



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.**

Saturday, November 2, 2013

**13th Annual Stamp Collectors Club
Stamp Show**

Leesport Farmers Market 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm.

...and

**Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
at the Berkshire Commons (see directions above)**

A Special Guest Auction

**...we are inviting all stamp show attendees to join our club
and participate in the November meeting which will be
an auction. See the front desk at the show for details.**

A New Series:

"How on Earth Did I Ever End up Collecting..."

"Stamps on Stamps"

By Mike Bach

(With this issue we are introducing a new series of articles. We hope all members will eventually share their story with other club members.)

Mike tells us:

My father started collecting stamps in 1930 when he was eight, learning from his father and grandfather.

Continuing the family tradition, I started collecting in 1960 when I was seven. In 1984 I moved to the United States and in discussions with my father, who was about to retire, we decided to start a new endeavor: Stamps on Stamps.

I would search out stamps and then send them to England, where he would catalogue them and then create a separate sheet for each issue on which he referenced all the stamps featured on the "new" stamps.

Every time I would visit my parents in England he would show me how he was progressing and there would always be a multitude of envelopes containing stamps that I had sent him that he still had to tackle.

This went on nicely for 13 years until he passed away in 1997. Since then I continued to acquire a few new sets here and there and finally in 2008 I was able to ship the family stamp collection to Reading.

I was staggered to discover that this collection had grown from a simple idea of a father and son to a six album collection of almost 2,400 stamps encompassing over 200 countries.

In recent years I created a sub-set pertaining to the 100th and 150th anniversaries of the Penny Black (1940 and 1990) and will start a second sub-set pertaining to the 100th anniversary of the death of Sir Rowland Hill in 1979.

Every time I work this collection it brings back fond memories of the time my father and I would spend together organizing and adding to our collections.

(Thanks, Mike, for the story and good luck with your sub-sets.-ed.)

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Important: Please Read

Our Christmas Party will be held on December 3. You must be a member or the guest of a member to participate. The club will share the cost and it is B.Y.O.B.

See Roy Baardsen to sign up at the next meeting or at the show. Or, call him at 610-927-3435.

There will be an early deadline and you must be signed up and paid by then. This may be your only notice!

Also note, there will be no newsletter for December.

...And, for the record, James Savage won the October 50/50 for \$18.00 and Bob Denby won the \$30.00 attendance drawing. Congratulations to both, let's have 100% attendance in November!