



# 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, March 6 at 7:00 p.m.

## **Auction !!!**

Bring along items for a live auction and night of general philatelic fellowship.  
Use the old, general auction forms for this event.  
Naturally, the next regular, monthly, silent auction will be scheduled for April.

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### Weather or Not?

**The Reading Stamp Collectors' Club has a weather policy in case of unsafe outdoor conditions.**

**Basically, if either the Reading or Exeter Schools close for the day, or close early, the meeting is automatically cancelled.**

**If the weather is questionable, we may still cancel—check with an officer before going out in severe cold, ice, snow, etc.**

### Dues are Due

**Dues for 2012 are due and payable if you have not as yet blessed our Treasurer, Mike Matus, with you \$10 family payment.**

**You can pay Mike at the next meeting or mail a check to him at 157 Lucinda Lane, Wyomissing, PA 19610.**

**We have been fortunate to have so many members renew—let's aim for 100%!**

## Speaker's Bureau Formed for Southeast PA Clubs

Dick Osman, a member of our local Reading Stamp Collectors' Club who lives in the Gettysburg area, has formed a speaker's bureau for philatelic clubs in the Southeast region of Pennsylvania.

As was announced at the February meeting, Dick is looking for additional speakers to sign up. He can be reached at: 4226 Camp Woods Road, Glensville, PA 17329. His phone number is: (717) 235-6474.

This project has been a goal of his for a number of years and should be a real benefit to clubs needing speakers.

Several speakers already listed are dealers who set up at our stamp show and one is a friend of a dedicated group of members from our club who attend the Lancaster club's monthly meetings.

Our officers will be getting a copy of the listing and work with some of the speakers who have interesting topics to present.

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Congratulations to Susan Willman, who won the \$5 Attendance Drawing at the March meeting. Our 50/50 pot was quite large, I think \$24, but your editor forgot to write down the winner. We had a good turnout for our February meeting—stan.

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Just a follow-up note on our February program. The Morlatton Postcard Club will be holding its 27<sup>th</sup> Spring Show on Friday and Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. The show opens each day at 10:00 a.m. but closes at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

This large show will be held at the same Farm and Home Center where the stamp shows are held

## You Could Be a Monkey's Uncle, if Some Scientists Get Their Way!

As you know, scientists categorize plants and animals down to the level of genus and species (we are *Homo sapiens*).

DNA testing is changing a lot of old presumed relations between animals, as this kind of evidence shows some populations are really separate species, while combining other species (and genus labels) together when differences are shown to be very minor.

Our closest 'relatives' are the two or more species of Chimpanzees, which are in the genus *Pan* (again, we are in *Homo*).

Depending on the type and method of DNA you use, Chimps can come out being about 95 1/2, 98 1/2, or 99 1/2 percent human. Most scientists use the middle number, which means our furry friends may be too closely related to us to be in a separate genus and should be upgraded to *Homo*.

This could force the issue that they are human. For those who accept divine creation, this is no problem—but for those who are evolutionists this is a huge dilemma, as a few scientists insist that Chimps should be counted as human.

Imagine, the Supreme Court, or even federal law, could bestow upon them all the rights of current citizens.

They would be entitled to an education, protection from discrimination, participation in Social Security, and even voting privileges. ( Properly trained, they would make superb tree trimmers--just your editor thinking of plants and landscapes).

There have been a number of stamps depicting Chimpanzees and one could now expect many more. I would nominate Tarzan movie star, Cheetah, and J. Fred Muggs each for a stamp as early pioneers of Chimpanzee entertainment history.