

# Philatelic Society of Lancaster County



Pullman Dining Cars, Pg.3



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

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

## The Veranda Chronicles

As I noted last month, the philatelic season really opened up in April, and I have had a busy month. There was a full house for The Philatelic Gathering in West Chester, and there I saw some others' items for the first time. And "incredible" does not adequately describe this. Members showed items from balloon mail, to Zeppelins, to Free Franks, to a Bill of Lading, and many others. I placed Alan Warren's full report of these items on our website on the Affiliate Pages under "The

Philatelic Gathering." In our honor, the staff of the Chester County Hist'l Society put up a special display of postally related items from their archives for us to view. The exceptional ending was our adjournment for lunch to the nearby Iron Hill Brewery for good food and fellowship. And then there was Delpex, and this was a great show with 20+ dealers and a huge bid board with over 200 items on sale! Bob Rufe noted that attendance for this one-day (**→Veranda Page-4**)

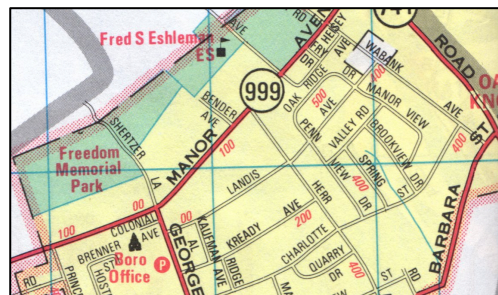
**10 May 2023: Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.**

**Host:** To Be Arranged

*EFOs-An Emphasis on Foldovers. David Hunt*



Dave will present the topic of foldovers, a subgroup of the specialty of Errors, Freaks, and Oddities, otherwise known as EFOs. During stamp production, a corner of the sheet can get folded. Whether it is folded over or under, this can have a big effect on the visual nature of the result. The foldover may occur before or during the production process and may affect printing, perforating, gumming, or a combination of two or three of these variations. A range of finished varieties can result. One can try to deduce the production process by studying the errors resulting from foldovers. One can also enjoy foldovers just as they are for the out-of-the-ordinary visual effect.



**(Sunday) 21 May 2023: Outdoor Bourse, Millersville Memorial Park. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

This event started in May of 2021 as many of us wanted to get together in an outdoor venue, which we felt was safer from Covid-19 than an indoor meeting. We rented the pavilion and made large picnic tables available for \$10 each for those members wanting to sell their wares. Participants brought their own lunches, and it was a sell-out. Ditto once more for 2022, so 2023 will be our third year offering this opportunity. (**See Bourse Pg.-4**)

**24 May 2023: Virtual Meeting 6:15 p.m. (Zoom Invites to Come)**

*The Stamp Man. Rick Barrett*



Rick tells the tale of an avid stamp collector who shared his love of philately on local radio in 1930. Imagine his life expanding tremendously when the NBC Radio Network brought the station and the collector together where he was heard nationwide! Ralph Kimble's voice was broadcast across the US and Canada, and "The Stamp Man's" passion for the hobby grew immensely. Here is a thrilling story of how this WWI and WWII veteran continued to serve throughout his life as he became an ally for stamp collectors everywhere! Millions read his books, and after being appointed editor of *The American Philatelist*, his columns and articles were equally well received. Treat yourself to an interesting talk about a member of the APS Philatelic Hall of Fame. This will be a highly illustrated presentation with some fascinating postal history!

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**Visitors are Always  
Welcome**

\*PSLC meets in-person on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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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## 12 April 2023 Proceedings

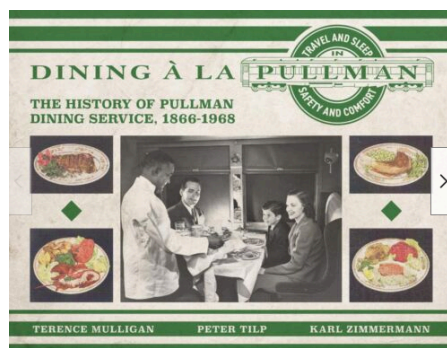
**Opening:** Lou DiFelice started the meeting tonight at Landis Homes at 7:00 following an open club bourse and dinner with the speaker at the Owl Hill Bistro. He went over several announcements as to future events of the club, and **Dave Weichert** reviewed the PSLC Proceedings published in the April Newsletter. Lou gave the Treasurer's Report noting this is the first time that there has been neither income nor expenses in any month. The March statement is below and is the same as February.

