



First vacation in how long?

Philatelic Society of Lancaster County

The James Buchanan Chapter (#173) of the
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**Notice: This is a
Joint July & August Issue**

Please note that all PSLC meetings are virtual, starting at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesdays, 14 and 28 July, and 11 and 25 August 2021

The Veranda Chronicles

Summer has arrived with a hot and humid vengeance, but I love it enough to go further south for my first vacation in a very long time. Covid remains with us but has been manageable, allowing my family get-away. But nothing is simple. Despite Covid's presence we must still gear up for the fall respiratory virus. Just because the pandemic is turning our lives upside-down, it doesn't give us a pass from everything

else at risk out there.

I am receiving a lot of good feedback from other collectors and societies about the quality and quantity of our twice-monthly programs. These are now recorded and available on our website. If you missed any, they remain available to you. And we are near our goal of having 100 subscribers to our YouTube Channel, so please sign up if you haven't yet done so. This will put PSLC over the top and allow us

more opportunities, flexibility, and benefits...at better prices.

While it has been a hectic 16 months with work and all, I have still found time for my collecting and research. As I have shared at our Zoom meetings, a recent pastime has been seeking out obscure varieties of the private die proprietaries. You know I love these!

These are the attractive revenues started in the Civil War allowing companies to See Veranda Pg-3

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Visitors are Always
Welcome

Given the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and social distancing to curtail the spread of the virus, PSLC has ceased its in-person monthly meetings, replacing them with virtual meetings on Zoom twice a month.

PSLC usually meets the 2nd Wed. of the month (except August) at the Crossings Meeting Room, Landis Homes, 1001 E. Oregon Road, Lititz, PA 17543 at 7:00 pm. Dues: \$10.00/year. For club information call Paul Petersen at 717-299-5640.

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July 2021 Meeting Features

14 July 2021 at 6:15 p.m.

The Use of the 1847 Issue in Boston.

Mark Schwartz

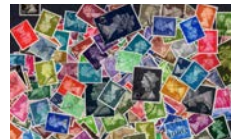
The Act of Congress, March 3, 1845 (eff. July 1), established new and simplified rates. Letters sent up to 300 miles were charged 5¢ per ½ oz., and those sent over 300 miles, 10¢ per ½ oz. Section 11 of the Act of Congress, March 3, 1847, authorized Postmaster General Cave Johnson to prepare and issue postage stamps. He contracted with Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson to prepare both 5c and 10c adhesives. See **Boston**, Page 3



28 July 2021 at 6:15 p.m.

The Future of Philately, Jesse Spector

This will be a heart to heart presentation/discussion about philately at a time of aging stamp collectors and an electronically distracted younger generation. A lot is at stake, and there are as many questions as answers. Further, opinions differ on how to address these issues. Is the hobby's survival time, an era limited by an obscene overproduction of low quality product, dissuading entry into the avocation for reasons of overwhelming supply, subsequent high acquisition cost, and competition by far more enticing distractions in the 21st → See **Future**, Page 3



Picnic and Meeting for August '21

11 August 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Yes, it is time again for the picnic, and a good time is planned for all. The details regarding food, auction, door prizes, and directions are on Page 4.



25 August 2021 at 6:15 p.m.

Jamestown-1907. Roger Brody

The presentation gives the historical background and the development, production, and use of the three-stamp issue celebrating the 300th Anniversary of the 1607 English settlement of Jamestown, Virginia. In early in 1903 the Virginia Historical Society petitioned the Post Office Department to issue special stamps to commemorate the Jamestown founding in conjunction with the 1907 Tercentennial Exposition on the shores of Hampton Roads, Virginia. Unlike previous fairs, the exposition See **Jamestown** Page 3



12 May Treasury, Minutes and Happenings

David Weichert, Sect'y, and Lou DiFelice, \$\$\$

Club Notes

Programs & Shows

Opening: Dr. DiComo began the meeting at 6:33 and reported that the club has 70 of 100 YouTube subscribers that are needed.

Membership: Paul Petersen reported that the club has 140 dues paying members, but this may soon decrease as non-dues payers are being dropped from the rolls. He has heard of two collectors expressing interest in joining.

