



PSLC's youngest collector. See Pg.-3

Philatelic Society of Lancaster County

The James Buchanan Chapter (#173) of the American Philatelic Society
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Notice: This is a Joint November-December Issue

Please note that all PSLC meetings are virtual, starting at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesdays, 10 and 24 November and 8 and 22 December

The Veranda Chronicles

Another philatelic year is coming to an end, but given what has been going on all around us, PSLC fared quite well. We have maintained twice monthly educational programs with outstanding speakers. And 2022 looks to be filling in with a similar quality to 2021. We remain engaged.

Membership numbers remain solid. Some did not renew for 2022, but the new member gains during '21 are keeping us with

about 127 dues paying members and growing. Due to the nature of the virtual meetings, new members are joining from out of state.

And speaking of dues, note that there are now two options to submit your dues. You can pay by check as usual or by PayPal as noted on Page-6. If you choose PayPal, when it is time to pay, please choose the Family and Friends option, as this reduces the handling charge.

I was able to attend the Reading

show and saw club members. While attendance seemed a bit lower than usual, most of the dealers said that they did okay. I found some good stuff, especially U.S. private die proprietaries (See page-6). And I was able to locate a cover that Dave Hunt has been seeking. We get lucky once in a while. Regarding the Reading show, Mike Bach noted that most of the dealers were asking about the show (See Veranda on Pg. 6)

November 2021 Meeting Features

10 November 2021 at 6:15 p.m.

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



This program is an overview of the 3-cent United States Little America stamp issued October 9, 1933. The stamp marked the Second Antarctic Expedition of Richard E. Byrd and was intended to help defray expedition costs by offering the public the opportunity to prepare souvenir covers cancelled at the Little America post office in Antarctica by charging a service fee of fifty cents plus the face value of the stamp. Tonight's program covers essays, a die proof, production, first day, and other uses of the stamp.

24 November 2021 at 6:15 p.m.

Christmas Seals. Stanley Jones

It all started in Denmark in 1904 when seals were created to raise funds for the research and treatment of tuberculosis. Receiving worldwide attention, the U.S. issued its first Christmas Seals in 1907, and it has only grown from there. Popularity continued, and several states and local municipalities issued their own seals to benefit their TB programs. Stan will share parts of his award winning exhibit and display a host of attractive worldwide items from U.S. to local and reveal the many ways the many ways to collect seals from history to seals to ephemera, errors, essays, and others.



Meetings for December '21

8 December 2021 at 6:15 p.m.

Transparent Motto Wafers Seals on U.S. Folded Letters & Covers, 1840 - 1860's. Dr. CJ DiComo

When writing letters was primarily reserved for Royalty, the custom was to seal letters with wax using a hand-held, wooden & brass sealer. In England after 1635, when the Post Office was no longer serving only the Royalty, the upper classes took up that sealing method. Eventually, transparent motto



wafer seals were developed as a solution to sealing letters. They were small, symmetrically shaped pieces of colored paper, gummed on the reverse. Initially popular in Britain, (Pg.-3→)

22 December 2021 at 6:15 p.m.

The DC-4 Skymaster Issue. Thomas Nichols

The presentation chronicles the in-flight image of the DC-4 SkyMaster plane that was used in the design of one of the longest running series of airmail stamps and stationery ever issued in the postal history of the United States. It appeared on more than 20 types of postal material issued in a twelve-year period between 1946 and 1958. Over 7.2 billion stamps as well as tens of millions of stationery envelopes and Air Letters were issued making the iconic image one of the most recognized airmail designs of all time. The wide range and variety of (Pg.-6→)



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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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8 September 2021, Minutes and Happenings

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

Opening: Dr. DiComo opened at 6:30 with a welcome. He asked membership to remember the terrorist attacks in NYC and Washington, D.C. on September 11, twenty short years go. This will be remembered this coming Saturday in ceremonies nationwide.

Membership: Paul Petersen introduced our newest member, **Laura Duncan** of Dillsburg. She said that she is new to the hobby and open to everything. Her school age sons are experiencing the excitement and are exploring the options along with her. Barbara Buchanan will be compiling an update of the roster soon.

