



MEETING -- 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH  
STAUFFER MANSION -- 7:30 P.M.  
1241 Lititz Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601  
NEXT MEETING -- Wed. October 13, 1993

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION  
CALL MARILYN SHIRLEY (717)872-2479 OR  
MIKE SHIRLEY(717)394-0186

VOL.4, NO.8      NEWSLETTER FOUNDED SEPTEMBER 1990      OCTOBER 1993

## ANYTHING BUT STAMPS



Because the fall and winter months reduce long and generally cold evenings, most of us are inclined to work "gung ho" on our collections, attend stamp shows, bid at auctions and culminate our activities with the LANCOPEX show at Park City in the spring. How about a change of pace for our May meeting. It would be difficult to believe that as a collector each of us limits him/herself to only the collecting of stamps.

We propose that members bring to the May '94 meeting a display of something not related to stamps that they would want to enlighten other members about. Possibly instead of another collecting interest, you create items in wood, do needle-point, paint oils or water colors. You just might whet the appetites of fellow members to begin a new activity. Think about it. In the spring we will bring up the idea again.

Bob Allison, with a little "leg twisting" has graciously consented to do the honors this month.

### OCTOBER PROGRAM

The Business portion of the program will be devoted to the nomination of club officers. The balance of the program will be an auction. So bring in those unwanted, unneeded philatelic items that are lounging around not earning their keep and turn them into cash.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Jim:

Congratulations on the fine piece of satire in the August issue; garbage can lids are right up my alley. (Sorry about that!) A pox on the "Newsletter Staff" who added the derogatory remark at the end of the article. Considering their six-line repetition in paragraph 4, one wonders just who has been sniffing the watermark solution! Besides, if they spent a little more time proof reading instead of composing snide jabs at our stalwart authors, such typos as "pertenant" for "pertinent", "entrepeneurs" for "entrepreneurs" and "Dinasaurus" for "Dinosaurs" would not befoul our fair publication. I suggest that in 1994 we send them all to Milau, Italy for the International Convention of Garbage Lid Collectors, while the rest of us go to Milan.

(Just kidding, oh! fair and diligent "Newsletter Staff", but I just could not resist the temptation, especially since you insist on spelling my last name "Tindell".)

But that is not really why I am writing. I have two related suggestions. Twice this month I have had occasion to contact members of the club in response to pleas in the Newsletter: one to sign up for the picnic, and the other to make a reservation for the Smithsonian trip. The notices, while urging action, did not contain the phone numbers and addresses of the person to contact. I am therefore suggesting (1) when there is a plea for action, include the name, address and phone number of the person to contact, and (2) perhaps it is time to republish a current roster of

members. I looked through my materia and do not find any such list. I think it would be a helpful thing to have.

Case in point: I plan to give this to you at the picnic, as I do not have your address either.

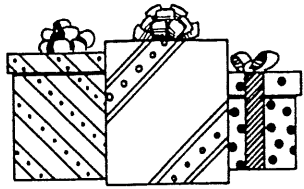
I was planning to write a few more articles for the Newsletter, but the Newsletter staff might take the above remarks, proffered in jest, seriously, so perhaps I should let discretion be the better part of valor.

Sincerely,  
Herb Tindall

## L.C.P.S. ROSTER

From time to time we receive complaints regarding the unavailability of members' phone numbers and home addresses. Most recent case in point, Herb Tindall's lament in his letter to the editor. The only copies of the current roster are in the hands of the club Treasurer and the Newsletter data processor. Many meetings ago the Newsletter staff wanted to include a current roster with the Newsletter, but several members objected, fearing their homes might become targets for burglars if the roster accidentally got into non-members' hands.

We can bring up the proposal again at a future club meeting. Perhaps just the member's name and membership number could be printed for those who perceive a problem. However, a potential burglar could locate the name in a telephone directory and guess the address.



*Happy Birthday*

The Newsletter had a birthday in September which went unnoticed because we did not print an issue for that month. The Newsletter turned three. As the time approaches to prepare the next issue, we worry that we won't have enough material to fill the Newsletter, only to find we have to trim in order to hold down the page count to stay within the one-ounce (29¢) mailing fee.

We thought that this would be an apt time to consider which direction our Newsletter will take in the years to come. In this issue, October, '93, you will find a survey soliciting your opinion on what has gone before and what you want the Newsletter to be in the future. If you are attending the meeting in October, please bring the completed form with you and hand it in to Jim or Marilyn. If you do not plan to attend, please complete the form and mail to Marilyn Shirley, 19 Circle Road, Millersville, PA 17551. Your cooperation will certainly be appreciated and will have an impact on the Newsletter's future.