Other: Paul briefly reminded membership to save the dates for upcoming events: i.e. outdoor bourse, picnic, Barnstormers Baseball, and Sunday Shows. (See Club Notes for details)

Treasury: 1-30 April 2021

Opening: \$3031.58

Income: \$30.00

Expenses: \$92.00

Sum: \$2969.58

2-CDs @ \$5900.25

Approval of the Treasury and Club Activity Reports: This was approved unanimously by voice vote on the screen.

Tonight's Attendance: +/-28

Feature Presentation: This evenings presentation was by Ron Majors, entitled *Canada, British North America (BNA)-Union and Confederate Postal Correspondence on the U.S. Civil War Era (1859-1876)*.

This was a very informative postal historical view of the Civil War seen through three players: the U.S., the CSA, and Canada. This includes over 100K Canadians on both sides of the war.

In addition to some quite creative and varied postal routes among the three players, there were many vignettes including the following: stamped and stampless envelopes, patriotic covers on both sides,

occupied and non-occupied areas of the CSA, blockades, truce mail, military transported and hand carried mail, POWs and camps, and much more.



Ron displayed many pages from his exhibit, narrating them with such interesting stories.

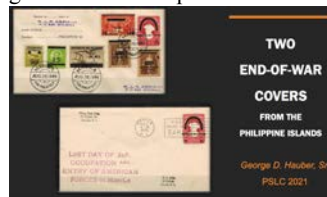


Show & Tell:

George Hauber, Sr. started with the details of two end-of-the-war (WWII) covers from the Philippine Islands.

He discussed the activities at

the time of the covers along with the significance of the postmark dates.



Larry Rosenblum discussed a use of the 1900-1931 French Liberty and Peace design stamps by Merson. This design was subsequently used, revised, and overprinted with a black border and issued as RF revenue stamps from 1931-1935. The 18¢ overprint was for old age, and the 24¢ was used for social insurance.



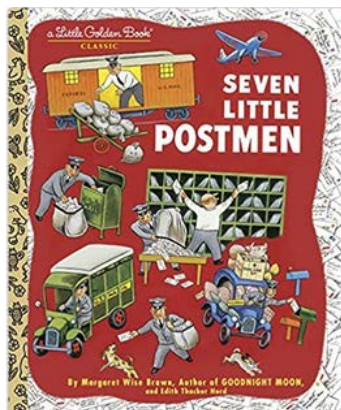
Ed's Note: For those interested in the subject of this Merson designed stamp, see Larry's feature article entitled "The Liberty and Peace Design by Luc-Oliveer Merson Spanned 30 years" in the 21 June '21 Linn's, Pages 43-53. And please note that on 26 January 2022, Larry will be presenting a program for PSLC on definitive stamps from RF. Below is an example of the Merson Design used in Alexandria, Egypt.



Book Review: *Seven Little Postmen* by MW Brown, Golden Books, 1952 (Reissued in 1982)

This is the story of a little boy and the journey of his letter to his distant grandmother. While it seems old fashioned, this was state of the art technology in 1952 with some automated equipment.

While the '82 update has been neither politically corrected nor modernized, it is life as it was in post-war America. I purchased this many years ago at the NPM to read to little kids, never realizing that the first would be my grandson, James born in '18. Ed✍