Other Business: Lou DiFelice reported that PSLC will be donating five (5) boxes of our exhibit frames to the Brandywine Club. PSLC members will retain 24 frames for Lancopex, and this will save the club the monthly storage fee of >\$50.00.

Paul said that **Deb Ehleiter** convened the December Dinner Committee with the feasibility of holding our event this year. It was decided that with the recent Covid surges, we would regretfully postpone this year's soiree. Perhaps a spring dinner is a possibility if Covid permits. Paul will be seeking a speaker for the 8 December meeting to fill the vacancy.

With Appreciation: Len Kasper sends his thanks to the club members for all their outpouring of support during this most difficult time for him and his family.

2022 Virtual Program Schedule: Paul said that presentations are in place for some of the early months of 2022, and several are in negotiation. Members with topics for a meeting should contact him to sign up for a date.

Treasury: 1-31 August 2021

Opening:	\$3830.77
Income:	\$500.00
Expenses:	\$0.00
Sum:	\$4330.77
2-CDs @	\$5983.30

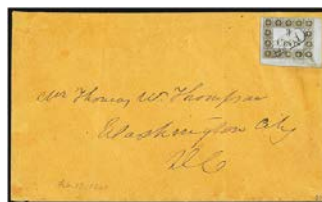
Approval of the Treasury and Club Activity Reports: These were approved unanimously by voice vote on the screen.

Tonight's Attendance: +/-29-31
Feature Presentation: Tonight **Trish Kaufmann** presented *Madi-*

son, Florida, The 3¢ 1861 Postmaster's Provisionals - Study in Research.



Secession of the Southern States took place from 12/1860 (South Carolina) to 6/1861 with Tennessee. The CSA Post Office would not be in place until 1 June of that year. The U.S. postage rate at the time was 3 cents for a 1st class letter, and the CSA rate would be 5 cents once the PO was established. During the consolidation of the CSA prior to June, seceded states charged the 3¢ U.S. rate



and used a variety of means for franking their postage. Some used hand markings on stampless covers, while others used their remaining U.S. 3¢ stamps. Postmasters of a few cities/counties made local adhesive stamps (or postmaster provisionals) at the 3¢ rate until the CSA rate of 5¢ began on 1 June.

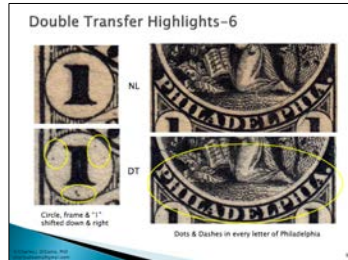
The Madison FL 3¢ postmaster provisional was included in *Scott's* until 1896 when it was delisted for reasons unknown.

Trish shared her long-term project that began in 1984 with research into the provisionals until their return to the *Scott Catalogue* in 2000. It is a great story involving research, fieldtrips, libraries, handwriting analysis, expertization, preliminary published reports, and more.

Show & Tell:

David Hunt showed a turned CSA cover, one where a cover was turned inside out to reuse during a time of paper shortages in the South. This was mailed on 1 April 1861 in Tennessee which had not yet seceded from the United States. →

Dr. DiComo shared highlights of his discovery and exquisitely detailed research and images into a yet unlisted (*Scott's*) overall double transfer of RS151, a private die proprietary of the Johnson, Holloway & Co., Philadelphia.



This double transfer has been found on both silk and watermarked paper. If listed these would be specified as RS151bt and RS151dt.

Dr. DiComo Wins SESCOAL Gold

SESCAL-'21, one of the largest stamp shows on the West Coast was cancelled shortly prior to the event, all but the literature competition, that is. This remained a virtual event, and Dr. DiComo's 2021 February *American Philatelist* article entitled "A Noteworthy Precancel on Lancaster Watch Company's Advertising Covers" won a gold medal at the SESCOAL virtual literature exhibit. This is a second award for this article which won a large vermeil award as announced in Chicago at the Great American Stamp Show's 53rd Annual National Literature Exhibition.

See certificate below and to the right.



