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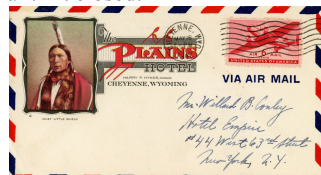
**Open House, Stamp and Cover Displays, Presentations,
Good Snacks, Free Stamps, Door Prizes, and Fun
Doors Open at 6:30 PM, Wednesday, 9 November 2016**

Len Kasper, Tonight's Host

From Hal's Stamp Den

WHAT IS THIS COVER'S CHIEF APPEAL?

The cover bears Scott C25, a 6¢ Twin-Motored Transport Plane Issue reflecting the six-cent domestic airmail rate effective from July 1, 1934 thru March 25, 1944. It's tied to a spectacular hotel advertising cover from the Plains Hotel, Cheyenne, WY. It shows a 1916 portrait of Chief Little Shield of the Northern Cheyenne Dog Soldiers.¹ This portrait hung above the Plains Hotel Reception desk until it closed.



Forty years earlier, at the time of the Black Hills War, battles were fought between Native American Great Plains tribes

and the US government; a time when the government allowed White Americans to illegally grab land and mineral rights--GOLD--from the rightful land owners--the Cheyenne and the Lakota Sioux--after gold had been discovered by White settlers moving west. Battles took place in Montana, Wyoming, and the Dakota Territories with the most famous of these being the "Battle of the Little Bighorn" or "Custer's Last Stand."² Leading an attack of Dog Soldiers against Custer was Chief Little Shield.³

Following the "Battle of Little Bighorn", the US 7th Army chased the Great Plains Native Americans across the Territories attempting to place them on government reservations. In 1877 Crazy Horse surrendered at Ft. Robinson, Nebraska with a few Cheyenne chiefs and nearly 1,000 Cheyenne men, women and chil-

dren. The Cheyenne were expected to live on a reservation with the Sioux, in accordance to the "1868 Treaty of Ft. Laramie," which Chiefs Dull Knife, Little Wolf, and Little Shield had signed.⁵ The Government signed the Treaty. The American settlers ignored the Treaty to get at the rich reserves of lumber, game, and gold. The Government would not keep the American Settlers out.

The more I researched the history of Chief Little Shield, the more it read like a John Ford movie. It had all the elements: the mountains and rivers, the beautiful wilderness of the western states, and the struggle of daily survival of the White settlers and Native Americans. White settlers moved west and discovered gold; the Lakota, Dakota, Sioux, and Cheyenne were forced off their lands; US Army and Native Americans fought; (➔President Pg.2)

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Visitors are Always
Welcome

PSLC meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month (except August) at the Bluebird Commons in Woodcrest Villa, 2001 Harrisburg Ave, Lancaster, PA 17601 at 7:00 PM. Dues are \$10.00 a year. For club information call Lucy Eyster at 717-735-2586.

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Save the Date: Wednesday, 19 November, 7:00 pm, Bluebird Commons, Woodcrest Villa. Packet Preparation Night for APS and ATA. Come for an hour or so to sort some stamps. Light snacks are care of Deb and John E.

PSLC's 2016 Annual Open House

Special Presentations by Dave Hunt and Al Schaub

It is that time of year which we all look forward to, our Open House, a time of fellowship and fun, an opportunity to invite our stamp friends. There will be lots to do and see tonight.

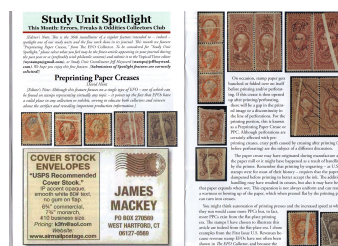
- Stamp & cover displays with discussion with the owners
- Free packet of stamps for visitors and new members
- Door Prizes: Opened to all. No purchases are necessary
- Stamp & Cover Bourse

• Free parking

• **Al Schaub** will stretch your collecting imaginations with his presentation entitled "Another Source of Philatelic Fun." Enjoy his perspective on the hobby.

