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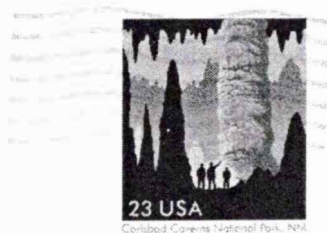
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The Masonic Stamp Club of New York was organized in 1934 for the purpose of encouraging research and study in Masonic Philately, and to establish bonds of good fellowship among Masons who are stamp collectors. The need for the organization has proved itself through the years with its ever-increasing membership and the formation of other Masonic stamp clubs in the United States.

The Editor invites all members to submit items of information and articles on the subject of Masonic Philately. Typewritten copy and/or camera ready items will result in the best possible presentation of your material if it is selected for use.

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**The Masonic Philatelist**  
**Keeping Up-To-Date**  
**By**

**Dr. Allan Boudreau**

We are all well aware that keeping up-to date is important in each and every facet of our lives. Everything that we are involved with, whether it be our profession, our health, our wardrobe, diet, conversation, language, and especially our pastimes, such as Masonic Philately, is so much more enjoyable when we are aware of the current state of the art.

Today, in the Modern world of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we have an enormous array of technological advantages to assist us in keeping up-to-date. Newspapers, radio, television, magazines, computers, and perhaps the most important, the interpersonal relationships we have with all those we come in contact with during our day to day activities.

We who share our interest in Masonic Philately support the Masonic Stamp Club of New York with our annual dues that supports the publication of *The Masonic Philatelist* our quarterly Club journal that helps to keep us up-to-date with the goings on in the world of Masonic Philately.

Many of us also support *The Philatelic Freemason*, the bimonthly journal of the Masonic Study Unit of the American Topical Association. The annual membership dues are USA \$12.00, Canada & Mexico \$16.00 All outside North America \$16.00. Robert A. Domingue has been the editor for quite a few years and does an excellent job. If you are not receiving this publication please contact Brother Domingue at 59 Greenwood Road in Andover, MA 01810 or Email him at [radpm@comcast.net](mailto:radpm@comcast.net) and sign up to help yourself keep up-to-date.

The American Topical Association publishes an excellent bimonthly journal of thematic philately, *Topical Time*.

**The Masonic Stamp Club of New York, Inc.**

George B. Griffenhagen edits this outstanding journal. The May-June 2006 issue consists of 92 pages with outstanding articles, show calendar, publication reviews, together with a potpourri of the best philatelic items of interest to topical collectors. The annual membership is a great value at only \$20.00 annually. Further information may be obtained from Ray T. Cartier at the ATA Central Office PO Box 57, Arlington, TX 76004-0057. Visit the ATA web at [www.americantopicalassn.org](http://www.americantopicalassn.org).

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Perhaps the best way to keep up-to-date is through the face-to-face contacts we enjoy when we attend stamp shows and interact with dealers and other collectors. Most important is membership in your local, hometown stamp club. As we are the Masonic Stamp Club of New York a large number of our members live in New York State. On the following pages we have listed a number of the local stamp clubs throughout New York State and we encourage you to join up and attend your local stamp club!

Members of local stamp clubs in New York State receive at no cost an excellent bimonthly publication, *Stamp Insider*, published by the Federation of New York Philatelic Societies. Each issue contains some 60 pages of philatelic information about the goings on in New York Philately. The following pages from the *Stamp Insider* are reproduced here with the hope they will inspire you to join your local stamp club, attend a meeting, enjoy the camaraderie and especially help to keep yourself up-to-date!

**The Masonic Stamp Club of New York, Inc.**



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POSTAL HISTORY  
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**APS UNIT 28**

[www.esphs.org](http://www.esphs.org)

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**THE M.O.B. AND THE MAIL**

*By Frank Braithwaite*

The U.S. Post Office Department, via the Act of May 17, 1864, authorized establishment of the money order system to provide a safe means of sending money through the mail. Money orders were set at \$1 minimum and \$30 maximum, which was raised to \$50 in 1866.

The procedure was simple — a Postal Money Order form would be filled out without the payee's information on it, stamped with a M.O.B. (money order business) marking and sent to the person or business the sender wished to pay. Concurrently, an *Advice* or *Advice of Money Order* would be forwarded under separate cover, with the payee's information on it, to the post office where it would be cashed. This was done to prevent the money order from being cashed by anyone but the payee. If the money order was stolen, the thief would not have identification that matched the advice form that was sent separately and would be unable to redeem it.

The use of the M.O.B. handstamp was originally for marking the money orders and advices, but there are examples of its use on cover. There are a few plausible explanations — the sender may have had a pre-addressed envelope and enclosed the money order in the presence of the postmaster; still having the device in his hand from marking the advice, the postmaster simply postmarked the cover. Perhaps the postmaster wanted the cover to be differentiated from regular mail, although no such instructions exist in the postal manuals.