2021 Programs

14 July: The Use of the 1847 Issue in Boston. Mark Schwartz
28 July: The Future of Philately. Jesse Spector

11 August: Summer Picnic. Millersville Memorial Park (Confirmed)

25 August: Jamestown-1907. Roger Brody

8 September: Madison, Florida, The 3¢ 1861 Postmaster's Provisionals - Study in Research. Patricia Kaufmann

22 September: The DC-4 Skymaster Issue. Tom Nicholls

13 October: John Leszak, Speaker. Topic TBA

27 October: Halloween Stamps and Postal History. Dave Hunt.

10 November: The U.S. 1933 Byrd Antarctic Stamp: Production, First Day, and Other Uses. Alan Warren

24 November: Christmas Seals. Stanley Jones

8 December: (Potentially) Annual December Dinner. Deb Ehleiter and Dinner Committee.

22 December: TBA or U.S. Int'l Philatelic Expos, Part-II. Paul Petersen

2022

12 January: Open; Auction?

26 January: French Definitive Stamps. Larry Rosenblum

13 April: Postal History That Sizzles. Bill Schultz

27 April: A Thematic Collection of the International Geophysical Year, 1957-58. Rob Sternberg

Other

11 August: Club Picnic, Millersville Park. (See Pgs 1, 3 in newsletter for details)



12-15 August: Great American Stamp Show, Rosemont, IL (AKA-Chicago). For details, go to the APS website noted below: <https://stamps.org>



26 May Meeting Proceedings

Opening: Checking in from New Haven, CT, **Paul Petersen** started the meeting at 6:35 p.m. with an enthusiastic shout-out to all. He briefly reviewed happenings at APS.

Paul gave a synopsis of the 16 May Outdoor Bourse in Millersville with 10 member-dealers in attendance. There were some great sales at the club table of donated items plus another table with free literature and other stamp collecting-related giveaways.

Membership Issues: Paul welcomed visitor **Jeff Lough** from KS. He collects pre-1945 Europe and colonies and some topicals such as trains. Welcome, Jeff.

Attendance: Estimated at 28



Feature Presentations: Tonight **Cemil Betanov** gave a presentation on *Collecting Worldwide Newspaper Wrappers*. These postal stationary items began in the UK in 1855 and lasted worldwide through the 1980s. They were extant in the U.S. from 1861 through the 1940s. He illustrated his presentation with

examples of worldwide newspaper wrappers and other postal stationary items. Cemil was able to display a host of errors, freaks, and oddities in this sector of collecting. As an officer and journal editor for the EFO Society, these errors, etc. make up a large part of his collection. Follow up discussion was lively including examples from **Mike Bach's** family collection.



Show & Tell: **Larry Rosenblum** had a short presentation entitled "How low can you go?" He showed examples of small unit and fractional unit postage (i.e. 1-penny, half penny and a quarter penny). He concluded with two UK Machin stamps denominated at 00 (Zero). These were two examples of colour sample printings produced and provided to the various printers of the Machin stamps for colour matching purposes.

Adjournment: 8:15 pm.

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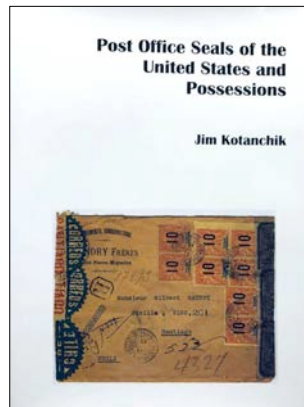
How many stamp collectors have said at one time in their lives or another that they would like to work as a clerk at the post office or deliver mail to friends and relatives? We see it as an opportunity to get our hands on new issued stamps and observe modern postal history in action. It would also afford an opportunity to learn the myriad postal regulations.

←This "Dear Postal Customer" postcard arrived the other day with the good news of such postal opportunities. Pay and benefits look good.

Literature Donation to PSLC

Bob Kotanchik

Earlier this year PSLC received the donation of what is probably the most comprehensive book entitled *The Post Office Seals of the United States*. It is a 349-page reference that is filled with hundreds of photos and other illustrations.



The author is Jim Kotanchik, a specialist in U.S. revenues and official seals. Jim won many awards for his philatelic exhibits and was also a judge at many stamp shows in the U.S. His obituary was printed in 2012 in *Linn's Stamp News*. We thank Jim's wife, Judi Kotanchik for this very remarkable gift. Images of the book's front and back covers are illustrated nearby.

Members wishing to borrow this book from the PSLC library should contact Dr. DiComo.



(Editor's Note ☒: The author of this article, **Bob Kotanchik** is the cousin of the author of the philatelic reference noted above. Bob and his wife Cathy are members of PSLC.)



Above: RS212c on pink paper

Below: RS212M1 by the American Banknote Company

Programs

(Continued from Pg.1)

Boston: These stamps were issued on July 1 of that year. Beginning on July 2 and over the next 4 years, Boston would receive 401,000 5¢ stamps and 41,000 10¢ stamps, a number exceeded only by New York and Philadelphia.

