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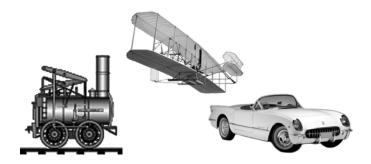


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Welcome to ROPEX 2003... A Message from the Chairman

Welcome one and all! The Rochester Philatelic Association is proud to present another ROPEX stamp show, continuing a tradition which began in the early 1970's. There have been many changes over the decades, and perhaps none more impressive than those here at our 2003 exhibition.

We have a new venue! Over 20,000 square feet are filled this weekend with dealers, exhibitors and collectors from throughout the US and Canada. We have more dealers! There are over 40 this year, with almost 1/3 attending for the first time. We have 250 frames of competitive exhibits! That must be a ROPEX record. And we hope to break an attendance record as well!

Special thanks to the following for making this year's show a reality: the ROPEX Committee and their fellow 140 RPA members, Doyle Chevrolet Subaru, Empire State Postal History Society, Genesee G Gauge Railway Society, Rochester Numismatic Association, UN Postal Administration, US Postal Service, Webster Athletic Booster Organization, Webster Community Partnership and you, collectors, exhibitors and dealers! Happy hunting!

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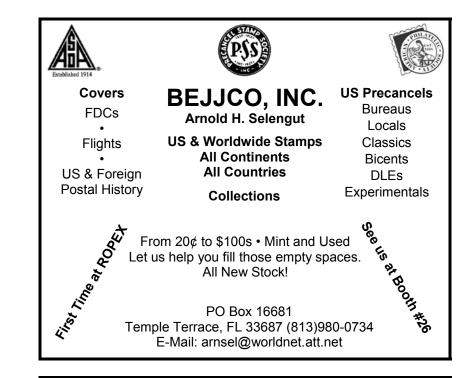
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The Rochester Philatelic Association, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization, established in 1913.

Meetings are held on 2nd and 4th Thursdays during the months of September through June. No meetings are held during July and August. Regular meeting times are 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm. Programs start at 7:45 pm sharp. We meet in the Fellowship Hall of the Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church located at I200 South Winton Road in Rochester, NY I4618.

Schedule of Events

Friday, June 20		
10:00 am	Welcome and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony [Entrance]	
10:00 am	Show Opens	
10:00 am - 6:00 pm	Genesee G Gauge Train Display	
12:00 - 12:15 pm	UN First Day Ceremony: "International Year of Freshwater" Issue [Fieldhouse Center]	
3:00 pm	ACE - Art Cover Exchange General Meeting	
3:00 pm 6:00 pm	Show Closes	
Saturday, June 21		
10:00 am	Show Opens	
10:00 am - 5:00 pm	Genesee G Gauge Train Display	
10:30 am - 12:00 pm		
-	required [Rooms 2, 3, 4]	
12:00 - 2:00 pm	Chapter 53 Central New York First Day Cover	
	Society Luncheon [Dutch Treat, Off-Site]	
I:00 pm	APS Town Meeting, all welcome [Room I]	
1:00 pm	Empire State Postal History Meeting [Room 2]	
2:00 pm	American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors'	
	Seminar, presented by Ann Triggle [Room 1]	
2:00 pm	Federation of Central NY Philatelic Societies	
	Meeting [Room 2]	
3:00 - 4:30 pm	Judges Exhibit Critique [Room 1]	
5:00 pm	Show Closes	
6:00 pm	Cocktails, cash bar [Shadow Lake Grill & Taproom]	
6:30 pm	ROPEX 2003 Awards Banquet	
	[Shadow Lake Grill & Taproom]	
Sunday, June 22		
10:00 am	Show Opens	
10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Genesee G Gauge Train Display	
10:00 am	APS Judging Seminar: Postal History, with Ann	
	Triggle [Room 1]	
11:00 am	APS Judging Seminar: Traditional, with Bill Bauer	
	[Room 1]	
11:00 am	The Marmalades "Show & Tell" [Room 2]	
12:00 - 2:00 pm	NY Philatelic Bandits Hootenanny & Pizza Party	
	[Room 2]	
4:00 pm	Show Closes	