Collecting M.O.B. cancels can be fun and challenging. Advice forms are common and can be very ornate or very plain, and early covers are scarce, but are found with increasing frequency as they approach 1940. Money orders themselves are extremely rare, as they should only exist if they were never cashed; postal regulations required their destruction after redemption. These cancels can also be found on coupons (a tear-off receipt kept by the paying post office) and on Postal Notes, but that is a subject for a future column.

I am interested in any information or photocopies of New York M.O.B. cancels for further research. Please send them to me at 56 Morewood Drive, Smithtown, NY 11787.





## APS CHAPTER 428

Meets at 8 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at the Sawdust Cafe, New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, Geneva

James Darnell, 136 Lock St., Clyde, NY 14433  
jdarnell@novocon.net, 315-923-7355

### CLUB'S MEMBERSHIP GROWING STEADILY

Our membership has increased steadily in the past year, having shown 20 percent growth. In March we added three new members —Gerald Harris, Shirley Stowell, and Harry Wilkins, all of Newark.

### POKER NIGHT DRAWS A CROWD

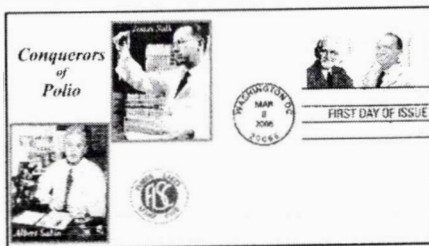
Our second meeting in March saw the best attendance of 2006. Maybe the *draw* was a new program we tried for the first time — *Poker Night*, where members played draw poker for philatelic prizes. There's a little gambler in all of us it seems.

### YOUTH CLUB PLANS SPECIAL CANCELLATIONS

The Newark All-Star Stamp Club, our youth affiliate, has plans under way to have two special cancellations this summer dealing with local history. One is the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Rochester, Syracuse & Eastern *Travelectric* which began interurban trolley service in Newark in 1906. The other will commemorate the Mora automobile that was manufactured in Newark in the early part of the 20th century.

### FIRST FDC OF YEAR

Our first 2006 FDC cachet honored the conquerors of polio, Jonas Salk and Albert Sabin. A limited number are still available. Send a check or money order payable to the Finger Lakes Stamp Club for \$3.50 and a #10 SASE to Gil Lewis, 502 Rt. 88 S., Newark, NY 14513.



### NEW STAMP CIRCUIT MANAGER

After several years as the club's United Stamp Societies circuits manager, Gary Chicoine has passed the torch to Jim Darnell. From all the members, we send a special thank you to Gary for all his time and efforts in making the circuits program work so well during his tenure.

### PROGRAMS

- May 10 — *Trivia & Puzzles Night*
- May 24 — *Dish-to-Pass Social Evening*
- June 14 — *Two-Member Display of Favorite Stamp Collections*
- June 28 — *Annual picnic and Anything Auction*

## APS CHAPTER 138

*Incorporating Women's Seal and Stamp Club*  
Meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday at Bethany Reformed  
Church Community Center, 760 New Scotland Ave., Albany

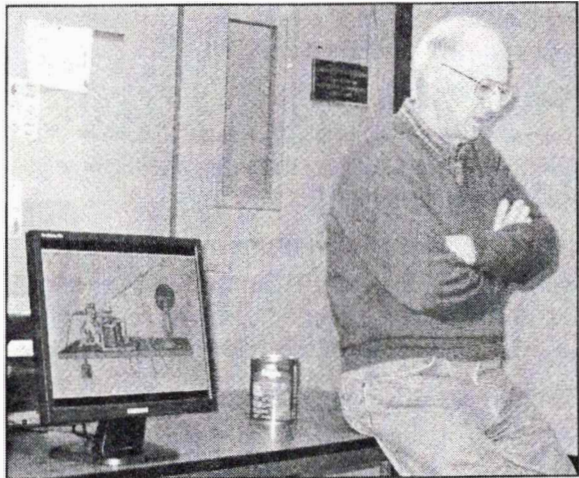
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### PRIGOZY PRESENTS TELEGRAPH PROGRAM

On March 14 we had the pleasure of hosting Steve Prigozy whose knowledge of the history of the telegraph and associated philately is impressive and very informative.

It is interesting to note that there were almost 60 different telegraph companies during the antebellum, while after the Civil War one major player rose above all others — Western Union Telegraphy Company. Steve will be writing a feature article on the topic for the *STAMP INSIDER* in the near future.



#### **Wired Presentation**

Steve Prigozy used a computer to enhance his program.

