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PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF LANCASTER COUNTY
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MEETINGS - 2nd Wednesday of each month
STAUFFER MANSION at 7:30 P.M.
1241 Lititz Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601
Next Meeting- Wednesday, March 13, 1991

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

It is show time! In another seven weeks or so LANCOPEX '91 will take place at the Boscov Mall at the Park City Center. We all look forward to this show because it exposes us to a number of different stamp dealers and their inventories. In addition, the show gives us a chance to showcase our hobby and let those who are interested in stamp collecting know who we are and what we are about.

As you all know this stamp show does not happen by itself. It requires a lot of work and coordination to make it work. A lot of the groundwork is already laid but there is still a lot of work to be done. The cachet is finalized, but the fun task of putting stamps on all those envelopes is still before us. We also have to get the announcements out to the APS members in the general area. These are the activities that will occupy our time for the next couple of meetings.

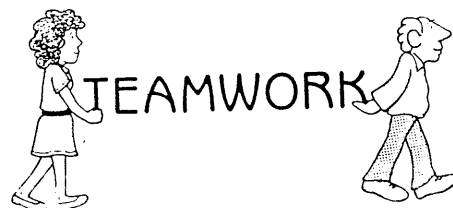
The evening before the show we need to set up the mall for the show. This means putting up tables, setting out chairs and putting up the support for the frames for the exhibits. This doesn't sound like a lot, but it takes several hours to complete. The morning of the show means putting up the exhibits and making sure the final details are complete. During the show we need people to man the club table and the junior table. That means all day Saturday and Sunday we have to tear down and clean up a lot of work in a couple of days. I know we have individuals that can't help with the physical work but you can still help at the club table. Others will only be available certain times during the weekend. Give the club as much time as you can. If you can't make it to one of the next two meetings to sign up in person, please let someone know what you can help with and when.

If everyone chips in hopefully no one will have to bear the brunt of the work. Thank you for your cooperation.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR ---

- April 19, 1991 - 9:00 p.m.
Set up stamp show --- Help always needed.
- April 20, 1991 - 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
LANCOPEX '91
- April 21, 1991 - 12:00 noon - 5 P.M.
LANCOPEX '91
- April 21, 1991 - 5:00 P.M. - ???
Tear down stamp show --- Help always needed



LANCOPEX '91 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Awards -- Dave Strayer
Exhibits -- Bill and Truyde Greiner
Publicity -- Bill Carroll
Editor -- Marilyn Shirley
Operations -- Dick Shaefer
Cachet and Cancellation -- Jim Boyles
Program -- Jim Boyles, Marilyn Shirley

Anyone willing to serve on any of these committees, please contact the chairman.

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A woman purchased stamps for a package she was mailing. She asked the postmaster, "Shall I stick them on myself?"

"No, it'll work better if you stick them on the package," came the reply.

-- Ken Ruzzar, New Era

PUZZLE MANIA ANSWERS

HOW I DO IT

The following list is our answers to last month's puzzle:

AIRMAIL	FLAT	PRICE LIST
ALBUM	GLASSINES	PROOF
BISECT	HINGE	REGISTRY
BOOKLET	IMPERF	REVENUE
CANCELLED	INVERTED	ROTARY
CATALOGUE	ISSUES	SEMIPOSTAL
CIRCULAR DATE	MAGNIFIER	SE-TENANT
CLUB	MIXTURE	SOCIETY
COIL	MOUNT	SOUVENIR SHEET
COMMEMORATIVE	NEVER HINGED	STAMP PRESS
COVERS	PERFORATIONS	STOCKBOOK
DEAD COUNTRY	PHILATELY	TONGS
DEFINITIVE	PLATEBLOCK	TOPICAL
ENGRAVED	POSTAGE DUE	TRIAL COLOR
ENVELOPE	POSTAL NOTE	USED
ERROR	POST CARD	WATERMARK
FIRST DAY	POSTMARK	

Some people found other words such as the following: GLUE, LOT, SET, STATE, TIED ??? and TYPE.

It's uplifting to know some of our club members really do read the newsletter!

Congratulations to TRUYDE GREINER for having 50 answers. Tryude will be presented her prize at the MARCH meeting.



WE NEED YOUR HELP, PLEASE



We are trying to compile an accurate membership listing. If your envelope has a circled question mark on it, we do not have you listed as having paid your 1991 dues. However, we found that some of these members have paid their dues or else were lifetime members. If this is the case, please contact our treasurer, Benjamin Heller. Send your inquiries to Benjamin Heller, 327 Harvest Drive, Lititz, PA 17545.

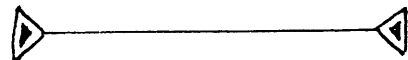
I'd like to share the system I use to arrange and store duplicate stamps, although I know it may not be suitable to everyone. I have found it very successful for the past 18-20 years and it doesn't cost a cent, just a bit of time.

I take regular size (#10) envelopes (mostly return envelopes from junk mail) and seal the flap. I then cut them in half lengthwise and put a staple in the middle to form two pockets. You can staple in two or three places to form several smaller pockets. This makes a container similar to that of a stock book pocket. By turning the back side of the envelope to the front, there is ample room for writing country and catalog numbers, etc. I was fortunate enough to find boxes from a local department store that are about the size of these envelopes and about 3 inches high. When enough pockets are filled and placed in the box, it is very easy to access them all.