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Exhibits by Frame Number

* Rochester Philatelic Association member

- Welcome to ROPEX 1
- Getting Around: Planes, Trains, Cars and Motorcycles, 2 - 3 Marge Schleining * [Postal] A brief look at vehicles celebrating anniversaries this year.
- Airship LZ-127 "Graf Zeppelin" Mail 1928 1937, 4 - 5 Igor Kuchuk [Postal] A philatelic look at the ten-year history of the Graf Zeppelin airship, including European, American, and South American flights.
- *Letters to the* Stars, **Regis Hoffman** [Display] 6 - 10 This exhibit traces silent era to modern day fan mail to Hollywood movie stars in a unique blend of postal, social and entertainment history.
- Planes, Trains and Automobiles Transportation Coil FDCs, 11 - 20 Raymond M. Stone * [Illustrated Mail] A first day cover exhibit of the 1981 - 1995 U.S. Transportation coil issues dealing with planes, trains and automobiles.
- Selections of Long Island Postal History, John Price, MD 21 - 25 [Display]

The philately of Kings, Queens, Nassau and Suffolk counties of Long Island, showing a variety of stampless and stamped covers along with early picture postcards.

- Otsego County, NY, William H. Bauer * [Postal] 26 - 35 A presentation of many aspects of U.S. postal history, using mail from a single county and including nearly all the post offices of that county.
- 36 40 19th Century Ship Mail Through New York City, Martin Margolis [Postal] A review of mail which traveled through New York City's trans-Atlantic sea routes in the 19th century, mostly to and from Europe.
- Examples of Early NY State Postmarks Used by Railroad 41 - 45 Route Agents, Railroad Postal Clerks, and Station Agents, 1830's - 1880's, Louis T. Call [Postal] Route agent, postal clerk and station agent markings used within, from and to New York State covering the first 50 years of railroad postal operations.

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<u>Rochester Philatelic Association</u> With 140 members, the RPA is upstate New York's largest philatelic society, founded in 1913. The RPA meets most second and fourth Thursdays from September through June from 7 pm - 9 pm at the Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 1200 South Winton Road. See details and an application on Page 22. www.geocities.com/rpastamps

<u>ACE Art Cover Exchange</u> The purpose of the Art Cover Exchange is to promote art, philately, friendship, and correspondence among its members. The special emphasis of the group is in the artistic presentation of covers for exchange. It was founded in 1935, and is especially active in the Rochester area. www.geocities.com/artcoverexchange <u>American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors</u> The American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors was formed to share and discuss ideas and techniques geared towards improving standards of exhibit preparation, judging and the management of exhibitions. www.franadams.com/aape/aape.html

<u>American Philatelic Society</u> The APS is the largest stamp group in the country with over 50,000 members in the U.S. and abroad. Members receive a monthly magazine, *The American Philatelist*, and may participate in several programs offered by the society. See them at their table at ROPEX. www.stamps.org

<u>Empire State Postal History Society</u> Organized in 1967, the ESPHS membership is interested in every facet of postal affairs of New York State from its colonial roots to modern day. Their bulletin is published quarterly dealing with society affairs, and a twice yearly journal features extensive articles on New York postal history. users.westelcom.com/gestus/esphs/esphs1.html

<u>Federation of Central New York Philatelic Societies</u> An umbrella organization representing over 25 stamp collecting groups from throughout upstate New York, the FCNYPS keeps everyone informed of philatelic events through its bi-monthly publication, *Stamp Insider*. www.geocities.com/fcnyps/index.html

<u>Rochester Numismatic Association</u> The RNA has served coin collectors and dealers in Rochester and western New York since 1912. The 100 member RNA meets twice monthly from September through June at the Rochester Museum and Science Center. Their presence at ROPEX is a cooperative venture with the RPA to cross-promote each other in our community. Check out their table here. www.the-rna.com

Special thanks to ...

<u>United States.Postal Service</u> Robert Scherzi is the Rochester Customer Relations Coordinator. www.usps.com

<u>United Nations Postal Administration</u> Roger Lyons is the UNPA Sales Representative. www.un.org/Depts/UNPA

<u>Webster Community Partnership</u> The Partnership manages several facilities on behalf of the Webster Central School District, including the field house and aquatic center. It provides instructional programs in a variety of athletic endeavors available to residents and non-residents alike. webstercommunitypartnership.org

<u>Webster Athletic Booster Organization</u> WABO is an all-volunteer all-sports booster group dedicated to the support of interscholastic athletics at both Webster Thomas and Webster Schroeder High Schools. Meetings are held the first Monday of every month at Schroeder's Faculty Lounge at 7 pm. www.websterschools.org/groups.cfm?subpage=981 <u>Genesee G Gauge Railway Society</u> Founded in March, 1991, this group has 53 members who meet once a month for formal meetings at various locations. Their clubhouse at Irondequoit Mall is open to the public every Tuesday evening from 7 pm - 9 pm, and every third Saturday of the month from II am - 4 pm. www.trainweb.org/gggrs

