MAY ’81

MEETINGS

May 14 - "U.S. Revenue & Match’n Medicine Stamps", a new APS slide show on these unusual stamp issues. Everyone is invited to bring a friend and learn about this corner of the U.S.P.O. Program starts at 7:00 pm.

May 28 - "RFA AUCTION NIGHT". This will be a regular auction with a limit of 5 lots plus 1 donation lot per member. Past RFA Auctions have featured very few donation lots netting the club a few dollars! Please remember RFA auctions do not charge any auction fees to sellers or buyers nor will it at future auctions. Please support the RFA with a few donation lots. Official auction lots are available from the RFA library during RFA meetings.

Stamp sells for $1"million"

A five-cent “Blue Alexandria” stamp on the cover of a love letter mailed to an American girl in 1847 has been sold for $1 million, the highest price ever paid for a philatelic item, according to auctioneer David Feldman. The cover, also known as the “Blue Boy,” was bought Saturday by an unidentified “very well-known European collector” at a closed bid sale organized by Feldman’s Geneva, Switzerland-based auction house. The previous world record price for a stamp was $850,000 paid for a “red 1-cent Guyana” from 1856 at a New York auction almost exactly a year ago.

(8/7/81)

The Philatelic Sales Unit is changing its evening hours. During the months of May, June, July, and August 1981 the philatelic evening hours will be on the Fourth Wednesday of each month from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. The location of the philatelic window is at the Main Rochester P.O., General Mall Facility, 1335 Jefferson Road. This is a special time period for the stamp collector.

STAMP SHOWS

June 5-7 STAMPFEX ’81, Sheraton Center Hotel, 123 Queen Street West, TORONTO, CANADA. Hours Fri. & Sat. 10-8, Sun. 10-5. Admission $1.00, Special show cancel available. Canada Post first day issue during show.
Captains von Francois' takes three awards at ROPEX '81

The ROPEX '81 grand award, the American Philatelic Society award, and a Rochester Philatelic Association gold award were won by an exhibitor displaying under the pseudonym Captain von Francois.

Having won the grand award, the exhibitor will receive an invitation to participate in the APS Champion of Champions to be held later in the year.

Decisions of the judging panel were announced at the ROPEX banquet held the evening of March 14. The jury consisted of Bernard A. Hennis, George T. Guzio and Walter J. Orton.

With the felicitations of the jury, the Jacob Legeer award and an RPA gold were presented to Nancy B. Zielinski, RPA president.

The Society of Philatelic Americans research award, and an RPA gold went to Otto G. Schaffing.

Two other RPA golds were won by Jean and James Adams, and to Ruth and Gardner Brown.

With the Empire State Postal History Society award went an RPA vermeil to Anton H. Zahn.

Other RPA vermeils were won by Frank Bachenheimer, William H. Emery, Frank E. Preiser, Allan L. Steinbart and Harland F. Stone.

George T. Guzio, director of the American Topical Association's department of accreditation, announced the winner of the ATA award and an RPA silver to Morris Rankin.

An RPA silver and the best junior award was garnered by Sheldon Lee Gostline.


The silver-bronze awards were won by Raymond S. Ehrman, "Ellert, Semaj," Lawrence Moriarty, Andy Rij Solczany, Raymond M. Stone, and Michelle Arce. The latter award was presented in the junior section.

People attending the ROPEX '81 exhibition voted for their choice for the most popular exhibit award, better known as the JHK Enterprises award. This and an RPA bronze were won by Alice J. Johnson.

Next to be announced was the best topical exhibit by an RPA member. This Virginia Gubler award plus an RPA bronze went to Lawrence Moriarty.

Other RPA bronze awards were presented to Peter Hendrickx, Rody Schaeferli, Bernhard B. Thomas, Arthur C.G. Wood, and R. Karla Zielinski. The latter was awarded in the junior section.

The best exhibit on printed pages, or the Earl P.L. Apfelbaum award, went to an anonymous exhibitor.

After the award winners were announced, it was brought to the attention of the audience that a first-time for ROPEX occurrence had happened. A family representing three generations within a family had won awards at ROPEX '81.

Representing the first generation were Ruth and Gardner Brown; the second generation, Nancy B. Zielinski; and the third generation, R. Karla Zielinski.

The show's cacheted cover featured the 100th anniversary of the American Red Cross, while the show souvenir card marked the 200th anniversary of the Yorktown campaign.

These items can still be obtained by mail. Cacheted covers are 50 cents each (please specify date desired) or three for $1.25. All requests for show covers must include a No. 10 addressed, stamped envelope and check or money order payable to ROPEX.

Souvenir cards are still available for $1.25 mini and/or $1.50 serviced with the ROPEX '81 show cancel. Souvenir cards are postpaid. All orders must include a check or money order payable to ROPEX.

All items are of a limited printing and are available as long as supplies last.

Mail orders should be sent to ROPEX '81 Souvenir Cards or ROPEX 81 Cacheted Covers, Box 3806, Brighton Station, Rochester, N.Y. 14610.