Club Notes

Programs & Shows

2021 Programs

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- 8 December:** Transparent Motto Wafers Seals on U.S. Folded Letters & Covers, 1840 -1860s. Dr. DiComo
- 22 December:** The DC-4 Skymaster Issue. Tom Nichols

- 2022**
- 12 January:** Lititz Postal History. Dick Colberg
- 26 January:** French Definitive Stamps. Larry Roseblum
- 9 February:** The 5¢ West Point Stamp of 1937. Mick Zais
- 23 February:** Alfred Hitchcock on Stamps. Ron Breznay
- 9 March:** Open
- 23 March:** Reading Newspapers in John Lewis Krimmel's Downingtown Tavern Post Office. Diane DeBlois and Robert Dalton Harris.
- 13 April:** Postal History That Sizzles. Bill Schultz
- 27 April:** A Thematic Collection of the International Geophysical Year, 1957-58. Rob Sternberg

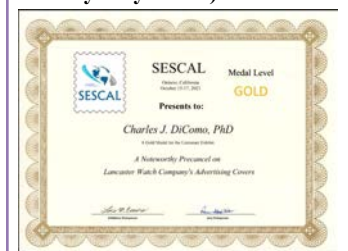
Local Stamp Events

Some Sunday (and Saturday) Stamp Shows. 18-19 December: (S/N) Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA

2022
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9 April: (S) **Delpex**, NUR Shine Center, 198 S. Dupont Hwy, New Castle, DE 10-5

30 April: (S) **Lancopex**, Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA **(This is a one day only show.)**



22 September Proceedings

Opening: At 6:30 p.m. **Paul Petersen** started the meeting with a hearty welcome to all. While **Dr. DiComo** is on call this evening and cannot attend, he did send an info graphic slide showing Wellspan's Covid-19 admissions and the skewed relationship of patients with and without vaccinations (in blue).



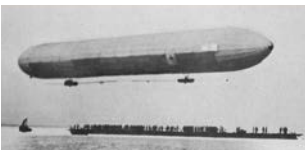
Paul had several announcements. The **NOJEX** stamp show is cancelled as well as the October **Some Sunday Show** in town. **Diamond Estate Sales** has been sold, and there will not be stamp sales division in the new corporation.

Dr. William P. Snyder passed away on 12 September at Willow Valley. His interment will be in 2022 at Arlington Nat'l Cemetery. (See notice at right→)

Paul showed a slide of the Boston 2022 Int'l Expo Cinderellas, and offered one to members who contact him. (See note-right→)

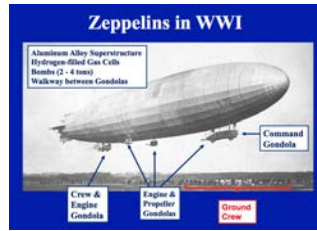
Attendance: This was +/-37.

Feature Presentation: Zeppelin Postcards of World War 1 by **Steve Suddaby**. Steve began with a history and the anatomy of airships with the emphasis on the Zeppelin Corporation. Its first Zeppelin flew in 1900, and their role was soon in place. WWI saw contracts with the Army and Navy for use in reconnaissance and bombing.



The interwar years brought the storied Graph Zeppelin and the Hindenburg among several others. However with the advent of WWII, other than participation in the V2 rocket program, the corporation phased out until the 1980s, and it was in full production of non-rigid airships

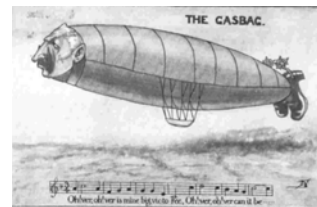
(blimps) by the 1990s up to the current time.



Steve's slides contained postcards from the UK, France, and Germany covering myriad topics such as propaganda and national pride.



Fiery revenge cards (above) were popular as were some with a bit of humor including those mocking the Hun. ↓



Steve shared that a collecting friend told him that stamp collectors also enjoy the backs of the postcards showing cancels, stamps, auxiliary markings, and notations.



He showed these images when they were available.

Show & Tell

Jim Strycharz showed some of his modern Zepp postcards. One from Hungary is seen below.