Exhibits by Frame Number

- 19th Century Railroad Postal Markings Related to Steuben, 46 Schuyler, Chemung and Tioga Counties, NY, Alan Parsons* [Postal] This exhibit traces the growth of railway mail service in four Southern Tier New York counties during the 19th century. 47 *Clarence, NY*, Ann Triggle * [Display] A display exhibit, which shows the postal history of Clarence Township from 1813 to 1944, using representative markings and pictures. New York State RFD Hand Cancels, William J. Hart [Postal] 48 Government issue and private hand cancellations are used to illustrate the many facets of RFD service in early 20th century New York State. A Transportation Coil FDC Tale, Raymond M. Stone * 49 [Illustrated Mail] A mailbag gone astray is found floating in a canal. Where did it come from? What's inside? Take a look and see what happens next! Maine Way Mail, Doug and Nancy Z. Clark * [Postal] 50 Mail picked up on the way from one office to another by a contract mail carrier in Maine, traveling by horse, stage or boat. The New York World's Fair 1939 - 1940, Howard H. Schloss 51 - 58
 - [Illustrated Mail] Domestic and foreign first day covers and stamps including Sarabia flown cover and Portuguese Colonies overprint covers.
 - 59 Usages of the 8 Cent Grant U.S. 4th Bureau Issue,
 Howard Lee [Postal]
 A one frame exhibit highlighting the postal history of this

8 cent definitive stamp first issued on May 1, 1923.

60 Usages of the 11 Cent Hayes - U.S. 4th Bureau Issue, Howard Lee [Postal]

A one frame exhibit highlighting the postal history of this II cent definitive stamp first issued on October 4, 1922.

61 - 65 Bayeux Tapestry - Story, Mystery, History, Jack Andre Denys [Thematic]

The world's oldest existing wallhanging: its story of the Battle of Hastings, mystery of its making and history of its surviving 900+ years.

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66 - 70 *Lady Beetle, Lady Bird, Lady Bug,* Mary Ann A. Owens [Thematic] The simple and lovable beetle with many names around the

The simple and lovable beetle with many names around the world, welcomed for its beneficial factors, have become symbols and are remembered in the arts.

- 71 74 Swords on Stamps, Alan Anderson [Thematic] The history of swords seen through stamps, cancels and meters, divided into time frames: Ancient, Myths and Legends, Medieval, Exploration, Revolution, Modern and symbols.
- 75 76 *Meterly Speaking Let's Eat*, **Alice Johnson *** [Postal] A feast for the eyes, this is a nonsmoking, alcohol-free exhibit of food on meters.
- 77 83 Italian Classics: Kingdom of Sardinia, 1851 1863, Robert E. Lana [Postal] The Cavalini and the essays, proofs, and printings of the four issues of the Kingdom of Sardinia are shown.
- 84 90 Federal Issues of the Leeward Islands 1890 1911,
 Paul A. Larsen [Postal]
 Essays, proofs, the definitive stamps and a selection of postal stationery from the reigns of Queen Victoria and King Edward VII, including many commercial usages.
- 91 100 *150 Years of U.S. Precancels*, Arnold H. Selengut [Court of Honor] (Non-Competitive) A survey of U.S. local and bureau precancels from the pioneer through the present, emphasizing unusual usages, precancel postal history and collecting specialties.
- 101 110 Germany: The Wagner Semi-Postal Issue of 1933 Specialized, George T. Guzzio [Postal] A representative traditional study of the Wagner semi-postal issue of Germany 1933.
- 111 112 Czechoslovakia Ist Issues: Complete Plating 100h Hradcany, Plate II, Frank Garancovsky [Postal]
 Postally used 100 positions including multiples, associated parcel clippings and covers using various postal services.

Trains, Planes & Automobiles

How did you get to our show today? You may have started out by train or plane, and almost everyone used an automobile for part of the trip. Our show this year honors the important subject of transportation.



The Stourbridge Lion, the first railroad locomotive operated in the United States, was imported from England to transport coal from the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company mine in Honesdale, Pennsylvania, to the nearby canal. It was not a success, as the wooden rails had warped and cracked. The Lion was put into storage soon after its trial run in August 1829. But a beginning had been made, and the great age of railroading soon followed.



