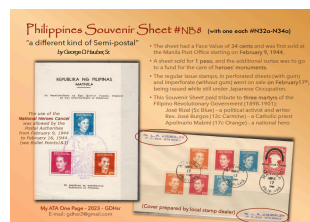


Philatelic Society of Lancaster County



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

2nd Wednesday/Month-Meet in Person at Landis Homes at 6:30 p.m.
4th Wednesday/Month-Meet Virtually at 6:15 p.m.

The Veranda Chronicles

April always seems to be the time of the year when philately shifts into high gear. We are no different at PSLC, as the two-day Lancaster Stamp Show will be on Friday-Saturday, April 28th and 29th, one of several area shows that are listed on Page-2, lower right, of this newsletter.

Kevin Kellman (K2), the manager of the Lancaster Stamp Shows told me that he is recovering from his December ice and van accident, but slowly. However, he assured me that his shows will go on with the help and leadership of the dealers, for which he is grateful. Kevin hopes to visit the show, but only briefly in April just to see his collecting and dealer friends, not to host his usually well-stocked table.

We will have a PSLC Club Table for both days of the show with giveaways (also called promotional items!), items to sell, club information, membership applications, and much more. We will be sending out a call for volunteers, so if perhaps you have an hour or two, you might sign up and help the club promote itself and make a few dollars needed for the treasury.

Please note that Delpex and the Wilkinsburg

shows are also coming up. Try to support these clubs and their great events.

The March Philatelic Gathering at the Chester County Historical Society went well, and I enjoyed presenting "Providence, R.I. Pre-Mailing Control Marking on the U.S. 3 Cents 1851-57 Stamp" to other fine collectors and specialists. It must have gone O.K., as they have asked me back for May to talk about "The Development of Perforations on U.S. Postage Stamps: 1855-1857." This will be on May 20th, so I hope many of you can attend. I always enjoy sharing what I have learned with other philatelists. This is one of the aspects that is so great about the hobby-There is so much to learn.

I am also happy to announce that Wayne Heim will be our new Membership Chairman, replacing long-serving Barbara Buchanan who brought about many positive changes herself to the club. While Lou, Paul, and I have been trying to keep up with 'Membership', we need Wayne to have overall supervision of this operation to be sure that no one falls through the cracks and that you are well served. Cheers, my friends, **CJDi**.

12 April 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at Landis Homes

Dining Cars-Epicurean Pleasure on the Rails-Bill Schultz

George Pullman introduced the first railroad dining cars in 1868. These were largely passenger cars with a kitchen, cooking facilities, seating, and the serving of good meals. Bill has collected picture postcards of these dining cars for over 30 years, and recently he has turned them into an award-winning exhibit. He will tell the story of this bygone era of fine dining on the railroads. He points out



the progression of railroad dining car design as well as the evolution of PPCs across the twentieth century. This period also reflects the social class struggle of the times. Bill will describe meal preparation, table settings, breakfast, lunch, dinner, dessert, and he'll display additional related ephemera such as menus and other items. Most postcards are pre-1935, and 90% are U.S. dining cars. Pictured nearby is an 1898 stereographic image of an interior in an Erie Railroad dining car.

26 April 2023 at 6:15 p.m. (Virtual via Zoom)

GAR-First Days: First Day Covers and History of the 1949 Grand Army of the Republic Issue

Dave Plunkett

The 1861-1865 U.S. Civil War almost tore this country apart, and some aspects of 'The Reconstruction' that followed did not help the healing. This terrible era will be remembered in our country's stamp program for years to come. Dave will share one era of the USPOD's Civil War issues, the 1949 Grand Army of The Republic issue. He'll show a variety of images of this beautiful stamp, from inception to the interesting array of first day covers that resulted. This stamp and FDCs are most collectible.



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**Visitors are Always
Welcome**

*PSLC meets in-person on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (Except August & December) at 6:30 p.m. in the Crossings Meeting Room, Landis Homes, 1001 East Oregon Road, Lititz, PA 17542. (See website for directions.)

*PSLC meets virtually on the 4th Wednesday 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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8 March Meeting Proceedings

Opening: Dick Colberg opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a welcome to everybody.

Attendance: 35

Treasurer's report: Lou DiFelice provided the February '23 installment of the club's finances.

