

Lebanon Stamp Collectors Club

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The April meeting of the LSCC falls on Tuesday, April 19 at 6:30 PM in the Community Room of the Lebanon Community Library, 125 N. 7th Street. Six boy scouts from Troop 412 have been invited to attend, to work on fulfilling requirements for the Stamp Collecting Merit badge with us.

MY FIRST EXPOSURE TO UKRAINIAN STAMPS

By Jim Joppy

Last year I attended the Reading Stamp Show with my wife and one of our sons. We split up to browse individually and my wife returned a short time later and shared a Ukrainian stamp sheet she purchased (below) for our daughter-in-law, who is from Ukraine. I was impressed with the stamp sheet and excited about exposing our daughter-in-law for the first time to stamp collecting.

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My wife and I departed the stamp show, and our son returned home and gave the stamp sheet to his wife, who was so impressed that she returned to the Reading Stamp Show with my son and purchased all of the Ukrainian stamps from one of the dealers.

I educated my daughter-in-law on the stamp collecting process and she now has 119 Ukrainian stamps neatly arranged in her stamp book. Due to the current situation in Ukraine I felt compelled to share this story, and the following articles by Linn's Stamp News regarding Ukrainian Philately.

Current events in Ukraine make postal history: Mar 11, 2022, 11 AM

<https://www.linns.com/news/world-stamps-postal-history/current-events-in-ukraine-make-postal-history>

Ukraine asks UPU for philatelic sanctions on Russia: March 24, 2022, 9 AM

<https://www.linns.com/news/world-stamps-postal-history/ukraine-asks-upu-for-philatelic-sanctions-on-russia>

Ukraine asks for stamp designs to illustrate its resolve: Mar 2, 2022, 11 AM

<https://www.linns.com/news/world-stamps-postal-history/ukraine-asks-for-stamp-designs-to-illustrate-its-resolve>

Winner in Ukraine stamp-design contest sends Russia a message: Mar 14, 2022, 1 PM

<https://www.linns.com/news/world-stamps-postal-history/winner-in-ukraine-stamp-design-contest-sends-russia-a-message>

Ukrainians deliver a message to Russia with submission in stamp-design contest: Mar 9, 2022, 4 PM

<https://www.linns.com/news/world-stamps-postal-history/ukrainians-deliver-a-message-to-russia-with-submission-in-stamp-design-contest>

A recent history of Ukraine through its stamps: May 3, 2021, 3 AM

<https://www.linns.com/news/world-stamps-postal-history/ukraine-s-history-in-stamps.html>

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The March LSCC meeting

Four members of the club were able to attend the meeting last month at the library. During the discussion at the beginning of the meeting, Dick told us about a research trip that he and Hal took, which yielded the discovery of several interesting, early pieces of postal history from Lebanon, Lititz, and other places in Lancaster County.

Joe Duke provided the program, which featured his interesting and impressive collection of stamps with inverted centers. Dick was able to see Joe's collection for the first time, and while he has inverteds from all over the world, we learned that his favorite inverted issues come from Panama.

For the April meeting, I have invited six boy scouts who are working on their stamp collecting merit badge to attend, along with their leaders. They may fulfill one of the requirements just by attending our meeting, and will have the opportunity to work on others from the list, all the while learning from us more experienced collectors. If you'd like to acquaint yourself with the current requirements for the merit badge, here are some links to the badge's requirements: [Stamp Collecting Merit Badge \(usscouts.org\)](https://usscouts.org/merit-badges/collecting-merit-badge/) (list), [Microsoft Word - Stamp-Collecting.docx \(usscouts.org\)](#) (worksheet) – Scott Ney

1905 RL Polk Directory of Lebanon City and County

The next directory in my chronology of Lebanon County directories is my earliest edition of the Polk Directory. This edition marks the end of directories published periodically by various and sundry printing establishments. While there continued to be smaller directories issued by companies other than Polk, the R.L. Polk Company established their dominance in the industry early in the 20th Century, and typically issued an updated Lebanon City and County directory every two years.

A synopsis of the contents of the 1905 Polk directory includes a general index, an advertiser's index, and a list of places and local administrative departments. The graphic appeal of the ads, which possessed a certain degree of "Victorian charm" in the directories of the 19th century, has morphed into a more simple, and practical, format.

Of course, the residential listings for Lebanon and other county localities comprises the bulk of the content. It's a very useful resource for postal historians who enjoy knowing a little bit about the people that their covers were addressed to. – Scott Ney

Collecting, an act of devotion and creation

Hip-hop artist and filmmaker Ahmir Questlove Thompson is not a stamp collector, but he's a kindred spirit to many of us. His recent essay in the *New York Times* distills the essence of why many of us collect. "A collection starts as a protest against the passage of time and ends as

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a celebration of it. My collection sprang up like seeds in a flower bed, and I can only guess at the first seeds based on the flowers I see now.”

