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*National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution*

## **SYRAPEX '03 Commemorating the Wrights**

With Orville Wright at the controls and Wilbur Wright mid-stride, right, the 1903 Wright Flyer makes its first flight at Kitty Hawk, N.C., Dec. 17, 1903. SYRAPEX '03 on November 8 and 9 will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Wright brothers' first powered flight. *See page 6.*

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# PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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## HAND IN HAND

Holidays and gifts tend to go together each year. Every issue — holidays included — requires me to impart to you some words of wisdom! Many of you know that I do not type or possess a computer. Our secretary sees to it that a necessary commentary comes into being.

If I were to give thanks or provide holiday wisdom, then here are some thoughts:

*EXHIBITING IS MY FORTE.* I have attempted to stress the need for such a thing. It seems that collectors are content to sit back and fill the blanks in their albums rather than share their knowledge. This knowledge takes the form of speaking and exhibiting. Exhibiting can be fun. It need not be in the form of competition or for an award. Just to show what someone's collection has accomplished. It may rub off and someone else might benefit.

*WE KNOW THE YOUTH IS OUR FUTURE.* We also are aware that philately is not their first thought or activity. If philatelic literature were to find its way into their school libraries, as opposed to their city counterparts, perhaps we would eventually find ourselves in better standing. This may indirectly cause an increase in our respective clubs' membership.

All of us request gifts. How much better can it be than with a new member? So as the holidays approach, the sound of wishing for certain presents can be heard. New Members, More New Members, Many New members!

*HAPPY HOLIDAYS!*

*President Lou*

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## ***SYRAPEX 2003 Celebrating 100th Anniversary of Wright Brothers' First Powered Flight***

*SYRAPEX* 2003 will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Wright brothers' first powered flight. A cacheted show cover will be offered depicting this theme.

*SYRAPEX* 2003, sponsored by Syracuse Stamp Club, will be held at the Holiday Inn, Carrier Circle, College Drive and Court Street, East Syracuse, on the weekend of November 8 and 9. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 8, and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 9. Admission and parking are free.

The show will feature a 20-dealer bourse with stamps, covers, and supplies, 48 frames available for exhibits, a youth area, and a U.S. Postal Service station. Show chairman is Ann Lynn Goodfellow, the club's president.

All juniors 16 and under attending the show will receive a free "goodie bag."

The exhibit prospectus and general information, including bourse and hotel reservation cards is available for those interested in exhibiting at *SYRAPEX* 2003. Junior exhibitors are welcome. Please contact:

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*C. M. Sax ©1909  
National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution*

**A 1909 postcard depicting Orville and Wilbur Wright.  
The highly stylized design of the Art Deco era  
is clearly evidenced in this piece of art.**

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# National Air and Space Museum Shows the Wright Stuff

The Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum (NASM) opened *THE WRIGHT BROTHERS & THE INVENTION OF THE AERIAL AGE* on October 11. The exhibition celebrates the centennial of the first powered flight, examining the Wright brothers' technical breakthrough and its cultural impact in the decade following the December 17, 1903 milestone. The exhibit will run for at least two years and is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

This exhibit shows how two seemingly ordinary people accomplished a feat that had eluded others for so long. The brothers' creative process and inventive method receives comprehensive examination, as will their personality traits and formative years growing up in the close family of an Ohio clergyman. The exhibition refutes the notion that the Wrights were simply two bicycle makers who got lucky, instead presenting Wilbur and Orville as the disciplined and undeterred founders of a new field of engineering.

Centerpiece of the new gallery is the original 1903 Wright Flyer, displayed at eye level for the first time since the Smithsonian acquired it in 1948. Visitors will have a once-in-a-lifetime chance to study up close the intricate workings of the world's first airplane, which flew only four times — all within a few hours at Kitty Hawk.

“Inventing the airplane quite literally changed the world,” says NASM Director General J. R. “Jack” Dailey. “This exhibition not only celebrates the Wright's remarkable technical triumph, but also the spirit of unyielding curiosity that made it possible.”