• **Dave Hunt** has a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Preprinting Paper Creases." This is based on his recent article in ATA's *Topical Time*. He addresses some of the production challenges in preparing the earliest of U.S. Revenues and

the impact on the results. Dave is a collector of Errors, Freaks, and Oddities, so come and learn about the interesting material he has compiled over the years.



(➔From President Pg.-1) Native Americans and White settlers fought. Wait, this was a John Ford movie?

“Cheyenne Autumn” was John Ford’s last western and the first where he portrayed the brutalization of the Great Plains Native Americans in film.⁶ I have seen all of Ford’s films on television or in the theatre, and like most kids, westerns were my favorite. However this film and storyline made a different and lasting impression. I would soon figure out how this film that I’ve seen only twice since 1964 is related to this cover.

Somewhere beyond the bends of the North Platte River in Nebraska in the fall of 1878, the Cheyenne council split into two groups. The first group of Dog Soldiers wished to stop running and headed to the Red Cloud Agency located in the Wyoming Territory. Chief Little Shield lead the first Dog Soldiers and their families. The second group was lead by Chief Little Wolf. He headed into the winding Power River basin of northeast Wyoming. The two groups would find themselves back together at Fort Robinson after Dull Knife’s band of Cheyenne were caught in a blinding snowstorm, surrounded by the U.S. 7th Army. They surrendered without a fight -- cold, tired, and lacking food.

On November 22 Carl Schurz, Secretary of the Interior and Phillip Sheridan, Commanding General of the Army determined that the Cheyenne would be returned to the south reservation, period. The Cheyenne refused. The Army’s next decision was to **starve and freeze** 1,500+ men, women and children into submission. No food. No water. No wood for heat. Move south or die!

On the night of January 9, 1879, a child died of starvation and the Cheyenne revolted, making a daring escape using the dismantled guns they had hidden for months; but they had little ammunition. The soldiers pursued and many Chey-

October Minutes and Treasury

Diane Meek & Lou DiFelice

Opening: President Hal Klein opened the meeting at 7:05 pm with a few short announcements. He then segued to the speakers.

Program: **Mark Schwartz**, a newly elected Director of APS is on a committee to identify ways to attract more people to collecting. He discussed some ideas with membership and sought their feedback on APS and why some have not renewed their APS memberships. He will take this feedback to his committee. **Bill Schultz** spoke on the topic of The Enclosed 5 Cent Rate, a cover marking used on stampless mail until 1855. Paul Petersen added that there were eight club members joining the speakers for Dinner at the Olive Garden.

Membership: Lucy Eyster announced that there were 100 members as of September. Jacob Fehl renewed his membership after a several-year hiatus. Tonight there were two new members, Bill Schultz and Mark Schwartz of West Chester and Philadelphia respectively. Both are collectors of stamps, covers, and postal

history of the early U.S. Tonight’s attendance was 48.

2017 Dues will be collected tonight and in November/January but not in December. Renewal information is on page 3.

Approval of Minutes: The September Minutes were approved unanimously as written by voice vote. There was no Treasurer’s Report in September.

Monthly Drawing: Mark Hollister and Thawn Pham won the monthly door prizes.

Reading Stamp Show: Paul reviewed the car-pooling procedures for the 5 November show.

Stamp & Cover Sale: Club member and retiring stamp dealer, Al Schaub, is offering his dealer’s stock at great discount. Contact Al if interested in seeing what he is offering (717-560-6278).

Open House: Final details were reviewed, and all are encouraged to bring stamp friends. Dave Hunt will give a presentation on his recent *Topical Time* article, and Al Schaub will discuss interesting aspects of the hobby. Paul passed around a sign-up sheet for those willing to prepare a new one (or more!) page exhibit.

Club Website: Hal thanked outgoing website founder and webmaster, RD Noble and introduced Dr. DiComo as the new webmaster. The board will convene with Charles to evaluate the current status of the website and chart the course for the future.

