COMING EVENTS

MARCH 26 ROPEX'87 SETUP NIGHT at the Holiday Inn Downtown. NO MEETING AT ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

APRIL 9 Slide program, "Classic Air Mail Covers". Also an Auction, 5 lots per members on the official lot form available in the library. 8:00 pm.

APRIL 23 A walking TOUR OF THE USPS GMF in Henrietta. We will meet at the Employee's Entrance on the west side of the building. The Tour will start at 7:00 pm.

MAY 14 A slideshow, "Postal History of Germany". Also a Silent Auction, 5 lots per members. Please use the official lot forms. CASH ONLY! Nominations open for RPA offices for the 1987-88 season. Meeting starts at 8:00 pm.

ROPEX coming

The Rochester Philatelic Association has announced that its annual ROPEX will be held March 27-29 at the downtown Holiday Inn in Rochester, NY.

ROPEX is an APS "Champion of Champions" exhibition which endeavors the grand prize winner to compete in the championship class at the American Philatelic Society's annual convention.

The show is open to all collectors who wish to compete, with prospectus applications available from ROPEX, P.O. Box 10206, Brighton Station, Rochester, NY 14610.

In addition to a dealer's bourse, the USPS and other postal agencies will be present. The theme this year incorporates baseball and aviation, with the USPS providing a special pictorial cancellation.

Admission is free and all young collectors will receive stamp collecting kits. Information is available from the above address.

Hale loves his lady

Andy Hale of McLeod Stamps of Rochester, NY, displays a Lady McLeod stamp and cover at the PHIL-EX show in Toronto Jan. 9-11. The rare 1947 stamp from Trinidad was the creation of David Bryce, owner of the Lady McLeod which was a sail-equipped steamer. The blue, lithographed imperf. stamp was used to prepay the 5-cent rate for carrying letters between Port of Spain and San Fernando. The stamp is valued at $4,000 U.S. and the entire cover has a $12,500 U.S. price tag.
March 6, Locomotive. Reengraved 2c Transportation series coil (original stamp issued in 1982). Coils of 5,000. One plate number every 250 stamps. (Linn's May 22, page 1)

March 12, Girl Scouts. 22c commemorative stamp, panes of 50, vertical format, one group of five cylinder numbers. Lansing, Mich., 48924 (Linn's Dec. 22, 1985, page 1) USPS ordering No. 0413.

Jan. 26, Pan American Games. 22c commemorative, panes of 25, horizontal format, one group of five cylinder numbers. Indianapolis, Ind., 46201 (Linn's Dec. 22, 1985, page 1) USPS ordering No. 0414.

Jan. 29, Love. 22c special stamp. Definitive size, panes of 100, one group of five cylinder numbers. San Francisco, Calif., 94118 (Linn's Jan. 26, page 1)

Feb. 6, Tractor. Two 7c Transportation series coils one with service inscription, engraved in one color; one with service inscription, engraved in two colors. Coils of 500 without service inscription and coils of 500 and 3,000 with service inscription. One plate number every 250 stamps. Sarasota, Fla., 33572 (Linn's Jan. 19, page 1) USPS ordering No. 0713 without service inscription, P713 with service inscription.


Feb. 26, Jean Baptiste Point du Sable. 22c Black Heritage series commemorative, vertical format, panes of 50, one group of five cylinder numbers. Chicago, Ill., 60607 (Linn's Feb. 2, page 1) USPS ordering No. 0415.

Feb. 27, Enrico Caruso. 22c Performing Arts series commemorative, vertical format, panes of 50, one group of four cylinder numbers preceded by the letter "A." New York, N.Y., 10001 (Linn's Feb. 16, page 1) USPS ordering No. 0412.

Feb. 28, Mary Lyon. 2c Great American series definitive. Definitive size, panes of 100, one plate number. South Hadley, Mass., 01075 (Linn's Feb. 2, page 1)

Aug. 25, Brut Harte. 55c definitive in Great Americans series. Twin Falls, Calif., 93383.


Sept. 21, Certified Public Accountants. 22c commemorative. New York, N.Y., 10001.


Undated 1987. 1c Flag postal card; 22c commemoratives for bicentennials of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.

1988. 250th anniversary of first permanent Swedish settlement in U.S.; commemoratives for bicentennials of Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Virginia and New York; Federalist Papers postal card; Natchez Trace commemorative.


1990. Laos Manouk Marin; bicentennials of Rhode Island commemorative; Establishment of Boundaries of Nation's Capital commemorative.