Other artifacts in the exhibit include:

- school report cards attesting to the brothers' dedication to learning,
- one of only five Wright-built bicycles still in existence,
- Wilbur Wright's 1899 letters to the Smithsonian requesting publications on aviation,
- the stopwatch used to time the first powered flights,
- Orville Wright's mandolin, and
- wood and fabric from the 1903 Wright Flyer carried to the moon in 1969 by Apollo 11.

In addition, the gallery features full-size reproductions of a Wright experimental kite and two experimental gliders. A selection of artwork and popular culture artifacts will help tell the story of how heavier-than-air flight was received and speculated upon as the new century took shape.

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## EDITOR'S PAGE

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### MILLARD FILLMORE — REALLY A JOKE?

In the late 20th Century, 13th President Millard Fillmore became the butt of national humor — albeit good humor. An organization — the Millard Fillmorons, now disbanded, was formed. Bruce Tinsley's conservative cartoon strip Millard Fillmore was syndicated by King Features. And, most notably, radio stations across the country *celebrated* Millard Fillmore's birthday.



Did Fillmore deserve all this ridicule? Certainly his political affiliation — the Whig party — has a humorous ring to modern ears. In fact, he was the last Whig to serve as president — from 1850–1853. However, there were at least two significant accomplishments during his presidency: Commodore Matthew Perry opened Japan and postal rates were clarified and reduced, with new stamps coming into widespread use, unlike the 1847 issues they replaced.

Letters were costly to mail under the rate structure from July 1, 1847 to June 30, 1851:

- Domestic letter per half ounce: under 300 miles 5¢; more than 300 miles 10¢
- Domestic letter per half ounce: to Pacific Coast (California) 40¢
- Drop letter : 2¢

Under the reformation proposed by Fillmore and Postmaster General, Nathan K. Hall, the rates, on July 1, 1851, were lowered to:

- Domestic letter per half ounce: under 3000 miles: prepaid 3¢; not prepaid 5¢
- Domestic letter per half ounce: more than 3000 miles: prepaid 6¢; not prepaid 10¢
- Drop letter: 1¢ — prepayment not required and no weight restrictions

For more on postage and rates, go to: <http://www.1847usa.com>. And to learn how the idea of postal reform came into Fillmore's mind, read Nick Todaro's article in the Empire State Postal History Society column (*page 13*).

And, when is Millard Fillmore's birthday? January 7, 1800. Mark your calendar!



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# *Minutes of the June Federation Annual Meeting*

The Federation of Central New York Philatelic Societies annual meeting was held 1:55 p.m. on Sunday, June 8, at the Rome Historical Society. President Dr. Louis T. Call presiding. The roll call was read, with 17 present (eight by proxy) and six absent.

**ILLNESSES AND DEATHS:** Reported illness of Art Baker and Gerry Cunningham of Utica Stamp Club were reported. Deaths reported were Ken deLisle and George Bernadt, both of Empire State Postal History; Gerry Bookhop of Schenectady Stamp Club; C. Glenn Compton of Uncle Sam Stamp Club; Marge Tillapaugh of Leatherstocking Stamp Club; and Mildred Voorhees of Syracuse Stamp Club. A moment of silence was observed for these individuals.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** The federation received two items from APS. One being the results of the general election, where Janet Klug won the presidency and Ada Prill, Ken Lawrence, and George Fekete won as the slate of vice presidents. The other was the APS publication contest winners which included *Stamp Insider* winning a Vermeil under the able editor's hat worn by Pat Rourk.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Steve Gray's report was read. A motion was made by Al Guenzburger of Tri-County to accept the report of Treasurer Steve Gray. This was seconded by Joe Christofaro of Fort Stanwix. Vote approved.

## **REPORT OF VICE PRESIDENTS**

*NORTHWEST:* Tom Fortunato was absent but sent a few words. The RPA thanked federation clubs which took advantage of our cooperative advertising for *ROPEX*, and invited all philatelists throughout the area to join them June 20–22. *ROPEX* was to host a regional meeting of the Federation on Saturday, June 21. All are welcome. RPA also reminded everyone that they continue to maintain a comprehensive listing of stamp shows throughout the upstate New York and southern Ontario region via a link on their web site at <http://www.geocities.com/rpastamps>.