Society News

Youngest Collector

One of our newest members, **Laura Duncan** is enjoying her new hobby. From some inheritances, donations, and purchases, she is tackling a general U.S. collection...to start. Her two sons are in cyber-school from home, and she is finding that they, too, are enjoying the stamps and covers during their breaks from classes and their off hours.



Pictured above is her youngest son, **Ash**, and he is enjoying a beginner's stamp album that was sent to him by a friend in PSLC.

The older son, **CJ** really enjoyed **Steve Suddaby's** presentation on the Zeppelins of WWI (See 22 September meeting proceedings to the left). He now has a few Zepp stamps, and is engaging a unit in school on WWI which included another viewing of Steve's YouTube recording on the PSLC website. And like PSLC president, **CJ DiComo**, the younger **CJ** loves maps and is devouring a Great War Atlas as part of his studies, even reading it at breakfast according to his mother. We welcome the Duncan stamp collecting family into the family of PSLC .

Ave et Vale

Dr. Wm. P. Snyder

PSLC member **Dr. William P. Snyder** passed away on Sunday, 12 September. A resident at Willow Valley since relocating to Lancaster, **Bill** joined the club in April 2002. He served as newsletter editor and president, and volunteered for many of the activities when help was needed. He was a collector of early United States, and following the sale of his collection a few years back, he donated his reference materials to the club where they found their way into the membership via auctions and door prizes.

Bill was a 1952 graduate of West Point serving as an infantry officer. During his military tenure, he earned his PhD at Princeton in Political Science. Retiring as a colonel after twenty-five years in service, his second career was as a faculty member at Texas Tech University until he and his wife moved to PA early in the millennium. Internment will be at Arlington Nat'l Cemetery in 2022.

Shultz to Retire

Chief Judge and our Society member **Bill Schultz** retired from active philatelic judging after 17 plus years. **Bill's** judging assignments included regional shows, local shows (including Lancopex), and World Series of Philately shows in excess of 80 shows during the 17 years. **Bill** will continue to be an active writer, speaker, and a teacher/mentor to exhibitors. He also can devote more time to his own competitive exhibits and the development of others' exhibits over the coming years.

Programs Continued

(←Pg.-1-Wafers)...depicted the wide array of images, initials, mottos, phrases, & scenery. They made their way to the U.S. in the late 1830s. At the Great Exposition of 1851, De la Rue demonstrated a practical envelope-making machine that could simultaneously fold and gum. This availability of gummed envelopes eliminated the need for wafer seals; however use continued until the 1860s. This presentation illustrates an assortment of these wafer seals utilized in the U.S. from the 1840s through 1860s.



Paul announced that he acquired some of the Cinderellas for the 2026 Boston International Expo. If any member would like one, please contact him.

13 October Meeting Notes

Dave Weichert, Sect’y and Lou DiFelice, \$\$\$

Opening: Dr. DiComo opened the meeting and welcomed all. He shared the initial success of the club’s use of PayPal for paying annual dues. Reminders for the local stamp shows were made including Reading on 17 October. He has also made an upgrade of the website with a long term agreement and better opportunities that will take our website and technology into the next decade.

Membership: Paul Petersen shared that the current membership number is 123 due to 14 former members not responding to multiple renewal notices. He introduced new member Mrs. Raj Pasupuleti of Lancaster who has inherited a collection and is enjoying the start of her own participation.

2022 Programs: Paul announced that the beginning of the New Year is filling in, the latest being Diane DeBlois and Robert Dalton Harris on 23 March. The title is *Reading Newspapers in John Lewis Krimmel’s Downingtown Tavern Post Office*. Please contact Paul if you would like to be part of the virtual 2022 presentation program. He remains available to help you with the preparation of PowerPoints when needed.

Lancopex-2022: Lou DiFelice announced the date is 29-30 April.

Tonight’s Attendance: +/-40.

Treasury: 1-30 September 2021

Opening:	\$4330.77
Income:	\$300.00
Expenses:	\$1368.22
Sum:	\$3262.55
2-CDs @	\$5983.30

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

Feature Presentation

Tonight Ron Leshner gave an educational presentation on *The 1898 Proprietary Taxes*. With the need to help pay for the Spanish American War, RB 20-31 were issued to pay the tax on the items. These are commonly known as the “Battleships.” On this tax ‘hit list’ were patent medicines, chewing gum, and wine.

