

# Philatelic Society Of Lancaster County



A Ukrainian Solidarity PPC-See Pg. 4



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

Please note that all meetings are virtual starting at 6:15 p.m.  
Wednesdays, 14 and 28 September 2022

## The Veranda Chronicles

I was pleased to read in the *U.S. News and World Report* survey of the top 150 metro areas in the U.S. that Lancaster was listed at #5 as best place to retire in the U.S.; #16 as safest place to live; #20 for quality of life; and #61 as best overall place to live in the U.S.A.!

Of interest is that in this 'Retirement' category, the top four cities and the cities numbering from six through eight are all in Florida! And just coming back from Florida, I see that Lancaster is quite special.

So we have something going here, and I think it is the stamp club with all the happy retirees that results in this very high and august ranking. And yes, our long awaited family vacation has come and gone, so it is now back to the rat race (a.k.a. Covid-19). I'll keep you all informed as the virus proceeds in conjunction with PSLC's desire to return to meeting in person,



something we have all talked about. The Board members are working on this.

The Some Sunday Stamp Show here in Lancaster went well. I saw at least 15 club members and gave the recruiting pitch to several others. Hopefully they will seriously consider visiting the club and eventually joining us.

The bourse was very busy from 10:00 to 3:30, so this made for some very happy dealers who intend to return in October. We are fortunate to have five to six stamps shows in town every year. The picture below was taken about 4:00 at the end of the show.



You may experience this as well, as my family members and friends are always remarking on my devotion to the hobby, and they have often pegged me with a personalized gift or two, the latest, a Stamp Man Bobble Head. Cheers, *CJDI*

**14 September 2022 at 6:15 p.m.**

Postal History Research Resources-**Steve Kennedy**

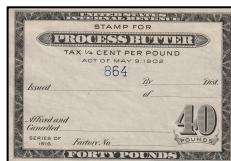
Steve will provide a roadmap containing a long list of resources that postal history students can use to discover relevant information on the many interesting aspects of a cover. Surprisingly, even simple covers provide an opportunity to learn more about the political, social, legal, and financial aspects of our predecessors. He will also provide some interesting tools and online sites for us to use in our research.



**28 September 2022 at 6:15 p.m.**

Pure Adulteration-**Ron Lesher**

In tonight's presentation, Ron will address a revenue study on the federal taxation to enforce the safety of our food supply prior to the Pure Food and Drug Act of 1906. This includes oleomargarine, processed or adulterated butter, mixed flour, filled cheese, and meat inspection. States enacted inspection fees on fertilizer and cattle feed for similar reasons. Various revenue issues, covers, hand stamps, and other documents and ephemera will be examined.



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**Visitors are Always  
Welcome**

PSLC meets virtually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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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The entire world mourns the passing of Queen Elizabeth after a 70-year reign of dedicated service. (Pg.-3)

## 2022 Summer Picnic in Millersville

The 10 August Summer Picnic in Millersville went very well this year. However, ahead of the event were seven (7) cancellations by some of our usual suspects, and this was not encouraging. But it was not a bust, as we had thirty-seven members and family. This included some young collectors, Laura Duncan's two sons, and Scott Ney's family with their young son and daughter.

We have not had our regular face-to-face meetings since 2/2020, and these included three auctions a year. As a result, the donated items have been building up. We sold some of this material at our Outdoor Bourse in May, and most of the rest went into this picnic's Donation Auction, door prizes, and give-away items. The door prize drawings went through several rounds of picnickers. So along with all the other auction and give-away items, everyone went home loaded with philatelic stuff.

The auction included many early U.S. stamps, and these were priced by **Lou DiFelice** and **Dr. DiComo**. As Lou noted, with all the availabilities at this picnic, our members got good bargains, some really great bargains of these U.S. issues. Included in this was a genuine U.S. #1 (five-cent Ben Franklin) with the word "Fake" written in manuscript across the front. While this is a real shame, a PSLC member, however, was able to obtain a U.S. #1 placeholder for \$20.00!

