

# Philatelic Society of Lancaster County



More on Oleomargarine, Pg.-3



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

**Please note that all meetings are virtual starting at 6:15 p.m.  
Wednesdays, 12 and 26 October, 2022**

## The Veranda Chronicles

Greetings, PSLC members and friends of the club. There is lots to discuss about the many issues you have raised. The first is when will we start to meet in person. We are aiming for late winter. We have the possibilities for three venues. With the large size of our club and strict Covid restrictions, the process is taking a little longer to set up. You'll be the first to know when all is worked out.

And it will be a different homecoming. We will continue to have two meetings a month. At our in-person meetings (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday) we will have more participatory activities such as a member's bourse, auctions, show and tell, quizzes, trivia, and some short presentations. With our second monthly meeting (the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday), we will remain online at home with feature length presentations. What is up in the air is our capacity for a hybrid meeting on the second Wednesday meeting, that is, will we be able to connect digitally with all the membership across the country on Zoom. This is to be determined.

Another issue is Lancopex. We are scheduled for the last weekend in April next year. We have foregone the past three shows due to Covid. As Kevin Kellman's Sunday shows have been popular, there have been up to five shows in Lancaster yearly. Plans are to combine Lancopex'23 with Kevin's late-April show. We'll

have a presence, recruit new members, supply give-away items, and look into having a club table for members to sell donations to the club as well as some of their own items. And door prizes, as before, is another possibility. We remain open to other ideas that you may have. Please let us know.

The last issue to bring up is Membership. As you know, Membership Chairman, Barbara Buchanan has retired after serving us diligently for many years. She brought several important changes to the office, and adjusted her duties significantly when Covid-19 appeared in 2/2020. The open position has given us the opportunity to re-examine and streamline the process to more evenly distribute the workload. It is not an easy task to keep up with 135+ members online when it comes to dues, address updates, records maintenance, nametags, and membership communication, among the tasks.

So, here too, please share with us your recommendations with respect to membership. Earlier in the month, I appointed PSLC member **Tom Nichols** to fill the open Membership board position, and he is eager to serve you. Please join me in welcoming Tom as our new Membership Chairman and the newest member of our board.

See you soon, *CJDi*

**12 October 2022 at 6:15 p.m.**

*The U.S. One-Half Cent Issues-David Hunt*

Dave will share with us a brief survey of the U.S. ½-cent stamps. Between 1925 and 1959 the U.S. Post Office Department issued ten different stamps denominated ½-cent, divided equally between definitive stamps and postage due stamps. The "Half-A-Program" will also include a look at the ½-cent stamps of the Canal Zone. Dave references the late Clyde Jennings' exhibit on the topic as the inspiration for him to look into these issues.



**26 October 2022 at 6:15 p.m.**

*My Grandfather was a Postmaster-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, which confirmed his appointment, had 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 personal tale, which combines one's ancestry with their stamp collecting.



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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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# 14 September 2022 Minutes & Treasury

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

**Opening:** Dr. DiComo welcomed all and shared his updates in our digital media. Let him know if you need any stamps (U.S., WW, or both) or stamp journals, and he will get them to you.

**Announcements:** Paul Petersen reviewed the club's Membership status. David Fritz of NYC is our newest member. He collects, U.S., Israel, and Greece. **December Dinner:** If this is held as Covid allows, it will be a no-host dinner at a local restaurant. Numbers of members and guests will be taken and a reservation made for that number for the third Wednesday in December (23 Dec.) since we have Zoom meetings already scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesdays. This will be decided on November.

**Treasury:** (1-31 August 2022)

<b>Opening Balance:</b>	\$4150.00
<b>Income:</b>	\$695.00
<b>Expenses:</b>	\$67.80
<b>Sum:</b>	\$4772.20
<b>Two (2) CDs:</b>	\$6067.77

**Approval of Minutes and Treasury Report:**

This was approved by voice vote on screen.

**Attendance:** +/- 28 present

**Feature Presentation: Postal History Research Resources-Steve Kennedy**

Steve started out with a review of the terminology used in postal history for stampless, folded, and traditional stamped covers, i.e., the anatomy & physiology of a cover, its franking, and markings. He showed examples of these, and he posited some creative ways to break down a cover (see below) for a one-page image for exhibit or album. The price of covers ranges from a dollar or two to five (5) or more figures. Postal history study does not have to be expensive.

