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Happy New Year!

The first LSCC meeting of 2025 will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Lebanon Community Library, 125 N. 7th St, in historic downtown Lebanon. We'll discuss our goals for the coming year, and hopefully, fill a space or two on our calendar of events. If you have a new find or a favorite item from your collection, please bring it along to share with us.

Remembering 57 + years of the Lebanon Stamp Collectors Club

Lebanon Stamp Collectors Club receives proclamation

Staff Report

On Feb. 20, the Lebanon Stamp Collectors Club was presented with a Proclamation from city Mayor Sherry Capello in honor of the club's 50 years as a member-club of the American Philatelic Society (A.P.S.), headquartered in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

The Lebanon Stamp Club has existed in Lebanon in some form or another (under different names) since the 1930s. All through the 1970s, 1980s and into the 1990s our club held a well-attended annual stamp exhibition at one of the Lebanon malls.

It is said that there are around 5 million collectors in the USA alone. The A.P.S. has over 30,000 members worldwide.

The club meets in the Lebanon Community Library the third Tuesday of each month, except December from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Meetings are open to the public who are interested in learning more about the hobby. Our members' collecting interests are wide ranging: Lebanon Postal History, Lititz Postal History, Worldwide telegraph stamps, Baltimore Carrier Stamps, Mexico Express Companies, worldwide errors, the Hershey connection in Cuba, as well as country collections of the USA, Canada, Great Britain and France and other smaller collections.

The club has members from Harrisburg to the west, Myerstown to the east, Lancaster to the south, as well as Lebanon.



The **Lebanon Stamp Collectors Club** was presented with a proclamation from Mayor Sherry Capello in honor of the club's 50 years as a member-club of the American Philatelic Society on Feb. 20. Shown here, from left: Glenn Blanch, Joe Duke, Lorrene Blanch, Hal Klein, Mayor Capello, Richard Colberg (president), Mike Kawaler and Don Smith (secretary-treasurer). SUBMITTED

No, there's nothing wrong with your Color TV; this is a picture of the club with Lebanon Mayor Sherry Capello from the *Lebanon Daily News* edition of Sunday, March 4, 2018. In the coming months, I will share from a collection of clippings documenting the history of the Lebanon Stamp Collectors Club that I have found on Newspapers.com, which is a wonderful resource for history buffs like me (a subscription is required). For our Reading Stamp Collectors Club readers, your newspaper of record, *The Reading Eagle*, can be accessed (without a subscription) on Google news: <https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=ZuSUVyMx-TgC>

For the Patent

An update from Dick Colberg

In a previous report from this side of the pond I told of a philatelic magazine editor's comment about the future of stamp bourses (doomsday). He was quite negative. I had estimated the attendance of the bourse I attended at about 1,500 people. I said I thought that was good. Well, all the numbers are in, and the count was over 4,000! So much for doomsday any time soon!

Now the same editor is complaining about the location of the next French national stamp exhibit. This exhibit, much like the APS's GASS, used to be held at various cities around France. The exhibit will be held in Colmar, France, on the German border in the northeast of France. I've traveled to and exhibited at some of the French Nationals. It's a nice way for my wife and I to see different areas of France we would not normally get to. The last few nationals have been held at a large exhibit space on the edge of Paris. It is easily served by bus and Metro (subway). I've been fortunate to be able to get a ride from a fellow collector and he knows his way around Paris quite well. Now, I guess it's a travelling show again. The editor was complaining about collectors having to travel out of their way to attend this show. What, he thinks all collectors live in and around Paris?

This guy would sing a different tune if he lived in the U.S. Most national shows in the USA involve serious travel distances. I attended a show in San Diego last year and it involved a cross-country plane trip and a 4-day weekend. France is a fraction of the size of the continental USA and most cities are no more than a few hours ride apart on a very nice train.

I think I've told you that I've written several articles for the French philatelic journal *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*. I subscribe to this journal on an annual basis. Last week I received a letter from the publisher saying that as of issue #2001, the journal was ceasing publication. Lo and behold, today (1/2/25) I received issue #2001 and the editor's letter stated that this was it. Finis!

I'm scratching my head on this one. Here is some history on the subject. There was a competing philatelic journal. *Tombres Magazine*, available on newsstands and by subscription. I bought it occasionally. I thought it was equally well written, and the articles added to my knowledge. *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* is published by the French catalogue publisher Yvert et Tellier (Y&T for short). *L'Echo* has been published since 1893.

Y&T bought its rival, *Tombres Magazine*, in 2020 and continued publishing under the same name. I didn't understand the logic, but I guess that's business. So, now Y&T is going to continue publishing a monthly stamp journal, but continuing under the younger magazine's name.

An update on our local scouts and the Stamp Collecting merit badge

Back in April 2022, we welcomed four local Scouts from Troop 412, sponsored by Salem Lutheran Church, to our monthly meeting, to help them fulfill the requirements of the Stamp Collecting merit badge. I am happy to report that I recently approved the final requirement for one of them, and he has earned his merit badge. I am very proud that two scouts from Lebanon County have earned the badge in the past year! There is still time for the other three boys who visited to complete their Stamp Collecting merit badge requirements; I understand this group of boys is busy working on requirements for their Eagle Rank. Congratulations to them all!

