



# The Overprint

Newsletter of the Reading Stamp Collectors' Club

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*SPECIAL STAMP SHOW EDITION !!*

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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.**

**Reading Stamp Collectors' Club 2012 Show  
Saturday, November 3, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Leesport Farmer's Market Banquet Hall**

**...and:**

**Tuesday, November 6, at 7:00 p.m.  
at the Berkshire Commons  
"Vatican Philately"  
...presented by Carlson Chambliss**

This is a very popular and interesting philatelic area.  
We invite you to attend this informative primer.

***Special Note:***

***Elections for officers will be held at the November meeting! Please attend!***

***Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells***

O. K., it's not Christmas yet, but the annual seasonal party will be held Wednesday, December 5 at the same site as our regular monthly meetings.

**Note:** This year it is on a Wednesday. You must pay for admission, but the cost is highly discounted. Those who have attended in the past know the drill and they know this is a nice meal for a small price. BYOB rules apply.

Space is limited and it is seriously recommended that you pay Roy Baardsen ASAP. See him at the next meeting or call him at (610)-927-3435. The cost is only \$10.00. That is a philatelic deal!

**Ads of Interest to Our Members:**

U.N. Collection, MNH - Singles 1951-2002 - 99% complete, NY, Gen, Ven. Inscription blocks of 4 complete 1951-1980...NY and Gen. Plus many other extras. WA and Minkus pages. High catalog value. Great way to start collecting U. N. \$265.00. Call 610-777-2167.

**Dues are Due**

**Dues for 2013 are due and payable if you have not as yet blessed our Treasurer, Mike Matus with your \$10 family payment.**

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

**You never know...  
...what you could find!**

The September 2012 issue of *The United States Specialist*, the club journal of the United States Stamp Society, gave a full report on a new color-omitted 41 cent flag coil stamp.

Of the five colors used to print this stamp, the light blue was totally absent, leaving off "41USA" from the design. You probably remember this series as a US flag on a beige background. By deduction, the articles confirms the stamp as 4188a.

Only two used examples have ever been found and they were sold as one lot on an internet auction site in December of 2008.

The stamps are on cover and appear to have been sent by the same person to the same address, although the return address was removed.

This probably means that the sender bought a coil roll of 100 at a local post office. Since about three weeks went by between mailings, it is probable that there were several, if not an entire roll of color omitted stamps.

No other examples have been found, and perhaps all the others were used and tossed. But perhaps not, or perhaps there were other rolls.

This is why it is so important to check every stamp you see or can look at. The article does not say what these stamps brought dollar-wise but I would guess that given no others were found, they would be worth even more.

This error will be listed in the 2013 Scott catalog as 4188c. The envelopes were mailed from the San Jose, CA, processing centers.