As during the Civil War, companies were allowed to privately pay to have custom revenue stamps for their goods. These were known as private die proprietaries and are listed in *Scott*. Many were attrac-

tively engraved items. This arrangement allowed both a discount and the visibility of the stamp as their “Brand”, one to help identify it from other similar products.



Required on these private issues were a denomination and the term “United States Internal Revenue.” Some companies who intended to use private dies had to utilize the 1898 Battleships prior to the availability of their private die issues. They might use custom overprint cancels for a personal look as seen above.

The Battleships were separated by roulette, slot perforation, or both.



A private die plate block for Fletcher’s Castoria is above and a PB of Antikamnia is below.



Ron shared that when he learned to collect, he was advised to seek plate blocks, and when he transitioned to revenues, he did the same with these whenever possible.

Show & Tell

George Hauber, Sr. prepared a short PowerPoint showing a host of security measures on U.S. Revenues. These were to cancel the stamp and prevent fraud and reuse.



There are slots, holes, slits, embossing, threads, grills, perfin, and some others.

Mrs. Ed Goes to the Post Office

What stamp collector is short of postage and items to mail, especially some important ones to other club members? This premise was the start of sending an *ATA Handbook* to my friend Scott Ney who lives north of us and is one with whom we share a philatelic interest in FDR. This book fit into a medium size mailing envelope, and was quite flat. I placed 13 stamps from the 30s to the 80s, and I always leave room for the address, return address, and the large USPOD label and barcode that now adorn all packages. My franking totaled \$1.05, and it was made up of stamps of 1950s to 1980s vintage. Like most of you, I know the drill. Thank goodness I only added two Cinderellas to this mailing, as I often add more



At my regular PO, the clerks enjoy my franking, pointing to one stamp or another. “That’s another old one; isn’t it valuable?” I am sometimes asked this regarding a low denomination Washington Franklin or another from the 1902 series. On the corner of my packages I write in the amount of “Customer Postage Affixed,” and clerks enter this value into the computer. Then the software automatically deducts this amount from the original charges, and this transaction is reported on the official receipt. Then they hand cancel my stamps and throw it into the bin. My experience has been somewhat similar in other local POs. One time the clerk started to tabulate my postage, then suddenly quit, and he asked me “How much did you say is on this again?”

On 12 October at 11:55 a.m. Mrs. Ed took my package and her own un-franked package to a local PO, though not one of my regulars. She was doing me a favor, as she was in a hurry to send out her own package. She returned in a foul mood after her PO experience adding that she will never take another of my packages to the PO “ever again if

you have even one stamp on it!” Then as the frustration ebbed, she shared the story of the clerk and my partially franked package.

At the PO, Mrs. Ed began with my package, and the clerk looked at her as if something was wrong with it. She told the clerk that her husband was a stamp collector, and collectors often prepared their packages this way when mailing to other collectors. The clerk was not amused, nor did she express her admiration for stamp collectors who have helped to keep the USPOD afloat for years.

Holding up the package, she turned to a nearby clerk and asked her if she thought the stamps were real. The second clerk said that they looked real enough to her. Now assuming that these were real stamps, she began the transaction, but only after checking something else in the back room with her supervisor. Mrs. Ed did not hear what this conversation was about.

The clerk then weighed the package, and the total cost was \$1.76. My wife reminded her to deduct the \$1.05, leaving \$0.71 due. Being lunchtime, the line of postal customers started to grow and fill the lobby. Then the clerk started to tabulate the value of the affixed postage insisting to Mrs. Ed. that “I need to do this my own way.” Then she looked at each stamp and wrote down the denomination in a long line of figures on a separate piece of paper. She added it up, checked it twice, and went to finish the transaction. She did not get far.

Unfortunately the clerk was so flustered and distracted over the veracity and mechanism of this “Customer Affixed Postage” issue and its additional accountancy that she completely forgot to ask the magic question: “Does this parcel contain anything fragile, liquid, perishable, or potentially hazardous, including lithium batteries and perfume?”

