

MEETINGS, 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH  
TIME: 7:30 P.M.  
LANCASTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER  
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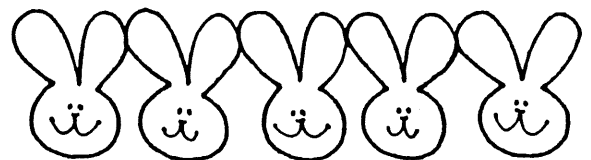
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**I WAS JUST THINKING . . . . .**

It's "SHOWTIME"! Yes, another year has gone by and again we are making reparations for our show in early May. Last year we had very good response for help for our Friday evening set up, Saturday morning exhibit preparations, and the Sunday evening breakdown. I hope everyone will budget some time during this weekend. Our meeting this month will be devoted to sending out show announcements. I hope we have a good turnout to help with this chore. As usual the APS circuit books will be available. Our May meeting will be a one penny swap.



The President and his lovely wife, BILL AND TRUYDE GREINER, will be the hosts for the April meeting. Saw TRUYDE this week checking out her yard for some edible "violets" for violet tidbits. Does this give you spring fever, or what!!

Bill Greiner  
President

**FROM THE**



**DIRECTOR**



**APRIL PROGRAM**

The April Program will consist of "sticking and licking" announcements for the upcoming LANCOPEX. If you have any problem stamps you need information on, bring it along and while we stick and lick we can pick up some info in problem stamps.

## NEED SMOKE FREE STAMPS?

By Rita Kallal

Peter Bialick, recently sent me copies of correspondence between himself and Gordon P. Wrenn, the APS Director of Sales. Mr. Bailick had complained to the APS Sales Division about a specific sales circuit sent to him that reeked of cigarette smoke. He contends that these stamps are damaged and stink up his smoke free home and albums. In response, the APS Sales Director did not seem very sympathetic to the complaint. He indicated that the APS cannot and will not attempt to tell members that they cannot smoke in their own homes while preparing APS sales books.

As a reformed heavy smoker with allergies, I can see this issue from both points of view. When I was a smoker, I would have angrily dropped out of any organization that told me I couldn't relax with a cigarette while I worked with my stamp collections. It is not within the providence of APS to interfere in this personal choice.

However, as a person who has developed respiratory allergies I now understand that tobacco smoke bothers some people tremendously. Smokers do not realize how much everything within their homes reeks of smoke. After I quit smoking and my home has a chance to air out, I began to notice which stamp dealers smoked. Everything they sent smelled of stale cigarette smoke and when locked in my small office for awhile, the whole room smelled of stale smoke. It was most pronounced when I received stamps in mounted books because the paper pages and covers had absorbed a lot more smoke than did stamps in glassine envelopes. In fact, the stamp filled glassines quickly lost the odor if left spread out on my desk for a few hours. The books were a different story!! Leaving them out on my desk didn't seem to help their odor much, just stunk up the room!

I found a solution in my kitchen cupboard .... regular old baking soda. Using a portable metal file box, I sprinkled a generous coat of baking powder in the bottom of the box, then covered that with a layer of paper toweling. I laid the smelly books on the toweling and covered the books with another layer of toweling. (This second towel layer was long enough to run up the sides of the box a little.) Onto this I sprinkled more baking soda and closed the box for about 24 - 48 hours. After the deodorizing period, I carefully gathered up the top layer of toweling with the baking soda inside and removed it. The first time I tried this idea I found that the books in the middle of the stack weren't as fresh smelling as the ones on the outside. Next time I rotated the position of the books a couple of times during the deodorizing period and had better results. While this is a safe way to rid your stamps, books, and albums of smoke, if anyone knows of other remedies, please let us know.

-- THE CIRCUIT, ISWSC

Please note how I have cleverly changed the font to give you the impression that something important is being written here. Additionally, I have placed a box around the entire paragraph to make it stand out even more. Maybe this will teach you a lesson. It's not always necessary to read the small print. Sometimes it's a total waste of time.

FOR YOUR COLLECTION

Please note the stamp on your envelope. This is a semi-postal stamp which costs 40 cents. When you use this stamp, 7 cents goes directly to the cause of fighting breast cancer. Thought the club would like to have one of these used stamps for their collections.

B I D B O A R D

In the February Edition of the Scott Monthly was a story with a Lancaster Date Line: it concerns the counter-fitting of Revenue Stamps.

In 1898 William Jacobs a cigar manufacturer and William L. Kendig, a tobacco wholesaler, reasoned that if they didn't have to pay Revenue Taxes, they could undercut their competition. They went to great trouble to duplicate the paper and the watermark found on the Henry Clay Revenue Stamp. They had plates made by an expert engraver in Philadelphia. It is estimated that they defrauded the government to more than \$125,000. which was a fortune in those days.

Their downfall came when they got greedy and decided to make \$100 bills. Their engraver spent one. The clerk thought it looked suspect and he sent it to Washington. The Secret Service gathered enough evidence to put Jacobs and Kendig and the Engraver in jail.

This is only a sketch from a two-page story, but enough to have a moral.

**DON'T PRINT YOUR OWN STAMPS!**

DICK DUDLEY, Editor.

(Note: - Dick is recuperating from poor health at home. Please send him a cheery card to brighten up his day.)

**NOTES**

This month's PHILATELLING AROUND is rather anemic, so I'll try to make up for it next month .....I've sworn off jokes for Easter (especially April Fool ones).....Note the albino stamp on albino cover pictured on the back of this page .....

Yes, we are again having a BID BOARD at our upcoming LANCOPEX program headed by JOHN FORD.

NOW would be the time for people to think about special items that they would like to get a special price for and have it put on the Bid Board in hopes that someone else would want to pay that price.

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Have you given LUCY EYSTER your \$5.00 donation to have your name printed on the "Patrons List" of our stamp show program. Be sure and see LUCY at the meeting. You still have time if you sign up at the meeting.

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