

Philatelic Society Of Lancaster County



Amish Quilts



The James Buchanan Chapter (#173) of the American Philatelic Society
American Topical Association-Chapter 118
Website: <https://lcps-stamps.org>

**Please note that 10 August Picnic starts at 6:00 p.m.
24 August meeting is virtual and starts at 6:15 p.m.**

The Veranda Chronicles

It is the time for summer vacations, and the DiComos are enjoying one of the first in a while. I hope that you are able to do the same and do it safely. And once we get refreshed, the summer will be waning into the beginning of the fall philatelic season with Balpex and the Reading and Harrisburg shows. And don't forget the Sunday Show on August 28th here in Lancaster. And with some of the residual hot and humid dog days of August, note the links below to catch up on any of the feature presentations that you may have missed that are stored on our YouTube channel. And if you haven't done so already, please subscribe to our channel. Remember, too, to share the club's Facebook page

with your collecting friends. See links below. When I return, I have several more projects with my private die proprietary revenue stamps to work up. While their commercial histories are interesting, so is their utilization of experimental silk paper and other innovative technologies. These stamps are but a small window of understanding into our country's tax-based economic history and fiscal policy. I appreciate your patience at meetings when I share just one more PDP "find." I hope that you enjoy these vignettes as much as I do. It is always a pleasure to bring them your way. Have a great picnic and the remainder of your summer. Cheers, *CJDi*

Nota Bene: To view many of the recordings of prior feature presentations, use the following link to the PSLC YouTube Channel.

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/c/PhilatelicSocietyofLancasterCountyPennsylvania/videos>

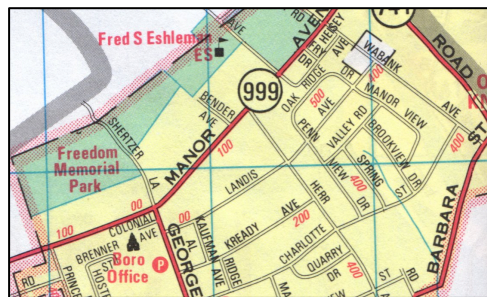
Visit our Facebook page, as this draws visitors to meetings, some becoming new members.

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/philatelicocietylancastercounty>

10 August 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
Club Picnic and Silent Auction

Summer is half over, but one of our most popular events is coming soon, the annual picnic. While the style and romance of the event have changed since Covid-19 started in 2020, some basics remain, in addition to a few new features. It is held at our regular facility in Millersville. This is an outdoor but covered venue making it a safer event in which to celebrate our fellowship. Bring your family and meals as well as your cash to bid on the donated auction lots, and your shopping bags to carry home your auction winnings and all the other door prizes and give-away philatelic items that will await you.

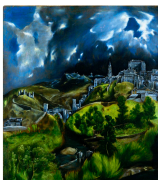
New this year is a members-only silent auction. As a new feature in a venue crowded with stamps, covers, and other philatelic items, members will be limited to submitting one item. Depending on how the logistics go, the limit may be increased next year. **Anyway, please see Page-3 for picnic details.**



24 August 2022 at 6:15 p.m.

Toledos of the World-David Plunkett

Hailing from Toledo, OH, presenter David Plunkett will share his collection and exhibit of covers, postmarks, picture postcards, maps, vintage documents, and images of local post offices of many of the cities and towns around the world and in the U.S. with the name of Toledo. It is a most interesting philatelic travelogue with everything that lovers of stamps, postcards, cancels, maps, and others will enjoy so much



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**Visitors are Always
Welcome**

PSLC meets virtually on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. Dues are \$10.00 a year. For club information and meeting links, contact Paul Petersen (See contact info below)

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Member's Auction

New at the picnic this year will be a trial version of a Member's Only Silent Auction. Please bring one item to include if you wish to participate. Dan Martin will be there to instruct you in placing your item and making bids on the other members' items. This will be concurrent with the donor's auction, but payments will be made separately.