Future: century? The age of one large album sufficing to pleasantly collect the world is gone. And, not to be denied, are not older inveterate collectors placing their heads in the sand when it comes to accepting the *fait accompli* of declining membership in previously inviolable national philatelic organizations and loss or downsizing of philatelic publications? Bring your facts and opinions, as lively discussion is expected.

Jamestown: had a strong military presence and international naval participation.

In October 1906, the Post Office Department agreed to issue 1¢ and 2¢ Jamestown commemorative stamps to meet the domestic postcard and letter rates, respectively. In March 1907, a month before the Exposition opening, with the expected assemblage of foreign war ships, postal officials saw the need for a 5¢ stamp to meet the foreign postage letter rate.

Veranda from Pg.-1 produce their own revenue stamps as long as they met certain criteria. It was a win-win situation for both the taxman and the companies who realized that they could advertise on these stamps. In fact, when the taxes were removed later in the century, the companies created new labels, which were very similar to their previous 'official' ones. Then they affixed them to their products. It appeared as a validation of their product.

These faux revenues (facsimiles) were used for many years, and like their proprietary brothers and sisters, they are very collectible.

←For example, to the left is a pair of items containing the true private die proprietary revenue stamp on the top and the post-tax era facsimile label on the bottom. In the latter, the references to the IRS and the 1¢ denomination have been removed. Observe how much they look alike. Happy Collecting.

CJD

9 June Minutes, Treasury, & Happenings

David Weichert, Sect'y, and Lou DiFelice, \$\$\$

Dr. DiComo opened the meeting at 6:30 with a welcome to all. He encouraged everyone to visit the YouTube Channel and subscribe.

Membership: Paul Petersen reported that dues-paying membership is 138 with 12 new members since 1 January. Eighty-one members have paid their 2021 dues to date.

Meeting Attendance: +/-40

Lou DiFelice gave the Treasurer's Report as noted below.

Treasury: 1-31 May 2021

Opening:	\$2969.58
Income:	\$770.07
Expenses:	\$109.44
Sum:	\$3632.21
2-CDs @	\$5951.25

Approval of the Treasury Report: This was unanimous by voice vote on screen.



Feature Presentation: Rick Barrett gave a presentation entitled *Niagara Falls and Philately*. Rick shared the history and geography of the falls through stamps, Cinderellas, picture postcards, maps, newspaper clippings and images, and other material.

Of interest was how the Niagara River was rerouted in 1969 to

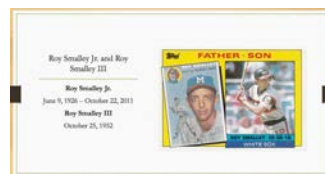
allow the top of the NY side of the falls to be repaired. Erosion had done considerable damage. This was an engineering feat at the time.



Show and Tell: Al Schaub gave a brief PowerPoint presentation entitled "A Story in Five Picture Postcards." Here he showed how he and others have used picture postcards to foster discussion and memories in senior citizens.



With Father's Day approaching, Scott Ney shared some of his father and son major league baseball card pairs. This is an activity that he and his son enjoy doing together. Below are the cards of Roy Jr. and Roy III Smalley. Several of Scott's other baseball card pairs are autographed by the players.



Where: Millersville Memorial Park
Time: Festivities start at 6:00 p.m.

Weather: Rain or shine

Cost: There is no charge to members and guests

Food: With the 'Covids' still lingering, we will not be grilling as in the past. So please bring your own food and towel and/or tablecloth.

Rest Facilities: Clean restrooms with sinks are attached to the facility. A sink is also available in the pavilion. There will be antibacterial soap and paper towels for your convenience to wash up as needed.

Activities: Bring your shopping bags as you will go home loaded! The club has received many donations, and you are all to be the beneficiaries. There is the good, the bad, and the ugly. These will be placed in three classifications of items.

