

# HINGES and TONGS

an RPA newsletter

Rochester Philatelic Association, Inc.

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March / April 1993

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

## ROPEX-93 Calendar of Events

### Friday - March 26, 1993

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| 8-10 am    | Coffee in Hospitality Suite - Room 1400  |
| 10:00 am   | ROPEX 93 Opens<br><b>Stamp Videos shown during the show in main lobby</b>  |
| 10:30 am   | APS Slide Shows - "Stamp Collecting: Your Key to the World" and "Stamp Collecting: Earning a Merit Badge in this Fascinating Hobby" - Genesee Room |
| 11:00 am   | Seminar: Computers and Philately - Lois Evans-de Violini- Exchange Room  |
| NOON       | Exhibitors' Luncheon - Barnaby's   |
| 4:00 pm    | APS Slide Shows same as 10:30am (see above)  |
| 7:00 pm    | Show Closes  |
| 8:00 pm    | Arizona Philatelic Rangers dinner ( No-host cocktails at 7:30) By invitation only  |
| 7-Midnight | Hospitality in Room 1400   |

### Saturday - March 27, 1993

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| 8-10 am  | Coffee in Hospitality Suite - Room 1400   |
| 9:00 am  | <b>AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY SPRING MEETING</b> - Genesee Room  |
| 10:00 am | Show Opens  |
| 11:00 am | Fakes, Forgeries & Counterfeits Study Group - Genesee Room  |
| NOON     | Chapter 53, Central New York First Day Cover Society Luncheon - Exchange Room   |
| 1:00 pm  | APS Judging Seminar - Traditional - William Bauer - Genesee Room  |
| 1:30 pm  | Chapter 53 Seminar - Exchange Room  |
| 2:00 pm  | Winners of Youth Stamp Design Contest announced - Lobby   |
| 2:00 pm  | A.A.P.E. Seminar - Ann Triggie - Genesee Room   |
| 2:30 pm  | Chapter 53 CNYFDCS Business Meeting - Exchange Room   |
| 3:00 pm  | Judges' Critique for exhibitors and the public - Genesee Room   |
| 6:00 pm  | Show Closes   |
| 6:30 pm  | Cash Bar before Banquet   |
| 7:00 pm  | ROPEX 93 Banquet - Genesee Room - No Smoking in Banquet Room. Guest Speaker - Gordon Morison<br><b>End of Banquet until Midnight - Hospitality in Room 1400</b> |

### Sunday - March 28, 1993

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| 8-10 am  | Coffee in Hospitality Suite - Room 1400   |
| 10:00 am | Show Opens  |
| 10:30ish | The Marmalades - Show and Tell - Fairfax Room   |
| 11:00 am | A Guided Hands on Tour of Postal History Exhibiting - A service of the Philatelic Foundation presented by George Kramer and Pat Walker - Genesee Room |
| NOON     | Central Federation of Stamp Clubs - Fairfax Room  |
| 1:00 pm  | Cover Collectors' Circuit Club - Fairfax Room   |
| 1:00 pm  | Empire State Postal History Society - Speaker - Dr. Louis T. Call Jr. in the Genesee Room   |
| 2:00 pm  | International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors - Fairfax Room  |
| 4:00 pm  | ROPEX 93 Closes - Take Down Starts - <b>Only Dealers and ROPEX Personnel Allowed in Exhibition Hall</b>   |

**A SMOKING AREA HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN THE LOUNGE AREA NEAR THE GENESEE ROOM  
This is the only place allowed by the hotel for smoking.**

