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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Fall will bring big changes to the RPA - possible NEW Meeting Location for the RPA, Planning a big Public Open House Evening Program. Also, our Vice President has been busy planning new programs for the new year, and ROPEX 2002 in the Spring.

The RPA Fall Meetings for September will be at the Church as usual but the RPA Board is exploring new Meeting Sites as a result of a high rental rate the Church will impose in the near future. Soon you will be receiving a survey in the mail concerning possible *New RPA Locations* with times, dates, cost, etc. Please let us know what you think by returning the survey....

Our Vice President Mark Hull is working several new programs for the new season. Please think about creating an program about your collecting areas...then let Mark know when you could schedule your new program during the season.

View the new RPA Web Site, if *online*, for latest info. Tom Fortunato is working on a RPA Open House Program for this Fall. See his H & T article to learn more... See everyone at the Sept. 13th meeting.

John Kellas III, RPA President

PROGRAMS

9/13 Postal Rarities in Postal Museum - All the Greats. 54 min.

9/26 World Fair in Chicago 1893. Discusses Columbians of 1892 covers 1 hr.

10/11 Rarities from Hawaii from Frank Atherton. Beginnings to Royalty.

10/25 Program on Trans-Mississippi 1898 40 min. Individual photos and advertising plus essays.

We meet on the second and fourth Thursday of most months between September and June. Our headquarters are in St. Paul's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, on the corner of East Avenue and Vick Park B, across from the George Eastman House. A buy/sell/trade session runs from 7-7:45 PM, followed by the formal meeting at 7:45 PM. A silent auction concludes most evening's program.

Current RPA Officers 2001-2002

- President — John Kellas III
- Vice President — Mark Hull
- Treasurer — George Fekete
- Corresponding Secretary — John Cali
- Recording Secretary — Jim Piecuch
- Immediate Past President — Ed Kawasaki

Board of Governors

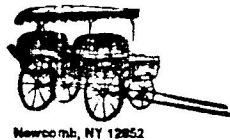
- Norm Wright (term expires June 30, 2002)
- Chuck Schultz (term expires June 30, 2003)
- Joe Doles (term expires June 30, 2004)

- Membership Chair — Florence Wright
- Librarian — Joe Doles

Pictorial cancellations for Sept. and Oct. are listed here. These cancels can be obtained for 30 days. They are destroyed after that time. Also listed is a die hub being used throughout the country.



Theodore Roosevelt Station
Sept. 8, 2001



Roosevelt Station
September 14, 2001
Minerva, N.Y.
12851

Teddy Roosevelt Celebration
1901 - 2001



Editor's Observations

This issue signals a possible meeting location change. Just what that will be is yet to be determined. The membership should have received a survey concerning this issue by the time they read this H & T. It is hoped that you will think positively to what is presented to you.

Art Cover Exchange is holding their annual convention in Rochester Sept. 14-16. this year. Some RPAers are members of this group. It is expected that ACE members will be coming from many different states to attend. Perhaps some of our readers may wish to see what it is all about by contacting George Hill or known ACers .

HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES are extended to the family of Andy Hale. His obituary is contained elsewhere in the publication. We also acknowledge the passing of Mildred Place and most recently Jim Curry.

The R S Stamp Co., aka Bob and Elli Steeb, are starting their Fall bourse activities. They state that supplements are available. Give them a call with your order so that it can be waiting for you.

Show Schedule

- Sept. 16 RS Stamp Show 10-4
Eagles Club
- Oct. 6 Olean Stamp Show

Tribute to Andy Hale



RPA Mourns the
passing of
Andy Hale

Andrews (Andy) B. Hale, 35 year dealer and 20+ year proprietor of "McLeod Stamp and Coin Company" of Rochester, NY, died at his home June 20, 2001 of lung cancer. He was 72, and is survived by his son, Brooks Andrews Hale of New York City; a sister, Anne Hale Johnson; a brother, William B. Hale and his wife, Patricia F. Hale; several nieces and nephews. Services were held on Saturday, June 23, at 4 PM at the Third Presbyterian Church on East Avenue.

He was a highly respected dealer of worldwide material in the US, Canada, Europe, and the Far East. He attended shows throughout the northeast and Canada. His shop on 2423 Monroe Avenue is the largest of its kind in upstate New York.

Besides being an honorary and life member of the Rochester Philatelic Association, Hale held several positions with the club, including president, board member, and chairman of the ROPEX Stamp Show. His support and patronage assisted the purchase of the club's exhibit frames over a dozen years ago. The ROPEX "*Andy Hale Award for Philatelic Excellence*" was named in his honor in 1998. He jointly held American and Canadian Stamp Dealers Association memberships, as well as that of the American Philatelic Society. As for coins, he was active in both the Rochester and American Numismatic Associations.