10 July 2022 Minutes & Treasury

Paul Petersen Acting Sect'y and Lou DiFelice, Treasurer

Opening: At 6:30 p.m. **Paul Petersen** started the formal meeting. He reminded membership of the USPS price increase that started on Monday and referred them to the schedule included in the July newsletter. He welcomed visitors and identified **Walter Stiehl** of Cambridge who is with us tonight. He and Paul met in 1958 and have collected stamps in the intervening years, though largely at long distances.

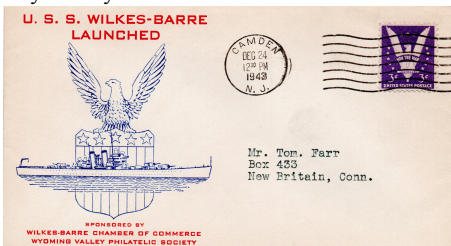
Treasurer's Report-Lou DiFelice (1-30 June 2022)

Opening:	\$3522.03
Income:	\$400.00
Expenses:	\$27.50
Summary:	\$3899.53
2-CDs:	\$6067.66

Lou noted that dues checks continue to arrive. He thanked members **David Silcox** and **Dick Colberg** who included donations to the club along with their dues payments. This helps make up for the lost income from the cancelled Lancopex shows these last three years and the absence of the 50-50 raffles typically held at in-person meetings. Lou added that sale and auction of donated items has helped the treasury start to rebound.

Attendance: +/-30

Feature Presentation: *USS Local, Ron Breznay* Naval Covers include a variety of items all related to a particular ship or ships. Cachets and cancels celebrate an event such as a ship's launching, a special cruise, or a change of command, for example, when a new skipper takes over. Naval covers are also those mailed by the crewmembers, ones that contain the ship's cancellation. There may or may not be a cachet.



By Navy General Order 74 of 15 August 1908, post offices were authorized on Navy ships starting with some of the larger vessels. So with this, almost every ship had its own mail department, cancel, and opportunities for great souvenirs. Naval covers have been included in some of our feature presentations and in the Show, Tell, & Ask segment of the meeting. They are a great collecting area. But something to keep in mind when collecting naval covers is that a given ship name can be used several times. This means that there has been more than one *U.S.S. Pennsylvania*. This namesake has been a sailing frigate, a 140-gun ship of the line (1837), both an early and a mid-20th Century battleship (2), a late 1980s submarine, and even a tugboat!

Ron was born in Wilkes-Barre, PA and lived in

the area for most of his life. Coming across a Naval Cover of the *U.S.S. Wilkes-Barre* gave him the idea of collecting ship covers from the Wyoming Valley area of PA where he lives and now enjoys retirement. In addition to postcard pictures, photos, drawings, and a host of covers, Ron showed these ships depicted on both U.S. and foreign stamps.

While Ron discussed about ten ships, this review will focus on one of his stories, that of the *U.S.S. Pennsylvania* and its relation to early naval aviation.

On 14 November 1910, a civilian pilot took off in his plane from an 83-foot temporary wooden runway on the deck of the stationary *U.S.S. Birmingham*. Then on 18 January 1911, Ely landed on another temporary deck, this time on the *U.S.S. Pennsylvania*. This landing was aided by the use of a tail hook to catch a wire under the plane to slow its momentum during the landing. Ely was killed in October of that year in a non-naval aero expedition in Macon, GA. In 1933 the Navy awarded Ely the Distinguished Service Cross (posthumously) for his aviation pioneering, especially that contribution to U.S. naval aviation.

Ron shared that collectors interested in ship covers might look into the Universal ship Cancellation Society, www.uscs.org which covers all areas of the topic's history from cachets to cancellations.

Show, Tell, and Ask:

Al Schaub remarked from his vantage of both a stamp and cover dealer and a collector of naval covers how challenging it is to assemble a collection such as tonight's presenter, **Ron Breznay**. Covers of the older and smaller vessels are especially difficult to locate.

Lou DiFelice asked about sources to identify U.S. Navy vessels and their designation numbers. Almost immediately several members offered a host of online sources.

Dick Colberg is looking for a good home for a variety of stamp magazines. Paul will send out the list to club members. These are free.