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| Booth | Adventure Stamps<br>Wm. A. Kelsey<br>32 Congress Ave.<br>Rochester, NY 14611         | U.S. stamps<br>World stamps<br>Supplies<br>716/ 436-6877       | 32 | Lakewood Stamp Co.<br>P.O. Box 302<br>Erie, PA 16512   | U.S. stamps<br>British Colonies<br>814/ 459-4638                   |
| 21    |  |  | 20 | James E. Lee<br>P.O. Drawer 250<br>Wheeling, IL 60090-0250   | Literature, stamps<br>Postal History, FDC<br>708/ 215-1231         |
| 24    | David Allego<br>P.O. Box 13<br>Ambridge, PA 15003                                    | World covers<br>412/ 266-4255                                  | 34 | Maddy's Philatelic Service<br>RR1, Niagara-on-the-Lake<br>Ontario, Canada LOS 1JO                      | Foreign stamps<br>416/ 262-5127                                    |
| 23    | Amberman Stamp Co.<br>P.O. Box 975<br>Middleburgh, NY 12122                          | Stamps<br>518/ 827-4501  | 22 | McLeod Stamp Co.<br>2423 Monroe Avenue<br>Rochester, NY 14618  | Worldwide stamps<br>Supplies and more<br>716/ 244-0240             |
| 17    | Ed Bailey Philatelist<br>P.O. Box 2338<br>Syracuse, NY 13220                         | U.S. stamps<br>FDC<br>315/ 682-2522                            | 1  | John C. Olson<br>Quality Postal History & Stamps<br>4300 S. Semoran Blvd. Ste 210<br>Orlando, FL 32822 | Postal History<br>407/ 843-1099                                    |
| 13    | Bob Baldrige Postal History<br>8590 Dornich Court<br>Dublin, OH 43017                | Postal History<br>614/ 889-2031                                | 9  | The Perfect Perf<br>P.O. Box 16127<br>Pittsburgh, PA 15242   | North Africa, Mid East<br>Topicals, Foreign stamp<br>412/ 429-1618 |
| 19    | William E. Barker<br>3675 W. 130th St.<br>Cleveland, OH 44111                        | Postal History<br>U.S.-Foreign covers<br>216/ 251-4613         | 29 | William Powers<br>9 West Dr.<br>Castleton, NY 12033  | U.S. stamps<br>518/ 477-5124                                       |
| 33    | Tom Baron<br>P.O. Box 431<br>Oceanside, NY 11572                                     | Historical covers<br>Topical covers, FDC<br>516/ 764-9846      | 7  | R.S. Stamp Co.<br>112 Beverly Hgts<br>Rochester, NY 14616  | U.S.-Foreign stamps<br>Supplies<br>716/ 621-5019                   |
| 2     | Frank Buono<br>P.O. Box 1535<br>Binghamton, NY 13902                                 | Quality Western Europe<br>607/ 772-2069                        | 25 | Dan E. Reiss<br>646 Garnette Rd.<br>Akron, OH 44313-5777   | British Colonies<br>216/ 864-7694                                  |
| 35    | Chippewa Stamps-Covers<br>3391 Strong Ave<br>Niagara Falls<br>Ontario Canada, L2G6K2 | British Commonwealth<br>Stamps, FDC<br>Postal cards            | 3  | K.L. Roloff<br>P.O. Box 66<br>Sewickley, PA 15143  | U.S.- Foreign<br>Covers, Post cards<br>412/ 846-9331               |
| 13    | Crown & Eagle<br>Stan Bednarczyk<br>5303 North High Street<br>Columbus, OH 43214     | Postage Stamps<br>614/ 436-2042                                | 30 | John L. Rudnicki<br>29 Marmaduke St.<br>Toronto, Ontario<br>Canada MGR 1t1                             | Polish stamps<br>416/ 532-2781                                     |
| 15    | Wesley A. Crozier<br>Postal History<br>P.O. Box 241<br>Fairhaven, NJ 07701           | Postal History<br>201/ 741-3203                                | 10 | Herbert W. Sass<br>RD 1, Box 18<br>Rock Stream, NY 14878   | Topicals<br>606/ 243-8691  |
| 16    | Discovery Stamps<br>P.O. Box 2502<br>Syracuse, NY 13220                              | U.S. stamps<br>U.S. booklets<br>315/ 652-5517                  | 5  | Thomas S. Sivak<br>138 N. Duffy Rd.<br>Butler, PA 16001  | U.S. stamps<br>Foreign stamps<br>412/ 285-4400                     |
| 14    | Donofrio Philatelics, Inc.<br>110 Chestnut Dr.<br>Rochester, NY 14624                | U.S. stamps<br>Foreign stamps<br>716/ 247- 8975                | 18 | Mr. Stampman<br>P.O. Box 147<br>Watkins Glen, NY 14891   | U.S. stamps<br>Supplies<br>607/ 535-2625                           |
| 12    | Richard Friedberg<br>310 Chestnut St.<br>Meadville, PA 16335                         | U.S. stamps, revenues<br>Literature<br>814/ 724-5824           | 26 | Mark Szuba<br>P.O. Box 3532<br>Syracuse, NY 13220  | U.S. stamps<br>315/ 451-0834                                       |
| 6     | Green's Stamps-Covers<br>7600 B Treetop Court<br>North Royalton, OH                  | U.S. Postal History<br>Foreign Postal History<br>216/ 237-5147 | 27 | Martin Toly<br>P.O. Box 2111<br>Liverpool, NY 13089  | U.S. stamps<br>315/ 652-8261                                       |
| 4     | Joe Harris<br>P.O. Box 13430<br>Baltimore, MO 21203                                  | Scandinavia<br>Western Europe, Colonies<br>301/ 732-4791       | 31 | Village Stamps<br>22 Oriskany Blvd.<br>Yorkville Plaza<br>Yorkville, NY 13495                          | U.S. stamps<br>Supplies<br>315/ 736-1007                           |
| 28    | Kendall Stamp Co.<br>DeWitt Mall<br>Ithaca, NY 14850                                 | Stamps<br>Covers<br>607/ 277-3301                              | 8  | World of Stamps, Sam Goosay<br>721 Court St.<br>Scranton, PA 18508                                     | World Wide Stamps<br>717/ 343-0259                                 |
| 11    | Gary Kunzer<br>P.O. Box 814<br>Webster, NY 14580                                     | U.S.-World stamps<br>Collections<br>716/ 244-5488              |    |  |  |