Treasury: 1-28 February 2023

Opening Balance:	\$4860.31
Income:	\$864.00
Expenses:	\$331.52
Closing Balance:	\$5392.79
2-CDs:	\$6067.66

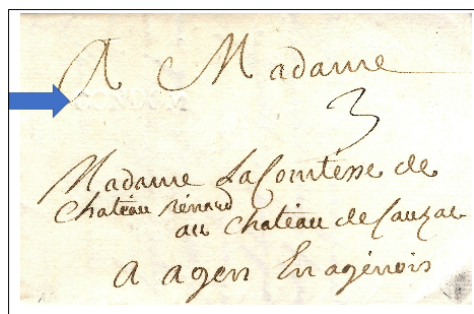
Feature Presentation

The Postal History of Condom, France

Dick Colberg

Dick shared how he started to find covers from this French city, as he scoured dealers' boxes at home and abroad. He chuckled at the name, and following a conversation with a collecting friend, he thought that he would collect these covers and make a presentation of them one day under the title "An Ounce of Prevention: The Ins and Outs of Condom's Postal History."

His collection starts with a 1742 cover and ends with another from 1972. The array includes stamped and stampless covers, postal cards, and a telegraph stamp. One of his objectives is to compile a number of French (RF) circular date stamps (CDS) based on the reference by Postion, a classic piece on this topic. In pursuit of this, Dick displayed a slide depicting many of these cancels grouped together by CDS number. He obtained covers both at shows and online, and all material he showed tonight is from his collection of both stamped and stampless items spanning 231 years of Condom's postal history.



An interesting philatelic artifact shown above is on an 8 March 1742 cover just to the right of the blue arrow. (Coincidentally, this is exactly 283 years ago from tonight's presentation!) While it is difficult to see, it is there, and is called an *à sec*. That is, a dry cancel. The cancel for this period was simply the town name, Condom. And this *à sec* cancel is almost invisible, as there is no ink. When held in the light at a certain angle, one can see the mechanical imprint. There is no definitive opinion on the mechanism of how this imprint came about. Some references state that it was a dry cancel device when the clerk forgot to add the ink. But with a close look, there is no ink at all, and this is of interest to those other extant *à secs*

without ink! The jury is out, and no one is exactly sure how these cancels came into existence. It is just more grist for further and quite interesting postal history research.



Dick proceeded to go through his collecting and identify many of the designs of the circular date stamps. Above is a 25 January 1865 cover with a Type-15 (according to Postion's reference) circular date stamp in the cover's middle.



The 19 October 1877 postal card above displays a Type-18 circular date stamp.



The registered corner card above with two sower stamps and one with Pasteur of 4 December 1929 shows a Daguin Type-4 CDS.

Dick's latest Condom cover of 18 July 1972 (cropped) displays a SECAP machine cancel and a slogan cancel with a Musketeer, as Condom is translated "musketeer" in English.



Club Notes

Programs & Shows

2023 Programs

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

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. Dave Plunkett

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

21 May: (Sunday) Outdoor Bourse in Millersville

24 May: The Stamp Man, Rick Barrett

14 June: Club auction

28 June: Enhancing a Philatelic Collection or Exhibit with Ephemera and Artifacts, Edwin Andrews

9 August: Club Picnic, Freedom Memorial Park, Millersville, PA

23 August: Collecting Cinderellas. Dick Colberg and Paul Petersen

13 September: Club Auction

27 September: A Prize Agent, A Naturalist, and A Navy Captain: A Penny Black Story. Mike Wilson

11 October: British Internal Airmail: 1933-1934. Mike Bach

25 October: Only You Can Collect Smokey the Bear. Rick Barrett

22 November: The Peak of Post-Great War Hyperinflation in Germany and in Eastern Europe. Scott Ney

13 December: December Dinner. Venue & time TBA

27 December: Advertising Covers with Interesting Philatelic Features. Mike Wilson.

2023 Events

Lancaster Stamp Shows:

These are held at the Farm & Home Center. 28-29 April, 18 June, 27 August, 29 October, and 15-16 December.

15 April: Philatelic Gathering, Chester Co. Hist'l Society, West Chester, PA

14-15 April: Wilksburg Stamp Show, Plum, PA

22 April: Delpex, Nur Shrine Center, New Castle, DE

12-16 June: APS Summer Session, Bellefonte, PA

22 March Proceedings

Opening: Dr. DiComo opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. He thanked all the affiliate clubs for what they do, and these all have pages on his website.

