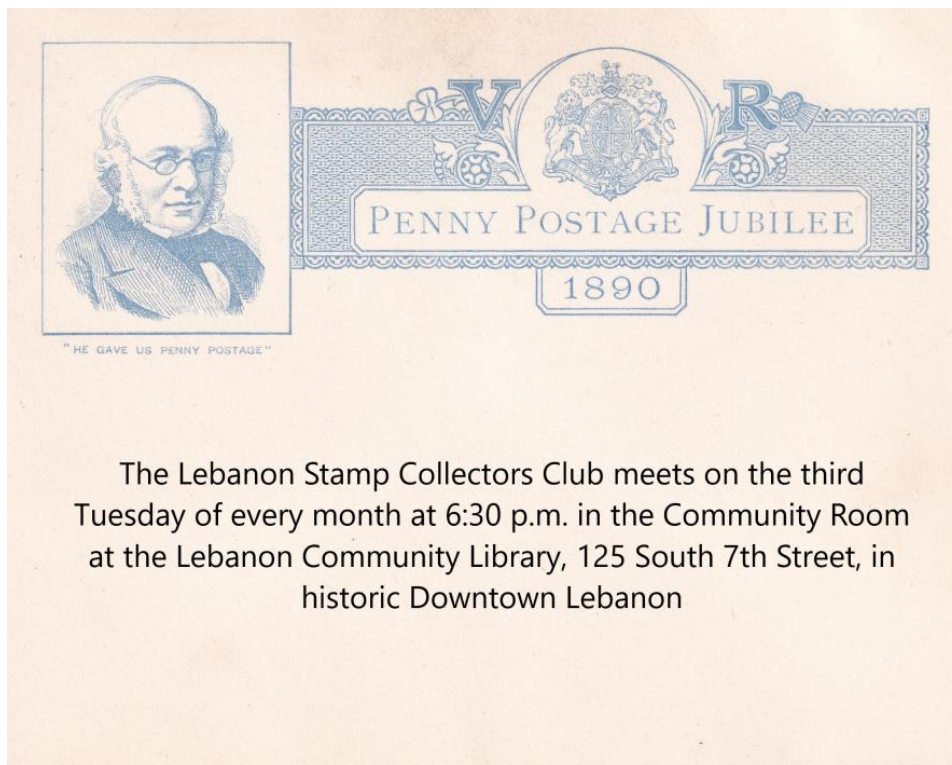


# Lebanon Stamp Collectors Club

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The Lebanon Stamp Collectors Club meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Lebanon Community Library, 125 South 7th Street, in historic Downtown Lebanon

## Next meeting: Tuesday, October 18

The LSCC is looking for presenters to share topics of interest to stamp collectors. We are a low-tech, pass your items around the table kind of club, with no audio-visual capabilities – no knowledge of PowerPoint required! Please contact Scott Ney [stnst2@aol.com](mailto:stnst2@aol.com) or Dick Colberg if you are interested in visiting and/or sharing a program with us.

## At the September LSCC Meeting

Six regulars and a visitor from the PSLC were in attendance for the September meeting of the LSCC. We had all come to welcome a visitor from the Reading Stamp Collectors Club, Mike Bach, who delivered a splendid presentation on the topic of the 1890 Jubilee Celebration of the Penny Post. Mike is a native of England and specializes in Queen Victoria, Edward VII, and George V. But his true philatelic love is the Penny Black.

Mike noted that there was a Jubilee Issue commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> year of the reign of Queen Victoria in 1887. \*\* The Penny Post Jubilee, which was officially celebrated from 16 – 19 May 1890 in London, featured a “Conversazione” held on the 16<sup>th</sup> which was attended by the Prince of Wales and “3,000 specially invited guests”, and an exhibition open to the general public on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, that included some interesting exhibits; unfortunately, a description of the “Post Office of 1890” exhibit has not survived to satisfy our curiosity of what the inhabitants of the previous century thought it might look like.