As a result of this critical omission, the computer automatically cancelled the transaction in its tracks, and she had to start over with my package, the one that was affixed with customer postage! She told Mrs. Ed that the stamps were too far apart to hand cancel, and she predicted that they would be canceled by a ballpoint pen. Fortunately she has never come across a Dr. DiComo cover (Pg.6)

27 October Proceedings

Remembering Brandie & Lenny

Opening: Paul Petersen convened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. There was some informal discussion before the meeting on the disposition of a stamp collection brought up by Laura Duncan. She will follow up with scans.

Club issues: Paul welcomed tonight's visitor, Laura Asher of ATA to the meeting. He shared that there are openings for speakers, so please contact him with your topics. If you don't he knows where you live. Attendance tonight was +/-36.



Feature Presentation: The topic was *Halloween Stamps and Postal History* by Dave Hunt. He shared a wide range of material from Canada, U.S., France, Great Britain, Ireland, Austria, The Åland Islands, Belgium, and Romania (with bats!).



Items included postage stamps, postal cards, souvenir sheets, First Day Covers, and stamp show covers. All were direct Halloween items or Halloween related ones such as the monsters and bats. Dave also displayed some 19th Century fancy cancels with pumpkin carvings.



As a leader of the Error, Freak, and Oddity Society, Dave had some U.S. errors to show us; some are quite scarce.



Follow up questions and discussion were lively. Several members who lived outside the U.S. shared what Halloween was like in these countries which included the UK, Tokyo, Germany, and Belgium.

Show and Tell: Paul showed a cover from Stanley Jones, our speaker in December on Christmas Seals.



Stan found and published an EKU (earliest known use) of the 1968 U.S. Christmas seal (31 October 1968). Subsequently the Christmas Seal and Charity Seal Society noted that they would not recognize it, as it is a 'prepared' cover. This led to a discussion on philatelic covers and what they are all about. *Scott's 2021 Specialized* lists Stan's 31 October 1968 date.

Bob Kotanchik showed an interesting stamp on a 2002 postcard from New Zealand to the U.S. What's the story of this stamp?



Feedback was that it a private mail courier in NZ, but the NZ postmark was present because it was mailed overseas to the States.

Larry Rosenblum showed a cover he recently received from a British friend franked with three British Machins. They looked odd to him, so he did the research and determined that they were forgeries.



The color was lighter, the overprinting was backward, the 'st' in the denomination is incorrect as are the elliptical perforations, and the vignette is less crisp and placed too far to the right.

Tom Bowman displayed a cover from Reading, one with great engraving that contained a 2¢ red Washington (Franklin). On the back is a label for "Fat Baby Shoes

PSLC mourns with the Kasper family following the tragic loss of their two grandchildren on 22 May. Many of us have followed these young adults since they were very young helpers for many years setting up and breaking down our Lancopex stamp shows.

Others who knew Brandie and Lenny felt just as blessed as we did through our association. Previously, the July-August newsletter carried the story of the June fundraising event. This was an auto show that was staged at Hempfield High School. The funds raised were contributed to Brandie and Len's two foundations.

The remembrances and esteem to the Kasper family have continued, especially those people tied to the racing family of Spencer Speedway outside Rochester, NY.

Still in his single digits, Len Kasper II grew up at this venue. He got to know many of the racers and track family, and these turned into lifelong friendships. Below, center right, is Len and friends in August.



He built and drove his first hotrod before he had a driver's license. Family vacations from Lancaster to Rochester and the speedway in particular were always looked forward to. The speedway was a second home to them all.

At age five, Brandie was the Trophy Girl at Spencer and is shown in

the winner's seat in 2005. ↓



One car show winner, a 1935 Ford fire truck from Webster, NY was entered by Dave 'Frog' Davis. He was a Spencer driving legend in the late 1950s, a friend of Len. ↓



On 3 September a memorial was held for Brandie and Lenny at Spencer Speedway. Many of the 'old' drivers bought some of the laps in this 66-lap race to contribute to the two foundations.

The crowd was estimated at about 5000. From the center of the track came the announcement of a moment of silence followed by "Thank you, now drivers, for Brandie and Lenny, START YOUR ENGINES." At that moment 30 high-powered engines started up and gave a roar. Len shared that this sent shivers up his spine among the tears, his and those of many others.