### FORT ORANGE STAMP CLUB TURNS 80

On March 24 we were treated to a wonderful program put together a few years ago by Ray Coco, who had researched the history of the club for the 75th anniversary and dusted it off for the evening.

Fifteen prominent men met in Albany on April 9, 1926 to form the club. This organizational meeting was held in the Lavender Book Shop on Washington Avenue. Two weeks later, the first official meeting took place, and the first president was Chester Moore. During that first year, the meetings were held in the YMCA. In 1929, the club extended a membership invitation to Franklin D. Roosevelt and he graciously accepted soon after. Also in 1929, the club newsletter, *The Fort Orange Philatelist* first appeared.

George McCowan Photo

In 1935 Fort Orange became APS Chapter 138. In 1951, the club's 25th anniversary was observed with a two-day Silver Jubilee exhibit at the Hotel Ten Eyck. More than 900 people attended. Over the years, the club has met at several locations and now calls the Bethany Reformed Church home.



## APS CHAPTER 1227

*Incorporating Community Stamp Club*

Meets at 7 p.m. on the 4th Thursday except  
July and August at Rome Municipal Building, Second Floor

Joe Christofaro, 201 Maple St., Rome, NY 13440  
yon1@verizon.net, 315-337-9608

### CLUB CHANGES MEETING SCHEDULE

Instead of meeting twice monthly, the Fort Stanwix Stamp Club will now meet only once a month, on the third Thursday.

### ANNUAL PICNIC

The annual picnic will be held in July, at a date to be determined, at the home of Joseph O. and Yon Christofaro. There will be no meeting in August, but the regular schedule will resume in September.

### HOME SCHOOL PRESENTATION POSTPONED

A planned presentation led by Lavinia Tilton to a home-school organization was cancelled due to a March snowstorm. Several members now plan to visit the group in April to explain how stamp collecting can help children better understand history.

### SPECIAL CANCELS COMING

The club is planning a special cancel and cover for Rome's Honor America Day on July 29. Plans are also progressing for the annual August 3 Fort Stanwix Day cancel and cover. Further information will be available in the July-August *STAMP INSIDER*.

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### **Elmira Stamp Club — Continued from Page 40**

**LONGTIME MEMBERS DIE:** Dr. Otto Lederer, 96, of Big Flats died Feb. 16 and Russell Catron, 84, of Elmira Heights died March 11. We offer our condolences to their families.

**OCTAGON FAIR:** The club again has been invited to participate in Elmira College's Octagon Fair, an annual community outreach event on its campus. This year's fair will be Sept. 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Club members willing to help at our table should see to Judy Stewart at meetings or call her at 732-7075.

**ATTENDANCE UP:** Meeting attendance for the first three months was excellent, with 26 recorded in January, 25 in February, and 27 in March. Our bimonthly auctions do not always benefit from good attendance. In January auctioneers Don Dolan and Mike Breed had only nine lots to call, but all the were sold and grossed \$21.50. In March, the number of lots quadrupled and the auctioneers, again assisted by Judy Stewart and Alex McLeod, sold 30 of the 36 lots for \$101.75. Two club lots sold for \$15 and this, plus our commission on the consignor lots, brought the Club treasury \$23.70. Net to the consignors was \$78.05. Thanks to Clayton Spangenberg for his contribution of the two club lots.



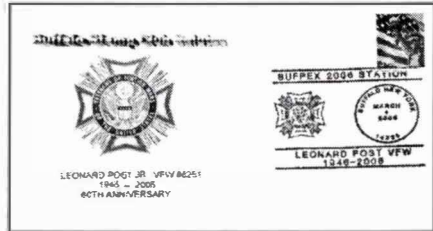


## APS CHAPTER 37

Meets at 7:30 p.m. twice monthly on Fridays at VFW Leonard Post,  
2450 Walden Ave., Cheektowaga  
Alfred Carroccia, 152 Windmill Road, West Seneca, NY 14218  
fuzzy9600@aol.com, 716-674-0302

## BUFFPEX 2006 A HUGE SUCCESS

*BUFFPEX 2006* is history. The two-day exhibition and bourse took place on March 4 and 5 at the VFW Leonard Post. The annual showcase event of the Buffalo Stamp Club was a huge success. Thirteen dealers took part in the bourse despite several not participating on Sunday. The U.S. Postal Service also had a table. Attendance was strong Saturday with a brisk crowd on Sunday and all dealers were happy and promised to return next year. The show cover commemorated the 60th anniversary of the Leonard Post. It is available for \$1.50 and a #10 SASE from Marge Schleining, 260 Tampa Drive, Buffalo, NY 14220.



