

MEETINGS, 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
LANCASTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER
Lincoln Highway West, Maple Grove
Lancaster, PA 17603
Next Meeting - Wed., August 14, 1996

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OUR CLUB
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JULY MEETING

The July meeting began with a short business report by DICK SHAEFER indicating that the club is solvent. The financial breakdown being:

\$ 769. - checking account
976 - savings
2,000 - C.D

However, a payment of \$600. to the Farm and Home center is due shortly to secure the hall for our 1997 LANCOPEX show. Incidentally, there was no host for July as was the case in June. JIM LYMAN volunteers to be host for the September meeting when hopefully we will have volunteers for October and November to finish out the year of regular meetings.

We were told that the stamp portion of the Lancaster Stamp and Coin Store will be moving to Intercourse. The coin business will remain at the North Queen Street location.

The tables were set up in a line making it difficult to hear what anyone sitting on the other end had to say. Would the square be better to get everyone involved? Of course if you came late and had to sit on the inside of the square your back would be to most of the activity going on.

Here it is July and we are still getting feedback from the last LANCOPEX. It seemed dealers at the show earned less money at the Farm and Home Center than at the Park City Mall. This was explained as being caused by the lack of pass-through traffic you find at the mall which generates impulse buying by non-collectors.

AUGUST MEETING

ANNUAL PICNIC
MANOR TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY PARK

July Meeting (cont.)

The program was to be a sellers night with members bringing in items of a philatelic nature to sell to other members. Unfortunately, there was little material offered. The program was saved by DICK DUDLEY, who brought in a large box of foreign stamps of good variety and quality which he generously allowed members to dump on the tables and sort through, keeping all they took a fancy to.

Possibly, for some future program the Club could buy a 10-pound foreign mixture. For the privilege of sorting through the stamps, each member would bring a quarter pound of foreign to add to the mixture or pay \$1.00 to the club treasury to join in the hunt. Of course, members could donate more than the minimum amount of stamps. All material remaining at the end of the night would be sealed in a box and held for the children's table at LANCOPEX '97. Let's talk about it at the September meeting.

Twenty-three members were in attendance.

LESLEY BOTTE passed out complementary tickets to the Philadelphia Stamp Exhibition. She has more. If you did not attend the July meeting but would like to go, give her a call at 484-4700 and she'll hold the ticket(s) for you -- a savings of \$4.00 per attendee.

Because a Newsletter was not printed for July, we are reporting briefly on the June meeting belatedly. A profit of about \$230. was realized from LANCOPEX '96. Whether to have the next show for one or two days; the number of dealers tables; more exhibit frames from York; were briefly discussed.

Attendance was light. PETER BILLIS acted as auctioneer for the auction (program for June). Very few items submitted, bidding was unspirited.

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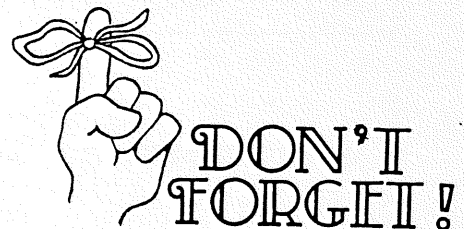
PHILADELPHIA NATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION

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SATURDAY - 10 AM TO 6 PM
SUNDAY - 10 AM TO 4 PM

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ANAPS WORLDSERIES OF PHILATELY SHOW



ANNUAL PICNIC WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

Our picnic this year will again be held at the Manor Township Community Park. Food will start to be served at 6:00 P.M. so come a little early that the dishes can be arranged. A sheet was passed around for members to indicate what they would bring. For anyone planning to attend, a hot dish would be most welcome, but the important thing is to come and bring something. Call DICK SHAEFER at 560-0571 if you haven't already signed up because he has to know how many franks, hamburgers, rolls, and sodas he must buy. Come and enjoy the fellowship!

THE LCPS ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

DATE: Wednesday, August 14

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Manor Township Community Park, Pavilion 2

MAP: Detailed instructions to Manor Township Park, Pavilion 2.

