

Philatelic Society of Lancaster County

An Affiliate of the American Philatelic Society: James Buchanan Chapter, # 173



Club Meeting: Wednesday, 10 November 2010

Bourse opens at 6:30 PM and Meeting starts at 7:00 PM

Bluebird Commons / Woodcrest Villa. **Tonight's host:** John Brownell

Stamp Trading to Begin Following the Evening's Program

Message from the President

John R. Ahlfeld

Following up on my recent comments about stamp shows, here's some more. I recently went to the small pre-cancel show in Horscham, PA with my eight-year-old grandson, Andrew. He's had some interest in stamps since my wife and I gave him an album and stamps for his 7th birthday. One dealer with a very extensive selection talked patiently and pleasantly with Andrew and me. As I talked with Andrew about pre-canceling and centering, the dealer got out one volume after another as Andrew and I both found things for our collection. Andrew was attracted to some of the Presidentials, pre-cancels, from his

home town, and some bird stamps. Then another dealer came over and gave Andrew a packet of pre-cancelled commemoratives to provide encouragement for this young, obviously new collector. What a nice experience this show was—though we did not have as much time as I would have liked. And will Andrew be a collector in another 10 years, or 50 years? I don't know, but the kind of attention and support he got at the show will certainly not be anything but positive.

It is time to look ahead to our holiday dinner on December 8th. Remember, spouses and other guests are welcome. Also, be

thinking about what you'd like to bring if you want to participate in the gift exchange. It should be something philatelic, and worth at least \$6, probably stamps or some kind of collecting accessory or supply. I think we'll have a different way to do the gift exchange this year—surprise!

Now, I hope you're all looking forward to Diane Meek's presentation about *Hearts on Stamps* on the 10th. See you then.

John



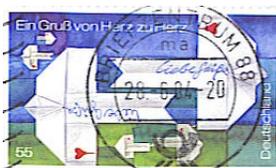
Tonight's meeting corresponds with the 235th Anniversary of the founding of the U.S. Marine Corps on 10 November 1775 at Tun Tavern in Philadelphia. **A very happy birthday, USMC.**



Nov. Program: Hearts on Stamps

Presented by Diane Meek

Another adventure in topical collecting highlights tonight's meeting. Artist, teacher, and philatelist, Diane Meek will introduce us to this collecting area.



Hearts are on more than just the annual love stamps produced by so many countries. In fact, there are some hearts on stamps that illustrate the circulatory vessels along with the heart! The UK just issued a stamp depicting a heart and EKG (See pg. 2). These latter stamps are highly prized by cardiologists and other collectors in the medical field.

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PSLC Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month (except August) at The Bluebird Commons / Woodcrest Villa, 2000 Harrisburg Ave, Lancaster, PA at 7:00 PM

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November Bio:

Chuck Kilgore

As a lark in the early '80s, Chuck and his wife Donna went to Steinmetz Stamp & Coin at Park City. They thought it would be nice to have stamp sets for their birth years. As a result, he got hooked, but not Donna. Her collecting interest remains dolls.

Intel Printing co-worker, Dan Anspach and Chuck collected together, and both joined the club in 1986. In the intervening years Chuck served as club treasurer and trek-meister, arranging several bus tours to philatelic events in State College and DC.

While U.S. and U.N. are Chuck's primary interest, he has some foreign stamps of countries traveled to and some worldwide topicals such as lighthouses, holograms, and Disney. His favorites are the U.S. airmails, especially those with a space exploration theme.

His goal is to keep his country albums up to date, and he will occasionally purchase an earlier and/or pricier issue at an auction. For many years he attended the Conestoga Stamp Auction.

Chuck and Donna have one daughter and two grandchildren. While they are not yet interested in stamps, they love playing football, and Chuck enjoys their games. When he retires after 38 years with Intel this February, he hopes to have more time with the kids and his stamps.

In addition to stamps, Chuck collects Lionel trains and is involved with the national train collectors association. He notes that twice a year there will be 10,000 attendees at the train show at the York Fair Grounds.

October Minutes and Treasury

Joy Bouchard and Clair Smith

Opening: President John R. Ahlfeld opened the meeting at 7:00 PM..

Reports: The secretary's and treasurer's reports of September were accepted as written by voice vote.

Lancopex: Jim Boyles held further discussion on potential change from a Sat/Sun to a Fri/Sat format. Club members responded that they will still be able to set up and break down. There was further discussion regarding manpower for lifting, transporting, and setting up the frames.

Reserve Funds: John led the discussion regarding spending some of the club's holdings. Club agreed to make a donation of \$500 to APS and join The American Topical Association as a club. We already have five members in ATA, and when another pays her dues, we can join

for free. Members will check with their local libraries for interest in philatelic literature donations.