A few weeks after the picnic when the IOUs were collected and a few who missed the picnic were able to meet with **Paul Petersen** to look over and purchase the residuals, Lou said that the total receipt was just over \$750.00. These receipts will make up for the lost income from both the cancellation of Lancopex (2020 thru 2022) and the additional income from the 50-50 drawings at the monthly meetings, which have been canceled for a few years.

But the key to the success of the picnic, much more than numbers, income, winnings, and good weather was the fellowship amongst the club members throughout the evening. They enjoyed

seeing one another, not just as collectors, but as friends, both new and old. Many friendships were made with some of our new members.

For example, Stevan and Cathy Cady attended the picnic from western PA, this side of Pittsburgh. They are both stamp collectors and are in the Wilkinsburg Stamp Club. They know and collect this club's humorous show Cinderellas very well, well enough that they will be giving a feature presentation to PSLC in 2023 on these iconic stamp show souvenirs.

There was only one surprise. Offered were many donated stamp and postal history publications available for the taking. Included were *The American Philatelist*, *Linn's*, and *Topical Time*. However there were several other titles including *The German Postal Specialist*, *The American Stamp Collector and Dealer*, *The Yule Log* (The Christmas Philatelic Club), *The Chronicle* and *The Chairman's Chatter* (U.S. Philatelic Classics Society), *Excelsior* and *Bulletins of the Empire State Postal History Society*, and *Stanley Gibbons Monthly* and *Stamp Magazine*, the latter two publications from the UK. There were also a few *Scott Catalogues* and some other philatelic references. Few of these were taken home!

While the picnics have been self-catering since 2020, the intent is to resume the grilled burgers & dogs, and the member-provided pot-luck desserts, appetizers, and side dishes. Once all is safe, this will be resumed when a committee is formed who will purchase and cook the food and coordinate what the members will bring to the soirée. So look forward to 2023 which will hopefully be a better year.

**Editor's Note:** *Please excuse the absence of picnic photos. I took some nice shots, but upon transferring them to the computer, I found that the SIM card of my ancient camera had ejected slightly. Promise to do better next year, as all is back in place and working well. Ed.*

did (Seen nearby). Here in front of a vintage WWI era USPOD mail truck, one sees stark contrast with the GASS theme of Pony Cars as publicized in the background.



Larry noted that there was a substantial beginners area as noted above.

He shared that, as always, there was neither enough time nor money, but he did his best with a few deals while turning down some pricey material for his collection.

## Club Notes

### Programs & Shows

#### 2022 Programs

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

**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:** Overview 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 February:** The Wilkensburg Souvenir Sheets. Stevan & Chris Cady

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

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

**26 April:** GAR-First Days: First Day Covers and History of the 1949 Grand Army of the Republic Issue. Steve Plunkett

#### Events

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

**12-16 October:** NOJEX (ASDA), East Rutherford, NJ

**5 November:** Reading Stamp Collectors Club, Leesport Farm Market, Route 61 just north of Leesport.



**4-6 November:** Aerophilately at APS, (American Air Mail Society), Bellefonte, PA

## Report from The Great American Stamp Show in Sacramento

Everyone likes a stamp show, especially a big one which combines the annual APS, ATA, and the AFDCS shows. Because it was on the West



Coast, I asked member **Larry Roseblum** to send a few snaps including one of him, which he



# 24 July Minutes & Treasury

Paul Petersen, Acting Sect'y/Lou DiFelice, Treasurer

**Opening:** Dr. DiComo commenced the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with a welcome to members and visitors. Facebook page, website, and YouTube channel are all up to date.

**Announcements:** Paul Petersen reminded all of the annual club picnic on 10 August in Millersville. There will be a silent auction of donated items to benefit the club, numerous door prizes, and a host of give-aways from stamp magazines to philatelic items. This is a self-catering event.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Due to technical transmission difficulties at the time of the meeting, the numbers could not be displayed. Treasurer, Lou DiFelice provided the hardcopy data the following day for publication in this newsletter.)

