

HINGES and TONGS

an RPA newsletter

Rochester Philatelic Association, Inc.

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Meetings held the second and fourth Thursdays, Sept. through June at St. Pauls' Episcopal Church, East Ave. at Vick Park B. Starts at 8pm.

New Membership Chair

We now have a membership chairman who will help RPA Treasurer, Jim Trenton. All questions into membership and dues should be directed to:

Florence H. Wright
33 North Umberland Rd.
Rochester, N.Y. 14618

Mrs. Wright will collect dues, distribute membership cards and keep track of all membership records. If you need blank membership forms for recruiting friends, just ask Florence.

It has been the policy for some time now that any member that brings in two new members in any given year, that member would get the next years dues free.

MEMBER BOURSE

November 12, 1992

Something new coming up for our program Nov. 12 - a Member Bourse. Although some members often bring items to show and sell to other members, this evening's entire program will be given over to officially do just that.

Here are some guidelines:

1. If you have collection(s) you wish to dispose of, or duplicates from your collection, or items you never meant to collect in the first place, decide on modest prices to charge and bring them to the meeting.

2. Please keep these items in their bags, boxes, suitcases, etc. until AFTER the business meeting which starts promptly at 8 p.m. After that, there will be plenty of time for the Bourse. Please do not transact any of your "business" during RPA business (and this applies to any RPA meeting).

3. Tables will be arranged in a large "U" with seats for the bourse sellers on the outside and chairs for potential "customers" on the inside. Each member will be allowed space **no more** than one-half (1/2) a table width; if less is needed, that will give additional space to others. Please don't infringe on some other's space.

4. Remember, this is a **member bourse**; those members who are stamp dealers will act as members for this event, transactions are not subject to tax, and prices should be moderate (RPA is a tax-exempt organization).

5. All are welcome to participate; however, if you don't care to be a seller at the bourse, please come to the meeting - and be a customer!

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SILENT AUCTIONS

SOME GROUND RULES

In an effort to maintain fairness and fun for everyone taking part, and at the request of the Board of Governors, we have developed some "ground rules" for our silent auctions.

1. New bid forms have been printed which have adequate space for the owner/seller of material to place his or her name, in order that people can expedite the settlement when auctions are closed. These new forms are available at all meetings.

2. The new forms also provide space for orderly entry of bidders' names and amounts. In order to eliminate any confusion, we must ask that any progressive bid be entered in sequence, not written over an earlier bid opposite the bidder's name. **ONLY THE LAST ENTRY** in the bid area, **WHICH MUST BE THE HIGHEST**, will be considered in determining the winning bid and bidder; **IF**

THE LAST BID IS NOT THE HIGHEST, THE LOT WILL BE AWARDED TO THE HIGHEST CORRECT BIDDER IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE LAST ONE. Remember: you can "up" your own bid if you want, but write your name and the new amount on the next blank line.

3. In order that members have time to examine lots offered at auction before meetings and programs begin, it is urged that material for silent auctions be in place on the tables no later than 7:45 p.m.

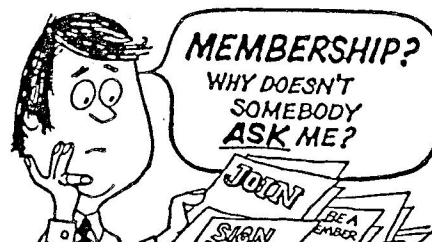
4. Remember that all material on the silent auction tables is the property of another member until it is purchased. Please do not handle material in such a manner as to cause it to become unorganized or disarrayed; if stamps or covers are arranged in albums or stock books, don't rearrange things. (Respect the old motto: **IF YOU BROKE IT, YOU BOUGHT IT!**)

5. Give other folks a chance to win a bid, too. Don't grab up everything at every auction just because you have the thickest wallet.

These comments are not intended to make things more difficult. If everyone "plays by the same rules," the game is always a lot more fun for **ALL** the players.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Norm Wright,
Vice-president/program chairman



FRAME COMMITTEE

TO: All RPA members
FROM: Rick Kase and Joe Doles

Everyone,

We, of the frame committee, wish to continue producing cachet covers as a supplement to funding the care and well-being of our new frames. We would like your help in this matter. We are asking all you artists out there to do some of the cachets. You do not have to be a Rembrandt or a Rockwell, just be able to put pencil to paper. If you can't draw, maybe someone else you know can. They don't have to belong to the RPA.

By now everyone has seen the upcoming 1993 stamp designs in Linn's. For single commems, it is easy to come up with a cachet. The booklets and blocks of four are a little more challenging. You have to consider a more over all theme as it is not cost-effective to do only one stamp out of the block or booklet (like Buddy Holly stamp out of the booklet only).