Announcements/Notes: Paul Petersen reviewed the membership from the 21 March roster. There are 137 members and 73.4% have paid their dues. He briefly reviewed upcoming regional shows, and these are included in this newsletter.

Mike Marino provided some of the details for the 28-29 Lancaster Stamp Show at the Farm & Home Center. **Bob Kotanchik** shared that the 8 July Allentown Stamp Show will celebrate the club's 100th Anniversary.



Bob also noted some of the upcoming events in the UK stamp programme with the new administration. **Stevan Cady** shared that this is also the 100th Anniversary of his other stamp club, The Alaska Stamp Club where he was a member when stationed there while in the service. **Mike Bach** announced the passing of long-time RSCC member, **Kent Weaver, MD** (1937-2023), both a tireless club worker and leader. First Day Cover Collector **Don Barrone** shared the upcoming release of the five (5) USPS train station commemorative stamps. **Dick Colberg** reminded members that if they are interested in attending the Great American Stamp Show in Cleveland on 10-13 August, they should make reservations now. The main hotel is already booked, but others close by still have rooms. See the APS website.

Future Digital Meeting Links: Paul noted that the new link used for tonight's meeting is for tonight only, and Suzanne will prepare a new one for April.

Attendance: +/-30



Feature Presentation

The 2022 Europa Issues: Myths and Legends-Ron Breznay

Ron said that the Europa issues began in

1956 with the six countries of the European Coal and Steel Community, the origins of the European Common Market. Each country had its own designs in 1957, and in 1958 the idea of a common design type or theme began. By 1959, the Europa stamp issues became an annual event. There are now over 60 countries participating annually with Europa stamps.

You are asking why are there so many countries with Europa stamps when there are only about 22 countries in the European Union?

The Europa issues started with the EU but have since expanded. There were the European Communities (1956-1958) then the Conference of European Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT) from 1960 through 1992. Since 1993 it has been the PostEurop Association and its many members.

The use of common designs was discontinued in 1974 and replaced with a common theme, with each country highlighting their country's best to represent that year's theme on their stamps. Given the 2/2022 Russian invasion of the Ukraine, the 2023 Europa theme was changed from "Underwater Flora" to "Peace-The Highest Value of Humanity", to show solidarity with the Ukraine and promote this universal value for all. The 2023 Belgium design is below, and this is replete with symbolism of the intent of the 2023 Europa stamps.



The 2022 theme was Myths & Legends, with at least 61 countries issuing Europa stamps. Being a longtime fan of horror books and movies, Ron began a topical collection of horror on stamps. He then identified ten (10) countries with Europa stamps that fit his horror topic from the 2022 theme. These fit well into his collection and form the basis of his presentation. These ten countries include Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Denmark, Guernsey, Jersey, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, and Norway. A few of these are posted nearby.

For each of these countries, Ron gave the story of the myth and/or legend typically

represented on the stamp, most showing some brutal beasts, from witches to goblins and other scary looking creatures. Some were very elaborate tales. A few myths contained some better appearing figures who were the good ones that countered the not-so-good ones. It reminds one of the Wicked Witch of the West vs. Glinda, the Good Witch in the movie, The Wizard of Oz.

From Bosnia & Herzegovina come the Baba Yara (below left) and the Drekvac (below right), literally the Screamer, one who avoids dogs and bright light. (Seen below) If one falls in the shadow of this monster, he or she will turn sick and die. The Drekvac is also depicted on the Serbian stamp, as it plays a great part in that country's folk history. (Not shown)



Folklore of the Danish island of Bornholm describes underworld creatures (↓) that can be nice to good people but play havoc to those who do not treat the subterranean beings well.



Guernsey Island folklore is steeped in witchcraft, both good ones and bad ones, or black and white as the witches are classified. There are others such as the dog-like creatures with fiery red eyes, trolls, drowning children, and ogres. The ogres of Azerbaijan are shown at the beginning of this article.

