

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF LANCASTER COUNTY
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MEETINGS - 2nd Wednesday of each month
 STAUFFER MANSION at 7:30 P.M.
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*From the
 President's Desk*

Another LANCOPEX stamp show is history and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their efforts. Everything went relatively smooth but only because so many people pitched in to get the job done. Of course, some glitches were encountered, but all in all, no major problems cropped up.

The new frames seemed to go together easily once we got the bolts. On Friday night it was discovered that the frames we purchased from the York Club didn't have the bolts necessary to put them together. Fortunately John Huffneagle, from York, had come over to help us with the frame set up, so he arrived at 7:00 a.m. Saturday morning with the missing bolts and we finally got everything together. The new frames were more secure than the old ones and certainly an improvement.

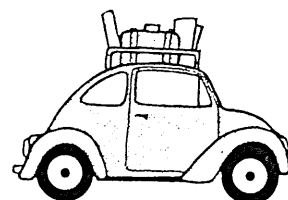
We worked so hard we literally burned two of the wheels off of the new cart we were using to haul things up and down the mall. I guess the combination of the weight and the rough flooring, at the mall, were too much for the wheels. At any rate, by the time the second wheel went you could smell the burning rubber half way down the side mall in front of Boscov's. Oh well, next year we will get bigger wheels and see if that does any good.

A couple of special thank you's are in order to: Marilyn Shirley who did all the typing; Jim Boyles, who did the lion's share of the work in getting ready for the show. A lot of people don't realize just how much time and effort Jim puts into this show. Now you can have a well deserved rest

until it is time to clean your garage out to make room for those new frames. (Actually he is involved with the Federation Show in Harrisburg May 24-25 and can't rest yet.)

ONCE AGAIN, THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR EFFORTS!

-- Dick Shaefer, President

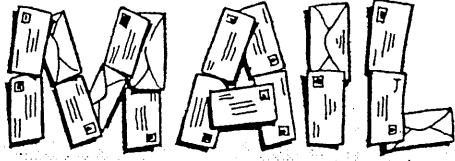


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DO YOU NEED A RIDE TO CLUB MEETINGS?

If you are not attending club meetings and functions because you lack transportation, call TRUYDE GREINER (717) 394-0879, who will put you in touch with a member who will be happy to pick you up.

BILL CARROLL who suffered a fractured hip is currently residing at the Maple Farms Nursing Center, Akron, PA 17501. We're sure he would appreciate a card and a get well note.



ROMAN MAIL FOUND IN ENGLAND

A recent find of about 700 letters written during the Roman occupation of Britain during the first century had received considerable attention in Great Britain, according to an account in the November-December issue of "The Philatelist and PJGB" adapted from an article by Philip Howard in The Times of London.

The 1,800-year-old letters were unearthed at what was the Roman military outpost of Vindolanda just south of Hadrian's Wall and is today Chesterhold in Northumberland. Although located near the very edge of the Roman Empire, Vindolanda had all the amenities of its age, including central heating, baths, flush toilets and a hotel to accommodate visitors.

Inscribed on thin shaves of wood, the letters were written by at least 600 individuals, mainly ordinary soldiers among the non-Italian cavalry from the Rhine and Northern Gaul that garrisoned the small fort.

The letters give details of the lives of ordinary soldiers during the occupation, including the organization of the Roman army, detail of this dress, his food and the events of the period. Letters of introduction, recommendation and requests for military leave are among the items identified.

According to the report, the wooden tablets have been dated between 95 - 195 A.D., presumably by radiocarbon analysis. The wood was fortuitously preserved in a wet rubbish dump on the site.

Most of the letters are said to be quite personal, including some with contents that any soldier who served far from home would readily recognize.

One that accompanied or preceded a parcel reads, "I have sent you pairs of socks from Sattua, two pairs of sandals and two pairs of underpants."

In a different vein, another letter is a birthday party invitation between two Roman ladies, Flavia Severa and Lepedina.

According to the published account, "When the excavations are complete, it is planned that the complete archives will be housed in the British Library. Collectors can breathe again -- nothing will be for sale."

(Article in Linn's from 1989 -- but still interesting)

LANCOPEX IN REVIEW

The LCPS and invited dealers of LANCOPEX '91 certainly were not singing "Rain, Rain Go Away, Come Again Another Day" at the recently concluded stamp show. The Park City Mall lots were filled to capacity and LANCOPEX '91 benefitted as droves of shoppers came through, browsing and buying at the 14 dealers' tables, standing two deep at the more interesting display of wares. All the dealers reported higher than anticipated sales and being well pleased with the two-day show.