The Rochester community mourns Mr. Hale's loss as a philanthropist. He was active in many charitable organizations and educational institutions, including the Rochester Rotary Club and its Sunshine Camp, WXXI Public Broadcasting, the Al Sigl Center, Boy Scouts of America, Russian LINKs (a high school student exchange program), Roberts Wesleyan College, University of Rochester, and Rochester Institute of Technology. Through the years he donated many millions of dollars to these groups while additionally sponsoring countless college scholarships and helping out small businesses.

Andy was very active with the Rochester Rotary Club and in March 2000 was named "Rotarian of the Year." He worked all 24 years at the Rotary Club Food Tent at the LPGA Golf Tournament at Locust Hill.

He was also a veteran of the Korean War.

Many people knew him as the principal owner of Fox Run Vineyards, Inc. in Penn Yan, NY. His wines won numerous state, national, and international awards.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Al Sigl Center, 1000 Elmwood Ave., Rochester, NY 14620; the Rochester Rotary Sunshine Camp, 809 Five-Points Road, Rush, NY 14543; or the charity of your choice.

JIM CURRY

RPA lost a good member and friend this month with the death of **Jim Curry**. Jim was found fatally stabbed on Saturday July 7 at the all-night adult bookstore where he worked. He was killed in an apparent burglary attempt sometime between midnight and 3 a.m.

Jim had no known relatives: his mother had died about five years ago. RPA members were his closest "family." Robert Kingston, director of Curran Funeral home and an RPA member, received permission from county officials to handle Jim's funeral and burial. A brief death notice appeared in the *Democrat and Chronicle* on July 12, announcing a graveside service for Jim on Friday at Riverside Cemetery.

As a result, about 25 people assembled for a committal service led by the Rev. Bob Pitcher, pastor of the Church of the Master. The group consisted of stamp club members, some of Jim's former co-workers, and a few distant cousins of Jim, who had lost touch with him, and only learned of his death from the newspaper.

At the service, Norm Wright read a eulogy prepared by Tom Fortunato, who was unable to be present. He said:

"It's sad but true that it takes times like these to make us pause and reflect on the ultimate questions of human existence: What is the meaning of life and why are we here?"

Only each of us in our own way can answer these questions, but most would agree that we would want to be remembered by our peers. Well, Jim, you'll certainly be remembered by us.

Jim's path through life wasn't as straightforward or easy as the ideal. He faced many obstacles.

For years he took care of his invalid mother with few gripes or complaints. Not driving posed many challenges to everyday life. I'd see him many times walking up and down Ridge Road, often with grocery bags, and occasionally

offered him a ride if he was on the same side of the street, or at least honking if he wasn't.

Everyone seemed to notice when Jim came into our stamp club meetings. Not everyone knew that his lack of punctuality was really due to the whims of the Rochester Transit System's bus schedule. But despite this he still took the time and made the effort to regularly attend the meetings.

Jim needed to find employment close to home and wound up at the "bookstore on the corner," as he put it. The hours weren't great, but he got used to them. He didn't mind being alone most of the time, remarking "It's a living." He was keeping his options open, and thought a new opportunity would come his way with the opening of the Tim Horton's restaurant next door. Life doesn't always turn out the way we hope it would.

Many club members have remarked that, in essence, we were his family. The RPA was an outlet for Jim to commune with others who shared his interest in philately. At one time he belonged to some 40 stamp collecting societies via the mail.

Jim's sometimes-scruffy appearance wasn't anything like his inside. Those here today and others who can not be with you know this. All who got to know him were soon to discover that he was a very caring person. In the end, isn't that how we'd all like to be remembered?"

Jim joined RPA in 1991, and was faithful in paying his dues each year – including this one.

POSTSCRIPT: As we drove to the cemetery to bury Jim, we heard on the car radio the news that a man had been arrested and charged with Jim's death; "a thrice-convicted felon" according to the D & C. This person was on parole for another robbery and stabbing, and is being held without bail in the Monroe County Jail on charges of second-degree murder.

MILDRED PLACE

An RPA life member. **Mildred Place**, died June 6, 2001, in Lawrenceville, Georgia. She was 98 years old, and had lived in Rochester until several years ago when she moved to Florida. She had recently moved to Georgia where her son Robert resided.

She and her husband, S. Clark Place, joined RPA in 1947. Both became life members in 1972. Mr. Place had pre-deceased his wife.

A NEW LIFE MEMBER

Carl Doell, who joined the stamp club in 1976, received his Life member plaque and card at the RPA meeting June 28.