*SOUTHWEST:* Howard Schlieder indicated that both Elmira and Ithaca were doing well. *STEPEX*, Elmira's show, is steaming ahead. Ithaca meets twice a month while every three months there is an auction.

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*CENTRAL:* John Cali reported that there will be no *CINCOPEX* this year. A proxy received from Utica club president that indicated delegate Gerry Cunningham was critically ill and that a new vice president has been appointed, Jerome Wagner. Gerry suffered cardiac arrest while receiving an antibiotic. Joe Christofaro reported that he hopes to hold a show in 2004. The show is expected to be held every other year. Invitations are expected to be sent out in October. Joe noted that exhibits and dealers will set up Friday evening. There are new buildings and areas now in construction. More signage can be expected for the next show. Also reported was the new officers for Fort Stanwix: Joe Christofaro, president, Kathy Grimes, vice president, Roslyn Philipson, corresponding secretary, and Lavinia Tilton, treasurer. The club continues to meet on the second and fourth Thursdays each month throughout the year. The club held a picnic last weekend which was rained out. They are working on a new Constitution and Bylaws.

*EAST:* Steve Gray read John Nunes' report. The Adirondack Stamp Club had a very successful show at the VFW in Glens Falls on April 27. There were two special cancels — one for the Columbia Shuttle disaster, and the other honoring Dr. William Hanson, who was the first lunar artist, with some of his paintings being carried to the moon aboard Apollo 16. The grand door prize was a piece of the Columbia Shuttle, which was given to Bill by an astronaut from a previous flight. A total of 540 covers were cancelled at the show. Some more were put aside. Both covers — which are cacheted and autographed — are available to Federation members for \$7 and a No. 10 envelope, franked with a 60 cent stamp, from Bill Hanson at 78 W. Notre Dame, Glens Falls, NY 12801.

*SOUTHEAST:* Ernie Lewis was absent.

*NORTHERN:* Pat Rourk was absent.

*SOUTHERN:* Al Guenzburger reported on Tri-County, Chenango Valley, and Leatherstocking Stamp Clubs. Ingo and Hazel Babral also supplied input on the Leatherstocking group.

## **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

*NOMINATING COMMITTEE:* All present indicated that the same officers continue. A motion to that effect was made by Terry Miller of Uncle Sam and seconded by Joe Christofaro.

*AUDITING COMMITTEE:* Terry assisted in auditing the federation's books. A motion to approve was made by Al Guenzburger and seconded by Ingo Babral. Vote was approved.

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*Federation Minutes—Continued from Page 10*

**RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT:** John Nunes and Joe Christofaro were expected to continue working on the 501 c 3 which is needed in the state sales tax exemption.

## **REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**ARCHIVES/LIBRARY:** John Cali and others have donated periodicals as well as a number of Scott Catalogs to the federation. A lot of work has gone into cataloging these items. This was accomplished by Roslyn Philipson and Joe Christofaro. There is some hope that a computer might be donated for federation use. Should anyone know of such a machine, please inform us.

**STAMP INSIDER:** A replacement will be needed for Pat Rourk who is resigning effective with the May–June issue. Two names were mentioned as possible replacements. One being Joe Christofaro and the other being Al Starkweather. The name of Al Starkweather was mentioned by John Cali. Everyone would be notified whether Al does indeed accept the position. Joe noted that he would have tried to edit the publication should no one else be available.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Joe Christofaro indicated that how much time he devotes to our needs depends on when his retirement comes through. He suggests a late deadline.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The Uncle Sam club produced cachets for the Troy Valley Cats. Also a limited cover on the Purple Heart adhesive.

**ADJOURNMENT:** We were adjourned on a motion made by Al Guenzburger and seconded by Lavinia Tilton at 3:10 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*John A. Cali, secretary*

### ***Stamp Insider Deadlines Reminder***

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# ELMIRA STAMP CLUB

## Club Meetings

Held in the Community Room of Bath National Bank, North Main and First streets (use rear entrance). New members and guests are **always** welcome. Stamp circuit available at Club meetings.