BRING: Casserole if your last name begins with "A-H"; Salad if your last name begins with "I-R" and Dessert if your last name begins with "S-Z".

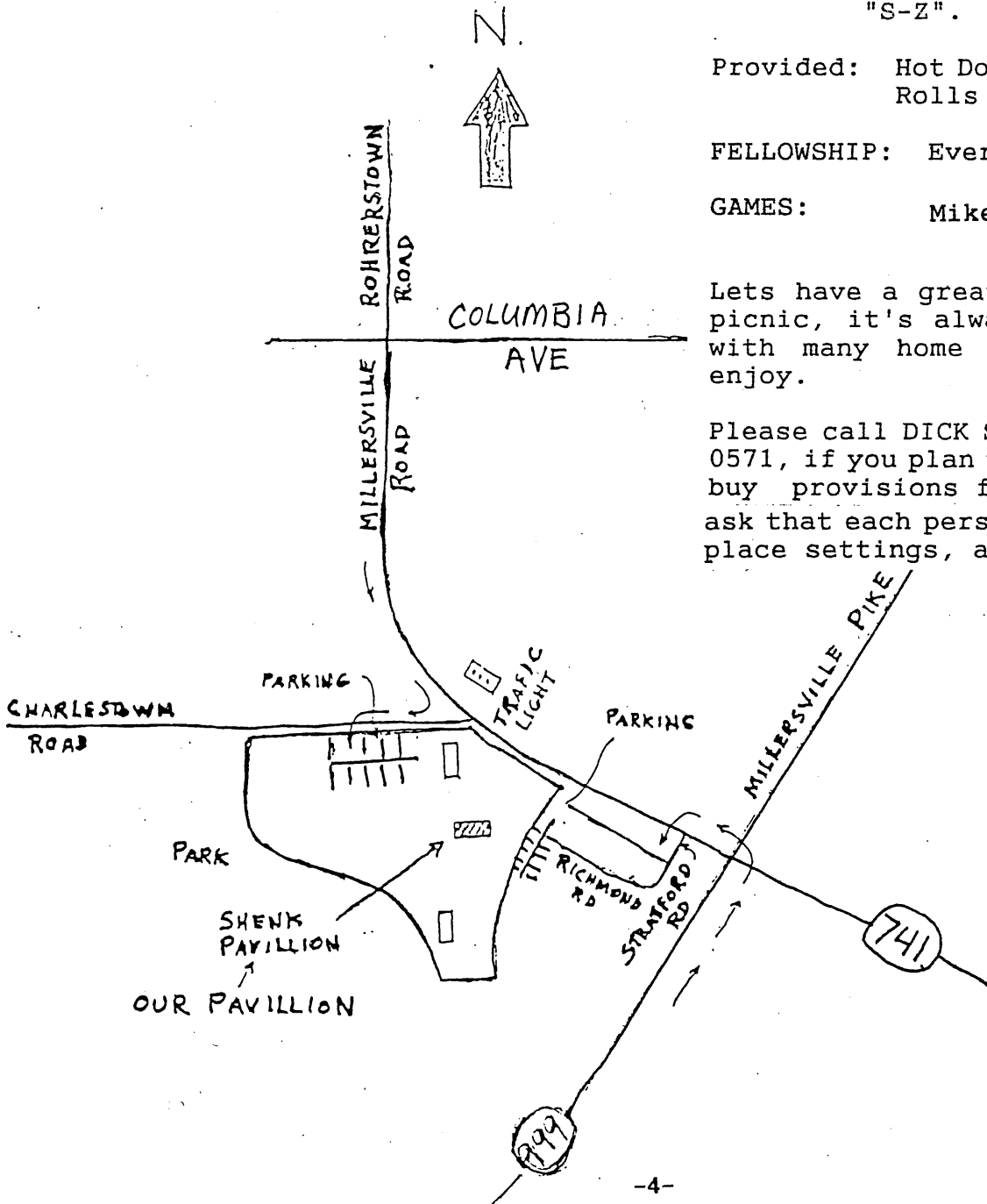
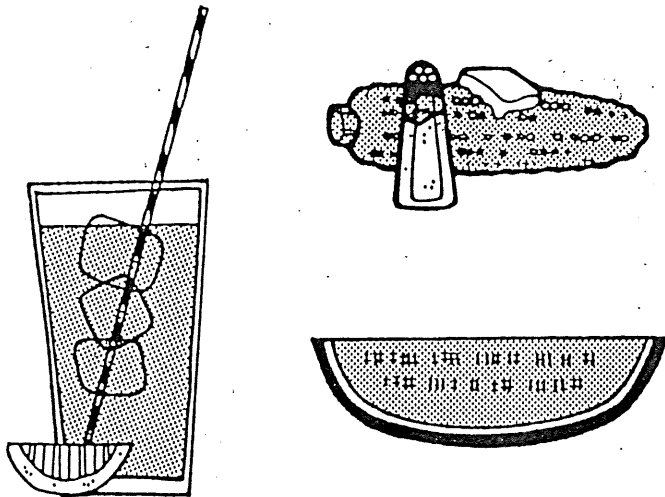
Provided: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Rolls and Drink.