1-31 July 2022

<b>Opening:</b>	\$3894.53
<b>Income:</b>	\$390.00
<b>Expenses:</b>	\$134.53
<b>Sum:</b>	\$4150.00
<b>2CDs:</b>	\$6067.66
<b>Meeting Attendance:</b>	+/-33

### Feature Presentation

Toledos of the World (aka Wholly Toledo)-David Plunkett

From a lifelong collection of OH state postal history, one of Dave's focuses has been the city of Toledo, OH. From here he broadened further into the postal history and trappings of all the Toledos, worldwide.

Tonight there was something for every collector, with stamps (worldwide and classical), postmarks (including manuscripts), maps (global and detailed; vintage and current), postcards, aerial views, postal cards, post office images, picture postcards, pre-cancels, post office charters, postmaster appointments, and more.



In this Toledo philatelic gazetteer there are some interesting geographical factoids. In the foreign catchment, David identified eight (8) worldwide Toledos, three in Brazil and one each in Colombia, Spain, Ontario, Philippines, and Uruguay. All these Toledos have brick and mortar POs except for Toledo in Colombia

which has only a self-serve kiosk. For Toledo, Spain, Dave showed a franked cover cancelled on 4 May 1851 and two more cancelled in the 1870s.



In the U.S. there have been 32 Toledos with Toledo OH having four (4) POs which have combined. The U.S. Toledos domicile in 22 states with three (3) in IL, MO, and NC; and two (2) in KY and MI. Not all these Toledos remain, and most are dead. A few of the towns remain, but the PO have closed. For several of these Toledos, there are no extant cancels. Right now six (6) U.S. Toledo POs are in operation.



Toledo in Pennsylvania was formerly located in Washington County, in the SW of the Commonwealth on the eastern OH border. Dave found an 1883 map showing Toledo and a current aerial view of the intersection where this rural post office was located in the past. Now dead, there are a few businesses today along with the Washington County Airport where Toledo once existed. He shared with us an 11 October 1889 manuscript cancelled cover. On the reverse is a CDS, Washington, PA back stamp.

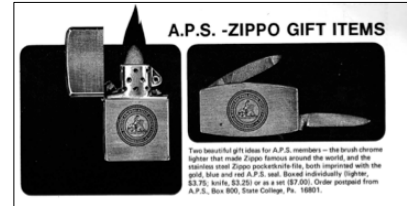
### Show and Tell

**RD Noble** held up a vintage Lancaster pre-cancel. (not shown)

**Jim Strycharz** showed a cacheted cover with an image of the Motorized Highway Post Office Service as seen below.



Perusing the 1974 APS Member Handbook, Paul Petersen found an image of an APS Zippo cigarette lighter offered as part of a gift set with an APS penknife.



(Ed's note: The Zippo Co. is in Bradford, PA)  
**Closing:** The meeting ended about 8:30 p.m.

## Remembering the Queen

Last Thursday ended the 70 year of Queen Elizabeth of the United Kingdom. Like many in PSLC, this is the only Queen I have known, since I was three years old when she ascended the throne, and four for the coronation.

Queen Elizabeth contributed to the long stability of the British Monarchy, and she did this with style, class, and a sense of humor.

One of my favorite stamps is that of the current Machen overlapping Queen Victoria's image used on the Penny Black as seen below. Following this is a favorite image from Mike Bach. As Mike notes, "This one says it all." The photo in the lower right corner on Page-1 is from Bill Schultz showing the Queen with her Stamps.



## Worldwide Postal Agencies in Solidarity with the Ukraine

All of us with enquiring minds have been following the Russian attack on the Ukraine, which commenced back in February. Many thought that this may be a short-lived affair, however they did not consider the strong will and resistance of the Ukrainian people and numerous contributing worldwide sovereign states who would provide various degrees of financial and in-kind assistance.