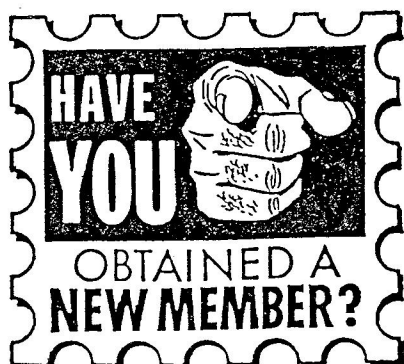
All drawings submitted will be considered for our cachets. Do not be offended if we do not use it or we alter in some fashion. We also do not offer monetary rewards for your cachets; we do give the cachetmaker a free serviced cover.

Joe and Kelly Armstrong will still submit cachets. However, we would like some participation from others. Please submit your efforts to Rick, Joe, Kelly or any one of the RPA officers.

Thanks in advance for your efforts.

Sincerely,

Rick & Joe

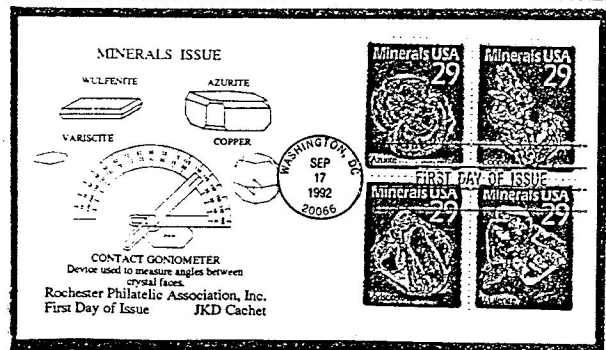
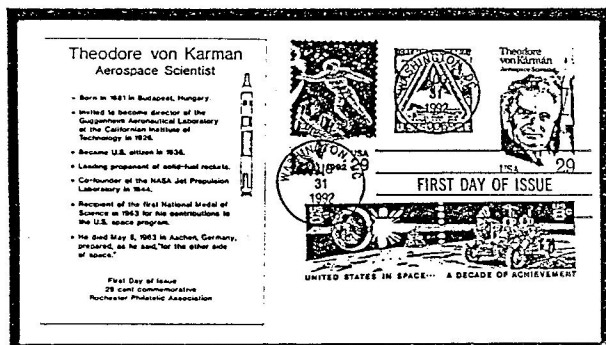


CACHET COVER SALES

The frame committee has produced many first day covers over the last three or four years, and this past summer has been no exception. Below are three such efforts. Combo covers, covers with older stamps that relate to the new issue plus the new stamp, are just one of the ways we service our first day covers. Unofficial first day cancels, covers canceled in cities other than the designated city, but related to the topic, are done on some issues.

All RPA members will save 50¢ per cover. When ordering by mail make sure you mention that you are a RPA member.

The covers illustrated are priced at \$2.50 each, as are most combo covers. Your member price would be \$2.00. Just follow the "terms" in the price list printed in this issue.



SOUVENIR PAGES

A TOPICAL COLLECTION OF OUR TIME

by George Hill

(Continued from October)

It seems that every phase of STAMP COLLECTING has its SIG. These Special Interest Groups add much to the hobby, not the least of which is early education for the novice in the new field. The SIG for SOUVENIR PAGES is A.S.P.P.P. better known as the AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PHILATELIC PAGES AND PANELS. This society is just eight years old and already has a substantial membership.

The society publishes a very professional Journal with interesting topics and in-depth reports. Grace Marchese provided some history on Souvenir Pages. The United States Postal Service issues a postal bulletin for every new stamp. People used to buy the new stamp and place it on the current stamp poster and have it first day canceled. These Stamp Posters started on July 4, 1959. Mr W.C. Bates was a stamp dealer and used to service these for about 2500 people. He called them "the Birth Certificate of a stamp". After his death in 1972, the USPS started the Souvenir Page of today with the Yellowstone Park issue as the first page on March 1, 1972. The cost of the pages in the early days was fifty cents while today you can expect to pay about \$1.25. The subscription service can be obtained from the Philatelic Division; Box 449995; Kansas City, MO 64144-9995.

The Journal provides an opportunity for exchange of ideas, contacts with others interested in this field of collecting through a roster, and a member trading/sales exchange column.

