



# The Overprint

Newsletter of the Reading Stamp Collectors' Club

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Most meetings held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting site is Berkshire Commons, 5485 Perkiomen Avenue (Route 422)

Turn north on Lincoln opposite the Dairy Queen.

Proceed 300 feet, turn left on Washington and look right of center at the stop sign.

**Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

**“Railway Post Between  
Serquigny and Rouen”**

**Presented by Richard Colberg**

**Subtitled “A French Railway Story” this should be a dynamite  
story about Postal History and trains—a great combination!**

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**Winter Alert...**

**If the Reading or Exeter schools close early or for the full day, our meeting is automatically cancelled.**

**If the weather is poor, it might be good to check with an officer before traveling to the meeting.**

**Our February Speaker...Is courtesy of the Philatelic Society of Lancaster County and the efforts of Paul Petersen to provide for us a program for the new year. Please remember this kindness and consider visiting Lancaster’s next stamp show.**

# Not All Gold Glitters—A look at a 1956 Exhibit

"Not all that glitters is gold," I've heard. But conversely, lack of glitter is not proof there is no gold. Confused?

Well, it is because of winter. That is, winter is the only time of the year for me to organize what I did the rest of the year and while ploughing through some old boxes (of which I have many) I found a copy of the program for the 1956 Philatelic Exhibition in Reading. And it is all gold.

This event was our club's "stamp show" of those fond times.

The event was held at Albright College and lasted three days. The first day was 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. with nothing special scheduled. It was a free day to see dealers and study exhibits (stamp collections mounted in standard frames and competing for awards).

The exhibit opened on Saturday with the same hours. The day was busy with judging of exhibits in the morning, a meeting of the Society of Philatelic Americans at 2:30 p.m. and a meeting of COROS (Collectors of Religion on Stamps) with no set time. "Boy Scout Merit Badge Tests" were held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

To top it off, a banquet was held at 6:30 p.m. in the college dining hall. A speaker from Illinois and the announcement of awards followed. Dealers apparently continued to man their booths until closing at 10:00 p.m.

Over 100 exhibits filling over 400 frames filled the exhibit area—many of them notable winners in competitive shows.

Sunday hours were 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. with more browsing of dealer tables and admiring of exhibits and awards won.

These were Spartan Stamp Collectors indeed!

Dr. H. P. Shellabear of Reading displayed his "U. S. Civil War Revenues with Railroad Cancels," from which his American Philatelic Society booklet was taken. Only a part of his collection, it was contained in five frames.

Perhaps I can share more of this gold in a future newsletter.—ed.

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## *How Can We Ever Say Thanks*

*...enough to the all our helpers at the 2017 stamp show. From those who scheduled dealers and the show room to advertising to manning the front desk, and, your editor especially thanks the kitchen crew. I am stunned by the amount of work it takes to provide an impressive menu year after year. To me, it is gourmet all the way! Thank you again!*

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## Treasurer Report as December 31<sup>st</sup> 2017.

### 2017 Summary:

Income	\$ 5,293.95
Expenses	<u>\$ 4,436.91</u>
Profit	<u>\$ 857.04</u>

We still have to pay \$ 594.00 for the Christmas Dinner, so will net \$ 261.04.

Our show netted \$ 1,090, thanks to our book sales and a fantastic job in the kitchen.

Remember we bought a state of the art projector during the year for \$ 498.

We have \$ 2,122.39 in our checking account but that will drop by \$ 594.00 for a net balance of \$ 1,528.39

Our savings account ended the year with a total of \$ 2,514.74, having earned the princely sum of \$ 1.26 in interest.

I will be reporting our status monthly.

Submitted by Mike Bach

# MIKE'S PAGES

## RSCC IS NOW ON PSLC WEBSITE

As we (RSCC) do not have our own website, I have been working with Dr Charles DiComo, President and Webmaster "Extraordinaire" of the PSLC. Charles graciously offered to have an RSCC section on the PSLC website.

<http://www.lcps-stamps.org>

Click on "Newsletter" and then "Overprint"

We have all Overprints for 2017 to 2015 and most from 2011 to 2014.

You can access this information directly by going to the following webpage.

<http://www.lcps-stamps.org/newsletter-archive/the-overprint/>

We are missing the following:

2014 - Jan, Mar & Apr

2013 - Jan & Jun

2012 - Feb & Sep

2011 - Aug

If you have a copy bring it to Feb Meeting or send me a scan copy.

**A big "Thanks" to Charlie!!!**

### USPS POSTAGE RATE INCREASES ON Jan 21<sup>st</sup>

Product	Current	Proposed
Letters (1 oz.)	49 cents	50 cents
Letters additional ounces	21 cents	21 cents
Letters (metered)	46 cents	47 cents
Outbound International Letters (1 oz.)	\$1.15	\$1.15
Domestic Postcards	34 cents	35 cents

## The Market Place

Dave Silcox has the following to offer

1. 2 world Ambassador stamp albums from the 1950's with stamps. **\$ 10.00**
2. 2. White Ace albums/dust cases - UN Mint NH singles 1960-1973, also first day covers from 1960 to 1966. On White Ace pages. **\$ 30.00**
3. 4 White Ace albums with U.S. first day covers 1960-66 and mint singles Incased on White Ace pages. **\$ 40.00**
4. 3 White Ace albums/dust cases – U.S. plate books 1958-1975 and U.S. mint singles from 1939 to 1959 with some before 1939. Includes most Presidential's to \$ 1.00. Face value over \$ 70. Stamps encased in White Ace pages. **\$ 70.00**

Interested email Dave at: [silx404@aol.com](mailto:silx404@aol.com)

**THIS MONTH WE HAVE VALENTINE'S DAY!**  
So for all you lovers out there

**Here are some LUV Stamps!**