Larry Rosenblum shared an attractive postcard from a French restaurant that was mailed in RF in 1948. He notes that there is nothing special on the backside of this PPC.

Conclusion: The meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.

U.S.S. Pennsylvania➔

Club Notes

Programs & Shows
2022-2023 Programs

(Description of many of these programs are on the PSLC website.)

10 August: 6:00 p.m., Club Picnic. Freedom Memorial Park, Millersville

24 August: Toledos of the World. David Plunkett

14 September: Postal History Research Resources. Steve Kennedy

28 September: Pure Adulteration. Ron Leshner

12 October: U.S. One-half Cent Issues. David Hunt

26 October: My Grandfather was a Postmaster. Rick Barrett

9 November: Elie Beatty-Cashier of Hagerstown Bank 1807-1859. Steve Kennedy

23 November: Over-view of Semi-Postal Stamps of the Philippine Islands. George D. Hauber, Sr.

14 December: Why Postcards Matter. Dawn Hamman

28 December: Blood Donation on Stamps & Covers. Ken Martin

2023 Programs

11 January: TBA

25 January: British Inland Airmail, 1933 to 1955. M. Bach

8 February: TBA

22 March: The 2022 Europa Issues: Myths and Legends. Ron Breznay

12 April: Dining Cars-Epicurean Pleasure on the Rails, Bill Schultz

Events

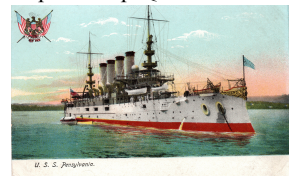
28 August: Some Sunday Stamp Show, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA

25-28 August: The Great Am. Stamp Show, Sacramento, CA

2-4 Sept.: Balpex, Baltimore Hunt Valley Inn, 245 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, MD

24 September: Harrisburg Club, Lower Swatara Firehouse, 1350 Fulling Mill Road, Middletown

5 November: Reading Stamp Collectors Club, Leesport Farm Market, Route 61 just north of Leesport. Map-Quest: 312



27 July Proceedings

Opening: Paul Petersen started the meeting at 6:30 with just a few announcements. Paid membership is 136. He announced that **Barbara Buchanan** will be resigning from her board position as Membership Chairman on 10 August due to recent demands of both family and work requirements. Anyone interested in exploring this position should contact him. It is an opportunity of a lifetime. He praised Barbara for her many years in this office with the great improvements she made with such efficiency.

Attendance: +/-32

Feature Presentation

The American Philatelic Society and the State of the Hobby-Scott English

Scott shared some of the vision for the hobby and society. While APS membership has declined, the health of the society is the best in decades, and he shared some stats. This review is but a brief summary of Scott's highlights and responses to numerous comments, questions, and other content that followed. One key is reaching people, and a prime target is the 22-55 year old range, a most challenging one. Of the habits of collectors, one of the most important to understand is "Why does one collect?" This helps in the planning of recruitment to the hobby and its societies. How can this be generalized or translated to the non-collector. APS members can facilitate this by making both in-person and virtual presentations in this community. Bottom line, "Where does APS fit in all this?" The APS website is being thoroughly modernized (following the 2009 upgrade) to make the browsing process easier, payments simpler, and tracking more efficient. A mobile app is also planned, and this will appeal to younger people.

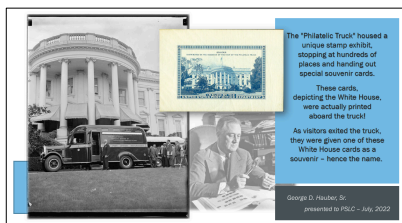
APS Education will undergo some augmentation of their C3A program and other learning platforms that can be accessed at long distances online.

With the library, digital and online services may surpass in-person research in years to come. APS wants to remain viable for both. There is a great trend in the hobby toward postal history, and the APRL is assisting this research.

Show, Tell, and Ask

George Hauber showed his latest PowerPoint presentation on The Philatelic Truck. This was a project started by the inspiration of FDR. He wanted the country to see how stamps were made as well as having the opportunity to view a 'museum' of U.S. stamps from the #1 Ben Franklin to the most recent issue at the time that the truck went on tour in May 1939.