Jim Trenton was able to bring both Carl and his wife Eleanor to the club meeting, to enjoy the strawberries, and to meet with old friends.

Carl, wearing his usual big smile, said he had always enjoyed the stamp club and its members and coming to meetings when he was able. Because of some health problems, Carl now resides at Westgate Nursing Home, 524 Beahan Rd., Rochester NY 14624. He would welcome cards, letters or visits from any RPA member.



RPA Open House, Thursday, October 25

We're planning a very special meeting at the end of October. As part of Stamp Collecting Month, the RPA will host an Open House at our meeting site. (Of course, that location isn't quite settled at the time this article is being written, but that will add to the event!)

From 7-9 PM that evening, some of our archival photos and memorabilia will be on display for all to see and reminisce.

We're pulling out the stops for this meeting! The local media will be invited, as will the general public, to come and see what the RPA is all about. We'll offer free valuations of philatelic material, have stamp collecting displays, show off our philatelic library, and last but not least offer a special commemorative cancel and possibly make a cacheted cover for the occasion.

But the import important participant is YOU! Please take the opportunity to get to this meeting! Can't drive or have transportation problems? If enough interest exists, we will rent a bus and driver to pick you up and drive you back home! Now we can't cover the entire county, but the bulk of our membership lives on the east side of the city, so that's probably the area we will cover.

We will keep you informed as to who to contact for the transportation. Please also keep your ears open for this data at the club meetings if able to attend. VP Mark Hull will be in touch with you on this. TMF

The new 34 cent Nobel Prize stamp is a good candidate for the Teddy Roosevelt inauguration centennial cancellation on September 14, 2001. Why this stamp? Well, there are four reasons: it is another centennial, the 100th anniversary of the Nobel Prize; also, Teddy Roosevelt won the Nobel Peace Prize of 1906, the First American to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for mediating the Russo-Japanese War; another reason is due to the pale coloring of the stamp it will probably be a good background for a cancellation; and finally it is 34 cents, making it possible to use just one stamp on a cover for the cancellation.

If you can't get the actual cancellation site watch for a mail address and picture of the cancellation in the September Postal Bulletin (<http://www.usps.gov/cpim/ftp/bulletin/pb.htm>).

It is expected that the Post Office will be set up at the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic site, which is on the Wilcox Mansion, 641 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo NY 14202. Parking is on the street or the parking lot entered from Franklin avenue. Phone 716-884-0095. Web page: <http://www.nps.gov/thri>

TRAINS AND PRESIDENTS AT THE PAN-AM

In 1999 the Upper Hudson River Railroad advertised their scenic train rides from the historic North Creek Depot where Theodore Roosevelt learned that he was to be president. At that time two other stops on the railroad had event cancels: Newcomb and Minerva, New York.

Before that story, the story of the Presidential train needs telling. Thousands of people were traveling to the Pan-Am for President's Day on September 6, 1901. The evening of September 4, saw a handsome train of Pullmans coming over the Pennsylvania RR. A car described as a Hotel on Wheels, brought in diplomats from 11 foreign countries, some accompanied by their wives, to participate in the President Day activities. After passing through the Central Depot the train discharged its distinguished guests at the foot of Porter Avenue.

Meanwhile, President McKinley and his party of household staff, relatives and executive office departed from Canton, Ohio by train at 10 p.m. on Tuesday Sept. 3, over the Pennsylvania Railroad by way of Alliance to Cleveland. A large crowd gathered at the station and bade the party farewell. The remainder of the journey would be over the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern RR. The Presidential special stopped briefly at Dunkirk, NY, where officials of the Pan American Exposition and the Mayor of Buffalo boarded.

When the train reached East Buffalo there were crowds waiting at the city line and people lined along the track to Central Station. Cheers and steam whistles created a din. After the Central Station, the train headed for Terrace station, suddenly there was a thunderous boom. The windows on one side of the

front coach had been blown in. The saluting cannon had been placed too close to the tracks. There was no one in the front coach which caught the full force of the explosion. The train arrived at the railroad terminal station at the Pan-Am without further incidence. On September 6, President McKinley visited Niagara Falls and Lewiston, NY. He rode the Gorge Railway. Later that same day the President was shot while shaking hands at the Pan-Am. On Sept. 7, Theodore Roosevelt arrived via New York Central in Buffalo at the Exchange Street station. As it appeared the President would recover from his wounds, Roosevelt took the all night train (Sept. 10) to the Adirondacks where his family was already on vacation.

