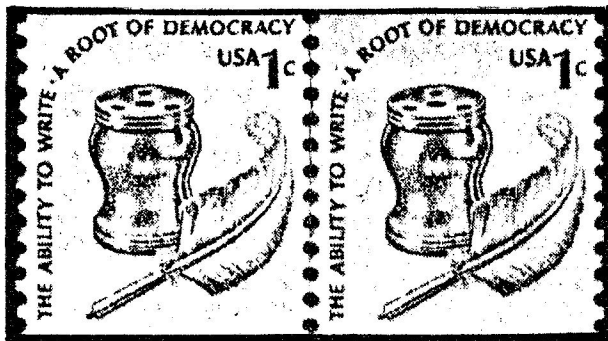


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EDITORIAL by John Kellas

At the Feb. 28th RPA meeting, the membership present voted to pass Resolution A (mandatory guidelines of future ROPEX Show finances) and Resolution B, sub-A. (ROPEX will be a National Show with grand award winner entering Champion-of-Champions competition). Since the way for ROPEX is now clear, the ROPEX Steering committee can work on the next exhibition - ROPEX'81. If ROPEX is to continue to grow in size and reputation on the National level, YOU, the RPA Membership must help and support this philatelic endeavor! The RPA will be 67 years old on March 13, 1980!!..... The RPA Annual Banquet & Auction will take place April 19th at the Mapledale Party House. Tickets can be purchased at any of the RPA meetings, cost \$8. Auction lots, up to 10 lots per member, on official lot forms (available at the meetings) can be submitted to the auctioneers during the two March & first April meetings. A list of lots will be published and available before the banquet. Lots must be submitted before or at the April 10th meeting. NO LOTS will be allowed in the auction from the floor. To find out more about the Banquet & Auction attend one of the upcoming RPA meetings or wait for the next issue of the "H & T".....

MARCH Meetings

- March 13th "Six-page exhibit" dealing with the theme, The Olympic Year. All members are encouraged to present a 6-page exhibit in competition with other RPA members only. The exhibit must be concerned with the Olympics in some form. RPA will also be celebrating a 67th BIRTHDAY. 8:00pm
- March 27th "Flea Market Night", Your chance to sell, swap, trade, and buy from other members. Bring in your extra stamps and philatelic supplies and turn them into CASH or stamps. 8:00pm-1981
 Nominations for Officers

[Does the RPA have a correct mailing address??]

STAMP SHOWS

- March 6-9 INTERPEX'80, New York Coliseum, Columbus Circle, New York, NY. (annual ASDA show) Admission price \$3.00 per day. Th 11-7, Fri 11-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 11-5. First Day of Issue for 1¢ coil-March 6. Special show cancellation.
- March 9 STAMPEDE '80. Hollywood Recreation Center, 2030 Polk Street, Hollywood, FLORIDA Admission Free. Hours 11-5:30

March 7-8 NIPEX '80, Stamford Presbyterian Church, 3101 St. Paul Street, Niagara Falls, Ont., CANADA. Admission Free. Hours Fri 12-8 & Sat 10-6

March 28-30 ALPEX' 80, Adam Piewacki Post 799, 385 Paderewski Drive, Buffalo, NY. Admission Free. Hours Fri & Sat 10-9, Sun 10-5. Special Show cancellation.



United States Postage Stamps: Transmittal Letter 6. A supplement to the basic manual of United States postage stamps. For information on the basic manual and other supplements, request a free copy of Subject Bibliography 11 from the Superintendent of Documents, Wash DC 20402.

Transmittal Letter 6 includes minor revisions to previous material and updates the basic manual for stamps issued during 1976 and 1977. 1979. 40 p. il. P 4.10:970/trans 6
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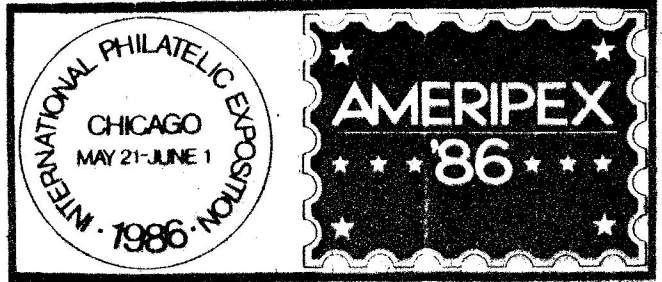
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AMERIPEX '86 sets exhibition logo design

The exhibition logo has been chosen for AMERIPEX '86, the next international philatelic exhibition to be held in the United States.

The logo design is in two parts. First, there is simulated postage stamp with the words "AMERIPEX '86" accompanied by stars. This portion will be blue. Next to this is a simulated cancellation with the name, location and date of the exhibition. This portion will be red.

AMERIPEX '86 will be held in Chicago, Ill., May 21-June 1, 1986. It will mark the combined centennials of the American Philatelic Society and the Chicago Philatelic Society.



The AMERIPEX '86 logo.

Planning for the exhibition is now under way. A working committee of over 40 people has been established, and various subcommittees are working on the preliminary planning for this international event.

Bulk-rate stamps usable as postage

Some post office employees continue to insist that bulk-rate postage stamps cannot be used by private individuals as postage for first and third-class mail.

Section 142.3 (page 142) of the *Domestic Mail Manual* states "All postage stamps issued by the United States since 1860 are good for postage from any point in the United States."

Postal employees still in doubt can refer to U.S. Postal Service Philatelic Release No. 9, dated Feb. 28, 1976, which advises, regarding bulk-rate stamps: "Whenever used for other than bulk rate third-class mail, sufficient additional postage must be added to meet the first-class requirement rate of the single piece third-class rate."