In 1903 two bicycle mechanics from Dayton, Ohio tested their construction in the steady winds at Kill Devil Hill, North Carolina. The Wright Brothers documented 12-second controlled-powered flight of 120 feet on December 17, 1903. Since that day, flight has become a humdrum fact of life for millions, and human beings have flown to the moon and back. It all started with that 12-second flight just one century ago.

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CORVETTE'S 50TH YEAR

The 1953 Corvette was by no means the first automobile, but its debut was a milestone in automotive history. The first Corvette was underpowered, had no roll-up windows, and was available only in white. A scant 300 Corvettes were produced that year, but 70% of them still exist. By 1955 the design had been refined, and soon Chevrolet couldn't build Corvettes fast enough to satisfy the demand for a car that was fun to drive.

by Ada Prill

United Nations First Day Issue

We are proud that the United Nations Postal Administration has selected ROPEX 2003 to host the "International Year of Freshwater" First Day Ceremony at 12:00 pm on Friday, June 20. The stamps are based on paintings by American surrealistic painter Rick Garcia. Mr. Garcia describes his designs in the following way:



This painting shows a person in a canoe gliding through pristine waters and vegetation towards receding water exposing the shallow depth of the remaining water, as well as the man-created waste

Swamp $(23^{\text{¢}} \text{ and } 37^{\text{¢}})$

embedded in the sand. Some of the symbolic images include the reflection of all the trees in the water but not the canoeist, a yellow butterfly hanging on to the end of a leaf, skulls in the centre of the orchid flowers, disjointed tree trunks, all illustrating that something is at the edge of collapse.

This mountain scene shows a waterfall during a bright and sunny day in which people are enjoying the outdoors. They are seen in a state of metamorphosis blending in with the remaining crystal-clear



Waterfall (F.s. 0,70 and F.s. 1,30)

water of this mountain lake. To symbolize the threat of losing the freshwater, skulls can be found camouflaged into the scenery.



In a high mountain area a heavy snowfall borders an empty river. Ghost-like horses appear and drink from the remaining patches of ice on the riverbed. It is a surreal setting of a vanishing scene where

Mountain Snowfall ($\bigcirc 0.55$ and $\bigcirc 0.75$) horses and people used to come and enjoy the river.

Exhibits by Frame Number

- 113 121 The Foreign Mail Issue of Mexico 1879 1883, Richard Daffner [Postal] The stamps, postal cards, and postal history of the issues created to facilitate domestically Mexico's integration with the rates of the UPU.
- 122 124 Mt. Momotombo, Nicaragua 1900 1905, Richard Cropp [Postal] An exhibit displaying the adhesive stamps of Nicaragua from 1900 - 1905 depicting the Mt. Momotombo volcano.
- 125 130 Momotombos: The First Airmail Definitives of Nicaragua, John W. Allen [Postal] This exhibit studies the stamps and postal history of the first airmail definitives of Nicaragua.
- 131 137 Proprietary "Battleship" Revenue Stamps of 1898 and their Precancel Varieties, Walter J. Orton III [Revenue] An in-depth exhibit of these tax stamps which funded the Spanish-American War and were used on packages of medicines, perfumes, cosmetics and other products.
- 138 144 The 1920 1923 Air Post Issues of Estonia. Peter G. Gleason * [Postal] Displays the 1920 5 marka stanp and its overprints; includes stamps, varieties, plate flaws, Paevaleht (Aeronaut/Teetsov) and private perforations, forgeries and usages.
- 145 149 The Politically Inspired Cachets of Bruce R. McIntyre, 1936 - 1960, Kurt W. Laubinger [Illustrated Mail] Hand-drawn and hand-painted cachets of political events by Bruce R. McIntryre, an active Art Cover Exchange (ACE) member of the period. All are unique.
- 150 The Pharmacy Stamp of 1972, Ann Triggle * [Illustrated Mail] (Non-Competitive) A FDC exhibit which shows the announcement of the stamp, the various festivities, stamps and cacheted covers.
- 151 158 Orange Free State Republican Postage Issues 1868 1900, **R. Timothy Bartsche** [Postal] A detailed and comprehensive display of issues from essays

values.