## PROGRAMS

November 15 — Awards banquet, The Crystal House, social hour 6 p.m.; dinner at 7

November 18 — Meeting. Doors open 7 p.m.; meeting at 8; maxi-auction.

December 16 — Meeting. Refreshments. Slide program *Airships of the United States*

The club's annual awards banquet will be Saturday, November 15, at The Crystal House, 89 Fisherville Road (off County Rt. 64 east of Consumer Square and exit 51 from Rt. 17). Allegany County Historian Craig Braack will present a slide talk, *Stories on Stones*, about cemeteries and burial grounds. Dinner is \$13 per person, \$25 per couple, with part of the cost subsidized by the club. For reservations, call Judy Stewart at 732-7075 by November 11.

## STEPEX COVERS

STEPEX '03 was held October 17–18 at Arnot Mall. Thanks to all who helped and/or exhibited. There will be a full report in the January/February *Stamp Insider*. Covers honoring Glenn Hammond Curtiss with a pictorial cancel and full-color cachet are available for \$2 at club meetings or by mail (include SASE) from Bob Barron, 147 W. Gray St., Apt 812, Elmira, NY 14901.

## MEETING NOTES

AUGUST — 24 attended. The club's *American Philatelist* will sent to Steele Memorial Library but can be borrowed at meetings before going there. Our cabinet at the bank is overflowing; the library will place the *AP* on its shelves with a note publicizing the club. President Mike Breed presented the slide program *In Violation of the Rules*. The first mini-auctions, which will follow the slide program every other month, had 27 lots, with 18 (including one club lot) selling for \$67.75. The club lot sale and commissions enriched the treasury by \$7.10. SEPTEMBER — 23 attended. President Breed welcomed returning member Daryl Crans and noted the death of former member Tom Holleran. Plans for the annual awards banquet were announced by Judy Stewart. Al Parsons distributed a sheet entitled *Help Wanted for Stamp Show*. Ted Imhoff spoke about getting kids interested in stamps and his efforts to involve the Corning Library. There was a maxi-auction of 22 lots, fewer than the mini-auction the month before, with 14 lots being sold for \$67. Thanks to contributions by Rose Sass, who is moving to the Philadelphia area, the club received a total of \$35.55 from sale of club lots plus commissions.

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## When I'm the President

BY NICK TODARO

One may discover revealing and interesting the comments in manuscript *folded letter sheets*. Commentary in early Erie and Cayuga counties folded letter sheets recall the days and maneuvers of patriotism, and caused me to recall the ditty of Eddie Cantor: “When I’m the President.”

Folded letter sheets sent by S. G. Haven, of Buffalo, in 1840, and one by N. K. Hall, also of Buffalo, in 1841, to their law partner and Congressman are right to the point. The recipient of those letters was a native of Cayuga County, born to pioneers in a log cabin.



*S. G. Haven's letter, left, and N. K. Hall's letter, right (Todaro Collection)*

Haven says, “The facts about the postmaster here are that he refuses to let us have any letters directed to you unless we open them in his presence and show him they are on your private business and not on the business of the firm. When they come marked free they cross it off and when they come charged they stick to it. It makes a weighty difference. I assure you in the amount of our postage. Whether we pay or not ...”

The Cayuga County country boy turned lawyer and politician became vice president of the United States with considerable influence. After the death of Zachary Taylor, he was suddenly the president. As the ditty says, “When I’m the President” implies changes and that your friends’ concerns are remembered. Nathan K. Hall was appointed Postmaster General by then president Millard Fillmore. (*See Editor's column — Page 8*)

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# FINGER LAKES STAMP CLUB

*Meetings at Geneva, NY*

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After a summer hiatus, we eagerly resumed our regular meetings on September 24 and were pleased to welcome two prospective new members.