### Treasury: 1-31 March 2023

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

**Meeting Attendance:** 35

### Feature Presentation



### Dining Cars-Epicurean Pleasure on the Rails

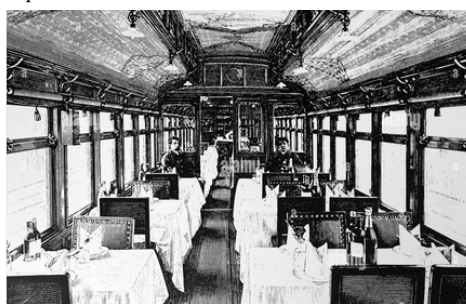
#### Bill Schultz

Bill has had a long-time interest in rail travel and with dining cars in particular. Growing up, his grandfather was in a supervisory position with the dining car element of the railroad, so Bill was exposed to first-hand experience and to the stories shared with him by his grandfather. Bill has been collecting dining car picture postcards for many years to help ground his poignant collective childhood memories with detailed qualitative study of the history, mechanics, aesthetics, and sociology of the culinary dining car experience.

While Bill talked, he passed around pages of his postcard exhibit for the club members to view, most of which were from before the mid-30s and about ten percent are foreign dining cars. He awarded several personal door prizes. (*Editor's Note: Several stock internet images of dining cars are included here to illustrate this report.*)



For many aspects of Americana, picture postcards play a solid role in documenting people, places, and times. And to the postal historian and philatelist, a pertinent message, franking, and clear circular date stamp on the backside of the card makes it a complete experience for the student.



Bill started with the history of these dining cars by George Pullman in the late 1860s. From there he described the quality of the food, meal preparation, service, and patron comfort, an experience which only improved to where it was considered fine dining...from soup to nuts!

The evolution of this experience and of the design of the dining cars themselves is duly depicted across several decades of picture postcards from Bill's collection.



Following Bill's talk and a lively question and answer session, members continued to buy, sell, and trade until closing time and the ride home.

**Adjourn:** Approximately 9:00 p.m.

## Club Notes

### Programs & Shows

#### 2023 Programs

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

**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

**12 July:** TBA

**26 July:** The Headsville Post Office, Ron Breznay

**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

**8 November:** TBA

**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. 18 June, 27 August, 29 October, and 15-16 December.

**20 May:** Philatelic Gathering, Chester Co. Hist'l Society, West Chester, PA

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

**9 August:** PSLC Annual Picnic, Millersville Memorial Park

**10-13 August:** The Great American Stamp Show (GASS), an event sponsored by the American Philatelic Society, The American Topical Association, and the American First Day Cover Society

## What's Your Favorite Cover?

Look through your favorites and choose the best. Send a scan to Ed. along with a description of the cover and why it is important to you, the one that you would take to a desert isle. Is it the stamps, the rates and routes, the wow factor, the historical importance, its value, the saga of your search, a personal significance, a combination of each, or something different altogether? We'll have an omnibus issue featuring your covers in the near future. Cheers!





## 26 April 2023 Proceedings

**Opening:** Dr. DiComo started up at 6:32, and he thanked the officers and board members who have contributed to the successful organization and reputation of PSLC. He reminded everyone of The Lancaster Stamp Show coming up on Friday and Saturday.

**Paul Petersen** made several announcements. 1) The last of the 2023 dues are arriving. Those not paid will be notified, and they will then be removed from the roster. 2) Snack hosts are needed for the May, June, and July in-person meetings. See him to sign up. 3) He was pleased that we have a full complement of twelve volunteers for staffing the club table at the upcoming show and thanked them. 4) Following the stamp show, he will be sending out sign-ups for the 21 May Sunday Outdoor Bourse. All day table rentals will cost \$10.00. 5) There will be hotdogs, burgers, and drinks at this year's 9 August picnic. There will be sign-ups for appetizers, side dishes, and desserts. He will be rounding up the usual suspects for cooking and KP duty. 6) The club received a donation of Fleetwood FDCs, 1521 covers in 10 matching binders in great condition. The set will be on sale at the show this weekend, and Mike Marino of Papatella Stamps will be consigning this for us.

**Attendance:** +/-29

## Feature Presentation



*The Final Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.)-The 1949 Stamp Issue-David Plunkett*

The G.A.R. was formed in 1866 as a fraternal veterans organization to advocate for the vets' benefits, rights, and privileges. This included black voting rights. The group peaked in 1890 with a membership of 409,487.