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The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh attended a second Conversazione and Exhibition on the evening of 2 July 1890, which was held to benefit a benevolence fund established in the name of the British inventor of the adhesive postage stamp, Sir Rowland Hill. The Penny Postage Jubilee was a rare event where royalty and the common people mingled together happily:

*May it please your Royal and Imperial Highness, we, the undersigned, who are old officers of the Post Office, desire to welcome your Royal and Imperial Highness to this, the celebration of the Jubilee of Uniform Penny Postage. We desire to thank your Royal and Imperial Highness for your condescension in coming amongst the officers of the Post Office and in lending approval to the Rowland Hill Benevolent Fund by your gracious presence."*

*(From a letter presented to the Duchess of Edinburgh signed by officers of the Post Office who entered the service more than 50 years prior, including Mr. Frederick Hill, the sole surviving brother of the late Sir Rowland Hill)*

Mike collects the postal memorabilia from these two events, which include a special postcard and cancel for the May exposition, and a Jubilee card and envelope for the July event. I invite you to review the PowerPoint presentation linked below to see the various covers that he has collected. A very interesting cover, on slide 37, was mailed during the war in 1942, and didn't arrive back with the sender until over five years later, in 1947!

While there were plenty of commoners in attendance at these events, they were not affordable to everyone. It was not cheap to attend a Conversazione, or even acquire a souvenir cover. The Jubilee envelope with the five special cancels on it cost 19 pence, which is about \$80 in today's USD. A ticket to the Conversazione in July cost 7 shillings and 6 pence, which is about \$420 in today's USD. (See slides three and 40 of Mike's presentation for more info about the event proceeds and modern conversions).

Mike noted that he always researches covers before he buys them, and it is evident from the quality of his collection that he has an eye for covers that have an interesting story behind them.

A link to Mike's presentation to the PSLC in February 2021 is here: [PowerPoint Presentation \(lcp-stamps.org\)](https://www.lcps-stamps.org)

\*\* Queen Victoria reigned for 63 years, 216 days (23,226 days), until her death in 1901, and the length of her reign is surpassed only by the late Queen Elizabeth II, who was on the throne for 70 years, 214 days (25,782 days).

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## A decades-old postcard returns home

Occasionally you will hear the story of a piece of mail that was delivered to an address long after it was first put into the mail system, or an object that was lost or stolen from an individual long ago that was finally returned to its rightful owner. These stories are used as space- or spot-fillers (I guess the word nowadays would be “content”) for news providers and websites, have value and are interesting as human-interest pieces. This story is a variation of that.

Last month while checking eBay I found a postcard that was addressed to my grandparents. I took a screenshot of it and sent it via text message to my mom, brothers, and sister, who all found it interesting, and wondered where I found it and how it ended up there.

My best guess is that it was in a bag of postcards that my grandma sold to one of our neighbors when we lived in South Lebanon Township in the middle of the 1980's. I guess those postcards are probably all over the country by now, and I just happened to find this one hanging out in cyberspace. After grandma sold them, I think my dad realized that selling them was a mistake when I bought a few of them back from our neighbor at his garage sale.



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The mailbox across the street from my grandparent's house belongs to me now, and the appearance of the row of mailboxes probably hasn't changed much since the days that this postcard first arrived here. It was mailed from Florida on February 15, 1960, and its return trip to Lebanon, via Wisconsin, was completed 62 ½ years later on September 26, 2022.

Coincidentally, I saw an item by Ron Breznay in the September edition of the Wyoming Valley Stamp Club newsletter about a First Day Cover addressed to him that a club member recently found in a lot of covers he bought at an auction. So now I have to ask, has anyone else ever found a piece of correspondence for sale that was addressed to them or their family?



**Mayfairstamps US 1960 Florida Ft Lauderdale to Lebanon PA Bridge River Postcard**

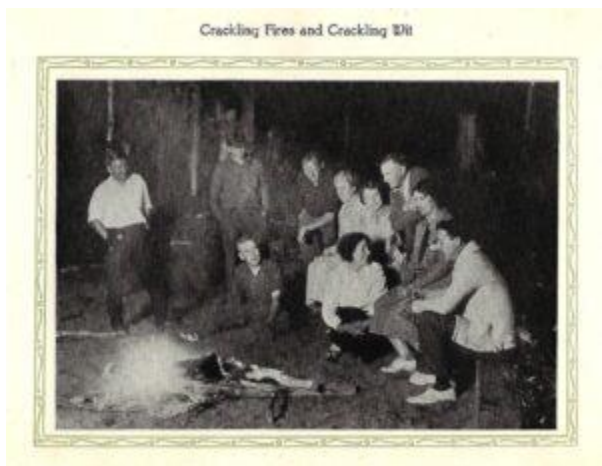
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## Calendar of Events



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](mailto:pcpetersen@comcast.net) 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.