We may collect different things for different reasons, but one common thread many of us share is our desire to build a collection that reflects our interests and our personalities. “I have shelves and shelves of albums, eight-tracks and cassette tapes. The music they contain matters to me. The formats themselves stir memories. While music is the heart of my collection, all pop culture is fair game, from toys to books to visual art to jerseys to sneakers.”

Mr. Thompson goes on to say that “the objects went from being the possessions of a collector to a collection. . . . When there are enough things, organized with some sense of chronology, they tell a story about the past. They tell us why the past matters.” – Scott Ney

[Opinion | Questlove: My Collection Is an Act of Devotion, and Creation - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](#)

A visit from the Postman



My wife shared this Tweet from Franconia Elementary School in Souderton, PA, about a visit from the postman! I love it. Recently, a friend of mine asked me why I spent the money on a stamp to drop a note in the mail that I could have emailed, texted, or given to him when I saw him again later in the week. The answer to that is, because of postal workers like Mr. Hess. Fifty-eight cents to mail a letter remains a great bargain, even if its destination is just a few miles across the county. – Scott Ney

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Calendar of Events

Courtesy of the PSLC

We are planning to hold **Virtual Bi-Monthly Meetings** until further notice, which shall begin promptly at 6:30 PM and run for ~90 minutes via Zoom video conferencing. For details to attend these meetings please contact Paul Petersen via email (pcpetersen@comcast.net) or call +1 (717) 299-5640. We usually hold a brief business meeting led by President DiComo, followed by our keynote speaker(s) and a Show & Tell, where Members & Guests can share in a few minutes their favorite stamp, cover, or other philatelic item(s) and take a question or two. We look forward to seeing you! And it is never too late to start planning ahead – speakers are requested.



April 13: *The Joys of Postal History and Philately*, by Bill Schultz.

Tonight's speaker, Bill Schultz has provided a presentation each April to PSLC for over a decade. This year he will digitally display and review some of his most interesting and sometimes scarce (rare) postal history and philatelic items. He will explain each one and how they came to his attention. For example. Pictured is a 16 September 1790 cover from Philadelphia to New York City, and the rate was based on the 1788 act of Congress prior to the 1792 U.S.P.O.



April 27: *A Thematic Collection on the International Geophysical Year, 1957-58*, by Rob Sternberg. The International Geophysical Year (1957-1958) was a historically significant cooperative enterprise involving thousands of scientists from sixty-seven nations. A great variety of experiments and measurements were made on, above, and below the Earth's surface to better understand the planet we live on. The first artificial satellites were launched as part of the IGY, and there were coordinated and extensive scientific studies of

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Antarctica and the Arctic. Geophysicist Rob Sternberg will tell the story of the IGY through stamps, covers, and other related ephemera and memorabilia.

- May 11: *Christmas Seal Collecting: Special Interests*, by Stanley Jones



- May 25: *Stamps and Postal History of Tibet*, by Alan Warren. A journey through the postal documentation of this strange country, beginning with pre-stamp mail of the 19th century. Stops along the way include the British presence, the brief Chinese occupation in the early 1900s and their stamps, the British-Indian post offices, the three native stamp issues of Tibet, back of the book issues, and the literature of Tibet philately. The material extends up to the 1950s when Communist China took over Tibet's postal services. Some of the Tibet rarities will be shown as well as examples from interesting correspondences including Francis Younghusband, Sven Hedin, and Major Bailey.

Please note, LANCOPEX 2022 is cancelled – but in its place, we have another Some Sunday Stamp Show at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center (1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, 17601). The one day show runs from 10 AM to 4 PM on April 30.

May 15: **Member Outdoor Bourse** at Freedom Memorial Park, Millersville, PA. A time to meet & greet, arrange & settle your private treaties with other members, and enjoy the time with friends in a safe environment.

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Table fees: \$10. Two members may share a table at \$5 each, but they must arrange this themselves and pay the \$10 together (PSLC is not offering half tables). Dealers may pay at the door.

Bourse opens for tire kickers at 10:00 AM, but Dealers may begin set up at 9:00 AM. Feel free to bring your own lunch & drinks. We ask that shoppers refrain from entering the bourse until 10:00 AM.

Society give-away table opens at 10:30 AM. This will include philatelic magazines and other related items that are not quite up to the level of a door prize, but remain items who need good homes. The Club Member-Dealers list and many others who signed up to attend (non-dealers) thus far is: David Silcox; Bob Kotanchik; Bob Witkowsky; Scott Ney; Tony Coccio; Al Schaub; Robert Hinckley; Lucy Eyster; Michael Matus; Robert Kramer; George Younes; and the PSLC Table. If you have any questions, contact Paul Petersen via email (pcpetersen@comcast.net) or call +1 (717) 299-5640.