The Society also has developed an "ASPPP Heir and Estate Service" to assist a deceased spouse in disposal of a collection. Thoughtfulness and comradarie seems to permeate the organization. It appears, that not only is the collectable a source of enjoyment, but an organization to support your effort is in place awaiting your application to join. Future columns will trace the history of this SIG, its founders, and

present status. Just another reason to begin this TOPICAL COLLECTION FOR OUR TIME.

While speaking to a non-stocking Souvenir Pages dealer the other day, I had two interesting comments on SOUVENIR PAGES made to me. "Souvenir pages are for novices. The Post Office is a great merchandiser." You can listen to these words or translate the comments into what the dealer really means.

My silent rebuttal is... (1) Novices are people who see the beauty in the stamp presentation and appreciate some postal history thrown in. (2) Merchandizing...it's "too easy" for the collector to collect when the post office, at nominal rates, makes the stamps readily available without dealer involvement. One has to make up their own mind and not be influenced by the profit motive. There is so little profit for most dealers in this form of collecting that they seem to shy away from promoting this "topical".

Admittedly, the shelf space for this collection is greater than collecting the stamps in albums or first day covers. The USPS does provide nice binders, at \$15 apiece, to collect in the GRAND fashion...but the SOUVENIR PAGES measure 8 x 10 inches and fit nicely in a standard notebook cloaked in a plastic pocket. There are ways to minimize some of the expenses. An added attraction to this collection is the fact that each page is a different color and that adds interest while viewing the collection.

In a way the dealer may be right. These SOUVENIR PAGES, indeed, may be for the Novice....and wouldn't you be proud if the presentation interested a younger (novice) member of your family to want to take over where you leave off. It's worth giving SOUVENIR PAGES another thought. A serious collector could be the biggest influence on another generation of collectors by just spending a little more energy collecting an easily obtainable TOPICAL OF OUR TIME.

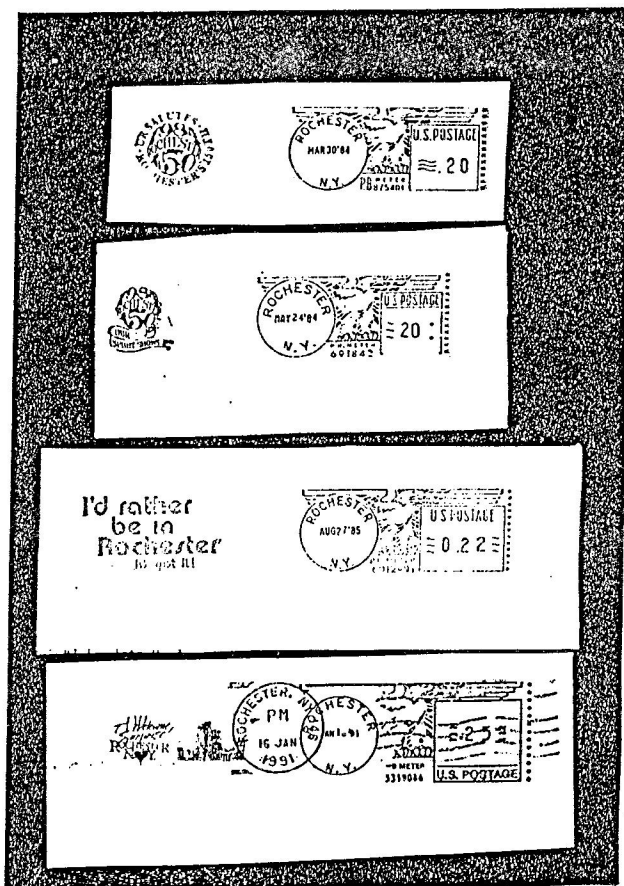
ROCHESTER METERS

Meter slogans have been a long neglected area of philately. Many subjects not found on stamps can be seen on meter advertisements.

Here are four meter slogans used by the City of Rochester. The first two are from 1984, showing logos honoring the city's sesquicentennial. Who could ever forget the "I'd Rather Be In Rochester" slogan? This particular meter came from a city tax bill. More recent is the slogan, "A Welcome Surprise! Rochester, N.Y."

By the way, take a good look at the eagle designs on these Pitney-Bowes meters. They are each a little different. Over 30 varieties exist of this basic eagle type, which has been used since the 50's. Plenty of ink colors have been used as well, including aqua, purple, salmon and golden brown.

Tom Fortunato



HEATHCLIFF GEORGE GATELY



"HE PREFERS THE OLD ELVIS."

Hallmarks of Great Exhibits

(Reprinted from *Topical Time*, May-June 1992)

Here is a checklist condensation of many articles, advice to critiques, and the remarks of knowledgeable jurors.

Perceived to the best of its genre.

