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FIRST THURSDAY each month at the DOUBLETREE HOTEL - 6200 Quarry Lane - INDEPENDENCE, at 7:00 PM

May 2024

Hotel fire abruptly ends GP's April meeting

As the April meeting was beginning, a fire alarm sounded, quickly sending everyone outside.

With firefighters on the scene, club officers decided to cancel the meeting and delay discussion of the 134th March Party.

As a result, the May meeting will feature a short summary of the show followed by the planned presentation by GP member Kent Johnston on "Mail from the Gold Rush."

Please plan to attend.

The fire apparently caused little damage.



DENNIS SADOWSKI

A March Party 2024 showgoer.

Andros spearheads eclipse postmark for historic Peninsula

GP member Ed Andros reminds us there's still time to obtain the special pictorial postmark for the April 8 total solar eclipse from nearby Peninsula, Ohio.

The last day to obtain the cancel is May 8.

Andros, who coordinated with the Peninsula post office to have the postmark available, said he will be glad to pick up stamped covers or post cards from members at the May 2 meeting and service them.

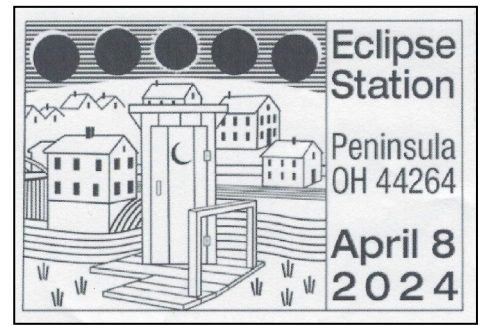
Please remember to bring a self-addressed stamped envelope franked with enough postage to return your covers.

Or you can visit the post office in beautiful Peninsula at 1921 Bronson St. to obtain the marking.

The cancel highlights the eclipse and includes an illustration of an outhouse that projects over the Cuyahoga River, Andros told radio station WYSU in Youngstown.

The outhouse serves to indicate that village residents continue to use individual septic systems and lack a municipal water supply, posing a problem for years, Andros said.

The design is based on a water



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The pictorial postmark for the April 8 total solar eclipse from Peninsula.

color painting by Daniel Webster "Web" Brown, who was an editorial cartoonist at the Akron Beacon Journal. Brown created the painting, created for John J. "Terry" Montaquilla, original owner of Terry Lumber and Supply Co. in Peninsula.

The painting depicts an outhouse over the Cuyahoga River that Montaquilla said he built in 1924 when he was a student at Peninsula High School for the town's saloon. The outhouse was removed in 1933.

Andros told the radio station he hopes the postmark will poke a bit of fun at the village's history and ongoing water problems and begin a conversation to solve the issue.

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From the president

Unfortunately, our review of March Party 2024 was delayed until May because of a small fire



at our meeting hotel. This added almost as much excitement to our evening as a philatelic presentation would do.

Attendance at our meeting and pre-meeting dinner has been ex-

cellent. We love filling the dinner table in the Sanctuary dining room and have had to add seating in the meeting room. If you have not attended recent meetings, please join us and see what you are missing. The energy is high and comradery is a wonderful and fulfilling complement to philately.

Remember to bring that special cover or stamp you recently acquired and share your knowledge about it. Do you col-

lect unique or unusual items? Bring examples to our meeting. Our members enjoy seeing all sorts of philatelic items.

Let me know if you are going to the Great American Stamp Show in Hartford, Connecticut, which runs Aug. 15-18. We may have enough members attending the show to plan a dinner (member and spouse or friend).

Philatelically yours,

Howard S. Chapman

73 cents

Another postage rate increase coming

Make a note that postage rates are rising big time in July.

The cost of mailing a first-class letter will rise from 68 cents to 73 cents, a significant 7.3% increase.

The U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors approved the new rates.

Other price changes for mailing services recommended by the governors sent in a notice to the Postal Regulatory Commission include:

- Metered letters rising to 69 cents from 64 cents.
- Additional ounce for single-piece letters going to 28 cents from 24 cents.
- Post cards increasing to 56 cents from 53 cents.
- International post cards and letters (1 ounce) moving to \$1.65



from \$1.55.

The postal service also is seeking “price adjustments” for special services such as certified mail and money order fees. However, fees for insuring mail and parcels would decrease by 10% under

the submission.

The new rate structure follows the pattern in recent years that sees the cost of various mailing services rising every six months.

The agency said the price adjustments are needed “to achieve the financial stability” outlined in the organization’s decadelong Delivering for America plan developed by Postmaster General Louis DeJoy.

The new rates are expected to take effect July 14.

Postmarks

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Avon Lake’s solar eclipse postmark.

Two other Ohio post offices also are offering eclipse postmarks.