We were also pleased to find that the successful sales of three cachets we had recently produced had increased our treasury handsomely. The cachets were for the *Purple Heart Station* cancellation at Farmington, NY; the first day of issue for the Korean War Veterans Memorial stamp; and the first day of issue for the Early Football Heroes stamps. The two first day of issue cachets were designed by our club secretary, James Darnell. The *Purple Heart Station* cachet and cancel were designed by Bob Owen.

## RAILWAY EXCURSION

Bob also designed a cachet and the postmark for the Finger Lakes Scenic Railway excursion from Geneva to Canandaigua on September 27. The Finger Lakes Stamp Club conducted the *Finger Lakes Railway Excursion Station* aboard the train, manned by Bob and club Vice President Les Morse. A great time was had by all.

A special thanks goes to Gil Lewis, who was instrumental in organizing all these philatelic cachets and cancellations for us.

## MUSEUM CANCELLATION

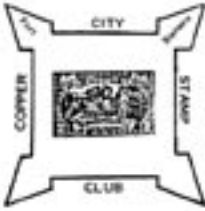
Also during the summer, on August 16, Les Morse and Jim Darnell conducted a special cancellation for the *Brick Church Museum Station* in Clyde at an open house for the newly renovated museum of the Galen Historical Society.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

November 12 — Member auction

November 24 — *STAMPO*: philatelic bingo

December 10 — Philatelic quiz: *Vying for Thunder Mug*



# FT. STANWIX STAMP CLUB, INC. OF ROME, NEW YORK

*Joe Christafaro, President*  
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*Lavinia Tilton, Treasurer*

The club has released its complete 2003–2004 schedule, which includes both educational programs and stamp and cover auctions. “We are attempting to broaden the appeal of the club this year by trying some new approaches to our programming,” says President Joe Christofaro. “Alternating between our first and second monthly meetings, we will show a packaged American Philatelic Society educational slide show on a specific aspect of stamp collecting and then, at the second monthly meeting we will hold an auction which is open to the public.”

## PROGRAMS

Nov 13 — Auction

November 27 — Holiday — no meeting

December 11—Holiday Party at Bucky’s Restaurant

December 25 — Holiday — no meeting

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January 8 — Auction

January 22 — APS program *How To Collect Airmail Covers*

February 12 — Auction

February 26 — APS program *Classic U.S. Airmail Covers*

March 11 — Auction

March 25 — APS program *United Nations Philately*

April 8 — Auction

April 22 — APS program *Airships of the U.S.A.*

May 13 — Auction

May 27 — APS program *U.S. Private Die Proprietary Issues*

The club meets every second and fourth Thursday evening at Rome City Hall, Liberty Street The meeting area is the Mayor’s Conference Room on the second floor and each meeting starts promptly at 7 p.m. For more program information, directions to the meeting place, and/or membership information, please contact Joe Christofaro, telephone 315-337-9608, or e-mail [jchrist6@twcny.rr.com](mailto:jchrist6@twcny.rr.com).

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# FULTON STAMP CLUB

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## *Steamboat News*

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Our club has been experiencing the “gain a member — lose a member” syndrome due in large part to a lack of local interest. We know there are collectors out there, but they appear to be content doing their collecting outside of our group.

We certainly can't ignore the online presence in the hobby. Many seem to prefer this method of philatelic acquisition. These individuals are more secure in their own homes (and chairs) filling in their albums.

There are no easy answers here. The community is just an example of what is going on all over. Jobs are being reshuffled due to industry's basic inability for sufficient profit. We are trying to cope. Thanksgiving and Christmas are times to be together with prayers for a better tomorrow.

### **MEETING INFORMATION**

The club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month, except July and August, at the Hughes Building, 314 Park Street.