Is it a subject with universal appeal, well executed.

An original presentation on an unusual subject.

Exhibit encompasses wide spectrum of thematic knowledge and philatelic disciplines.

Intent, scope and plan presented in a precise and logical manner.

A story in depth with a beginning, middle, and conclusion.

Material of diverse nature predominates, text recedes.

Selection of material suggests difficulty of acquisition and serious research.

Development of theme discernible by both jury and viewing public.

You, the exhibitor, may wish to peruse them and ascertain how many might be applicable to your own labor of love.

George T. Guzzio
134 Berkeley Place
Brookly, NY 11217

Mr. Guzzio was Chief Judge at the 1992 ROPEX National Stamp Show, March 27-29.



FRAME COMMITTEE

THE ROCHESTER PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

P.O. BOX 10206 ROCHESTER, NY 14610-0206

FALL - WINTER 1992

THE ROCHESTER PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION WISHES TO THANK YOU FOR PURCHASING OUR LATEST COVER OR COVERS. LISTED BELOW ARE SOME OF OUR FIRST DAY COVERS THAT WE HAVE DONE OR ARE PLANNING TO DO, DEPENDING ON WHEN YOU RECEIVE THIS. ENJOY!

T. VON KARMAN - SINGLE	\$ 1,75ea
" " - COMBO W/ANOTHER SPACE STAMP (our choice)	\$ 2.00ea
DOROTHY PARKER	\$ 1.75ea
HUMMINGBIRDS - SINGLE	\$ 1.75ea
" - WHOLE PANE ON COVER	\$ 3.00ea
SPACE BLOCK OF 4 ONLY	\$ 2.50ea
NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE - SINGLE	\$ 1.75ea
" " " " COMBO W/STOCK TRANSFER STAMP	\$ 2.50ea
COLUMBUS FIRST VOYAGE BLOCK OF FOUR	\$ 2.50ea
" " " SINGLE	\$ 1.75ea
WHITE HOUSE COIL - SINGLE	\$ 1.75ea
" " " - COMBO	\$ 2.50ea
OLYMPIC BASEBALL	\$ 1.75ea
LOVE	\$ 1.75ea
DuBOIS	\$ 1.75ea
TULIP HOLE COIL DATED 3/3/92:	
SINGLE ... \$ 1.75ea PAIR ... \$ 2.00ea PLATE STRIP 5 ... \$ 7.00ea	
HOLE PAIR & SLIT PAIR ... \$ 2.50ea	
HOLE PAIR, SLIT PAIR, SHEET SINGLE, BOOKLET SINGLE ... \$ 3.50	
FDOI'S SINGLES OF 8/16/91 AND 3/3/92 BLUE & GREEN CANCELS ...	\$ 2.50ea
" " " " " " BLUE & RED CANCELS ...	\$ 2.50ea
" PAIRS " " " " BLUE AND GREEN CANCELS..	\$ 3.00ea
3 FDOI CANCELS ON COVER 4/5/91, 8/16/91 & 3/3/92 SINGLES	\$ 3.50ea
3 UNOFFICIALS EAST OR WEST BLOOMFIELD ON COVER SINGLES	\$ 3.00ea

THIS ISSUE APPEARS TO BE THE ONLY SAME-FACED STAMP THAT HAS HAD 3 FIRST DAYS.

1991 FDOI'S

CHRISTMAS 1991 - SHEET SINGLE	\$ 1.50ea
" " - SINGLE W/1972 8¢ SANTA	\$ 2.00ea
" " - SINGLE W/1983 20¢ SANTA	\$ 2.25ea
" " - SET OF 5 BOOKLET SINGLES ONLY 15 SETS DONE	\$ 7.00set
BASKETBALL NAISMITH CACHET - SINGLE	\$ 1.50ea
" " " - COMBO W/1189	\$ 1.75ea
" TEAM RPA CACHET - SINGLE ONLY	\$ 1.50ea
NIAGARA FALLS POSTAL CARD - FDOI	\$ 1.50ea
" " " " - UO's BRIDGE, FALLS, LaSALLE STA.	\$ 2.50ea
BIRDS - ALL 3 STAMPS ON COVER	\$ 1.75ea