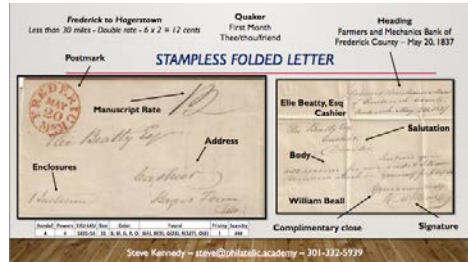


Steve referred to the term, *social postal history*, crediting Jesse Spector, and this augments postal history with any available information of the sender, addressee, and/or contents of the cover, if pertinent. And with improved digital access, images of people, objects, or other related topics are available.

The presentation is broken down into 17 categories of resources, and for each of these categories, Steve listed several specific sites, and the number of these sites is in parenthesis. The total number of specific sites is 184 postal history research resources.

What is important is that Steve's PowerPoint is on the club website and available for study, and each

of the 184 sites is a hyperlink. These are underlined, so when hovering over an underlined item, the link will show. Press Ctrl and click, and this action will open up the research link in a separate window.



The 17 categories are as follows: ♦Postal Rates (4 links); ♦Postal Routes (13); ♦Moving the Mail (12); ♦Postal Markings (11); ♦Facebook (10); ♦Clubs & Federations (8); ♦Genealogical (7); ♦Gen'l Search Links (14); ♦Libraries (7); ♦Newspapers & Publications (10); ♦Philatelic Literature (11); ♦Philatelic Organizations (15); ♦Philatelic Websites (15); ♦Museums & Hist'l Societies (11); ♦State Postal History Societies (19); ♦The U.S. Post Office (13); and ♦Other Resources (14).

Steve encouraged members to send him additional research links to add to his database. Members should also turn their covers into short articles for national, regional, and/or local philatelic and postal history publications.

Dick Colberg recommended <https://bookfinder.com>. With the right search words and terms, the potential information is invaluable.

**Show, Tell, and Ask**

Cathy Kotanchik shared an interesting story that lead to some very interesting discussion and post-meeting follow-up. (Ed's note: Given the length of this topic and discussion, copy has been moved and described on Pg.-3, right.)



Larry Rosenblum displayed a postcard (above) dated 1908 from France showing a couple that are weaving and wearing regional dress. It contains a definitive stamp from the Sower series. The back of the card is unremarkable. Larry wonders about the people in the card, their lifestyles, why they are on the postcard, and so much more. This led to some interesting discussion. George Hauber added that the couple in the image appear so dour (♦Pg-4)

# Club Notes

## Programs & Shows

### 2022 Programs

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

- 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
- 10 May:** EFOS-An Emphasis on Fold-overs, David Hunt

### Events

- 9 October:** Some Sunday Stamp Show, Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster.
- 12-16 October:** NOJEX (ASDA), East Rutherford, NJ
- 29 October:** Eastern PA Stamp Show (Allentown), Schenksville Fire Company, Old Packhouse Road.
- 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), 100 Match Factory Pl., Bellefonte, PA



# 28 September Proceedings

**Opening:** At 6:30 p.m., **Dr. DiComo** started the meeting, sharing his updates of the club's digital media. He said that the Allentown show will be held on Saturday, 29 October in Schenksville (see website and newsletter). **Paul Petersen** said that he had no items of new business, nor is there anything from membership. He reminded the audience that PSLC has three members and our December speaker who all live in Florida. As Hurricane Ian hits the state broadside, making landfall just as this meeting starts, we need, he emphasized, to keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

**Attendance:** +/- 23 participants

**Feature Presentation: Pure Adulteration  
Ron Leshar**

Tonight's presentation was about the taxation of manufactured products as a way for governmental control to keep the process honest and maintain its quality. Does the product contain what it is purported to contain? Ron started with **oleomargarine (OM)**, a substitute for butter, which is based on fat from vegetable sources instead of dairy. There was also some intent to protect the dairy industry. The 1902 stamp for uncolored 1/4-cent rate per pound is below. For OM and other products there are a variety of stamps of different color and method of printing. Many of these stamps are quite attractive.



OM was taxed from 1886 to 1950. Ron showed a host of the tax stamps of both federal and state origin. OM that was made for export was tax free. OM to which a yellow color was added to make it look like butter was taxed at a higher rate, sometimes many times greater. KY manufacturers received a successful SCOTUS decision against the tax based on "restriction of interstate commerce." Like today, taxation was a highly volatile topic of discussion.