through production along with eight separate provisional

Exhibits by Frame Number

- 159 166 *V-Mail*, **George Cosentini** [Postal] The origins and development of V-Mail during World War II.
- 167 The Badger, Mary Ann A. Owens [Non-Competitive]The badger as an animal, an anthropomorphic and as a symbol.
- 168 170 *Foxes,* **Theresa Meegan** [Thematic] (Youth, Age 18) The beautiful fox in nature and fables.
- New Brunswick Pre-Confederation Stamped Mail 1851 1868, Randall Martin [Postal]
 New Brunswick organized by rate period, rates and destination.
- 172 Nova Scotia Pre-Confederation Stamped Mail 1851 1868,
 Randall Martin [Postal]
 Nova Scotia organized by rate period, rates and destination.
- 173 Prince Edward Island Pre-Confederation Stamped Mail 1861 - 1873, Randall Martin [Postal]
 Prince Edward Island organized by rate period, rates and destination.
- 174 182 British Columbia and Vancouver Island Postal History: 1858 - 1871, Warren S. Wilkinson [Postal] An exhaustive chronological study of rates, routes and postal markings during the Colonial period as well as selected post-Confederation usages.
- 183 190 Newfoundland Surface Mail, Randall Martin [Postal] Newfoundland organized by destination and rate period showing letter and multiple letter rates, registration fees, short paid and postage due fees through various philatelic items.
- 191 200 Prisoners' Mail from the American Civil War 1861 1865, Galen D. Harrison [Postal]
 An in-depth study of both Southern and Northern Civil War prison mail. Over 108 different prisons and routings are shown, including many "only known" examples.
- 201 207 United States Domestic Letter Rates, 1825 to 1900, Robert Meegan [Postal] A study of the domestic postal letter rates from 1825 - 1900.

Jury Panel

The ROPEX 2003 Jury is a multi-talented one and it embraces many philatelic disciplines. Its members fit into a well-balanced team.

Dr. Guy R. Dillaway, Chairman (Weston, MA)

Guy has been an accredited judge for 20 years and is often sought after as a jury chairman. He specializes in many areas of Great Britain and the British Colonies, particularly the Cape of Good Hope. Guy is no stranger to our area, he has visited ROPEX in the past and has exhibited here several times.

Lois M. Evans - de Violini (Oxnard, CA)

We are very fortunate to have Lois on our judging panel. This will be her last judging assignment before taking a Judge Emeritus status. Her expertise covers Japan and the U.S. used in Japan and China besides the United Nations. She has had a long and distinguished career as an APS judge and we appreciate her coming to ROPEX 2003 from southern California.

Dr. Peter K. Iber (Peoria, AZ)

Peter's expertise spans many areas and disciplines from South East Asia to Australia and revenues to thematics to postal history to youth to the new Divisions. He comes from sunny Arizona and we welcome him for his first visit to ROPEX.

$\textbf{Albert Guenzburger}\left(\text{Guilford, NY}\right)$

Al has the shortest distance to travel to ROPEX. He is well versed in ROPEX as he usually joins us each year. Al's specialties include Germany, United States and its postal history, United Nations and First Day Covers. This will be Al's first time to judge ROPEX and we wish him well.

Stephen L. Suffet (Sunnyside, NY)

Steve is no stranger to ROPEX. He has been an active supporter of our show for many years. A broad knowledge of the United States and the United Nations are but two of Steve's specialties. He has also exhibited in the fields of postal history and thematics. He joins us from New York City.

Jim Kotanchik~(apprentice, Acton, MA)

Jim will do his second apprenticeship. His specialties are world and U.S. revenues.

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Table 10 *Worldwide stamps, covers, postcards* 97 Fairhaven Drive Cheektowaga, NY 14225 (716)633-9663 worldwidestampco@aol.com

Exhibits by Frame Number

- 208 210 Spanish Postal History: A selection from 1850 1880, Don Schurr [Postal] A variety of selected covers trace the development of the Spanish postal system during its first 30 years.
- 211 220 *The Expansion of Greece 1897 1922,* **Alfred F. Kugel** [Postal] The story of the growth of the Greek kingdom from the Cretan uprising through the Greco-Turkish War of 1919 1922.
- 221 230 *The Sincerest Flattery Non-Philatelic Imitations of Stamps, Covers and Associated Items,* **William H. Hatton** [Cinderella] Accurate reproductions and fanciful designs of stamps, envelopes and other items involved in moving the mail intended to attract attention for many different reasons.
- 231 235 The Airship in the Americas, Martin Margolis [Postal]
 An examination of the Graf Zeppelin, Hindenburg and various
 U.S. airship flights throughout North and South America.
- 236 239 *A Multitude of Angels*, Alice Johnson * [Thematic] A thematic look at angels, their origins, myth and legend through the millennia.
- 240 The 3 Cent Liberty Postal Card of 1958, John W. Allen
 [Postal]
 This exhibit studies the production varieties and postal history
 of the 3 cent Liberty postal card of 1958.
- 24I 242 *Pioneer Telegraph Companies of the Northeast Showing Covers and/or Telegraphs,* **Walter J. Orton III *** [Display] Before being absorbed by Western Union, several independent telegraph companies in the northeast operated and produced their own telegrams to move messages.
- 243 245 *Those Other Elephants*, **Mary Ann A. Owens** [Display] Fauna, flora, geological formations, products, etc. with 'elephant-like' names because of same or similar sizes, shapes or attributes.
- 246 250 The Evolution of Postage Currency: Fractional Notes and Encased Postage, William Woytowich [Display] This exhibit follows the financial crisis of 1861 - 1862 through the disappearance of coinage and its replacement with various forms of postage stamp-based currency.

