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ROPEX 2000

MARCH 17 - 19, 2000

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Railroad engineer "Casey" Jones was killed in a collision on the Illinois Central Railroad, April 30, 1900.

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A Message from the Chairman...

Welcome to ROPEX 2000!

I invite you to participate in the many activities that are in store for you. And don’t forget the exhibits. They represent hours of work and can provide you with valuable information and spark new directions for you. Out in the parking lot on Saturday is the Stamp Mobile, courtesy of the USPS. The youth area can help youngsters and maybe even get moms and dads going. There are society tables where you can speak with representatives of organizations whether you are a member now or wish to sign up. In the lobby area you will find show cancels which can be applied to your covers or you can purchase ours. We also have a limited supply of older covers to add to your collection.

You have come to the largest and best stamp show in Rochester. Talk to folks, get involved and, of course, enjoy your time with us. If you can’t do everything on your first visit, remember we’ll be here Friday through Sunday and would love to see you more than once. Bring your friends, your children and how about those grandchildren. We are here to help you and to raise your interest in the many facets of the “stamp collecting” hobby which we call Philately.

Paul R. Gerwitz, Chairman

Schedule of Events

**Thursday, March 16**
8:00 a - 6:00 pm  ROPEX Setup (Exhibitors Welcome 2:00 - 6:00 pm)
7:00 - 10:00 pm  Hospitality Room Open (Diplomat Hotel - First Floor)

**Friday, March 17**
8:00 - 10:00 am  Hospitality Room Open (Diplomat Hotel - First Floor)
10:00 a          Welcome and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
10:30 a          Meet the Rochester Postmaster /
12:00 pm         USPS Officials Presentation
1:00 p           Lunch Area Available (Lower Level)
3:00 p           Exhibitors Luncheon (Lower Level - Dutch Treat)
6:00 p           ACE Cover Exchange General Meeting
6:00 - 11:00 pm  Show Closes
11:00 pm         Hospitality Room Open (Diplomat Hotel - First Floor)

**Saturday, March 18**
8:00 - 10:00 am  Hospitality Room Open (Diplomat Hotel - First Floor)
10:00 a          Show Opens: Youth Activities Throughout the Day
10:00 a          Fakes, Forgeries and Counterfeits Study Group Meeting
12:00 pm         Empire State Postal History Meeting
1:00 p           Breakfast at the 53rd Central New York First Day Cover Society Luncheon (Dutch Treat, Off-Site)
2:00 p           Mobile Post Office Society Meeting
2:30 p           Chapter 53 Business Meeting (Off-Site)
3:00 p           APS Town Meeting (Hosted by APS Officers)
3:00 p           American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors’ Seminar - Presented by Ann Triggle
5:00 p           Judges Critique
6:00 p           Pre-Banquet Cocktails (Diplomat Banquet Center)
6:30 p           ROPEX 2000 Awards Banquet (Diplomat Banquet Center)
8:00 - 11:00 pm  Hospitality Room Open (Diplomat Hotel - First Floor)

**Sunday, March 19**
8:00 - 10:00 am  Hospitality Room Open (Diplomat Hotel - First Floor)
10:00 a          Show Opens
10:15 a          The Marmalades “Show & Tell”
12:00 pm         Lunch Area Available (Lower Level)
1:00 p           NY Philatelic Bandits Hootenanny & Pizza Party
4:00 p           Show Closes

*Future ROPEX dates*
March 16 - 18, 2001  March 14 - 16, 2003
March 8 - 10, 2002  March 12 - 14, 2004
Exhibits

Youth

1 Creatures of the Blue Danielle Fulmer (Age 10)
2 - 3 Out of This World - Exploring Our Solar System Michael Ollies (Age 9)
4 - 5 Prehistoric Animals of the Past Justin Colton (Age 9)
6 - 7 The Development of Railroads in the United States Nathan J. Matteson (Age 15)
8 - 9 The Games of Winter Alyson Colton (Age 12)
10 - 11 Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Kristen Ollies (Age 12)

Open Competition

12 - 16 The Danish Bi-Colours 1875-1906 Henrik Mouritsen
17 The Hobby Shop L. Kelly Armstrong, Jr.
18 - 19 Weird Stuff: Unusual Modern U.S. First Day Cover (Display Class) Lloyd A. de Vries
20 What's Up, Doc? The Bugs Bunny Stamp and its Postal Use Anonymous
21 - 23 Puzzling Postmarks and Other Postal Peculiarities Florence Wright
24 - 33 Transportation Coil First Day Covers that Refer to Trains Raymond M. Stone
34 - 35 Selected Rochester (NY) Rail Mail (Non-Competitive) Norman Wright
36 Readin', (w)Ritin' & Railroadin' (Non-Competitive) Norman Wright
37 - 44 Corpus Juris Joseph F. Frasch, Jr.
45 - 52 Portugal Classics Stephen S. Washburne