Undated. Laurel and Hardy commemorative; 17.5¢ coil; H.E. "Hap" Arnold definitive, Great American series; Take Pride in America.

HOW TO ORDER FIRST DAY COVERS

There are two ways to order first day covers:

1. To Supreme Court post office, address it to an addressed envelope (postage must make up the first-class rate) and send under cover to

2. Mail orders for mint stamps, plate number, Mr. ZIP and Copyright blocks, full pages and postal stationery items should be sent to Philatelic Sales Division, Washington, D.C. 20265.

The PSD imposes a 15 minimum and 50¢ service charge on all mail orders.

Full details of each issue listed in this program are given in news stories in Linn's. Reference to the date and page of such stories is given at the end of each entry.

Definitive Scott, Minkus and United Postal Stationery Society catalog numbers are reported as received.

Plate numbers. All sheet stamps have corner plate numbers, requiring a block of four, unless otherwise stated. Coil numbers should be collected in the center of strips of three or five stamps.

Bulk mail cell stamps. Since late 1985, bulk mail cells have been issued in two versions: unlagged, service inscribed version for bulk mailers and lagged, unaddressed versions for collectors. The Postal Service calls the service inscribed stamps "pencelogs."

If you collect U.S. new issues, you should obtain Linn's U.S. stamp yearbooks.
CAPEX'87
OVERNIGHT TRIP

The Rochester Philatelic Ass. will be sponsoring an overnight trip to CAPEX'87 in Toronto, Canada Saturday, June 13th - Sunday, June 14th. A Bus has been chartered from BLUE BIRD Coach Lines and booked rooms with the Hampton Court Hotel in Toronto, Canada. The Bus can handle 40 to 47 people and the Hampton Court Hotel will supply rooms with two (2) double beds per room. The Bus will also provide transportation between the Hotel and CAPEX (at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre) during this weekend trip. The Tour package price per person is as followed:

2 to a room (2 beds) $65.00
3 to a room (2 beds) $66.00
4 to a room (2 beds) $51.00

Single room $95.00

All tax and baggage handling is included in the above schedule. The Bus will depart Rochester at 6:30am Saturday June 13th. The meeting place in Rochester is still to be arranged, ticket holders will be informed where to meet the Bus in Rochester. The Bus will depart the Metro Toronto Convention Centre the evening of Sunday June 14th for Rochester (Ticket holders will be informed of actual departing time). ALL CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE to the Rochester Philatelic Association are due by MAY 16, 1987. NO CASH! All monies paid to RPA are tax deductible, the RPA is a federal recognized charity. THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS of money collected for any reason other than the cancellation of the entire Bus Trip to CAPEX'87. PLEASE PLAN NOW!!!! Please use the coupon below to book your ticket to the RPA's CAPEX'87 Weekend.

RPA CAPEX'87 WEEKEND

( ) $65.00 per person 2/room
( ) $56.00 per person 3/room
( ) $51.00 per person 4/room
( ) $95.00 per person single room

person will be matched based on two to a room unless you do your own matching.--------
s are not included!

Send this trip sheet & your check/money order to:
Rochester Philatelic Ass., P.O.Box 10206,
Brighton Sta., Rochester, NY 14610
DUE MAY 16, 1987
CAPEX special subject days

Each day of the CAPEX '87 international philatelic exhibition will be devoted to special subjects.
These are as follows:
June 13: Canada Post Day;
June 14: Family and Youth Day;
June 15: HAFNIA '87 Day;
June 16: 100th Anniversary of Organized Philately in Canada;
June 17: 120th Anniversary of Canada Confederation;

CAPEX issues souvenir

CAPEX '87 is issuing the first of a series of specially printed souvenir sheets to members of the CAPEX '87 Beaver Club as part of their membership subscription.
The sheet, which has been prepared by the Canadian Bank Note Co., depicts Canada's 1927 2c stamp honoring the founding fathers of the Canadian Confederation.
Future souvenir sheets are scheduled from the British American Bank Note Co. and Ashton Potter Ltd.
The souvenir sheets have no postal validity.
The balance of the limited-edition sheets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis at CAPEX '87. They are not available by mail.
Collectors wishing to obtain a set of sheets in advance of the show's opening day should subscribe to the Beaver Club, according to the CAPEX committee.
Membership will ensure collectors that they will receive all program information.
They also will be entitled to special privileges, including a season ticket to CAPEX (no waiting in line), a catalog and entrance to the Beaver Lounge which is restricted to members only.
Other philatelic souvenirs also will be offered.
Membership is $50. Payment should be sent to CAPEX '87, Box 204, Station Q, Toronto, Ont., Canada M4T 2M1.
The CAPEX '87 international philatelic exhibition will take place June 13-21 at the Metropolitan Toronto Convention Centre.

