



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, August 6th at 7:00 p.m.

"Canadian Railway Post Offices"

By Dick Colberg

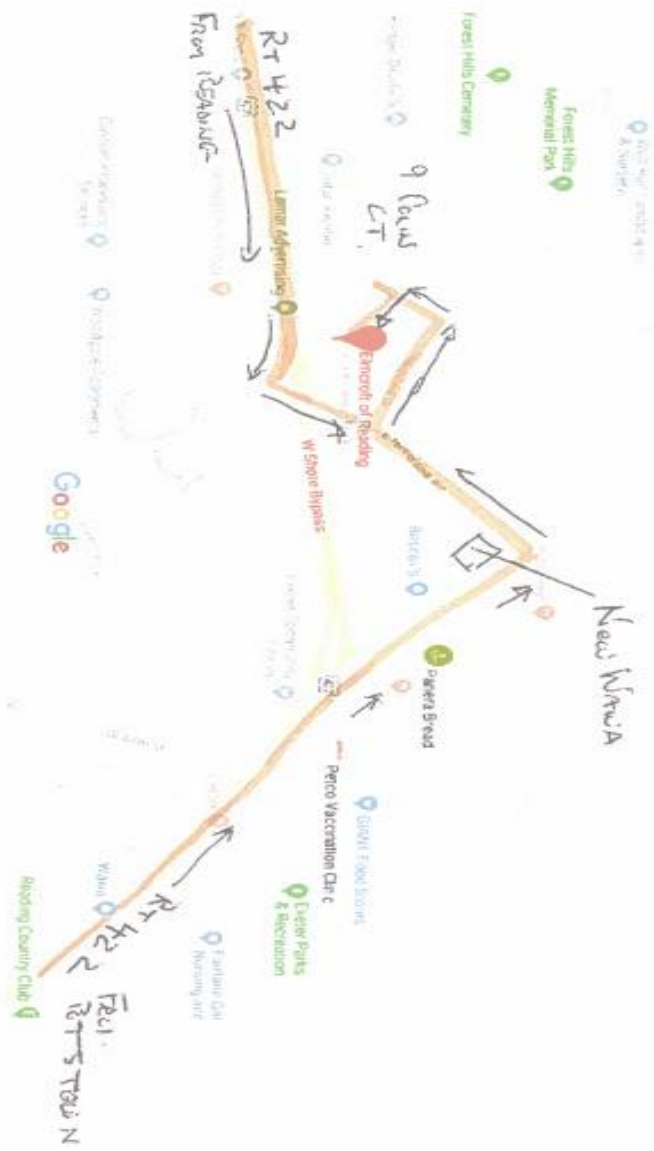
Mr. Colberg is a member of the Philatelic Society of Lancaster County. There are many areas of exciting postal history: The Pony Express out-running hostiles; soldier mail sent from the front lines; singed envelopes pulled from wreckage—but whenever you pick up a piece of railway mail the smoke from the locomotive seems to curl around you nose!

Read This Information Below !!!!! CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION

**The August meeting will be at Elmcroft Senior Living Center,
9 Colin Court Reading PA**

Travel east on Route 422 to the Mount Penn exit, following that to the top of the ramp and turning left onto E. Neversink Road. At first light turn left onto Hearthstone Drive. At 100 yards past the stop sign turn left onto Colin Court. After another 100 yards turn left into Elmcroft. If you check Google Maps, you will see this is a lot simpler than the directions seem to indicate. Naturally, if you are coming from the west, you still take the Mount Penn exit but go right off the ramp.

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR LOCAL MAP WITH DIRECTIONS



Canadian Railway Postal History Chugging Along at

British North American Philatelic Society's Website

While researching some basics about our August program, your editor initially hit a dead wall. Several dependable websites yielded nothing of value, ranging from The American Philatelic Society to Ebay.

In the end, a chance hit on a generic search led me to The British North American Philatelic Society (BNAPS). **It was a real find!**

Dating to 1943, the organization is amazingly vigorous—the website is just hopping with activity. In addition to many online exhibits, the BNAPS publishes about ten books a year and has many on backlist.

There is also a journal and many area groups. Dues are only \$30.

I knew of this Canadian specialty group for decades, but like so many other societies I had never really took a good look at them. In any case, below are two books on Canadian railway postal history the BNAPS recommends. Both appear to be very useful.

[A History of Canadian R.P.O.s, 1853-1967 by L. F. Gillam. Published by the American Philatelic Society in 1979.](#)

This book is organized by railway companies. It includes a short history of the development of each railway system, a chronological history of the RPOs used on the lines of the systems, pertinent dates and maps. Subsequent studies by many collectors have produced updates to this information so the reader should be careful to check information in this book where it is speculative. Nevertheless, the speculations offer real opportunities for new RPO collectors to embark on their own research - which is a bonus!

[Catalogue of Canadian Railway Cancellations and Related Railway Postmarks including Selected Waterway Postmarks, second edition, edited by Ross Gray. Published by BNAPS in 2015.](#)

This catalogue is *the* reference for listings of postmarks, correlations with train numbers, dates, and rarity factors. It provides a wealth of information about RPOs and their history. For details, go to BNAPS books.

Odds and Ends

The American Philatelic Society sent our club a thank you note for the \$250 donation we sent earlier this year. It was matched by another club, doubling the effectiveness.

At the June meeting the club also replied to an appeal from the National Postal Museum and voted to give them \$100.

Holly Springer won \$10 in the July 50/50 drawing.

Lou Di Felice missed out on the \$25 attendance award. Lou this is twice now.. you really should come to our meetings !!

JULY 20th 1969 - The Moon Landing

This may be the August Issue but July 20 a significant date that I could not let pass. I was 16 years old at the time and was fortunate to be here in the United States staying with my cousins on Long Island. I was so exciting to be here and watch events unfold (in black and white). Below is a little philatelic time line of this momentous achievement.



Scott C76 issued September 9th 1969 – First Man on the Moon



Scott 2841 /42 Issued July 20th 1994: 25th Anniversary Issue



Issued July 20th 2019: 50th Anniversary Issue

Editors Note: In the first 25 years the cost of a stamp increased 19 cents, In the second 25 years the increase was 26 cents

Man on the Moon Issues by other countries (in no particular order)



MARKET PLACE

FROM BOB STEINIGER:

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If you have stamps you want to sell contact Michael Bach at the RSCC 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.

READING STAMP COLLECTORS CLUB 2019 MONTHLY PROGRAM			
MONTH	1st TUESDAY	PROGRAM	PRESENTER
AUGUST	6th	Canada RPO's	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

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