The group met yearly at National Encampments for 83 years. At their 82<sup>nd</sup> meeting in 1948, they voted that a U.S. stamp be issued in honor of their 83<sup>rd</sup> and last Encampment in 1949. Five U.S. presidents were G.A.R. members.

At the time of the 1949 encampment, there were 24 living G.A.R. members (all over 100 years of age!), and six (6) attended the event. The G.A.R. closed its albums in 1956 with the death of its last

member, Albert Woolson, born in 1847.

The group was followed by the Sons of the Union Veterans of the U.S. in 1881, which continues to the present day.

The stamp (#895) was authorized by the PMG on 28 June 1949 and issued on 29 August 1949 in Indianapolis, sight of the Final National Encampment of the G.A.R. Dave gave the production specifications and showed the USPOD press announcement and that of the *Postal Bulletin* plus several of the stamp designs that were not used. He then described the symbolism in the stamp, the young soldier, now an old veteran along with the hourglass depicting the falling of the last few grains of the sands of time.

Dave provided photos and biographies of the six G.A.R. vets at Indianapolis. Included with these were philatelic memorabilia consisting of their signatures on the stamp selvage (5); postmarks from their hometowns (4); and signed covers (2). Also included was the First Day Ceremony Program with a First Day of Issue cancelled G.A.R. stamp.

Dave has accumulated over 225 cacheted FDCs of all types. Twenty-Six hand-painted cachets have been identified.



Many patriotic covers that were left over from the Civil War were used on the first day. Dave showed three of his fifty-plus patriotics in his collection. (Above)

There are the standard commercially prepared FDCs and others used on corner cards on the first day of issue along with first day cancels on other related Civil War cacheted covers. A variety of related postcards were used on the first day.

Interesting were first day cancels in unofficial cities, a difficult transportation feat in 1949. Among these are some cancelled on U.S. Naval vessels.



A standard commercially prepared cachet appears above.

Several FDCs had auxiliary markings for

services such as special handling, special delivery, and others.

Some of the FDCs were refranked with 895s plus the make up postage rate and cancelled on the 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of the '49 encampment. These were serviced in Indianapolis, and the 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary has a special/dedicated cancel. (Below)



There were also period covers signed by some of the political movers and shakers who rushed the bill so that the stamp issue could be in production and distributed in time for the Indianapolis encampment event.

One of the follow-up questions queried if any of the '49 covers were re-franked with the 1960, 2010+, and/or some of the other subsequent Civil War issues. Dave responded that he has not seen any of these.

## Show, Tell, &amp; Ask

**Tom Bowman** showed two side-by-side flag stamps (#3635). One appeared to have a miss-shaped lower corner. Tom used his zOrb 65X magnifier to take us through his solution of what had probably happened to the involved stamp (not pictured) after being mailed.

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mail Order

Tom also showed the Mail Order Anniversary stamp (above, #1468), an issue known to be replete with color shifts, double shifts, and other errors. Again, his 65X magnifier displayed these irregularities quite clearly.



(Above) **Dr. DiComo** showed a Cook & Bernheimer 4¢ blue Civil War era private die proprietary revenue stamp issue (RS61), one in which he has discovered a double transfer! This stamp was only used for two months before the cessation of the tax in 1883. The product was Sunsmile, a cure-all with high alcohol content. He showed the magnified transfer shifts in great detail and hopes that with time it will be listed in Scott as RS61dt.

(From Veranda Pg.-1) show on the 22<sup>nd</sup> was over 100, and this does not count the club members and dealers who do not register. I was fortunate to identify dealers selling revenues, and I found some treasures, that is, private die proprietaries. Sitting next to Ron Leshner for much of the time brought me some good luck. I will be sharing some of these with you during "Show & Tell" at upcoming meetings.

At the end of April was Kevin Kellman's two-day Lancaster Stamp Show. We were fortunate to have a club table to promote PSLC, APS, and other local stamp clubs and the coin and postcard clubs. We offered a variety of free promotional items such as stamp literature, covers, FDCs, and leftover 2022 non-Lancopex show covers. I thank and salute our club volunteers.

The show was slow on Friday because of the weather, but it was quite busy on Saturday. I was there all day supporting our great dealers. The collectors and dealers with whom I talked were very pleased.