## EDITORIAL

### 1992 APS/CAC NEWSLETTER CONTEST

Each year the APS Chapter Activities Committee (CAC) conducts the APS/CAC Newsletter Contest. We entered last year's competition (1991) and were awarded a vermeil; the level of awards in descending order being gold, vermeil, silver, silver/bronze

and bronze. We took to heart their recommendations including a new name, masthead, announcing up-coming stamp shows, and sundry other changes. The requirements to enter the competition are simple: submit in duplicate any four issues published during the year.

This year (1992) we again entered the contest with the same results, a vermeil. (Vermeil is silver coated with gilt or other material.) The criticism by the judges included the comment "Some good, non-philatelic stories by club members and lots of reporting on meetings, tours and programs, but little philatelic content. Generally boring."

Our feeling is that we achieve our objective in the content of each Newsletter. If one wants information about new stamp issues, technical articles on the 1851 or 1869 U.S. stamp issues, or investment tips on overlooked issues of Nauru or Monaco, then he/she should subscribe to Linn's, Stamps, APS Journal, etc. We can understand someone from Philadelphia or Pittsburgh reading about collectors and club happenings in Lancaster and being bored.

We are concerned with how our members perceive the Newsletter. Consequently, we are asking you to complete the questionnaire enclosed in this issue. If you should feel more comfortable in not signing your name, fine. But we do need your input into what course our Newsletter is to pursue in the future.

## ISWSC, A PASSWORD TO ADVENTURE

Please note the enclosure for the International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors (ISWSC). I joined three years ago, being assigned #424. Today, ISWSC has nearly one thousand members in the U.S. and overseas. What have I gotten from my membership? A bi-monthly newsletter containing many informative stories and news of the stamp world, some of which has been included in the LCPS Newsletter from time to time. Mainly, my reward has been the contacts I've made with collectors and would-be entrepreneurs (How's that, Herb?). Since I collect the Far East, I have been able to obtain mint sets and s/s's at face value, often dating back a number of years, in exchange for U.S. stamps I buy at the post office or the stamp club.

When you correspond with someone from Singapore, you are not limited to receiving Singapore stamps as he/she usually has available the stamps of Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia and other Far Eastern countries. An added bonus is the envelope your stamps will come in. Many correspondents decorate their mailings with a dozen large exotic stamps. As stiffeners, they often use colorful scenic postcards of their countries.

Within the U.S. I am often able to trade stamps from countries I no longer pursue for those of my current interest. Once in awhile, someone I write to, because of age or ill health will offer me excellent buys as he/she down scales or relinquishes a collection in its entirety.

Then there are the social aspects of corresponding. My wife picks up the mail and complains, "eight letters and seven are for you." And I reply, as I once did in the service, "You've got to write 'em to get 'em." So I urge you to broaden your horizons and look into ISWSC membership. Not only will you add stamps to your collection directly from the source, but you may kindle new friendships in remote corners of the world.

## THE PICNIC

Another summer picnic has come and gone. Since the 28 attendees included spouses and guests, it was estimated that only 14 members supported the event by their presence. Just as much work is required to prepare for 28 guests as it is for 50 or 60 by those tasked with ordering and cooking the food, setting up and supervising the games and raffle that entertained the picnickers.

Incidentally, Marilyn baked a delicious looking layer cake covered with chocolate and coconut while Sarah provided a lovely door wreath and watermelon as raffle prizes. The raffle realized \$25.00 for the club treasury. A few home baked dishes were in evidence but many delicious dishes of past years were missing along with the members who prepared them.

Mary Husson won the watermelon, Carol Shaefer the wreath and Marion Armerding, the cake. The high scorer in the games was Fred Husson who was awarded a \$5.80 book of stamps for his efforts. Let's hope our Christmas Party will receive the members' support it deserves.

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please print or type

Mr/Ms/Mrs \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Postal Code, Country \_\_\_\_\_

Check if you: DON'T want your address published \_\_\_\_\_ DON'T want to trade with others \_\_\_\_\_

DON'T want your address released by the Society for other philatelic mailings \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

If under 18, have a parent or guardian sign here \_\_\_\_\_ relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Philatelic references (give membership numbers) APS \_\_\_\_\_ ATA \_\_\_\_\_ RPSC \_\_\_\_\_ RPS \_\_\_\_\_

List other societies \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been declined membership or expelled from another society? No\_ Yes\_ (attach details)

How did you hear of the ISWSC? \_\_\_\_\_

Name and number of ISWSC sponsor (not required) JAMES LYMAN, #424

Dues are US \$8 per year. (Newsletters are sent by surface mail - air rates available on request). You may join for up to three years. Youth dues are US \$6 per year if under 18 years old. Members are also asked to donate 250 different, collectable, undamaged stamps per membership year for the ISWSC Youth Program or pay their equivalent to the Secretary/Treasurer for that purpose. (Not required of youth applicants.)