Awards

Grand Champion - Winner represents ROPEX at STAMPSHOW 2003 in Columbus, OH [Model Replica of the Wright Flyer]

Reserve Grand - Second Best in Show [Train Set and ATA *World Railways Philatelic* Handbook and Supplements]

Rochester Philatelic Association Awards

- Larry R. Moriarty Sr. Memorial Award Excellence in an Exhibit Not Winning the Grand or Reserve Grand, Relating to Transportation [Corvette Model Cars and Stand]
- Andy Hale Award Excellence in a General Exhibit by an RPA Member [Perpetual Plaque]
- Virginia Gubler Award Best Thematic Exhibit by an RPA Member [Perpetual Pewter Tray]
- Best Overall Single Frame Exhibit Earning a Vermeil or Higher [Pewter Mail Car Replica]
- LRM Popularity Award Most Popular as Voted by ROPEX Attendees [Plaque] (Winner to be decided on Sunday at the close of the show)

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Awards

- Award of Honor Excellence in Presentation Not Winning a Gold Medal [Cloisonné Pin]
- Award of Honor Excellence in Presentation Not Winning a Gold Medal [Cloisonné Pin]
- AAPE Youth Grand Winner Enters AAPE's Youth "Champion of Champions" Competition [Certificate and Ribbon]
- Novice Award Best Exhibit of a First Time Exhibitor [AAPE Year Membership and Exhibiting Book]

American First Day Cover Society Awards

- Best Exhibit of First Day Covers [Medal Paperweight and Certificate]
- American First Day Cover Society Second Place Award [Certificate]

American Philatelic Congress Award

• Excellence in Written Text in an Exhibit [Congress Book]

American Philatelic Society Awards

- Medal and Ribbon of Excellence Pre-1900 Material
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- Medal and Ribbon of Excellence 1940-1980 Material
- Medal and Ribbon of Excellence Post-1980 Material
- Medal and Ribbon for Research Excellence

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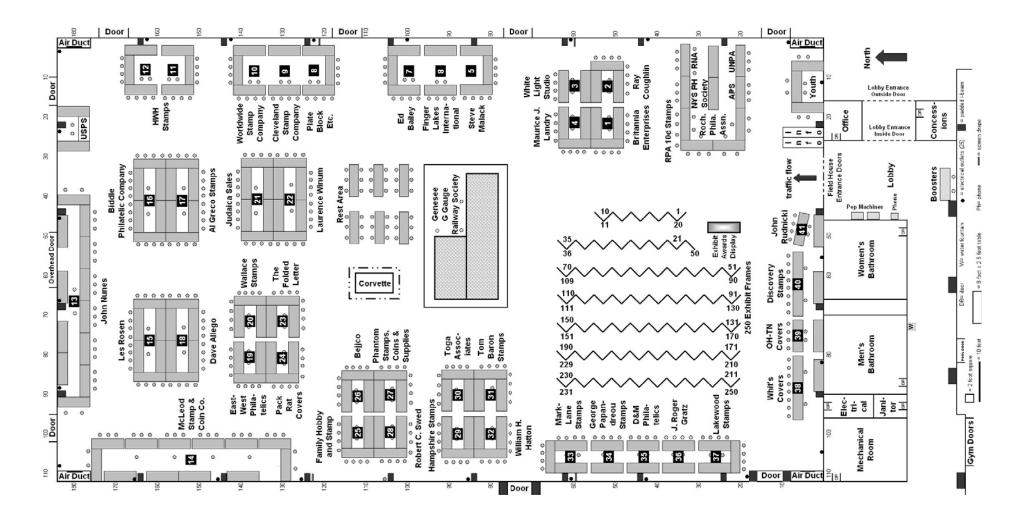
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