Show, Tell, and Ask

Two members shared their one-page exhibits that they prepared for the American Topical Association and its 2022 digital One-Page Exhibit Program. Given the number of submissions, it appears that this success will lead to an annual event. Both noted that there is no entry fee and one does not need to be a member of the ATA. The call for submissions will be later this year. Members should think about participating. PS LC previously sent members the link to the page on the ATA website. It is inspiring and serves as a solid model for what is expected. This can be found at <https://ataexhibits.com>. (Page-4...ATA)

PSLC Welcomes its Newest Board Member

Recently appointed board member, **Wayne Heim** joins us as Membership Chairman replacing Barbara Buchanan who retired last year after serving so well for many years.

Wayne's people met with our people on the 29th March and worked out the transfer of files, procedures, state secrets, name-tags, attendance lists, and much more. While he is already getting to work, a previous commitment prevents his presence at the April meeting, so he will be inducted in May.

Wayne began collecting in the late 1960s, and took the natural hiatus when his kids came along before resuming his collecting. Then about ten years ago, he upgraded his philatelic zest with greater interest, research, and societal membership. Here he has focused on U.S. commemorative stamps and the Farley issues, also known as Farley's Follies (Scott 752-771) with all the varieties, cropping, and gum issues.

He has appreciated his PSLC membership with the ed'l programs, other members' interests, and the learning opportunities which he noted expanded both his knowledge and enthusiasm. He is looking forward to his board tenure and serving the club in the "membership" capacity.

Wayne spent 40 years in education, including teaching and administration in middle, secondary, and university posts in the areas of science, specifically earth science, geology, and astronomy. During retirement, he has enjoyed his collecting and volunteering, most notable has been his contributions to the Franklin & Marshall College Planetarium.

Please join us in welcoming **Wayne Heim** to the PSLC board.

WWII Revisited

For many it is the contents of a cover that is as appreciated as the postal history of the item itself. Below is a cover posted from France on 15 May 1940 to the sender's mother in Freehold, NJ. This was at the start of the German invasion. Letter is poignant and will be in the May edition.



Just a little Story

Tom Bowman

Sometimes you see a used stamp and you wonder about its journey. If the stamp has a postmark on it, you know where the journey started but never the destination. Revenue stamps may just have a signature, or a date written on them. They sometimes have a punched hole, and some others may have all three. Then you see one with the bank name stamped on it that is legible, as the one below.



Chase County National Bank is in Cottonwood Falls, KS, established in 1882 and closed in 1928. The closing was due to the president of the bank having sticky fingers and overall poor management, causing a run on the bank. The building is on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places.

OH! The stamp is a rouletted #R164, the 2¢ documentary with the bank name hand-stamped on the face dated July 24, 1898.

This is just another fun way of hunting for some answers, as there is always a story with a stamp or cover.

Member Anniversaries

Compiled by Tom Nichols

Below is the recognition of members joining in April over the years. Congrats to all those collectors listed.

April	Joined	#Years
Rich Blessing	4/30/22	1
Barbara Edwards	4/5/21	2
Bob Rufe	4/25/21	2
Alan Warren	4/15/19	4
Harold Hand	4/27/19	4
George Hauber, Sr.	4/27/19	4
Phil Keener	4/27/19	4
Rob Stenberg	4/27/19	4
Dave Weichert	4/27/19	4
Wayne Heim	4/10/18	5
Scott Ney	4/10/18	5
Robert Cadenhead	4/19/18	5
Robert Witkosky	4/28/18	5
Mike Marino	4/13/16	7
John Hostetter	4/30/16	7
Tony Coccio	4/25/15	8
Wm. Skelly	4/25/15	8
Robert Larson, Jr.	4/26/14	9
Tom Pantano	4/26/13	10
Doug Milliken	4/11/12	11

ATA's 2022 One-Page Exhibits

(From Page-3) At the 22 March meeting, **George Hauber** shared his exhibit, the **Philippines Souvenir Sheet #NB8**. This is a historical study of the semipostal stamps that feature three of the martyrs of the Filipino Revolutionary Government of 1898 to 1901. This image is depicted in the top banner of Page-1 of this newsletter.



Tonight's speaker and topical collector, **Ron Breznay** showed his ATA one-pager of the 1959 Hitchcock movie, **North by Northwest: A Film of Suspense, Comedy, and Romance**. Here he uses eleven (11) stamps that support many of the film's features, including geographic and structural landmarks, actor and director, a movie scene, movie train, and the movie's composer.

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Lancaster Stamp Show

Save the date, F/S, 28-29 April. This will be held at the Farm & Home Center at 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster. Eight to ten dealers are expected.