GIVE STAMPS TO KIDS

June 18: Day of the Americas;
June 19: CAPEX '87 Day;
June 20: International Day;
June 21: Philatelic Literature Day.
CAPEX '87 will take place June 13-21 at the Metropolitan Toronto Convention Centre.
Further details can be obtained from CAPEX '87, Box 204, Postal Station Q, Toronto, Ont., Canada M4T 2M1.

GIVE STAMPS TO KIDS

CAPEX update

Second bulletin available

The CAPEX 87 organizing committee has announced the availability of their second bulletin, which will be mailed free upon request.
It contains a listing of the various committees, the members of the international jury and a tentative daily program of events.
There is also an application for membership in the Beaver Club. Members will automatically receive all preliminary magazines, a season's ticket to CAPEX 87, a members only entrance (no waiting in line), a catalog and entrance to the Beaver Lounge which is restricted to members only. There will also be offers of limited edition philatelic souvenirs. The membership fee is $50 and the closing date is April 30, 1987.
The bulletin contains an interesting historical article by Ralph Mitchener, historian of the Royal Philatelic Society, on John Reginald Hooper and the beginning of nationally organized philately in Canada. The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada can trace its origin - a bit tenuously and with a few blank years - back to 1887 when the Canadian Philatelic Association was formed.
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ROPEX ORDER SHEET

QUANTITY ITEM

ROPEX'87 Aviation cacheted show cover at 75¢ per cover plus a self-addressed-stamped #10 envelope (S.A.S.E.), please specify data desired........................................ $

ROPEX'87 Aviation cacheted show covers, a set of three (3), one different colored/printed cacheted on white envelopes for each show date (Curtiss Jenny, DC-3, Boeing 707), at $2.00 per set plus S.A.S.E........................................ $

ROPEX'87 Pro Baseball Souvenir Card with text & graphics featuring the design of scott #4 in color; mint card priced at $2.00 each plus 40¢ postage with return address label........................................ $

ROPEX'87 Pro Baseball Souvenir Card, serviced card with ROPEX'87 special cancel, priced at $2.25 each plus 40¢ postage with return address label........................................ $

Please make check or money order (no cash) payable to ROPEX and return this order sheet to the address above along with a S.A.S.E. and/or postage with Return Address Label if required. All items will utilize first class postage.

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TOTAL $ 

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FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH!

by Larry Moriarty

I have been soaking Hungarian stamps for a good number of years and as you know, every so often there are those that just do not come off the paper. I have ruined many stamps (not good ones) looking for the right solution. Believe me, you would laugh if I told you all the things I have tried without success.

Recently I tried 10 drops of New ERA Plus, a laundry detergent, in a cup of water and put in a few of the "hard to get off" stamps. It loosened them up, and with a little time they came off. I tried 20 drops to a cup, and then the stamps came off the paper quite easily.

I next tried some stamps of Germany, U.S., Netherlands, Brazil, and Japan. I did not have much luck with the U.S., as I believe these stamps had been reglued, and they just would not come off the paper. The stamps of Brazil and Japan did not come off. One British stamp, I don't remember from which country, was denuded of all color, making the watermark very easy to read.

While I worked with inexpensive stamps and was pleased with the way it worked on Hungarian stamps, I would caution anyone who tries to experiment with cheap or damaged stamps to see how it works. I also tried it on a few Hungarian perlings that I had been trying to remove from the paper for several years without success, and the ERA solution got them off very nicely.

What led me to try ERA was their TV commercial showing how their formula very easily removed protein stains. I reasoned that the glues might have a protein base, so I tried it. I plan to do some more experimenting with same, but would again caution anyone trying this to first test it out on damaged or cheap stamps. If anyone has a better and safer method, I would appreciate knowing about it.

H & G supplement

Classic Philately has released the Section 2/B (Baden to Bushire) price supplement to the Higgins & Gage World Postal Stationery Catalog. Mel Feiner said the prices are based on worldwide auction realizations, foreign catalogs, dealer price lists and market knowledgeable contributors.

Feiner also said the Section 7/C price supplement is being revised. Supplements for 3/C, 9/I and 15/S are scheduled within the next four months.

The 2/B supplement is available for $5 postpaid in the United States and Canada. For orders outside these countries, add $1.25 for airmail printed matter rate.

Orders should be sent to Classic Philately, Box 5637, Huntington Beach, Calif. 92615. The Higgins & Gage catalog is available from the same address.