International members please remit in US dollars if possible. If not we will accept an International postal money order, US mint stamps with full gum, IRCs at a value of \$0.50 each or mint pictorial stamps from your country (all different and in complete sets) with a face value equal to the dollar total of your fees and dues. Make checks and money orders payable in US \$ to ISWSC.

Dues:  
Membership for \_\_\_\_\_ years @ US \$8 per year (Youths under 18 @ US \$6 per year) \_\_\_\_\_

Youth program support (adult members choose one):

250 large collectable stamps per membership year. Do NOT send with your dues. You will be advised where to mail these by the Secretary-Treasurer.

Monetary contribution in lieu of 250 stamps per year (please be generous) \_\_\_\_\_

Optional:

Current ISWSC Membership Roster (postpaid to USA US \$2, to Canada: US \$3.50, elsewhere US \$4) \_\_\_\_\_

ISWSC Cloisonne lapel pin (postpaid to USA US\$3.25, to Canada: US \$3.50, elsewhere US \$4.25) \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Payment by : Check \_\_\_\_\_ Money order \_\_\_\_\_ IRCs(# \_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Mint full gum stamps at face \_\_\_\_\_

Send dues and this form to:

ISWSC Secretary-Treasurer

Carol Cervenka

Route 1, Box 69A

Cludo Mills, TX 75135 USA

FILL OUT THE MEMBER INTEREST CODES ON THE REVERSE AND MAIL



# SURVEY

*With  
Sympathy*

1. Newsletter is too long to read.  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ OK as is \_\_\_  
a. Too short  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ OK as is \_\_\_
2. Articles are too wordy  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ OK as is \_\_\_
3. Does not contain enough current  
stamp news of local interest.  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ OK as is \_\_\_
4. Format should be changed, too  
much sameness.  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ OK as is \_\_\_
5. After 3 years of publication, I'm  
getting bored with reading the  
Newsletter.  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ OK as is \_\_\_
6. If I were paying a subscription  
fee, I'd cancel.  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
7. Is there something you would like  
to see in the Newsletter?  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ OK as is \_\_\_
8. Need more technical articles.  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ OK as is \_\_\_
9. More info of new issues, U.S.  
and/or worldwide.  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ OK as is \_\_\_
10. Need more member coverage regard-  
ing member collecting interest.  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ OK as is \_\_\_

IF YOU ANSWERED YES TO ANY QUESTIONS  
POSED ABOVE, PLEASE COMMENT ON WHAT  
CHANGE WOULD IMPROVE THE NEWSLETTER.  
ALL SUGGESTIONS WILL BE GIVEN CAREFUL  
CONSIDERATION, AND IF NOT ADOPTED,  
THE REASONS WILL BE DISCUSSED IN A  
FUTURE ISSUE.

The L.C.P.S. wishes to extend their  
very deepest sympathies to Harry Rapp  
regarding the death of his sister,  
Rosa Rapp on Monday, October 4th.

Harry and Rosa were in the  
entertainment world together and  
resided at 317 W. King Street. Many  
of the members will remember Rosa  
when she accompanied Harry to various  
activities of the club.

Our concerns and thoughts are with  
you, Harry.



**SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL  
POSTAL MUSEUM TRIP,  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23.**

For those already signed up, the bus  
will depart from HILLS DEPARTMENT  
STORE, in the Golden Triangle across  
from the Grubb Mansion at 7:20 a.m.  
SHARP. We will return to Lancaster at  
approximately 8:00 p.m., leaving  
Washington at 4:00 p.m. On the trip  
to Washington you may bring your own  
lunch or purchase a lunch nearby. A  
scheduled stop for dinner will be  
made on the return trip to Lan-  
caster.

## LCPS OFFICERS

C. Daniel Anspach, President  
William Greiner, Vice-President  
Benjamin E. Heller, Secretary  
Charles Kilgore, Treasurer

## NEWSLETTER STAFF

Jim Lyman, Editor  
Sarah Brown, Researcher, Reporter  
Marilyn Shirley, Data Processor  
Mike Shirley, Graphic Arts/Layout

### TOP TEN LEAST ADVISABLE SUBSTITUTES FOR STAMP HINGES

10. Wallpaper paste.
9. Refrigerator magnets.
8. Spot welding.
7. Surgical clamps.
6. Rivets.
5. Duct tape.
4. Wood screws.
3. Meat hooks.
2. Railroad spikes.
1. Crystal Mounts.

-- The Stamp Hinge  
Central Michigan Philatelic Soc.