FELLOWSHIP: Everyone Attending

GAMES: Mike Shirley

Lets have a great turn-out at the picnic, it's always a fun evening with many home cooked dishes to enjoy.

Please call DICK SHAEFER (717) 560-0571, if you plan to attend so he can buy provisions for the group. We ask that each person bring their own place settings, also.



Stamp Collectors Speak a Language of Their Own

Upon arriving at a friend's house, I found him pouring over his stamp collection. "Do adults really collect those little pieces of paper?" I asked. After an admonishing look, I asked him to tell me all about stamp collecting.

First, I was told, it's not called Stamp Collecting but Philately. What does that mean? Love of Taxes! "Love of Taxes." You've probably heard of Giant Shrimp and Plastic Glass, but now the oxymoron of them all, Love of Taxes. It seemed once there was a tax on almost everything, and to show that the tax had been paid, a stamp was affixed. Of course no one liked the reason for the stamps but many did like their looks and began collecting them. In England, some guy named Rowland Hill, perhaps an ancestor of Benny Hill, got the idea to use a stamp on a letter to show that its delivery had been paid for in advance.

I then noticed some envelopes with cancelled stamps and asked why they were collected. After another disgusted look, I was advised that they were not envelopes, but "covers." I guess that was because they cover something, like a letter. A "First Day of Issue" cancel was applied on the first day the stamp was sold. If for some reason, you missed the first day, you could still have the envelope, I mean cover, cancelled on the first day even it was 30 days later. Big Deal.

Then the perforations. I was shown stamps that looked the same but was told not because they had different number of holes between them. Talk about nit-picking! I suppose the stamp printer either took more holes away if he didn't like them, or added more if he did.

Then there's watermark detector. Are stamp collectors so careless that they spill water over their precious stamps? Do they need a detector to see the results of their sloppiness?

More Philately. To handle stamps, collectors use what looks like tweezers, but are called tongs. I always thought that tongs were used to stir-up fires or hold heated horseshoes. And another one: To secure a stamp to an album page. A philatelist uses a hinge or a mount. They don't lick the back and simply stick it down. I thought that was what the gum was for - and it's already there.

Now, the strangest part. My stamp collecting friend says that if you want some past issued stamps, you can send for them to the Stamp Fulfillment Center. Perhaps it's full of fairies and wishing wells a really make-believe place because the handling charges are out of this world. But get this, these past-issued stamps are stored in caves under Kansas City! Aw, comm-on. Is this storage to protect them from Russian missiles, or maybe to "age" the stamps or make the gum more mellow to lick? As for me, I'm going back to baseball cards. At least they are stored in more conventional places like shoe boxes. But stamp collectors, with their own language, enjoy themselves. And that's what counts.