Stamp Packet Night: Membership consensus was for 19 November at 7:00 pm at Bluebird Commons for our next opportunity to prepare packets for APS and ATA. Deb & John Eheliter offered to bring light snacks Paul will send a follow-up email.

December Dinner: Lucy passed around a sign-up sheet for our 14 December event. Further information will be forthcoming. Cost sharing for members and guests is \$15 per person.

Club Trip: Mike Bach suggested a multi-club bus trip to the National Postal Museum in DC for the fall, 2017. The last NPM was in 2013. This was met with great support, so he will pursue the issue.

Treasury Report: 1-30 September

Opening: \$4,692.13

Income: \$0.00

Expenses: \$0.00

Closing: \$4,692.13

3 CDs valued at \$6,993.13

enne men, women and children were killed, including Chief Little Shield. The remaining survivors were then herded south in the freezing cold with little food or protection.³ So went the history; so went John Ford’s film—except where it was filmed.

And then there was Harry P. Hynds, the last owner of the Plains Hotel in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Hynds was blown into Cheyenne by the strong plains winds in the 1880s. He was part of the great influx of people who fled west seeking a new life, fortune,

and relief from the Great Depression of 1873-1896--America’s *longest* depression!

Hynds, described as “...strong and flamboyant⁷”, came to Cheyenne from Illinois. He was a blacksmith by trade. He built wagons, drove the Black Hills Stage, and he opened saloons and gambling halls in four cities calling them the ‘straightest in the west!’ He killed his first wife’s lover after discovering Maude with him together in a room in Salt Lake City. He then divorced her after being acquitted of the lover’s murder!⁸ He dabbled in boxing, opening

a boxing ring next to his saloon, and by 1911 he was an investor in the Plains Hotel. Hynds amassed a \$1+ million fortune (\$18,055,343 today) in oil investments and later became a philanthropist. Hynds died in 1933. The building that was the Plains Hotel was destroyed by fire in 2004.

So, what is this cover’s chief appeal? Chief Little Shield? Harry P. Hynds? John Ford’s movie? The choice is yours. Either way, the history and postal history is fabulous. **Hal**

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Unique Topics on Stamps: Since his article entitled **The Philatelic Completist & Small Topical Collections** (June 2015, Pg.-4), Ed. has been soliciting small topical collections or unique topics on a stamp. To the left is Germany #1080 where a booted foot is about to step on a sharp nail. Can’t imagine too many of these around. It is part of this country’s issue on safety. ATA’s *Topical Time* is also seeking unique topics on stamps, with this month’s article (Sept/Oct, Pg.-43) depicting the electric chair and the anti-Mafia Investigating Department on stamps. Unique? Time will tell. ATA has a good database of this type of information, but it always welcomes more.

Remembering NY2016

Ed's Note: Readers are familiar with Dick Colberg's articles in the newsletter. The ones with his philatelic pursuits in France are always most interesting. He and Nancy are currently in RF through 11 November, but over the last several months there they have had some wonderful experiences.



Dick's stay this season overlapped with several events. One was RF's **Celebration of Stamps**, sponsored annually by *La Poste* along with a commemorative stamp for the show. Dick has often exhibited here,

but this year he is working on a new exhibit, "The Postal History of the Serquigny to Rouen Railroad" with the help of his French friends.

Then it was on to **Marcophilex** in Pau, the major postal history show in RF followed by attending a large stamp show in **Sindelfingen, Germany**. There he connected with many of his collector friends.

Because Dick and Nancy have a condo in New York, he was able to attend NY2016 daily. One highlight was the **APS Postal History Symposium**.

Most of Dick's NY2016 energy went toward volunteering. On Friday evening before the Show he spent four hours mounting exhibits. He followed this with four-hour stints at the registration tables on Saturday, Monday, and Friday. When the show ended on Saturday, 4 June, he volunteered another four hours dismantling exhibits. The following day he spent additional time checking exhibits before they were returned. He concluded that his activities with the exhibits allowed him some quality time to personally observe some really fine philatelic material up close.