**EXHIBIT AWARDS:** Twelve exhibits spanning 40 frames were shown. *Regular Issues American Bank Notes, 1879-1893* by Tim Carey took gold together with the Founder's award for best exhibit and also the Romito award for best exhibit of U.S. stamps usage. Tim also won silver and the Schuster award for best transportation exhibit with *Speeding Up the Mail, Special Delivery and Express Mail*. Best single-frame award went to Bob Meegan's *Ungrilled Banknote Issues, 1870-1890*. Theresa Meegan, Bob's daughter, won gold and the Emil Auer award for best first time exhibit. Leonard Empric won the Topical award for *Scribes and their Manuscripts*, which also took a gold. Also taking gold was Paul Baker's *Postal Stationary of Trieste 'A' 1947-1954*; his exhibit also won the Bredl award for best exhibit of covers.

Special thanks to Fred Laufer, Bob Meegan and Bill Witschard for organizing the show and to all the members who helped set up and tear down the tables and frames. Last, but not least, thanks to the Leonard Post for allowing use of the hall.

## ATA HONORS ANN TRIGGLE

The American Topical Association has selected club member Ann Triggles as the recipient of the *2006 Distinguished Topical Philatelist Award*. She will receive the award at the ATA meeting during *WASHINGTON 2006*. She will be recognized for her service to our hobby at all levels.

## MEETINGS

There are two club meetings left on the 2005-2006 calendar, the first and third Fridays of May. Elections for Board of Directors will be held in May and any member interested should contact Club Secretary Alfred Carroccia to be included on the ballot.

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## APS CHAPTER 1276

Meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 1st & 3rd Fridays most months at  
Glens Falls National Bank Community Room, 13 South St.

Dr. William R. Hanson, 78 W. Notre Dame, Glens Falls, NY 12801  
drhanson@localnet.com, 518-798-9592

Directions — Call Joe Kopczak before 9 p.m. at 518-761-0020



## VACATIONERS WELCOME TO ATTEND MEETINGS

With the wide distribution of the Stamp Insider, copies fall into the hands of collectors who may live a long way from Glens Falls but might like to mix a little philately into their vacation at beautiful Lake George or the Saratoga track this summer. Our enthusiasm makes up for our limited numbers, please join us.

### TALK POSTPONED

Virtually all members had previous commitments on April 7, so Doc Hanson's talk on duck stamps was postponed, being rescheduled to May 19. He will display his collection of federal and state duck hunting stamps and will discuss unsettling events in recent years which have led to his decision to discontinue collecting first the state and now the federal stamps (and prints).

### PLANES, TRAINS, AND AUTOMOBILES

On April 21, member Conrad Novick brought his revolutionary single-frame exhibit, *Planes, Trains, and Automobiles* to the meeting and told of his experiences as a first-time exhibitor, to the delight of all those attending. Conrad garnered a bronze medal at Toronto's Ameristamp Expo in the Single-Frame Class and a Special Award for Originality, for which we all congratulated him.

### SILVER BLAZE PICTORIAL CANCEL

Doc Hanson has received approval from the U.S. Postal Service for a special pictorial cancel to be used at the Saratoga Race Track on July 29 to commemorate the running of the Silver Blaze Race. The Adventure of Silver Blaze is a Sherlock Holmes story by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle concerning the kidnapping of a famous racehorse, Silver Blaze. Beginning in 1952, races in his honor have been run on courses throughout America and since 2000 at Saratoga. Doc will design the cancel and accompanying cachet.

### PROGRAMS

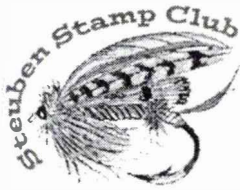
A full schedule awaits meeting attendees this spring:

May 5 — *Washington County Postal History and Ephemera* by member Steven Matte

May 19 — *Duck Hunting Revenues* by Club President Doc Hanson

June 2 — *Stamps and Postal History of the Non-German Legions of the Nazis During World War II* by Federation President John J. Nunes

June 16 — *Selling and Trading Night*; non-member visitors may participate



## APS CHAPTER 1357

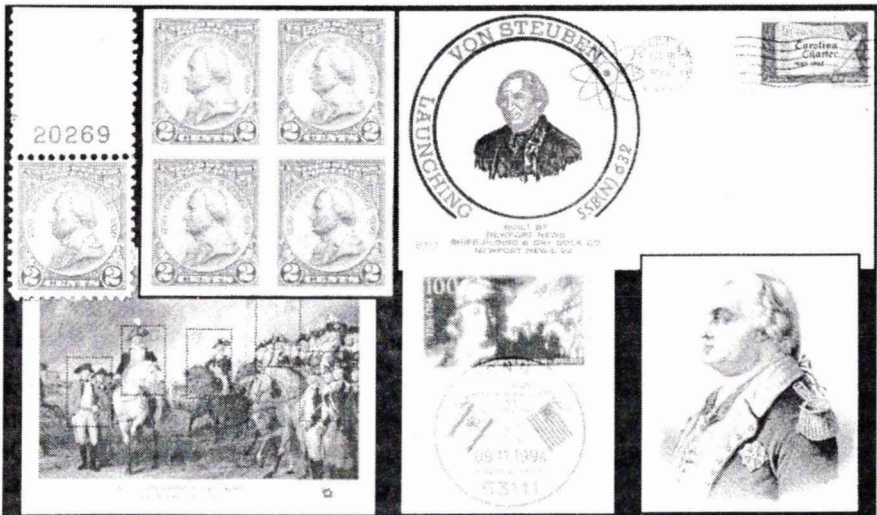
Meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday, except July, August, October,  
at Kanestio Historical Society Building, 23 Main St., Canisteo

