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ROCHESTER PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, INC

P.O. Box 10206, BRIGHTON STATION
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Jan. – Feb. 2007

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Please send your \$20.00 annual dues to
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Rich Spinelli
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This opens up a wealth of possibilities for stamp clubs across the US looking to tie in a local "person, place or thing" with newly released stamps. That includes us in the RPA. Have you taken a look at what is coming out to see if there is anything we could work on?

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ROPEX wasn't held last year because of Washington 2006, and during that time the **ROPEX** committee started looking for a new facility. We found it at the ESL Sports Centre on the campus of Monroe Community College on Brighton-Henrietta Town Line Road. With the change of site came a change of dates, to May 18-20, 2007.

We're the "main event" in the large ice arena (without the ice!), the same place where the Amerks hold practice when hockey is in season. The facility can easily hold our expected 30+ dealers and up to 240 frames of competitive exhibits while providing guests with free parking, an on-site restaurant, and a great location off of I-390 with nearby Marketplace Mall, eateries and hotels galore.

Our themes commemorate three subjects:
50th Anniversary of Sputnik (Friday, May 18)
Ice Hockey (Saturday, May 19)
100th Anniversary of Scout Camp (Sunday, May 20)

Do you know of local organizations dealing with these topics that might join us these days? If you know of any possibilities, call Tom Fortunato at 585-225-6822. One of our newest RPA members is active in youth hockey. If you know who he is, contact Tom as well!

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This city letter carrier posed for a humorous photograph with a young boy in his mailbag. After parcel post service was introduced in 1913, in 1914 a 2 year old boy was sent via Parcel Post from Oklahoma to Kansas (18 cents postage). At least two other children were sent by the service, with stamps attached to their clothing, the children rode with railway and city carriers to their destination. The Postmaster General quickly issued a regulation forbidding the sending of children in the mail after hearing of those examples.



Health Watch

Club president Rick Kase has been hospitalized since before Christmas. He has had major surgery to his foot. Gangrene had developed and the amputation of toes were required. At the time of this report Rick was doing well but more operations may be in the picture. I know he would be glad to here from you. He is at the Strong Memorial Hospital.

See Stamp Exhibits Online

There is a growing trend of stamp exhibitors out there using the web as a way of demonstrating their craft and showing off their philatelic interests.

If you have Internet access, take a look at some of these sites:

http://www.japhila.cz/hof/exponet_menu.htm

Make EXPONET your number one reference for online exhibits. As of this writing the site contains 178 exhibits from 27 countries around the world on a vast array of subjects from postal history to thematics.

http://www.stamps.org/cac/cac_exhi.htm

This growing list gives links to about 60 assorted exhibits.

<http://www.fortunecity.com/olympia/tilden/186/index.html>

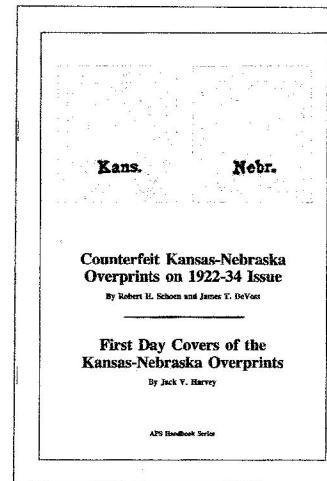
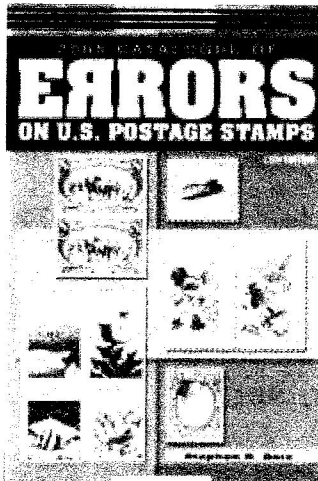
15 exhibits by Tom Fortunato and RPA friends are online here.

EXPONET

RE: Auctions

It has been suggested that we try weekly mini-called-auctions at each meeting. This would be done in an attempt to draw more members to our meetings. The details have not been worked out yet, but come to the next meeting and let us know your opinion on the subject of mini-auctions,

Library New Arrivals



We now have a complete 2006 set of Scott Catalogs to be used at meetings thanks to Bob Searjeant. Older editions can be borrowed. The two books illustrated above are new additions to the club library. If you are thinking of specializing in Kansas - Nebraska overprints or errors on U.S. stamps you should take a look at these new items. Books are loaned for two intervals and can be renewed if no one is waiting for that book. See Joe Doles to borrow a book or check out the library.

2007

January 11	January 25	February 8	February 22
Tom Fortunato History of the Mail and Postage Stamps	Jim Bell Collecting Autographed First Day Covers	Member's Social Night Sell, Trade & Swap	Ray Stone Stamp Quiz

Meetings are held at the Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church, 1200 South Winton Rd., Rochester, N.Y. 14618. Regular meeting times are 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Programs start at 7:30 pm sharp.

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