**Process or renovated butter** (above) is when the butterfat is removed from dairy butter and added to other milk solids and

processed into a new product as a way to reduce rancidness. It was largely used commercially in industry rather than domestically. (See below at left.)

**Filled cheese** was a cheese-like product made from vegetable product; there was no dairy. This was supported as a healthy cholesterol-free cheese substitute by cardiologists at the time. Today it is called vegan cheese.

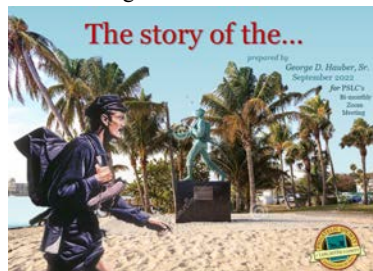
**Mixed flour** was a product where cornmeal was added to the wheat base of flour. (Below)



There are also some non-food products such as fertilizer and peat and humus that required inspection and taxation.

**Show and Tell**

**George Hauber** produced a PowerPoint detailing the story of the Barefoot Mailmen of the late 19th Century. The 68-mile distance from West Palm Beach to Miami on the Florida East Coast was largely untouched except by boat. Starting in 1885, the most efficient means of delivering the mail along these points was a several day walk along the beach. Over the next decade or two about a dozen mailmen took the contract for this beach-walking route.



There is a monument to these courageous men in Bradenton as seen above. And their interesting story is in a 1943 book entitled *The Last Barefoot Mailman* by Henry John Burkhardt.

**Ron Leshar** responded to a question about tapeworm revenue stamps. On banking document ledgers with many parties involved, numerous 2-cent revenue adhesives would be needed. To save the trouble of all these adhesives, a long revenue (\*Pg.-4)



## Do Postal Services Need Stamps Anymore?

**Cathy Kotanchik** said that a friend of hers was in Berlin, and at the PO she could only get her letters metered, that stamps were not available and could only be purchased via mail, probably a service similar to the USPOD Cave in Kansas City.

In the discussion it was brought up that Iceland discontinued issuing their country's stamps a year or two ago.

A few months ago, Great Britain announced that many of their 'everyday' stamps will be revised digitally with datamatrix codes (See below). Postal customers may swap their non-datamatrix stamps on hand with the PO, though there will be some limitations. And much of the UK's stamp program will change with the accession of King Charles III, but only time will tell. It will be an exciting new era for UK collectors, and it will be an end to new issues in the +50 year old QEII Machin series, a very popular collecting area.



Maybe this hiatus will give an opportunity for Machin collectors to catch their breath and organize their holdings without the worry of keeping up with future Machin issues.

**Paul Petersen** mentioned an article he had in this newsletter about 5-8 years ago after reading of a European country or two with a stamp substitute. With this, the customer uses a computer or phone app, enters the intended address, pays a fee (based on the size and destination), and receives an alphanumeric code to handwrite onto the upper right corner of the cover or package. They then post the letter/package, and no stamps are used.

**Larry Rosenblum** shared a cover from 20 October 2015 with a 12 digit alphanumeric code in the corner and Danish postmark, and this looks to be an example of what Paul noted above. This is from Denmark on 20 October 2015. The address was covered, but Larry checked Post Nord and from the application for the postage, (Pg.-4 below)



(♣From 14 September Minutes on Pg.-2) is that photography at the time of this snapshot required the subjects to hold absolutely still for several seconds due to the increased length of exposure.



Dr. Di Como shared two interesting items: The **first** (above) was a 1931 cover from the UK to the secretary of the Lancaster Stamp Club on 11 August 1931. Most explanatory is the letter inside (dtd. 11 August 1931) on Buckingham Palace writing paper from King George's (V) private secretary as commanded by the King to thank Mr. Bauer for his letter dated 28 July 1931. He will do additional research to see if he can find out what Mr. Bauer's letter was all about.

His **second** item was a seal from a product package of the Imperial Granum Company. This is the top item of the image below. The bottom two stamps are Private Die Proprietary (PDP) revenue stamps #s RS104-5 of the same company. These paid the taxes needed to finance the U.S. Civil War. They were discontinued in the 1880s.