Exhibits

53 - 62 US Third Class Mail: the First 100 Year Stephen L. Suffet
63 - 67 Ellan Vannin: Isle of Man William Drummond
68 - 72 Air Mail on the Fly - the Adams Air Mail Pick U Roger A. Baldwin
73 - 78 Federal Republic of Germany - The Posthorn Series of 1951-52 Albert Guenzburger
79 - 87 Newfoundland Rates Randall Martin
88 - 92 Palestine, 1918-1948 Kenneth Magee
93 - 97 The Gentleman From Pennsylvania Bill DiPaolo
98 - 100 Moving the Mails Oswald Andrade
101 - 108 V-Mail George Cosentini
109 - 114 Selected Early New York State Railway Cancellations 1830s - 1880s Dr. Louis T. Call, Jr.
115 Hawaiian Fly and Other Oddities Alexander Hall
116 Stampless Florida: A Sampling Alexander Hall
117 - 121 Orange Free State Early Settings of the VRI Surcharges, 1900 R. Timothy Bartshe
122 - 124 Corning, New York (to 1900) Alan Parsons
125 - 134 US Special Delivery Issues 1885-1917 Including Possessions Robert L. Markovit
135 - 144 American Intervention in the Caribbean 1906-1934 Alfred F. Kugel
145 How Did That Happen? Karen Barber
**Exhibits**

146 - 155  Bidder Samples and Advertising Specimen Envelopes an Wrappers of the United States  Howard Ness

156 - 163  1901 Pan-American Exposition  Mark K. Hoff

164  Women Doing Drugs  Anonymous

165 - 172  World War II Through American Eyes  Lawrence Sherman (Display Class)

173 - 174  Variation on a Theme of (German) Definitives  Arlene Sullivan

175 - 177  One Man's Mail  Albert Guenzburger

178  Varieties of the 1932 3 Cent Surcharge Issu  Walter Krasowski

179  Winner of the Rochester Philatelic Association One-Frame Exhibit Contest

180  Canadian Handstamps Representing US Postag  John L. Robertson, MD

181  Tin Can Mail - The First Day Connection  Janet Klug

182 - 191  Collecting Prexie Postal History  Jeffrey Shapiro

192 - 195  Famous Men Named Georg  Viola Gianetti

196  Railway Postmarks of Luxembourg  Thomas J. Post

197 - 198  Postcards From the San  Florence Wright (Display Class)

199 - 208  Three-Cent Varieties of the 1954 Liberty Series  C. David Eeles

209 - 216  An Overview of Irish History: 1790-1940 (Display Class)  George Nicholson

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**Jury Panel**

**Chairman - Jeanette Knoll Adams - Indianapolis, IN**

Jeanette's philatelic credentials in judging and exhibiting are well known and we are fortunate to have her as Chairman. ROPEX can be proud that we saw into the future in the late 80's, when we gave Jeanette her first Chairmanship.

**W. Danforth Walker - Lisbon, MD**

Dan is an accomplished judge at all levels of competition, particularly in the field of postal history. His exhibit of Grenada took the Champion of Champions Award at StampShow in Orlando in 1998. Dan has also given many seminars to Western New York collectors.

**Paul Tyler, MD - Albuquerque, NM**

Paul was originally a Navy physician with a hobby of traditional philately. His hobby has now taken over as his vocation for, besides being a talented judge and exhibitor, Paul is also the Executive Director for the American Topical Association.

**Robert Meegan - Buffalo, NY**

Bob has been a member of RPA and has supported ROPEX with his gold award exhibits of the US 19th century rates and the Bank Note issues. He judges at both Local and National levels and served for many years as the President of the Buffalo Stamp Club.

**Thomas Fortunato - Rochester, NY**

Tom's expertise in the field of thematics has been well established both in exhibiting and judging. His broad knowledge of world-wide philately will be an asset to the Jury panel. As an active RPA and ROPEX member, Tom is well known in the Rochester area.

**Alison Cusick, Apprentice Judge - Columbus, OH**

Alison has had a First Day Cover column in *Linn's Stamp News* for many years and is an accomplished judge in that field, holding the American First Day Cover Society judge's accreditation. This will be Alison's first APS apprenticeship and we welcome him.

**Thomas Allen, Apprentice Judge - Cleveland, OH**

Tom has been very active in the Garfield Perry Philatelic Association an in the March Party for many years. He is a talented gold award exhibitor - particularly with his postal history of Cleveland. This is Tom's first APS apprenticeship and we also welcome him.
Awards

Grand Award
Best exhibit at ROPEX: the winner will be eligible to participate in the APS “Champion Of Champions” competition during its annual convention and StampShow in Providence, RI in August.

Reserve Grand Award
Second-best exhibit in show

Lawrence R. Moriarity, Sr. Memorial Award
Special excellence of United States material in an exhibit which is not the recipient of the Grand or Reserve Grand Awards.