COIN COLLECTING FDOI W/1734	\$ 1.75ea
" " COMBO W/886 & 1734	\$ 2.00ea
" " COMBO W/1734, 1577 & 1578	\$ 2.25ea
MEMORIAL DAY - FDOI	\$ 1.50ea
" " - WATERLOO PICTORIAL	\$ 2.00ea
" " - UO PAIR - HALL and MONTEZUMA NY (MARINES)	\$ 4.00ea
" " - UO ROCHESTER FLAG PICTORIAL	\$ 2.00ea
COL. PATRICK O'RORKE MEMORIAL DAY - FDOI	\$ 1.50ea
" " " " - ROCHESTER PICTORIAL	\$ 2.00ea
SAVINGS BOND	\$ 1.50ea
FLAG WITH OLYMPIC RINGS	\$ 1.50ea
MOUNT RUSHMORE - FDOI (BEP ISSUE)	\$ 1.50ea
" " - COMBO W/1011	\$ 2.00ea

TERMS

1. A SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ORDER. PLEASE ADD ADDITIONAL POSTAGE FOR ORDERS OF 4 OR MORE COVERS.
2. PLEASE RETURN THE STIFFENER WITH YOUR NEXT ORDER.
3. PAYMENT: CASH (SEND AT YOUR OWN RISK), CHECK OR MONEY ORDER. PAYABLE TO: THE ROCHESTER PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION. \$ 15.00 CHARGE FOR BOUNCED CHECKS.
4. PLEASE ALLOW 4 TO 8 WEEKS AFTER AN ISSUE'S FIRST DAY FOR DELIVERY.
5. S.A.S.E. MUST BE #9 OR # 10 SIZE OR LARGER !!

LATE ADDITIONS AND NOTES

PUMPKINSEED SUNFISH - SINGLE	\$ 2.00ea
" " - COMBO W/ BOAT COIL AND FLIES SING.	\$ 2.50ea
CHRISTMAS TOYS - BLOCK OF 4 ONLY	\$ 2.50ea
MINERALS BLOCK OF 4	\$ 2.50ea
" SINGLE WITH 1974 MINERALS SINGLE	\$ 2.00ea
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - SINGLE FDOI	\$ 1.75ea
" " " - COMBO W/SC# 1094 48 STAR FLAG	\$ 2.00ea
" " " - UNOFFICIAL MT. MORRIS, NY	\$ 2.50ea
T. VON KARMAN - COMBO FT BLISS	\$ 2.00ea
" " - COMBO GODDARD	\$ 2.50ea
" " - COMBO SUSPENSION BRIDGE STAMP	\$ 2.25ea

- * THERE WERE NO UO'S DONE FOR DOROTHY PARKER ISSUE.
- * VON KARMAN'S EXPLANATION OF THE TACOMA NARROWS BRIDGE COLLAPSE WAY BACK WHEN DEEMED THE BRIDGE STAMP COMBO NECESSARY. READ ABOUT IT AT YOUR NEAREST PUBLIC LIBRARY.
- * WE OBVIOUSLY WILL DO THE WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES ISSUE AND THE JOE LOUIS BOXING ISSUE NEXT YEAR. WATCH LINN'S AND STAMP COLLECTOR FOR OUR LISTINGS. WE ARE STILL DEBATING WETHER TO DO ELVIS OR NOT.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS,

Rick

RICK KASE - QUARTERMASTER RPA

Hospitality

The RPA has become known as the "Friendly Club". Let's make this a true fact. Whenever a new face shows up at our meetings, it should be everyone's job to make the new person welcome. Introduce yourself and offer assistance if asked. The fastest way to turn off a new member is to ignore them or to be only interested in selling them something. Help them out by explaining how our meetings normally work and introducing them to other folks.

Well were on the subject, we should be aware of some of the problems other members might have. Now that winter is upon us, why not share a ride with someone that may find it difficult to drive in the bad weather or after dark.

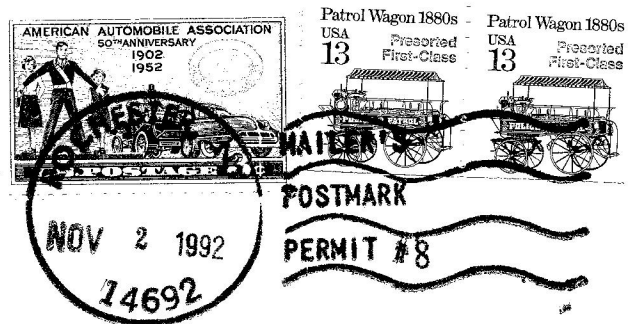
Also if you hear that a member has been under the weather and not seen for some time, let a club officer know. We'll follow up, and get back to the members.

Your 1992-93 Officers are:

President - Bernice R. Watson Vice President - Norman E. Wright, Sr.
Recording Secretary - Michael H. Fader Corresponding Secretary - Joseph K. Doles
Treasurer - James M. Trenton Immediate Past President - Lawrence R. Moriarty
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