Further information about the club may be obtained by contacting the president at 315-592-9407 or the secretary at 315-592-4441. E-mail: [rocket@dreamscape.com](mailto:rocket@dreamscape.com)

*HAPPY HOLIDAYS!*

*John A. Cali*





# LEATHERSTOCKING STAMP CLUB

*The Leatherstocking Stamp Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on  
the first Tuesday of each month at 28 Pioneer Street*

*President*

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October was *NATIONAL STAMP COLLECTING MONTH*. The club mounted a display at the Key Bank in Cooperstown.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

November 4 — *Wurtemberg* by Bill Samuelson

December — no meeting

2004

January 6 — Holiday Party

February 3 — *British Coronation Stamps* by Ellen Tillappaugh

March 2 — APS Slide Show

## PREVIOUS HAPPENINGS

The Leatherstocking Stamp Club met on September 2. Members noted the death of Club member Ingo Babral, who passed away on August 18. Ingo had been our Federation delegate for nearly 15 years and always faithfully reported on Federation activities and attended meetings whenever possible. For the program, we enjoyed a look at Bill Highfield's collection of U.S. Olympic stamps and covers.

Member, Al Keck presented a great program at our August meeting on his "Induction Day" covers.

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# OSWEGO STAMP CLUB

*Leigh LeClair, President*  
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*Matt Roy, Treasurer*



## POST MARK COLLECTORS CLUB PRESENTATION

Our September program gave everyone an introduction to the Post Mark Collectors Club (PMCC). Dave Proulx made the presentation that included the history of the club and their activities right up to last month, when they opened their new facility in Bellevue, Ohio, contained within Historic Lyme Village. This is really a success story that includes splendid efforts by some very active club members.

## PICTORIAL CANCEL AVAILABLE

A special pictorial cancel and cover can be obtained for \$1 and a large SASE from Steve Bahnsen, 2921 S. Michigan Ave. #404, Chicago IL 60616-3255. The museum opening was October 23. The cancel will be available for 30 days. So if you hurry, you may obtain one of covers of this historic occasion.

The PMCC has been in existence since 1946. The group officially started in one bedroom of a farmhouse. It has since outgrown a school bus and three larger buildings. The U.S. postmarks contained in the museum are reputedly the largest accumulation of its kind in the country.

## MEETING INFORMATION

The Oswego Stamp Club meets at 6 p.m. at the Faith Heritage Church, 12 Fitzgibbons Drive, Oswego. There are no meetings in July or August. Program ideas are always welcome. The public is invited to attend as well as members bringing friends. Refreshments are usually available.

For further information, you may contact the Oswego Stamp Club at 315-342-5653 or 315-592-4441. E-mail: [rocket@dreamscape.com](mailto:rocket@dreamscape.com).



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### NEXT MEETINGS

Doors open 7 p.m.; meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

November 13 — *Battleship Revenues* presentation by Walter Orton

December 11 — *Trains on Stamps*; ATA Slide Show with *The Wrights*

To date *ROPEX 2004* has 27 of 41 dealer slots filled. Additional dealer inquiries are welcome. Contact us by e-mail or by writing to the address above. Now is the time to submit your exhibit requests to the show. See the *ROPEX* web site.

### ROCHESTER POSTAL HISTORY



#### **Editor's Note:**

Flown by Lincoln Beachey from Crittendon Park to Genesee Valley Park [American Air Mail Catalogue Pioneer No. 6]. Beachey's death at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco on March 14, 1915, eleven days after his 28th birthday, marked the effective end of exhibition flying in the U.S. For more about Beachey: [www.lincolnbeachey.com](http://www.lincolnbeachey.com)

Dated October 21, 1911, this piece of postal history bears what is assumed to be Rochester's first airmail marking. The "drop letter" postcard was seen on a recent eBay auction.

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**Join us for ROPEX 2004, June 18-20 at the Webster Community Field House. See details at: <http://www.geocities.com/rpastamps/ropex.html>**

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# SYRACUSE STAMP CLUB

*Meetings are held at 8 p.m. on the first  
and third Fridays*



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

November 7 — Set-Up for *SYRAPEX 2003* — no meeting

November 21 — Auction

December 5 — Paul Berrutti speaks — TBA

December 20 — Holiday Party (members bring soda, snacks, etc.)

January 2 — Mini-auction & history committee report

Plans for *SYRAPEX 2003* — November 8–9 — are being finalized. We have a nice variety of exhibits that should please most every collector. A full complex of dealers with a wide variety of stock will fill the room. Many stamp club members will be available to help answer any questions. The show is free; parking is convenient and free and we expect a great show. (*See article on Page 6*)

The Mini-Auctions, held 10 minutes prior to the first meeting of the month, have brought in members and provided some spirited bidding. We believe that enough material exists to continue these auctions through the first few months of 2004.