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

After six months of the current membership year, we are pleased to report that 6 people joined RPA as new members since July 1992, 2 were reinstated, 7 have not renewed their memberships, and one "lost" member was found, alive and well, in Brighton, giving a total of 123 active, life and honorary members.

Three wrote to decline renewing membership for various reasons: Susan Prill, Robert DuBois, and Wendy Roller. We're sorry to see them go, but wish them well. Four others have been dropped due to non-payment of dues: Robert Hiler, Dale Rhode, Roger Silver, and George Zakrzewski. We hope to hear from them, or see them in the future, again as members.

Three of our group continued their membership through credit earned by bringing in new members. Any member can benefit from this rule: bring to a meeting two (or more) people interested in stamps /philately, have them sign up and pay their first year's dues, and your next year's dues will be considered paid.

### 1st March Meeting

3/11/93

An APS slide program "Fascinating Highlights of First Day Cover Collecting" by Curtis Patterson and the American First Day Cover Society. This 25 minute presentation was revised Oct. 1992 from the original 1983 AFDCS program.

Mr. Patterson, of Delaware, is a philatelic judge and author. He has written several articles for The American Philatelist, and is a longtime APS member. His judging and writing interests center around first day covers, while his collecting interests also include United States general, as well as maximum cards.

This presentation will describe some

of the various approaches to collecting FDCs. Hopefully, it will provide the viewer, whether he or she is a beginning or experienced collector, with some fresh ideas for adding new material to their collections.

We will also have a silent auction, no more than seven (7) lots per member. Any number of donation lots may be put out. All money from donation lots is turned over to the club treasury.

This meeting in the past has become a tradition of working on the assembling of the ROPEX program. This year the program will be taken care of by the printers (24 pages). But we will be getting post cards and stamp packets ready, so be ready to pitch in and help.

