



# 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, June 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

***“The Stamps of Israel”***

**...presented by Dr. Carlson Chambliss**

**Wow! Talk about a timely topic.**

**What a great way to learn about a nation that is truly  
in the cross hairs of 21<sup>st</sup> Century history.  
Dr. Chambliss laces his presentations with fascinating  
biographic, historic and geographic notes.**

***We're always glad to see you at stamp club!***

## *Innovations Likely for 2016 Boston World Show*

### *Times are a changin,' even in the traditional world of stamp collecting.*

Now, your editor must admit, I don't care much for change. I still haven't come to terms with baseball's designated hitter rule. I think it is because I am afraid that at age 70 if I get called up to pitch in the American League I won't get a chance to bat! But sometimes change can be a, well, rarely in certain situations, possibly but not usually a very slight improvement. Maybe.

And it appears that there will be some changes at the 2016 Boston "Stamp World Expo"—or now, the 2016 Boston "World Expo." Note the difference in the name?

**Dropping the word "Stamp" from the title is a big change.**

But it could be a very useful one.

The purpose is to make the show more inviting to dealers and hobbyists in related disciplines like antiquarian booksellers and postcard dealers. Closely related interests could not only bring in new support for the expo, but also make it more convenient for collectors to find collateral material. "Old book" dealers may have research sources philatelists need to learn more about areas of specialization, topicals, etc.

Most of the members of our club regularly pick up area postcards and I can tell you they are goldmine for early Naval postcards, discontinued post offices, postal cards and more. Your editor would throw in autograph dealers. I am sure some dynamite free franks could be gleaned from their stock as well as background material. The interchange between stamp and autograph dealers would benefit both.

Perhaps we could think locally about expanding the scope of our shows as well. I know we have had post card dealers at our show in the past and your old tyme editor has found some neat treasures.

So, there, sometimes change could be good—except for baseball's designated hitter rule. I guess if a certain antiquarian editor ever goes up to the big leagues, he will have to make sure it is in the National League. Wouldn't want to miss a turn at the plate! **Til then, home plate is whenever I'm not eating out!**

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### **TREASURER'S REPORT: May 27, 2019**

**Cash: \$ 30.00    Checking Account: \$ 2,319.87    CD: \$ 3,054.53    Attendance: \$15.00**

**The month benefited from commission received of \$ 140.93 from the sale of stamps and coins of a former collector by club members. Thank you to those who bought US Stamp packs.**

**In addition we are starting to see Dealers paying for our November show.**

**There was no 50/50 or Attendance Drawing in May as your treasurer (me) forgot to bring the briefcase containing the tickets and name tags. MEA CULPA !!**

READING STAMP COLLECTORS CLUB 2019 MONTHLY PROGRAM			
MONTH	1st TUESDAY	PROGRAM	PRESENTER
JUNE	4th	Stamps of Israel	Prof. Carlson Chamblis
JULY	2nd	Jubilee Of Penny Postage - 1890	Michael Bach
AUGUST	6th	Canada Railway Post Offices	Dick Colberg - PSLC
SEPTEMBER	3rd	FALL AUCTION	MEMBERS
OCTOBER	1st	GB Postal Stationary - Royal Covers	David Hunt
NOVEMBER	5th	The Development of Perforations on United States Postage Stamps, 1855-1858	Dr. Charles DiComo PSLC
DECEMBER	7th or 14th	CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON	Members and Guests

### PSLC Future Meetings:

- 12 June:** Club Auction
- 10 July:** From the U.S. to Farther India & Back Again: A Five Month Journey in 1856- 1857. Dr. Charles J. DiComo
- 14 August:** Club Picnic: Freedom Memorial Park, Millersville, PA
- 11 September:** Club Auction. Mike Marino and Joseph Berlin, Co-Hosts
- 9 October:** Czeslaw Slania, Master Engraver-II. Dave Hunt. Lou DiFelice, Host
- 13 November:** Open House and One-Page Exhibits. Len Kasper and Paul Petersen. Diane Meek, Hostess
- December:** December Dinner. Deb Ehleiter & Co. TBA

## MARKET PLACE

### FROM BOB STEINIGER:

### WHAT DO YOU COLLECT? BOB HAS IT FOR SALE:

Extensive Stock ( Pre 1940 ) of Great Britain, Germany, U.S.A. and many other countries. Also Princess Diana Albums.

Give him a call: 610-689-4431

If you have stamps you want to sell contact Michael Bach at the RSCC [mbach1@comcast.net](mailto:mbach1@comcast.net) and he will put your items in the next issue of Market Place. Looking for something we have a Wanted Dead (used) or Alive (mint) section too.

# **DO YOU KNOW WHY WE ARE CALLED PHILATELISTS?**

## **Don't Like Taxes? Then You're a "Philatelist" by John F. Dunn**

If you or someone you know collects stamps, then you may be among the few who know that "philatelist" is a fancy-sounding word for "stamp collector". Stamp collectors who think they know more about stamp collecting than other stamp collectors like to call themselves "philatelists." To truly qualify as a philatelist, you need to know what the word means. Most "philatelists" know this.

Many "stamp collectors" do not. 'In the beginning' "philately" had nothing to do with collecting stamps. "Philatélie" is a combination of the French "phil"—meaning "love" in English—and the Greek "ateleia"—meaning "tax exemption" in English. Literally, philately is the love of tax exemption, more commonly interpreted as "love of freedom from paying a tax". At a time when tax avoidance and tax reduction is such a hot theme, it's a wonder more people don't realize they are "philatelists."

### **"But how", you ask, "do we get from 'love of not wanting to pay taxes' to 'collecting stamps'?"**

Here's how: Before the creation of postage stamps, most mail was sent unpaid by the sender, with the postage to be paid by the recipient; and that postage was a fee, or tax, paid for the delivery of a letter.

When postage stamps and other forms of prepaying postage for a mailed letter were developed, the recipient was freed from paying for the letter, which can also be described as being exempt from the postage fee or tax. As you might expect, recipients just loved not having to pay the postage fee, or tax— thus, making them "philatelists".

Then add in the fact that the recipient also could keep, save, and collect those stamps that freed them from paying for the postage and you know why philatelists, usually defined narrowly as stamp collectors also can be people who love not having to pay a tax.

## **OWN UP!**

**How many of you reading this article truly knew the origin of "Philatelist"?**