1-Silent Auction: This will include covers, albums, supplies, box lots, and much more. All proceeds will go to the club. We are catching up from the losses from having no '20 or '21 stamp shows, 50-50 raffles, or other sources of income. Please bring your own pen for writing your bids.

2-Door Prizes: These will be the quality of those items typically available at our former in-person meetings. They will include similar items to those in the auction but will be of lesser value. There is some good stuff here.

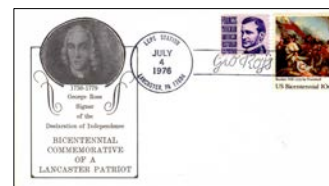
3-Give-aways: This includes pre-owned philatelic magazines and catalogs, oddball stuff, a few slightly damaged items, lesser valuable supplies, and other philatelic material.

Covid-19: Covid remains. You know the signs and symptoms-verbatim! So if you are feeling sick, have a headache, loss of taste, fever, etc. etc., please stay home. And masks will be worn by all participants except when eating. Try to distance from others. If your forget your mask, club masks will be on sale for \$5.00

Directions to the Park: Driving west into Millersville from Lancaster on 999, the Park is on the north side of 999 (Manor Ave.) just west of the intersection of George Street with 999. (See map-page-1) A landmark is John Herr's Market. The park is just behind this supermarket. Also, across the street from the park is El Toro Barbacoa, formerly the Barn Door Restaurant. We'll be meeting in Pavilion-A, the big one just down the hill and on the left. Park right behind the pavilion in the large adjacent lot. For those technically savvy, conduct a MapQuest or other map search program for 9 Blue Rock Road, Millersville, and the park is right behind this location.

Some Covers of Local Interest

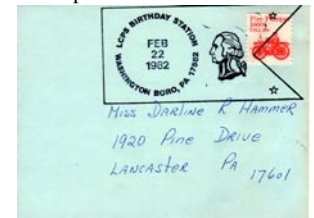
The two covers that follow have a Lancaster connection.



On the cover above there is a 4 July 1976 postmark on a Bicentennial stamp of that period. The location is LCPS Station, Lancaster, PA 17604, and it is to honor a Lancaster signer of the Declaration of Independence, George Ross. This date was before we had a Lancopex show. Do any locals know anything about this cover?



The cover below is from Lancaster County, Washington Boro to be specific.



It is postmarked from the LCPS Birthday Station dated 22 February 1982, a few years before our first Lancopex show. It appears to commemorate the birthday of George Washington. Perhaps the club had some cachet makers who celebrated the history of some of America's founding fathers. Anyone have an idea about these covers?

And speaking of Lancaster...

AND NOW...



Another sample of Lancaster humor from Bill Schultz.



PSLC Baseball/Dinner Night at Clipper. Dates considered include 7-12 and 24-26 September. There will be special events each night.

23 June Meeting Proceedings

Opening: Dr. DiComo opened the meeting at 6:30 sharp with a welcome to all for the PSLC Zoom meeting. He encouraged members to view the past meeting presentations on YouTube and subscribe. When we reach 100, the Channel can be customized for PSLC. He has many stamp journals and references that he is willing to send to members. Anyone desiring some of these free items should contact him.

Membership: Paul Petersen said that some members have been dropped for non-payment of dues, and currently we have 133 paid-up members.

Other: Paul reminded us of the picnic on 11 August with door prizes, a silent auction of donated items in support of the club, and lots of free stuff and other giveaways. There will be information forthcoming for our September Barnstormers baseball game.

Feature Presentation:

Bob Toal gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled *Livermore and Knight Co. Providence, RI: Printed Matter Advertising Cards 1891-1918*.



Bob offered a good history of this intriguing company, one of the first with direct advertising mail. They were most creative with their cards to reach and attract customers to their clients. These novelty mailings were full color, often with an insert, an item to be pulled from the card containing the marketing message.



Mailed at a lower postal class rate, two ounces for one cent, used examples do not contain a dated postmark. These are quite collectible. Though every mailing style has a number, a full inventory remains unavailable. Bob is working on a compilation of such,

and he will keep us posted.

Show and Tell: Several were available this evening.



