have some
very interesting items to share!

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Dues Are Due for 2010:

Dues are due and can be paid at any meeting
or sent to our Treasurer, Mike Matus at 157
Lucinda Lane, Wyomssing, PA, 19610.

The club has only one classification of dues
and that is \$10 for a full family membership.
Renew early, renew often!

No December Newsletter:

*As the December meeting will be a party and
all attendees will be pre-paid and aware of the
date, there will be no newsletter or post card
mailed to announce the meeting. See you again
in January!*

Canada's Bigfoot Stamp—Premature but Possible

by Stan Raugh

Stamps are usually issued depicting real people, places and events.

Some are issued to commemorate great works of fiction, local myths or cultural beliefs.

Canada's Scott 1289, issued in 1990 as part of a set of four, honors Bigfoot, a legendary but large hairy creature of the Pacific Northwest.

There is an area of science dedicated to studying animals not proven to exist but possibly present on our planet. This study is called Cryptozoology.

There are many reported animal species for which there is minimal or no documentation. Most probably do not exist, but it is possible some do.

Animals once only rumored to exist have been discovered in the past

One candidate is the subject of Canada's stamp, Scott number 1289, issued in 1990. Perhaps this stamp is premature, but it might be a premonition.

Sightings of the creature, topping out about 8 feet tall, pop up from time to time. Many are by people knowledgeable about wildlife and nature including hunters, wardens, enforcement officers and professionals in the field of biology.

There are several films, including the famous Patterson footage from northern California. The film shows a female Bigfoot running across an open stretch of land.

While some say the film is a fake, even claiming to be Bigfoot themselves, their evidence and testimony is highly suspect.

Many professionals claim that details of the film are impossible to simulate. This group includes special effects technicians and scientists.

Hair samples analyzed for DNA come back labeled as unmatchable, exactly what you would expect.

An excellent book by Dr. Jeffrey Meldrum entitled **Sasquatch: Legend Meets Science** sifts through interesting information. Dr. Meldrum is a paleoanthropologist who specializes in bipedalism. His comments on casts of footprints he and others have collected are insightful.

Although Canada's stamp is part of a set on Cryptozoology, it may someday be out of place if Bigfoot's existence is verified.

Boy Scout Merit Badge Program

This year's Boy Scout Merit Badge program will be focused on the Shillington, Sinking Spring, West Lawn, and Mohnton areas. The dates will be November 11 and December 9, both the second Thursdays of the respective months. **Note: This is a change in dates!** Don't forget!

Stamp Club Show:

Don't forget to drop in our club's annual Stamp Show on Saturday, November 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Banquet Hall of Leesport Market and Auction.

We also need volunteers to check in visitors, help with food and appraise stamps.