October 12: **“Half-A-Program”** (inspired by “The Half-A-Collection” exhibited by Clyde Jennings), by David Hunt. A brief survey of the 1/2-cent stamps of the U.S. Between 1925 and 1959 the U.S. Post Office Department issued ten different stamps denominated 1/2-cent, divided equally between definitive stamps and postage due stamps. The “Half-A-Program” will also include a look at the 1/2-cent stamps of the Canal Zone.



October 26: **“My Grandfather was a Postmaster”**, by Rick Barrett. For years there has been a fascinating story that in the 1920s, Grandpa Barrett was a postmaster in a tiny fishing and hunting town in Ontario, Canada. Yet after years of wondering, several interesting documents confirming his appointment finally surfaced in some family estate materials. Grandson Rick Barrett will show these remarkable official documents, along with a number of very interesting philatelic items and other visuals, and talk of family-related postal history. Join us for a captivating and enjoyable

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personal tale which combines ancestry with stamp collecting.

November 9: **“Elie Beatty – Cashier of Hagerstown Bank, 1807-1859”**, by Steve Kennedy

November 23: **“Overview of Semi-Postal Stamps of the Philippine Islands”**, by George D. Hauber, Sr. Come Join us for an evening with member, collector, and PowerPoint Master, George Hauber as he shares this country’s semi-postal stamps, each one with a with a surcharge to support a cause to maintain and enhance life on the Philippine Islands. The stamps tell of the 1519 discovery of the Philippines by Magellan followed by Spanish occupation, a discovery that also demonstrated that the world was round. The Spanish American War led to U.S. Administration until 1935. Shortly afterwards, WWII led to Japanese Occupation. Here the semi-postals supported the campaign to produce and conserve food and aid the Red Cross. A 1943 issue benefited the victim of the major flood on Luzon. Following the war came support for damaged libraries, war widows, children, orphans, and disabled veterans. Later semi-postals supported the Tuberculosis Society. This is a very telling story of a nation that survived many challenges and then thrived, and all this is seen in a host of beautiful stamp issues.

December 14: **“Why Postcards Matter”**, by Dawn Hamman. This presentation is about the importance of the PPC in Rural America and the U.S. Post Office at the turn of the 19th Century.

December 28: **“Blood Donation on Stamps and Covers”**, by Ken Martin

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## 2022 REGIONAL SHOWS, BOURSES & GATHERINGS

Courtesy of the PSLC

October 9: **Some Sunday Stamp Show** 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA 17601. Table fee is \$120 for 8 feet “L’s” (8” front & 8” side) with an 8” back table. Setup starts 8:00 AM. For more information, contact [Kevin Kellman](mailto:KevinKellman) at [k2stamps@gmail.com](mailto:k2stamps@gmail.com)

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

December 16-17: **Some Sunday Stamp Show** 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA 17601. Table fee is \$120 for 8 feet “L’s” (8” front & 8” side)

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## LEBPEX Information Gathering Request

Please share what you know about LEBPEX, the LSCC's annual stamp show that ran from the 1970's through the 1990's. I know many of the past club members who made that show an annual event are no longer with us, and other newer members don't remember it at all.

Below is a chart to aid you in supplying info about the dates of specific shows, show cachets, etc. Please feel free to jot down memories or notes about the event – I would like to put together a "catalog" of the covers. If you have old covers that you don't want, I'd be happy to take them off your hands. I'd also like to have images of them to illustrate the newsletter and the catalog.

The earliest LEBPEX cachet I've seen is from 1975; the latest is from 1997.

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Please return your completed chart to Scott Ney via email ([stnst2@aol.com](mailto:stnst2@aol.com)) or mail: 3187 Oak Street, Lebanon, PA 17042. You may also send scans of show covers to my email address.

Thanks for your help!