Cathy Kotanchick showed some of her British Machin stamps, which contained configurations of small pink dots. She displayed a MH376. What are they? **Larry Rosenblum** stated that these marks are a bar code version of the UK postal code placed in the stamp and cover while in transit by British Post. They are quite common and more pronounced visually with UV lighting.

Dr. DiComo's slide show was entitled CB Woodworth & Son: Perfumes. He is researching the double transfers on RT20, the one cent private die proprietary revenue stamp.



George Hauber, Sr. shared the details of several WWI and WWII era censored covers with images, maps, routes, and more.



Larry Rosenblum showed an interesting collectible item from the Nat'l Postal Museum.

It was a letter written on a starched shirt collar and sent without postage. This was mailed from San Francisco three days following the 1906 earthquake in that city.

With the city and PO in dire straits, the USPOD postal regulations were relaxed, and this item was allowed to be sent postage due. The shirt collar and post-quake PO are shown nearby. →

Earthquake mail remains very collectible.

Remembering Len IV and Brandie

On 26 June a fundraising event, a car show, was held at Hempfield High School in the memory of Len Kasper II's two grandchildren. Len IV (18) and Brandie Kasper (21) were tragically killed in a traffic accident on 22 May while they were returning home from work. They had been setting up an estate sale for the family's business, Diamond Estate Sales on Route 896.



A car show was chosen as the theme as the Kaspers are a car and racing family from grandparents through grandchildren. This includes hot rods, classic cars, and stock cars. They like to build and restore them as well as drive them. Len II grew up by a racetrack in Rochester, NY and recently wrote a book on the subject and took it on tour. It is entitled *Spencer Speedway Legends 1957-1977*.



The Kasper family cars (above) were displayed together. From left to right are Lenny IV's blue Monte Carlo; Len II's 1950 Ford; Len III's Mustang GT; and Kim Kasper's Z28 Camaro.

Len IV had just finished restoring the Monte Carlo, and to follow, he and his granddad were starting to look for a stock car to restore and race themselves.

The car show was very successful. There were 300+ cars and 50+ motorcycles entered with more

than 3000 in attendance. It brought in just over \$4000. Two thousand was sent to Brandie Kasper's Hope Fund at her veterinary office. This is to cover veterinary expenses for low-income families.

The other two thousand was added to the Lenny IV College Scholarship Fund. This is to be awarded to a Hempfield High School senior at graduation, and it will commence with the 2022 graduating class.

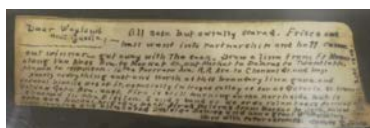
Several awards were given to the various classes of cars. One of the showstoppers at Hempfield was a classic Maxwell shown below.



Each of the awards and trophies had pictures of Brandie and Lenny IV. ↓



As a fitting end to the event, the school made a commitment to the Kasper family to allow them to hold a car show at the school annually and free of charge in honor of their children, Brandie, Class of 2018 and Lenny IV, Class of 2021. Ed



The last word...

Your cyber-security is important

Several times in the last six months, I have received PSLC-related fraudulent emails. The fraudster assumed the name of one of our club members and created an email address very similar to his. He/she had somehow possessed the email addresses of several in our stamp club. He/she then sent us bogus emails in our member's name asking us to send gift cards for wounded in the VA hospitals. There have been a host others, especially with an organization fraudulently trying to impersonate my carrier, Xfinity. There have been at least 50 of these alone, all different, trying to get me to open an attachment or click on a link. Some looked very real causing me to consider carefully.

This is nothing new, but the attacks are growing in boldness and are getting more sophisticated. In the 21 April issue of the *AARP Bulletin* (Pages 6 through 21 with adds in between) contained a good review of what frauds are being perpetrated, how to recognize them, and what we might do to protect ourselves.

The attacks can reach us via email, text message, phone, and snail mail. And while their goal is to take our money, some are more lethal than others. The origins of many are from foreign countries.