The election for President, Vice President and two Director positions will be held the first meeting of December.

The History Committee is now expecting that all of the club history material available will be housed in roughly 10 to 12 medium-sized binders. Approximately half of this material will be for research such as club minutes and applications, and the rest will be viewable materials such as club covers, pictures and other memorabilia.

We have given three talk to seniors in Assisted Living Housing and Senior Centers. Results to date are inconclusive but the talks have been well received and a lot of fun for the speakers. We need to further develop the objectives and the ongoing aspects of this program.

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## TRI-COUNTY STAMP CLUB

*Sidney, New York 13838*

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The Tri-County Stamp Club plans on having its November 17th meeting being centered on the “German Building Series of 1948” being presented by Bill Bauer. With the interest in Germany among stamp members this will be an enlightening presentation and much information can be shared.

### STAMP COLLECTING TOOLS

The December meeting of the 15th will center around Stamp Collecting Tools, the “run of the mill” items as well as the more esoteric ones not usually found among many beginning collectors. The meeting will be one in which the beginning collector can learn some of the finer points of collecting.

This tends to be the time of the year when some of the Tri-County “snowbirds” venture south for the warmer climate. We wish them well and hope to see them in early spring.

### DUES

Any members who need to send in dues for this year need to send them to our treasurer, Bob Finnegan at 27 Pearl St., E., Sidney, NY 13838 (\$8 for the year or \$12 if you want the *Stamp Insider*).

### 2004 PROGRAM LINEUP

January 12 — *Post Office Operations and Collectibles*

February 9 — *Linn's Stamp Poll and Show and Tell*

March 15 — *Philatelic Games* by Bob Finnegan

April 19 — *Fascinating Highlights of First Day Cover Collecting*

May 17 — *Youth Stamp Night* (Pending)

June 21 — Picnic or Dinner

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## **PICNIC PERFECT**

We are back in our new meeting season.

Our picnic at Phil Hicks' estate was perfect. We had a good turnout and the food was great. Phil did a lot of work to make it a success. Our profound thanks. John Nunes hosted an auction and brought members of other clubs with him. Everyone had a great time.

Our first September meeting was not terribly successful because we did not have our usual meeting room. Our attendance was rather low and the APS program had to be cancelled. The Uncle Sam parade was not well attended by our members. Only four members were there to sell covers and I was the only one to sell along the parade route.

## **BOXING PRESENTATION**

Our second September meeting had only five members to hear Jim Danner's excellent Boxing presentation. Our first October meeting was better attended. Steve Gray gave his usual well researched program. This year it was the Solomon Islands. We thank Steve and Jim for their great programs.

## **RENSELAER POST OFFICE MOVES**

Looking ahead: The Rensselaer Post Office is celebrating their move to the new train station and we hope to be there. The Victorian Stroll will be in December.

More news next time.

*Terrill S. Miller,  
President and  
Correspondent*



## UTICA STAMP CLUB

*Art Baker, President*  
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*Millie Weber, Program Chairperson*

### ENGROSSING TALK

*A Look at Stamp Collecting* was the title of an engrossing talk recently presented by William Arthur, a club member. The presentation was enhanced by the use of slides that mister Arthur had prepared. He discussed various types of topical collections, cachets, postmarks, postal history, and various types of first day covers.

### PICTURE PERFECT

The resourcefulness of one collector was particularly interesting. On a vacation trip this collector photographed the actual scene of buildings that had appeared on a given U.S. stamp. The photographs were then shown in conjunction with the stamps displayed in an album.

### APS CIRCUIT BOOKS AVAILABLE

APS circuit books are distributed at each meeting and enthusiastically received.

### GERMAN COLONIES STAMPS DESCRIBED

The October meeting of the club featured a talk by Lawrence Griswold, a club member, who described stamps of German colonies in Africa prior to World War I.

### ***Stamp Insider Deadlines Reminder***

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