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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

On Thursday, October 28th we had our first meeting at the Grace Baptist Church on Marietta Avenue. For a "first-time" meeting, we were quite pleased. Future meetings at the church will be low-key meetings. Paul Petersen and I both brought refreshments. We decided among ourselves that we would not have "treats" at this meeting. It will be stamp collecting, stamp trading, stamp selling, and any other stamp-associated project we decide to pursue.

The comments in general were very favorable. Dianne Meek: "For the first time, I could bring my stamp book, sit down and leisurely browse through my collection and fill in blank spaces."

Dianne was busy checking out Jim Boyles' binder of stamps marked "Not cheap stamps, but stamps cheap." There was plenty of room and she could spread out her album and work on her collection.

I talked to most everyone there and it seems to be the consensus that we should hold the Christmas Party on December 8th rather than on the 23rd. The 23rd is too close to Christmas itself! So, mark your calendar--Christmas Party--December 8, 2004. We will not have a meetings on the last Thursday for November (Thanksgiving) and December (too close to Christmas). I talked to Dianne and she said "No problem."

It was so nice to have some additional members for the Christmas Party Committee. I will be contacting the committee members in the very near future for a planning session.

I missed the October meeting due to vacation. However, I wish to thank Al Shaub for the great job of filling-in. We have a very special club, and it was so good to see some new names on the list of candidates for office. We will be voting on them in November. This is what makes the club so very special -- when new people step up to leadership positions. Our club grows each year and this is one of the reasons. We have leadership, willingness, and enthusiasm. Congratulations to all!

STAMP CLUB MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY. OCTOBER 13. 2004

Vice president Al Schaub called the meeting to order at 7PM with 28 members and one guest, Patsy Harsh, present. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as stated in the newsletter. The treasurer's report showed a balance in the checking account of \$5,776.55. In response to a question about getting a certificate of deposit. it was decided to check out near-future expenses and vote on a CD at November's meeting.

In a discussion about the second monthly meeting of the club--this month on Thursday, October 28 at 7PM at Grace Baptist Church--it was made clear that there would be no business or program presented. The purpose is to swap, buy, sell, and work with our collections.

Al circulated a paper asking for 3 or 4 volunteers for help with the December meeting party. Volunteers to work with Marilyn Shirley are Lucy Eyster, Mary Husson, Eleanor Wheeler, and Lou Di Felice.

Al circulated two more papers: (1) requesting programs to be presented by our own members; and (2) asking what programs or topics members would like to hear about at a future meeting.

After 25 years of APS membership. Al Schaub was presented with a year's free membership to present to a *new* APS member. Lou Di Felice received this membership.

Nominations for next year's officers were Lou Di Felice for Vice President, Bob Stevenson for Secretary, and Bill Greiner for Treasurer. Voting will be at the November meeting.

Announced by Jim Boyles Lancopex '05 will be April 23 and 24, 2005.

Maggie Larkin's name was pulled for the \$5 drawing. Because she was not present the drawing in November will be 510.

After a brief intermission Bill Snyder presented a slide program on Computers and Stamp Collecting. Computers can be used in 4 ways. (1) Scott catalogue is now available on disc for around \$50. (2) Album Pro Version 3 can be used to create custom album pages. This is especially useful for topical collections and stamps of assorted sizes. (3) EZ Stamp is useful for recordkeeping. Inventories and want lists can be generated. EZ Stamp's companion program, Album Gen is a program that makes pages for the stamps you have. Microsoft computers have a database program that can be used for album pages. (4) Internet dealers can be important for buying and selling stamps. Our own club member, Peter Billis, is an internet dealer.

We can learn more about the use of computers and stamp collecting, Bill said, by reading Linn's column, "Computers and Stamps", and Scott Stamp Monthly's column, "The Glassine Surfer".

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Lucy Eyster. Secretary

STAMP SOFTWARE

Stamp software may be purchased from the vendors listed below. The easiest way is to make the purchase over the internet—and this method sometimes provides. The price indicated does not include shipping.

Catalogue Compact Discs—All Scott Catalogs, both the US and the Countries of the World series, are available on CD. They may be obtained from Amos Hobby Publishing, P. O. Box 828, Sidney, OH 45365-0828; telephone 1-800-572-6885; www.amosadvantage.com Price \$50-55.00.

Stamp Data Base Software—the three programs that I have used or seen advertised are listed below. Items 1 & 2 include many foreign countries.

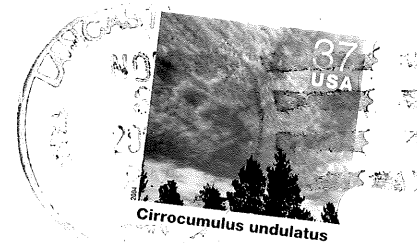
1. Stamp Collectors Data Base \$85.00
7809 Archbold Terrace
Cabin John, MD 20818
1-800-321-SCDB
www.scdbsoft.com
2. EZ Stamp \$79.99
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Sault Ste Marie
Ont, , Canada P6A6K4
1-705-254-6021
www.ezstamp.com
3. Scott U.S. Stamp Collector's Database \$69.99
Amos/Scott, see Catalog CDs above

Album Page Software

1. Album Pro #75.00
Menu Works, Inc.
51 Donkle Road
Greenville, SC 29609
1-800-257-6368
www.albumpro.com
3. Album Gen \$49.99
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The November meeting of the Lancaster County Philatelic Society will be held at the Maple Grove Community Center at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, 10 November. At this meeting the membership will vote on the members nominated for office at the October meeting. The nominees are:

Lou DiFelice.....Vice President
Bob Stevenson.....Secretary
Bill Greiner.....Treasurer

The program for this November meeting is Christmas Stamps. The host for the meeting is Bob Stevenson.