Upcoming Shows: ASDA in NYC; Gettypex; Reading; Warminster; & the Precancel show and auction to be held in Horsham.

The Party: Lucy Eyster spoke for the committee and passed around a sign-up sheet. Per person costs will be \$10 for members and visitors. Doors will open at 6:00 PM and food will be served at 6:30 on Wed. 8 December in the Bluebird Room, WCV. Menu will be forthcoming. All members and guests interested in the exchange should bring a wrapped \$6 philatelic gift. (See below)

ATA National Conference: Lucy announced that the 6/12 ATA National Conference will be held in Lancaster at the Host.

Elections: John announced that the positions of VP, Sec. and treasurer are open for 2011. Anyone interested in running for office should contact him.

X-treme Make-over: Peter Baney's daughter's new house will be featured on 24 October at 8:00 PM on ABC. This is a change from 17 October.

Drawing: Chuck Kilgore won the drawing, a sheet of the new Mother Theresa stamps.

Fini: The business meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM and was followed by a snack break and presentation entitled *King George and the Royal Collection* by Paul Petersen.

Treasury Report

Opening: \$3,870.39 (1 Sep)

Income: \$588.16

Expenses: \$562.08

Closing: \$3896.47 (30 Sep)

3-CDs valued at \$6433.87

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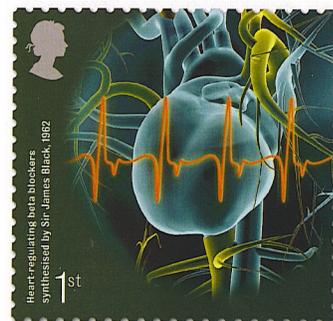
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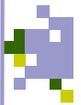
On that first Thanksgiving the Pilgrims gave thanks to their creator for the wonderful harvest that enabled them to survive the harsh weather conditions. Let us all remember to do the same this Thanksgiving as we celebrate with family & friends.

Party Details - Wednesday, 8 December at Woodcrest Villa's Bluebird Commons. Doors open at 6:00 PM and the buffet will begin at 6:30 PM. **Reservations Are Essential:** The roster will be re-circulated at the November meeting. If you are unable to sign this and intend to go, contact Lucy Eyster at 735-2587 up through 1 December. Should you need to cancel your reservation, this must be done on or before 1 December to avoid being charged for the meal. The cost is \$10 per club member or guest, and this is payable at the door.

Heart & EKG on a Stamp



This 9/16 U.K. stamp recognizes Sir James Black's synthesis of beta-blockers to address ♥ arrhythmias, protect the heart, and ease high blood pressure.



Miscellaneous Club Notes: Programs/Hosts, Minutes, Shows, and Trip

2010-11 Programs and Hosts

10 November: *Hearts on Stamps:* Diane Meek. Host-John Brownell

8 December: All-purpose Party. 6:00 PM, BlueBird Rm.

12 January: Club auction. Host-John Bray

Program planning is in place for the 2011 club year. If you

have a topic that you would like to present, please contact John Ahlfeld. Assistance is available for PowerPoint if you need it.

Upcoming Show Reminders: *Some Sunday Stamp Shows,* Farm & Home Center: ● 5 Dec. ● 6 March, ● 26 June, ● 21 August, ● 2 October, ● 4 December (Please verify ahead with James G. Boyles: 394-5118). *The Baltimore Friendly*

Stamp & Coin Show: 21 November at the Pikesville Hilton on 1726 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore.

York Stamp Show: Late January, 2011 at the York Fair Grounds.

Club Trip: Be thinking about where you would like to go this spring. Some thoughts include the NYC show, USPM in DC, and APS. Any others?

“A Neat Experience in Paris”

Communication from Dick Colberg

Dick Colberg writes that he continues to be busy in France in philatelic and other pursuits. While engaged in many stamp activities and the local stamp club in their town, he and Nancy make occasional visits to Paris. They discovered a Basque-French restaurant with a new taste which they loved.

One of their arduous activities was a two hour line for a Monet exhibit which, he added, was well worth the wait. Besides stamp dealers and auction houses, Paris abounds with antique shops which they frequent.

Dick learned of a postal history exhibit while in Paris, and after making his way there on public transport, he found that he was in need of a sandwich and soda at the show’s restaurant. The hostess was surprised that he wanted to purchase a meal and eat it there. This confused him, and he realized that he was the only one in the snack bar. He then noticed that the show’s opening ceremony was about to start in the main hall, and these events are always hosted with food and wine! This is where the other “eaters” were gathered. Dick wonders if wine and cheese

would help draw even more customers to our annual Lancopex show!