Hollinger buys Stamps

Hollinger Inc. has purchased Seneca Media Inc. including Stamps magazine, according to Stamps officials.

"It's like a big fish swallowing a slightly smaller fish," Dan Milliman, Stamps' managing editor, said.

Milliman said Hollinger, a Canadian company, has been on the lookout for newspapers in the United States. Milliman said the acquisition included about 28 other newspapers owned by Seneca.

"It's not as though Stamps alone is being taken over," Milliman said.

He said the people at Hollinger feel that Seneca and Stamps have been run well and no major changes are planned. Stamps may have more centralized bookkeeping because of the takeover, according to Milliman.

"Any changes you see in the future are because of plans we already had," he said. "We don't envision anything shocking." Milliman said Stamps' circulation is currently about 14,000.

"We went up about 3,500 because of a recent promotion" he said.

Stamps was purchased by Seneca Media Inc. Feb. 1, 1986 and moved to Hornell, N.Y. It will remain in Hornell under the new ownership and will maintain the same staff, Milliman said.
Canada stamp program

- Feb 18, CAPEX '77. Single 37¢ promoting the 1987 international stamp exhibition and depicting Toronto's first post office. (Linn's Feb 2, page 1)
- March 13, Exploration. Four 3¢e honoring Brule and Radisson, des Groseilliers and Jolliet, Marquette, and Wilderness Missions. (Linn's, March 9, page 1)
- March 30, Definitives. Two 3¢e depicting Parliament and the queen’s portrait.
- March 30, Booklets. A 3¢e vending machine booklet containing one 3¢e, two 5¢e, and one 1¢e, and a $3.60 counter booklet containing ten 3¢e.
- April 1, 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics. Two stamps, 3¢e depicting speedskating, and 4¢e featuring bobsledding.
- April 12, Volunteers. Single 3¢e.
- April 15, Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Single 3¢e.
- May 4, Artifacts. Four stamps, 25¢e, 43¢e, 55¢e, 72¢e.
- May 16, Engineering. Single 3¢e.
- May 18, Coll. Single 3¢e Parliament Imperforate on two sides.
- May 19, Postal stationery. An envelope with 30¢e impressed stamp, an aerogramme with 72¢e impressed stamp.
- June 12, CAPEX '77. Three stamps, 3¢e, 4¢e, 7¢e, and one souvenir sheet containing two each, depicting Nelson-Miramichi Post Office, Saint-Ours Post Office, Bataford Post Office.
- June 21, Canada Day. Four 3¢e depicting science and technology, and communications (newspaper pulp, underwater telegraph, half-tone engraving, AM radio).
- July 20, Steamships. Two 3¢e depicting Segwun and Princess Marguerite.
- Aug 7, Underwater Archaeology. Four 3¢e showing Sun Juan, Hamilton and Scourge, Breadalbane, and Ericsson.
- Sept 1, Air Canada. Single 3¢e.
- Sept 13, Francophone Summit. Single 3¢e marking the summit in Quebec City.
- Oct 1, Masterpieces of Canadian Art. Single 3¢e reproducing The Young Reader by Atlas Leduc.
- Nov 2, Christmas. Three stamps, 3¢e, 4¢e, 7¢e.
- Nov 11, 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics. Two 3¢e depicting cross-country skiing and ski jumping.

First day covers: Canada issues stamps to celebrate a new postal stationery. A cover will be presented for each of the following events: February 18 - Canada stamp program; March 13 - Exploration; March 30 - Definitives; April 12 - Volunteers; April 15 - Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms; May 4 - Artifacts; May 16 - Engineering; May 18 - Coll. Single 3¢e Parliament Imperforate on two sides; May 19 - Booklet. A 10 counter booklet containing 25 3¢e Parliament; May 19 - Postal stationery. An envelope with 30¢e impressed stamp, an aerogramme with 72¢e impressed stamp; June 12 - CAPEX '77. Three stamps, 3¢e, 4¢e, 7¢e, and one souvenir sheet containing two each, depicting Nelson-Miramichi Post Office, Saint-Ours Post Office, Bataford Post Office; June 21 - Canada Day. Four 3¢e depicting science and technology, and communications (newspaper pulp, underwater telegraph, half-tone engraving, AM radio); July 20 - Steamships. Two 3¢e depicting Segwun and Princess Marguerite; Aug 7 - Underwater Archaeology. Four 3¢e showing Sun Juan, Hamilton and Scourge, Breadalbane, and Ericsson; Sept 1 - Air Canada. Single 3¢e; Sept 13 - Francophone Summit. Single 3¢e marking the summit in Quebec City; Oct 1 - Masterpieces of Canadian Art. Single 3¢e reproducing The Young Reader by Atlas Leduc; Oct 13 (tentative), Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting. Single 3¢e marking the meeting in Vancouver; Nov 2 - Christmas. Three stamps, 3¢e, 4¢e, 7¢e; Nov 11 - 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics. Two 3¢e depicting cross-country skiing and ski jumping.