President Sue Babbitt, 1990 Square Woods Drive, Canisteo, NY 14823  
babbitts@stny.rr.com, 607-698-2062

### THE STEUBEN CONNECTION

Steuben County derives its name from Baron Frederick William Augustus von Steuben, a Prussian military officer who came to the United States in 1777. The former Prussian army captain became popular as a U.S. Army instructor of in the Revolutionary War. The baron never lived in the county. In 1790, Congress granted him an annual pension of \$2,400, while New York State gave him a 16,000-acre land grant near Utica. He named it Steubenville and died there on Nov, 28, 1794, at 64. Our club, formed in 1987, took its name after the county.

Steuben is the seventh largest of the state's 57 counties, ranking 21st in population. It lies along the divide between the St. Lawrence and Susquehanna rivers basins and has a moderate continental climate. The land ranges from 2,400 feet above sea level in the southwest part of the county down to 714 feet at Keuka Lake. The landscape is one of rolling uplands cut by numerous, steep-sided stream valleys, some as much as 600 feet deep. The Canisteo and Cohocton (or Conhocton) rivers are the major streams, flowing southeastward across the county to Painted Post where they merge to form the Chemung River. The landscape is dominated by farms and woodlands and has great scenic charm, with a rich abundance of wildlife.



The U.S. first honored von Steuben on a two-cent red (Scott 689) and later on a souvenir sheet of Cornwallis' surrender (Scott 1686). The 1994 German stamp commemorates the bicentennial of his death. A former LaFayette class submarine was named in his honor.

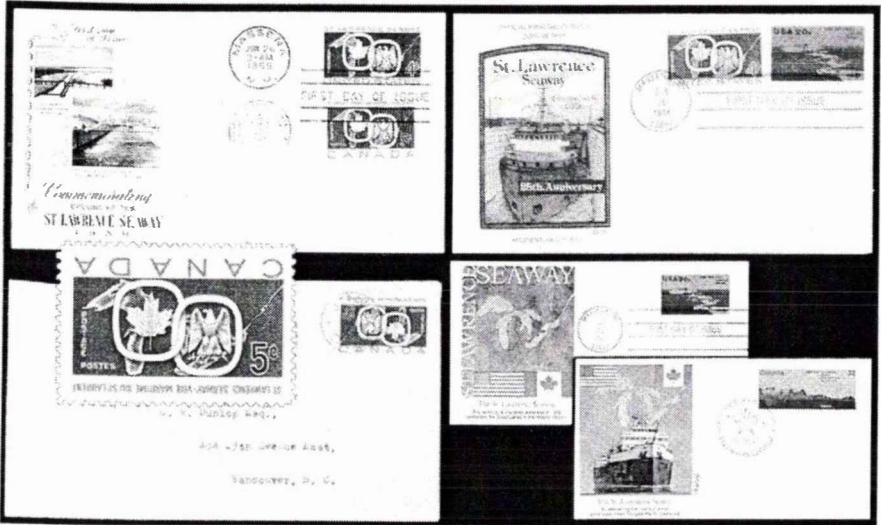
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## SEAWAY STAMP FIRST JOINT ISSUE WITH CANADA

The four-cent St. Lawrence Seaway stamp (Scott 1131), issued on June 26, 1959 was the first jointly issued stamp between the United States and Canada (five-cent Scott 387). On a small number of the Canadian Seaway stamps (Scott 387a), the center portion was inadvertently printed upside down, creating one of the rare errors of modern Canadian postal history.



*M Int. Seaway Invert courtesy Shreeves Philatelic Galleries; cover courtesy Christies of London*

In 1954, The U.S. and Canada agreed to jointly develop the Seaway, a feat which took more than five years, and a billion dollars to accomplish. The Seaway, and its series of locks and canals, is one of the longest inland man-made navigational areas ever created.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Queen Elizabeth II formally opened the Seaway on April 25, 1959. When the Seaway opened, many northern cities including Toronto, Cleveland, and Chicago, were linked to a direct shipping route to the Atlantic Ocean. On average, 50 million tons of cargo travel the seaway each year, including grain, ore, coal, and steel.