(not pictured)." Tom wonders if these are shoes for fat babies or for big people with fat feet!



James Strycharz had an attractive 23 September 1923 French cover with six (6) different Cinderellas promoting an air meeting in Rouen. It was sent to Luxembourg. These were thought to be for fundraising for the event on the date of the postmark. **Dave Hunt** said that these might be compared to the Vin

Fiz Flyer Labels used in the U.S. in 1911 endorsing a timed cross-country air flight sponsored by William Randolph Hearst. About twelve of these Vin Fiz labels (a carbonated soda) are extant today, and they sell for five figures.



(From Veranda on Pg. 1) for next year that they were interested in returning. This is a good sign.

And for the next year and re-engaging in person, the jury remains out. A friend's story says it all. He sustained a hip re-injury, and one of the recommendations is for a new one for Christmas. He shared with the surgeon that should this come to pass, he would like to try some conservative treatments to put off surgery until Covid is over. The surgeon responded that this was a good idea, but no one has a clue when Covid will be over.

But with the uncharted Covid-19 course, you have to be careful; use good sense. We have many seniors in the club, and looking in the mirror the other day, I realized that according the AARP mailing that I just received, I, too have joined the seniors ranks!

There were some member losses in 2021 including **Dr. Wm. P. Snyder** (Past President), **John Bray** (Past President), and **Gary Kurtz**. Let us keep their families in our thoughts and prayers.

Celebrate the holidays safely with family and friends. Like last year, I hope that you will join me at our last meeting on December 22nd with your glass of bubbly for a toast to the end of '21 and a welcome to the New Year in '22. **CJDi**

PS: From the Reading stamp show, a Greenleaf & Co. match revenue stamp on experimental silk paper. ↓



Thank You Kind Colleagues

At the end of a newsletter year it is always gratifying to thank so many for their contributions. Kudos to proofreaders **Carol Petersen** and **Dr. DiComo** for keeping me on track Thanks to **President DiComo** for his Veranda columns, **Secretary Weichert** for the minutes, and **Treasurer Lou DiFelice** for the financial reports. Also there are many who have contributed articles, photos, images, and follow-ups to meeting queries. These include **Hal Klein, Vern Marten, Thomas Nichols, Bob Kotanchik, Mike & Lee Bach, Al Schaub, Larry Rosenblum, Tom Bowman, Dr. DiComo, and Laura Duncan.**

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(←Pg.-1 DC-4) postal materials using the DC-4 SkyMaster image, everything from single stamps, special issued covers, air letters, stationery envelopes and the first U.S. Airmail coil stamp. It seems that this little red airplane found in nearly every stamp mixture one comes across has been largely overlooked by the philatelic community.

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Paul Petersen shared a busy 1929 registered NYC cover correctly franked with 17¢ postage.



But of interest on the back was an advertising label for the 1929 *Scott's Stamp Catalogue*. The prices noted: \$2.00 for the standard edition and \$2.50 for the thumb-indexed edition.



On the back of another 1929 cover was an attractive Cinderella for the *Stamp Protective Association, Inc.* Where does this fit in with today's ASDA and the NSDA? ↓



(←From Post Office, Pg.-4) one that is multi-franked, as his are an art form in themselves. Many he sends to me go uncanceled. ↓



The clerk then tossed my package into the bin and moved on to my wife's unfranked package that took only a short while to process. You can see by the scan (Pg.-4) that I received from Scott, that fortunately the stamps were very lightly hand cancelled including both Cinderellas. I'm so glad that I did not add any foreign stamps! While this was bad enough, the crowd of postal customers in line behind my wife started getting edgy over what was now a fifteen-minute process to post two small packages. In fact a few customers were starting to murmur amongst themselves such as: "Why would anyone bring in a package like that?" They complained about the customer with her package that should normally take a minute or two to process, but they did not complain about the person processing it.

In my 14 years of writing this club newsletter, I don't think that I could have made up a better philatelic story than this. **Ed. ☒**
PS: And a Happy Thanksgiving to all from Turkey, AK. ↓



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