PROGRAMS

September 14
   "SHOW & TELL"
September 28
   Maureen Triggle
   "Tagging and Illuminance"
October 12
   Ray Stone’s “Stamp Quiz”
October 26
   John Babbitt
   “Lou Gehrig First Day”

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DUES ARE DUE
   You will find a self-addressed envelope attached to this newsletter for your convenience. If you have already paid your dues, you can use the envelope when corresponding with any member of the Board.

CURRENT CACHETS

SITTING BULL CHAMPION OF HIS PEOPLE

VICE-PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
by Brad Sterling

The 1988-89 RPA year will be a tough one to follow to say nothing of improving upon. However by planning and effort by RPA members, this can be done.

My efforts will be directed to providing a well-rounded series of programs for the up-and-coming year. For this I would like your help. Please call me at 328-9607 after 4:30pm with your suggestions on the type of programs that you would like or if you have a program you would like to give. If you would like slides made for your program, the RPA will make them at our expense.

Our first meeting, September 14th, will be a get-acquainted show and tell of what we collect, so bring something from your collection and tell us about it or about something you did this summer. There will also be a silent auction at each meeting that does not have a live auction.

Yours in Philately
Brad

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

As a Club member I would like to express my feelings on our procedures for admitting new club members. My feeling is that our present system is outdated and cumbersome and prevents, at times, from signing up new members that would develop into active members later on.

I believe by switching to a system that would allow us to immediately sign up a new member would streamline our operations, increase our income and provide us with a larger number of active members. Yes, I know that many of the people that sign up will only last a year or two and not be active, however some of our membership now are not active.

Club members, please give this matter some thought.

Brad Sterling

EDITOR’S COMMENT

For those readers who do not remember what the rule for membership is, I quote our Constitution:

ARTICLE II Section 7

"Application for membership shall be as follows:
a) Applicant must submit a completed membership application form to any RPA Officer.
b) After the applicant has attended three meetings, or one meeting provided the person is a member of a national philatelic society in good standing, a vote by the membership present at a meeting of the RPA will be taken. The applicant must not be present in the meeting room during the vote. The applicant will be notified by a RPA Officer of the voting results. Upon notification of a positive vote the new RPA member must pay the Treasurer the dues."

At this year’s ROPEX show the APS (American Philatelic Association) signed up twelve new members and the RPA was given credit. Only one of these new APS members belongs to the RPA. Are we missing a chance to recruit new members while they are excited about the hobby as they are during a large show?
NOTE: All sales of First Day Covers go to benefit the Frame Fund.

LIFE MEMBER PASSES

- Place, S. Clark
Of Bradenton, Florida, August 19, 1989, age 87. Formely of Rochester and Conesus, he was born at Caledonia and retired from Chase Lincoln Bank of Rochester in 1967. He was a member of All Masonic Lodge Orders and of Christ United Methodist Church of Bradenton. Survived by wife, Mildred; son, Robert M. Gail of Batl; ME, sister, Vivka (Otto) Heino of Ojai, CA; 5 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren and sister-in-law, Hazel (William) Root of Holley, NY.

Memorial Service, August 22nd at Christ U.M. Church in charge of Rev. Warren Was
Son, Palmetto Lodge #110, F & A M and National Crematory Association. Those wishing may contribute to Shriner’s Crippled Children Hospital, Tampa, FL 33602 or Christ United Methodist Church, 5512 26th St, West, Bradenton, FL 34207.

Seeks Challenger commemoration

I am writing this letter for all of US and space topic collectors.

On Jan. 28, 1986, the world watched in horror as the Space Shuttle Challenger exploded.

It is really a shame that the US has not remembered this tragedy philately. It would be nice if the American public would write to the USPS and tell postal authorities that the Challenger astronauts should be honored with a postal issue. I feel that it is the least we can do.

Most of the world has honored Challenger philately, but not the US. Do we have to wait 10 years before a stamp is issued? If you feel that such a stamp should be issued write to:


Scott Duffey
Tekamah, Neb.

AREA STAMP EVENTS

September 10..............Holiday Inn Airport..........10:00 - 3:30
September 16-17..........Marketplace Inn..........10:00 - 5:00
Sept. 30 / Oct. 1........SYRAPEX 89
Sheraton Inn, Electronics Pkwy
Liverpool, NY (Thruway Exit 37)....10:00 - 5:00

October 8..................Holiday Inn Airport..........10:00 - 3:30
October 20-21............STEPEX 89
Arnot Mall, Rt 17 exit 51
Horseheads, NY..........10:00 - 8:00
November 12..............Holiday Inn Airport..........10:00 - 3:30
December 10..............Holiday Inn Airport..........10:00 - 3:30
WORLD STAMP EXPO '89
Promises Philatelic Adventure

The U.S. Postal Service is bringing the world of stamp collecting to Washington, D.C., this fall, sponsoring its first international philatelic exposition in its 214-year history. WORLD STAMP EXPO '89 will take place concurrently with the 20th Congress of the Universal Postal Union at the Washington Convention Center, November 17-20 and November 24-December 3.

"WORLD STAMP EXPO '89 will be a stamp show of global proportions," says Gordon C. Morison, assistant postmaster general for philatelic and retail services. "Award-winning stamp collections from around the world, numerous U.S. and foreign first day of issue ceremonies, and multimillion-dollar auctions of philatelic rarities are just a few of the highlights."

As they enter WORLD STAMP EXPO '89, visitors will find information about the world of philately literally at their fingertips. A special touch-screen computer system will provide complete information on daily show activities, booth and exhibit locations, and postal service products on sale at the show.

Even noncollectors will enjoy seeing the "crown jewels of the stamp kingdom." The WORLD STAMP EXPO '89 Court of Honor will include more than 150 frames from the hobby's finest exhibits.

The Prince of Monaco and the Prince of Thurn und Taxis both have agreed to loan portions of their renowned collections for display in the elite Court of Honor.

A philatelic history of postal service also will appear in the Court of Honor. More than 100 frames of award-winning exhibits, from the "U.S. Presidential Free Franks" to the "Confederate States Issues of 1861-1865" to the "Hawaii Missionaries," will present the story of postal service in the United States.

More than 200 booths staffed by philatelic dealers and foreign postal administrations will offer stamps, covers, and accessories ranging from the familiar to the rare and exotic.

In honor of the 20th Congress of the UPU and this historic philatelic exposition, the U.S. Postal Service will introduce eleven new stamp and stationery products. In addition, the Soviet Union, Sweden, and several other foreign postal administrations will hold first day events during WORLD STAMP EXPO '89, and the United Nations Postal Administration will introduce a new series of commemorative stamps that pay tribute to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Future philatelists will have their own special area at WORLD STAMP EXPO '89. Designed for children aged 16 and younger, the youth area will feature a dinosaur theme based on the Prehistoric Animals stamps the postal service will issue in October for National Stamp Collecting Month. Young visitors also will have a chance to play philatelic computer games, obtain free starter kits and stamps, and learn more about the world's most popular hobby.

Stamp auctions, scheduled for most evenings after show hours, will be held at the host hotel, the Sheraton Washington. Millions of dollars worth of philatelic rarities will be put on the block by internationally recognized auctioneers.

Award-winning philatelic exhibits, stamp dealers and auctioneers with offerings from around the world, educational and entertaining activities for young hobbyists, and a glimpse into the post office of the future — WORLD STAMP EXPO '89 is a philatelic adventure not to be missed!

For an informational brochure and two free daily admission tickets, write to: WORLD STAMP EXPO '89, P.O. Box 23261, Washington, DC 20026-3261.

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