What is happening is that the postal employee, when he refuses the bulk-rate stamps, is confusing the postage rate with the stamp. When used in the proper amount, bulk-rate stamps are acceptable on first-class and single piece third-class mail.

The U.S. Postal Service advises that it will be pleased to contact the offending post offices and send them clarifying data on the subject, if the customer will take time to write to the following:

Don McDowell, general manager, Stamps Division, Room 5510, U.S. Postal Service, Washington, D.C. 20260.

The USPS is just as anxious as are collectors to clear this matter, so readers having difficulty using bulk-rate stamps, are asked to take the suggested action.



SAVING NEWS
 UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
 PHILATELIC DIVISION
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20260

New HCC chapter cover honors Francis Scott Key

The Abraham Lincoln Chapter of the Historical Cover Collectors released a cacheted cover marking Aug. 1 as the 201st birthday of Francis Scott Key, lawyer and author of the U.S. national anthem.

The cover was printed in red, white and blue and was postmarked in Baltimore, Md., the location of Fort McHenry, the inspiration for Key that September night in 1814 when "the rockets red glare and the bombs bursting in air gave proof through the night that our flag was still there."

The original shell-torn Star Spangled Banner is now on display in Washington's Smithsonian Institution. A reproduction of that flag is basis for the cover's cachet, along with Key's portrait and his credo which appeared on the American Credo stamps of 1960-61.

HCC used the Credo stamp (Scott 1142) and the current

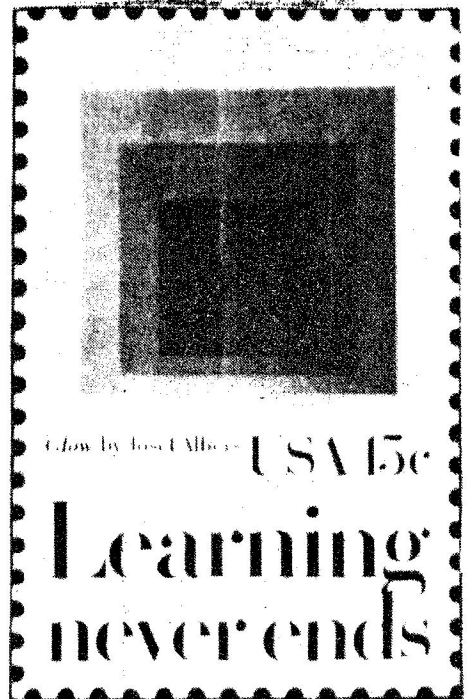


A cacheted cover marking the 201st birthday of Francis Scott Key was released Aug. 1 by the Abraham Lincoln Chapter of the Historical Cover Collectors.

Fort McHenry Flag stamp as franking for the cover.

Covers are available for \$2 each plus a No. 10 self-addressed, stamped envelope from HCC Key Cover, 2212 Melrose Ave., Waukegan, Ill. 60085.

HCC periodically issues covers commemorating historical persons and events using postage stamps and postmarks that tie in with the person or event. Information concerning past issues still available will be included with orders.



STAMP SHOWS...continued

Feb. 23-24 Collector's Show, Monroe County Dome Arena, Henrietta, NEW YORK. Hour 10-6 Sat & Sun. Admission \$1.75.

ROPEX thoughts

ITEMS TO CONSIDER

- Caliber of dealers
- Participation by Post Offices
- Caliber of exhibits
- Membership recruiting possibilities
- Reputation of the Rochester Philatelic Association
- Presence of National Societies

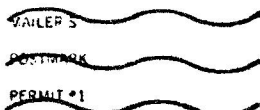


Feb. 1 U.S., Winter Olympics, ~~se-~~tenant block of 4- 15¢ stamps speed skater, slalom skier, ski jumper, hockey goaltender

Feb. 7 U.S., Windmills, \$3 booklet with 5-15¢ different types of windmills, new diminutive size

Feb. 15 U.S., Benjamin Banneker, 15¢ stamp

Feb. 25 U.S., National Letter Writing Week, 3 pairs of 15¢ stamps ?????????????????????? No Canadian stamp issues



Mailer's Postmark Permits

By: Rudy J. Zink, Jr. #277

To acquire a permit to postmark your own mail, first go to your local post master and ask for POD Form 3620, fill it out, (there is no fee) and your local post master will forward it to the Main Post master.

Most offices (Rochester included) require a sample of your postmark with your application.

I applied for my MPP in July 1979 and was issued Permit #1 for Geneseo, N.Y. on August 1, 1979.

My first day of usage was August 6, 1979.

Rules and regulations governing usage of permits are included in the Postal Bulletin #21156, September 21, 1978.

There is also a nationwide club (over 100 members already) for information write to: MPP Club c/o R. E. Johnston, P.O. Box 3833, Central Station, Hartford, Ct., 06103.

Also, if any members would like more information about MPP's or would like me to cancel their covers write to me at: P.O. Box 401, Geneseo, N.Y., 14454.

* notes

*Please return borrowed RPA library Books by the next meeting.

Several Scott Catalog have been borrowed and need returning!!!

*DEADLINE for lots in the RPA's Annual Banquet (Mapledale Party House) & Auction will be the last March Meeting. More in the next "H&T".

notes

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| 3 BUFPEX '80 1-3, BUFFALO NY | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 USA - 7 WINDMILL BOOKLET \$3.00 | 8 | 9 | |
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