A special surprise was the presence of a film crew from Kutztown University who are making a film of the philatelic hobby. I will communicate with you any future outcomes from this creative film endeavor.



I was pleased to be featured in the April 25<sup>th</sup> Canadian Stamp News (like our Linn's) regarding my postings of the placement of stamps on covers described in a 1930 letter I uncovered. This is an old fashioned 'language' where, for example, placement of an upside-down stamp in the upper left corner signifies "I love you." There are about 14 variations of these placements, and CSN published eight of my covers. CJD

## Member Anniversaries

Compiled by Tom Nichols

Below is the recognition of members joining in May since 1997. Congrats to all those collectors listed below.

April	Joined	#Years
Robert Hinkley	5/16/21	2
Stan Shepp	5/13/20	3
Doug McCullough	5/06/19	4
Gene Duncan	5/09/12	11
Len Kasper, II	5/12/10	13
Sarah Mylin	5/13/09	14
James Ziogas	5/04/97	26
Al Schaub	5/17/97	26

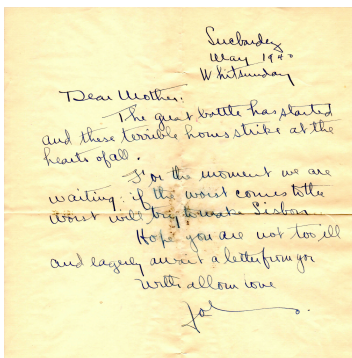
## WWII Revisited

This short article follows up on the trailer last month. It is about a letter sent by a son in Lucbardez, France to his ill mother in Freehold, NJ. Thoughts of our own security come to mind with war in Ukraine and Sudan, plus other hot spots.



The cover is franked with period stamps including a 2F red Ceres, two 10c ultramarine and 40c purple Mercury stamps. It is dated 'Whitsunday 1940' which is 12 May, two days after the start of the invasion on the 10<sup>th</sup>. The cover was postmarked on 15 May, back stamped in LeHarve on 17 May, and received in Freehold on 4 June. What is of extra interest is the RF censor stamp, which was available at the war's start, as there had been censorship of RF mail in prior months. The cover appears to have had censor tape at one time as noted by the gum marks all along the left edge of the cover, both front and back sides. WWII had been brewing for some years, as most knew it was coming, though not necessarily when this would happen.

Once the invasion started many questions came to mind, predominantly, "What is going to happen to us?" by both the French citizens, and foreign visitors.



The body of the letter reads: *Dear Mother: ¶ The great battle has started and these terrible hours strike at the hearts of all. ¶ For the moment we are waiting; if the worst comes to the worst, we will try to make Lisbon. ¶ Hope you are not too ill and eagerly await a letter from you. ¶ With all our love, Joe.*

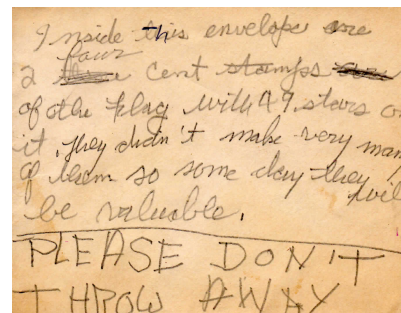
(From Bourse Pg.-1) Dealer consensus for the two years has been: "We didn't make a lot of money, but we did get our ten bucks back and more. But most importantly, we all had a lot of fun. This was worth it."

**Member-Dealers:** Please sign up with Paul if you haven't done so already. There are about 10-12 tables available. Pay at the door. You may start to set up at 9 a.m.

**Customers and Tire-Kickers:** The bourse will open at 10 a.m. Please allow the dealers time to set up, and the gate will open for you sharply at 10:00 a.m.

**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 Barbacoa*, formerly the Barn Door Restaurant. We'll be meeting in Pavilion-A, the big one just down the hill and on the left, our regular stomping grounds. 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.

## Stamp Treasures



Arriving at the bottom of an old lot, I found the envelope pictured above. It is in the hand of a treasure-finding middle-schooler, and it contains a pair of U.S. 1132s. (Below)



"Inside this envelope are 2 four cent stamps of the flag with 49 stars on it. They didn't make many of them so some day they will be valuable. PLEASE DON'T THROW AWAY." There is neither signature nor date. #1153 with fifty stars was subsequently issued on 4 July 1960 following Hawaii Statehood.