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## Outreach to area APS members begins

An outreach effort is underway to invite American Philatelic Society members in Northeast Ohio to join the club.



Chris Duston is spearheading the effort, which will begin this month.

The plan is simple. Duston will obtain mailing labels of areawide APS members, especially new members, and send a card telling them about GP and inviting them to attend a future meeting.

Duston sees the goal of the campaign as building bridges and establishing connections with a broader base of stamp collectors. New members also will strengthen GP and help ensure a vibrant future for the club and its numerous activities.

Member Kent Johnson has made a donation to the effort to cover printing costs. Postage has been donated.

## Turn in those counterfeiters Beer echoes APS official's call to report sellers of fake U.S. stamps

By Dennis Sadowski

The ongoing production of counterfeit stamps has GP member Ray Beer echoing a recent call by Scott English, American Philatelic Society executive director, to educate others about bogus adhesives.

“What worries me is it hurts the hobby,” Beer, who has an extensive collection of counterfeit stamps, said of the numerous of online offerings of heavily discounted U.S. stamps. “A lot of people who would normally purchase ... U.S. Postal Service issues don’t anymore because of this. It raises questions: How am I going to tell them apart and who’s going to want them?”

Writing in the June issue of *The American Philatelist*, English called on collectors to alert people, especially non-collectors, about the large number of discount postage offers.

English called on APS members



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Counterfeit stamps have proliferated in recent years, with many new stamp issues being illegally reproduced and sold at deep discounts online to unknowing consumers.

to contact the U.S. Postal Inspection Service with information about any ads offering such allegedly counterfeit stamps. He also encouraged collectors to “share some our practical knowledge” about counterfeits.

Such education is crucial to combatting the counterfeiters, Beer agreed, especially as counterfeiters are improving their ability to mimic U.S. stamps.

“Our families know about it because we talk about it,” he said, encouraging collectors to widen

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## From the president

I hope all of our members had a wonderful summer. Our Garfield-Perry Stamp Club in-



person meetings begin again on September 5.

Please plan to attend, as serious preparation for March Party 2025 begins

with this meeting. If you purchased a new stamp or cover over the summer, bring it to the meeting and share the excitement with others.

I was thinking recently about how I began collecting stamps. My mother collected stamps in her younger days. She remembered having the U.S. revenue issue with the inverted portrait of Washington. Unfortunately, her

collection was long gone when I started collecting.

My mother took me to Higbee's stamp department to buy an album, catalogue and some stamps. I chose the Minkus worldwide album as my first. Little did I know that years later I would be having dinner with Jacque Minkus and his wife. Minkus was the American agent for the Israel Stamp Agency. I was involved in the Society of Israel Philatelists and its Cleveland Chapter. The SIP was a great supporter of the agency as was Minkus with our society.

At one point my mother had a family friend take me to a meeting of the society. I met Dr. Albert Friedberg and Al Stern, both former Garfield-Perry members, at the meeting. Friedberg taught me about Holyland collecting and Stern was a local stamp

dealer. Of course, I was hooked on philately and never looked back. In the early days my mother took me to various post offices to buy current stamp issues and helped me send envelopes away for first day cancellations.

Later, my mother introduced me to the first stamp shows I ever attended. These were our March Party shows. Al Stern always had the first booth upon entering the room with his big green metal cabinets for first day covers. Today, I use these cabinets for stamp/cover storage, having purchased them from Bea Stern, Al's wife.

It is not too early to think about your exhibit for March Party 2025. We all need to work to keep March Party the gold medal show it is.

Philatelically yours,

*Howard S. Chapman*

## Counterfeits

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their outreach whenever they can.

"Scott is right. Just buy from authorized dealers and the post office or USPS.com. Avoid any-

thing, even if it's not steeply discounted, if it's not an authorized dealer. Just don't get it," he added.

While fake stamps have been

created since the late 19th century, English acknowledged that it will take time to reduce the influence of counterfeiters.

Beer said he has seen that things may be slowly changing.

He had a compiled a list of about 20 websites where he would buy counterfeits for his reference collection. "And they're just about all gone," Beer said. "Those websites were eliminated, I would imagine, by the USPIS."

Instead, Beer has noticed that such sites are "now hidden behind other websites, like clothing. They have a tab of best sellers and you see stamps listed there."

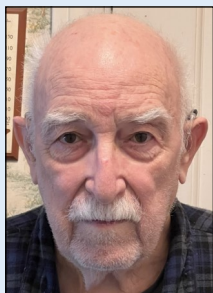
Beer reiterated that collectors can best serve the hobby by sharing what they know with others.

"If you have knowledge, use it."

## Obituary

### Robert Collins

Long-time member and exhibitor Robert Collins, 88, died peacefully on June 6. Details of the circumstances of his death were not available.



Collins began collecting as child and had many collecting interests including 19th-century manuscript markings, territorial Alaska postal

history, advertising covers for

gunmakers, and, perhaps his favorite, postmarks from communities named Collins. He also edited "The Alaskan Philatelist," journal of the Alaska Collectors' Club.

Over the years, Collins exhibited nationally and locally including at the March Party.

He was acknowledged as an expert on American women in the military during World War II and exhibited on the subject as well.

Collins is survived by two sons, two daughters and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by Beatrice, his wife of 60 years.

# Civil War participant sends a letter home

*Note: This article was submitted before Collins passed away on June 6. It is being published as a tribute in his memory.*

**By Bob Collins**

What makes stamps and covers so interesting to collect is the variety of what one wants to collect. During many years of collecting I have formed great collections of different subjects.