### 2nd March Meeting

3/25/93

This will be set-up day at the Holiday Inn Downtown. Anyone interested in working please be there around noon. The frames should be in place by that time and the exhibits ready to be inserted.

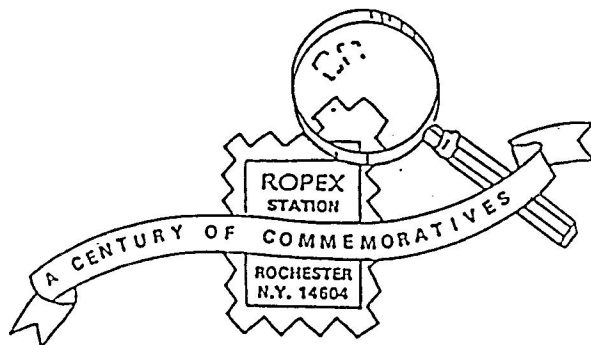
The RPA hospitality room will be in 1400 this year. All workers are welcome.

Make sure you have your name tag on while working set-up. This will help the security guards. Name tags are available at the club sign-in table in the lobby.

### ROPEX-93

3/26-28/93

I have included elsewhere in this issue a list of this year's dealers and the calendar of events. Hope to see you there.



April 22, 1993: No meeting (church unavailable).

### Who Are We? by Tom Fortunato for RPA

I've read several survey reports over the years which try to identify the "typical" philatelist. In most cases, the results are similar. The "average" collector is a male in his mid-50's, a well educated professional making an above average income who has money in the bank and stock market.

How many of these generalities apply to you? Rather than a name, rank and serial number approach to this question, there surely are other attributes common among us.

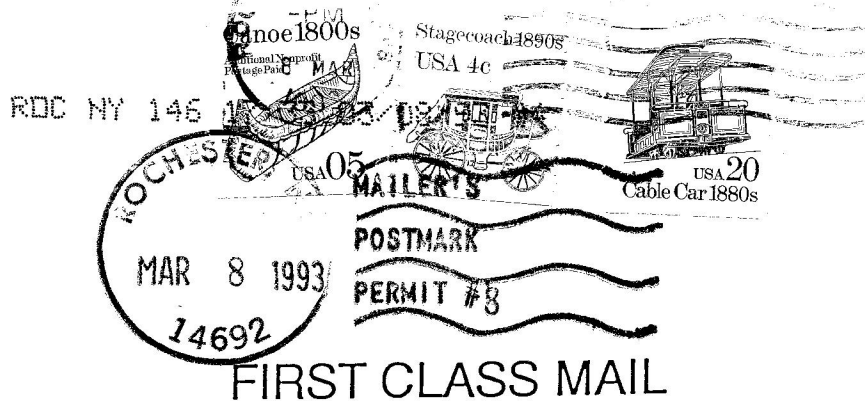
You may not want to admit it, but we are all impulse buyers. Who can resist that oddball cover in a dealer's junk box or a rare item that you never expected to find which blows your stamp budget for three months? Who has never had to make a decision about buying the stamps in your hands without thinking of the other daily necessities the money could be spent on? It's easy to blame the guilt on impulsive buying.

We are all goal oriented in a hobby with few limitations; an apparent contradiction. Our ultimate goal is to "complete" something, such as a country collection. Few of us can comprehend the time alone it takes for this. Then we upgrade, by replacing used stamps with mint, mint hinged with mint never hinged, while trying to find better centered ones as well. It's a never ending project. Just keeping up with new issues is a challenge. No matter what we collect. There is always something "else" needed to complete the goal.

One final commonality among us is that we are avid learners with the potential of becoming teachers. Philately is so vast that there are thousands of areas to explore and we each take a different route. By collectively gathering in person for meetings and shows or by the written word, through the press or correspondences with collector, we share our knowledge with others. It can also pass from one generation to another, ensuring an even stronger interest in stamp collecting in the future.

These are just a few thoughts of who "we" are. To those outside of the fraternity of philately, "we" are probably considered as just plain nuts, but "we" know better.

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