Besides the historic stamp collection to view, the stamp truck printed on-site souvenirs for truck visitors, a large format blue and white gummed card showing the White House. Noted on the bottom of the card was "Issued by the United States Post Office Department," and on the top was "Souvenir ♦ Distributed on the Occasion of the Visit to the Philatelic Truck."



The truck was an armored vehicle, and it left the White House on 9 May 1939 and toured the country until the start of WWII on 7 December 1941. The tour ceased immediately, and the last stop was in San Diego on 12 December. The exhibit materials were then returned to DC. During its 31 months in operation, the truck traveled 20,750 miles visiting 490 towns. It attracted 483,976 visitors.

The souvenir labels can be purchased on eBay from under \$5 to \$50 depending on condition. There is a short 1982 paperback available entitled *The Philatelic Truck* by James H. Bruns.

An interesting sidelight to this story is that later souvenir cards were printed without gum. This was because of complaints. It was found that in the locations where the truck was on display, some visitors moistened the cards and stuck them on mailboxes, lamp posts, and other readily available surfaces.



Larry Roseblum showed two souvenir exposition postcards promoting stamp shows in Paris (1925) (Above and below) and La Havre (1929).



Closure: The meeting ended at 8:21 p.m.

'22 Picnic Details

Where: Millersville Memorial Park

Time: Festivities start at 6:00 p.m.

Weather: Rain or shine

Cost: No charge for members and guests

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

Rest Facilities: Clean restrooms with sinks are attached to the facility. A sink is also available in the pavilion, and antibacterial soap and paper towels will be provided.

What to Expect: There will be lots going on, and this is also a time to meet up with other members with whom you trade and deal.



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 financially from the loss of Lancopex income and the 50-50 raffles over the last two years. Please bring your own pen.

2-Members-Only Auction: New this year, this is described on Pg.-1.

3-Door Prizes: Same quality as at our in-person meetings. There will be many.

4-Give-aways: This includes pre-owned philatelic magazines and catalogs, oddball stuff, a few slightly damaged items, lesser valuable supplies, and other philatelic material. That well-known phrase, "The good, the bad, and the ugly" certainly applies here.

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. Try to distance from others.

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 Barbacon, 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 with enquiring minds, conduct a MapQuest or other map search program for 9 Blue Rock Road, Millersville, and the park is right behind this location.

What's in Your Philatelic Well?

During this lengthy season of Covid, many in PSLC went to their philatelic well (closet, basement, attic, car trunk, and others) to find what they had in the way of treasures or otherwise. Several have shown some of their rediscoveries during the Show, Tell, & Ask component of our digital meetings, and this always adds a little zest to the sessions. I reported a few months ago that in my quest I found the last two Third Reich stamps, the SA and the SS issues that were stuck to the bottom of a not so recent box lot.

In addition to stamps and covers, there is ephemera in our wells. A recent uncovering was the nearby H.E. Harris & Co. package of maps on stamps. From the items depicted, it looks to be from the early 1970s. I remember these stamp packets when I was a kid, as they could be found in all the 5&10¢ stores. The last time I saw such a kiosk was in 2000 in Books-A-Million in Orlando. They also sold simplified albums, references/guides, and some supplies.

Around 1975 H.E. Harris sold his company, but the buyers grabbed the assets, discontinued the approvals, and sold the publishing arm. Fortunately, the Whitman Company still publishes the H. E. Harris Liberty Albums and supplements for U.S. stamps to this day. Another find was a Littleton Stamp Co. (Littleton, NH) approval packet. Maynard Sundman and his wife started this company upon his returning home from the war.