On Sept. 12, a group of family and friends hiked up Mt. Marcy and spent the night there. Upon his return from the hike, (Sept. 13) Roosevelt was met by a messenger who carried the news that McKinley was dying and Roosevelt should return to Buffalo as soon as possible. The vice president left his cabin in the late evening of the 13th for the 35 mile carriage ride to the nearest train station at North Creek. He arrived there just before dawn Sept. 14 and was told of the President's death. He took a train to Albany and another one to Buffalo, arriving at Buffalo at 1:30 p.m. He was sworn in as President at 3:30 p.m. on the afternoon of the 14th.

You can find almost anything on the worldwide web; but it takes forever to read all that stuff. Google makes life easier by reading it for you. Go to: **search engines Google Serious search** Type in keywords such as *Theodore Roosevelt stamp exhibits* and Google lists 100s of pages of archived material with each word you want searched for being highlighted. If you want the latest web page, the search words won't be highlighted, and you'll have to read miles of pages. This highlighting works well for history and stamp collecting.

Local and Regional Calendar of Stamp Shows

Information provided here is for the benefit of collectors and dealers alike within the territories of the former Niagara Frontier Federation of Stamp Clubs and the Federation of Central New York Philatelic Societies. Additions and/or corrections are welcome by email at stampmf@frontiernet.net or by phone at (716) 621-1670.

2001 Listings

- Sept. 9* Syracuse Stamp, Coin & Collectible Show, Holiday Inn, Carrier Circle, exit 35. Hours: 10-4. Bourse. Contact: (315) 452-0593.
- Sept. 16* Albany/Latham Capital District Stamp Show, Latham Holiday Inn, 945 New Loudon Rd. (Rt. 9), 2 miles north of Latham Circle. Hours: 10-4. Bourse. Contact: (518) 399-8395. Email: nunesnook@aol.com.
- Sept. 16* Rochester, R S Stamp Show, Eagles Club, 1200 Buffalo Rd., Route 33. Hours: 10-4. Bourse. Contact (716) 621-5019. Email: rsstamp@aol.com.
- Sept. 17* Cheektowaga Erie County Coin, Stamp, Currency Show. FJ Donovan Post, 3210 Genesee Street. Hours: 11-5. Bourse Contact: (716) 633-4104.
- Oct. 6* Olean OLEPEX 2001 Stamp Show. Sponsored by the Olean Area Stamp Club. Olean Center Mall, 400 North Union St. Hours: 10-6. Dealers, exhibits, US Postal Service, show cancel and cacheted envelopes. Contact (814) 362-4471. Email: meljean@netsync.net
- Oct. 6-7* Sidney CINCOPEX 2001 Stamp Show. Sponsored by the Tri-County Stamp Club. Elk's Club, River St. Hours: 10-5, 10-4. Dealers, exhibits, US Postal Service, show cancel and cacheted envelopes. Email: whbcphs@mkl.com
- Oct. 15* Cheektowaga Erie County Coin, Stamp, Currency Show, FJ Donovan Post, 2310 Genesee Street. Hours: 11-5. Bourse. Contact: (716) 633-4104.
- Oct. 19-20* Horseheads STEPEX '01 Stamp Show Sponsored by the Elmira Stamp Club. Arnot Mall. Hours: 10-9:30, 10-6. Dealers, exhibits, US Postal Service, show cancel and cacheted envelopes. Email: alatholleyrd@aol.com.
- Nov. 10-11* Syracuse SYRAPEX '01 Sponsored by the Syracuse Stamp Club, Carrier Circle, exit 35. Hours: sat. 10-6; Sun: 10-4. Dealers, exhibit, US Postal Service, show cancel and cacheted envelope. Email: agsses@aol.com
- Nov. 17-18* Albany/ Latham Capital District Stamp Show, Latham Holiday Inn, 945 New Loudon Rd. (Rt. 9), 2 miles north of Latham Circle. Hours: 10-4. Bourse. Contact: (518) 399-8395. Email: nunesnook@aol.com.
- Nov. 18* Cheektowaga Erie County Coin, Stamp, Currency Show, F J Donovan Post, 3210 Genesee Street. Hours: 11-5. Bourse. Contact: (716) 633-4104.
- Nov. 24-25* Cheektowaga CHECOPEX '01 Sponsored by the Cheektowaga Stamp Club, Buffalo Consistory, 2379 Union Road. Hours: Sat: 10-5; Sun: 10-4. Dealers, US Postal Service, show cancel and cacheted envelopes.

THANK YOU!

My sincere thanks to the Rochester Philatelic Association for nominating me for the position of Director-at-Large of the American Philatelic Society. Thanks also for RPA members who took the time to vote in the APS election, whether they voted for me or not. I appreciate this opportunity to serve the hobby we all love.

Please let me know how I can best represent you on the APS Board.

Sincerely, Ada M. Prill



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