A second jointly issued stamp honoring the 25th anniversary of the Seaway was issued on June 26, 1984, (Scott 2091 U.S. 20 cent and Scott 1015 Canada).



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## APS CHAPTER 728

Meets at 6 p.m. on the 4th Monday at Faith United Church,  
12 Mark Fitzgibbons Drive

Leigh LeClair, 212 Murray St., Oswego, NY 13126  
pleclair@northnet.org , 315-342-5653



## MEMBERS SHARE COLLECTIONS AT MEETINGS

Various club members shared parts of their collections in informal presentations at recent club meetings. In February, our newest member, Sewall Oertling, gave an interesting talk on postal stationery collecting.

He showed examples of the hard-to-distinguish color variations on postal entires and envelopes, talked about cut squares, and discussed the printing differences found on early postal cards. He also showed the club several reference books on stationery and how various envelopes can be identified by knowing how they were cut and constructed.

In March, President Leigh LeClair showed the club some beautiful Swiss semipostals, and Nick Todaro shared postal and historical material related to the numerous railroads that ran throughout Oswego County.

**PICNIC:** The club is planning to hold its annual picnic in Breitbeck Park in June and resume meetings in September.

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## Oswego County Fair Pictorial Cancel

Plans are underway for a pictorial cancel at the 149th annual Oswego County Fair in Sandy Creek. The cancellation, designed by Heather Sweeting, will be available starting on July 3 in the Heritage building, where many of the local town historians have elaborate displays of many historical materials.

The displays, spearheaded and organized by newly elected Oswego County Legislator Shawn Doyle and historian Charlene Cole manage to turn the building into a temporary museum and genealogical hotspot for the five days of the fair.



July 3, 2006 Sandy Creek NY 13145

Last year, for example, I met a 95 year-old-woman from Florida who was visiting her relatives. Coincidentally, she had known my grandmother and taught school with my neighbor for many years. Many local history books, documents, photographs, etc are on sale as well.

— Heather Sweeting



## APS CHAPTER 50

[www.syracusestampclub.org](http://www.syracusestampclub.org)

Meets at 8 p.m. on the 1st & 3rd Friday at the Reformed Church of Syracuse, 1228 Teall Ave.

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## CLUB TAKES FIELD TRIP TO MYSTIC

The club toured the facilities of the Mystic Stamp Company in Camden on April 11, being shown the research, graphics, and approvals departments and allowed to inspect Mystic's plate block of the CIA invert as well as the "H" hat stamp yellow variety.



### **Welcome Guests**

Syracuse Stamp Club members visiting Mystic Stamp Company from left, seated: Dianne Juchimek, Rachel Netzband, Lisa Steele; standing Dick Netzband, Mike Ammann, Vince Juchimek, Jim Steele, Gil Strausman, Bin Liu, Rick Erat, Dan Piazza, and Bob Davison.

**NEW BOARD MEMBER:** President Mike Ammann appointed Richard Nuhn of Jordan to the club's board of directors on March 17. Richard joined the club in 2004 and is a worldwide collector. He will finish out the term of Paul Davis, who has resigned from the club.

### **PROGRAMS**

May 5 — *God's Mail: The Philately of Vatican City* by Dan Piazza; pizza, drinks, and door prizes

May 19 — Auction

June 2 — *Philatelic Items You Haven't Seen Before* by Dave Proulx

June 16 — *Washington 2006 Wrap-Up* with Tom Fortunato, Media Chairman, and club members who attended the show

June 30 — Auction

There will be mini-auctions at 7:45 p.m. on May 5, and June 2, if material allows.

## APS CHAPTER 240

Meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday  
at Holmes & Watson Ltd., 450 Broadway

Terrill S. Miller, P.O. Box 335, Troy, NY 12181-0335  
unclesamty@aol.com, 518-869-6872

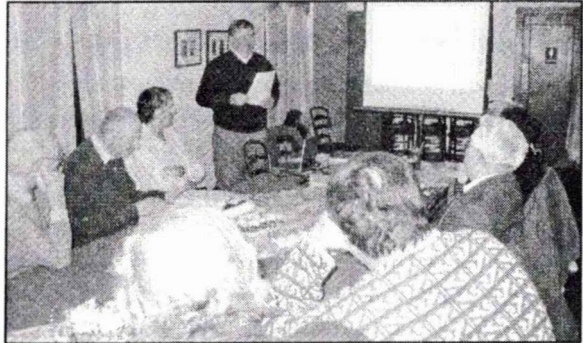


## IRELAND, SODA BREAD, AND STAMP COLLECTING

On Feb. 1, member Tom Hanley gave his annual presentation on Irish stamp collecting. This year's talk was on *Irish Booklets*. In 1988 Ireland began issuing some commemoratives in booklet form and with their definitive partners combine to make an impressive collection. Tom lamented demonetization of his collection with the coming of the Euro, but all agreed that it is still a wonderful collection. As always, Tom provided homemade Irish soda bread to go along with his program.