In the late 1880s when the PDP stamps were no longer required for tax purposes, they still had eye-appeal. Capitalizing on this, many companies revised their revenue PDPs into attractive non-tax seals. Some were total makeovers, as above with the Imperial Granum Co., and other companies simply removed the financial denomination and the "U.S. Internal Revenue" moniker from the stamps. The latter labels gave just the smallest, but tacit governmental approval as if it was still a tax stamp.

A fun but challenging collecting opportunity is to match the revenue era private die proprietary stamps with their post-tax makeovers. This is seen above with Dr. DiComo's set from the Granum Company.

(\*From 28 Sept. Proceedings on Pg.-3) was created. Following the image of the first and top stamp, only the bottom ends of the stamps were shown. It was called the tapeworm revenue (RN-) given its appearance of the segments of said worm. An example of one on sale on eBay is nearby on Pg.-3, bottom.

Ron held up some other tax items. The PA beer tax stamp was imprinted on the metal bottle cap. With WWII and the accompanying metal shortage, an alternative capping method was devised, and the beer tax stamp was printed on the beer label on the front of the bottle.

**Bob Coradi** shared an interesting black bordered mourning cover and letter from Buckingham Palace dated 13 March 1936. It was from the private secretary of King Edward VIII



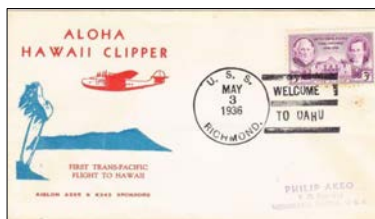
thanking the addressee for her expression of sympathy on the death of King George V.

(King George V died on 20 January 1936. His eldest son, now Edward VIII ascended the throne but had not yet been coroneted. He would abdicate on 11 December later that year in order to marry American divorcee, Wallis Simpson.)

**Finale:** The meeting ended 7:55 p.m.

## A Submarine First Flight Cover?

During the 14 September meeting, **Jim Strycharz** briefly discussed the study of first flight covers with his new interest in the early Pacific flights. He has seen a first flight cover, canceled on a U.S. naval submarine and another on a cruiser such as that seen below.



Following the club meeting after some research time, Jim got back to Ed with websites and a few comments.

First flights in the Pacific involved the flying boats, the multi-prop seaplanes that can take off and land on water.

Since the seaplanes land on water, they are necessarily closer to docked naval vessels than airports. Here they can ➤

(☒From ...Postal Services...Pg-3, above) international letters and parcels can also be sent this way.

Following the meeting, Paul learned from the September issue of *Stamp Magazine* (UK) that France will be discontinuing their first class mail with its red stamp known as *Prioritaire Lettre*. Their second-class or green stamped mail will now be slower than in the past. In the same issue, it states that the UK just discontinued publishing their glossy *Postal Bulletin*. This publication began in 1963, and it contained stamp stories and descriptions of their new issues. This magazine, while it is by paid subscription, corresponds to the free USPS quarterly, the *USA Philatelic*, a publication that likewise promotes upcoming stamp issues and products.

## Brandie & Lenny, IV

Below is a decal that was affixed to the racecars at Spencer Speedway near Rochester, NY, for their Labor Day Weekend Race and Extravaganza. These remembrance decals are a reminder of **Brandie and Len, IV Kasper**. Ever since they were little, they helped PSLC set up and tear down Lancopex each year.



As they grew, they helped grandparents, **Len II & Karen K.** at the stamp show's snack bar. These two young people were taken from us all at the hands of an inattentive truck driver in 2021. While the Rochester racing establishment continues to honor them as part of their community, PSLC will remember them as part of our philatelic community where they served.

➔easily get their covers cancelled aboard surface ships and/or submarines. It is just easier this way.

Pictured to the left is the first (non-passenger) flight of Pan Am's Aloha Hawaii Clipper in its inaugural flight from San Francisco to Hawaii. Many of these earlier flights were to survey the area and transport the mail. This cover was cancelled on 3 May 1936 on board the cruiser *USS Richmond*.

It was an exciting inter-war period for flight while they developed landing spots and to increase their viable flight range to the orient. Starting with mail, by fall of 1936, passenger flights were in progress, but tickets were pricy. There were many iconic Pan Am Clippers such as the China, Philippine, and Samoan Clippers. From 7 December 1941, their war history is legend.