New bill seeks to force 'Challenger' stamp issue

The U.S. Postal Service remains adamant in its opposition to issuing a memorial stamp now for the seven astronauts killed in the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger Jan. 28, 1986.

Meanwhile, a new bill in the House of Representatives seeks to force the issuance of a Challenger stamp.


If passed by Congress and signed by the president, the bill would order the USPS to issue a memorial stamp for the Challenger astronauts.

It also would specify that the design would be chosen from drawings submitted by schoolchildren, said John Falaradeau, a legislative assistant to McGrath.

"We just felt that with other countries — even Eastern bloc countries — having issued stamps, it is time for America to do it," Falaradeau said.

McGrath proposed the idea in a non-binding resolution last year, but it was never brought to a vote.

Dickey B. Rustin, general manager of the USPS Stamp Information Branch, noted, "The Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee considered such a stamp following the disaster and rejected the proposal."

"There has been no change in the Postal Service's position," Rustin added.

In recent years the USPS has held to its policy of not honoring persons on stamps until 10 years after the person's death. Former presidents of the United States are the only exceptions.

Political pressure on the Postal Service has obtained desired stamps in the past, but direct legislative action has been avoided.

Falaradeau conceded that the bill is unlikely to go anywhere because the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee dislikes legislation of this type and prefers to have stamp subjects handled by the CSAC.

However, Falaradeau said that public support, including that of stamp collectors, is sought for the bill.

Hungary, Chile, Bolivia, St. Thomas and Prince, Central African Republic and the Republic of Guinea have issued Challenger memorial stamps.

The seven astronauts who died in the Challenger explosion were Francis Scobee, Navy Cdr., Michael Smith, Judith Resnik, Ronald McNair, Air Force Lt. Col. Ellison Onizuka, Gregory Jarvis and Christa McAuliffe.
New computer program out for Canadian stamps

"STAMPS", the popular computer program licensed by the Scott Publishing Company, is now available in a new version featuring the issues of Canada.

Each software package contains the STAMPS program and the latest market value file for all British North America stamps on a single diskette. It also includes a 33-page user's guide, an annual update request form and a registration form.

The program is currently available for both the IBM PC and the Apple II series of personal computers. The IBM requires a minimum 256K of memory and works equally well on all compatibles using MS-DOS 2.1 or greater. The Apple version will perform on any series II machine having at least a 48K memory. Both versions require two floppy disk drives (or a hard disk) and any printer.

The STAMPS package sells for $95 U.S. plus $1.75 for shipping and handling, with delivery available within a week. Previous purchasers of either the U.S. or U.N. programs can purchase the Canadian addition for only $45. This policy will prevail as additional countries are made available.

For collectors who would like to sample the program before committing to it, a demonstration pre-view-pack is available for $15 U.S. This version enables users to enter up to 25 stamp records which will provide a demonstration of the capabilities and pricing features contained in the full program.

Information is available from Compu-Quote, 6614 Berquist Ave., Canoga Park, CA 91307.

DANSVILLE promotion

The Dansville Area Coin and Stamp Club will be participating in the eighth annual Dansville Better Homes and Living Show, April 4-5.

The event is an effort to show the local public the variety of business and community groups that are in the area.

A table promoting stamp collecting will be sponsored by the Dansville Area Coin and Stamp Club. Free packets of stamps and coins will be given to all children attending the show.

Further information is available from Michael VanDerwerken, 20 Elizabeth St., Dansville, N.Y. 14437.

U.S.-Morocco joint issue

The arabesque, an artistic element characteristic of the Arab world, is the central design of this stamp commemorating 200 years of friendship between the United States and Morocco.

WANT TO JOIN THE RPA?

If you would like to join the Rochester Philatelic Association, you must visit three of the RPA Meetings at St. Paul Episcopal Church, corner of East Ave. & Vick Park B opposite the Eastman House. Meetings are the second & fourth Thursday of each month, except summer. No meetings. If you are already a member of a national club, you may join the RPA on your first visit. Annual dues are $7.00.

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