Some fraudsters tell us that we have a computer issue; they can fix it for a nominal fee. We pay them some money, and they tell us what to do to fix a non-existent problem. But more damaging ones are the fraudsters who talk us into letting them take control of our computer from their computer to do the repairs. Some even have ways to remain in your computer and obtain valuable information and/or resources over time. Remember that hardly anything comes to you

for free. This includes offers from celebrities. Be alert...

While this is just a brief report to encourage you to be careful, there are some general guidelines to follow.

If you do not recognize the name of the sender, you have some choices. It may be someone you don't know, but it is a safe email. For example I get several of these from outside collectors wanting information about a collection, PSLC, or a link to our zoom meetings. But if I get one with a link and something suspicious, I will not open it and will send to my "Spam" file. As my techie son tells me, it is not usually opening the email that is problem, it is clicking on the link or opening the attachment in the email.

If you are not sure about the sender's name, hover your cursor over the name, and it will show you the email address. With the attacks using Xfinity, I did this; all the emails were different and strange looking. It certainly was not Xfinity. In the case of the PSLC attacks, the sender's name was correct, but I suspected the message line that said "Please help me." When I hovered over our member's name, the email address was close but not exactly the same, and I deleted it. I also reported this to our member each time it happened!

Clicking on these links and opening suspicious attachments is like opening your door to a stranger in the night when you are home alone.

Many attacks have no links or attachments and simply seek donations. AARP lists other frauds related to Covid-19, fake shopping sites, celebratory imposter jackpots, online romances, Medicare Card come-ons, Cash-transfer app swindles, bogus social security claims (you owe us/we owe you), banking problems, and some others. Ed

Happy 50th Birthday USPS

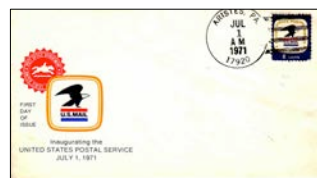
This fiftieth birthday of the United States Postal Service seemed to arrive with little fanfare this year. One would have thought that there might have been a commemorative stamp issue and/or other media hype to mark the occasion for this 1 July 2021 anniversary date.

Looking back, on 12 August 1970 President Richard M. Nixon signed into law, the Postal Reorganization Act, effectively ending the tenure of the United States Post Office Department, a Cabinet level position and replacing this with the United States Postal Service, an independent agency, one that was intended to show a profit. This transfer took effect on Thursday, 1 July 1971, and it has hence been referred to as the 7-1-71 Affair.

At the time of the transition, there was some celebration. The USPOD created and then distributed unfranked cacheted covers to all the U.S. post offices. The cachet contained the seal of the former USPOD, the Seal of new the USPS, and the date.

At post offices across the country these covers were to be given free to postal customers who purchased a stamp, the new 8¢ stamp (Scott #1396) seen on the covers nearby. This stamp contained the new USPS logo.

While the official First Day of Issue city was Washington, D.C., postal customers all across the country visited their local POs to buy the new stamp to place on their free cover and own a piece of history. Below is the cover from Aristes, PA



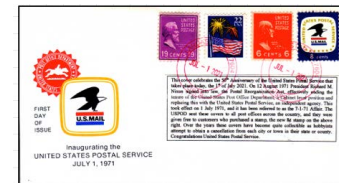
In addition to the Washington, D.C. and all the local municipality covers with the dual seals, there were also private cachet makers who created additional covers. The private cover shown below is by CCCachet. It has the official First Day cancel from D.C.



Over the years these covers have become quite collectible as hobbyists attempt to obtain a cancellation from each city or town in their state or county. I don't believe that there is an extant collection of all the local state cancels in the U.S.

The bottom line is that stamps and covers created for the 7-1-71 Affair became, and remain very popular given their finite tenure and challenging nature. While a complete collection is daunting, it is not impossible.

The cover below is another story. I came across about six of the unfranked 7-1-71 Affair covers and saved them for a rainy day, that day being 7-1-21, the Fiftieth Anniversary of the USPS.



I combined some postage using the #1396 along with others for the make-up rate. In my brain fog, I franked these small size covers as if they were postcards, that is, the 36¢ rate! Horror of horrors! Fortunately there was room on the cover for a fourth stamp, and Rutherford B. Hayes and his purple 19¢ came to the rescue. Ed



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