As the Ukraine's eminent demise had not occurred, their postal authority felt the need to hold competition for the subject of an appropriate postage stamp. The winning design has become the iconic image of a Ukrainian soldier on shore of Snake Island flipping the bird to the Russian warship cruising by on the sea close to the coast. This is known as the "Bird" or "Finger" stamp. There are some other names of this stamp that are not as politically correct. There are two versions of the stamp, both contain the soldier, but in one, the Russian warship is present, and in the other, the ship is missing, as it was eventually sunk.



Needless to say, this issue has been difficult for worldwide collectors to obtain. Several countries have issued stamps in solidarity with the Ukraine, and these are available through new issue services. Occasionally a guy can get lucky. Ms. Ed. has a pen pal and artist contact in the Ukraine, and knowing that I am a collector he sent us three of the Ukraine's first stamps of resistance. This include the two "Bird" issues, one with and the other sans the Russian ship. The other topic depicts the Ukrainian farmer using his tractor to tow a disabled Russian tank. These are seen nearby. A picture postcard of this image in on the top of Page-1.

The 12 September ('22) issue of *Linn's* (Pgs. 12-14) has a thorough review of the assistance provided to the Ukrainian Postal Service by at least 30 worldwide postal agencies and the Universal Postal Union and the United Nations.



They are assisting in a variety of ways with direct financial support, direct and indirect help with moving the mail, fundraising, agreements, and more.



Five hundred POs are damaged or ruined entirely, and 450 are behind the new Russian lines. Ukraine's postal service has set up some very creative mobile POs. *Linn's* provides the UPU website for greater detail: [www.upu.int](http://www.upu.int). This is a good website, and the UPU is issuing a book on the topic entitled *Union Postale: Postal Solidarity at Work* in November.

Many stamp collectors and their respective stamp issuing entities are providing support for the Ukraine by issuing solidarity stamps. Some are semi-postal stamps where the additional fees charged will go to the supporting agencies of the Ukraine. A few of these, along with those early issues from the Ukraine are seen nearby.



Nordfirm ([nordfirm.com](http://nordfirm.com)) is currently advertising seven (7) of these solidarity stamps from Spain, Poland, Austria, Croatia, Moldova, France, and Lithuania, and some are included nearby with blur or yellow borders. They have sold out of

the issues produced by the Ukraine. Mz. Ed and I are forming a small collection of these stamps, PPCs, and other ephemera.

In the July issue of the UK's *Stamp Magazine* (Pg.-9) were a few related Ukraine notes. In the first it states that the 2023 theme for the Europa issue competition (Is this called an omnibus issue? I'm not sure.) has been changed from "Underwater flora and fauna" to "Peace" to show solidarity with the Ukraine. In a nearby referred story, it notes that both Russia and its ally, Belarus have been excluded from voting in the competition for the most beautiful 2022 Europa stamp. This was due to the Russian invasion of the Ukraine.

In a recent edition of *Linn's*, the Ukraine is holding its next competition for the design of their "Protest the Russians" stamp(s).

**Irv Miller** is the president of the American Stamp Dealer's Association, and in his editorial in the August ('22) edition (Pgs. 6-8) of *The American Stamp Collector and Dealer*, he shares a website where collectors can view and sign a petition that goes to the USPS Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee encouraging them to issue a stamp in support and solidarity with the Ukraine. This is [www.usukrainesemipostal.com](http://www.usukrainesemipostal.com). Further, Mr. Miller is producing a label, which will be available from 14-16 October at the NOJEX show in northern NJ for a donation of any amount. This item will also be available from Irv via mail order with a donation and stamped, addressed envelope. 100% of the profits will go to a Ukrainian Relief Fund.



The Ukraine and WW protest stamps, along with postcards, the '23 Europa issue, and other ephemera will make a great topical collection and exhibit. It will be a finite collection once the war is over, a collection that may not be that difficult to complete.