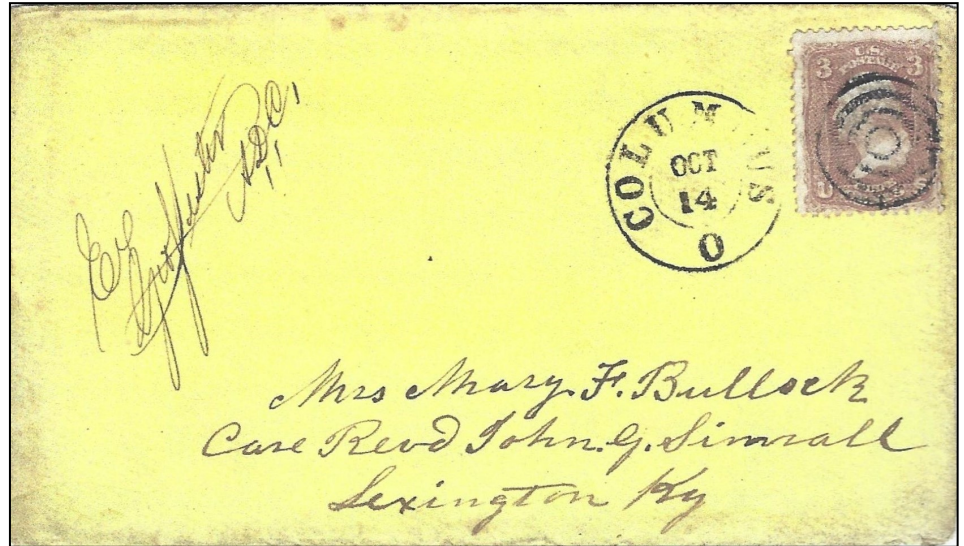
Being a history “nut,” I have collected covers from the 1700s to modern times. I found that many covers from the 1940s and 1950s are harder to find than many early covers. It’s something that a lot of collectors don’t quite understand. But I still enjoy the early manuscript-marked covers.

I guess I was born a collector. In my lifetime I have collected many things in addition to stamps and covers. One example is I have a number of old crank record players and thousands of records including cylinder records, thick Edison records, 78 rpm and 45 rpm records in many styles from classics to country music.

Every record play is in working order so I can play some of my old favorites. On the music side, do you remember Spike Jones, Hoosier Hot Shots, Jimmy C. Newman, Johnny Cash, Tammy Wynette and Loretta Lynn?

I always had an interest in Confederate covers I saw offered in auctions. I have owned any until recently, and now has a small collection of 34 covers. I am very choosy in what I buy and have covers from the Ohio prisoner of war camps, turned covers, wallpaper covers and covers with manuscript markings. I enjoy them and their historical context.

One of my covers looks like a common nothing. It was sent to



BOB COLLINS

A cover postmarked Oct. 14, likely 1863, was sent to Mrs. Mary F. Bullock in Lexington, Kentucky, from her husband, Confederate Major Robert Bullock. He was a member of Morgan’s Raiders and was confined to the Ohio Penitentiary after being captured with other raiders in Northeast Ohio on July 26, 1863.

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Mrs. Mary F. Bullock in Lexington, Kentucky, from her husband, Confederate Major Robert Bullock. He was a participant in Morgan’s Raid and was confined to

the Ohio Penitentiary after being captured with other raiders in Northeast Ohio. Note the double-circle Columbus postmark dated Oct. 14, likely 1863.

The raiders were led by Brigadier Gen. John Hunt Morgan and consisted of 2,460 hand-picked Confederate cavalymen and four artillery pieces. They raided farms and towns in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and West Virginia from June 11 to July 26, 1863 before finally being captured. Morgan and several of his officers held in the penitentiary eventually tunneled out and escaped to Kentucky.

After the escape, Bullock was sent to Fort Delaware in Delaware, Ohio, which was deemed to be escape proof.

Bullock’s cover is one of 43 known sent from the Ohio Penitentiary. The cover was censored by George Lester of the 4th Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

Morgan was killed in combat with the Union Army at Greenville, Tennessee, on Sept. 3, 1864.

## Upcoming events

**Sept. 13-14:** Birmipex, Birmingham Stamp Club, Sokol Cultural Center, 23600 W. Warren Ave., Dearborn Heights, Michigan

**Sept. 14:** TUSCOPEX 2024, Tuscora Stamp Club, Tuscora Park Pavilion, Tuscora Avenue, NW, New Philadelphia, Ohio

**Oct. 18-19:** MOTORPEX, Motor City Stamp and Cover Club, Sokol Cultural Center, 23600 W. Warren Ave., Dearborn Heights, Michigan

**Oct. 19-20:** CANPEX 2024 Royale, London-Middlesex Stamp Club, The Hellenic Community Centre, 133 Southdale Rd., West London, Ontario, Canada

**Oct. 25-26:** Cuy-LorPex 2024, Cuy-Lor Stamp Club, Rocky River Memorial Hall, 21016 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River, Ohio

## 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:

**Sept. 5:** Alan Hanzl, "Czechoslovakia's Art on Stamps Series."

**Oct. 3:** Kent Johnson, "John D. Rockefeller, the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club & the Euclid Arcade."

**Nov. 7:** Program to be determined.

**Dec. 5:** Program to be determined.



## Club Officers

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