Working around his volunteer schedule, he was able to spend some time on the bourse, though by the end he found very little for his own collections. He was, however, able to procure some covers for his French friends to avoid a shutout at the bourse. The show allowed him to meet up with many his friends from the Continent who were in attendance. Overall, the NY2016 was an outstanding stamp show.

New Haven Stamp Show



On a routine visit to New Haven my stamp friend, Jim from Mass. suggested we attend the monthly stamp show by New Haven's club, the NHPS. It turned out well, being about the size and scope of Kevin Kellman's *Some Sunday Stamp Shows* here in Lancaster. I had the opportunity to meet

some of NHPS's people and learn of their club, the oldest continuously operating stamp club in the U.S., the only club that meets weekly, and the only club that organizes a monthly stamp show! It's a hard act to follow.

In our conversations we realized the importance of clubs sticking together, and as a result, NHPS will be joining our newsletter exchange. The show schedule is on their website, and it is recommended. See www.nhps1914.org.

Tax Tips & Hobbies that Earn \$\$\$

Ed's note: This information was forwarded by Hal Klein from his accounting firm knowing it may be useful for some PSLC members.

The next tax filing season is closer than you think. Millions of people enjoy hobbies such as stamp and coin collecting, etc., but the IRS may also consider them a source of income. As such, if you engage in a hobby that provides a source of income, you must report that income on your tax return; however, taxpayers (especially business owners) should be aware that the way income from hobbies is reported is different from how you report income from a business. For example, there are special rules and limits for deductions you can claim for a hobby. Below are five basic tax tips you should know if you receive income from your hobby.

Business versus Hobby. There are nine factors to consider to determine if you are conducting business or participating in a hobby. Make sure to base your decision on all the facts and circumstances of your situation. To learn more about these nine factors, please call your personal accountant to discuss your specific situation.

Allowable Hobby Deductions. You may be able to deduct ordinary and necessary hobby expenses. An ordinary expense is one that is common and accepted for the activity. A necessary expense is one that is helpful or appropriate. *For more information about these rules, contact your accountant.*

Limits on Expenses. As a general rule, you can only deduct your hobby expenses up to the amount of your hobby income. If your expenses are more than your income, you have a loss from the activity. *You can't deduct that loss from your other income.*

How to Deduct Expenses. You must itemize deductions on your tax return in order to deduct hobby expenses. Your costs may fall into three types of expenses. Special rules apply to each type. Use Schedule A, *Itemized Deductions* to report these types of expenses.

Use a Tax Professional. Hobby rules can be complex, but using a tax professional makes filing your tax return easier. If you have any questions about reporting income from a hobby, please follow-up with your accountant or tax professional.

Club Notes

Programs, Hosts & Shows

2016 Programs

9 November: '16 Open House and Members' One-Page Exhibits. Len Kasper and Paul Petersen.
Preprinting Paper Creases presented by Dave Hunt and **Another Source of Philatelic Fun** presented by Al Schaub. Len and Karen Kasper, Hosts

14 December: Dinner-6 pm

2017 Programs

11 January: Winter Auction. Vern Marten, Host

8 February: '38 Prexies, Hal Klein. Doug Milliken, Host

8 March: 1.) "Chasing Jenny-A Philatelic Mystery," Jeff Stage of APS. 2.) Lancopex prep.

12 April: U.S. Postal Rates: 1792-1869, Bill Schultz

10 May: Collectibles and Your Estate. Patti S. Spencer, Esq.

14 June: Spring Auction

12 July: Postal History Classics. Dr. Charles DiComo

9 August: (Picnic Chairman needed for this 2017 event.)

12 September: Fall Auction

11 October: Confederate Philately, Trish Kaufmann

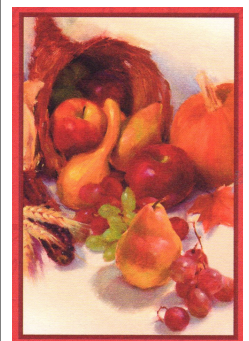
8 November: Open House and One-Page Exhibits

13 December: Dinner

2016 Shows/Events

Some Sundays Stamp Bourse: Sunday, 18 December. Farm & Home Center.