### LATVIAN POSTAL HISTORY

On Feb 15, Maris Tirums from the Fort Orange Club once again visited us with another very interesting program. Maris collects, among other things, Latvian postal history and treated us to a seminar on the slogan postal markings, which were popular before the outbreak of World War II. These slogans were mostly public service promotions used only on local mail.



### **Postal History Presentation**

Club members listen attentively to Maris Tirums.

### WINTER AUCTION.

March 1 saw the club's winter auction. This is always a fun night with lots of material changing hands. One never knows what delights to expect, and thanks to Don Nolett, I was able to add a stamp box to my collection.

### U.S. POSTMARK COLLECTION

Member Arnie Leiter provided March 15th's program. Arnie treated us to a display of U.S. postmarks. For many years, Arnie has been working towards the unbelievable task of collecting a postmark from every post office in every town and city in every state in the union. Just imagine the number of binders to house this collection. Arnie collects 2 × 4-inch corners or complete covers if they are more valuable in that condition.



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Meets informally at noon Tuesdays at the Masonic Community Center, 2379 Union Rd., Cheektowaga

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## VALLEYPEX AIDS CENTER FOR DYSLEXIA

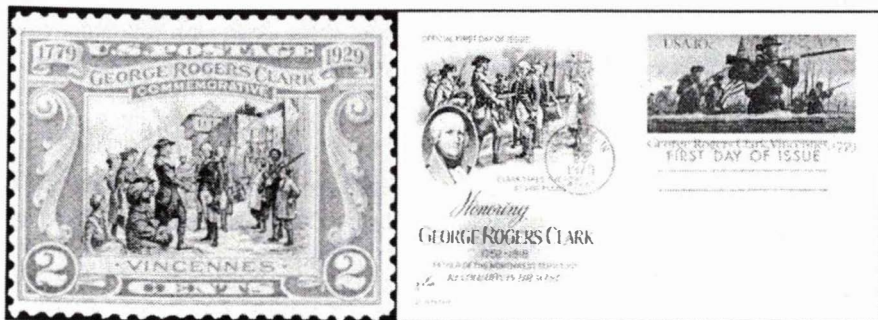
The Valley of Buffalo Family Life Stamp Club meets informally on Tuesdays after the weekly Masonic Lunches at the Valley of Buffalo 32nd Degree Masonic Community Center, 2379 Union Road, Cheektowaga, to discuss Masons on postage stamps.

Each year, the club sponsors *VALLEYPEX*, a stamp show that raises money for the 32nd Degree Masonic Learning Center for Dyslexia in Rochester. This year's *VALLEYPEX* is slated for June 17–18. The theme for Saturday, June 17, will honor Masonic Baseball Players. On Sunday, June 18, Benjamin Franklin will be honored. Both days will feature a special pictorial cancel and show cover, with the proceeds to benefit the Center of Dyslexia.

## NOTED MASONS ON STAMPS: THE CLARK CONNECTION

In each of our bimonthly *STAMP INSIDER* club page, we will describe stamps honoring a notable person who was a Mason. **GEORGE ROGERS CLARK:** The noted military leader during the Revolutionary War was a member of Abraham Lodge No. 8 in Louisville, Kentucky.

Clark was honored with a stamp in 1929 (Scott 651) and a postal card in 1979 (Scott UX78). With the outbreak of the Revolutionary War, General Clark secured authority from Virginia and crossed the Ohio River with the objective of driving out the British Forces from Illinois, at that time a part of the Province of Quebec. His control of Vincennes enabled the United States to lay claim to the parts of what are now Ohio and Indiana at the Treaty of Paris in 1783 (Scott 2052). The youngest brother of George Rogers Clark was William Clark, who along with fellow Mason Merriwether Lewis, engaged in the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Both Lewis and Clark were honored with commemorative stamps in 2004 on the occasion of the Bicentennial of their expedition.



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## **Saving Up for Old Age**

Saving up for old age usually refers to saving money but there are other things one ought to save for old age, such as some avocation, which could be of great happiness and interest when one's vocation has ceased.

Many individuals live a limited life in the sense that they have no other interest than their own vocation and when because of circumstances of old age or otherwise that ceases, they are entirely at a loss to find something to occupy their time.

These avocations are often called hobbies and may be of a great variety. There are some who decry hobbies and look upon them as species of time wasters, however, the contrary is quite definitely true. Among these hobbies, the most prevalent is stamp collecting and this hobby has some very definite instructive features among which are history, biography, geography, and art. It is also a hobby that stretches from the past to future. The past not so remote that it becomes a matter of antiquarian study. It is sometimes thought of as a juvenile hobby but when considered in its proper relationship, it maybe, for the adult, a hobby of continuing interest.