In the mid to late 1950s, I signed up for approval packets from Mystic. The prices and postage were never excessive; they were easily accommodated with my allowance. And how I looked forward to the mail when arriving home from school. This yellow packet seen above still contained ten (10) MNH Christmas Seals as advertised. Perusing this, I found five (5) from the 1930s and five (5) from the 1940s. I still collect these seals to this day. The Littleton Coin Co. remains in NH, while the stamp business is in Camden, NY with the well-known moniker of Mystic Stamps. In 1923 Lawrence Shaver worked with H.E. Harris to buy a start-up stamp and supply

business. He ran this business as the Mystic Stamp Company. Through H.E. Harris, he met M. Sundman, and they became lifelong friends and competitors. In 1976 Shaver sold his business to Maynard Sundman's younger son, Donald who became general manager at age 19. Mystic grew to several hundred employees and still do approvals and many other services.

When I returned to collecting around 2000, I did some business with Mystic, and their quality was excellent as was the extent of their advertising. The Mystic Heirloom U.S. Album is the best in the business for new and intermediate collectors, and had I not owned a 1960 Scott's Nat'l Album, Mystic would have been my choice. After joining PSLC in 2002, I realized that there were additional ways of obtaining and collecting stamps beyond mail order. Be that as it may, Harris and Mystic gave great service to promote the hobby in the U.S. Harris introduced Captain Tim, a

radio show sponsored by Proctor & Gamble, and it had 2.5M subscribers when the show ended in 1936. They were practically in every household. Mystic advertises regularly in popular magazines with free offers, a catalog, expertise, and more. They sponsor the Maynard Sundman

Lecture at the NPM and are great philanthropists to a host of major causes. Through their promotions, they are responsible for the recruitment of up to a few hundred new APS members/year. But yes, ephemera brings back some poignant memories of our youthful collecting times. Approval services are alive and well as advertised regularly in the back of *Linn's*. There's a great 'approval' service for both targeted buying and selling. It is through APS and their Circuit Sales Program. You can sell your doubles and/or purchase stamps by the country or topic of choice. Think about it.



S-1 Price 25¢

U. S. CHRISTMAS SEALS

U. S. Christmas Seals, first issued in 1907, are familiar to all of us. Here are seals issued in 10 different years. These older issues are seldom seen. Add these beauties to your collection!

Littleton Stamp Co., Littleton, New Hampshire

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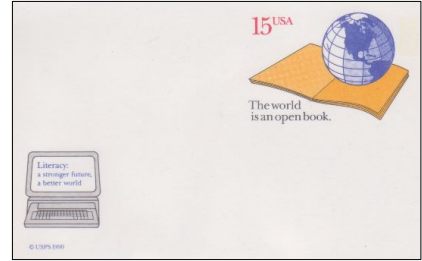
List of Country

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Hot Sale Needed

Postal Card Markings

During Show, Tell, and Ask at a recent PSLC, some first day covers from the 1950s and '60s were shown which contained slogans as part of the official first day cancel. Adding to this, **Tom Bowman** told us about some U.S. postal cards, which contained logos or slogans on the front side. He notes that beginning with UX115 of 22 May 1987, Scotts started noting inscriptions at various locations on the front of the cards; mostly they appeared at the lower left, with some at the top left.



Some had an image referencing the stamp while others had wording with relevance to the stamp. These were produced through 22 March 1990 with UX146. (See example above.) Tom also submitted other creative augmentations to some of the U.S. Postal cards. Contact Ed, if you would like an email with further details and postal card images that Tom has compiled.

Classified

PSLC is seeking the best candidate to fill the recently opened board position for Membership Chairman. The task may require an hour every week or two. Full training and expenses will be provided. Interested candidates should apply to PSLC President, Dr. Charles J. DiComo.

Ave et Vale

Howard Chaundy

Howard collected stamps in his youth, declaring that his album is "around-somewhere" and that he has been looking for it. He joined PSLC in 2019 after attending some earlier meetings. For this history buff, the meetings were always of interest to him. More so, he enjoyed the dinners with our outside speakers at local restaurants prior to the meetings. He was born in the UK just after the war and was then raised in Philadelphia. Following graduation from Girard College, he enlisted in the Marines seeing time in Viet Nam. He then underwent training and qualification as a master electrician working several years at Three Mile Island. His longest tenure lasted until retirement where he ran the electrical shop at Millersville University.