The official cachet prepared for the show was a bonanza for the LCPS. At \$1.25 per envelope, the club realized \$900. Additionally, T shirts remaining from last year's show moved briskly. A highlight of the show was the voting by the public for Best of Show. The honor went to Gordon Miller for his frames depicting "Stamps of the Azores 1868-1931. Besides Lancaster, exhibits were entered by collectors from York, Lebanon and Philadelphia areas. The stamp exhibits, virtually ignored at the larger shows, received their fair share of attention as exhibits in Junior, Club and National categories vied for the attention of the seasoned collectors and casual passersby.

The success of the show can be attributed to the experience, preparation and long hours of hard work by the LCPS members who participated, coupled with a fortuitous run of stormy weather that presented us with a grand opportunity to "strut our stuff" before successive waves of shoppers who came in out of the rain.

I'M NOT OLD ... I'M MERELY MATURE!

Today at the drug store, the clerk was a
gent
rom my purchase, this chap took off ten
percent.
I asked for the cause of the lesser amount
And he answered, "Because of the Senior's
Discount."

I went to the corner for a burger and fries
And there once again got quite a surprise
The clerk poured some coffee, which he
handed to me
He said, "For you Seniors, the coffee is
free."

Understand - I'm not old - I'm merely
mature
But some things are changing - temporarily,
I'm sure.
The newspaper print gets smaller each day
And people speak softer - can't hear what
they say.

My teeth are my own (I have my receipt)
And my glasses identify the people I meet.
Oh, I've slowed down a bit - not a lot,
I am sure
You see, I'm not old - I'm merely mature.

The gold in my hair has been bleached by
the sun
You should see all the damage that chlorine
has done
Washing my hair has turned it all white
But don't call it gray - saying "blonde"
is just right.

My friends all get older - much faster than
me
They seem much more wrinkled, from what I
can see
I've got "character lines," not wrinkles,
for sure
But don't call me old - just call me
mature.



The steps in the houses they're building
today
Are so high they take your breath all away
And the streets are much steeper than ten
years ago
That should explain why my walking is slow.

But I'm keeping up on what's hip and what's
new
And I still think I can dance a mean
boogaloo
I'm still in the running - in this, I'm
secure
I'm not really old - I'm only mature.

EXHIBITOR AWARDS LANCOPEX '91

LANCOPEX '91, the Sixth Annual Stamp Show And Exhibition of the Lancaster County Philatelic Society was held April 20 & 21, 1991 at Park City Center, Lancaster, PA.

The 512-page Stamp Exhibit featured 19 Exhibitors. Awards were as follows:

The Grand Prize and a Gold was awarded to Steven M. Roth for his exhibit "Philadelphia Postal History." His exhibit also won the APS and the Postal History Society awards.

The Reserve Grand and a Gold went to John C. Hufnagel for the exhibit "The Kansas-Nebraska Overprints." This exhibit also won the BIA Award.

The LCPS, Keystone and PA. Postal History Awards and a Gold was awarded to James G. Boyles for the exhibit "Postal History of Lancaster County, PA 1798-1899."

The Novice Award and a Silver went to John E. Romig for his exhibit "Stampless Covers 1800-1847."

A.A.P.E. Awards were given to John Hufnagel for the exhibit "U.S. Stamps with Plate Numbers" and Gordon A. Miller for his exhibit "Stamps of the Azores 1868-1931." Both of these exhibits won Silver awards.

Silver Award for "Lititz Postal History" by Richard Colberg.

Bronze Awards to:

David Strayer - "Stamps Around The World"
Richard Colberg - "I.P.S.A.", "Great Britain: One Penny Postage" and "Great Britain Security Overprints".
Jerry Laconis - "Art on Stamps"
Michael Shirley - Europa Common Designs"
Marilyn Shirley - "Argentina"

In the Junior Division:

Kathryn Seeds won the J.P. Harris Junior Award and a Gold for her exhibit "Long May It Wave."

Brett Newswenger won the J.P. Harris Blue Ribbon and a Silver for his exhibit "Underwater Creatures."

Three Bronze winners were -
Vanessa Roth - "Plants and the Environment"
Jarrod Good - "Sierra Club Stamp"
Nicole Loveland - "Freedom"

Judges for the Exhibition were Mr. W. Danforth Walker, Stevenson, MD and Mr. Alan Warren, Philadelphia, PA.-