By James L. Gieringer

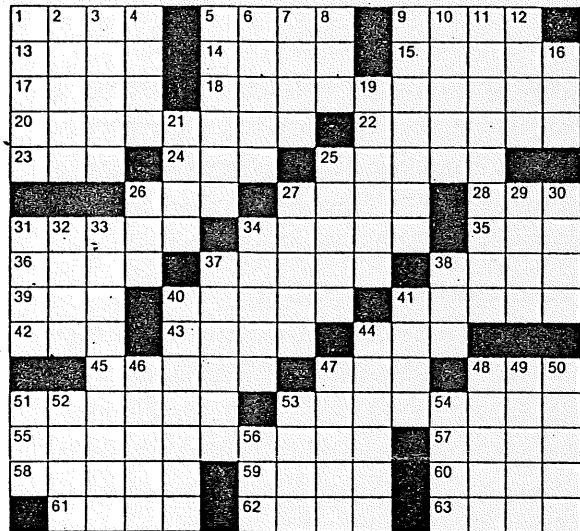
Philatelic Crossword by WILLIAM CANINE

ACROSS

- 1—Large fish (Hungary #1844).
- 5—Mojave Desert lake.
- 9—Containers.
- 13—Writer James.
- 14—Irish island.
- 15—"__ nice clambake."
- 17—"Spirit of '76" instrument (#1631).
- 18—Where the Walloons landed (U.S. #615).
- 20—Endangered animal (Camerouns #658).
- 22—French resort (#573).
- 23—What a D.Div. delivers.
- 24—Rio de __.
- 25—Wooden duck (U.S. #2138).
- 26—__ generis.
- 27—__ de Vega, Mexico.
- 28—Writers' group.
- 31—Amazon denizen (Ecuador #658).
- 34—Seat.
- 35—Killer whale (Falklands #303).
- 36—Trojan War hero (Italy #361).
- 37—Sidetrack.
- 38—Largest continent.
- 39—Indian freedom leader (#320).
- 40—Ready to rise.
- 41—Alaska's former capital.
- 42—Give weapons to.
- 43—Hindu demigod.
- 44—Actor Gibson.
- 45—Swap.
- 47—"__ any drop to drink."
- 48—Canadian maritime prov. (#827).
- 51—Kern (U.S. #2119).
- 53—The 20th president (#825).
- 55—Site of Gadsby's Tavern (U.S. #C40).
- 57—Phone.
- 58—Collect slowly.
- 59—Crockett (U.S. #1330).
- 60—Great Lake port.
- 61—Helper: Abbr.
- 62—"The __ of Texas."
- 63—Colors.

DOWN

- 1—Bistros.
- 2—Lithe.
- 3—Allude.
- 4—Sandpiper's cry.
- 5—Kenya expedition.
- 6—U. of Maine site.
- 7—Missile.
- 8—Termite.
- 9—Asian lynx (Israel #359).
- 10—Heavens: Prefix.
- 11—Old time postal system.
- 12—Shade of green.
- 16—"__ Miserables."
- 19—Spotted cat (Trinidad & Tobago #200).
- 21—Time division.
- 25—"Lorna __"
- 26—Half the pence in a shilling.
- 27—Dive bomber (Germany #B226).
- 29—Actor Estrada.
- 30—College sports org.
- 31—Polynesian cloth.
- 32—Slightly open.
- 33—Coconut source (Solomons #74).
- 34—Close __ (narrow escape).
- 37—Karl XIV Gustaf rules here.
- 38—Be ill.
- 40—Determined.
- 41—Alexander II freed him.
- 44—Eels.
- 46—Former Philippine president (#525).
- 47—Unsophisticated.
- 48—Arctic explorer (U.S. #2223).
- 49—Miss __ of Dallas.
- 50—Loafs.
- 51—Binge.
- 52—Fitzgerald.
- 53—"Country Churchyard" poet (Gr. Br. #1130).
- 54—Cooled.
- 56—HST __ JFK (#1383).



solution next month

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