Happy Thanksgiving



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Please clip this dues notice, complete it, and turn in to Lucy Eyster at the November meeting with \$10.00. You may also send it to her at 503-B, 2001 Harrisburg Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17601

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

ATA Member ☐ APS Member ☐

Please check the appropriate ATA/APS box(s) if you are a paid up member.

☒ Make checks payable to P.S.L.C.

Musings: The Lions Club-Service and Stamps

I never cease to be amazed at what I learn about the hobby and the almost limitless information that can be found on the Internet. This was just going to be a short article, but once I got started, it was hard to stop. This is the danger of being an information junkie, and the Internet has not helped a bit!



While tidying up after the October meeting, Lucy Eyster handed Dennis Shumaker a small bag of used prescription eyeglasses. As a non-prescription glasses wearer, I had forgotten about the project that we touted in this newsletter several years ago. For nearly a decade, Lucy has been collecting used glasses from PSLC members and residents at Woodcrest Villa to give to Dennis Shumaker. Dennis is with the Lions Club and sends them to the organization's eyeglass recycling center, as vision is one of their missions.

Carol and I support a medical minis-

try in Kenya, and they have non-medical eye specialists who help to improve vision in the Third World. The optics of the used glasses are analyzed and labeled by prescription. The eye specialists in the field then do a quick refraction with a specialty machine, and then match the numbers on the machine to the numbers on the donated eyeglasses. While they can't help all those in need, they can bless many with improved vision to enjoy a better quality of life.

In thinking about this, I recall going through an accumulation of stamps and finding a few Lions club and Kiwanis Club issues. Knowing club member Dennis Bouchard is very active in this region with Kiwanis, I sent them to him, and this begat a new topical collector of service organizations! When I started this article, I contacted Dennis B. to borrow some Lions Club stamps. While the Lions Club specializes with vision, Kiwanis primarily addresses children and youth, with some services to the elderly.

The September-October issue of *Topical Time* (Pg.-37-38) of the American Topical Association contained an updated list of their topical stamp listings. There are some service organizations noted

below with the number of worldwide stamps of that topic noted in parentheses. Kiwanis (22); Jaycees (77); Lions Club Int'l (255); and Rotary Int'l (647). Additional well-known organizations include the Red Cross (1921), the Masons (8458), the Boy Scouts (1699), and the Girl Scouts (285) among others.

The internet is replete with information on the Lions Club (LCI) including their mission, membership, geographical areas of service, and ways to contribute. But what caught my eye was the website for the Lions Club International Stamp Club (LISC). This is a group that takes their philately very seriously. See www.lisc.nl.

Most impressive is their integration of LISC's philatelic activities with the Lions Club mission. Here's what they do: They collect stamps with the Lions logo (and other related areas such as blindness and leprosy) and promote collecting and trading among members. They have a full-color catalog of stamps from 1940 through 2008 along with a hard-cover preprinted stamp album with updates.

Further, LISC sets up booths at most Lions Clubs events and conventions to encourage collecting among the general Lions popula-

tion and to recruit members to LISC. Here they sell Lions' philatelic items. LISC lobbies postal administrations for special cachets to highlight Lions' (i.e. blindness) events. They do the same for stamp issuing entities for the release of new Lions-related postage stamps.

A website called postbeeld.com lists 61 countries with almost 120 Lions Club stamps for sale. This includes the U.S. #1326 "Search For Peace" issue of 1967. Several years ago, the USPS decided to no longer issue stamps for organizations (generally speaking, as there are always exceptions) because there were too many requests, not enough stamps, and too much politics. This is why the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts was a year after the anniversary and labeled "Scouting" without any BSA organizational logo. Ed♣



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