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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, February 1, at 7:00 p.m.

THE STAMPS OF LAOS

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This country produces some of the most beautiful stamps in the world.
Your eyes will be dazzled by the basic beauty of these lovely pieces of art.

Don't Forget Dues!

Many members have already paid their dues, but if you have not, see Mike Matus at one of our meetings. We make it simple, family memberships are \$10.00. If you cannot pay at the January meeting, mail a check to Mike at 157 Lucinda Lane, Wyomissing, PA 19610.

Also...at our January meeting...the club agreed to join the Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition at a cost of \$20.00. This will result in publicity for our local club.

Snowy, Snowy Nite

Remember the song! Well, just in case the weather is frightful, the meeting is automatically cancelled if the Reading or Exeter schools close early or for the day.

If the schools are open all day but it looks iffy, it is best for you to call an officer as it is possible we will cancel anyway. We want everyone to be safe. However, we also hope it is sunny and 60 degrees for the days of our winter meetings!

Scott 1330 depicts King of the Wild Frontier

By Stan Raugh



Scott catalog number 1330 was issued in 1967 to depict one of America's most interesting early heroes, Davy Crockett.

Born August 17, 1786, Crockett was a man of many varied talents including frontiersman, politician, and eventually as the most famous of the casualties at the Battle of the Alamo.

Because of these exploits and his colorful backwoods persona, his career was revived in movies and TV series in the 20th Century. I can remember as a child in the 1950's getting a Crockett outfit complete with coonskin hat one happy Christmas day.

Today, I belong to The Alamo Society, a group of amateur and professional historians who study the famous battle and its participants. It is amazing how new documentation keeps appearing as members comb archives, personal collections, the internet and old newspapers.

The battle was fought in 1836 and the dues are \$18.36 annually—how quaint.

Many of the members have a show biz connection. The head of the group is William Chemerka, a bit actor in movies.

One of the most famous members of the club is recording star Phil Collins, who has flown all the way from England to the site of the Texas Alamo for annual meetings of the society.

The history of the Alamo itself as an historic building and its preservation has been stormier than the battle, with fewer deaths but many social casualties and its future is still not solidly set.

Congressman Crockett (he served in Washington from 1826 to 1834) lost his job because he opposed too many of President Andrew Jackson's popular policies, particularly Indian relocation.

Soon after, he gathered a bunch of buddies and headed to Texas to trade service for the new government in exchange for land grants.

Not long afterward, he found himself trapped in the Alamo. He could have left and justified it for many reasons, but he stayed with the garrison and died there.

The big controversy is over how Crockett died. In Walt Disney's world, he died in 1950's film swinging his empty rifle at charging Mexicans.

Some, however, think he was captured alive and executed after the battle.

A Mexican diary that surfaced about the time of the Disney movies claims Crockett was, in fact, captured and executed.

The diary is worshiped by some historians, laughed at by others. The stamp, however, is undisputedly available from many dealers.