I file them alpha by country and within each country the stamps are in order by Scott number. It makes it very easy to find any given stamp at any time. People with specialized collections may be able to adapt this to their needs. If you want stamps from certain time periods, it is easy to find them because they are listed by Scott numbers.

*Editor's Note: Check with local printers for their spare #10 envelope boxes to use with above pockets. For glassine storage ask for #6-3/4 envelope boxes. Most printers can order stationery or envelope boxes for you at reasonable prices if they have no spares. Or ask a friend who works in an office to save their boxes once the envelopes are gone.

--THE ISWSC CIRCUIT



STAMP EXCHANGE CLUBS

Do you like to correspond and exchange stamps by mail? We came across a lengthy list of active exchanges. A sampling follows. If you wish to receive the addresses of the other 34 clubs, send a SASE to Marilyn Shirley, 19 Circle Road, Millersville, PA 17551.

United States

Donald Emmart, Pan-Emm Stamp Exchange, P.O. Box 226, Great Mills, MD

A very good stamp exchange, though rules are a bit complex in comparison to other exchanges. Low and high catalog value divisions. CV commission or straight yearly dues. small charge for yearly insurance.

Art Abelsen, NREC, 3116 Kauffman #A, Vancouver, WA 98660

"NREC" stands for "No Rules Exchange Club," and just about anything goes. Low and high CV divisions. 10% CV commission on stamps traded only. Good.

C.E. Brand, 9035 SW 102nd La., Ocala, FL 32676

No CV commission charged on entries. Instead, a flat cash fee of 25¢ per selection mailed. Min. CV 8¢ per stamp, \$3 per sheet of 20. Good.

Canada

Although we received less information than anticipated about Canadian exchanges, here are some names to try. If you are a U.S. collector, a SASE with US stamps on it will do you no good, however, as a courtesy I would recommend 35¢ in gummed U.S. postage (preferably commems.) to help defray cost of a reply. Remember, from the U.S. it now costs 40¢ to mail a letter to Canada.

The Stamper, 789 Central Ave., London, Ont., N5W 3R1, Canada.

Reader recommended, "runs quizzes now and then and gives prizes of CV in stamps.

Gordon J. Downey P.O. Box 311, Station "0" Toronto, Ont. M4A 2N9, Canada.

British Colonies and WW exchange, advertises prompt service.

John Wiggins, Box 43, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 2G1, Canada.

Exchange club for advanced collectors.

Christian Trottier, Box 381, Bourassa, Montreal, Quebec, H2C 3G7, Canada.

Advertises 100% Scott CV credit for exchanges, plus bonuses, etc.

In our experience, each exchange has its own "character" which is very hard to define. The parameters of catalog value, the needs (or lack of needs) of other members in the exchange, and frequency of selections, etc., all contribute to how valuable an exchange can be for you. We collect most anything worldwide, the easiest possible type of collector to please in a worldwide exchange. But for your collecting needs, who can say which exchanges will work best?

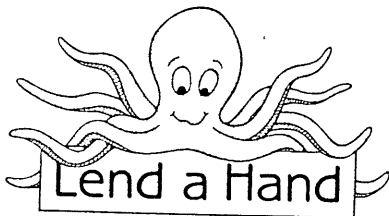
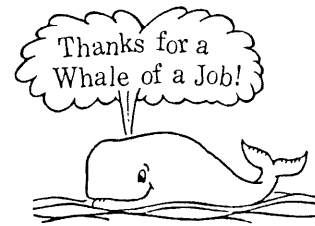
One universal rule that cannot be stressed enough, however, is that you should try to enter the type of stamps you would like to receive in return. A good exchange operator will try to generally send you the same caliber of material that you enter, although the process of sending you return selections must have some elements of randomness, because it is simply impossible for any exchange operator to look at every stamp before sending it to you.

Exchange clubs work for thousands of collectors. Good Luck!

W E L C O M E ! W E L C O M E !

L.C.P.S. wishes to welcome its newest member --- LUCY R. EYSTER, of Lancaster. Her interests include stamps of China. Look for Lucy at the March meeting and be sure to make her feel at home. Welcome aboard, Lucy!

We cannot allow outgoing Treasurer, LESTER MUMMA, and outgoing Secretary, DAVE STRAYER to step down without calling attention to their years of dedicated service in the aforementioned posts. A stamp club or any hobby organization cannot move forward or even survive without that small core of members willing to give of their time and talents to tasks that are often unappreciated, scarcely noticed and almost always taken for granted. Lester and Dave while passing the responsibilities of their offices to new faces will, fortunately, be in our midst offering guidance and support to the rest of us for many more years to come. Thanks from all of us for jobs well done.



The March meeting is scheduled to be a Work Night where we will all "lend a hand" in getting ready for LANCOPEX 1991.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Anyone wishing to submit articles for the newsletter may do so. All news items must be submitted by the 25th of each month, prior to publication.