Philately is an avocation where one may save up for old age because there is a never-ending future aspect. It has a very definite mental value. To some, it has a very definite financial value and is looked upon by them as a financial investment, but the real dyed-in-the-wool collector seldom thinks of that particular element.

There are technical details concerning philately which may interest persons who desire to reach such heights. There is a large group that like stamps for their own selves and find this a very restful instructive and continuously interesting and rewarding avocation. Something worth saving up for old age!



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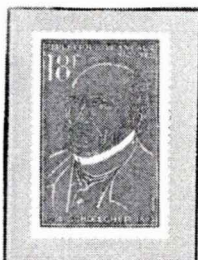
Dear Brother Boudreau

I have the great pleasure to inform you that France will issue a new Masonic Government Issue postage stamp. It will be to celebrate the centenary of the Grand Lodge National Francaise which is the only regular Obediency in France.

The date of the first issue will be at the end of November or the beginning of December. It will coincide with the international Convention of all the Grand masters of the Grand Lodges of the World.

Yours Truly and Fraternally

  
Jean Prouteau



SCHOELCHER Victor, Baron. (1804-1893). Cet homme politique Initié à la Loge « Les Amis de la Vérité » était membre des Loges « La Clémentine Amitié » et « La Renaissance par les Emules d'Hiram ». Maçon convaincu et généreux il se voua à la cause de l'Abolition de l'Esclavage » dans les colonies françaises. On lui doit le décret historique du 27 avril 1948 proclamant cette abolition.

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**The Masonic Stamp Club of New York, Inc.**

**The Masonic Philatelist**

September 1-4, 2006

BALPEX

(Baltimore Philatelic Exhibition).

George Washington Masonic Stamp Club

**Upcoming Meeting on Saturday, September 2, 2006.**

**2006 meeting of GWMSC at BALPEX**

**Note: 2PM-3PM Meeting, assemble at 1:30**

**Labor Day weekend.**

**1:30 PM - 2:00 PM: Assemble, Trade Covers, & socialize.**

**2:00 PM: Meeting ("Call to Order")**

**2PM-3PM Meeting**

**Speaker: John R. Allen**

**Topic: Yorktown Bicentennial Covers**

**2PM-3PM Meeting**

**Speaker: GWMSC Past President John R. Allen**

**Topic: Yorktown Bicentennial Covers**

***(Upcoming 225th Anniversary of Surrender at Yorktown on 10-19-2006)***

John will give a Power Point presentation of some of the varied covers and cancellations, Masonic and otherwise, issued for the 1981 Yorktown Bicentennial Celebration. John was the volunteer Chairman of the Yorktown Bicentennial Committee's Philatelic Committee, and was among those named in the U.S. Congressional Record in November 1981, following the 4-day Yorktown Bicentennial Celebration. John will display the USPS album and sheet of 10-16-1981 stamps presented to the FDOI Platform guests, although he was the only recipient too busy to be on the platform at that First Day of Issue (FDOI) Ceremony.

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Program & Calendar of Events  
Social Hour at 5:00 PM - Exhibits Open 6:00 PM  
Meeting 6:30 PM - Dinner nearby 8:00 PM

June 7, 2005

Sicily

**Saverio Imperato, MD, Monza Italy**

June 21, 2005

Collecting Franklin Vignettes of American History  
**Benjamin Franklin Bailar, Lake Forest, IL**

### Summer Recess

September 6, 2006

Unusual High Value Postal Stationery  
Of the United States

**Robert L. Markovits, Stockbridge, MA**

September 20, 2006

The Postal History of Trinidad, 1797 to 1875  
**Dr. Reuben A. Ramkissoon, Oak Brook, IL**

● October 4, 2006

Early West Africa Mail, to 1879  
**John Sacher, London, U.K.**

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October 18, 2006  
Across the Danish Border  
**Mark Lorentzen, Santa Monica, CA**

November 1, 2006  
New Zealand, 1855 – 1873  
**John Hackmey, London, U. K.**

November 15, 2006  
U. S. First Day and  
Earliest Documented Usages  
From 1840 through 1904  
**Alan Berkun, Deerfield Beach, FL**

December 6, 2006  
Annual One Frame Competition  
**Members, The Collectors Club**

December 13, 2006  
Annual Open House  
**Board of Governors' The Collectors Club**

January 10, 2007  
Annual Meeting – Elections  
Bring your latest acquisition and tell  
How it fits into your collection  
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January 17, 2007  
Indochina and the Postal History of the  
French Colonial Allegorical Group Type  
**Dr. Edward Grabowski, Westfield, NJ**

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