The postal history exhibit (Macrophilex) was quite thorough and educational. While he sojourned among the exhibit frames, he met some British collectors talking with the French editor of *L’Echo de la Timbrologie* as published by Yvert & Tellier, France’s version of *Scott’s Stamp Monthly*. A group photo was taken for the publication.

It’s an interesting time to be in France, Dick noted. To reduce the plaguing financial deficit, the French government is proposing to raise the retirement age from 60 to 62 while scrutinizing other benefits. This prompted labor strikes and unrest across the country, necessarily making transportation, commerce, and purchasing most difficult.

This ongoing topic of conversation often slowed somewhat when Dick explained that the retirement age in the U.S. is 65+. Retirement at 62 then looked better to his French colleagues.

Dick is now preparing for his exhibit of *Mexico Express Company Envelopes* at the Caen exhibit in late October.

Collector Congressman in the News

This summer six members of Congress held a week long stamp exhibit on Capitol Hill. It was covered in *Linn’s* and some other periodicals. Local Representative, Joseph Pitts’ exhibit was featured in two additional philatelic publications.

In the *American Stamp Dealer & Collector* (Pg. 27, 9/10), Joe Pitts was pictured by the exhibits where they were displayed in the Rayburn Building in the House of Representatives.

In *Stamp Magazine* (Pg. 10, 9/10) from the United Kingdom was an illustration of Pitt’s large block of 22¢ Uncle Sam (#3259) with autographs of Gerald Ford and his wife, Betty.

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Date: _____

Please clip this notice, complete it, and turn in with \$10 to Lucy Eyster at the November club meeting. You may also mail it to Lucy at 2001 Harrisburg Pk, B503, Lancaster, PA 17601

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____



Musings:

Combine intellectual interests and topical collecting

The PSLC may soon become a chapter member of the **American Topical Association (ATA)**, as we see topical collecting gaining ground.

In the early 1990s I began a long term study of "The Great War," and a decade later when I returned to the hobby, a WWI topical collection was a natural way to combine my interests. I had a chance to share this as a slide show to the club in 2003.

A lifelong interest in maps has led to another topical collection—maps on stamps. Readers with enquiring minds will recall a short article in this newsletter on Latvian stamps that were printed on the backs of old German WWI field maps. This is a new twist to stamps on maps theme.

The ATA produces many lists of topical stamps, and the number of topics seems infinite. I have not yet taken advantage of the "maps" list because there are so many out there that I am continuously finding.

"Maps" can be further specialized into classical and historical maps on stamps, globes, U.S. or other countries, dead countries, newly independent countries. And so much more. There is no limit

A preference of mine is for realistic, not stylized maps. The bi-color stamp from Ascension depicts this



nicely. The map is crisp enough for one to find their way from one end of the island to the other.

Hikers use topographic maps, and the U.K. Ordnance Survey has lead the way for years. In 1991 they issued a five stamp set showing the progress of a town as depicted on the maps over the two hundred years since 1791.



Germany issued a multi issue set commemorating each state in West Germany. Collectors of heraldry on stamps will enjoy these issues which contain every state and its crest. Depicted below is that representing Bavaria.



Lighthouses are a very popular topical issue, and in 1974 East Germany produced a beautiful 5 stamp set depicting nautical charts and their corresponding lighthouses and a similar set again in 1975. The CTO stamp below from 1974 represents the

1837 and 1902 Arkona lighthouses on the Baltic.



This 12/1953 map stamp from Columbia has a little bit for every collector besides a beautiful map of the country's states in various colors. Scott lists this real estate tax stamp as C237 due to its "Correo Aereo" overprint. The surcharge raises its denomination from 10¢ to 15¢, while the remaining overprints designate it as the 2nd National Philatelic Expo in Bogotá, CO.

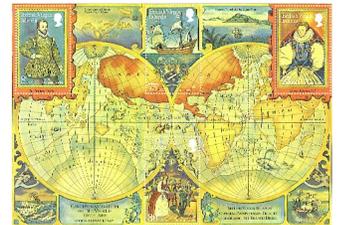


Following WWII, many colonies sought independent nation status. Several were in Africa as seen on this 1/2d stamp from

Gold Coast. It contains a map of the country with an overprint denoting independence for Ghana on the 6th March 1957.



For those desiring more of a stylized map, the 1980 Virgin Islands souvenir sheet will appeal to the Exploration topic with Francis Drake, Queen Elizabeth I, and Drake's ship.



Canada issued a se-tenant set portraying the progression of the Canadian map from 1867 to 1949. It is a geography lesson in itself. Below is that stamp representing 1905. Newfoundland would unify in 1949.



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