LEBANON STAMP CLUB

CONTINUES TO GROW

The Lebanon Philatelic Society held an interesting meeting Thursday night. There were twenty-eight members present and two new members were admitted.

A brief talk on precanceled stamps was given by the president of the club, after which the junior members present were divided into groups with a senior member taking charge of each group. This grouping of the members is going to prove very successful in the instruction of beginners in this hobby of stamp collecting. Credit for this idea goes to young Jack Uhler, a very enthusiastic collector who has a collection worth viewing.

LeRoy Hain is scheduled to give a talk next week but has not decided on his subject as yet. After a brief auction the club adjourned until next Thursday.

The Lebanon Stamp Club in 1933

The earliest clipping from the *Lebanon Daily News* that I have found on Newspapers.com concerning the Lebanon Stamp Club is this clipping from Saturday, February 18, 1933. In less than a month, on March 4, the U.S. would swear into the presidency a man who collected stamps, and I am sure the enthusiasm that a Stamp Collector President brought to the hobby helped propel philately through its golden years of the 1930s through the 1950s. It is nice to see that the club established a way for more experienced members to mentor the beginning collectors in the ranks. I have personally observed that the LSCC is still a place where a beginning collector can learn and benefit from the knowledge and enthusiasm possessed by our more seasoned associates. – Scott Ney

**Visit Pomeroy's
STAMP EXHIBIT**

Friday May 1st, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday, May 2nd, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Courtesy Of
Lebanon Stamp Club

See rare, valuable foreign and United States Postage Stamps. Commemoratives, miniature sheets, first day covers and other collector's items.

—SPORTSWEAR DEPT., Street Floor, Lebanon

Lebanon Daily News, Monday, October 12, 1964

LEBPEX History, Part II

The pages of the Lebanon Daily News contain a record of our LEBPEX expos of the past. I have compiled a collection of the articles and advertisements pertaining to the show that I have found, which I will share with the club as a companion to the LEBPEX show cover catalog that I “published” last year. As illustrated above, we can learn about stamp exhibits prior to the very first LEBPEX in 1973 by searching the files of the *Daily News*, and I will include these in the record as well.

Are you interested in attending the Boston Expo in 2026?

Attention collectors in Lebanon, Reading, Lancaster, and other points in Central Pennsylvania: if you are interested in attending the World Stamp Expo in Boston next year, please see the following message from David Silcox. While the show is still over a year away, preparations need to be made now! If you are interested in the proposal, please contact Dave at silx404@aol.com. Dave needs a headcount by February 28 . . .

Dear fellow collectors,

We are planning a bus trip to the Boston 2026 World Expo. We will be going to the Boston 2026 show for two days (May 23 and 24th) which means we'll need lodging for three nights. Departure will be May 22nd. The official room rate is \$279.95 per night within walking distance of the Boston Convention Center. Two or more people can split a room. White Star tours is going to provide a quote on a bus with insurance in late spring of 2025. The max bus load would be 50 people with a min of 40. The bus would make a stop in Allentown to pick up their people.

The cost per person should be around \$600 plus meals, assuming that two people share a room, and the bus cost is in the vicinity of \$200 per person.

We need a head count of people interested by the end of February 2025 to determine if we have a chance of getting a minimum of 40 people.

The show's hotels will start taking reservations in June of 2025. One night must be paid at the time of reservation. Plus, we will be collecting for the bus reservation at that time. If you have any questions, please contact me at silx404@aol.com.

Thanks,

Dave Silcox

[Boston 2026 World Stamp Show, Inc. – The Twelfth International Philatelic Exhibition of the United States](#)

Reading Stamp Collectors Club upcoming events

**There are no RSCC meetings in December, January, or
February**

Our next Meeting is March 2025

Lebanon Stamp Collectors Club Calendar

Here are the dates for our 2025 LSCC meetings. Please consider choosing a month to present on your favorite topic to your fellow club members! Members of the RSCC are cordially invited to attend, and share your collecting interests with us. Please contact Scott Ney if you are interested in presenting at one of our monthly meetings.

Date	Presenter and Subject
January 21, 2025	Show and tell, and planning for the year ahead
February 18, 2025	
March 18, 2025	
April 15, 2025	
May 20, 2025	
June 17, 2025	
July 15, 2025	
August 19, 2025	Civil War Pension Philately – Scott Ney
September 16, 2025	
October 21, 2025	
November 18, 2025	
December 16, 2025	Holiday Dinner at The Rotunda Restaurant and Pub

The Lebanon Stamp Collectors Club thanks the Philatelic Society of Lancaster County for hosting our affiliate page, which is accessible by clicking the following link:

[The Lebanon Stamp Collectors Club – Philatelic Society of Lancaster County \(lcpss-stamps.org\)](https://lcpss-stamps.org)

The PSLC Events Calendar is located at the following link:

[Philatelic Society of Lancaster County – Award-winning, non-profit community organization dedicated to promoting stamp and postal history collecting as a hobby for education and fun. \(lcpss-stamps.org\)](https://lcpss-stamps.org)



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