Rochester Philatelic Association Awards
National Level Competition Medals:
- Gold - Silver - Bronze
- Vermeil - Bronze
- Silve

Single Frame Class Medals:
- Gold - Silver - Bronze
- Vermeil - Bronze
- Silve

Display Class Ribbons:
- First
- Second
- Third

(All ROPEX 2000 exhibitors will receive appropriate ribbons and certificates.)

Andy Hale Award
Philatelic excellence in a general exhibit by an RPA member.

Virginia Gubler Award
Best thematic or topical exhibit by an RPA member

ROPEX Youth Award
Junior Reserve Grand.

RPA Junior Award
Most promising exhibit.

RPA Casey Jones Railroad Unit Certificate Award
Best exhibit embracing the railway topic.

L.R.M. Award
Most popular exhibit, as voted upon by the attending public.

Special Society Awards

American Philatelic Society Awards
- Pre-1900 period
- 1900 - 1940 period
- Post-1980 period
- APS Research Medal

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Awards
- Awards of Honor (2)
- AAPE Creativity Award
- Youth Grand Award
  (Winner represents ROPEX in AAPE youth Champion Of Champions competition.)

American First Day Cover Society Awards
- Best Exhibit of First Day Covers
- Second Place Certificate
- Honorable Mention Certificate

American Philatelic Congress Award
for excellence in written text in an exhibit

American Topical Association Awards
- First, Second and Third place Medals and Ribbons
- Youth Medal and Ribbon
- One-Frame Merit Awards

British North America Philatelic Society Award
for best BNA exhibit

Bureau Issues Association Award
for best U.S. exhibit (from 1894)

Empire State Postal Society Awards
(as warranted)

International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors Award
for best use of worldwide stamps in a youth exhibit

Junior Philatelists of America Awards

Mobile Post Office Society Award
(if appropriate)

Postal History Society Award

U.S. Philatelic Classics Society Award
for best U.S. exhibit up to 1894

Judges may elect not to give certain awards if no entries qualify. Other awards not listed may be awarded at the discretion of the judges with the consent of the ROPEX Committee.
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Railway Philately

Railway Philately combines two great hobbies into one – the love of th
research, reference and romance of the railroads and railways, and the ex
citement of stamp collecting, both of which are attractive to young and old
aficionados alike.

Railroads have always been fascinating. Crowds flocked to see the pioneer
locomotives in the early 19th century, just as they continue to do to watch
today’s specials and tourist trains (sometimes even still powered by re
stored steam engines).

Many of us, who as youngsters decades ago exchanged waves with the en
gineers of the large passing locomotives, have become part of the growing
body of informed enthusiasts who have re-opened short railroad lines, fos
tered the revival of working steam, and monitored every aspect of modern
rail operations with a knowledgeable and critical eye. Others have found
collecting trains on stamps to be an interesting extension of the model rail
roading hobby.

For much of the 19th and 20th centuries, the railroads carried the bulk of th
U.S. Mail – either pre-sorted in pouches for pickup and delivery along the trips,
or as Railway Post Office (RPO) mail, sorted en route. Collecting, re
carching and exhibiting such transit mail markings, covers and related
ephemera is a large sub-theme which appeals to many railway philatelist
s and postal historians.

Many others are attracted by the wide variety of material available. There
are, at this time, more than 20,000 known railway theme stamp varieties.
When one adds covers, errors, proofs and other specialty items, the col
lecting potential becomes almost limitless. The following is a partial listing
of some of this variety, and other linkages to “railway philately”:

Stampless covers, route agent markings, RPO cancels, railroad corner
cars, meters, perfins, express covers, advertising covers, patriotics, special
events, show covers, postal stationery, first-day covers, maximum cards,
railroad stock certificates, railway letter stamps, parcel stamps, railroad
advertising labels, other cinderellas, revenues, proofs, errors, classi
cs, “ordinary” train stamps and a superabundance of other railway ephemera.

Fortunately, there is much specialized literature, available worldwide, per
taining to the numerous facets of this wonderful “dual hobby” . . . .

. . . So “All Aboard!” The train may be getting ready to leave the station

by Norm Wright, Author-Editor
World Railways Philatelic
(RPA Handbook 138)

A Message from the Postmaster

The Rochester Post Office wishes to thank the Rochester Philatelic Asso
ciation and its members for inviting us to ROPEX 2000. The Rochester
Post Office is committed to providing philatelic services to the stamp en
thusiasts in the Rochester community and, through the USPS sponsored
STAMPERS program, hopes to further involve children of all ages in the
hobby of stamp collecting. To all the RPA members, vendors, and visitors
to ROPEX 2000, enjoy the show and have a wonderful time.

John Montague
Postmaster
Rochester, NY

Members of ROPEX 2000 Committee

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Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Thursdays during the
months of September through June. No meetings are held
during July and August. Regular meeting times are 7:00 pm
to 9:30 pm. Programs start at 7:45 pm sharp. We meet at St.
Paul's Episcopal Church, corner of East Avenue and Vick
Park B. Entrance is on Vick Park B.