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EDITORIAL **by John Kellas

There were several "Americana Stamp Designs" submitted and displayed at the first Jan. Meeting. All proposed stamp designs will be submitted to the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee for possible inclusion in the Americas Definitive series. Some of the designs will appear in the next "H & T." The hope is that Rochester will host a First Day of Issue honoring a new Americas stamp. Snow and bad driving conditions forced the cancellation of the March 25th meeting which was to feature a guest speaker. The program may be rescheduled later.

USA IOC

George Rogers Clark, Vincennes, 1779

February Meeting

Feb. 8 "TOPICAL NIGHT" the evening program will be based upon the Topical Collections that RFA members bring in with them that evening. Please bring a few items of your Topical Collection to show and talk about.

Feb. 22 "U.S. Revenues" will be the subject of the evening slide program planned.

NEW ISSUE **

Feb. 15 U.S., International Year of the Child 15¢ stamp
Feb. 23 U.S., George Rogers Clark, multicolored 10¢ postal card
Feb. 27 U.S., John Steinbeck, 1st of the Literary Arts series, 15¢ stamp
Mar. 4 U.S., Albert Einstein, 15¢ stamp
Mar. 8 CANADA, Definitives - 17¢ Queen Elizabeth II, 17¢ Canadian Houses of Parliament, and 35¢ Canadian White Pine. (New Postal Rates in Canada effective April 1st)

**** STAMP SHOWS ****


Feb. 16-18, SABREX'79, Sarasota Exhibition Hall, 801 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, Fla. Admission Free, Special Show cancel.

Feb. 24-25, Collector's Show, Menatee County Fairgrounds Dome Arena, Henrietta, NY Admission $1.75, Sat. 10-9, Sun. 10-6.
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ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14610

"1979 RPA DUES"

Please find enclosed a check for $3.50 to cover the 1979 RPA dues. (Junior member's dues are $1.50) (check payable to Rochester Philatelic Ass.)

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******* RPA DUES *************

It's time again to send in your RPA 1979 dues. Dues can be paid at any RPA meeting or by mail using the form above. Please do not delay paying your dues.

******* BOOK CORNER ***********

The answer to last month's stamp question: The longest continually used U.S.P.S. stamp issue is the U.S. Canal Zone issue Scott #105. The 1% Gorgas, yellow-green stamp was released Oct. 3, 1928 honoring Maj. Gen. William Crawford Gorgas and is still in use today after being reprinted several times.

POSTAL NOTES

Effective Jan. 1st the official two letter U.S.P.S. abbreviation for the Mariana Islands became "CM." (the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas) replacing the previous "STT (Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands) designation.


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ELMIRA STAMP CLUB SUPPORT

During the Oct '78 RPA meeting, the RPA membership voted and decided that it would help support the Elmsa Stamp Club's campaign for a proposed U.S. postage stamp depicting a Glider. The stamp would help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the First National Soaring Contest held at Elmsa in 1930. This stamp would fit into the new Pioneer Aviation series featuring the Lindbergh Spirit of St. Louis issue and the Wright Brothers issue. A letter is being composed and will be forwarded to the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee supporting the issuance of this stamp during the 1980 stamp program in Elmsa (FDI location).