



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

Cuban Philately

...presented by Dr. Kent Weaver

Join us for a program sweeter than a Cuban sugar cane farm,
more inspiring than a Cuban cigar and more exciting
than a Havana night club. Got the picture?
This will be an interesting program about an important country.

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The August 50/50 drawing of **\$17.50** was won by no other than Mike Bach. Thanks, Mike for buying all those tickets over the years and supporting our club. And good luck to those who buy a ticket(s) at the next meeting. Bob Brown's name was pulled for the attendance drawing, but he was not present. Bob is very faithful in his attendance and a group "ooh" was uttered in sympathy for him!

Saturday. November 2, 2013. At 10:00 a.m. What is it?

*Our 13th Annual Stamp Show at the Leesport Market and Auction. Be sure to mark it on your calender. **Remember**, the show will be **before** our next meeting so it could be easy to miss it. We need all our helper crew and buyers. Lately our shows seem to be stronger, thanks to you!!!*

Why in the world do people keep doing this?

By Stan Raugh

I belong to quite a few hobby clubs, local and national.

These clubs have meetings ranging from bi-weekly to annually.

They have officers, often a newsletter or some other publication, and possibly a website.

Many have a show at least annually, in addition to other outreach efforts.

All this takes time and money from members who work and donate.

Why? Why is it that people do this.

For almost two decades I have pondered this question. I felt that if I could answer this question and share the information, thousands of hobby groups around the world could explode in size.

I believe hobbies could solve a lot of the world's problems. I have seen citizens of nations sworn to annihilate each other become best of friends through hobbies.

I have seen many people find jobs or develop businesses through their hobbies. I even heard of a game show guest who credited stamps as the reason he won the prizes he did.

So why are there not more people with more hobbies joining more hobby clubs?

Or, to turn the tables, why is it that

the folks who collect and support clubs do what they do? And why do they keep on doing it?

To date, these are my conclusions:

People collect because it is in man's history to hoard for the future. It is a savings to some, even if their "stuff" ends up being a poor investment. It is still "stuff."

Humans also want to possess self-esteem. A person may not be a superstar at work, but they can be an expert on fossil shark teeth. Or perhaps they are successful on the job, but are unappreciated. Regularly, the number one reported reason people take on second jobs is because they get little or no recognition at their main place of employment. In hobbies you can win show awards, create displays and give talks both within and outside of your club.

Some folks have talents they cannot use otherwise. I have read a great deal about recruiting help for non-profits such as churches. As one writer stated, get the doctor in your church to do the gardening and get the bus driver to teach Sunday school. People often get tired of doing what they do all day at work or in their profession and want the chance to do something different.

I believe another factor is that people want to socialize and feel they are a part of a group. Joining a hobby club and learning immerses you into a select group. Or, maybe, it is all just fun...