Avon Lake in Lorain County and Sycamore in Wyandot County will postmark covers submitted through May 8 as well. Send covers to:

- Solar Eclipse Station, Postmaster, 33501 Lake Road, Suite B, Avon Lake, OH 44012.
- Total Eclipse Station, Postmaster, 201 S. Sycamore Ave., Sycamore, OH 44882

Beyond Ohio, at least 11 other post offices within the eclipse path arranged for pictorial postmarks to mark the eclipse as well. For details, see the April 4 and April 18 issues of the Postal Bulletin, which is online at <https://about.usps.com/resources/postal-bulletin.htm>.

An 1870 Irish cover from Algeria

By Kenneth R. Nilsestuen

As many of you may know, our long time member and friend Eliot Landau has had some medical problems. Harmers International sold a significant part of his France and area postal history in September 2014, but Eliot was kind enough to sell me a couple of Algeria items prior to them going in the sale. Here is a story about one of them.

The basic description is a small envelope with two 20-centime laureated Napoleon stamps paying the correct single letter rate from France to Ireland. Mailed on April 18, 1870, in Batna, Algeria, it went through Paris on April 23. There are two more backstamps,

one on top of the other, so it is not possible to read the receipt date, if it is even noted.

The 40-centime prepaid letter rate was in force from January 1, 1855, through July 1, 1870, for letters weighing up to seven grams. As you may know, the red boxed "PD" indicates that the postage was paid to destination. The stamps were canceled with large numeral "5011," the number assigned to the Batna post office.

As you can see, the envelope was addressed to Miss Lyster, Norifields, Abbeyleix, Irlande. It took me a while to correctly determine the address, because it looked to Eliot and me like it went to "Abbeytun." Enter the internet.

I searched and searched, especially through the Wikipedia site that lists all the abbeys in Ireland. There are a lot. But none of them had a name that looked at all like "Tun" or "Abbeytun."

I tried "Sein," "Lein" and a couple other alternatives before I got

close enough to have Google ask if I meant "Abbeyleix." Voila! Of course that's what I meant all along. It turns out that Abbeyleix is Irish for "Laois Abbey," and since the town is in County Laois, this made pretty good sense.



A cover mailed on April 18, 1870 from Algeria to Ireland passed through Paris on its journey.



The house to which the letter was sent is listed on Ireland's National Inventory of Architectural Heritage.

With the town name I started a search for the addressee. I had some luck with burial records for the Abbeyleix Church of Ireland graveyard, where there are two persons buried who may have been the recipient. One was Elizabeth Elenor Lyster, with no address or dates. The second was Emily Anne Lyster, Norefieids, Abbeyleix, who died in 1898.

While I can't be sure, Emily seemed to be a very good candidate to receive a letter sent in

1870. Unfortunately, there was no date of birth for Emily, but none of the other Lysters in that cemetery were likely recipients. The only other female Lyster had died in 1865 at age 44, which to me made her a candidate to be Emily's mother. That's pure supposition on my part though.

Emily's grave record also clarified the spelling of the house to which the letter was sent. So now I looked for information about Norefieids. This turned out to be easy because Norefieids is on the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage, registry number 12802339.

Built in about 1810, it was renovated about 1985. It's hard to sift

through the description to determine what the house might have looked like in 1870, but here is a picture of its present state. If I am reading the website correctly, the house is still occupied and is partly used as a bed and breakfast. The owner also retains the land around it.

With a little work accomplished while watching television one night, I learned a lot about this little cover. I am happy to share it.

References

- 1 Alexandre, J.P., et al., *Les Tarrifs Postaux Français, 1627-1969*, le Havre, France, 1982, p. 278. At this time Ireland was still part of the United Kingdom.
- 2 <http://www.from-ireland.net/abbeyleix-church-ireland-records-graveyard> accessed June 25, 2015.
- 3 The dot below the "r" of "Lyster" on the envelope really makes the letter below it look like an "i" to me.
- 4 The link is really long, so if you want to learn about Norefieids, I suggest you use a search engine and the term "Norefieids Ireland" to find the site.

Upcoming events

May 1: Estate Planning for Collections by Ken Martin, director of expertizing, American Philatelic Society, National Postmark Museum 5001 State Route 4, Bellevue, Ohio

May 10-11: Butlerpex '24, Butler County Philatelic Society, Tanglewood Center, 10 Austin Ave., Lyndora, Pennsylvania

May 19: Lansing Coin and Stamp Show, 4722 West Grand River, Lansing, Michigan

May 31-June 1: Colopex 2024, Columbus Philatelic Club, Doubletree Hilton Worthington, 175 Hutchinson Ave., Columbus, Ohio

June 7-9: NAPEX, National Philatelic Expositions of Washington, D.C., McLean Hilton at Tyson's Corner, McLean, Virginia

GP programs

The club meets the first Thursday of the month except July and August. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. at Doubletree Hotel, 6200 Quarry Lane, Independence; (216-447-1300).

Club members are invited to meet for dinner at 6 p.m. at The Sanctuary Restaurant at the hotel.

Upcoming programs are:

May 2: Brief review of March Party 2024 and planning for 2024 and Kent Johnson, "Mail from the Gold Rush."

June 6: Clint Many, "Stamps and Postal History from the Russian-controlled area of Germany post-World War II."



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